

13th January, 1964.

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 Thomas Byrne in the Chair.

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

Councillors: John Bierney, Patrick Cullen, Edward Hall, Patrick Doran and James Morris.

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

SYMPATHY:

Before the business of the Meeting commenced Ald. Corish moved that the sympathy of the Corporation be extended to the Widow and Family of the late John Byrne, St. Aidan's Crescent, and to his Worship the Mayor, his nephew. Mr. Byrne had, for a number of years, been an employee of the Corporation to whom he had given faithful service.

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

His Worship the Mayor returned thanks for the sympathy of the Council.

M I N U T E S:

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

ACKNOWLEDGMENTS :

Acknowledgments of votes of sympathy passed at previous meeting were read from -

Mrs. Mary Ryan, Dunganstown, New Ross;
Mr. James Kennedy, Dunganstown, New Ross;
Mother Clement, Loretto Convent; and
Mrs. Margaret Kirwan, Priory Place, Enniscorthy;

all relatives of the late President John F. Kennedy. A letter was also read from Mr. Brendan Corish, T.D., acknowledging the sympathy of the Council on the death of his uncle the late Eugene Lacey.

TELEPHONE KIOSK:

A letter was read from the Department of Posts and Telegraphs on the subject of the Council's request for a Telephone Kiosk in the John Street/Hill Street area. The Department explained that Kiosks were provided at places only where the receipts would make them self supporting, at least. Having regard to the level of receipts from the nearby existing Kiosk at St. John's Road, it was virtually certain that the likely receipts from a Kiosk at the location proposed would not be sufficient to meet the costs of provision and maintenance.

The Department regretted, therefore, that they could not accede to the request, at least for the present.

In this connection Ald. Morris referred to a request some years ago that a Kiosk be provided at the Old Pound and pointed out that in this area, which is the centre of the Town, no telephone facilities were available between The Faythe and the Bull-ring and asked that the Department be again requested to provide a Kiosk in the area of the Old Pound. The members agreed with Ald. Morris's suggestion.

SEWER LOANS:

On the motion of Ald. Corish, seconded by Councillor Bierney, the following resolution was unanimously adopted:-

"That pursuant to the letter of sanction dated 12th day of November, 1963, from the Minister for Local Government, the sum of £1,270 be borrowed from the National Bank, Ltd., for the purpose of the defraying expenditure on the renewal of sewers in Gibson Street, and Oyster Lane, and to provide a new sewer at Spawell Road, to be repaid within 15 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, Ltd".

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

WEXFORD TRAFFIC AND PARKING BYE-LAWS, 1963:

With reference to Minutes of 18th November, last, when a letter was read from the Commissioner of the Garda, agreeing to certain proposals by the Corporation for the amendment of the Draft Bye-Laws and when the Bye-Laws, as amended by the Commissioner, were approved, subject to certain negotiations between the Garda and the Chief Fire Officer to facilitate the entry of the Fire Engines to parts of the Town, a letter was now read from the Commissioner intimating that on the night of the 11th December, the South Main St., had been surveyed by the Chief Fire Officer and the Local Superintendent of the Garda. On that occasion the Garda kept a space within 30' of all street junctions free from parked vehicles and the Superintendent and Mr. Forde were in agreement that if general restriction on parking within 30' of street junctions were enforced, there would be no difficulty in getting the Fire Engine through in an emergency.

In a letter dated 30th ultimo, the Chief Fire Officer agreed with the statement of the Commissioner and intimated that if the situation as regards parking remained as it was on the night of December 11th, access for fire appliances would be available.

It was thereupon unanimously agreed, on the motion of Ald. Corish, seconded by Councillor Hall, that complete approval be given to the Draft Bye-Laws, and that the Commissioner be requested to expedite their final preparation and to indicate as soon as possible, when they would take effect.

SALARY SCALE FOR CLERICAL OFFICERS:

There was submitted to the Meeting a recommendation from the Wexford County Manager that the award of Mr. Richard McGonigal, Arbitrator, varying the salary scale of male and female clerical officers employed by local authorities, be approved.

The award of the Arbitrator was -

- (A) that the existing salary scale should be varied by substituting therefor the following scales :-

(1) For Men: £350 x 30 = £500 x 50 = £550 x 35 = £1,005

Existing arrangements regarding payment of increments of marriage to continue.

- (2) For Women: £350 x 30 = £860, with special long service increment of £40 after 5 years on the maximum.

- (B) That the said variation should be retrospective to the first day of April, 1963, and should be operative as from that date.

On the motion of Ald. Corish, seconded by Ald. K.C. Morris, the County Manager's recommendation that the award be adopted for the clerical officer employed by Wexford Corporation was unanimously agreed to.

SALE OF GROUND:

A recommendation was also submitted from the Wexford County Manager that a plot of ground at Whiterock North be demised to Mr. Michael O'Leary, 9, Fisher's Row, Wexford, for the sum of £150 (one hundred and fifty pounds).

In this connection the Town Clerk explained that approval in principle was merely required at this stage as formal notification of the proposal to demise the land in accordance with the provisions of Section 83 of the Local Government Act, 1946, would have to be given to the members, and the matter would again come before the Council when the Notice expired.

ELIMINATION OF WASTE ON WATERWORKS:

A report was submitted from the Consulting Engineer embodying proposals for control of waste in the Waterworks distribution system. This showed that the estimate cost of eliminating waste amounted to £10,310.

A copy of the Engineer's report has been submitted to the members, with the Agenda for the present Meeting and all the members present agreed that it was essential that the waste shown by the Engineer in his report should be eliminated, as it appeared to them that it would be a waste of time and money to carry out a major improvement scheme on the waterworks if such waste was allowed to continue, and on the motion of Ald. O'Flaherty, seconded by Ald. Corish, the report of the Engineer was unanimously approved and adopted.

VOCATIONAL SCHOOLS:

Ald. Corish asked what progress had been made in connection with the repairs or rebuilding of Wexford Vocational School since the joint Meeting was held between the Corporation and the Vocational Education Committee, last April.

Ald. O'Flaherty, as Chairman of the Vocational Committee, intimated that little progress had been made in this matter and suggested that a further joint Meeting of the Corporation and Vocational Education Committee be held as soon as possible to further this matter.

On the motion of Councillor Doran, seconded by Ald. Morris, the suggestion of Ald. O'Flaherty was unanimously adopted and it was agreed to hold the joint Meeting on Monday next, 20th instant, at seven thirty or eight o'clock, p.m.

Arising out of this matter reference was made to the serious fire hazard of having classes on the third storey of this very old building.

BOROUGH ENGINEER:

The County Manager intimated that the Local Appointments Commissioners had recommended Mr. Gerard P. Leydan of Goatstown, Dublin, for appointment as Borough Engineer in place of Mr. McNally, who retired last September, under the Age Limit. The Manager gave Mr. Leydan's qualifications and intimated that he was prepared to take up Duty on 8th February, next.

In this connection, the Manager also pointed out that a circular had been received from the Minister for Local Government last year requesting local Authorities to facilitate Engineers attending a course of instruction in Town Planning organised by the City of Dublin Vocational Education Committee. Mr. Leydan had commenced this course and he now asked for facilities to complete it. The Manager proposed to grant him (Mr. Leydan) such facilities subject to the approval of the Corporation and this approval was unanimously given by the Meeting.

GRANADA HALL:

Ald. Morris referred to a court case at present going on regarding the application of the Proprietor of Granada Hall for a licence under the Gaming and Lotteries Act, and thought the Corporation Officials were too strict regarding their objection to the use of the Hall except by the provision of an elaborate fire escape, and suggested that pressure had been brought to bear on the Officials by outside sources.

In this connection the Town Clerk pointed out that the first person to raise the question of a fire escape was the Proprietor himself. Before the case came to court and shortly after Notice had been given to the Corporation of his intention to apply for a licence, he submitted in the ordinary way for planning approval, plans for the provision of an outside fire escape. This plan had been approved by the Chief Fire Officer and Borough Surveyor with the exception that the Fire Officer asked that the number of people using the hall be limited to 300 which he thought was the maximum the fire escape was capable of handling within sufficient time to enable the hall to be emptied in case of fire. As regards sanitary accommodation, the recommendation regarding sanitary accommodation had been based on the assumption that 300 to 500 people would be using the Hall. It now transpired in court that the Hall would not be used for Bingo, but merely for Pongo and that the total number using it would not exceed 50. The case had been adjourned from the last District Court to see if an agreement could be reached between the Chief Fire Officer and the Engineer on behalf of the owner of the Hall as regards a modified form of fire escape. The County Manager pointed out that no pressure had been brought to bear on the Officials and he felt that as the case was sub-Judice no discussion should take place. The matter was dropped.

DANGEROUS BUILDING IN CINEMA LANE:

Ald. O'Flaherty referred to the conditions under which Mrs. O'Brien, Cinema Lane, was at present residing. The Ald. admitted that Mrs. O'Brien some year ago had been offered a Council House and had refused same when the house in which she is now residing had become dangerous. The County Manager promised to remove Mrs. O'Brien as soon as possible.

BARRIER:

Councillor Hall raised the question of the provision of a barrier at the passageway on the Bishopswater Housing Scheme. He pointed out that the number of children using this passage and racing out onto the main road, was considerable and there was a grave danger of some of them being killed by passing traffic and it was agreed to erect such a barrier.

DEFECTIVE DRAIN:

Councillor Cullimore referred to a defective drain at Maudlintown and was informed that the drain was being attended to.

Ald. O'Flaherty referred to the recent decision to appoint a Committee to meet the members of the Chamber of Commerce to consider the provision of parking places in the Town and asked what was the position. The Town Clerk replied that he discussed the matter with the President of the Chamber of Commerce before Xmas and they had decided that it would be better not to convene a meeting until after the Xmas holidays. He (Town Clerk) would get in touch with the President of the Chamber during the coming week and arrange the meeting.

HOUSING:

Councillor Doran asked that the list of people proposed to be allocated Corporation houses should be circulated to the members.

Complaint was made regarding the vacant houses at Bernadette Place, St. Aidan's Crescent and Wolfe Tone Villas and the Rent Collectors were to be asked for a Report on the number of vacant houses in their area and why they had not been reported on previously.

Arising out of this matter, the County Manager intimated that a new list of persons qualified for Corporation Houses was being prepared and a meeting of the Housing Committee would be convened in the near future to consider this list.

PUBLIC LIGHTING:

A complaint was made regarding the Public lighting in the Town. It was stated that the two lights at the entrance to the new bridge at Wexford Quay end had not been lighting for some months; that the pilot light at Allen St. was out; and that two lights at Dempsey's Terrace were out; the Town Clerk was requested to examine the lighting at Mannix Place as well as the lighting on the Barry Statue with the local representative of the E.S.B.

FERRYBANK:

In reply to a query by Councillor Hall, the Town Clerk intimated that the Architect for the Ferrybank Scheme had called to the Office during the Christmas period when he (Town Clerk) was on leave, and left word that the drawings would be available in January.

STREETS:

In reply to Councillor Cullen, the Town Clerk informed the Meeting that the Borough Surveyor proposed to submit a proposition for the inclusion of the Fishers Row/Faythe Junction in the current year's Relief Scheme.

WALL - BULL RING:

A letter was read from Messrs. Traynor's, Bull-ring, Wexford, intimating that they proposed to reconstruct their premises and asking for permission to replace the existing wall in the Bull-ring with a shop front. This was agreed to in principle, subject to the submission of detailed plans.

MEMBERSHIP OF TRADE UNION:

A letter was read from Irish Transport and General Worker's Union, pointing out that as a considerable number of labourers employed on housing schemes were not complying with the Corporation's condition that only Trade Union Labour be employed, their members proposed to withdraw from the scheme on 1st instant unless all the remaining labourers become members of the Trade Union. The present meeting confirmed the previous decision of the Corporation that all employees should be members of an appropriate trade union.

The Meeting then terminated.

Thomas F. Byrne

4th February, 1964.

A joint meeting of the members of the Borough Council and the Town of Wexford Vocational Education Committee was held this day in the Municipal Buildings at 8-15 p.m. The members present being:-

CORPORATION:

His Worship the Mayor, Councillor Thomas Byrne, in the Chair.

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

Councillors: Patrick Doran John Howlin, Patrick Cullena and James Morris.

VOCATIONAL EDUCATION COMMITTEE:

Messrs. T. Roche and F. Rossiter,
Miss L. Moore.
Mrs. M. Malone.
Rev. Brother Keleher.

The Town Clerk and the Chief Executive Officer of the Vocational Education Committee were in attendance.

Apologies were submitted from the Rev. Thomas Murphy, Adm.; the Rev. Thomas Roche, Ph.D. and Councillor Edward Hall regretting their inability to attend.

The Mayor opened the proceedings by welcoming the non-Corporation members of the Town of Wexford Vocational Education Committee, and asked the Chief Executive Officer to give a synopsis of the difficulties under which the school was operating.

The Chief Executive Officer then circulated among the members present a memorandum setting out some considerations on the need for a new Technical School in Wexford. A copy of this memorandum will be found on the Town of Wexford Vocational Education Committee, File, F.27.

In addition to the report of the Chief Executive Officer the Town Clerk intimated that following remarks at recent meetings of the Corporation the premises had been inspected by the Chief Fire Officer and he had intimated to the Town Clerk that he would submit a report on the building during the next few days. He had, however, stated verbally that he was seriously perturbed regarding the fire hazard in the portion of the building formerly used as a living quarters.

This matter was considered at length during which all those present, both Corporation and extern members unanimously agreed that it would be a complete waste of public money to expend 30 or 40 thousand pounds on attempting to renovate or repair these old buildings which were well over 100 years old, and that the only solution was the provision of a new Technical School, which was urgently needed in the Borough.

During the course of the discussion it appeared that no Technician from either the Department of Education or the Commissioners of Public Works had inspected the building to decide whether or not the repairs suggested by the Committee's Architect were necessary or would be satisfactory, if carried out.

Complaint was also made regarding the sanitary accommodation. It appeared that only one three-stall urinal was available for 140 boys during the five minutes class breaks at the end of each hour, and it was agreed that the Chief Medical Officer should be asked to submit a report on the sanitary provisions of the Schools.

Copies of the Report of the Chief Medical Officer and Chief Fire Officer were to be forwarded to the Chief Executive Officer for transmission to the Department of Education as soon as they were received.

A suggestion was then made that the Minister of Education should be asked to receive a deputation on this matter and it was pointed out that the Vocational Education Committee had already appointed such deputation which was to be introduced by Deputy Brendan Corish whenever the Minister agreed to receive them, and it was now decided that a representative of the Corporation, who was not a member of the Vocational Education Committee and who would be in a position to inform with the Minister

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that the Corporation were anxious that a new School should be provided, should be added to the Deputation and it was unanimously decided that the Mayor should be added.

The Meeting then terminated.

Thomas F. Byrne.

10th February, 1964.

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

His Worship the Mayor, Councillor Thomas Byrne, in the Chair.

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

Councillors: James J. Morris, Patrick Doran and John Bierney.

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

MINUTES:

On the motion of Councillor James J. Morris, seconded by Ald. Corish, the minutes of meetings of 13th January and 4th instant, copies of which had been circulated with the Agenda for the present meeting, were taken as having been read, approved and signed by the Mayor.

SYMPATHY:

Before the business of the meeting commenced, His Worship the Mayor moved that the sympathy of the Corporation be extended to the widow of the late Christopher O'Brien, a former employee of the Council. The motion was seconded by Councillor James J. Morris, supported by all the members and officials and adopted in respectful silence.

TELEPHONE KIOSK:

With reference to minutes of last meeting, a letter was read from the Department of Posts and Telegraphs on the matter of the provision of a telephone kiosk at St. Peter's Square. The Department stated that the full programme for the provision of kiosks during 1964 had been drawn up and further additions to it were not contemplated. The Department reviewed annually the need for additional kiosks in the different areas and the claims of the St. Peter's Square area would be taken fully into account when next year's programme was being drawn up.

While the members were disappointed that a telephone kiosk could not be provided at the moment, it was decided to again write to the Department and ask them to give the matter favourable consideration when the 1965 programme was being compiled.

VOCATIONAL EDUCATION COMMITTEE:

The report of the Local Government Auditor on his audit of the Accounts of the Town of Wexford Vocational Education Committee for the year ending 31st March, 1963, was read for the meeting, and on the motion of Ald. Corish, seconded by His Worship the Mayor, the report and accounts were unanimously adopted.

SALE OF BUILDING PLOT:

A recommendation was submitted from the Wexford County Manager that a plot of ground at Whiterock North, which was acquired from Mr. Laurence Kirwan, be disposed of to Mr. Michael O'Leary, 9, Fisher's Row, for the sum of £150, for the erection of a pair of semi-detached Bungalows.

This matter was before the January meeting of the Council when it was agreed that the Council should be requested to give the necessary notice in compliance with the provisions of Section 83 of the Local Government Act, 1946, issued.

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This notice was given under date of 14th January, 1964, and on the motion of Ald. Corish, seconded by Ald. Morris, the recommendation of the Manager to dispose of the plot of ground to Mr. O'Leary for the sum of £150 was unanimously approved.

SALE OF HOUSES:

A recommendation by the Wexford County Manager that two houses at Farnell Street, be sold to the occupying tenants for the sum of £500 (Five hundred Pounds) each, was unanimously adopted on the motion of Councillor James J. Morris, seconded by Alderman Corish.

A similar recommendation from the Wexford County Manager that the houses at Casa Rio be sold to the occupying tenants for the sum of £2,150 and the houses at Alvina Brook to the occupying tenants for the sum of £1,250, was also unanimously approved on the motion of Councillor James J. Morris, seconded by Alderman K.C. Morris.

TIDY TOWNS COMPETITION:

A letter was read from Bord Failte Eireann on the subject of Tidy Towns Competition, 1964, and the Town Clerk intimated he had already submitted an entry on behalf of the Corporation.

Arising out of this, reference was made to the absence of eave shutters on the Corporation property at Gibson Street tenanted by Mr. Lowney and the Borough Surveyor was to be asked to examine same and submit a report.

NINETH ROUND WAGES ADJUSTMENT:

A recommendation was submitted by the Wexford County Manager that the wages paid to general labourers, storeman, grave diggers, caretakers of public sanitary conveniences and lorry drivers employed by the Corporation (apart from those employed on direct labour building schemes) be adjusted as follows:-

- (a) A payment of £2. 10s per man, in respect of period ended 25th January, 1964, to cover retrospection to date of application; and
- (b) an increase on present rates of 12% or £1 per week (whichever is the greater) payable as on and from Monday 27th January, 1964.

On the motion of Alderman Morris, seconded by Ald. Corish, this recommendation was unanimously approved.

CINEMA LICENCE:

On the motion of Alderman Corish, seconded by Alderman O'Flaherty, a licence under the Cinematograph 1909, was executed in respect of the Capitol Cinema, for the ensuing year.

TOWN PLANNING:

The County Manager informed the meeting that in view of the implications of the Local Government (Planning and Development) Act, 1963, he had considered it necessary to obtain the advice of a qualified Architect and Town Planner on the treatment of the John's Gate Street, Duke Street, and Faythe/William Street areas. Having examined a list of qualified Persons he had selected Mr. Dermot O'Toole, whose work in Salthill, Co. Galway, the Town Clerk and he had much admired.

The members warmly approved this action on the part of the Manager on the motion of Alderman O'Flaherty, seconded by Councillor James J. Morris.

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PLOT OF GROUND AT ABBEY STREET:

An application was read from Mr. Denis O'Connor, Rowe Street, to purchase or rent a vacant site at Abbey Street, for use as a yard.

This gave rise to a discussion as to whether or not the plot should be used for the erection of houses, although the members were informed that a similar suggestion, some years ago, had been turned down by the Department's Inspectors. The Manager suggested that the Town Planning Consultant he had just informed the meeting about might be asked to look at the Abbey Street area and this suggestion was agreed on the motion of Ald. O'Flaherty seconded by Councillor Bierney with an addendum that he should also be asked to examine the entire north end of the Town with a view to having more houses erected there.

TOWN PLANNING PERMISSION:

It was intimated at the meeting that Planning Permission had been granted to Messrs. Walsh Brothers of Swan View for the erection of a garage at Clifford Street and to Mr. J. Fehily, 28, South Main Street for alterations to his premises there.

The granting of these permissions were unanimously approved on the motion of Ald. O'Flaherty, seconded by Councillor Bierney.

PUBLIC LIGHTING:

At this stage Ald. Corish referred to the very defective public lighting in the Town over the week-end and pointed out that all through the present winter the system had been most unsatisfactory in regard to the high percentage of individual lights out of commission from time to time, and during the past week-end the situation was extremely bad as several areas in the Town were without lights.

This complaint by the Alderman was supported by all the members present, and it was decided that a very strong protest be sent to the Electricity Supply Board regarding the defective lighting system all through the winter, and the obvious breakdown in the inspection system.

SMALL DWELLINGS ACQUISITION ACTS LOAN:

On the motion of Alderman Corish, seconded by Alderman O'Flaherty, it was unanimously agreed that a loan of £30,000 (Thirty thousand Pounds) be raised from the Local Loans Fund for the purpose of financing operations under the Small Dwellings Acquisition Acts.

RELIEF SCHEMES:

In reply to Ald. O'Flaherty, the Acting Borough Surveyor intimated that approximately 20 men were employed on Relief Grant works up to the present.

MISCELLANEOUS:

Reference was made to the condition of the road surface at John Street and the County Manager promised to take the matter up with the County Engineer.

Ald. Morris proposed that the congratulations of the Council be extended to Mr. Noel Hendrick on his brilliant athletic victory of the previous day. This was seconded by the Mayor and supported by all the members present.

It was unanimously decided that a Special Meeting of the Councillors Committee be held on Tuesday, 25th instant, after prayers, to examine the list of Applicants for houses.

DRAFT ACCOMMODATION:

On the motion of Alderman Corish, seconded by Alderman O'Flaherty 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, 1964.

The Meeting then terminated.

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26th February, 1964.

A meeting of the Housing Committee of the Corporation 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: Nicholas P. Corish, John Cullimore, Kevin C. Morris, John O'Flaherty.

Councillors: James J. Morris, Patrick Doran, Edward Hall and John Bierney.

In Attendance: The County Manager and Town Clerk.

The meeting had been convened to examine an up-to-date list of applicants for houses, and before this examination took place, the meeting was informed that applications had been received from the Slaney Manufacturing Co., and the Cheese Factory, for the allocation of houses for key workers.

This matter gave rise to a lengthy discussion and it was eventually agreed that the Council could not agree to make special allocations for key workers for any Factory in view of the huge number of local applicants for houses still remaining unsatisfied.

The meeting then examined in detail the list supplied by the Town Clerk, as a result of which it was ascertained that some people had rehoused themselves and it was possible to strike their names off the list.

During the examination of the list of Applicants, reference was made to that of Michael Lynch, Somerton. This man resided in a very large dilapidated house owned by the County Council but outside the Borough. The house had now become dangerous and as the County Council were anxious to have it demolished, the members were asked if they had any objection to Mr. Lynch and his sisters being allocation a Corporation house. It was unanimously decided that no objection would be raised to the rehousing of the Lynch family in a Council house.

Reference was also made to the case of Mrs. O'Brien, Harpur's Lane, who had refused the tenancy of several houses and it was decided to again offer her the tenancy of a house at Trinity Street as a temporary measure until a more suitable house became available.

Before the meeting concluded, Alderman O'Flaherty asked the County Manager to favourably consider applications for transfers from cheaper houses to new houses at Davitt Road North and South.

The Meeting then terminated.

Thomas J. Byrne

2nd March, 1964.

A Statutory meeting of the Corporation 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: Nicholas P. Corish, John Cullimore, John O'Flaherty and Kevin C. Morris.

Councillors: Edward Hall, John Bierney, John Howlin, James J. Morris and Patrick Cullen.

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

M I N U T E S :

On the motion of Alderman O'Flaherty, seconded by Alderman Corish, the Minutes of meeting of 10th February, a copy of which had been circulated with the Agenda for the present meeting, were taken as having been read, approved and signed by the Mayor.

EASTER COMMERATION:

A letter was read from The Secretary, National Graves' Association, requesting the attendance of the Corporation at the 11-0 o'clock Mass on Easter Sunday, and it was unanimously decided that the Corporation should attend.

ST. PATRICK'S DAY PARADE:

A letter was also read from the Secretary, St. Patrick's Day Parade Committee, requesting the Corporation to take part in the parade to the 12-0 o'clock Mass on St. Patrick's Day. It was also decided in this case that the Council would attend the Mass and any member who wished, could take part in the Parade.

LOAN FOR THE ERECTION OF HOUSES:

On the motion of Councillor Howlin, seconded by Alderman Corish, it was unanimously agreed to request the sanction of the Minister for local Government to the raising of a loan of £65,700, for the erection of 34 houses at Davitt Road South.

WATER HEATERS: (Fire Brigade Houses)

Councillor Howlin moved that water heaters be provided for the Firemen's houses, Alderman Corish seconded. Alderman O'Flaherty, however, suggested that some of the new houses at Davitt Road North, could be allocated to the Firemen, and the matter was eventually adjourned to enable information on the cost of the provision of these heaters, together with a previous estimate for the provision of bathrooms, to be submitted.

FOOTPATH FROM O'CONNELL AVE. TO ROSEROCK:

In accordance with notice given, Alderman Corish moved that the possibility of providing a footway from O'Connell Ave., to Roserock, be examined. Councillor James J. Morris seconded this proposal, but it was pointed out that the land in question was private property and even if the Corporation did acquire it, they would have to resurface the laneway and light it. It was decided not to proceed with the matter.

CINEMA LICENCE:

A licence in respect of the Abbey Cinema, under the Cinematograph Act, 1909, was executed on the part of the Corporation and arising out of this it was decided to write to the Proprietors of each Cinema asking them to confine the attendance at childrens' matinees to children of school-going age, as there were a number of complaints of misconduct in cinemas during the childrens' matinees.

DELEGATE TO IRISH PUBLIC BODIES INSURANCES:

On the motion of Alderman Corish, seconded by Alderman Morris, it was unanimously decided that Councillor John Howlin be appointed to represent the Corporation at the Annual General Meeting of the Irish Public Bodies Mutual Insurances, to be held in the near future.

TOWN PLANNING PERMISSION :

Laid before the meeting was a copy of an Order made by the County Manager granting Planning Permission for the reconstruction of No. 33, North Main Street, Wexford, for Messrs. Wm. Jenkins & Co. Ltd., and on the motion of Alderman O'Flaherty, seconded by Councillor James J. Morris, the Order was approved.

TENDERS FOR GATES, ETC.:

Tenders for gates, fencing, etc., for 24 houses at Davitt Road North, were opened and initialled by his Worship the Mayor and referred to the Housing Engineer and Co. Manager for the necessary action.

In this connection, Ald. Morris complained that, although the Corporation opened these tenders, they never seemed to hear what happened, and the Town Clerk undertook to report to the Council the final decision on those tender was accepted.

CHARGE ON COOKERS AT BISHOPSWATER:

Councillor Howlin raised the question of a charge for the provision of gas cookers in the Bishopswater houses and thought that this should be now taken off as, in his opinion, the tenants had paid for the provision of the gas cookers. The Town Clerk was asked to submit a report on the entire matter at the next meeting of the Corporation.

The Following Miscellaneous Matters were referred to:

Clr. James J. Morris referred to dangerous gully traps at the Labour Exchange, Anne St., and at Westgate.

The St. Mary's Handball Club were to be asked to put wire on top of the Ball-alley at Emmet Place to prevent balls entering the yards of the adjoining houses and consequent annoyance of the people to people entering their property looking for lost balls.

Alderman Corish asked the Borough Surveyor to examine and report on his ideas on the Public Scavenging of Wexford and the Mayor complained that the Faythe had not been properly cleansed for over two weeks.

Alderman O'Flaherty complained about the delay in bringing into operation the Traffic Regulations and the Town Clerk was asked to write direct to the Minister for Justice, on the matter.

Reference was made to the condition of the Corporation property at Gibson Street, which was without eave shutes, and the Borough Surveyor was to be asked to submit an estimate of the cost.

Councillor James J. Morris referred to the recent excursion train from Wexford to Waterford in connection with the G.A.A. fixture and complained that the train had not stopped at Wexford South Station, where a number of people had gathered and were disappointed that they could not board the train.

2nd March, 1964.

Reference was made to the delay in completion of the plans for the proposed development of Ferrybank and it was decided to take this matter up with Bord Failte.

In reply to a query, the Town Clerk intimated that walks to the Cemetery would be resurfaced during the next couple of months.

Alderman O'Flaherty referred to the contribution made by the Corporation to the Redmond Memorial Park and complained that no meeting of the Committee had been held since the current year and he asked the Town Clerk to get in touch with the Committee with the idea of having a meeting called which would embody representatives of the Corporation.

At the request of Alderman O'Flaherty, the Town Clerk intimated that he would do his utmost to call a meeting of the joint committee of the Chamber of Commerce and Corporation, to deal with Parking Places, in the near future.

Councillor Bierney drew the attention of the Borough Surveyor to the roadway at Green Street and asked him to have same examined.

Councillor Cullen referred to the danger of parking cars between the entrance to Messrs. Pierce's Factory and the junction of Mill Road/Joseph's Street. The Parking of cars at this particular point completely obstructed the view of motorists, at this dangerous crossing, of traffic coming from Distillery Road and it was decided to draw the attention of the Garda to the matter.

In reply to a query, Councillor Howlin was informed that the work on the roadway at the junction of Fisher's Row/The Faythe, would be undertaken within the next week or two.

Alderman Corish drew the attention of the Borough Surveyor to the position of a "STOP" sign at Summerhill Road, and asked him to examine same and submit his views on whether or not he considered it to be in the right position.

Complaint was also made, by members, that public lights were out at Whitemill, Allen Street, Anne Street, Hill Street, George Street, Henriette Street, Davitt Road and Waterloo Road, during the previous week.

The meeting then terminated.

Thomas J. Byrne

9th March, 1964.

A meeting of the Corporation acting as Finance Committee was held this day in the Municipal Buildings at half past eight o'clock p.m. The members present being -

His Worship the Mayor in the Chair.

Aldermen: John O'Flaherty and Kevin C. Morris.

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

The meeting had been called to make a preliminary examination of the Estimates for 1964/65.

The detailed Estimates which accompanied the Agenda for this meeting showed that the expenditure estimated for the coming year, apart from County Council Demand which was not available, amounted to £135,456 and receipts £80,345, leaving a net figure of £55,111 to be raised in respect of the 1964/65 Corporation (only) Services. In addition, the following supplementary allocations made in the current year had to be provided for -

1.	Contribution to Harbour Commissioners	.. ..	£309.
2.	Short Service Gratuities to two retired Servants.	.. ..	811
	Total	.. ..	<u>£1,120</u>

The total sum to be raised by Rates for the Corporation Services, therefore, amounted to £56,231, which would require a Rate of 415d, an increase of 21d on the Corporation portion of the current year's rate.

The increase was made up of -

1.	Services over which the Corporation had direct control	..	9.6d
2.	Supplementary Estimates as detailed above	..	8.3d
3.	Increase in Demand of Vocational Education	..	3.1d
			<u>21d</u>

Having examined the detailed estimates, the members could not see how the expenditure could be reduced or the revenue increased, and having regard to the small attendance, it was decided to adjourn further consideration until 16th instant at 8-15 p.m.

Thomas J. Byrne
16th March, 1964.

A further meeting of the Corporation acting as Finance Committee was held in the Municipal Buildings at 8-15 p.m. The members present being -

His Worship the Mayor in the Chair.

Aldermen: Corish, Cullimore and K. C. Morris.

Councillors: Frank Cullimore, Edward Hall, John Howlin, John Bierney, Patrick Doran and James J. Morris.

16th March, 1964.

The meeting was informed that the County Council Demand had now been received and amounted to £40,300, a net increase of £6,800 on the demand for the current year which was the equivalent of 4/2d in the £.

The meeting was informed that the present position of the Rate Estimate for 1964/65 was as follows :

1.	Services over which the Council have direct control	..	381.0d	increase	9.2d
2.	County Council Demand	..	297.4d	"	49.4d
3.	Supplementary Allocations 1963/64.	..	8.3d	"	8.3d
4.	Vocational Education.	..	25.3d	"	3.1d

This brought the Rate Estimate for the year 1964/65 to 59/4d in the £. or an increase of 5/10d.

The members carefully scrutinized the entire Rate Estimate and failed to make any alterations so it was eventually decided, on the suggestion of Councillor Howlin, to further adjourn the matter until Monday 23rd instant, when the Council would meet in Committee at 7-30 p.m. and hold the Estimates Meeting proper at 8-0 p.m. In the meantime, the members asked the officials to review the Estimates to see if anything possible could be done to ease the proposed Rate Charge.

Thomas J. Byrne

23rd March, 1964.

A meeting of the Corporation acting as Finance Committee was held this day in the Municipal Buildings at 7-30 p.m. The members present being -

His Worship the Mayor in the Chair.

Aldermen: Cullimore, Corish and O'Flaherty.

Councillors: Doran, Bierney, Howlin, James Morris, Hall and Frank Cullimore.

The Town Clerk intimated that following the last two meetings of the Corporation acting as Finance Committee the County Manager, Borough Accountant and he had again examined the Rate Estimate but could find no way of reducing the expenditure for the coming year without impairing the Services. Having, however, made a detailed examination of the receipts for the current year he was of the opinion that having regard to increased revenue it would be possible to absorb the supplementary allocation of £1,120 and thus reduce the expenditure estimate to £75,346 for General Purposes. Aswell, having regard to the anticipated demand for water by the new Cheese Factory, it was proposed to increase the revenue from the sale of water by £200 and, due to the increased rate in the £, from Government Rates by £90. This reduced the net amount to be raised by Rates by £1,410 to £95,121, which would require a rate of 58/6d in the £ as against the original estimate of 59/4d.

16th March, 1964.

In fact, this reduction of 10d in the £ meant that the Rate for the Services, over which the Corporation had direct control, was reduced by '8d in the £.

The members considered this report very satisfactory and unanimously decided to recommend the Estimates Meeting to adopt the rate of 58/6d in the £ asked for by the officials.

HARBOUR INSURANCES:

Before proceeding with the Estimates meeting, reference was made to the financial troubles of the Harbour Commissioners, and it was unanimously agreed on the motion of Councillor Doran seconded by Alderman Corish, that the Corporation should meet the Insurance on the Pilot Boat and other properties of the Commissioners, until such times as they were in a financial position to meet them themselves.

In reply to a query by Alderman O'Flaherty, the Town Clerk intimated that provision had been made in the Estimates for the anticipated 8th round adjustments of salaries for officials, and on the motion of Alderman O'Flaherty, seconded by Councillor Bierney, it was unanimously agreed that the proposed 8th round adjustment be approved.

Thomas J. Byrne

23rd March, 1964.

The Annual Estimates Meeting of the Corporation was held this day in the Municipal Buildings at 8-0 p.m., the members present being -

His Worship the Mayor, Councillor Thomas Byrne, in the Chair.

Aldermen: John Cullimore, Nicholas Corish and John O'Flaherty.

Councillors: Patrick Doran, John Bierney, John Howlin, James J. Morris, Edward Hall and Frank Cullimore.

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

The Corporation acting as Finance Committee, having had three meetings to consider the Estimates for the Financial Year 1964/65, recommended the Corporation to adopt a rate of 58/6d in the £.

After the Estimates had been introduced by His Worship the Mayor, who explained the reasons for the increase, reasons over which the Corporation had no control whatever, he pointed out that the Rate for the Services over which the Corporation had control was reduced by .8d in the £., the following resolutions were unanimously adopted.

- TABLE A. Providing for an estimated expenditure of £175,756, on the motion of Alderman O'Flaherty, seconded by Councillor Doran.
- " B. Providing for estimated receipts of £80,635, on the motion of Councillor Howlin, seconded by Alderman Corish.
- " C. Providing for the adoption of a net sum to be raised by Rates of £95,121, and a rate in the pound of 58/6d on the motion of His Worship the Mayor, seconded by Councillor Howlin.

23rd March, 1964.

Also unanimously adopted -

OVERDRAFT ACCOMMODATION:

On the motion of His Worship the Mayor, seconded by Councillor Howlin, overdraft accommodation on the Revenue Accountant in the sum of £40,000 and the Capital Accountant in the sum of £30,000, was authorised up to 30th June, 1964.

SALARY ADJUSTMENTS:

Payment of 8th round salary adjustments and 9th round 12% on same was unanimously approved on the motion of Alderman O'Flaherty seconded by His Worship the Mayor.

Before closing the Estimates Meeting, His Worship the Mayor said he wished to place on record his appreciation of the efforts of the officials in adjusting the Rate Estimate, which eventually had proved satisfactory to the members, having regard to all the circumstances, and to the Rent and Rate Payers of the Borough for the excellent manner in which they had met their obligations during the year.

ROAD SAFETY:

With reference to letter from the Minister for Local Government on the subject of Road Safety, Councillor Howlin moved that the Garda be requested to arrange to give lectures to school children on Road Safety. This was seconded by His Worship the Mayor and supported by all the members.

SYMPATHY:

Before the meeting terminated His Worship the Mayor moved that the sympathy of the Corporation be extended to Rev. Dean Codd, Ferns, on the death of his sister, the late Miss Mary Codd. Alderman Corish seconded this proposal which was supported by all the members present, by Deputy County Manager and Town Clerk. The Mayor also moved that the sympathy of the Corporation be extended to Alderman Cullimore and to Mr. Michael Martin, a former member of the Council, on the death of relatives. Alderman O'Flaherty seconded the motion which was supported by all the members and officials and both resolutions were adopted in respectful silence.

Alderman Cullimore returned thanks for the vote of sympathy passed with him.

Thomas F. Byrne

The meeting then terminated :

BOROUGH OF WEXFORD.

Municipal Building,
Wexford.

5th March, 1964.

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 Monday next, 9th March, 1964, at 8-15 p.m., to examine the Estimates for 1964/65 prior to the Estimate Meeting due to be held on the 23rd idem.

The Estimated expenditure for the coming year (apart from the County Council Demand which is not yet available) is £135,456 and receipts £80,345, leaving a net figure of £55,111 to be raised in respect of the 1964/65 Corporation (only) Services. In addition, the following supplementary allocations made in the current year will need to be provided for :-

Contribution to Harbour Commissioners	..	£309	
Short Service Gratuities to two retired Servants.	..	<u>811</u>	£1,120.

The total sum to be raised by rates for the Corporation Services will, therefore, amount to £56,231, which will require a rate of 415 pence against a rate of 394 pence in the current year, an increase of 21 pence.

This increase is made up of:-		<u>Pence:</u>
Services over which the Corporation have direct control.	..	9.6
Supplementary Estimates as detailed above.	..	8.3
Increase in demand of Vocational Education Committee.	..	<u>3.1</u>
		<u>21.0</u>

Details of the estimated expenditure and receipts are attached hereto.

Mise, le meas,

JOHN J. BYRNE,

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BOROUGH OF WEXFORD.

PARTICULARS OF ESTIMATED EXPENDITURE AND RECEIPTS FOR THE
FINANCIAL YEARS 1963/64 AND 1964/65.

EXPENDITURE:

Item No.	Sum Allowed 1963/64.	Service:	Estimated by Manager 1964/65:	Increase:	Decrease:
	£	<u>URBAN ROADS:</u>	£	£	£
1.	400	Ordinary Road Works.	500	100	-
2.	2,000	Salaries	1,305	-	695
3.	400	Road Openings.	400	-	-
4.	60	Contingencies.	60	-	-
5.	3,200	Special Employ- ment Schemes.	3,800	600	-
6.	1,430	Urban Roads Im- provement Grant.	1,430	-	-
	<u>£7,490</u>		<u>£7,495</u>	<u>£700</u>	<u>£695</u>

SANITARY SERVICES.

7.	1,800	Burial Grounds	2,000	200	-
8.	2,800	Domestic Scavenging.	3,200	400	-
9.	3,200	Public Scavenging.	3,800	600	-
10.	4,000	Maintenance of Waterworks.	4,350	350	-
11.	300	Maintenance of Sewers.	300	-	-
12.	350	Salaries.	400	50	-
13.	1,100	Public Sanitary Conveniences.	1,300	200	-
14.	2,100	Public Lighting etc.	2,200	100	-
15.	20	Red Cross - Water Safety.	20	-	-
16.	7,005	Loan Charges.	6,585	-	420
17.	60	Contingencies.	60	-	-
	<u>£22,735</u>		<u>£24,215.</u>	<u>£1,900</u>	<u>£420.</u>

HOUSING OF THE WORKING CLASSES:

Item No.	Sum Allowed 1963/64.	Service:	Estimated by Manager: 1964/65:	Increase	Decrease:
18.	59,195	Loan Charges.	62,700	3,505	-
19.	550	Rents, Rates, Taxes & Insurances.	550	-	-
20.	3,000	Maintenance of Houses.	3,250	250	-
21.	2,000	Salaries and Commissions.	2,200	200	-
	<u>£64,745.</u>		<u>£68,700</u>	<u>£3,955</u>	<u>-</u>

GENERAL URBAN PURPOSES:

22.	33,500	County Council Demands. (not yet available)	-	-	-
23.	1,000	Unemployment Assistance.	1,000	-	-
24.	20	Tourist Development	20	-	-
25.	400	Maintenance of Corporate Property.	400	-	-
26.	4,000	Vocational Education	4,122	122	-
27.	2,000	Fire Brigade.	2,100	100	-
28.	650	Rents, Rates Taxes and Insurances.	600	-	50
29.	10,980	Salaries, Superannuations & Pensions.	14,500	3,520	-
30.	100	Food and Drugs.	100	-	-
31.	450	Printing & Advertising.	450	-	-
32.	270	Telephones, Office Requisites, Postage, Receipts & Paying Orders.	270	-	-
33.	150	Fuel and Lighting.	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.	50	Subscriptions to Associations and Bands.	50	-	-
40.	700	School Meals.	700	-	-
41.	150	Rate Refunds.	150	-	-
42.	2,210	Loan Charges.	1,950	-	260
43.	2,750	Materials Expenses A/C.	2,750	-	-
44.	750	Machinery Expenses A/C.	750	-	-
45.	100	Contingencies.	100	-	-
46.	300	Contribution to Redmond Park.	300	-	-
		Grant to Harbour Board.	309	309	-

£65,925

33,500

£32,425

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Less County Council Demand
Net Urban Figure.

36,166

£4,051

£310

BOROUGH OF WEXFORD.

Item No.	Adopted 1963/64:	Particulars of Receipts:	Estimated by Manager 1964/65	Increase:	Decrease:
	£		£	£	£
<u>URBAN ROADS:</u>					
1.	450	Road Openings.	450	-	-
2.	2,800	Special Employment Schemes Grant.	3,350	550	-
3.	1,430	Roads Improvement Grant.	1,430	-	-
	<u>£4,680</u>		<u>£5,230</u>	<u>£550</u>	<u>-</u>
<u>SANITARY SERVICES:</u>					
4.	500	Burial Grounds	600	100	-
5.	500	Scavenging Main Roads.	550	50	-
6.	40	Scavenging County Hospital.	50	10	-
7.	1,600	Sale of Water.	1,800	200	-
8.	200	Public Sanitary Conveniences.	200	-	-
9.	1,500	State subvention to Sanitary Services Loans.	1,500	-	-
	<u>£4,340</u>		<u>£4,700</u>	<u>£360</u>	<u>-</u>
<u>HOUSING OF THE WORKING CLASSES:</u>					
10.	31,800	Rents & Purchase Annuities.	32,500	700	-
11.	20,000	State Subsidies.	23,000	3,000	-
12.	1,500	Small Dwellings Acts.	1,900	400	-
	<u>£53,300</u>		<u>£57,400</u>	<u>£4,100</u>	<u>-</u>
<u>GENERAL URBAN PURPOSES:</u>					
13.	900	Fire Brigade	900	-	-
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.	1,000	100	-
18.	350	School Meals.	350	-	-
19.	900	Vocational Education	700	-	200
20.	600	Superan. Contributions.	700	100	-
21.	3,600	Materials & Machinery Expenses.	3,600	-	-
22.	400	Miscellaneous.	400	-	-
	<u>£13,015</u>		<u>£13,015.</u>	<u>£200</u>	<u>£200.</u>

BOROUGH OF WEXFORD.

Municipal Buildings,
Wexford.

12th March, 1964.

To each member of the
Wexford Borough Council.

A Chara,

You are requested to attend a further meeting of the Finance Committee of the Council to be held in the Council Chamber, Municipal Buildings, Wexford, on Monday next, 16th instant, at 8-45 p.m., (after Retreat) to again examine the estimates for 1964/65 prior to the Estimates Meeting on 23rd idem.

Details of the estimated expenditure and receipts have already been sent you with the exception of the County Council Demand. This has now been received and amounts to £40,300, an increase of £6,800 and is made up as follows:-

Service:	Amount 1964/65 £	Amount 1963/64 £	Increase: £	Decrease £
Roads	5,685	4,135	1,550	-
Public Assistance	1,872	1,210	662	-
Health	27,251	23,163	4,088	-
General Purposes	5,478	4,973	505	-
Separate Charges.	14	19	-	5
-	£40,300	£33,500	£6,805	£5

This Demand shows a net increase of £6,800 or the equivalent of 4/2 in the £.

The present position of the Rate Estimate for 1964/65 is as follows:

	1964/65 (pence)	Increase (pence)
Services over which the Council have direct control.	381.0	9.2
County Council Demand	297.4	49.4
Supplementary Allocation 1963/4	8.3	8.3
Vocational Education	25.3	3.1
	712.0 (59/4)	70.0 (5/10)

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BOROUGH OF WEXFORD.

Municipal Buildings,
Wexford.

11th March, 1964.

To each member of the
Wexford Borough Council.

A Chara,

You are requested to attend the Estimates Meeting of the Council of the above Borough to be held in the Council Chamber, Municipal Buildings, Wexford, on Monday, 23rd instant, at half-past eight o'clock p.m., to consider estimates of expenditure and receipts for the local financial year ending on 31st March, 1965.

Copies of Tables A, B. & C are attached hereto together with details of how the various sums are arrived at.

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JOHN J. BYRNE,

Cleireach an Bhaile.

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

WEXFORD CORPORATION

ESTIMATE OF EXPENSES AND DETERMINATION OF THE RATES IN THE POUND
FOR THE LOCAL FINANCIAL YEAR ENDING ON THE 31st MARCH, 1965.

TABLE A.
EXPENDITURE

Service: (1)	Purpose of Expenditure: (2)	Amount Estimated	
		Estimated by Manager (3)	Adopted by Council (4) £.
<u>Urban Roads</u>	Ordinary Road Works	2,265	2265
	Special Grant Works	3,800	3800
	Road Improvement Grant.	1,430	1430
	TOTAL:	7,495.	7495
<u>Sanitary</u>	Sanitary	24,215	24215
	TOTAL:	24,215	24215
<u>Housing:</u>	Housing of the Working Classes.	67,010	67010
	Small Dwellings Acquisition Acts.	1,690	1690
	TOTAL:	68,700	68700.
GENERAL URBAN PURPOSES:			
Co. Council Services:			
Main Roads	Main Roads	5685	
Public Assistance	Public Assistance	1872	
Mental Hospital	Mental Hospital	27251	
Health (County)	Health (County)	5478	
General Purposes (County).	General Purposes County.	14	
		40,300	40,300
Separate Charges			
Unemployment Assistance		1,000	1,000
OTHER URBAN PURPOSES:			
	Tourist Development	20	20
	Vocational Education	4,122	4122
	Other Purposes	27,424	26304
	Materials, Machinery and Stores.	3,600	3600
	TOTAL:	£76,466.	75,346

TABLE B.

Service (1)	Nature of Receipts. (2)	Amount Estimated	
		Estimated by Manager (3)	Adopted by Council. (4)
<u>Urban Roads:</u>	State Grants	4,780	4780
	Other Receipts.	450	450
TOTAL:		5,230	5230
<u>Sanitary:</u>	State Grants	1,500	1500
	Other Sanitary Receipts.	3,200	3400
TOTAL:		4,700	4900
<u>Housing:</u>	Housing of the Working Classes:		
	Rents.	32,500	32,500
	State Grants	23,000	23,000
	Small Dwellings Acquisition Acts.	1,900	1,900
	TOTAL:	57,400	57,400
GENERAL URBAN PURPOSES:			
	State Grants,	6390	6390
	Other Receipts	3,115	3,115
	Material Expenses) (balance))		
	Machinery Expenses) (balance))	3,600	3,600
TOTAL:		13,105.	13,105

TABLE 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. (£32,520).
1 £	2 £	3 £	4 £	5 £	6 £	7 £	8 Pence
URBAN ROADS	7,495	5,230	2,265	-	600	2,865	16.62 21.14
SANITARY SERVICES.	24,215	4,900	19,315	1000	-	18,315	144.00 135.17
HOUSING.	68,700	57,400	11,300	2200	-	9,100	83.39 67.16
General Urban Purposes							
COUNTY COUNCIL SERVICES:)							
ROADS	5685		5685			5685	41.96
PUBLIC ASSISTANCE	1872		1872			1872	13.82
MENTAL HOSPITAL	27251		27251			27251	201.11
HEALTH (COUNTY)	5478		5478			5478	40.43
GENERAL PURPOSES	14		14			14	.11
SEPARATE CHARGES							
UNEMPLOYMENT ASSISTANCE	1,000	-	1,000	-	-	1,000	7.38 7.37
OTHER URBAN PURPOSES	35,266	13,405	22,141	-	-	22,151	163.20 173.73
	34,046		20,941		2600	23,541	

TOTAL GENERAL RATE: ~~712.00~~ 702.00

CERTIFICATE:

I hereby certify that at (an adjournment of) the Estimates Meeting of the Wexford Corporation held this 23rd day of March, 1964, 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, 1965.

Countersigned: [Signature] (Town Clerk) Dated this 23rd day of March, 1964. Signed: [Signature] (Mayor of Wexford)

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6th April, 1964.

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 Thomas Byrne, in the Chair.

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

Councillors: James J. Morris, Patrick Doran, Edward Hall, Patrick Cullen, John Bierney and John Howlin.

In Attendance: The County Manager and Town Clerk.

M I N U T E S:

On the motion of Councillor James J. Morris, seconded by Alderman Corish, 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.

SYMPATHY:

His Worship the Mayor moved that the sympathy of the Council be extended to the wife and family of the late Michael Broaders, a former member. Councillor Doran seconded the motion which was supported by all members present, by the County Manager and Town Clerk, and adopted in respectful silence.

CINEMAS:

With reference to a discussion at last meeting when it was stated that undesirable conduct was taking place at some of the childrens' matinees in the town, letters were read from the three Cinemas on the subject, and as some of the members were aware that the Managements were taking steps to stop the alleged misconduct, no further action was taken in the matter.

REDMOND MEMORIAL PARK:

A letter was read from the Secretary, Redmond Memorial Park Committee, thanking the Corporation for their generous contribution towards the maintenance of the Park during the current year and stating that at their last meeting His Worship the Mayor and Alderman O'Flaherty were both appointed on the Committee to represent the interests of the Corporation.

TRAFFIC BYE LAWS:

With reference to previous discussions on the subject of Traffic Bye Laws, the Minister for Justice forwarded a copy of a letter he had addressed to Deputy Corish on this matter intimating that the Bye Laws were now with the Parliamentary Draftsmen and it was hoped to have them ready, in the near future.

Arising out of this, Councillor Doran suggested that the discs be removed from the signs but no action was taken on this matter.

ACKNOWLEDGMENTS:

A letter was read from Very Rev. Archdeacon Codd, Parochial House, Ferns, acknowledging the vote of sympathy passed with him on the death of his sister, the late Miss Mary Codd.

A letter was also read from Mr. Michael Martin, The Faythe, acknowledging the vote of sympathy passed with him on the death of his sister-in-law, Miss Connolly.

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Reference to Minutes of 2nd Ultimo:

The following report was read from the Borough Surveyor:-

1. That the defective gulley at Anne Street had been replaced;
2. That he required a period to access and review the present system of Street Scavenging and would submit a report in due course;
3. That eave gutters to the Corporation property at Gibson Street will cost £20, to replace. It was unanimously decided that this should be done, on the motion of Alderman Corish, seconded by Alderman Morris.
4. The defects found in the roadway at Green Street had been temporarily filled;
5. Regarding the "STOP" sign at Summerhill Road and Grogan's Road, etc., he recommended the Garda Authorities be requested to consider replacing the existing "STOP" signs by "YIELD RIGHT OF WAY" signs, together with provision of advanced warning signs of "MAJOR ROAD AHEAD".

This matter was left to the Borough Surveyor to take up with the Garda.

QUARTERLY MEETINGS:

The next business was to fix the day and hour of the Quarterly Meeting of the Council to be held not earlier than 24th June nor later than 1st July next. On the suggestion of the Town Clerk, it was unanimously agreed on the motion of Alderman Corish, seconded by Alderman O'Flaherty, that a Quarterly meeting be held on Monday 29th June at 7.30 p.m.

TOURIST CONTRIBUTION:

A letter was read from Messrs. W. A. Deevy & Co., Chartered Accountants, Waterford, on behalf of the South-Eastern Regional Tourism Organisation Ltd., requesting the Corporation to make a contribution to the funds of the Organisation during the year 1964/65, and on the motion of Councillor Howlin seconded by Alderman O'Flaherty, it was unanimously agreed to make a contribution of £20, which had formerly been made to the Irish Tourist Association, and which sum had been included in the Estimates for the current Financial Year.

WAGES OF BUILDING TRADE EMPLOYEES:

On the motion of Councillor James J. Morris, seconded by Councillor Howlin, a recommendation from the Wexford County Manager that -

"In accordance with Agreement between Federation of Builders Contractors and Allied Employers of Ireland and the National Negotiating Committee (Building Industry) Irish Congress of Trade Unions that the wages of craftsmen and labourers employed on building work by Wexford Corporation be increased as on and from 27th January, 1964, as follows :-

Craftsmen	.. .. .	8d per hour;
Labourers	.. .. .	6d per hour;

and that the Apprentices be paid the percentage of Craftsmens wages previously agreed",

was unanimously approved.

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126 HOUSE SCHEME AT SLIPPERY GREEN:

In reply to a question by Alderman Corish, it was stated that it was hoped to start 126 house scheme at Slippery Green within the next week or two, as the necessary preliminary work was going ahead and the Housing Engineer was urged to proceed with the scheme with all speed.

MENAPIA AVENUE:

In reply to a further question by Alderman Corish, it was stated that it was not intended, at present, to proceed with the widening of Menapia Avenue.

TOWN HALL:

In reply to a further query it was stated that it was proposed to take steps to regularise the opening of the Town Hall up to 1 a.m. during the summertime period.

PLANNING PERMISSIONS:

Orders by the Wexford County Manager granting Planning Permission for the reconstruction of a house at High Street for Mrs. Furling; and for the erection of a Garage at Corry's Villas for Mr. John O'Rourke; were approved on the motion of Alderman Corish and seconded by Alderman O'Flaherty.

TOWN SERGEANT:

In reply to a query regarding the illness of the Town Sergeant, it was stated that no consideration had, as yet, been given to the appointment of a Deputy, but the matter would be examined in the light of any urgent necessity for a temporary Town Sergeant.

ST. IBAR'S CEMETERY:

In reply to a query the Town Clerk stated that the walks to St. Ibar's Cemetery would be completed in time for the "Pattern" on Sunday 19th instant.

FOOTPATHS:

Complaint was made regarding the replacement of footpaths by the Department of Posts and Telegraphs and the County Manager intimated that Officials of the Department had 'phoned him recently seeking an appointment to discuss this matter, but through unforeseen circumstances, the appointment had to be cancelled by the officials and he hoped to hear from them in the near future.

DEVELOPMENT OF NORTH END:

In reply to a query, the County Manager intimated that he hoped in the near future to have consultations with the Architect employed to advise on the development of certain portions of the town, on the general development of the North End.

BARRY STATUE:

Complaint was made regarding the condition of lights at the Barry Statue. The Town Clerk intimated that these had been replaced several times and apparently the trouble was that the standards were much too light. He had discussed the matter with the Borough Surveyor who was hoping to be able to get suitable standards in Dublin when they would be erected at the Statue.

WALL AT OYSTER LANE:

Reference was made to the condition of a wall on the south side of Oyster Lane and the Borough Surveyor was to examine same.

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TEMPERANCE HALL:

Reference was also made to the dangerous condition of the Temperance Hall at Temperance Row and the meeting was informed that it was hoped to rehouse the occupants in the near future.

FERRYBANK:

A very strong complaint was made regarding the delay of Bord Failte in completing the Development Plans for Ferrybank and the Town Clerk was asked to take up the matter direct with Bord Failte with a view to expediting the preparation of the plans.

CONGRATULATIONS:

Councillor Cullen proposed that the congratulations of the Corporation be extended to the four boys who had secured All-Ireland titles in the recent Boxing Championships. Alderman Corish seconded the proposal which was supported by all present.

MACHINERY:

A comprehensive report from the Borough Surveyor on Machinery required over the next ten years was submitted. This showed an average cost of £1,450 per annum, and it was suggested that immediate consideration might be given to the purchase of that needed in the years 1964, 1965 and 1966 estimated to cost £5,580.

The members considered the report an excellent one and agreed that it was time the Council purchased some modern machinery for the carrying out of its duties and it was unanimously agreed on the motion of Councillor Howlin, seconded by Alderman O'Flaherty, that steps be taken to purchase -

1. Grassmowing equipment estimated at	.. ..	£80.
2. Portable Compressor and tools estimated at	"	1,200
3. Diesel Dumper	"	500
4. Sludge Pump	"	100
5. Diesel Domestic Scavenging truck.	"	2,000
6. Mechanically operated vibrating roller.	"	450.
7. Road Jointing Equipment	"	150.
8. Tractor and attachments.	"	1,100
		<u>£5,580.</u>

The meeting then terminated.

Lemo. J. Byrne

4th May, 1964.

A Statutory meeting of the Council was held this day in the Council Chamber, Municipal Buildings, at quarter past eight 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 G. O'Flaherty.

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

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

M I N U T E S:

On the motion of Ald. O'Flaherty, seconded by Ald. Corish, the minutes of meeting of 6th ultimo, a copy of which had been circulated with the Agenda for the present meeting, were taken as having been read, approved and signed by the Mayor.

CORRESPONDENCE:

A letter was read from the Chief Superintendent of the Garda Siochana referring to a report in the Local Press of a discussion on Road Safety at the meeting on 23rd March, and pointed out that lectures in Road Safety were being regularly given by members of the Garda Siochana, for some years past. The Superintendent asked that it be brought to the notice of the Mayor and Corporation.

The members considered this letter satisfactory.

TOURISM:

A letter was also read from The Secretaries, South-Eastern Regional Tourism Organisation Limited, thanking the Corporation for their contribution under the Tourist Traffic Development Act, 1931, and intimating that the Council was entitled to nominate a representative to attend at the General Meetings of the Organisation.

It was decided to put this matter of the appointment of a delegate on the Agenda for next meeting.

REPORT FROM BOROUGH SURVEYOR:

The Borough Surveyor made the following reports on matters raised at previous meetings -

The material was on order for the replacement of eave gutters to Corporation Property at Peter Street and the work would be carried out as soon as the material was received.

The Borough Surveyor intimated that he had requested the Garda Authorities to discuss the matter of the siting of the "STOP" sign at Summerhill.

As regards the lighting of the Barry Statue, the Surveyor reported -

"The lighting fittings are prone to damage by vibration. I propose to remove the existing fittings and replace with standard type fitting suitable for incandescent lighting which will permit easy replacements as required. At the latter end of the year the existing poles will be replaced by a more suitable type when consideration can be given to a permanent decorative fitting".

The Borough Surveyor intimated that he had examined a wall at Oyster Cove and was arranging a further investigation within the private property involved.

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HEATERS - FIREMEN'S HOUSES:

With reference to the proposal to provide water heaters for Firemen's Houses, the Surveyor reported -

"I have considered the matter of providing a hot water point in the above houses. The most convenient and only location for same is at the present kitchen sink.

Regarding the type of heater, I consider that a Cistern type water storage heater the best suited in the particular circumstances. This type permits the provision of additional draw off points if, in the future, these are required.

A 12-gallon capacity is necessary to provide for the usage anticipated.

I estimate the provision, installation and plumbing alterations at £50 per house".

After some discussion, a decision on this matter was adjourned to enable the Town Clerk to submit a detailed report on the financing of such a scheme.

TRAFFIC BYE-LAWS:

The next business was to consider the final draft of the Wexford Traffic and Parking Bye-laws 1964, which the Commissioner of the Garda Siochana was ready to sign and submit for the consent of the Minister for Local Government.

A copy of these Bye-laws had been furnished to the members of the Corporation during the previous week.

Commenting on the Bye-laws, the Borough Surveyor recommended that -

1. Off-street car parks at Allen Street and Batt Street be included in the Schedule;
2. He pointed out the difficulty which would arise, and the expense which would be involved, in the system of alternating the parking places on the Main Street from one side of the Street to the other, on alternative week-days. He recommended that consideration be given to permanent siting of the signs to provide for one-sided parking with prohibition on the other.
3. Attention was drawn to the fact that there was no prohibition on parking in Selskar Street, between Monck Street and Well Lane, although such a prohibition had been embodied in the original draft submitted by the Commissioner last year.

A discussion took place on the recommendations of the Borough Surveyor and it was unanimously agreed that the recommendation to include the off-street car parks in the Schedule, be adopted, provided it did not hold up the making of the Bye-laws any further.

It was also decided that the attention of the Commissioner should be drawn to the fact that no prohibition was provided on parking in Selskar Street, between Monck Street and Well Lane.

A discussion took place on the question of alternative parking on the Main Street - the members apparently felt very strongly on this as did the traders, so eventually it was unanimously decided to make no alteration in the Bye-laws as now submitted in this regard, and on the motion of the Mayor, seconded by Aldermen Corish, the Bye-laws, as submitted by the Commissioner, were unanimously approved, subject to the recommendations above-mentioned, provided they did not unduly delay the making of the Code.

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TRAVELLING EXPENSES - MEMBERS:

A letter was submitted from the Minister for Local Government on 29th ultimo, No. G.9/63, setting out the revised travelling and subsistence allowances for members of Local Authorities.

It was pointed out that this did not generally affect the members except where they would be away on the business of the Council, when the subsistence rate would be -

15/= for a period greater than 3 hours;
25/= do. 7 do ;
50/= overnight allowance.

REVISED SALARY SCALES:

The Wexford County Manager recommended that the salary scales of Officers employed by Wexford Corporation be adjusted as follows from 1st day of October, 1963:

<u>Town Clerk:</u>	-	£1,325 x £45 to £1,640 x £10 to £1,650 per annum.
<u>Borough Accountant:</u>	-	£1,005 x £40 to £1,325 per annum.
<u>Accounts Clerk:</u>	-	£350 x £30 to £500 x £50 to £550 x £35 to £1,005, per annum, plus a differential over Clerical Officers' scale of £75 per annum.
<u>Clerk/Typists:</u>	-	£340 x £20 to £480 x £30 to £600, per annum.

On the motion of Councillor Howlin, seconded by Aldermen Corish, the recommendation of the County Manager embodying the above Salary Scales was unanimously agreed to.

POST OF CLERICAL OFFICER:

The County Manager also recommended the creation of a post of Clerical Officer in the Town Clerk's Office. It was explained to the meeting that this was necessary due to increased work in the Housing Administrative Section, P.A.Y.E., Town Planning, etc., and on the motion of Alderman O'Flaherty, seconded by His Worship the Mayor, the recommendation of the County Manager that a new post of Clerical Officer be created was unanimously approved.

PLANNING PERMISSIONS:

Orders made by the County Manager granting Planning Permission for the reconstruction of the Sacristy attached to the Church of the Assumption, Bride Street, and for a new Shop Front at Dunne's Stores, North Main Street, were submitted to the meeting, and unanimously approved on the motion of the Mayor, seconded by Alderman O'Flaherty.

Arising out of this matter, members intimated that a number of gable-ends in the Town had recently been converted into advertising hoardings, and at the request of the Town Clerk they promised to let him have a list of such premises which had come to their notice so that the valuations might be revised if the use of the gable-ends as advertising hoardings was continued.

RESULT OF TENDERS :

As promised at last meeting, the Town Clerk now submitted analysis of the tenders for the supply of gates and fencing for 24 houses at Davitt Road North.

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The lowest tender for gates was from Sean Dalton, Bagnalstown, of £3. 16. 5¹/₂d each, delivered, and for fencing from Federated Engineering (Ireland) Limited, at 11¹/₄/6d per sq. yard.

TENDERS:

Tenders were then opened for Sanitary Goods for houses at Davitt Road South and for earth-moving at the new Housing site at Slippery Green. These were all initialled by His Worship the Mayor, and referred to the Housing Engineer and County Manager.

The following matters were raised
by members:

1. Defective door at No. 7, Hill Street, occupied by James Murphy.
2. Defects at house at Emmet Place, occupied by Whelan.
3. Defective footpath at Bishopswater, owned by the Department of Posts and Telegraphs.
4. Defective ~~gateway~~ near St. Michael's Graveyard, Castlehill Street.
5. Provision of a crossbarrier at the footway to Bishopswater Housing Scheme.

PLOT AT ST. AIDAN'S CRESCENT:

The meeting was informed that application had been made by a man named Reddy, to acquire a plot of ground at St. Aidan's Crescent on which he proposed to erect a Shop. This plot has been advertised some years ago for this purpose and no applications had been received. Mr. Reddy had submitted a site plan and layout which was at present under examination by the Borough Surveyor, and the meeting was now asked whether or not they would approve, in principle, to negotiations being continued with Mr. Reddy, with the object of either selling or leasing him the plot of ground there. After some discussion, it was unanimously agreed, on the motion of Councillor Howlin seconded by Councillor Doran that the Corporation agree in principle to the plot being demised to Mr. Reddy, subject to the Borough Surveyor being satisfied with the building proposed to be erected thereon.

DAVITT ROAD HOUSING SCHEME:

The Town Clerk asked the Council if they would name at their next meeting the Davitt Road Housing Scheme of 24-houses and it was decided to place this matter on the Agenda for the June meeting.

MAYOR'S VISIT:

The Town Clerk reminded the meeting that, approximately twelve months ago they had invited Mayor Daly of Chicago to visit Wexford on his then proposed visit to Ireland. The Mayor did not visit Ireland in 1963, but he, Town Clerk, understood that he was visiting Ireland during the present month, and would be in Wexford on 18th or 19th, and it was unanimously agreed that His Worship the Mayor, together with the four Aldermen should meet, when definite information was received regarding the Mayor's visit, to arrange for his formal reception.

Thomas J. Byrne

The Meeting then terminated.

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1st June, 1964.

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: Nicholas P. Corish and John O'Flaherty.

Councillors: Patrick Doran, John Bierney, John Howlin, Patrick Cullen and Edward Hall.

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

MINUTES:

On the motion of Ald. Corish seconded by Clr. Howlin, the minutes of 4th 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.

ACKNOWLEDGMENTS:

An acknowledgment was read from the family of the late Michael Broaders for the vote of condolence passed at last meeting.

REPORTS FROM BOROUGH SURVEYOR:

The following reports were submitted from the Borough Surveyor on matters raised at previous meetings -

1. The work of replacing eave gutters to Corporation property at Peter St. was in progress.
2. New electric light fittings had been fitted to the Barry Memorial Statue.
3. Arrangements were in hands to purchase suitable signs for erection as soon as possible when the Traffic Bye-laws became operative.
4. The gateway at St. Michael's Cemetery gave access to private property and was not Corporation responsibility.
5. Quotations were being sought for the supply of a suitable barrier for erection at the pedestrian crossing at Bishopswater.
6. Defective road gullies at West Gate and North Main Street were being replaced.
7. Quotations were being sought for the provision of a suitable seat at St. John's Road.
8. The re-siting of traffic signs at Summerhill was desirable and the work was scheduled for attention.

TRAFFIC SIGNS:

At a joint investigation with the Gardai at the junction of Waterloo Road/Davitt Road South, it was agreed that a "Yield Right Of Way" sign on the approach to Waterloo Road Was necessary. It was unanimously agreed that this sign should be provided.

MUNICIPAL RATE - 1964/65:

On the motion of Clr. Howlin seconded by Ald. Corish, it was unanimously agreed that a Municipal Rate of 58/6d in the £ be made on the property rateable thereto in the Borough for the service of the local financial year ending on 31st March 1965. The rate was agreed to be 58/6d in the £. The rate book containing the various items of rate was thereby sealed and signed on behalf of the Council.

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TRAFFIC BYE-LAWS:

A Letter was read from the Commissioner of the Garda Síochána under date of 22nd ultimo, intimating that he had, on that date, submitted signed copies of the Bye-laws to the Minister for Local Government, for his approval.

This letter was considered satisfactory.

CEMETERY WALKS:

With reference to minutes of 25th March, 1963, when it was decided to have the walks and avenues in St. Ibar's Cemetery reconstructed and when completed to raise a loan to cover the cost, it was now reported that this work has been carried out at a total cost of £2,800, and it was unanimously decided, on the motion of Cllr. Howlin, seconded by Ald. O'Flaherty, that the consent of the Minister for Local Government be sought to the raising of a loan of £2,800 from the Treasurer to be repaid over a period of 10 years, to finance the project.

TOURISM ORGANISATION LTD:

On the proposal of Cllr. Howlin, seconded by Ald. Corish, it was unanimously decided that Cllr. Patrick Doran be appointed to attend, on behalf of the Council, general meetings of the South-Eastern Regional Tourism Organisation Ltd.

PROVISION OF A POUND:

The Town Clerk referred to the matter of the provision of a Pound which had been under discussion from time to time over the past 20 years. He stated that in November last a representative of the Department of Justice accompanied by the County Registrar had called on him and suggested that the premises at Faythe, formerly used by the Wexford Lifestock Co. would be suitable for the purpose and asked him to negotiate either its purchase or renting. He had taken up the matter with the owner and had now received an intimation that he was prepared to let same at an annual rent of £120.

The members considered the provision of a Pound should not be the sole responsibility of the Wexford Urban Sanitary Authority as it would be largely used for the rural work, and it was decided to refer the matter to the Wexford County Council to see if joint action by both Sanitary Authorities would be possible.

DAVITT ROAD NORTH HOUSING SCHEME:

With reference to minutes of last meeting when it was decided to consider at the present meeting the naming of the 34-house scheme at Davitt Road North, it was now unanimously decided that no specific name should be given this scheme, but that the name Davitt Road North should apply and that the houses be numbered following the last number of the existing house on the Road.

WEXFORD FESTIVAL:

At the request of the Wexford Festival Council, His Worship the Mayor, Ald. O'Flaherty and Ald. Corish, were appointed to meet the Council to discuss co-operation between the two Bodies.

WATER SAFETY WEEK:

A letter was read from the Hon. Secretary, Wexford Area Water Safety Committee of the Irish Red Cross Society, intimating that the Wexford Water Safety Week would take place from 28th June, to 4th July, and that Garda J. Green would be the Instructor.

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Arising out of this complaint was made that motor cars were beginning to park on the Promenade at Ferrybank and that recently a motor cyclist had been seen riding from one end to the other.

The Borough Surveyor was asked to make arrangements to have the sand, which had built up over the winter against the entrance to the Promenade, removed to prevent cars from moving on to the Promenade to park.

PLANNING PERMISSION:

It was reported that planning permission had been granted to Mr. M. Donohoe; Corry's Villas, Wexford, for the erection of a Garage there; and to Messrs. Clover Meats Ltd, for alterations to their premises at Trinity Street.

Arising out of this, attention was called to a number of advertising hoardings which had been erected on various buildings in the town and the Town Clerk was asked to list these for revaluation if there was no means of having them removed. The Town Clerk was also asked to ascertain by next meeting if planning permission had been granted for the erection of a petrol station at Ferrybank.

Reference was also made to the premises at Carcur where old cars were being dumped and the Manager intimated that the County Council, in those jurisdiction the area, was, were doing everything possible to have the unsightly nuisance removed.

TENDERS:

The Town Clerk reported on the action taken in respect of tenders opened at last meeting and handed a number of tenders for building material to the Mayor to open and initial. These tenders were for the supply of sand and gravel, etc., and were referred to the Housing Engineer and County Manager for attention.

Arising out of the opening of tenders at a previous meeting for earth-moving work at Slippery Green Housing Scheme, a question was raised as to whether it was in the specification that the materials should be hauled away. The Town Clerk intimated that he was not familiar with the specification but that he would look it up and report to the next meeting.

HOUSE AT MAUDLINTOWN:

Clr. Howlin referred to the condition of the house of Mrs. Thomas at Maudlintown. In this case, the repairs were so extensive that they could not be carried out without the tenant temporarily vacating the dwelling and the Clr. asked that this should be arranged as soon as possible.

The Manager intimated that it was quite possible that, with the filling of the Davitt Road Houses some house might become vacant that would suit Mrs. Thomas for the time being and he would arrange to have her transferred there.

REPORT:

A report was read from the Borough Surveyor on the application of Mr. M. Reddy, for a site at St. Aidan's Crescent, on which to erect a shop. The Borough Surveyor intimated that residential service development could be permitted and recommended that the proposer be informed in reply to his inquiry that if and when the site is disposed of consideration will be given to detailed proposals for development on the lines indicated.

In this connection, the Manager intimated that he had given consideration to the question of the disposal of this site and suggested that it should be leased for a period not exceeding 31 years, as at the end of that period the leasehold rent could be reviewed in the light of the then value of the pound sterling. The proposer should be asked to agree that the reasonable rent should be.

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A similar discussion took place regarding a site at Monck Street and the Manager intimated he was also obtaining expert advice on what would be a reasonable rent for the site.

The Council intimated that they had no objection to both sites being leased to the people interested and would await the Manager's definite proposals.

MAYOR'S SALARY:

On the motion of Councillor Howlin, seconded by Alderman O'Flaherty, it was unanimously agreed that the Mayor's Salary for the year 1963/64 be fixed at £400 (four hundred pounds). u

WATER HEATERS - FIREMEN'S HOUSES:

With reference to previous discussions on the subject of the proposed provision of water heaters to Firemen's houses, the Town Clerk reported that on the basis of an estimated cost of £50 the total repayment of principal and interest over a period of 10 years would amount to £65. 15s. or 2/6d per week. In view, however, of the nature of the occupants of the houses and the fact that the fitting would be of a permanent nature the County Manager has agreed that instead of charging the Firemen an extra 2/6d per week for 10 years, a permanent increase of 1/1d per week should be made in the rents of the Firemen's houses, thus bring it up from 5/11d to 7/= each per week.

In the event of any of the fitting being fitted to houses outside the Brigade range, for Firemen who were tenants before joining the Brigade, the same charge could be made but if any of the latter acquired ownership of the dwellings the outstanding cost of the heaters would have to be discharged by them.

This suggested arrangement was unanimously approved.

JULY STATUTORY MEETING:

On the suggestion of the Town Clerk, it was decided to embody the business to be transacted at the July Statutory Meeting, in the Quarterly Meeting due to be held on Monday 29th June, 1964, and not to hold a meeting on July 6th.

FOOTPATH REINSTATEMENT:

The Town Clerk intimated that the Borough Surveyor had drawn up a Schedule of Regulations and Prices dealing with the reinstatement of footpaths which had now been accepted by the Department of Posts & Telegraphs and was recommended to the Corporation for adoption, and on the motion of His Worship the Mayor, seconded by Councillor Howlin, the proposed Regulations were unanimously approved.

RETIRING SUPT. CROTTY:

Councillor Doran referred to the forthcoming retirement of Superintendent John Crotty of the Garda Síochána, Wexford, and proposed that we place on record our appreciation of the co-operation he had afforded the Corporation during his period as Superintendent of the Garda here.

The Mayor seconded this motion which was approved by all the members and unanimously adopted.

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MISCELLANEOUS MATTERS:

The following miscellaneous matters were raised by the members:-

REPAIRS TO HOUSES AT:

Carroll's	-	Roche's Terrace;
Michael Roche	-	Emmet Place;
Sunderland	-	St. Aidan's Crescent;
James Moore	-	Hantoon Road;
Patrick Bierney	-	Whiterock View.

Complaint was made by Clr. Bierney regarding the dumping of rubbish on the Streets at Wolfe Tone Villas.

Complaint was also made regarding the habit of some Shopkeepers of placing their dustbins outside their premises on the Main Street on Saturdays to await the Monday morning collection, and the Town Clerk promised to obtain the names of the offenders from the Scavenging Staff and to warn them against this practice.

Complaint was also made regarding the condition of the footpath outside St. Michael's Boys' Club and the Borough Surveyor promised to take up this matter with the Engineer. The Borough Surveyor intimated that he would examine a defectivewall at Fisher's Row, about which members complained.

Lemas. F. Byrne

The Meeting then terminated.

29th June, 1964.

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 Thomas Byrne, in the Chair.

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

Councillors: James J. Morris, Frank Cullimore, Patrick Doran, John Howlin, Patrick Cullen, John Bierney and Edward Hall.

In Attendance: The Corporation Solicitor, Town Clerk, Borough Surveyor and Borough Accountant.

M I N U T E S:

The minutes of last 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 due to be held not earlier than 23rd June nor later than 1st July, 1965, and until his successor had been elected and made a Declaration of Acceptance of Office.

The Mayor then asked for nominations for the Office.

Alderman Corish proposed that the outgoing Mayor, Councillor Thomas Byrne, be re-elected. Councillor Bierney seconded.

Councillor Hall proposed that Alderman K. C. Morris be elected. Alderman John Cullimore seconded.

As there was no other nomination for the Office, a poll was taken when there voted for -

COUNCILLOR BYRNE: Alderman Corish.
Councillors - Byrne, Howlin, Cullen and Bierney .. 5.

ALDERMAN MORRIS: Aldermen: Morris, Flaherty, Cullimore.
Councillors: James Morris, Frank Cullimore,
P. Doran and E. Hall. .. 7.

Alderman Kevin C. Morris was thereupon declared elected Mayor for the coming year and until his successor had been appointed. Having made the Declaration of Office prescribed by the Municipal Corporations (Ireland) Act, 1840, he was invested with the Robes and Chain of Office by the outgoing Mayor, Councillor Byrne, who congratulated Alderman Morris on his election and thanked all those who had voted for him and who had supported him during his term of Office.

Alderman Morris returned thanks to all those who had supported his nomination for the Morality. Councillor Doran and all the other members congratulated Alderman Morris and paid tribute to the manner in which the outgoing Mayor, Councillor Byrne, had discharged his duties during his year as Mayor.

QUARTERLY MEETINGS:

The next business was to fix the days and hours for three Quarterly meetings of the Council to be held prior to 23rd June, 1965, and on the suggestion of the Town Clerk the following were unanimously fixed as proposed by Councillor Howlin seconded by Alderman O'Flaherty.

Monday, October 5th, 1964;

Monday, January 4th, 1965;

At the usual hours.

Monday, April 5th, 1965.

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ACKNOWLEDGMENTS:

A letter was read from Superintendent John Crotty, Garda Siochana, acknowledging the resolution adopted at last meeting on the occasion of his retirement from the Force. Mr. Crotty wished to thank the members for their good wishes and the Town Clerk for his personal wishes for his future.

EMIGRANTS' DAY:

A letter was read from the Rev. B. French, O.S.C., St. Mary of the Angels, Moorhouse Road, Bayswater, London, inviting the Corporation to attend the 12-0. o'clock mass at the Church of the Immaculate Conception, Rowe Street, on Sunday, August 9th, which Mass would be part of Emigrants' Day in Wexford. It was also intended to hold a dance that evening in the Parish Hall to which he invited the members.

It was unanimously decided, on the motion of Councillor Howlin, seconded by Councillor James Morris, that the Corporation should attend the Mass.

SOLDIER'S DAY:

A letter was read from the Hon. Secretary, O.N.E., requesting the attendance of the Corporation at the 11 o'clock Mass in the Franciscan Church on Sunday 12th July, 1964, which would be offered for the deceased members of the Defence forces and for all those who gave their lives for Irish Freedom.

On the motion of Councillor Byrne, seconded by Alderman O'Flaherty, it was also unanimously agreed to attend this Mass.

EARTH-MOVING CONTRACT:

With reference to Minutes of last meeting when Alderman O'Flaherty raised the question of the Specification for the earth-moving contract in connection with the 126-house scheme at Slippery Green, the Town Clerk now intimated that he had examined the Specification issued to all Contractors and quoted from it as follows:

"The work consists of removing fences, trees, etc., clearing sites, excavating, grubbing all roots and butts of trees. The fences to be levelled and all surplus soil, etc., carted to the bottom of site and levelled off. This soil to be used to cover the bushes, briars, etc., removed from the fences. The fences which are to be removed will be pointed out by the Housing Engineer".

Alderman O'Flaherty also asked if it was a condition of the contract that Trade Union Labour be employed. The Town Clerk further read from the Specification as follows :-

"The contractor throughout the execution of the work shall employ local Trade Union Labour as far as possible and shall pay rates of wages and observe conditions of labour at least as advantageous to the persons employed in such execution as the appropriate rates of wages and conditions of labour generally recognised by Trade Unions in the district at the commencement of the work on the Contract. All men employed must be members of a recognised Trade Union".

From the foregoing quotations it was seen that every person who applied for this Specification should have been aware that it was not necessary to remove any of the soil from the Site.

LOAN FOR SLIPPERY GREEN HOUSING SCHEME:

On the motion of Councillor Byrne, seconded by Councillor Howlin, it was unanimously agreed to request the sanction of the Minister for Local Government to the raising of a loan of £261,000 from the local Loans Fund to finance the erection of 126 houses at Slippery Green, and undertake that the instalments in repayment of the loan, as proposed, as well as of any existing loan, will be punctually remitted at the dates which they become due, viz; 1st May and 1st November in each year.

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Arising out of the foregoing Alderman O'Flaherty referred to confusion at the South end of Town arising from a sign at the junction of Maudlintown/William Street directing traffic to the Town Centre via The Faythe. It appeared that when such traffic approached the V at the Folly they usually went left and strangers found themselves at the Cul-de-Sac at Mulgannon.

The Borough Surveyor promised to look into this matter and make the necessary alterations, although it was pointed out that in a short time when the new traffic regulations came into force traffic could not get to the Main Street from the South end, and consequently it might be necessary to divert all the traffic via William Street.

TOWN PLANNING:

It was reported that planning permission had been granted for the erection of a Bungalow at Coolcotts for Mr. O'Sullivan, Common Quay Street; for the reconstruction of No. 25, School Street for Mr. P. Dempsey; and for alterations to the Talbot Garage, Crescent Quay, for Messrs. J. J. Stafford & Sons, Wexford.

These three proposals were unanimously approved.

Arising out of this matter the Town Clerk referred to the question raised at last meeting by Alderman O'Flaherty regarding the erection of a petrol filling station at Ferrybank and intimated that in 1960 planning approval had been granted to Irish Shell Ltd., for the erection of such a station at Ferrybank. He understood that the site had since been sold to another firm and the planning permission in general stood, but was subject to detailed plans being submitted for the actual building.

HOUSING FOREMAN'S DIFFERENTIAL:

A recommendation from the Wexford County Manager that the differential of William Bolger, foreman with the Corporation Direct Labour Unit, be increased to 1/4d per hour was unanimously approved on the motion of Councillor Howlin, seconded by Alderman Corish.

HEATERS FOR FIREMEN'S HOUSES:

Councillor Howlin raised the question of heaters for Firemen's houses and the Borough Surveyor promised to have a report on the matter at next meeting.

COOKERS FOR HOUSING SCHEMES:

It was reported to the meeting that in February last the Gas Co. had intimated that on completion of the 24-house scheme at Davitt Road North their price for Gas Cookers would have to be increased by 12½%. This meant that future Gas Cookers would cost the Corporation £28 2s 6d each. It was also intimated that in connection with the 126-house scheme at Slippery Green it would be necessary to have the E.S.B. high tension main which crossed the site placed underground and to have the usual low tension network erected to supply the houses.

In order to do this the Board had asked for a contribution of £2,882 from the Corporation - which was the equivalent of £23 per house.

The Board also intimated that if the Corporation were prepared to install electric cookers at a cost of £25 each, they would be prepared to alter the network free of charge provided a site was given to the Board for the necessary substation.

Following an informal discussion with the members some time ago, the Town Clerk intimated that negotiations had been opened with the E.S.B. on this matter and they had now agreed that if 50% of the houses were fitted with electric cookers they would be prepared to divert the high tension line from the side to make electricity available to houses, free of charge, provided the Council would make a site available for the necessary sub-station.

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OVERDRAFT:

On the motion of Alderman Corish seconded by Councillor James Morris, overdraft accommodation on the Revenue Account in the sum of £40,000 and on the Capital Account in the sum of £35,000 was approved for the Quarter ending 30th September, 1964.

TENANT PURCHASE AND SALE OF HOUSES:

Arising out of the above resolution Councillor Hall asked if any of the houses would be for tenant purchase and the Town Clerk replied 'No'.

HOUSING (LOANS & GRANTS) ACT, 1962:

The Town Clerk reported to the meeting that the Minister for Local Government by order, had brought into force Section 11 of the Housing (Loans and Grants) Act, 1962, and had made regulations thereunder entitled The Housing Authorities (Loans for Acquisition or Reconstruction of Houses) Regulations, 1964.

The effect of these Regulations was that no further loans could be made for the erection or acquisition of houses under the old Small Dwellings Acquisition Acts and all future loans would be made under the Loans and Grants, 1962, as well as the regulations above quoted. The main effect of the new Regulations was that loans up to £2,250 or 95% of the value of the property could be made by the Corporation and loans up to 99% of the value could be made to persons who would surrender the tenancy of a local authority house.

On the motion of Councillor Howlin, seconded by Councillor Byrne, it was unanimously decided to give effect to the Regulations in the Borough of Wexford.

ASSOCIATION OF MUNICIPAL AUTHORITIES:

A letter was read from the Secretary, Association of Municipal Authorities of Ireland, enquiring if the Council wished to have any motion placed on the Agenda for the Annual Conference to be held in Bundoran on 22nd, 23rd and 24th September next. It was decided to refer this letter to the August meeting, but in the meantime, if any member had any motion he wished to have raised at the Conference he should forward same to the Town Clerk.

SPEED LIMIT SIGNS:

A letter was read from the County Secretary, intimating that the following amendments to existing speed limits in the County had been adopted by the County Council. Formal approval of the Council to the amendments was required for submission to the Department.

1. Introduction of 30 p.m.h. speed limits in Rosslare Strand, Taghmon, Kilmore, Kilmore Quay and Castlebridge.
2. The existing signs at Campile to be moved to new location to cover the housing scheme there.
3. Signs on the sough side of the village referred to be moved nearer the village.
4. Signs on the Gorey Road leading to Courtown, Riverchapel, Ardamine, to be moved nearer to Courtown.
5. Signs on the Ballycanew/Gorey Road to be moved nearer to Gorey.
6. Signs on the Wexford and Ballymurrin Roads to be moved nearer to the village of Oylegate.

On the motion of Councillor Byrne, seconded by Alderman Corish, approval was given to the proposed alterations of the signs.

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The present position was that, to proceed with the Scheme the E.S.B. network would have to be altered. The price of gas cookers was £25 plus 12% which had since been altered to 7% making the price of the cookers £27 each.

Having considered this matter at length, the meeting unanimously agreed, on the motion of Councillor Byrne, seconded by Alderman Corish, that the suggestion to provide one half electric and one half gas cookers in the 126 houses be approved. However, it was also agreed that unless the Gas Co. was prepared to compete on equal terms for the supply of Gas Cookers with the E.S.B. a further consideration would have to be given to putting electric cookers in all the houses.

The meeting then terminated.

R. b. Morris
10/8/64

6th July, 1964.

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, Alderman Kevin C. Morris, in the Chair.

Aldermen: N.P. Corish and J. Cullimore.

Councillors: J. Bierney, T. Byrne, P. Doran, J. Howlin,
J. J. Morris.

In Attendance: Borough Surveyor and Acting Town Clerk.

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

On the motion of His Worship the Mayor, seconded by Councillor T. Byrne, with Councillor Frank Cullimore and the other members of the family, on the death of his sister, Miss May Cullimore.

On the motion of His Worship the Mayor, seconded by Councillor T. Byrne, with Venerable Archdeacon Codd, P.P., Ferns and the Clergy of the Diocese on the death of the Vicar Capitular, Right Rev. Monsignor James Browne, D.D., P.P., New Ross and with the deceased's sister, Miss C. M. Browne, Arklow.

On the motion of His Worship the Mayor seconded by Councillor T. Byrne with Mr. H. F. Doyle and his family on the death of Mr. Mark McDonald.

All the members present associated themselves with the votes as did the Borough Surveyor and Acting Town Clerk on behalf of the County Manager and other members of the staff.

On the proposal of His Worship the Mayor, the meeting then adjourned as a mark of respect.

4th August, 1964.

A special meeting of the Council was held this day, pursuant to the Mayor's requisition, in the Council Chamber, Municipal Buildings, at half past eight o'clock p.m. The members present being -

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

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

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

In Attendance: Town Clerk and Borough Surveyor.

The meeting had been convened to place on record the sympathy of the Corporation with the Diocesan Chapter on the death of the Very Rev. John Canon Sinnott, P.P., Blackwater and with Councillor James J. Morris on the death of his brother.

At the commencement of the meeting His Worship the Mayor moved that the sympathy of the Corporation be extended to the Vicar Capitular and the Chapter of the Diocese of Ferns on the death of Very Rev. John Canon Sinnott, P.P., Blackwater. For over thirty years of his Priestly career he had served the town of Wexford. Canon Sinnott even after leaving Wexford still retained his great interest in the welfare of the town and its people.

The Mayor also moved that the sympathy of the Corporation be extended to Councillor James Morris on the sudden death of his brother, Patrick.

Councillor Byrne seconded both motions and all the members present associated themselves with the sympathetic remarks of the proposer and seconder.

On behalf of the County Manager and on his own behalf and that of the staff, the Town Clerk also associated himself with the votes of sympathy, as did the Borough Surveyor.

The two votes of sympathy were adopted in respectful silence and His Worship the Mayor then adjourned the meeting without transacting any further business.

James J. Morris
10/8/64

10th August, 1964.

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, Alderman Kevin C. Morris, in the Chair.

Aldermen: Nicholas P. Corish and John Cullimore.

Councillors: Thomas Byrne, John Bierney, Edward Hall, Patrick Doran and James J. Morris.

In Attendance; County Manager, Borough Surveyor and Town Clerk.

M I N U T E S:

On the motion of Councillor Byrne, seconded by Alderman Corish, the minutes of meetings of 1st and 29th June, 16th July and 4th August, copies of which had been circulated with the Agenda for the present meeting, were taken as having been read, approved and signed by the Mayor.

ACKNOWLEDGMENTS:

Acknowledgments were read from -

The Venerable Dean Codd, Vicar Capitular, thanking the Corporation for the votes of sympathy passed with the Chapter of the Diocese of Ferns on the deaths of Very Rev. Monsignor Browne and Very Rev. John Canon Sinnott, P.P., Blackwater. Letters were also read from the relatives of the late Miss May Cullimore; and from Councillor James J. Morris, acknowledging votes of sympathy passed with them.

INSURANCE - HARBOUR COMMISSIONERS:

With reference to minutes of 23rd March last when it was decided to assist the Harbour Commissioners to the extent of keeping their Insurance Premiums paid on their property until such times as they were in a position to meet this liability themselves, the following resolution was now adopted:

Proposed by Councillor Thomas F. Byrne, and

Seconded by Alderman Nicholas P. Corish, and unanimously resolved -

"That this Corporation agree to make an annual free grant to Wexford Harbour Commissioners of such sum (not exceeding one hundred pounds) to enable the Commissioners to keep their property covered by Insurance until such time as, in the opinion of the Corporation, the Commissioners are in a position to meet this liability, themselves".

The above resolution was adopted in pursuance of Section 7(1)(a) of the Harbour's Act, 1947, and will need to be submitted for confirmation by the Corporation after the expiration of sixty days from this date.

WEXFORD FESTIVAL & GUINNESS CLOCK:

An application was read from the Wexford Festival Committee making formal application for the consent of the Corporation to the erection of the Guinness Festival clock in the Bull-ring during the 1964 Festival.

Arising out of this application the Town Clerk intimated that the Business Manager of the Festival had discussed this matter on the site with the Borough Surveyor and himself, and the Borough Surveyor now submitted a report that no objection be raised to the temporary siting of the Festival Clock on the public footpath to the south side of the Bull-ring immediately west of the telephone kiosk; and on the motion of Councillor Byrne, seconded by Alderman Corish, the necessary permission was unanimously granted.

Arising out of this matter Councillor Byrne further proposed that "This Corporation place on record our sincere appreciation of the assistance given by Messrs. Arthur Guinness, Son & Co., Ltd., to the Wexford Festival".

This motion was seconded by Alderman Corish and unanimously adopted.

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It was further agreed that the Gardai should be requested to prohibit, if possible, the parking of vehicles between the Monument and the Clock during the Festival Week.

The Town Clerk referred to the decision some time ago to consult with the Festival Committee as to how best the Corporation could help their efforts when they appointed His Worship the Mayor, Aldermen Corish and O'Flaherty to meet some members of the Committee.

Under circumstances beyond his control Alderman O'Flaherty was unable to attend the meeting but His Worship the Mayor, Alderman Corish and Town Clerk did meet the representatives of the Committee. During the discussion which followed, it was pointed out to the Committee that the only way in which the Corporation could possibly assist the Festival was in the matter of Town Decoration. Up to the present, the Corporation had given a certain amount of assistance in the matter of special lighting.

The Festival Committee proposed a more elaborate system of lighting for the coming Festival and the Town Clerk informed the Corporation that he had asked for details of this when he would be in a position to estimate the cost and report further to the Council. It was agreed, however, that the Town Clerk could negotiate with the lighting committee of the Festival for work up to approximately £150.

ASSOCIATION OF MUNICIPAL AUTHORITIES:

With reference to minutes of last meeting when it was decided to adjourn to present meeting the question of motions for discussion at the Conference of Association of Municipal Authorities of Ireland and it was now decided to ask the Secretary of the Association to put on the Agenda for discussion the question of a contribution by Insurance Companies to the maintenance of Fire Brigades, if such a motion was not already on the Agenda.

URBAN ROAD IMPROVEMENT GRANTS 1964/65:

The following proposals submitted by the Borough Surveyor were unanimously approved on the motion of Councillor Byrne, seconded by Councillor Doran.

1. Resurfacing of St. John's Road from Davitt Road North to St. John's Drive.	..	£465.
2. Resurfacing of Emmet Place.	..	150.
3. Resurfacing of Oyster Lane.	..	300.
4. Resurfacing of Gibson Street.	..	245.
5. Surface dressing and sealing St. Patrick's Square, Grogan's Road, Allen Street, St. John's Road, John Street and Davitt Road North.	..	270.
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		£1,430

It was reported to the meeting that the 1963/64 programme had to be amended by deferring the work at Oyster Lane and Gibson Street and substituting therefor the surfacing of St. John's Road from John Street to Davitt Road.

Arising out of the above the Borough Surveyor was asked to examine the possibility of resurfacing Trinity Place and Sea View Avenue.

ROAD SIGNS:

With reference to previous discussions on the subject of Traffic and other signs in the Borough, the following report, a copy of which had been circulated with the Agenda for the meeting, was submitted by the Borough Surveyor.

SIGNPOSTING - Borough Area and Environs:

In compliance with previous references and requests from the Borough Council, a detailed survey of existing signposting has been carried out in conjunction with representatives of Bord Failte.

I submit the following for the Council's consideration -

1. Provision of new Advance Direction Indicator on the approach to Wygram indicating Town Centre, Rosslare (left). This new sign will be complementary to the existing finger post signs at junction Hill Street/John Street and junction Spawell Road/Hill Street.
2. Provision of new Advance Direction Indicator at the Monument at Wygram indicating Waterford Bear Right. This sign will complement the existing A.D. Indicators within the Borough and also the finger sign at the junction Hill Street/John's Road.
3. Replacement of existing A.A. swinging type sign at Redmond Place by A.D.I. sign indicating as at present, Dublin, Waterford (straight ahead), but with the additional plate indicating Town Centre (left) which complements the existing "Town Centre" sign at junction Selskar Street/Slaney Street.
4. Provision of an additional plate to existing A.D.I. facing Wexford Bridge indicating Town Centre (right).
5. Provision of two finger post signs indicating Town Centre at junction Anne Street/The Quay; Common Quay Street/The Quay.
6. Provision of two finger post signs indicating Car Park at -
 - (a) junction North Main Street/Cornmarket;
 - (b) junction Well Lane/Selskar Street.

These signs are considered desirable to intimate that car parking facilities are available on complying with the Town Centre signs existing at Selskar Street/Slaney Street and proposed at Common Quay Street/The Quay.
7. Provision of Car park sign indicating the Off-Street park at Mallon Street.
8. Provision of finger post sign indicating "Toilets" at junction Well Lane/Selskar Street.
9. Repositioning of plates on the existing A.D.I. at Faythe/William Street to indicate Town Centre, Dublin, Waterford (bear right).
10. Representations have also been made to have the Borough Coat of Arms imposed on existing "Town Signs" at the approach to the Borough. In relation to "Town and Village Signs" generally the relevant authorities are at the moment considering and investigating a remodelling of the existing type and I recommend deference of this matter until such proposals are clarified.

The above signs will be compatible with the proposed Traffic Regulations in the Borough. The signs will be supplied by An Bord Failte. The erection will be at the local Authority's expense which is estimated at £15.

The Wexford County Council maintains the locations listed other than 6, 7 and 8 above. I recommend that County Council make a contribution of £10 towards the cost of erection of the signs by the Corporation on their behalf, subject to the County Engineer's comments and approval of the above scheme."

On the motion of Councillor Byrne, seconded by Alderman Corish this report was unanimously adopted.

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The Town Clerk at this stage read a letter from the North End Development Association, in which they requested the erection of certain signs at various parts of the Town. A number of these were covered by the requests of the members from time to time and dealt with in the above report.

The Association, however, had asked for erection of signs at the end of Bride Street indicating the Church of the Assumption, and Rowe Street indicating the Franciscan Church and the Church of the Immaculate Conception. The officials pointed out that they did not consider such signs either necessary or desirable and if there was one outstanding feature in the town it was the spires of the churches. These could be seen quite easily without any direction signs. The members then agreed that such signs were not necessary. The Association also asked to have the Borough Coat of Arms provided on all approach signs to the Town but this suggestion was also not considered desirable. A further request from the Association for additional public lights at the junction of George Street/Selskar; Tripper's Lane East, Centre of Anne Street and the Bull-ring, was read and the Town Clerk intimated that the question of public lighting was still under consideration and further reports would be submitted to the Council, in due course.

TRAFFIC LINES:

The Borough Surveyor was asked to discuss with the County Engineer the provision of traffic lines at Redmond Road leading to the Quay.

The question of Traffic Bye-laws was again raised and the Town Clerk was asked to ascertain if, and when, they were likely to be signed by the Minister for Local Government and put into operation.

WATER HEATERS FOR FIREBRIGADE HOUSES:

The Borough Surveyor reported that the cost of providing hot water installation in the Fire Brigade houses at Davitt Road North would amount to £35 per house.

In reply to a query the Town Clerk intimated that it was not the intention to charge the members of the Fire Brigade the full repayment cost over a short period but it was suggested that instead of this that the basic rent be increased from 5/11d to 7/= per house. It was decided that the Town Clerk should convey this information to the members of the Fire Brigade and ask them if they were willing to pay the extra rent.

Arising out of this the Town Clerk was asked to request the Chief Fire Officer to expedite the arrears of payment due to the members of the Brigade as well as the provision of protective clothing.

CARPENTERS AND JOINERY:

Councillor Byrne asked if a letter had been received in May from the Carpenters' Society which still remained unanswered. The Town Clerk replied that he had no recollection of receiving any letter from the Carpenters' Society within the last few months, but he would look the matter up.

SCAVENGING AT WEEKENDS:

Complaint was made regarding the condition of some of the Streets at the week-ends due to the operation of five-day week by the Scavenging Staff and the Manager suggested that the Corporation might examine before the next Estimates meeting, the entire question of the sufficiency or otherwise of the Scavenging Staff.

Alderman Cullimore asked if it would be possible to have the dustbin service restored in Hill Street on Wedensdays and the members did not seem to consider this favourable.

In reply to a query the Borough Surveyor intimated that a crash barrier was on order for Bishopswater Housing Scheme.

James B. Morris

The meeting then terminated:

7th September, 1964.

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, Alderman Kevin C. Morris, in the Chair.

Aldermen: John Cullimore and John O'Flaherty.

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

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

M I N U T E S:

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.

Before the business of the meeting commenced His Worship the Mayor referred to the illness of Alderman Corish and proposed a resolution expressing the wishes of the Corporation for his speedy recovery. Councillor Byrne seconded the proposal which was supported by all the members present, by the Deputy County Manager, Borough Surveyor and Town Clerk and adopted unanimously.

ACKNOWLEDGMENTS:

A letter was read from Messrs. Arthur Guinness, Son & Co. Ltd., Dublin, acknowledging the resolution adopted on the 10th ultimo recording the appreciation of the Council for the assistance given by the Company to the Wexford Festival.

TRAFFIC BYE-LAWS:

With reference to minutes of last meeting Town Clerk intimated that as directed he had got in touch with the Commissioner of the Garda Siochana and the Department of Local Government regarding the Traffic Bye-laws. The Bye-laws had been signed by the Minister for Local Government on the 24th ultimo and the present position, as far as he (Town Clerk) knew was, that the Bye-laws were being printed and would be put in operation by the Commissioner as soon as the necessary signs were erected.

In this connection the Borough Surveyor intimated that the signs should be ready by the 15th October and it was decided to request the Commissioner to state whether or not he would be in a position to put the Bye-laws into operation on that date.

The members also returned thanks to the traders of the Town who had co-operated with the Borough Surveyor in permitting the erection of traffic signs on the walls of their premises thus avoiding the erection of poles on the footpaths.

Arising out of this matter the Town Clerk read a letter from Mr. John Sullivan, Mr. Cyril Kerby, Mr. P.J. O'Connor, Mr. J. Jenkins and Mr. J. Ffrench, all traders whose Premises were situated between Rowe Street and Bull-ring.

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They drew attention to the fact that it was in the public interest to have parking everyday outside St. Iberius Church, thus relieving parking on the business side of the Street, as there was no footpath outside the Church.

In this connection, it was pointed out that any amendment to the Bye-laws at this stage would require a complete re-enacting of all the legal formalities essential to making the Code of Bye-laws and this would cause a considerable delay.

In the circumstances, it was decided to take no action, at present, on the letter from the Traders but to inform them that the situation in so far as it related to the curtilage of St. Iberius Church, would be kept under observation during the first year or so of the operation of the Bye-laws and if the circumstances warranted a change, an early opportunity would be sought to effect such.

REDMOND MEMORIAL 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 in the current financial year towards the maintenance of the Redmond Memorial Park as an amenity for the Town of Wexford. On the motion of Councillor Byrne, seconded by Alderman O'Flaherty it was unanimously decided to pay the grant of £300, Alderman O'Flaherty intimating that, as a member of the Committee, he was quite satisfied the money was being well expended.

TIDY TOWNS COMPETITION:

A Report of the Tidy Towns Competition conducted by Bord Failte during the current year was next submitted. A copy of this report had been circulated with the Agenda for the Meeting and the members took strong objection to the method of adjudication. It was pointed out that, in five of the twelve paragraphs of the Adjudicators' remarks reference was made to areas outside the jurisdiction of the Borough Council and members felt there was no use in entering future competitions if the Town was to be judged on the appearance of areas outside the boundaries and under the jurisdiction of another authority. It was decided to write to Bord Failte on these lines.

COMMODORE BARRY COMMEMORATION:

Arising from a letter from the County Wexfordmen's Association, New York, it was decided unanimously to hold the Commodore Barry Commemoration on Sunday, September 20th and to request the Minister for Defence to be so good as to lay the Commemoration Wreath. It was also decided that if an American ship was in the area at that time to try and have it sent to Rosslare Harbour during the week-end that the Anniversary was being held.

BUILDING PLOT AT ST. AIDAN'S CRESCENT:

A recommendation was received from the Wexford County Manager that a plot of ground at St. Aidan's Crescent be leased to Mr. Michael Reddy for the erection of a lock-up shop for a period of thirty-one years at an annual rent of £10.

The Town Clerk pointed out that this matter had been discussed some time ago by the Council and it had been agreed in principal to grant the plot subject to the rent being negotiated. They were now advised that a rent of £10 per annum would be a fair rent on the basis of a thirty-one year's lease and on the motion of Councillor Byrne, seconded by Councillor Doran, it was unanimously decided to grant a lease to Mr. Reddy for a period of thirty-one years at a rent of £10 per annum.

UNREGISTERED GUEST HOUSES:

His Worship the Mayor moved that "in the interest of Tourist Traffic Bord Failte Eireann be requested to take steps to control unregistered guest houses; and that this be brought to the attention of the Annual Conference of the Association of Municipal Authorities".

In moving the motion the Mayor referred to the bad impression the Town was receiving due to operation of a few guest houses that were not suitable for the purpose.

Councillor Byrne seconded the motion but Alderman O'Flaherty strongly objected on the grounds that if the motion were carried out it would mean an inspection of all the houses in town where Bed & Breakfast was being provided for Tourists and this would keep a lot of people from carrying on this business.

Eventually it was decided to defer the matter and to convene a meeting of Corporation and Tourist Development Council of the Chamber of Commerce with a view to considering the matter further.

WALL AT BULL-RING:

The Town Clerk referred to a decision some considerable time ago that in the event of reconstruction of their premises, Messrs. Traynor's Ltd., be permitted to demolish the existing wall in Bull-ring. Plans for the reconstruction of Messrs. Traynor's shop had now been submitted and planning permission given for the new premises. However, the erection of the new premises would involve the demolition of the existing wall and Messrs. Traynor's now made formal application for such permission.

On the motion of the Mayor, seconded by Councillor Howlin it was unanimously agreed to grant the permission sought.

PLANNING PERMISSIONS:

It was reported that planning permission had been granted for the alterations to No. 5, Green Street for Mr. James Jordan; and for the reconstruction of Messrs. Traynor's Premises, Bull-Ring. On the motion of His Worship the Mayor, seconded by Councillor Howlin, these permissions were also approved.

EMPLOYMENT & EMERGENCY SCHEMES VOTE 1964/65:

The Town Clerk reported to the meeting that the allocation for the current year from the Employment & Emergency Schemes Vote 1964/65 was £3,500, which, with local contribution of £500 would make £4,000 available for the works. He also submitted the proposals of the Borough Surveyor, which were as follows:-

1. Renewal of concrete footpaths and defective concrete road ways at Maudlintown;
2. Tarmacadam inset on the western side of Spawell Road from St. John of God Novitiate to the western boundary;
3. Tarmacadam surface to existing kerbline on Mulgannon Road;
4. Development of open spaces, Wygram;
5. Provision of kerb on St. John's Drive, West side;
6. Resurfacing portion of Trinity Place.

The members considered all these Schemes were necessary and on the motion of Councillor Byrne, seconded by Alderman O'Flaherty, the suggestions of the Borough Surveyor were unanimously approved.

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LETTING OF HOUSE:

Councillor Byrne asked if a house had been let during the past fortnight to a person whose name was not on the Corporation List. The Town Clerk intimated that he could not answer this question unless he was informed of the name of the person, but he could assure the Councillor that as far as he was aware no person had been allocated one of the new houses who was not on the List approved by the Corporation, some months ago.

FIRE BRIGADE:

With reference to the question of the provision of water heaters for Fire Brigade houses, Councillor Howlin gave notice of motion that he would move at next meeting that the heaters be provided by the Corporation, free of charge, to the members of the Brigade.

A question was also raised regarding the payment of arrears of pay to the members of the Fire Brigade and the provision of Protective Clothing, and the Town Clerk intimated that he discussed that matter with Deputy County Manager during the day and they were meeting the Chief Fire Officer during the week when these matters would be settled.

A question was also raised regarding the vacant fire brigade house.

VANDALISM:

Councillor Byrne referred to vandalism in St. Michael's Church Yard and it was decided to refer this matter to the Garda Síochána.

KEYSER'S LANE:

Councillor Hall asked if it was intended to leave Keyser's Lane as it was at present but he was informed that the work there was not yet completed and that the intention was to acquire two houses at the corner and then to clean up the whole place.

GULLY COMPLAINT:

A complaint was made that there was a defective Gully in Peter Street which the workmen were unable to open.

FERRYBANK DEVELOPMENT:

Alderman O'Flaherty asked what the position was regarding the Ferrybank Development and he was informed that all the queries raised by the Borough Surveyor and the County Council Staff had been forwarded to the Architect for his attention.

GAS COOKERS:

Alderman O'Flaherty asked what was the position regarding a person who wished to remove the Gas Cooker from his house and provide other form of cooking. The Town Clerk replied that they could not undertake to store a number of cookers as they had not got the accommodation nor the means of keeping them in good conditions.

PARADISE ROW:

Alderman Cullimore referred to the condition of Paradise Row and asked the Borough Surveyor to have it cleaned up.

APPRECIATION:

Alderman O'Flaherty intimated that he had received a number of messages of appreciation of the work done by the Corporation in resurfacing Ellen Street.

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DISPUTE - HOUSING ENGINEER AND TRADESMEN:

A file of correspondence between the Corporation Officials and the Masons' Union was read regarding a dispute between the Housing Engineer and the Tradesmen about the method of building the walls and at the request of Councillor Howlin no discussion took place on this correspondence as he hoped to be able to arrange a conference with the Union and Corporation Officials during the week.

The meeting then terminated.

Henry B. Morris,

5th October, 1964.

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

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

Aldermen: John Cullimore and John O'Flaherty.

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

In Attendance: Deputy County Manager, Mr. James Gallagher; Borough Surveyor, Borough Accountant and Town Clerk.

MINUTES:

On the motion of Councillor Byrne, seconded by Alderman O'Flaherty, the Minutes of Meeting of 7th 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.

ACKNOWLEDGMENTS:

A letter was read from Alderman Nicholas P. Corish conveying his sincere thanks to the Mayor, the Members of the Corporation and Officials, for their kind messages wishing him a speedy recovery from his illness.

ROAD SAFETY:

A lengthy letter was read from the Minister for Local Government addressed to the Mayor, intimating that he proposed to hold a Road Safety symposium on the 9th, 10th and 11th December, 1964.

It was decided to publish this letter and to arrange for a discussion at the next meeting of the Council.

VOCATIONAL EDUCATION COMMITTEE:

A letter was read from the Chief Executive Officer, Town of Wexford Vocational Education Committee, intimating that the Rev. Bro. A.B. Kelleher, former Superior of Christian Brothers Schools had resigned from the Committee on his transfer to County Clare. The Committee, at their last meeting, requested the Corporation to fill the vacancy at the next Statutory Meeting.

On the motion of Councillor Byrne, seconded by Councillor Doran, it was unanimously agreed that Rev. Brother Murphy, the new Superior, be appointed to fill the vacancy.

TRAFFIC BYE-LAWS:

With reference to Minutes of last Meeting the Town Clerk intimated that he had informed the Commissioner of the Garda Síochána that all signs required under the Bye-laws would be in position before the 15th October, 1964, so that the Code could be brought into operation on that day. He had been informed by the Commissioner that it was proposed to bring the Code into operation on the 15th instant.

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He had, however, received a letter this day from the Wexford Festival Committee intimating that they had been informed that the new Traffic Bye-Laws for the Town would come into operation on the 15th instant. While the Committee had no wish to appear as interfering in the business of the Corporation they respectfully suggested that the Council might consider the advisability of postponing the operation of the Bye-Laws until after the Festival, say Monday 2nd November. The reasons for their request were -

1. The Bye-laws would only be in operation for a week when the Festival commenced and it was felt that even motorists in the Town and surrounding Districts would hardly have become used to such a drastic change as one-way Traffic on the main Street.
2. The Festival would open on Saturday 24th instant with a display of Fire Works, a parade of Bands and the first of the Operas. As it was expected that a large concourse of people would wish to witness the opening, many of whom would be afterwards proceeding to the Theatre Royal, it was felt that if one-way Traffic were in operation, that confusion would inevitably arise.

After some discussion it was agreed, on the motion of Councillor James Morris, seconded by Councillor Frank Cullimore, that the operation of the Bye-laws be postponed until the 2nd November, immediately after the Festival.

MAYOR'S SALARY:

On the proposal of Councillor Byrne, seconded by Alderman O'Flaherty, it was unanimously agreed that the Salary of the Mayor, for the Quarter ended 30th September, 1964, be increased to £70.

WATER HEATERS FOR FIREMEN'S HOUSES:

In accordance with notice given, Councillor Howlin moved that Water Heaters be provided in the 12 houses occupied by the members of the Fire Brigade without any charge to the members. This motion was seconded by Councillor Byrne, supported by all the members and unanimously adopted.

Arising out of this matter the Town Clerk pointed out that four of the members of the Fire Brigade were housed in dwellings which were not really attached to the Brigade as such and these houses could be purchased by the tenants.

He (Town Clerk) wanted to know if any of these members of the Fire Brigade decided to purchase their houses, would a charge then be made for the Heaters. So it was agreed that the Town Clerk examine this question and submit a proposal to the next meeting of the Council.

EXTRA MEMBER FOR FIRE BRIGADE:

On the motion of Councillor Byrne, seconded by Alderman O'Flaherty it was unanimously agreed to authorise the employment of an extra member on the Fire Brigade.

TIDY TOWNS COMPETITION:

With reference to Minutes of last meeting when complaint was made regarding the method of adjudicating the Tidy Town Competition, a letter was read from Bord Failte intimating that in every Town and Village the area judged was that lying within the name-plate indicators. This area had been selected because a visitor coming to the centre for the first time would regard everything seen inside the town-plate as being a part of the Town. In the competition they were, of course, concerned with the work carried out by the local Authorities but they were also concerned with the efforts of the towns people, generally, both as individuals and as a community.

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The members considered this reply most unsatisfactory and pointed out that name-plates could be some distance from a town - as a matter of fact when one left Oylegate there was a name-plate indicating that the next town was Wexford.

No further action was taken in the matter.

WATER SUPPLY TO COUNTY COUNCIL:

A request from the Wexford County Council that water be made available from Coolree Reservoir for the proposed Barntown Regional Scheme was adjourned pending further consideration of the proposal by the Borough Surveyor after consultations with the Consulting Engineer.

TOWN PLANNING PERMISSIONS:

Orders made by the County Manager granting planning permission for the reconstruction of No. 28, Upper John Street for Mr. James Lacey, Wygram, and for alterations to premises at South Main Street, for Mr. J. Pettit, were submitted. These were approved on the motion of Councillor Howlin, seconded by Councillor Byrne.

FIVE-DAY WEEK:

The Town Clerk intimated that agreement had been reached between the County Manager and the Local Government Officials Union regarding the application of a five-day week for Local Government Officials in the County. The operation of the five-day week would result in certain adjustments in the hours of attendance, and on the motion of Councillor Byrne, seconded by Alderman O'Flaherty, the operation of the five-day week for the Wexford Corporation Staff was unanimously approved.

TENDERS:

Tenders for Water Mains for 126 houses at Slippery Green were opened and referred to the Housing Engineer and the County Manager for decision.

DEFECTIVE SEWERAGE FRANCIS ST./DUKE STREET:

A lengthy discussion took place on a defective drain from a house at Francis Street to the main at Duke Street, at the end of which it was agreed on the motion of Councillor Byrne seconded by Alderman O'Flaherty that the matter be adjourned pending an examination by the Borough Surveyor.

HOUSE AT KEYSER'S LANE:

In reply to a Query by Councillor Doran, the Town Clerk intimated that he was, at the moment, negotiating for the acquisition of two houses at the junction High Street/Keyser's Lane. As soon as they were acquired steps would be taken to rehouse the existing tenants and to have the dwellings demolished.

RAT INFESTATION AT THOMAS CLARKE ST./FRANCIS ST.:

Alderman O'Flaherty complained of Rat Infestation at Francis Street which, he alleged, was coming from the derelict houses at Thomas Clarke Street and it was decided to refer the matter to the Chief Medical Officer for investigation.

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OVERDRAFT:

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 £20,000, was approved for the Quarter ending 31st December, 1964.

ROAD SURFACE - CLIFFORD STREET:

The Mayor referred to the Road Surface at Clifford Street/Roche's Road and asked the Borough Surveyor to examine same.

OYSTER LANE:

In reply to a query by Councillor Hall, he was informed that the resurfacing of Oyster Lane was, at present, before the Local Government Department as part of the Road Improvement Scheme.

The Meeting then terminated.

.....*Trevin L. Morris.*.....

2nd November, 1964.

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, Alderman Kevin C. Morris, in the Chair.

Aldermen: John O'Flaherty and John Cullimore.

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

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

M I N U T E S:

On the motion of Councillor Byrne, seconded by Alderman O'Flaherty, 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.

ACKNOWLEDGMENTS:

A letter was read from Rev. Bro. Murphy, C.B.S., acknowledging receipt of his appointment to the Town of Wexford Vocational Education Committee.

SYMPATHY:

His Worship the Mayor referred to the sudden death of Edward McGrath, Watchman, which took place on the Slippery Green housing site on the night of the 31st Ultimo, and proposed that the sympathy of the Corporation be extended to his widow and children. Councillor Byrne seconded the motion, which was supported by all the members present, by the Deputy County Manager, Town Clerk and Borough Surveyor and adopted in respectful silence.

ROAD SAFETY:

The next business was to consider what assistance could be given to the Road Safety Campaign to be inaugurated by the Minister for Local Government during the fortnight commencing 4th December.

The members were reminded that at last meeting His Worship the Mayor read a lengthy letter from the Minister for Local Government on this subject. This letter was given to the Press for publication and it was decided to put the matter on the Agenda for the current meeting to see what help the Corporation could give in the matter.

Arising out of this the Town Clerk informed the meeting that at the request of the Minister he had arranged with the three local Cinemas to exhibit Road Safety films during their performances in the Road Safety Fortnight. As well, he submitted the following report from the Borough Surveyor on Schools and Child Safety which had been prepared in June last as a result of a query from the Minister for Local Government.

R E P O R T :

Re: Schools and Child Safety :

The following Schools in the Borough are being the subject of a survey in relation to road safety -

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| 1. St. John of God | - | The Faythe |
| 2. St. Bridgets National School | - | Roche's Road |
| 3. The Presentation Convent | - | Waterloo Road |
| 4. The Mercy Convent | - | St. John's Road |
| 5. The Mercy Convent | - | Summerhill |
| 6. C.B. Schools | - | Thomas Street |
| 7. C.B. Schools | - | George Street |
| 8. C. of I. Schools | - | Davitt Road. |

I set out hereunder my recommendations in relation to the steps necessary to provide adequate safety for children in view of the traffic conditions prevailing at present in the environs of the Schools.

1. ST. JOHN OF GOD: The Faythe: The Children are prevented from running directly from the school door to the public road by a Baffle wall erected within the school property. Inspections reveal that long-term car parking is common at the school gate and there is an element of danger with children emerging behind parked vehicles.

I recommend that an additional protection barrier be provided on the kerb-side together with warning notices (sign 125) on the approaches to the school premises. I also recommend that Garda opinion be sought as to the feasibility of prohibiting parking adjacent to the school entrance as there is ample on-street parking available adjacent.

2. ST. BRIDGETS NATIONAL SCHOOL: Roche's Road: A protection barrier exists on the Roche's Road entrance. I recommend that a further protection barrier be erected on the Clifford Street entrance together with advance "Children" (signs 125) on the approaches to the School both on Roche's Road and Clifford Street.

3. THE PRESENTATION CONVENT: Waterloo Road: A protection barrier has been erected here. There is also an obsolete type "Torch" sign on the approach from Davitt Road end. I recommend that advance "Children" (sign 125) be erected on the approaches.

4. MERCY CONVENT: St. John's Road: I recommend that advance "Children" (signs 125) be erected here. The traffic utilising the road is mainly local traffic.

5. MERCY CONVENT: Summerhill: The roadway approaching the School, Belvedere Road, is sign-posted with warning (sign 125). I recommend that a barrier be erected at the main entrance gate to the School. A large volume of children attending this school travel to the adjacent residential area and must cross the Summerhill road cross. This cross deserves special attention and I recommend that Garda Authorities views be obtained as to their opinion for patrolling the cross during the periods of school closing and opening.

6. C.B. SCHOOLS: Thomas Street: I recommend that advance "Children" (sign 125) be erected on the approaches to the School.

7. C.B. SCHOOLS: George Street: I recommend that advance "Children" (sign 125) be erected on the approaches to the School.

8. C. of I. SCHOOL: Davitt Road: I recommend that advance "Children" (sign 125) be erected on the approaches to the School.

This matter gave rise to a lengthy discussion when it was decided to adopt the report of the Borough Surveyor on the motion of Alderman O'Flaherty, seconded by Councillor Byrne, in so far as the provision of the Road Safety Signs was concerned.

As regards the other matters contained in the report, the Surveyor was to consult with the Garda Authorities, where necessary, and during his consultations with them he was to see if it was possible to have pedestrian crossings provided at these schools.

ASSISTANCE TO HARBOUR COMMISSIONERS:

With reference to Minutes of Meeting of 10th August last when it was decided to make an Annual Free Grant to the Wexford Harbour Commissioners of such a sum (not exceeding £100) as will enable the Commissioners to keep their property covered by Insurance until such time as, in the opinion of the Corporation, the Commissioners are in a position to meet this liability themselves, the meeting was informed that under the provisions of the Harbour Act, 1947, the resolution of 10th August, required to be confirmed after the expiration of 60 days from the date of its passing.

It was, therefore, proposed by Councillor Byrne, seconded by Councillor Doran, and unanimously resolved: that, the resolution of 10th August, 1964, agreeing to make an Annual Free Grant to the Wexford Harbour Commissioners of such sum (not exceeding One Hundred Pounds) as will enable the Commissioners to keep their property covered by Insurance until such time as, in the opinion of the Corporation, the Commissioners are in a position to meet this liability themselves, be and is hereby confirmed.

BUILDING SITE AT WHITEMILL SOUTH:

With reference to Minutes of 10th February, 1964, when it was decided to approve the proposal by the County Manager to demise a plot of land at Whitemill South to a Mr. Michael O'Leary, Fisher's Row, for the sum of £150 for the erection of a pair of semi-detached bungalows, it was explained to the Meeting that Mr. O'Leary and Mr. Reck were erecting these dwellings and that two separate Deeds of Transfer had been made to them. When these had been submitted to the Land Registry for registration the Registry requested the consent of the Minister for Local Government be endorsed on the Deeds. However, when the Minister was requested to do this, it was pointed out that his sanction had only been to dispose of the property to Mr. O'Leary and if it was desired to demise the land to both of them, fresh proposals would be necessary.

Accordingly, on the 16th ultimo, Notice had been given to each member in compliance with the provisions of Section 83 of the Local Government Acts, 1946, intimating that it was proposed to dispose of a building plot at Whitemill South to Messrs. O'Leary and Reck, for the sum of £150 or £75 each.

It was, therefore, agreed on the motion of Councillor Byrne, seconded by Councillor Howlin, to consent to the Manager disposing of the ground in two plots to Messrs. O'Leary and Reck for the sum of £75 each.

PROVISION OF WATER HEATERS FOR FIREMEN'S HOUSES:

On the motion of Councillor Howlin, seconded by Councillor Byrne, it was unanimously agreed that an expenditure of approximately £400 on the provision of Water Heaters in Firemen's houses, be approved. With reference to Minutes of last meeting when this matter was agreed in principle and a question had been raised by the Town Clerk as to the position of existing Firemen who acquired their dwellings, he now submitted that "in the event of any existing Firemen who acquired his dwelling retiring from the Fire Brigade before the expiration of 10 years from the date of installation of the water heaters he would be charged the outstanding balance of the cost on the basis of a ten-year purchase. This could be discharged by cash payment (in the event of him purchasing for cash) or by instalments of £10 per week if acquired by Tenant Purchase".

This was unanimously agreed to.

MAYOR'S ALLOWANCE:

According to notice given, Councillor Byrne moved that a Committee be established to examine and report on the allowance made to the Mayor. Councillor Howlin seconded this motion.

An amendment, however, was moved by Alderman Cullimore, seconded by Alderman O'Flaherty, that the question of the Mayor's allowance be left over to the Council to be elected in June, 1965, and on show of hands the amendment was defeated by four votes for to six against, and the original motion carried by the same voting.

As regards the Committee, it was unanimously decided, on the motion of Councillor Howlin, seconded by Councillor Byrne, that the Committee consist of five ex-Mayors (excluding the present Mayor) namely: Aldermen O'Flaherty, Cullimore and Corish; Councillors Hall, Byrne and James Morris. The Town Clerk was instructed to ascertain the Allowance paid to the Mayors in other Towns before convening a meeting of the Committee.

PLANNING AND DEVELOPMENT:

A report was read from the Borough Surveyor on works to be carried out under the Local Government (Planning and Development) Act, 1963, in relation to surveys regarding land use, building conditions, services, communications, traffic facilities, industries, etc. etc. The Borough Surveyor will be solely responsible for the preparation of the Development Plan and it was recommended that a temporary Assistant Engineer be employed to carry out the surveys.

The Town Clerk also reminded the meeting that some time ago the Manager had informed them that he had asked Mr. Dermot O'Toole, Architect, to have a look at the North end of the Town with a view to ascertaining if any housing development was possible in the area. The Town Clerk had had a few interviews with Mr. O'Toole and had supplied him with an up-to-date map of the area. Mr. O'Toole now intimated that before he could recommend anything it would be necessary to have a surface utilisation survey prepared.

On the motion of Councillor Howlin, seconded by Councillor Byrne, it was unanimously agreed to authorise the employment of Engineering assistance for the Borough Surveyor, on a temporary basis.

BARNTOWN REGIONAL WATER SCHEME:

With reference to minutes of last meeting when a request was received from Wexford County Council for a supply of water from Coolree Reservoir for the Barntown Regional Water Scheme which had been adjourned to enable the Borough Surveyor to examine the proposal, Mr. Leyden now reported that having discussed with the Corporation's Consultant Engineer the feasibility of providing, when the proposed Wexford Water Supply Scheme was in operation, a supply of water from Coolree Reservoir to the County Council Regional Scheme, he was satisfied that it would be feasible and recommended that the Council consent to the request of the County Council subject to the necessary financial adjustment being agreed to.

It was now unanimously agreed, on the motion of Councillor Byrne, seconded by Councillor Howlin, that the Council agree in principle to the County Council being granted a supply of water from Coolree for the Barntown Regional Scheme subject to the necessary financial adjustments being agreed to between the Officials.

MULGANNON SEWERAGE:

A request was submitted by the Wexford County Council that the Corporation permit a sewage from seven houses proposed to be erected at Mulgannon to be connected to the Town system, was unanimously agreed, on the motion of Councillor Byrne, seconded by Councillor Howlin, subject to necessary agreement with the Corporation Officials regarding the connection and usual safeguards.

TRAFFIC REGULATIONS:

With reference to minutes of last meeting when it was agreed to defer the operation of the proposed traffic bye-laws until 2nd November, the Town Clerk explained that, following conversations with the Garda Officials certain difficulties had arisen regarding advertising and it would not be possible to bring the Bye-laws into operation until Saturday, 7th instant.

This was considered satisfactory.

WEXFORD FESTIVAL:

His Worship the Mayor moved that the congratulations of the Corporation be extended to the organisers of the Wexford Festival and to all those who had co-operated in making it the success it was. They had added lustre and prestige to the Town by their splendid organisation and he wished to particularly mention the Garda Siochana whose co-operation and curtesy all through the Week was the admiration of all concerned.

Councillor Howlin seconded this motion which was supported by all the members present, and adopted.

EMPLOYMENT SCHEMES:

In reply to a query it was stated that no sanction had been received for Employment Schemes but that it was expected within the next week or so and preparations were being made to commence the work immediately sanction was received.

PARISH HALL:

Strong complaint was made regarding overcrowding in the Parish Hall on the night of the 28th ultimo and the draft letter which it was proposed to send to the Administrator was submitted to the Meeting.

All the members agreed that constant complaints were being made to them about overcrowding in the Parish Hall, and it was unanimously decided that a temporary Inspector of places of public resort should be appointed during the illness of the Town Sergeant and he was to receive strict instructions to keep a close watch on all places of public resort in the Town to ensure overcrowding did not take place.

JOHN'S GATE STREET/DUKE STREET:

There was laid before the meeting draft plans by Mr. O'Toole, Architect, for John's Gate Street/Duke Street areas, which were carefully examined by the members, and it was unanimously decided to try and arrange a meeting with Mr. O'Toole for Wednesday 11th instant at 7.30 p.m.

MISCELLANEOUS:

Councillor James Morris asked if it was intended to build on the sea side of Davitt Road South, beyond the existing Corporation Houses there.

The Town Clerk promised to take the matter up with the Housing Engineer.

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The Meeting then terminated.

James B. Morris

23rd November, 1964.

A Special Meeting of the Corporation, acting as a Housing Committee, was held this day in the Municipal Buildings, at seven thirty p.m. The members present being :-

His Worship the Mayor in the Chair.

Alderman John Cullimore.

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

In Attendance: Mr. O'Toole, Architect, and Town Clerk.

The Meeting had been convened to consider draft proposals by Mr. O'Toole, Architect, for dealing with the Duke Street and John's Gate Street areas. Layout plans for the houses in the areas were laid before the Meeting. These plans were examined in detail by the members and suggestions were made that the closing of Duke Street to motor traffic was inadvisable. The members thought that the Architect should re-examine this plan with a view to making an opening for motor traffic. The views of the members were based on the extraordinary amount of traffic through this street on Sunday mornings during the Masses in the adjoining Parish Church.

The question of Mr. Wilson, Coal Merchant, and Mr. Stamp, Shopkeeper, whose premises were on this site, and who would be displaced prior to the erection of any houses, was also raised and the Architect was asked to give this matter some further consideration particularly with a view to being able to place Mr. Stamp's business on some part of this street. The question of Mr. Wilson, who carried on a coal business, was also referred to Town Clerk to see if there was any possibility of obtaining premises within the area that would suit him.

On the John's Gate Street site the members were satisfied with the general layout but asked the Architect to re-examine the Cornmarket end with a view to making a direct entrance from Cornmarket into Rowe Street Church which would go a long way to relieve traffic congestion in the Church Grounds on Sunday mornings.

After a general discussion the plans, as proposed by the Architect, were approved, subject to him giving consideration to the various items above-mentioned. This approval was adopted on the motion of Councillor Howlin, seconded by Councillor Byrne.

SAFETY FIRST COMMITTEE:

At the request of the County Council, Councillors Doran and Hall were, on the motion of Councillor Byrne seconded by Alderman Cullimore, appointed to represent the Corporation on a District Safety First Committee being established by the County Council.

The Meeting then terminated.

7th December, 1964.

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, Alderman K.C. Morris, in the Chair.

Alderman O'Flaherty.

Councillors: T. Byrne, John Howlin, John Bierney, James Morris, Edward Hall, Patrick Doran and Patrick Cullen.

In Attendance: Town Clerk, Borough Surveyor and Borough Accountant.

M I N U T E S:

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

NEW BISHOP OF FERNS:

Before the business of the meeting commenced, the Mayor moved that the Corporation extend a hearty welcome to the Most Rev. Donal J. Herlihy, Bishop of Ferns, who was to be enthroned in the Cathedral on Sunday 13th instant. Councillor Byrne seconded this motion which was supported by all the members, by the Town Clerk on behalf of the County Manager and on his own behalf and adopted with acclamation.

It was also agreed, on the motion of Alderman O'Flaherty, seconded by Councillor Byrne, that the following address of welcome be read to the new Bishop after his Enthronement on the 13th instant. The address to be subsequently illuminated, suitably framed and presented to the Bishop.

A D D R E S S:

TO THE MOST REVEREND DR. DONAL J. HERLIHY
FROM

THE MAYOR, ALDERMEN AND BURGESSES OF THE
BOROUGH OF WEXFORD

ON THE OCCASION OF HIS ENTHRONEMENT AS LORD BISHOP OF FERNS ON THE
THIRTEENTH DAY OF DECEMBER, 1964.

May it please Your Lordship:

We, the Municipal Council of Wexford, with the whole-hearted support of the citizens of the ancient capital Town of your Diocese, rejoice that our Holy Father, Pope Paul VI, has selected such a distinguished Churchman to occupy the Episcopal See of Saint Aidan.

On this momentous day we respectfully beg leave to couple with our sincere congratulations, an assurance of reverence for your Lordship's person, and loyalty towards the high office you have been called upon to fill.

Your Lordship's Consecration as Bishop of Ferns adds a new link to a chain of Prelates that reaches back not only to Saint Aidan, but even before the illustrious Patron of Ireland himself, to the great Palladius of Begerin, who, followed by his Disciple, Saint Ibar, spread the first light of Christianity throughout Hy-Kinsellagh.

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In the high honour which has been bestowed upon your Lordship we presume to share and we sincerely pray that your responsibilities as Bishop will be considerably lightened by the ready co-operation of your spiritual children.

The Corporate Seal of the Mayor, Aldermen and Burgesses of the Borough of Wexford was affixed hereto in accordance with the unanimous resolution of the Municipal Council on the seventh day of December, 1964, in the presence of :-

Kevin C. Morris MAYOR

John J. Byrne TOWN CLERK

VOCATIONAL EDUCATION CONTRIBUTION :

A letter was read from the Town of Wexford Vocational Education Committee transmitting a copy of a resolution adopted by the Committee at their Estimates Meeting on 16th November, 1964. This resolution requested a Rate of 1/10d in the £ as the minimum Rate contribution necessary to meet financial demands of the Technical School for 1965/66.

The letter asked the Corporation for their approval to this contribution in accordance with the provision of Section 4 of the Vocational Education (amendment) Act, 1953.

Arising out of details of the Vocational Education Committee's Estimate, which, amongst other things, provided for extensive repairs to the building, Councillor Howlin raised the question of a new School. He pointed out that the Corporation and Vocational Education Committee had met on a number of occasions and that it was unanimously decided that a new school was necessary for the Town and more economical than carrying out repairs to the new School at an approximate cost of thirty or forty thousand Pounds. The Councillor also pointed out that the Minister for Education had received a deputation from the Vocational Education Committee this Year and had promised to do everything possible to have the proposal for a new School examined expeditiously. It now appears that the Minister had promised to send an Engineering Inspector to examine the School, but so far this had not materialised and it was eventually decided, on the motion of Councillor Howlin, seconded by Councillor O'Flaherty, that the Corporation join with the Vocational Education in urging on the Department of Education the absolute need for a new school.

As regards the proposed Rate, the following resolution was unanimously adopted;

"Proposed by Councillor Thomas Byrne;
Seconded by Councillor John Howlin; and
Resolved: That the request of the Town of Wexford Vocational Education Committee for a rate contribution for the Financial Year 1965/66 equivalent to 1/10d in the £ on the rateable valuation of the Borough be acceded to".

TRAFFIC REGULATIONS:

A letter was read from the Chamber of Commerce enclosing copy of a letter they had addressed to the Chief Superintendent, Garda Siochana, on 10th November, following the introduction of the new Traffic Regulations in the Town. The letter, whilst congratulating the Garda, expressed concern that the one-way traffic rule was being applied to perambulators and asked the Guards to modify the application of this Regulation.

No action was taken on this letter as it was understood that the question of perambulators had settled itself.

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TOWN DECORATION:

On the motion of Councillor Howlin, seconded by Councillor Byrne, it was unanimously decided that a sum not exceeding £300 (three hundred pounds) be authorised for Town Decoration in the current year.

With reference to Minutes of 10th August, when the question of Town Decoration for the Wexford Festival was under consideration and the Town Clerk was authorised to negotiate with the Lighting Committee, namely, the Wexford Junior Chamber of Commerce, for work up to approximately £150, it was now unanimously decided, having regard to the fact that decorative lighting had cost the Chamber of Commerce a sum in the region of £350-£400 for the current year's Festival, to make a grant to the Chamber of £150 towards Town Decoration during the Festival period.

Of this £150 the Town Clerk was instructed to pay the Electricity Supply Board direct for the actual current and work in connection with the lighting, the balance to be paid to the Junior Chamber as part of the general cost for the decoration of the Town.

Authorisation was also given for the provision and decoration of a Christmas Tree in the Bull-Ring and for special decoration and lighting in the Town on the 13th instant on the occasion of the arrival of the newly appointed Bishop of Ferns.

ITINERANCY:

A lengthy letter was submitted from the Minister for Local Government dated 4th December, 1964, No.L.14/64, on the subject of a report of the Commission on Itinerancy, and it was unanimously decided that a copy of this letter be circulated to the members and put on the Agenda for the January Meeting for discussion.

AUDIT:

There was submitted to the Meeting reports from the Local Government Auditor on -

- (a) The accounts of the Town of Wexford Vocational Education Committee for the year ending 31st March, 1964; and
- (b) The accounts of the Corporation for year ended 31st March, 1963.

The Auditor's report on the Accounts of the Vocational Education Committee was read for the Meeting, and after this, the report on the Accounts of the Corporation, a copy of which had been circulated to the members, was considered.

Neither of the reports called for comment and, on the motion of Councillor Howlin, seconded by Councillor Byrne, were unanimously adopted.

CEMENT DELIVERIES:

Correspondence which had taken place between the Housing Engineer, M/s. McCormack Bros., and Cement Ltd., on the supply of cement, was read. This showed that serious difficulties were being experienced in securing sufficient quantities of cement to keep the housing schemes working economically and after some discussion, it was decided that copies of this correspondence be forwarded to the Minister for Local Government.

SPORTS STARS:

His Worship the Mayor moved that the congratulations of the Corporation be extended to the sports stars who were awarded trophies by M/s. Power & Sons, Distillers, Dublin. Councillor Byrne seconded this motion.

The Mayor also moved that the thanks of the Corporation be extended to M/s. Power for providing the trophies for the Sports Stars of the Year.

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Councillor Byrne also seconded this motion, both of which were supported by all the members present and adopted with acclamation.

MAYOR'S SALARY:

On the motion of Councillor Byrne, seconded by Councillor Howlin, it was unanimously decided that the Mayor's Salary for the quarter ended 31st December, 1964, be fixed at £65 (sixty five Pounds).

AIR PORT:

A letter from the County Council on the subject of the possibility of establishing an Air Port in the County was read and it was decided to have a copy of same circulated amongst the members.

ST. MARY'S HANDBALL CLUB:

A letter was read from St. Mary's Handball Club regarding the Ball Court at Emmet Place and the Borough Surveyor was asked to examine and report on the estimated cost of providing the alterations requested.

MISCELLANEOUS:

Councillor Bierney drew attention of the Borough Surveyor to crossings at Joseph Street and Carrigeen and he promised to take the matter up with the County Engineer.

Councillor Byrne referred to the number of public lights out during the past few days and the Town Clerk intimated that he had been in constant touch with the Electricity Supply Board on this matter and had seen statistics showing a considerable number of the lights in question were deliberately broken.

Councillor Bierney complained that the watchmen on housing sites were not supplied with fires at the mement and the Town Clerk promised to take the matter up with the Housing Engineer, and some members intimated that coke was now available from M/s. Staffords.

Councillor O'Flaherty asked that the lighting between Allen Street and Gibson Street should be examined as a new light was very necessary there and the Borough Surveyor promised to examine and make a report on same.

Councillor Doran moved that the Corporation record their appreciation of the efforts of the Minister for Transport & Power in providing a drive-on Ferry at Rosslare Harbour. This was seconded by the Mayor and unanimously agreed to.

Arising out of the above resolution, reference was made to the fact that the provision of a car ferry at Rosslare Harbour would put an end to goods traffic through the port and as this was a rather serious blow to the efforts of the Corporation and other local Bodies to attract industry to the Town, the Mayor was asked to arrange to have a meeting of the Committee dealing with the Rosslare Harbour Ferry, convened, as soon as possible.

In reply to Councillor O'Flaherty, the Borough Surveyor intimated that sixteen men were, at present, employed on Relief Grant work and that he would try to step up the number as soon as possible, but, in fact, the number was more or less related to the availability of Tradesmen.

A recommendation from the County Manager that the salary of the Store-keeper, Mr. Thomas Cullimore, be fixed at £1,035, with effect as from 1st October, 1963, was unanimously approved, on the motion of Councillor Byrne, seconded by Councillor Howlin.

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The Meeting then terminated.

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4th January, 1965.

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, Alderman Kevin C. Morris, in the Chair.

Aldermen: John G. O'Flaherty and John Cullimore.

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

In Attendance: Borough Surveyor, Borough Accountant and Town Clerk.

M I N U T E S:

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

COMMISSION ON ITINERANCY:

With reference to minutes of last meeting when a letter was submitted from the Minister for Local Government on the subject of the report of the Commission on Itinerancy and adjourned to enable copies to be circulated amongst the members, this matter again came up for consideration.

Having considered the Minister's letter, it was pointed out by members that he was bespeaking the earnest attention of local authorities in whose area of jurisdiction large numbers of itinerants tended to congregate and that Wexford did not have large numbers of such people congregating in their area. The only occasions on which itinerants congregated in large numbers were very infrequent - funerals or weddings. Normally one or two small families of these people would pass through the Town on occasions, and in the circumstances the members considered that there would be little use in providing camping sites for these people as suggested by the Minister.

It was, therefore, unanimously decided to inform the Minister that in the opinion of the Council they had no problem to deal with in this connection.

CEMENT LTD:

With reference to minutes of last meeting when a report was submitted by the Housing Engineer regarding the shortage of cement supplies, a letter was read from Mr. Arthur Rae, Public Relations Consultant to Cement Ltd., a copy of which had been forwarded by him to the local press.

Having considered this letter, it was decided to point out to Mr. Rae -

- 1/ The Corporation could not accept his suggestion that the building strike, which was confined to Dublin, affected the supply of cement to this area. In their view, the reverse should have been the position with supplies practically withdrawn from the City.

- 2/ The Housing Engineer in his letter dated 12th November last, to Cement Ltd. intimated he understood from the Contractors that they had a standing order of 50 tons per week, but were only receiving a small percentage of that order. Cement Ltd. had taken no steps whatever to confirm or deny that allegation nor had they even, at this late stage, answered the Engineer's letter;
- 3/ Dispite the statement of Mr. Rae that practically all areas outside Dublin received more than their usual supplies of cement during the period complained of, Wexford Corporation only received an average of 10 tons per week from 12th November to week ended 19th ultimo and non in the week ended 26th ultimo. Due to this inability to secure sufficient supplies from the Contractor and in order to keep their schemes progressing the Corporation had been obliged to purchase 25 tons of cement from another source at an extra cost of £20. 12s 6d;
- 4/ With regard to the statement that Cement Ltd. no longer had a monopoly of the Cement market, the Corporation would appreciate if he would indicate from what other source cement could be obtained;
- 5/ Mr. Rae was to be informed that the Corporation did not consider his communication in any way justified the undoubted shortage of cement, during the past two months.

OVERDRAFT ACCOMMODATION:

On the motion of Councillor Byrne, seconded by Alderman O'Flaherty, Overdraft Accommodation on the Revenue Account in the sum of £40,000 and the Capital Account in the sum of £20,000, was authorised up to 31st March next.

PUBLIC LIGHTING:

With reference to minutes of last meeting when complaint had been made regarding inadequate public lighting on the Main Street between Harpur's Lane and Henrietta Street, the Borough Surveyor intimated that an inspection had confirmed this complaint and recommended that an additional light be erected in this section adjacent to Henrietta Street.

On the motion of Alderman O'Flaherty, seconded by Councillor Byrne, it was unanimously decided to authorise the erection of a new light in the position indicated and to request the County Manager to make the necessary order.

Arising out of the question of public lighting complaint was made that lights were out these past few nights at Bride Street - Roche's Road - Joseph Street - three lights in John Street - St. Brendan's Road and Barrack Street.

The Borough Surveyor was also asked to examine the siting of the lights at the Folly with a view to one of them being placed in a more advantageous position.

PUBLIC TOILETS:

Councillor Doran requested the Borough Surveyor to provide heating for the caretakers of the Public Toilets.

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FIRES FOR WATCHMEN:

In reply to a query Councillor Howlin was informed that fires were provided for the Watchmen.

FENCES - DAVITT ROAD HOUSES:

In reply to a query the Town Clerk intimated that back division fences for Davitt Road North would be erected as soon as all the houses were completed.

REPAIRS TO HOUSES:

At the request of His Worship the Mayor, Alderman Kevin C. Morris, the Borough Surveyor undertook to have repairs carried out to two houses at Emmet Place.

AIR PORT:

The letter from Wexford County Council, which was considered at last meeting regarding the provision of an Air Port, was again taken up and it was decided that the Corporation were not in a position to take any action or give any advice in the matter.

HOUSING MEETINGS:

It was decided to hold a meeting of the Corporation as a Housing Committee on 18th instant.

EXTENSION TO TALBOT HOTEL:

A Letter was read from Mr. W. Dwyer, Architect, enclosing preliminary plans for a proposed extension to the Talbot Hotel by the erection of two further storeys over the present building. To enable this extension to be carried out, which would provide much-needed bedrooms, a steel framework would be necessary and some of the girders would encroach on the footpath at Trinity Street by approximately 9". Mr. O'Dwyer asked for approval in principle to the proposed extension to the Hotel as well as to encroaching on the footpath to the extent of approximately 9" with the supports, and on the motion of the Mayor, seconded by Councillor Byrne, it was unanimously decided that approval in principle should be intimated including the encroachment on the footpath to the extent of 9".

The Meeting then terminated.

Kevin C. Morris,

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18th January, 1965.

A special meeting of the Corporation as a Housing Committee was held this day in the Municipal Buildings at half past seven o'clock p.m. The members present being :-

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

Aldermen: John O'Flaherty and John Cullimore.

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

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

The attached report, a copy of which was circulated to the members with the Agenda for the meeting formed the basis of a lengthy discussion on the Corporation Housing Programme for some years to come. At the conclusion of the debate it was decided that the Green Street and Talbot Street Compulsory Purchase and Clearance should be proceeded with forthwith and the following targets were also laid down.

- 1) Duke Street and John's Gate Street;
- 2) Wygram (St. John of God's and Mr. P. Meyler's land);
- 3) O'Connor's field at the Windmill's hill for private development.

It was also agreed that the Engineers should again examine the Barrack Street/Michael Street area as well as a possible development of land at the rere of the Faythe to Rock's Lane.

As regards the Duke Street/John's Gate Street area, a House Plan, as submitted by the Architect, Mr. O'Toole, was examined by the members and approved in principle on the motion of Councillor Howlin, seconded by Alderman O'Flaherty.

Arising out of the report on the Planning and Housing Programme a discussion arose regarding the inability to recruit a temporary Assistant to the Borough Surveyor and after a lengthy discussion it was agreed that if an Architect or Engineer could not be procured in the near future that the Manager should be authorised to seek sanction for the appointment of a permanent Assistant to the Borough Surveyor.

NEWTOWN HOUSING SCHEME:

With reference to the suggestion in the attached Report that sanction should be sought for the erection of 114 houses at Newtown, adjoining Corish Park, for which a layout plan was available, it was unanimously decided to adjourn a final decision on this matter until the next meeting which was due to be held in February.

The County Manager referred to the specification for 126 houses at Slippery Green. The specification, which was drawn up by the Consulting Architect, provided for factory-made joinery and the local Carpenters had intimated that they would refuse to handle such material.

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A conference had recently been held between representatives of the Carpenters, the County Manager, Housing Engineer and Town Clerk, but no solution had been found to the problem and it was now suggested that the problem be referred to the Labour Court.

A lengthy discussion followed on this matter when it was pointed out by the members that the extra cost of £10 per house for making infinitesimal on such a big scheme and it could easily be saved by other means, and it was agreed on the motion of Councillor Byrne seconded by Councillor Howlin to request the County Manager to seek the sanction of the Minister for Local Government to an increase in the Estimate of £10 per house, to avoid any disruption on the Scheme. His Worship the Mayor dissented from this decision.

Henry C. Morris

The Meeting then terminated.

BOROUGH OF WEXFORD

HOUSING PROGRAMME FOR MEETING OF BOROUGH
COUNCIL (AS A HOUSING COMMITTEE) ON
18th January, 1965.

The introduction of the Local Government (Planning and Development) Act, 1963, into law on 1st October last, raises, inter alia, the question of zoning land for development. The Corporation members are, no doubt, already aware that under the Act, the Corporation as a Planning Authority is obliged to make a Development Plan within three years showing the objectives of the authority for the future development of their area. Recently, the Minister for Local Government expressed the opinion that broad planning policy should be expressed in a provisional plan to be prepared forthwith for each urban area and each town. This plan should show broad land use zoning, e.g. residential, industrial, commercial and open space use and provision (including water and sewerage extensions and road improvements) to cater for major developments in prospect, pending the making of the statutory development plan.

The provisional plan (it is stated) will serve a number of purposes. It will be a guide for the benefit of Council members and of the public to a pattern of general development in the area which would comply with acceptable planning principles and from which the statutory development plan might be evolved in due course in the light of more detailed planning studies. Pending the making of the statutory development plan it will enable the planning authority to make a suitable land reservation and zoning provision for industrial commercial or housing expansion and facilitate decisions on development of appropriate infrastructure (such as roads and other services).

Relating the foregoing to the Corporation's responsibilities, the question of long term planning for housing immediately comes to mind. The necessity arises to examine the position with regard to sites, short and long term objectives and the areas which the Corporation wish to have developed for housing purposes.

There is no need to remind the Corporation of the length of time it takes to get a housing scheme under way even when the site is already in the Corporation's ownership. The need to acquire and develop land well in advance of requirements for actual building will be obvious to every member. In so acting as a housing authority, the Corporation will, in a large measure, determine the direction of the future development of Wexford Town. This must, therefore, be done many years in advance of housebuilding, so that water, sewerage, roads and other services can be laid to sufficient capacity in advance.

Let us, therefore, go on to examine the present position with regard to demand sites held since an assessment was last made in May, 1962. This set out details of Housing Surveys, the numbers of houses erected, the estimated number required to meet the then current needs, as well as the various rents at which the dwellings were let. It is not proposed to repeat the details given in 1962, but to summarise the position as it appears to-day.

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HOUSING SURVEYS:

	Comprehen- sive sur- vey of 1944/45:	1961/62 Survey.	Estimated present position:
(1) Unfit Houses	535	266	234
(2) No. of houses required to rehouse persons in (1) above.	696	278	246
(3) No. of houses required to meet un- satisfied demands.	176	103	128
	872	381	374
(4) Total number of houses provided since 1948	577		
	295		
Number included in above 577 provided since 1962.		58	
		323	
No. in course of construction.			160
Estimated No. for which provision still requires to be made.			214

It will be observed from the foregoing table that the number of applicants in the past three years has practically equalled the number of dwellings provided. In 1961/62 it was estimated that 381 houses were required and since then 58 have been completed which should leave the need 327, but, in fact, the present need is estimated at 374. In other words 58 houses were provided while the needs increased by 51.

The following table shows the number of houses erected from 1948 to date:

Year ended 31st March.	Number:	Year ended 31st March,	Number:
1949	16	<u>Forward</u>	347
1950	45	1957	40
1951	34	1958	38
1952	22	1959	42
1953	105	1960	17
1954	63	1961	22
1955	26	1962	8
1956	36	1963	21
		1964	18
	<u>347</u>		<u>553</u>
	1964/65	(to date)	<u>24</u>
			<u>577</u>

This shows an average over the 17 years of 3½ houses per annum. It is quite obvious from these figures that the rate of building must be considerably increased if the Council is to meet the housing needs of the Town in the foreseeable future.

The Corporation own further land at Newtown (Corish Park) for which a lay-out plan is available. This site could accommodate 11½ houses and it is proposed to submit a Scheme, therefor, to the Minister for Local Government. Such a Scheme, as well as the development of Duke Street, John's Gate Street and the Talbot Street/Green Street areas, would meet the existing needs. It is felt, however, that the Corporation should have more land available in order to deal with obsolescence which in an old Town like Wexford could reach a high proportion in the next decade. As well, if an industrial revival materialised the need for extra houses could become a very urgent problem.

It is, therefore, suggested that further land should be acquired as soon as possible in order that development might be prepared well in advance of needs, and any suggestions from members as to the location of such land would be appreciated.

.....*Henry G. Morris,*.....

8th February, 1965.

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, Alderman K.C. Morris, in the Chair.

Aldermen: John O'Flaherty and John Cullimore.

Councillors: Patrick Doran, Edward Hall, John Bierney, Thomas Byrne and James J. Morris.

In Attendance: Town Clerk, Borough Surveyor and Borough Accountant.

MINUTES:

On the motion of Councillor Byrne, seconded by Alderman Cullimore, the Minutes of meetings held on January 4 and 18, 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 Mr. Gearoid O Broin, Chief Executive Officer, Town of Wexford Vocational Education Committee, on the death of his mother. Councillor James J. Morris seconded this motion which was supported by all the members, by the Town Clerk on behalf of the County Manager and on his own behalf as well as on behalf of the Corporation Staff.

Councillor Byrne moved that the sympathy of the Corporation be extended to the relatives of the late Michael Martin, who, for many years was a member of the Council and other public bodies in County Wexford.

Councillor James J. Morris also seconded this motion which was supported by all the members present, by the Town Clerk on his own behalf and on behalf of the Staff.

Both resolutions were adopted in respectful silence.

CONGRATULATIONS:

His Worship the Mayor also proposed that the congratulations of the Corporation be extended to Michael Cullen on recently winning the junior All-Ireland Amateur Boxing Championship. Councillor Byrne seconded this motion which was supported by all the members present and adopted with acclamation.

ST. PATRICK'S DAY PARADE:

The Council unanimously decided to accept an invitation from the St. Patrick's Day Parade Committee to be present at the twelve o'clock Mass in the Church of the Immaculate Conception, Rowe Street, on St. Patrick's Day.

8th February, 1965.

RENT COLLECTORS' SALARIES:

The County Manager requested "Pursuant to Section 6 of the City and County Management (Amendment) Act, 1955, that the consent of the Wexford Borough Council be given to the submission for the approval of the Minister for Local Government, of the following proposal:- that the salary and bonus of full-time rent collectors employed by Wexford Corporation be fixed at £745 x £30 - £885 per annum, plus a bonus of £160 from 1st October, 1963".

On the motion of Councillor Byrne, seconded by Councillor Bierney, the necessary permission was given to the submission of the foregoing proposal for the sanction of the Minister for Local Government.

ENGINEERS' SALARIES:

The County Manager also requested:- "Pursuant to Section 6 of the City and County Management (Amendment) Act, 1955, that the consent of the Wexford Borough Council be given to the submission for the approval of the Minister for Local Government of the following proposals:-

- (1) that the salary of the Borough Engineer be fixed at £1,725 x £62. 10s. to £2,100 per annum, as from 1st October, 1963; and
- (2) that the salary of the Housing Engineer be fixed at £38 per week as from 1st October, 1963".

On the motion of Councillor Byrne, seconded by Councillor James J. Morris, the necessary permission for the submission of the foregoing salary scales for the approval by the Minister for Local Government, was granted.

HOUSING COMMITTEE:

It was decided to hold a Meeting of the Council as a Housing Committee on 15th instant.

MISCELLANEOUS MATTERS:

Councillor Hall asked the Borough Surveyor who was responsible for repairs to the footpath outside Redmond's premises at Old Found and was informed that it was the responsibility of the County Council.

His Worship the Mayor referred to two derelict sites at Gibson Street and asked that they be investigated.

In reply to Councillor James J. Morris, the Town Clerk intimated that he had already spoken to the Housing Engineer regarding the re-re fencing of the houses at Davitt Road North, and was assured that he was making every effort to get the contractor to erect same as soon as possible.

The Borough Surveyor, in reply to a query said he had inspected the Folly and felt that an extra light would be needed there, and he proposed to make a recommendation on the matter in the near future.

The meeting then terminated.

James J. Morris

15th February, 1965.

A special meeting of the Corporation acting as a Housing Committee was held this day in the Municipal Buildings at half past seven o'clock p.m. The members present being :-

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

Alderman: John Cullimore and John O'Flaherty.

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

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

With reference to minutes of last meeting of Housing Committee the Town Clerk reported that the Architect was at present working on plans for the Duke Street and John's Gate Street areas. As regards John's Gate Street/Back Street he, Town Clerk, had had a couple of conversations with the Manager of Messrs. Godkin & Co. regarding a derelict building, their property, when he informed him that he had referred the matter to their Solicitor. The Town Clerk now informed the meeting that he had written to Mr. Nolan on this matter recently and asked him to expedite a reply.

The Town Clerk also informed the meeting that he had had conversations with the Church Authorities, regarding the Back Street and John's Gate Street portions of the Churchyard, which were satisfactory.

As regards the site at Wygram, the Borough Surveyor had made a preliminary examination and considered it has possibilities. It was agreed that the Surveyor and Housing Engineer should immediately examine the matter further, with a view to negotiating the purchase of the necessary property from the St. John of God Nuns and Mr. Patrick Meyler.

As regards the Green Street/Talbot Street/Grogan's Road Compulsory Purchase Order, the Town Clerk reported that he had had a survey of the occupants made and the Borough Surveyor and Health Inspector were at present engaged in examining the houses.

After a general discussion it was decided to request the Architect to indicate when he would have the plans, etc., ready for the Duke Street and John's Gate Street Schemes.

A question was raised regarding the site between Faythe and William Street and the meeting was informed that proposals for erection of houses on this site had been submitted to the Department of Local Government some time ago and recently a query had been sent enquiring what the position was.

The Borough Surveyor was also asked to examine the possibility of using some of the gardens at the rear of John Street for houses.

The meeting then examined in detail the up-to-date list of applicants for houses prepared by the Town Clerk and decided to place on the list Mrs. R. Walsh of Rosslare whose name had been removed when she left her father's house at John's Road.

The meeting then terminated.

James J. Morris

15th March, 1965.

A meeting of the Corporation, acting as a Finance Committee, was held this day in the Municipal Buildings at half-past seven o'clock p.m., to consider the estimate of Expenses for the Financial Year ending on 31st March, 1966. The members present being -

Aldermen: Cullimore and O'Flaherty.

Councillors: Doran, Hall, Byrne and James J. Morris.

In the absence of His Worship the Mayor, Councillor Doran proposed that Councillor Byrne take the Chair. Alderman Cullimore seconded this proposal, which was agreed to.

Details of the estimated Receipts and Expenditure had been circulated to the members with the Agenda for the meeting.

This showed that the estimated Expenditure for the coming year, apart from the County Council Demand which was not yet available, amounted to £147,379 and Receipts £88,330, leaving a net sum of £59,049 to be raised by Rate in respect of the Corporation (only) Services for year 1965/66, which would require a Rate of 431 pence, an increase of 27 pence.

It was explained to the meeting that more than half of this increase was due to circumstances over which the Council had little or no control. The demand of the Vocational Education Committee was up by 3.10 pence; Unemployment Assistance by .73 pence; Pensions Increases Act accounted for 2.51 pence; Nonrecurring Superannuation Items amounted to 5.61 pence; Local Elections 3.65 pence and Supplementary Estimates in the current year 3.10 pence, making a total of 18.7 pence.

Having examined the Estimates in detail the Committee were unable to suggest any reductions and adjourned to a further meeting to be held on 22nd instant.

James J. Morris

22nd March, 1965.

A further meeting of the Corporation as a Finance Committee was held this day in the Municipal Buildings at half-past seven o'clock p.m. The members present being -

Alderman O'Flaherty with

Councillors: Doran, Hall and James J. Morris.

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

On the proposition of Councillor Doran, seconded by Councillor James J. Morris, Councillor Hall was moved to the Chair.

Once again the Estimates were examined in detail and the County Council Demand was not available, which indicated that the demand for County Services in the current year was increased by £13,130 or 8/= in the pound. This, with the other items made a considerable impact on the Rates, and the Estimate now showed that the total Rate for 1965/66 would amount to 68/5d in the pound.

The members could see no hope of reducing the Estimates and appealed to the Officials to again review them with a view to making some reduction. If the Estimated Rate could be reduced to 68/= they would be prepared to recommend it to the Estimates Meeting due to be held on 29th instant.

James J. Morris,

29th March, 1965.

The Estimates Meeting of the Corporation was held this day in the Municipal Buildings at eight forty-five p.m. The members present being -

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

Aldermen: John Cullimore and John O'Flaherty.

Councillors: Edward Hall, John Bierney, Patrick Doran and James J. Morris.

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

The meeting had been supplied with a further report on the Estimates following the request of the Finance Committee on the 22nd instant, that the Estimates be further examined with a view to reducing the Estimated Rate of 68/5d.

This report stated that, as already intimated to the members at the Finance Committee meetings, the Estimated Expenditure could not be reduced, but a review of the Estimated Receipts indicated that they could be increased by £700, the equivalent of 5d in the pound.

This would mean that the Estimated Municipal Rate for 1965/66 would be 68/= in the pound - an increase of 9/6d. The increase was mainly caused by items over which the Borough Council had little or no control, viz:

County Council Demand by	..	95.84 pence.
Vocational Education Committee demand by	..	3.10 "
Unemployment Assistance by	..	.73 "
Pensions Increases Acts by	..	2.52 "
Non-recurring Superannuation Allowances	..	5.62 "
Local Elections	..	3.65 "
Supplementary Estimates	..	3.07 "
Making a total of	..	<hr/> 114.53 pence <hr/>

In other words the part of the Rate over which the Council had control was reduced by $\frac{1}{2}$ d in the pound.

The members thought that in view of this report there was little more they could do except to adopt the Rate of 68/= in the pound, and on the motion of Alderman O'Flaherty, seconded by Councillor Doran, Table A, adopting an expenditure of £200,809 was agreed to.

On the motion of Alderman O'Flaherty, seconded by Councillor J. J. Morris, Table B, adopting Receipts of £89,030 was unanimously agreed to.

And on the motion of Councillor Hall, seconded by Councillor James J. Morris, Table C agreeing to a net Rate of £111,059 - a Rate of 68/= in the pound for the year 1965/66 - was adopted.

On the motion of Alderman Cullimore, seconded by Councillor O'Flaherty, the following estimated over-expenditure in the current year was unanimously approved, namely:- expenditure on the Roads by £4,000.

On the motion of His Worship the Mayor, seconded by Councillor Hall, 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 June, 1965.

The meeting then terminated.

Henry - G. Morris,

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, 1966...

TABLE A.—EXPENDITURE

Service (1)	NATURE OF EXPENDITURE (2)	AMOUNT ESTIMATED			
		Estimated by Manager (3)		Adopted by Council (4)	
Urban Roads	Ordinary Road Works	3,123	· ·	3,123	· ·
	Special Grant Works	5,430	· ·	5,430	· ·
	TOTAL	8,553	· ·	8,553	· ·
Sanitary	Sanitary	26,415	· ·	26,415	· ·
	TOTAL	26,415	· ·	26,415	· ·
Housing	Housing of the Working Classes	69,750	· ·	69,750	· ·
	Local Assistance Schemes	—	—	—	—
	Small Dwellings Acquisition Acts	3,430	· ·	3,430	· ·
	TOTAL	73,180	· ·	73,180	· ·
General Urban Purposes					
County Council Services					
Main Roads	Main Roads	8,478	· ·	8,478	· ·
Public Assistance	Public Assistance	3,265	· ·	3,265	· ·
Health (County)	Health (County)	36,943	· ·	36,943	· ·
General Purposes (County)	General Purposes (County)	4,515	· ·	4,515	· ·
Separate Charges	Separate Charges	229	· ·	229	· ·
Unemployment Assistance	Unemployment Assistance	1,100	· ·	1,100	· ·
	Public Libraries	·	·	·	·
	Tourist Development	20	·	20	·
	Town and Regional Planning	·	·	·	·
Other Urban Purposes	Vocational Education	4,666	· ·	4,666	· ·
	Other Purposes	27,445	· ·	27,445	· ·
	Materials Expense (Balance)	5,000	· ·	5,000	· ·
	Machinery Expense (Balance)	1,000	· ·	1,000	· ·
	TOTAL	92,661	· ·	92,661	· ·
Main Roads (Maintained by Urban Authority) (Note)					

29th March, 1965.

A Quarterly Meeting of the Council was held this day (in lieu of 5th proximo) in the Council Chamber, Municipal Buildings, immediately after the Estimates Meeting.

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

Aldermen: John Cullimore and John O'Flaherty.

Councillors: Edward Hall, Patrick Doran, James J. Morris and John Bierney.

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

QUARTERLY MEETING:

The first business was to fix the day and hour of a Quarterly Meeting to be held not earlier than 23rd June nor later than 1st July, 1965, and on the suggestion of the Town Clerk, it was unanimously agreed, on the motion of Councillor Doran seconded by Councillor James J. Morris, that the Quarterly Meeting be held on Monday, 28th June, 1965, at 7.30 p.m.

CINEMA LICENCES:

On the motion of His Worship the Mayor seconded by Councillor James J. Morris, licences under the Cinematograph Act, 1909, were executed in respect of the Capitol and Abbey Cinemas.

MONCK STREET:

A memorandum was read by Alderman O'Flaherty from the residents of Monck Street, protesting against the parking of private cars in the Street and asking to have this reviewed, and it was decided to consider this matter whenever the parking Bye-laws came up for review.

HOUSING ACCOMMODATION:

Councillor Hall raised a question regarding the allocation of houses and complained that a person had recently been allocated the tenancy of a house who had just returned from England.

The Town Clerk emphatically denied this and intimated that the person he assumed Councillor Hall was referring to applied for housing accommodation two years previously.

Representations were also made to have houses made available as soon as possible to Miss Lane, William Street, Miss Kane, Selskar and William Kehoe, Maudlintown.

LIGHT AT FOLLY:

On the recommendation of the Borough Surveyor it was unanimously decided to authorise the provision of extra light at the Folly.

The Meeting then terminated.

Kevin C. Morris

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3rd May, 1965.

A Statutory Meeting of the Council was held this day in the Council Chamber, Municipal Buildings, at quarter-past eight o'clock, p.m. The members present being -

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

Aldermen: John Cullimore and John O'Flaherty.

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

In Attendance: County Manager and Town Clerk.

M I N U T E S:

On the motion of Councillor Byrne, seconded by Councillor James J. Morris, the Minutes of Quarterly Meeting held on 29th March, a copy of which had been circulated with the Agenda for the present meeting, were taken as having been read, approved and signed by the Mayor.

SYMPATHY:

Councillor James J. Morris proposed that the sympathy of the Corporation be extended to His Worship the Mayor on the death of his relative, Mrs. Mooney. Councillor Byrne seconded the motion, which was supported by all the members present, by the County Manager and Town Clerk, and adopted in respectful silence.

His Worship the Mayor returned thanks to the members and officials for their expression of sympathy.

ACKNOWLEDGEMENTS:

A letter was read from the family of the late Bridget Byrne, Howth Road, Dublin, (mother of Gearoid O Broin, C.E.O.) acknowledging the vote of sympathy passed with them on her death.

CONTRIBUTION TO HARBOUR COMMISSIONERS:

With reference to minutes of 1st March last, when the Corporation, on the suggestion of the Minister for Local Government, agreed to limit the period for which they would assist the Harbour Commissioners to three years, the Minister further intimated that the Corporation's original resolution should be revoked and a new resolution incorporating provisions limiting the payment of a grant to three years be passed.

It was thereupon unanimously resolved, on the motion of Councillor Howlin, seconded by Councillor Byrne, that the resolution of the 10th August, 1964, agreeing to make an annual free grant to the Harbour Commissioners be rescinded. This resolution was unanimously adopted.

A further resolution was thereupon proposed by Councillor John Howlin, seconded by Councillor Thomas Byrne and unanimously resolved: "That this Corporation agree to make, for a period of three years, an annual free grant to the Wexford Harbour Commissioners of such sum (not exceeding one hundred Pounds) as will enable the Commissioners to keep their property covered by Insurance".

BALLAST OFFICE:

A letter was read from the Wexford Harbour Commissioners intimating that at a recent Meeting it was suggested that the Corporation might be interested in acquiring the building known as the Ballast Office, for a consideration.

On the motion of Councillor Howlin, seconded by Alderman O'Flaherty, it was unanimously agreed to appoint a committee of three consisting of His Worship the Mayor, Councillor Hall and Alderman O'Flaherty to meet the Chairman and Secretary of the Harbour Commissioners and any other members the Chairman wished to have with him, to discuss the whole matter.

ROAD SAFETY:

A letter was read from Hon. Secretary, Wexford Chamber of Commerce, requesting the Corporation to appoint some of its members to join with them in promoting a Campaign for Road Safety in County Wexford.

At the same time a further letter was read from the Minister for Local Government intimating that he proposed to hold a Road Safety Campaign from 26th May - 2nd June, and requesting the various Committees that were formed in December, 1964, prior to the Christmas Road Safety Campaign, to assist in promoting the new Campaign.

The members considered that as the Chamber of Commerce were already represented on the Road Safety Committee established in December, 1964, no useful purpose would be served by organising a second Committee as this campaign would be better organised by the various local authorities in the County Wexford.

It was agreed to so inform the members of the Chamber of Commerce.

ANNUAL CONTRIBUTION TO BANDS:

On the motion of Councillor Byrne, seconded by His Worship the Mayor, it was unanimously decided to make a contribution of £20 per annum to each of the three Town Bands, namely: Loc Garmain Band; St. Brigid's Fife and Drum Band; and Holy Family Confraternity Band; in accordance with the provisions of Section 75 of the Local Government Act, 1946.

ROADS IMPROVEMENT GRANT, 1965/66:

The Borough Surveyor submitted the following report indicating the programme of works for inclusion under the above grant:

1. Surface dressing and sealing road surfacings laid in 1964/65.
 - (a) St. John's Road;
 - (b) Oyster Lane;
 - (c) Peter Street;
 - (d) St. Patrick's Lane;
 - (e) Junction Skeffington Street/Wellington Quay.
2. Resurfacing St. John's Drive and adjusting existing footpath levels to suit.
 - (a) resurfacing cul-de-sac at Westgate;
 - (b) resurfacing Trimmer's Lane, East.
3. Reshaping and resurfacing roadway levels at Belvedere Road.
4. Reconcrete roadway bays North Main Street from Charlotte Street to Slaney Street.
5. Renewal of defective concrete footpath North Main Street (East side from Monck Street to Charlotta Street).

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The above programme is subject to detailed estimates which may, in the light thereof, require adjustment of specific items.

Subject to Seaview Avenue being included as a priority, as was promised last year, the foregoing proposals were unanimously agreed to.

Councillor James Morris requested that the Borough Surveyor would examine Church Lane which was not taking a considerable amount of traffic due to the one-way traffic in the Main Street.

Reference was made to the footpath at Wellington Place. It was pointed out that cars were parked at the end of this footpath as a result of which pedestrians had to leave the footpath and step out on the roadway around the cars. It was, therefore, suggested that the Corporation should request the County Council to extend the footpath a few yards, but the County Manager thought it would be better if the Corporation did the work themselves out of some of the grants rather than wait for the County Council to do it.

FENCING AT DAVITT ROAD NORTH:

Councillor J. Morris again raised the question of the division fencing at the Davitt Road North Housing Scheme and the Town Clerk intimated that he was aware the Housing Engineer had been in constant touch with the Contractors and it was only that morning he had received a note saying their erector had died. At the moment the Engineer was preparing a list of persons who would be able to carry out the work for submission to the Contractors.

FOOTPATH - NORTH MAIN STREET:

Councillor James J. Morris also drew the attention of the Borough Surveyor to the condition of the footpath outside Furlong's Public House, North Main Street; and Finnegan's of Selskar.

DEFECTIVE HOUSE AT JOHN STREET:

Councillor Byrne asked the Borough Surveyor to examine the Corporation House at John Street at the corner of St. John's Road, which had been unoccupied for some time.

REHOUSING:

Reference was also made to the possibility of rehousing families named Thomas, Abbey Street; O'Brien, High Street; and Clancey, High Street.

In reply the County Manager stated that the three cases were under consideration and the Town Clerk intimated that it was hoped to rehouse O'Brien within the next few weeks, but, pointed out that O'Brien had never applied for a Corporation House until the Corporation had acquired for street widening the house he at present resides in.

Reference was also made to the condition of Mr. Barron, Davitt Road South, who was the sub-tenant of a tenant-purchase Corporation house, which had been certified as fit for human habitation and the Manager was asked to consider his case.

Reference was also made to the case of Mr. Walsh formerly of Coolcots and the Manager pointed out that it was very difficult to place this man high up on the list in front of people who had been there for some years.

ILLNESS OF BORO' SURVEYOR:

His Worship the Mayor referred to the illness of Mr. Leyden, Borough Surveyor, and moved that the Corporation extend their best wishes for his speedy recovery. This was unanimously agreed to.

DEFECTIVE TIMBER WORK:

Alderman O'Flaherty referred to the defective timber work in houses at Tuskar View and the Boro' Surveyor was to be asked to examine same.

Reference was also made to the timber work in Corish Park houses and the Borough Surveyor was to be asked to report on this as soon as he returned to work.

HOUSING SITE - SLIPPERY GREEN:

The following statement was read from the County Manager.

"A Wexford Auctioneer telephoned 28/4/'65 that a German Industrialist, accompanied by a member of the Staff of Industrial Development Authority, had examined site at Slippery Green owned by the Corporation and found it suitable, and were interested in 4 acres for the purpose of an industry. As you are aware, another Auctioneer had recently enquired re purchase of portion of the same site on behalf of an industry.

There are 11 acres in all in the site, which was purchased nearly 10 years ago for housing purposes. A lay-out plan for 118 houses was prepared by a Consulting Architect and it was my intention to seek sanction to house plans with a view to building on the site as soon as possible. There is an established need for the houses apart from the Minister's recent statement that local authorities will now have to make a fresh assessment of housing needs on a broad basis covering unfit houses, overcrowded families, obsolescence and expansion of population.

In January last I recommended that the Corporation should purchase further land for housing purposes apart from that already held. 25-30 statute acres are required. On the basis of the applications then received the need was estimated at 374. No allowance was made for obsolescence. 160 houses are in progress, leaving over 200 still needed. Proposed schemes at Talbot Street, Green Street, Duke Street and John's Gate Street will not affect this number substantially - in fact the number required needs to be increased to provide for the obsolescence factor.

If the site at Slippery Green for 118 houses is disposed of for other purposes the Corporation must purchase land which (1) will be far more expensive, (2) probably cost a lot to service, (3) be further out from the centre of Town, (4) delay substantially the Housing Programme, which over the last 17 years to 31st March, 1965, averaged about 34 houses per annum. In fact in recent years, needs have increased faster than the output of new houses, and people have to wait some years before their applications can be considered.

While everyone would be delighted to see a new industry established here, it is my opinion that the Corporation must retain the site at Slippery Green and build thereon".

While all the members were anxious that the establishment of an industry in the Town should be facilitated to the greatest extent possible they were also reluctant to dispose of any land they had for housing, particularly as the site in question had already been planned to hold 118 houses and the lay-out plan was now ready for submission to the Minister for Local Government. The members also took notice of the fact that some 300 houses were still needed in the town including newly-weds or obsolescence.

The Manager further intimated that he had been offered some land adjacent to the Slippery Green (planned) Housing Site, which the Corporation would have power to acquire for either housing or industrial purposes and he suggested that the Corporation should have at least 25 acres of land available for to meet their housing needs and potential industrial development, and he strongly urged the Council to authorise him to purchase this land with the least possible delay.

The members then carefully considered the Manager's suggestion and unanimously decided, on the motion of Councillor Howlin, seconded by Councillor Byrne, to authorise the Manager to purchase at least 25 acres of land in Whitemill area for either Council houses or factory sites.

The Meeting then terminated.

Thomas F. Byrne.
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14th June, 1965.

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

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

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

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

In the absence of His Worship the Mayor, Councillor Byrne was moved to the Chair, on the motion of Alderman Corish seconded by Alderman O'Flaherty.

M I N U T E S:

On the motion of Councillor James J. Morris, 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 Chairman.

S Y M P A T H Y :

The Chairman moved that the sympathy of the Corporation be extended to the relatives of the late T.D. Sinnott, former County Manager.

Councillor James J. Morris seconded this motion which was supported by all the members present, by the County Manager, Town Clerk, Borough Surveyor and Borough Accountant.

The Chairman also moved that the sympathy of the Corporation be extended to the Most Rev. Dr. Herlihy, Bishop of Ferns, on the death of his brother.

Alderman Corish seconded this motion which was also supported by all the members and officials.

Councillor Hall moved that the sympathy of the Corporation be extended to the relatives of the late Fr. Morris, S.J.

The Chairman seconded this motion, which was supported by all the members present.

The three resolutions were adopted in respectful silence and the meeting was adjourned as a mark of respect.

.....*James J. Morris*.....

14th June, 1965.

A meeting of the Corporation, as a Housing Committee, was held this day in the Municipal Buildings. The members present being -

Councillor Thomas Byrne in the Chair.

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

Councillors: Edward Hall, John Bierney, James J. Morris, Patrick Doran, Frank Cullimore and John Howlin.

With reference to minutes of last meeting when a discussion took place on the question of the acquisition of land for housing and industrial purposes, the Town Clerk reported to the meeting that since then 17 acres of land had been acquired from Mr. John Sinnott of Clonard. This land, together with other land in the possession of the Corporation, and land which might be made available for housing purposes as a result of Duke Street/John's Gate Street Compulsory Purchase Orders, would only meet the immediate housing needs of the Corporation, which, the Town Clerk estimated was 250. This, he explained, was a very rough estimate and if anything erred on the conservative side. But a further survey would be undertaken in the near future to determine the exact number of houses necessary. The position was, however, that all the land in the possession of the Corporation would only meet the present estimated housing needs. Accordingly, unless further land was acquired, it would be necessary to inform those who were depending on the Corporation to supply factory sites, that any offer the Corporation had made in the past, would now be withdrawn and that the Corporation would not be in a position to supply land for industrial purposes unless further land was acquired.

Arising out of this it was further pointed out that the Corporation were examining a number of sites at Whitemill South containing approximately 21 acres, and the permission of the Council was now sought to purchase this land and hold it in reserve for either industrial or housing purposes.

On the motion of Councillor Howlin, seconded by Alderman O'Flaherty, it was unanimously decided to authorise the County Manager to purchase the lands at Whitemill South containing 21 acres, referred to.

Arising out of the question of the acquisition of land it was further reported that the number of applications for houses was now far exceeding the number of houses being erected annually and that some steps would have to be taken to meet the immediate needs by the provision of at least 100 - 200 dwellings and it was suggested that the Corporation should examine the possibility of providing rationalised or factory-built houses on a site at Whitemill North for which a lay-out plan was, at present, before the Minister for Local Government.

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This suggestion gave rise to a general discussion during which it was obvious to the members that the traditional means of providing houses at present in operation by the Corporation would never overcome the needs of the people of the town, and that some steps should be taken to provide houses by other means in conjunction with the traditional means at present in operation. It was felt that if 100 - 200 houses were provided by rationalised methods, that the back of the immediate problem would be broken and that the traditional method of building would provide for the future needs. On the motion of Councillor Howlin, seconded by Alderman O'Flanerty, it was unanimously agreed to authorise the County Manager to investigate a possibility of providing some houses on these lines.

It was also agreed to urge the Architect to expedite the plans and specification for Duke Street/John's Gate Street Areas, and to again ask the Department of Local Government to expedite sanction to the lay-out submitted for six houses at Faythe, which could be then advertised for tender.

OVERDRAFT ACCOMMODATION:

On the motion of Councillor Byrne, seconded by Councillor Howlin, 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 1965.

Thomas J. Byrne.

The Meeting then terminated.

28th June, 1965.

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

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

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

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

In Attendance: Borough Surveyor and Town Clerk.

M I N U T E S:

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

ELECTION OF MAYOR:

The first business was the election of a Mayor who would hold Office until Quarterly meeting due to be held in June or July, 1966, and until Successor has been appointed and made a Declaration of Acceptance of Office.

Alderman John Cullimore proposed that Councillor Patrick Doran be elected as Mayor. This was seconded by Councillor Thomas Byrne.

Alderman Nicholas P. Corish proposed that Councillor Thomas Byrne be elected. This was seconded by Councillor Howlin.

Councillor James J. Morris proposed that Alderman O'Flaherty, be elected. This was seconded by Councillor Hall.

As there were no other nominations a poll was taken between the foregoing three candidates, when there voted -

For Councillor Doran	-	Alderman Cullimore and Councillor Doran.	two.
For Councillor Byrne	-	Alderman Corish, Councillors Byrne, Howlin, Cullen and Bierney.	five.
For Alderman O'Flaherty	-	Aldermen Morris and O'Flaherty. Councillors Morris, Cullimore and Hall.	five.

Councillor Doran was thereupon eliminated and a further poll taken as between Alderman O'Flaherty and Councillor Byrne.

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28th June, 1965.

When they voted -

For Councillor Byrne - Aldermen Corish and Cullimore.
Councillors Doran, Byrne, Howlin,
Cullen and Bierney.

seven.

For Alderman O'Flaherty - Aldermen Morris and O'Flaherty.
Councillors Morris, Cullimore and
Hall.

five.

Councillor Byrne was accordingly elected as Mayor and made and subscribed the Declaration of Acceptance of Office prescribed by the Municipal Corporations (Ireland) Act, 1840. After making the Declaration of Acceptance of Office, Councillor Byrne returned thanks to all the members for conferring on him the honour of electing him Mayor of the Borough for the coming year.

Councillor Howlin thanked the out-going Mayor for the manner in which he had conducted the business of the Corporation during the past twelve months, and particularly for his impartiality in the Chair. All the other members also thanked His Worship the Mayor for the manner in which he conducted the business of the Corporation during the past twelve months.

The out-going Mayor congratulated the new Mayor and also the members for the support and co-operation they had given him during his year of Office.

The new Mayor was then invested with the Robe and Chain of Office and took the Chair.

QUARTERLY MEETINGS:

The next business was to appoint the days and hours for the holding of three Quarterly meetings prior to 25th June, 1966, and on the suggestion of the Town Clerk, it was unanimously agreed, on the motion of Councillor Howlin, seconded by Alderman Morris, that the three Quarterly meetings be held on 4th October, 1965; 3rd January, 1966; and 4th April, 1966, at the usual hours for meetings of the Council.

LAND AT WHITEMILL SOUTH:

A recommendation from the Wexford County Manager that a plot of ground at Whitemill South, containing 17 perches and acquired with other land some time ago from Mr. Frank Cullimore be disposed of to Mr. Christopher Hopkins, Bishopswater, for the sum of £50, on which he proposed to erect a dwellinghouse, was submitted.

According to the provisions of Section 83 of the Local Government Act, 1946, Notice of this proposal was given to each member under date of 25th May, 1965, and, on the motion of Alderman Corish, seconded by Councillor Howlin, it was unanimously agreed that the plot of ground in question should be disposed of to Mr. Hopkins on the terms above-mentioned.

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28th June, 1965.

J O I N E R Y:

With reference to minutes of 18th January last when a discussion took place regarding the supply of joinery for 126 houses in course of construction in Slippery Green, all the correspondence between the Corporation and Minister for Local Government in this connection, was read.

CEMETERY LOAN:

It was reported to the meeting that the National Bank Ltd. had now decided to dispose of a mortgage deed in connection with Loans and that the loan of £2,000 authorised by the Corporation last year for the resurfacing of the walks, etc., in St. Ibar's Cemetery, would be advanced on the sanction of the Minister for Local Government, which had already been obtained, and on the adoption by the Corporation of a formal resolution.

The following resolution was thereupon unanimously adopted on the motion of Alderman O'Flaherty, seconded by Alderman Corish -

"Pursuant to the letter of sanction dated 9th October, 1964, of the Minister for Local Government, the sum of £2,000 be borrowed from the National Bank Ltd. for the purpose of defraying expenditure on improvement works at St. Ibar's Cemetery, Wexford, to be repaid within 10 years with interest at the appropriate rate as charged by the Bank from time to time for such advances as in the said letter of sanction".

PENNY DINNER CENTRE:

On the recommendation of the Wexford County Manager it was unanimously agreed, on the motion of Councillor Howlin, seconded by Councillor J. J. Morris, that the sum paid to the penny dinner centre for school children attending the centre be increased from 1d to 3d per meal, with effect as from 1st April, 1965.

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The remaining two items on the Agenda relating to the provision of a dressing room at handball alley, Emmet Place, and a report of the Borough Surveyor on the Ballast Office, Crescent Quay, was adjourned to the Statutory Meeting due to be held in July, 1965.

The Meeting then terminated.

Thomas J. Byrne

5th July, 1965.

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: K. C. Morris and John Cullimore.

Councillors: Patrick Doran, Edward Hall and James J. Morris.

In Attendance: Town Clerk and Borough Surveyor.

MINUTES:

On the motion of Councillor Doran, seconded by Alderman Cullimore, the minutes of meeting of 28th ultimo, a copy of which had been circulated with the Agenda for the present meeting, were taken as having been read, approved and signed by the Mayor.

SYMPATHY:

His Worsnip the Mayor proposed that the sympathy of the Corporation be extended to the family of the late John Roice, a former member of the Council. Alderman Cullimore seconded this motion, which was supported by all the members present, by the Town Clerk and Borough Surveyor, and adopted in respectful silence.

ACKNOWLEDGEMENT:

A letter was read from His Lordship, the Bishop of Ferns, Most Rev. Dr. Donal J. Herlihy, acknowledging the vote of sympathy passed with him at a recent meeting of the Council, on the death of his brother.

MUNICIPAL RATE 1965/66:

On the motion of Alderman K. C. Morris, seconded by Councillor James J. Morris, it was unanimously agreed that a Municipal Rate of 68/- in the pound be made on the property thereto in the Borough for the Services of the Local Financial Year ending on 31st March, 1966, as agreed to on 29th March, last. The Rate Book, which contained the various items of Rate, was then sealed and signed on behalf of the Council.

HANDBALL ALLEY COMMITTEE:

A letter was read from the Committee of the Handball Alley at Emmet Place, requesting assistance in either the placing of wire at the top of the Alley or in the provision of a dress room.

This letter gave rise to considerable amount of discussion due to the fact that a former Committee which it was alleged had several hundred pounds in the funds, had distributed such funds to local charity instead of using them for the embellishment of the Alley. After a lengthy discussion it was agreed that the Committee be informed -

1. They should proceed with the wiring of the Alley from the funds they had in hands, as otherwise it would be possible that a petition from the residents complaining of the nuisance caused by the balls entering their yards could cause considerable trouble and possibly lead to closing of the Alley;
2. The Borough Surveyor will discuss with the Committee the provision of a dressing room and advise them as to the best means of providing same, and this matter would come back to the Corporation for further consideration at a later date;
3. The Secretary of the Committee was to be asked to submit the names of the Committee to the Corporation who would then add members to represent the Corporation on the Management Committee of the Corporation.

BALLAST OFFICE - CRESCENT QUAY:

A report from the Borough Surveyor on the condition of the Ballast Office, Crescent Quay, which had been circulated to the members, was next considered. It was seen that considerable repairs and internal plastering and decoration would be required to make this building suitable for any use. The Surveyor estimated that it would require an expenditure of at least £6,000 in addition to the purchase price of £4,000 asked for by the Commissioners, and after some consideration, it was decided to inform the Commissioners that the Corporation were not interested in the building at the price.

ANNUAL CONFERENCE - MUNICIPAL AUTHORITIES:

The Town Clerk intimated that the Annual Conference of the Municipal Authorities would be held in Cobh on the 14th, 15th and 16th September next, and if any member had any matters which he wished to have placed on the Agenda for the Conference, he should forward them to him before the end of July, 1965.

FERRYBANK:

Alderman Morris referred to a meeting of the joint Committee of the Corporation and the Tourist Development Committee of the Wexford Chamber of Commerce, which was held on the previous morning and intimated that the joint committee were very dissatisfied with the progress of the Ferrybank Scheme. It would appear that the joint committee were laying the responsibility on the Corporation and Officials for the various delays which had occurred in proceeding with this Scheme. The Town Clerk took strong exception to this implication and stated that neither the Corporation nor Officials were in any way to blame for the unfortunate hold up in the progress of the Ferrybank Scheme.

He, Town Clerk, reminded the members that at the end of last summer, a Conference was held between the joint Committee, the Architect and representatives of Bord Failte, in the Talbot Hotel, when the complete Scheme was explained.

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This Conference continued with the Officials of the Corporation in the Municipal Buildings on the following day, when the Town Clerk was informed by the Architect that he would forward to him a complete set of drawings for transmission to the Department of Local Government.

On the 5th October last, the Town Clerk enquired from the Architect when the amended plans could be expected for submission and on the 8th idem. received a letter to the effect that the plans were almost ready and would be submitted to him (Town Clerk) within the coming week.

It was not, however, until the 13th January last that any documents were received and a set of 23 drawings in relation to the proposed development at Ferrybank was forwarded to the Department of Local Government for the Minister's approval.

Under date of 29th April last, the Minister for Local Government raised a number of queries arising out of the submission of the Plans in January and a copy of this letter was forwarded in May to the Architect with a request that the information asked for by the Minister should be submitted as soon as possible.

Early in June, however, it appeared, despite the fact that a complete set of drawings was supposed to have been forwarded to the Town Clerk in January for submission to the Minister, no less than 22 drawings in connection with the civil engineering side of the project had not yet been forwarded. This latter set of drawings were left with the Town Clerk in June, but on examination it was ascertained that of the 22 drawings comprised in the list of civil engineering plans two were not included and it was not until the 14th June that these two documents and necessary estimates and reports from the Architects and Engineers were available to the Town Clerk. Even then only after he had discussed the matter, and carefully examined all the drawings with the Borough Surveyor, did they discover that the drawings of the Consultant for the chlorination plant, etc. were not included, and these had to be sought before a complete set could be sent to the Department.

On the 14th June the necessary reports along with no less than 29 drawings were forwarded to the Department of Local Government.

Summarising the Town Clerk pointed out that he had accepted, in January last, the word of the Architect that he had sent him a complete set of drawings for submission to the Minister and it was neither his business, nor was he competent, to check whether or not the 23 drawings dealt with every aspect of the project. In June last he accidentally discovered that the civil engineering and chlorination drawings had not been included in the "complete" set of plans which had been sent to him in January for submission to the Minister for Local Government.

It was obvious, therefore, that neither the Corporation nor its Officials were in any way responsible for any delays which occurred in the Ferrybank project, and he denied any such allegation.

The members accepted the Town Clerk's statement and agreed that any delay which had occurred in this project was entirely due to the technical consultants employed on the Scheme, and it was unanimously decided that the Town Clerk should write immediately to the Minister asking the present position and if a satisfactory reply was not received that the Mayor should convene a special meeting with the object of appointing a deputation.

PLOT OF GROUND AT CARRIGEEN STREET:

Councillor Doran asked what was the present position regarding the application of Mr. Patrick Roberts for permission to build a garage on the plot of ground adjoining his house at Carrigeen Street and he was informed that the plot of ground in question was the property of the Corporation. It was proposed to lease the ground to Mr. Roberts provided he obtained permission from the tenant of the adjoining house to place his garage against the gable-end. Apparently this permission was not forthcoming and as Solicitors were involved on both sides, the Corporation did not propose to be involved in any legal action in the event of Mr. Roberts building the garage without the permission of the adjoining owner if the Corporation leased him the plot of ground. In the circumstances, it was not proposed to lease the ground to Mr. Roberts until the question of building against his neighbour's gable-end was satisfactory settled.

SELSKAR ABBEY:

In reply to a question by Councillor Doran, it was stated that the transfer of Selskar Abbey to the Corporation had not yet been completed. This was due to queries raised by the Church Representative Body regarding the rights-of-way, etc. and during the previous week the Solicitor for the Church Representative Body had been requested to send a representative to discuss on the ground and have clearly defined the rights-of-way he wished to have embodied in the deed of transfer.

BUSES TO BROWNSWOOD:

Councillor James J. Morris referred to the transfer of the Medical Ward at the County Hospital to Brownswood, Enniscorthy, and asked that C.I.E. be requested to run a bus service on Wednesdays and Sundays at 1.30 p.m. returning at 4.15 p.m. when the visiting hours would be over.

C.I.E. was also to be requested to run a bus service to Curracloe.

Reference was also made to the service between Waterford and Wexford and it was pointed out that people arriving on this bus had only two hours in town, and C.I.E. was also to be asked to extend the leaving time for the Waterford bus to enable people taking advantage of it to be more than two hours in Wexford.

M I S C E L L A N E O U S:

In reply to a query the Borough Surveyor intimated that he would have repairs carried out to the footpaths at North Main Street pending inclusion in the Emergency Grant during the winter.

Reference was made to the condition of the footpath at School Street and it was intimated to the meeting that the County Council proposed to reconstruct the road and footpath there.

Reference was made to the footpath at Mary Street, the gully and channel outside Messrs. Nunn's premises in Gibson Street and Keyser's Lane. The Borough Surveyor promised to attend to these matters.

Reference was made to water flowing onto a house occupied by Franey, Mannix Place, from the piece of waste ground there and the Borough Surveyor promised to examine the ground and report to the Corporation.

Reference was made to the footpath at Menapia Avenue and it was pointed out that it was recently intended to adjust the widths of footpath there to make a wider carriageway but it was only reinforcement work that had been included in the Grant out of which this work had been done.

Arising out of this matter the Town Clerk intimated to the meeting that it was intended to examine the possibility of providing a car park on the piece of waste ground in Mannix Place referred to above and if this could be done, it would be quite simple to prohibit the parking of cars in Menapia Avenue, thus making room for through traffic.

The Borough Surveyor was asked to examine a house at Tuskar View occupied by a man named Hayes where a fire had recently taken place.

Reference was also made to machinery being stored in the Car Park at Cornmarket and the Borough Surveyor was to be asked to have this position remedied.

Councillor Hall referred to a recent advertisement in the paper regarding the proposed 29 houses at Hill Street, and he was informed that the Corporation had yet no official application for planning permission for the houses in question and they were not aware of who was proposed to build beyond what appeared in the newspaper advertisement referred to by Councillor Hall.

The Meeting then terminated.

Thomas L. Byrne

9th August, 1965.

A Special 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, Councillor Thomas Byrne, presiding.

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

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

The Mayor explained that on becoming aware that Cardinal Cushing, Archbishop of Boston, was to visit Wexford, he had convened the Meeting as he felt sure the Corporation would wish to honour this distinguished Prince of the Church in the only way that lay in their power, by conferring on him the Freedom of the Borough.

All the members concurred in the sentiments expressed by the Mayor and the following resolution adopted unanimously :-

Proposed by His Worship the Mayor, seconded by Alderman John O'Flaherty -

"By virtue of the Municipal Privilege Act, Ireland, 1870, it is hereby resolved that the Honorary Freedom of this, the Ancient Borough of Wexford, be conferred on His Eminence, Richard Cardinal Cushing, Archbishop of Boston, and legate of His Holiness, Pope Paul VI, to the blessing and dedication of the Cathedral of Our Lady Assumed Into Heaven and Saint Nicholas, Galway: in recognition of the honour His Eminence has bestowed on us by visiting our town, and as a mark of the loyalty and attachment of the Mayor, Aldermen and Burgesses of the Borough of Wexford to the Throne and Person of the Sovereign Pontiff".

The Meeting then terminated.

Thomas F. Byrne

6th September, 1965.

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 F. Byrne, in the Chair.

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

Councillors: F. Cullimore, Edward Hall, John Bierney, J. Howlin and James J. Morris.

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

M I N U T E S:

On the proposal of Alderman Corish, seconded by Councillor Howlin, the minutes of meeting of 14th June and 9th August, copies of which had been circulated with the Agenda for the present meeting, were taken as having been read, approved and signed by the Mayor.

ACKNOWLEDGEMENTS:

A Letter was read from the family of the late T.D. Sinnott, former County Manager, acknowledging the vote of sympathy passed with them on his death.

SYMPATHY:

The Mayor moved that the Council place on record their deep sympathy with the relatives of the late Michael Mitten, New York, who had played a large part in securing the Statue of Commodore John Barry for Ireland. Councillor John Howlin seconded.

The Mayor also moved that the sympathy of the Council be extended to the relatives of the late Lieut-Commander James Whelan, who had on several occasions acted a liaison officer with the American Navy ships visiting the ports in connection with the Commodore Barry Memorial. Alderman Corish seconded this motion.

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

BUS SERVICE:

Correspondence was read from C.I.E. regarding Bus Services to Curracloe and Brownswood Hospital, and it was decided to ask for a re-examination of the Council's request for a Sunday Service to Brownswood which the Company stated was not practicable.

GRANT TO HARBOUR COMMISSIONERS:

With reference to Minutes of 3rd May last, when it was unanimously decided to make, for a period of three years, an annual free grant to the Wexford Harbour Commissioners for such sum (not exceeding one hundred Pounds) as would enable the Commissioners to keep their property covered by Insurance, the meeting was reminded that the resolution of 3rd May required confirmation, and the following resolution adopted, viz:

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"On the motion of Alderman Corish, seconded by Councillor Howlin, it was unanimously resolved that the resolution of 3rd May, 1965, agreeing to make, for a period of three years, an annual free grant to the Wexford Harbour Commissioners of such sum (not exceeding one hundred pounds) as will enable the Commissioners to keep their property covered by insurance, be and is hereby confirmed".

VACANCY ON VOCATIONAL EDUCATION COMMITTEE:

On the proposal of Councillor Howlin, seconded by Alderman Corish, it was unanimously decided to appoint His Worship the Mayor, a member of the Town of Wexford Vocational Education Committee, in lieu of Councillor Frank Cullimore, who had ceased to be a member of Committee.

CLERK-TYPIST/CLERICAL OFFICER:

On the motion of Councillor Howlin, seconded by Alderman Corish, it was unanimously decided to authorise -

- (a) the abolition of the post of Clerk-Typist formerly held by Miss Noirin Donnelly who had retired to be married; and
- (b) in lieu thereof, the creation of a post of Clerical Officer.

Arising out of the foregoing, Alderman Corish moved that the congratulations of the Council be extended to Miss Donnelly on her marriage. Alderman Morris seconded and the proposal was unanimously adopted.

HOUSING LOANS:

On the motion of Alderman O'Flaherty, seconded by Alderman Corish, it was unanimously agreed to request the sanction of the Minister for Local Government to the raising of a loan of £50,000 (Fifty thousand Pounds) from the Commissioners of Public Works for the purpose of making advances under the Housing (Loans and Grants) Act, 1962; and to undertake that the instalments in repayment of the loan now proposed as well as of any existing loan will be punctually remitted at the dates which they become due, viz: 1st May and 1st November in each year.

MOTHER GENERAL ORDER OF ST. JOHN OF GOD:

It was unanimously agreed, on the motion of His Worship the Mayor to congratulate the newly-elected Mother General of the Order of St. John of God.

EMERGENCY & EMPLOYMENT SCHEMES VOTE, 1965/66:

The following proposals for work, under the Employment and Emergency Schemes Vote for 1965/66, were approved on the motion of His Worship the Mayor, seconded by Councillor Howlin, viz:

1. Relaying footpaths along portion of North Main Street and portion of George Street.
2. Relaying footpaths at Anne Street between Dunnes Stores and County Hotel.
3. Relaying footpaths at South Main Street from Oyster Lane to Anne Street.
4. Resurfacing of Seaview Avenue;
5. Resurfacing of Slaughterhouse Lane;
6. Levelling of overgrown earth banks around portion of Green, Windmill Hills, surfacing of path through same.

Attention was drawn to items 1, 2 and 3. The works were normally commenced about 1st December. Some inconveniences might be occasioned to business premises along these sections, but this would be kept to a minimum during the work. The amount of the grant was £3,250 and the local contribution £465, making a total of £3,715.

Arising out of the above, the following proposals were suggested for future consideration -

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- (a) the surfacing of the embankment at Bishopswater Housing Estate.
- (b) the provision of a Public Convenience at St. Ibar's Cemetery.

Reference was also made to a defective portion of the roadway at St. Peter's Square and the Borough Surveyor undertook to have same surfaced.

DOMESTIC SCAVENGING:

His Worship the Mayor protested against the placing of dust bins on the Main Street at night, particularly at week-ends, and issued a warning that he would ask the Corporation to consider enforcing anti-litter Byelaws if this practice did not cease.

PARKING PLACES:

Reference was made to the indiscriminate parking at the Redmond Monument and the Borough Surveyor was asked to consult with the Gardai regarding the provision of traffic lines there. Councillor Howlin referred to two bad accidents which had taken place at the bridge recently and thought that there should be a turning sign at the railway bridge end.

PUBLIC LIGHTING:

Alderman Corisn referred to the destructive breaking of public lights and asked that the Gardai be asked to make every endeavour to identify the culprits with the object of prosecution.

WALL AT MAUDLINTOWN:

Reference was also made to the wall at the rere of Mr. Tottingham's, Maudlintown, which had collapsed some time ago and it was decided that the Borough Surveyor and Town Clerk should interview the owner in the near future, and submit an estimate of cost of repairing the wall.

DAVITT ROAD SOUTH - HOUSING:

The Town Clerk undertook to see the National Building Agency with a view to having them return to the Corporation the sites they had agreed to purchase there, with a view to houses being erected by the Direct Labour Building Unit.

WEXFORD HURLERS:

Councillor James J. Morris congratulated the Wexford Hurlers on their recent display in the All-Ireland Final.

FERRYBANK DEVELOPMENT:

The Town Clerk reported that he had recently had a lengthy interview on the proposed development at Ferrybank. He had examined the estimates and the Architect had since been asked by the Department of Local Government for a further break-down with the object of determining the exact cost of the scheme. He (Town Clerk) was satisfied that the examination of the proposals by the Department of Local Government was being carried out as expeditely as possible and he felt that there was a reasonable chance that the scheme would eventually be sanctioned.

PURCHASE OF LAND:

Reference was made to the purchase of land at Whitemill North and South for housing and industrial development and it was reported that the Consulting Engineer, Mr. Barry, had submitted a preliminary report showing the estimated cost of immediate development for sewer and water supply which amounted to £32,400, and that the total estimated cost of the ultimate development would amount to £138,000.

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In addition, the meeting was informed that negotiations were in hand for the sale of sites to German Industrialists who wished to establish factories there and to enable these factories to operate, access roads would be necessary.

Some of this work would be the responsibility of the Wexford County Council and more of it the responsibility of the Corporation.

The members considered that every effort should be made to secure the factories for the town and that any work necessary to develop the sites should be undertaken by the Corporation without delay.

It was, therefore, agreed, on the motion of Councillor Howlin, seconded by His Worship the Mayor, that the County Manager be authorised to take all necessary steps to provide the roads and services needed for the development of the area.

SCAVENGING TRUCK:

Reference was also made to the need for a Scavenging vehicle for the town. The meeting was reminded that in a report of last year, the Borough Surveyor had indicated that a new scavenging vehicle would be required in 1965/66. During the previous week an up-to-date scavenging vehicle had been demonstrated in the town which would enable the dust bins of the entire town to be emptied with only one call to the dump per day.

Some of the members had seen this new vehicle in operation and it was unanimously decided that the Borough Surveyor should submit a report on this new type of vehicle as soon as possible.

TOWN SERGEANT:

It was reported to the meeting that, due to ill-health, Mr. William Kehoe, Town Sergeant, had recently resigned from office. His lump sum grant would amount to £865. 16. 0d and pension £290. 17. 4d per annum, and on the motion of Councillor Howlin seconded by Alderman Corish, it was unanimously agreed that extra provision be made in the General Purposes Estimate to the amount of £866 to meet the lump sum grant payable to the Town Sergeant.

It was also reported to the meeting that the County Manager proposed to deal with the replacement of the Town Sergeant as follows :-

1. The appointment of a Town Sergeant who would also be Caretaker of the Municipal Buildings.
2. To provide living accommodation in the grounds of the Municipal Buildings for the said Caretaker.
3. Leave William Kehoe in the house he at present occupies at John's Gate Street at a rent to be fixed, and
4. Appoint Mrs. Kehoe as caretaker of the Town Hall, she to be entitled to charge fixed fees for the various functions held there.

These proposals of the Manager were also unanimously approved on the motion of Councillor Howlin, seconded by Alderman Corish.

EXPENSES - Councillor Doran:

The Town Clerk reminded the meeting that in 1963 a joint meeting of the Borough Council and Wexford Chamber of Commerce had decided to appoint a representative to attend a Conference at Fishguard on 11th July, 1963, with the object of securing a car-ferry between Rosslare Harbour and Fishguard.

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It appeared at that meeting that the members of the Corporation had decided that Councillor Doran should represent them at the Fisnguard meeting, but through some oversight this had not been reported to a formal meeting of the Council.

The Town Clerk intimated that he had received an account from Councillor Doran for £6. 3. 0d which he considered very reasonable and he now asked for authorisation to pay this account.

A number of the members remembered the occasion when Councillor Doran was appointed to attend, and on the motion of His Worship the Mayor, seconded by Alderman O'Flaherty, it was unanimously decided that Councillor Doran should be refunded the expenses incurred by him in attending the meeting at Fisnguard.

MAYOR'S SALARY:

On the motion of Alderman Corish, seconded by Councillor Hall, it was unanimously agreed that the salary of the Mayor for the Quarter ending on 30th instant be fixed at £130 (One hundred and thirty Pounds).

OVERDRAFT:

On the motion of His Worship the Mayor, seconded by Councillor Howlin, it was unanimously agreed that the overdraft of £40,000 authorised on Revenue Account on 14th June last for the Quarter ending 30th instant, be increased to £60,000.

It was also agreed on the motion of Alderman O'Flaherty, seconded by Alderman Cullimore, that overdraft accommodation on the Revenue Account in the sum of £60,000 and on the Capital Account in the sum of £40,000 be authorised up to 31st December, 1965.

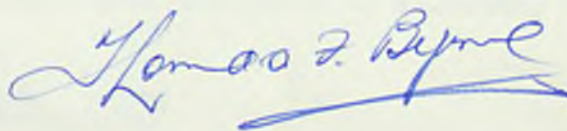
BARRY MEMORIAL:

It was unanimously decided to hold the Annual Commemoration at the Barry Memorial on 19th September and to appoint a Committee to assist the Borough Accountant, who would be acting Town Clerk at that time, to make the necessary arrangements.

On the motion of Alderman Morris, seconded by Councillor James J. Morris, the following Committee was appointed -

His Worship the Mayor; Aldermen O'Flaherty and Kevin C. Morris.

The meeting then terminated.



11th October, 1965.

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

His Worship the Mayor, Councillor Thomas F. Byrne, in the Chair.

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

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

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

M I N U T E S:

On the proposal of Councillor James J. Morris, seconded by Alderman Kevin C. Morris, the minutes of 6th ultimo, a copy of which had been circulated with the Agenda for the present meeting, were taken as having been read, approved and signed by the Mayor.

SYMPATHY:

His Worship the Mayor moved that the sympathy of the Corporation be extended to Alderman Nicholas P. Corish, on the death of his brother John. Councillor Howlin seconded this motion which was supported by all the members present, by the County Manager, Town Clerk and Borough Surveyor, and adopted in respectful silence.

RETIRED TOWN SERGEANT:

The Town Clerk intimated to the meeting that he had been asked by William Kehoe, the recently retired Town Sergeant, to thank the members of the Corporation for their courtesy to him during his long period of Office.

The Mayor thereupon moved that the Corporation record their appreciation of the services of Mr. Kehoe, to the Corporation, during his period of office. Councillor Howlin seconded this motion which was supported by all the members present, by the County Manager and Town Clerk and adopted with acclamation.

OMAGH URBAN DISTRICT COUNCIL:

The meeting was informed that a deputation from the Omagh Urban District Council would be visiting Wexford on Friday 15th instant to inspect the New Plant at Wexford Gas Works.

The Mayor intimated that he proposed to extend a welcome to the visiting Councillors at the Talbot Hotel on the 15th instant at 7.00 p.m. and requested any members who were available to accompany him on the occasion.

FACTORY SITE:

An application was read on behalf of Messrs. Hardob (Ireland) Ltd. for a factory site at Whitemill North. The Town Clerk explained to the meeting that a decision could not be reached at this meeting, as it would be necessary to comply with the provisions of the Local Government Act, 1946, and on the motion of Councillor Howlin, seconded by Councillor James J. Morris, it was unanimously decided that the Town Clerk should proceed to comply with the provisions of the Act so that the factory site might be conveyed to the applicant with as little delay as possible.

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SITE AT WINDMILLS HILL:

On the recommendation of the County Manager, it was unanimously decided on the motion of Councillor James J. Morris, seconded by Alderman O'Flaherty, to grant a lease for 31 years of a site adjoining his premises there to Mr. Brendan Fulham, Windmills Hill, at a rent of £2. 10. Od. per annum.

VANDALISM AND REPORT FROM E.S.B.:

A lengthy report was read from the Electricity Supply Board setting out the location and number of public lamps deliverately broken during the month of September. This showed that a total number of 58 lamps had been maliciously damaged during that month. All the members present condemned this wanton destruction by irresponsible people and urged that the Gardai use their best endeavours to apprehend some of the persons responsible for this malicious damage.

Councillor Howlin also intimated that a further practice was the breaking of milk bottles on the streets. Apparently people leaving out milk bottles at night for collection by the delivery cars in the morning had their bottles removed from their door steps and smashed on the public streets. This practice was also strongly condemned and an appeal made to the public for co-operation in apprehending the people responsible.

Reference was also made to the recent action of some person in placing an empty stout bottle on the '98 Monument in the Bull Ring and arising out of this the Borough Surveyor was asked to have the Monument cleaned and the inscription on the plinth renewed.

TIDY TOWNS COMPETITION:

The report of the adjudicators of the Tidy Towns Competition was read and once again the Council objected to the Town being adjudicated on portions of the adjoining rural area over which they had no control and it was unanimously decided to draw the attention of Bord Failte to this matter and to seek co-operation with the County Council for future competitions.

GIBSON STREET:

Reference was made to the condition of Gibson Street and the Town Clerk was asked to examine the possibility of taking steps under the Derelict Sites Act in respect of some premises there.

BUILDING SCHEMES:

Reference was also made to a recent letter in the local Press from the Federation of Building Trades and Employers and it was decided that the Manager should prepare a reply for the next meeting.

TRAIN SERVICE:

A complaint was made regarding the train service from Rosslare Harbour in the mornings. It appeared that the boat arrived in at the Harbour at 6.00 a.m. and it was seven-thirty by the time the first train left for Wexford and it was decided to take this matter up with the Area Manager of C.I.E.

TRAFFIC SIGNS:

Reference was made to the need for painting of "No Entry" signs at the entrance to the Main Street and the Borough Surveyor was to take this matter up with the Gardai.

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PARKING:

Reference was also made to the parking of motor cars outside the Fire Brigade during a recent hurling match in Wexford Park and it was decided to take steps to see that no parking occurred outside the Fire Brigade for the future.

17, ANTELOPE ROAD:

Councillor Doran drew the attention of the Borough Surveyor to a dangerous railing outside No. 17, Antelope Road.

HOUSING:

Reference was made to the need for housing accommodation of Hayes of Gibson Street; O'Brien, Peter's Lane and Rossiter, Henrietta Street and the Manager requested to deal with these cases, as soon as possible.

11, WOLFE TONE VILLAS:

Complaint was also made regarding a leaking roof at No. 11, Wolfe Tone Villas and the Borough Surveyor was asked to attend to it.

ALLOCATION OF A HOUSE:

Councillor Howlin referred to a recent allocation of a house at Corish Park to a person who resided in the rural area and was only recently placed on the list, but it was explained that both the Manager and Town Clerk were absent on leave when this occurred and had either of them been here it would not have happened. It was one of these cases that just happened and steps would be taken to ensure that if at all possible such a case would not occur again.

DAVITT ROAD SITES:

The meeting was informed that the National Building Agency had agreed to return to the Corporation four building sites at Davitt Road North and that the Housing Engineer had been asked to prepare a plan for the erection of four houses thereon.

A suggestion by the Manager was also agreed to that houses should be erected on a vacant site at Davitt Road South, of a type suitable for old people.

KEYSER'S LANE:

Reference was also made to the need to clear portion of High Street adjoining Keyser's Lane to the south side and the officials were asked to see if it would be possible to negotiate the purchase of a house occupied by Mr. Martin Kelly.

TALBOT ST/GREEN STREET:

Alderman O'Flaherty referred to the development of Talbot Street and Green Street and intimated that a person had been unable to dispose of property there recently due to the Corporation's proposal and the Alderman was informed that the Compulsory Purchase Order for the acquisition of the area would be made in the very near future.

ROAD SAFETY:

A letter addressed to the Mayor from the Minister for Local Government on the Christmas Road Safety Campaign was read and it was unanimously decided to give the campaign all the support possible.

The Meeting then terminated.

Thomas J. Byrne

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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 F. Byrne, in the Chair.

Aldermen: Kevin C. Morris and John O'Flaherty.

Councillors: Patrick Doran, Edward Hall, John Howlin, James J. Morris and John Bierney.

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

M I N U T E S:

On the motion of Councillor James J. Morris, seconded by Alderman K. C. Morris, the minutes of previous meeting, copy of which had been circulated with the Agenda for the present meeting, were taken as having been read, approved and signed by the Mayor.

SYMPATHY:

His Worship the Mayor moved that the sympathy of the Corporation be extended to the relatives of the late John Molloy, who, for a considerable number of years had been employed as turncock and plumber to the Corporation. Councillor Howlin seconded this motion which was supported by all the members present, by the officials, and adopted in respectful silence.

ACKNOWLEDGEMENTS:

A letter was read from Alderman Nicholas P. Corish, acknowledging the vote of sympathy passed with him at last meeting on the death of his brother.

A letter was also read from the Superintendent, Garda Siochana, regarding the malicious damage to public lights and intimated that he had instructed the Gardai to pay special attention to this matter.

LETTER FROM FEDERATION OF BUILDERS, etc:

With reference to minutes of last meeting when allusion was made to a communication which had appeared in the local press from the Federation of Builders, Contractors and Allied Employers of Ireland, on the subject of the Corporation Direct Labour Housing schemes, and when the County Manager had informed the Corporation that he would submit a draft reply at the present meeting, the Manager now read the following reply which he proposed to send to the Federation :-

"It is extraordinary that it has only come to the notice of the Federation that the Corporation has been erecting houses by Direct Labour for "some years". In fact the Corporation has been doing this work for some thirty-five years.

The statement in the second paragraph of the Federation's letter that "It comes therefore as a surprise to the Federation to find that Wexford Corporation is continuing with the direct labour method" is, to say the least naive. The Federation apparently finds it convenient to forget that in 1963 the Corporation invited tenders by public advertisement for the erection of 126 houses at Wexford.

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This advertisement appeared in the National and local newspapers as well as the Technical Journals. Not having received any tenders the Town Clerk wrote in July, 1963, to the Director of the Federation pointing out that it seemed rather strange that no Contractor appeared to be interested in such a large amount of work and requesting his assistance in securing a Contractor.

The Director replied that they had no members in Wexford town - their nearest members being in New Ross. He suggested, however, that the advertisement be inserted in "The Builders Bulletin" published by the Federation and they would then insert the Town Clerk's letter seeking their assistance in securing tenders.

Both the advertisement and the letter appeared in the August issue of the Bulletin but no tenders were received.

Surely the Federation does not expect the Corporation, with their sense of responsibility to the hundreds of families seeking houses, to decide these people cannot be rehoused just because the members of the Federation do not wish to erect the required dwellings.

As far back as 1958, the Corporation invited tenders - also by public advertisement - for the erection of 39 houses. In this case tenders were received from four Contractors and the Direct Labour Unit, and the Direct Labour Unit submitted the lowest tender.

Now the federation requests the Corporation to give them information on ten points regarding the administration of direct labour schemes over the past ten years, despite the fact that their members have neglected to tender in the same period for approximately three hundred and fifty thousand Pounds worth of work.

If the Federation is so anxious to secure the Corporation work for its members instructions should be given them to lodge competitive tenders which will receive full consideration against the tender of the Direct Labour Unit.

If they are not prepared to tender for such work as is open to them by competitive tender then they should not complain when a public authority with a sense of responsibility makes other arrangements to ensure that their people are properly housed.

Finally, the Direct Labour Unit is maintained as a separate and distinct organisation from the normal work of the Local Authority and subject to the same charges as any firm of building contractors. Its work is subject to strict inspection by the technical officers of the Department of Local Government and its accounts subject to Audit by Local Government Auditors.

The foregoing draft reply was unanimously approved, on the motion of Councillor Howlin, seconded by Councillor James J. Morris.

SALE OF FACTORY SITE:

A recommendation from the Wexford County Manager that a plot of ground at Whitemill North, containing 3 acres and 34 perches, which the Corporation had acquired from Mr. John Sinnott, be sold to Messrs. Hardob (Ireland) Ltd., for the sum of £1,200 was submitted. The firm proposed to be erect a clothing factory thereon.

Notice of intention to dispose of this land (in accordance with the provisions of Section 83, Local Government Act, 1946) was given to each member of the Council on the 22nd ultimo.

It was, therefore, unanimously decided, on the motion of Councillor Howlin, seconded by Councillor Doran, to dispose of the site in accordance with the County Manager's recommendation, to Messrs. Hardob (Ireland) Ltd., subject to the consent of the Minister for Local Government.

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SITE CONCRETE BLOCKS:

Correspondence with the Brick & Stonelayers Trade Union regarding the decision of the Union not to handle 18" x 9" x 6" solid concrete blocks after 31st December, next, was submitted to the Meeting, but as the Union had been asked to inform the Corporation if and when Agreement had been reached on this matter with the Builders Federation, it was unanimously decided on the motion of Councillor Howlin, seconded by Alderman O'Flaherty, to defer consideration of the correspondence.

OVERTIME ON HOUSING SCHEMES:

With reference to the proposal to authorise the working of overtime on the Direct Labour Housing Schemes, a letter was read from the Minister for Local Government dated 2nd instant intimating that while he was anxious that houses should be erected as quickly as practicable, he was not prepared to approve of a proposal which would involve an addition to the already high estimated cost of the houses in the Scheme.

The members were very disappointed by the decision of the Minister in view of the fact that the Corporation Direct Labour Unit was likely to lose skilled workers due to overtime being permitted by outside Contractors, and on the suggestion of Councillor Howlin, it was unanimously decided that the matter be referred back to the Minister for reconsideration.

FERRYBANK DEVELOPMENT:

A letter was read from the Minister for Local Government, dated 31st ultimo, stating that the Office of Public Works has now indicated that a proposal submitted by Wexford County Council for the promotion of a coast protection scheme at Ferrybank was under consideration at present and that consideration could not be given to the Department's request for an informal preliminary examination. The Minister added that it would be necessary to clarify the position with regard to coast erosion before the development scheme could be considered further. The members considered that this question of coast erosion was being over emphasised in connection with this Scheme, and an examination of the documents should not be held up pending a report from the Commissioners of Public Works. The Minister should be asked to expedite the examination of the entire Scheme so that a decision thereon would be available when the report of the Commissioners on the question of erosion was made.

Under date of 18th ultimo a report from Wexford County Council was read, intimating that the Council was required under Section 3(1)(c) of the Coast Protection Act, 1963, to make an Undertaking under Seal with regard to making funds available for a coast protection scheme. Before sending this Undertaking to the Commissioners of Public Works the County Council required to have from the Borough Council a similar Sealed Undertaking to recoup to the County Council any costs arising out of the County Council's obligations under Section 3(1)(c).

It was thereupon proposed by His Worship the Mayor, seconded by Councillor James J. Morris, and unanimously resolved :

That the Wexford Borough Council hereby undertakes to recoup to Wexford County Council any costs arising out of the obligations under Section 3(1)(c) of the Coast Protection Act, 1963, in relation to Coast Erosion at Ferrybank, Wexford; and that a copy of this resolution be furnished to the County Council under Seal, authenticated by the Mayor and Town Clerk.

HOUSING LIST:

At this stage the Mayor denied that he had objected to the placing of a name of a person named Hayes on the Housing List, although such an allegation had been made in a meeting of the Council.

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TENDERS:

Tenders were submitted for the erection of 6 houses at Faythe and William Street and for various materials for the 126-house Scheme at Slippery Green. These were opened and initialled by his Worship the Mayor and passed to the County Manager for attention.

TOWN DECORATION - WEXFORD FESTIVAL:

On the motion of Alderman O'Flaherty seconded by Alderman Morris, it was unanimously decided that the sum of £250 be authorised for town decoration in the current year and that the sum of £150 be made available to the Wexford Junior Chamber of Commerce for Town Decoration during the Festival period. Out of this £150 the Town Clerk was instructed to pay the Electricity Supply Board direct for the actual current and work in connection with the lighting. The balance to be payable to the Junior Chamber as part of the cost for the decoration of the town.

WINTER FUEL SCHEME:

At the request of Alderman O'Flaherty the Town Clerk agreed to distribute the Fuel Vouchers to Old Age Pensioners at the Town Hall, Cornmarket, instead of at the Municipal Buildings.

The following minor matters were raised :

PLAQUE AT ST. JOHN'S CHURCHYARD:

In reply to a query it was estimated that the cost of erecting a Plaque at St. John's Churchyard, amounted to £7. 10. Od.

GULLY TRAPS ON QUAY OUTSIDE NATIONAL BANK:

In reply to a query it was stated that the gully traps on the quays were the responsibility of Wexford County Council and that the attention of the County Council Officials had been drawn to their condition, during the recent heavy rains.

HOUSES AT GIBSON STREET:

The Borough Surveyor intimated that he was examining the Derelict Sites at Gibson Street, referred to at a previous meeting.

TRAFFIC SIGNS:

The Borough Surveyor also submitted that he was in communication with the Garda Siochana regarding Traffic Signs at the junction of Slaney Street/Temperance Row and a provision of a white line at Redmond Road.

CONGRATULATIONS:

Alderman Morris moved that the congratulations of the Corporation be extended to all concerned with the Wexford Festival, particularly the Garda Siochana for their courteous and efficient control of the very heavy traffic in the town; Messrs. Arthur Guinness, Son & Co. for the financial support given to the Festival; Messrs. John Power & Sons, for promoting the scheme of Sport Stars; and Mr. Nicholas Furlong, Playwright, who wrote the '98 Drama.

Councillor Howlin seconded this motion which was unanimously agreed to and the other members associated themselves with the congratulations of all the people who helped to make the Wexford Festival such a great success.

6th December, 1965.

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 F. Byrne, in the Chair.

Alderman John Cullimore.

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

In Attendance: County Manager and Town Clerk.

M I N U T E S:

On the motion of Councillor Doran, seconded by Councillor Howlin, the Minutes of meeting of 8th 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, Alderman Cullimore proposed that the sympathy of the Corporation be extended to the relatives of the late William T. Cosgrave, former President of the Executive Council of the Irish Free State. Councillor Doran seconded this motion, which was supported by all the members, by the County Manager and Town Clerk.

His Worship the Mayor moved that the sympathy of the Corporation be extended to the Borough Surveyor and Mrs. Leyden, on the death of her father, the late Mr. Mehigan. Councillor Howlin seconded this motion which was also supported by all the members, by the County Manager and Town Clerk.

Both resolutions were adopted in respectful silence.

ACKNOWLEDGEMENTS:

With reference to minutes of last meeting when resolution was adopted congratulating all those who had contributed to the success of the Wexford Festival, letters were read from -

- (1) The Commissioner of the Garda Siochana acknowledging the satisfaction of the Corporation with the manner in which the Gardai had performed their duties.
- (2) M/s. Arthur Guinness, Son & Co. acknowledging with pride and pleasure the resolution adopted by the Council.
- (3) The Business Manager of the Wexford Festival thanking the Corporation and officials for their valuable assistance during the Festival; and
- (4) Mr. Nicholas Furlong, the author of the very successful historical play on the '98 period, which was produced during the Festival.

A letter was also read from the General Secretary, Irish Red Cross Society, thanking the Council for their contribution towards the water safety activities of the Council.

A letter was read from the District Manager, C.I.E., on the subject of the Corporation's request to have the time of the boat train leaving Rosslare Harbour in the morning altered. The Manager pointed out the various difficulties in acceding to the Corporation's request and promised that the matter would be carefully considered when the Summer Time-table was being formulated.

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VOCATIONAL EDUCATION CONTRIBUTION:

A letter was read from the Town of Wexford Vocational Education Committee transmitting copy of a resolution adopted by the Committee at their meeting on 15th ultimo. This resolution requested a Rate of 2/- in the £. as the minimum Rate contribution necessary to meet the Financial Demand of the Technical School for 1966/67.

The letter asked the Corporation for their approval to the contribution in accordance with the provisions of Section 4 of the Vocational Education (Amendment) Act, 1953.

Arising out of this, Councillor Howlin pointed out that this was the first increase of 2d in the £ on the 1966/67 Rate and considered that many more pennies would arise before the Corporation adopted the Estimates next year, and it would not be possible to save this increased rate of 2d by pairing their own services. The Councillor did not object to the new Rate but was merely pointing out to the members that it would have to be added to the 1966/67 Rate.

The following resolution was thereupon unanimously adopted.
Proposed by Councillor James J. Morris, and seconded by Alderman John Cullimore, and Resolved -

"That the request of the Town of Wexford Vocational Education Committee for a Rate contribution for the Financial Year, 1966/67, equivalent to 2/- in the £ on the rateable valuation of the Borough, be acceded to."

FERRYBANK DEVELOPMENT:

With reference to minutes of last meeting when a letter was read from the Department of Local Government intimating that the Board of Works had been requested to carry out a survey on the possibility of Coast Erosion at Ferrybank, the Town Clerk reported that since the meeting he had been in constant touch with the Department on this matter culminating in an interview with officials on the previous Thursday. During the past month, two Inspectors from the Department had visited Ferrybank and had reported to the Minister thereon, in connection with the Scheme. He (Town Clerk) was personally satisfied that everything possible was being done by the Department officials to expedite examination of the Scheme and the Department now proposed to request the Commissioners of Public Works to carry out a preliminary examination of the Ferrybank area, with a view to determining whether the Coast Erosion problem there was a serious one or not. As soon as this report was received from the Commissioners, the Department would be in a position to finally deal with the Corporation's proposals for development of the area.

In all the circumstances he (Town Clerk) suggested that the question of appointing a deputation as requested by the Chamber of Commerce) to wait on the Minister or his officials should be adjourned to the January meeting, and this suggestion was agreed to.

Arising out of this matter the County Manager pointed out that some people appeared to be under a misapprehension regarding the functions of the Wexford County Council in this project. The Commissioners of Public Works had earlier on intimated that the Borough Council should supply under the Foreshore Act for an examination of the area. It was subsequently discovered that the Borough Council had no power to make such an application and that it should be made by the County Council. This had now been done by the Wexford County Council and that Body were only helping the Wexford Corporation in the matter as they themselves had no function whatever regarding the Ferrybank Scheme.

ERECTION OF PLAQUES:

The next business was to consider a request for the allocation of funds to enable Plaques to be erected in the town indicating historical etc. places, and on the motion of Councillor Howlin, seconded by His Worship the Mayor, the matter was adjourned to the next Meeting.

CHRISTMAS DECORATIVE LIGHTING:

On the motion of Councillor Doran seconded by Councillor Howlin, the Town Clerk was authorised to arrange for Christmas decorative lighting if it was considered necessary, during the Christmas period.

GULLY TRAP AT REDMOND ROAD:

Complaint was made regarding the gully trap outside the premises of the Wexford Timber Company at Redmond Road and to a defective foot-path there, and it was pointed out that these were matters for Wexford County Council and the Mayor undertook to raise the matter with that Body.

BAND CONTRIBUTION:

On the motion of His Worship the Mayor seconded by Councillor Howlin it was unanimously agreed that the Christian Brothers Band should be included amongst those receiving a contribution under Section 75 of the Local Government (1946) and as the band had made several public appearances during the current summer that the usual contribution of £20 be made in respect of the current financial year.

The meeting then terminated.

Thomas J. Byrne

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3rd January, 1966.

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 Thomas Byrne, in the Chair.

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

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

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

M I N U T E S:

On the motion of Councillor Howlin, seconded by Alderman Cullimore, the Minutes of 2nd December, 1965, 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.

ACKNOWLEDGEMENT:

A letter was read from Mrs. G. Leyden, acknowledging with thanks the vote of sympathy passed with the Borough Surveyor and herself on the death of her father.

DEVELOPMENT AT FERRYBANK:

With reference to Minutes of last meeting when the question of the development at Ferrybank was adjourned to present meeting, a letter under date of 16th ultimo from the Minister for Local Government on this subject was brought before the meeting.

The Town Clerk intimated that on receipt of this letter from the Minister he had sent copies to each member and he had now received a reply from the Architect in connection with most of the matters raised by the Minister. On receipt of the remaining query which dealt with the Foreshore, the Town Clerk will forward the replies to the Minister.

It was seen than nothing further could be done at present in this connection.

BRONZE PLAQUES:

With reference to the financing of the erection of bronze plaques indicating places of historical interest in the town which was adjourned from December meeting, it was unanimously decided on the motion of Councillor Howlin, seconded by Alderman O'Flaherty, to adjourn this matter further to enable enquiries to be made as to the total number of these plaques to be provided.

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, 1964, was submitted. Copies of this report had previously been furnished to each member and on the motion of Councillor Howlin, seconded by Alderman Cullimore, pride was expressed at the very satisfactory report by the Auditor and all the Officials were complimented thereon.

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TOWN CLEANLINESS:

A letter was read from the Tourist Development Committee of the Wexford Chamber of Commerce pointing out the need for more frequent scavenging services in the town during the week and especially over the week-ends; the unwanted amount of posters particularly on hoardings, toilet walls, etc; and the very obvious indifference that the public demonstrate by scattering the town with sweet papers and refuse.

The Town Clerk intimated that on receipt of this communication he had asked the Borough Surveyor for his observations, which were -

"That the normal road sweeping carried out by the Corporation were as follows -

Monday, Wednesday, Thursday and Friday.	4 Men - 9 hours each.
Tuesday.	3 Men - 9 hours each.
Saturday.	1 Man - 9 hours.
Sunday.	1 Man - 9 hours.

"During the current financial year provision was made for additional Sunday sweeping during the summer period thereby providing three men on cleaning duties from 1st May to 1st November.

"From inspections and observations during the 1965 Tourist Season, conditions were an improvement on the previous Season, notably on Sundays. This was endorsed by the following comment in the Bord Failte report on the Tidy Towns Competition for 1965. 'For a large busy centre there was comparatively little litter to be seen. This is greatly to the credit of the citizens of the Town'.

Continuous attention, however, was required by the Corporation staff during 1965 in dealing with the prevalent large-scale dumping of refuse in the narrow lanes and accommodation walks adjacent to the Main Street, frequently viewed by Tourists.

"The central area of the Borough presents a cleaning problem by virtue of every possible on-street car space being continually utilised during normal business hours.

"In connection with the Chamber's request for action so that a general improvement can be estimated for the future, it was suggested that the members thereof could assist in a material way by introducing a "Litter Campaign". Regarding flyposting, this has been commented upon by Bord Failte over many years. In this respect it is also suggested that the Chamber of Commerce could also co-operate".

Arising out of this correspondence the members did not agree with the views expressed by the Chamber and thought that the scavenging staff were doing a very good job and that generally speaking the Town was kept in a clean and tidy condition.

Alderman Morris, however, referred to the condition of Gaffney's Lane and it was decided to ask the Chief Medical Officer for a report thereon, and it was also suggested that the Borough Surveyor should delegate one employee for the sole purpose of trying to detect offenders who were dumping refuse in the laneways of the Town.

DERELICT SITES:

Reference was made by Alderman Morris to a Derelict site at Gibson Street and asked that steps be taken under the Derelict Sites Act, to remedy this nuisance there.

WALL AT MAUDLINTOWN:

Reference was made to the condition of a wall at Maudlintown and the Borough Surveyor and Town Clerk were asked to contact Mr. Scallan with a view to arriving at some settlement as to responsibility for repairs.

RELIEF GRANTS:

Councillor Hall suggested the Government be asked to vary the period during which relief works were carried out. The Councillor thought that more advantage could be taken of the grants if they were available, say, 1st September instead of 1st December, but most of the members seemed to think the grants were made available to provide employment around the Christmas period, and it was decided to take no action on Councillor Hall's suggestion.

WORKING OF OVERTIME - DIRECT LABOUR HOUSING SCHEMES:

With reference to minutes of November meeting when a letter was read from the Minister for Local Government refusing to approve the working of overtime by building operatives on the Direct Labour Housing Schemes and when the Minister was asked to re-consider his decision, a letter was read under date of 3rd ultimo stating that there was nothing to add to the terms of the Department's letter of 2nd November, on the matter.

Arising out of this a question was raised regarding the erection of six houses at Faythe and the County Manager intimated that as the lowest tender for these dwellings was that submitted by the Direct Labour Unit, he had requested the sanction of the Minister for Local Government to the erection of six dwellings by the Direct Labour Unit. There was too big a difference between the Direct Labour Tender and the lowest tender of the outside Contractors to justify him submitting a proposal to the Minister that the houses be erected by Contractors at such a price.

After some discussion it was suggested and proposed by Alderman O'Flaherty that the Corporation send a deputation to the Minister to discuss this question of overtime by the operatives and the question generally of the erection of houses. Councillor Howlin seconded this motion which was unanimously agreed and a deputation consisting of the Mayor, Alderman Morris and Councillor Howlin, together with Town Clerk, County Manager and Housing Engineer, was nominated to form the deputation.

In the event of any member of the Council not being able to travel, if and when the deputation was received, Councillor Doran was appointed to act as substitute.

FOOTPATH - TRINITY STREET:

Alderman O'Flaherty referred to the condition of the footpath at Trinity Street near the Co-operative Society and asked the Borough Surveyor to take the matter up with the County Engineer.

WHITEMILL/WOLFETONE JUNCTION:

The attention of the Borough Surveyor was also drawn to the condition of the junction at Whitemill/Wolfetone and Mr. Leyden promised to try and do something with it as soon as possible.

FOOTPATH- DAVITT RD. SOUTH:

Councillor Morris referred to the Davitt Road South footpath and asked that the Housing Engineer have this repaired without delay.

TREES:

Alderman O'Flaherty referred to some trees inside a railing at the end of Bride Street and asked that steps be taken to ascertain the owner and have them removed, as they appear to be dangerous.

OVERDRAFT ACCOMMODATION:

On the motion of the Mayor, seconded by Alderman O'Flaherty, overdraft accommodation on the Revenue Account in the sum of £60,000 and on the Capital Account in the sum of £40,000, was authorised up to 31st March, 1966.

Thomas J. Byrne.

The Meeting then terminated.

7th February, 1966.

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 F. Byrne, in the Chair.

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

Councillors: Patrick Doran and James J. Morris.

In Attendance: Town Clerk and Borough Surveyor.

M I N U T E S:

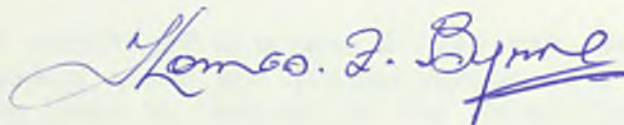
On the motion of Alderman Cullimore, seconded by Councillor Doran, the minutes of meeting of 3rd ultimo, a copy of which had been circulated with the Agenda for the present meeting, were taken as having been read, approved and signed by the Mayor.

SYMPATHY:

His Worship the Mayor moved that the sympathy of the meeting be extended to Councillor John Howlin and the members of his family, on the death of his mother, the late Mrs. Margaret Howlin, and that the meeting adjourn until the 14th instant, as a mark of respect.

The Mayor also moved that the sympathy of the Corporation be extended to Councillor Edward Hall, on the death of his mother-in-law, the late Mrs. Whelan.

Councillor Cullimore seconded both motions which were supported by all the members present, by the Town Clerk on behalf of the County Manager, who was absent; Alderman N. P. Corish, who was also absent; and on his own behalf. The Borough Surveyor also associated himself with the votes of sympathy passed.



The Meeting then terminated.

14th February, 1966.

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 F. Byrne, in the Chair.

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

Councillors: John Bierney, Patrick Doran and James J. Morris.

In Attendance: Town Clerk and Borough Surveyor.

M I N U T E S:

On the motion of Councillor Doran, seconded by Councillor James J. Morris, the Minutes of meeting of 7th 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.

ACKNOWLEDGEMENTS:

An acknowledgement was read from the family of the late William T. Cosgrave, acknowledging the vote of sympathy passed with them on his death. An acknowledgement was also read from Councillor John Howlin acknowledging the vote of sympathy passed with him at last meeting on the death of his mother.

VOCATIONAL EDUCATION COMMITTEE:

A letter was read from the Town of Wexford Vocational Education Committee intimating that Alderman K. C. Morris had been disqualified from membership of the Committee due to non-attendance and Alderman O'Flaherty gave notice of intention to fill the vacancy at the next meeting of the Council.

VOCATIONAL EDUCATION DEMAND:

A letter was read from the Acting Chief Executive Officer of the Town of Wexford Vocational Education Committee enclosing the Council's Demand for the sum of £3,432, for the Financial Year ending on 1st March, 1967.

CINEMATOGRAPH LICENCE:

On the motion of Alderman O'Flaherty, seconded by Alderman Morris, a licence under the Cinematograph Act, 1909, was issued for the coming year in respect of the Abbey Cinema.

SALE OF HOUSES AT CORISH PARK:

A recommendation of the Wexford County Manager that the houses at Corish Park, exclusive of the 16 tenant-purchase houses, be sold to the occupying tenants for the sum of £1,700 each, subject to the sanction of the Minister for Local Government, was unanimously adopted on the motion of Alderman O'Flaherty, seconded by His Worship the Mayor.

Arising out of this matter, Alderman Morris complained of the repairs necessary to some of these comparatively new houses and it was decided to consider this matter further when the Estimates for the coming year were being considered.

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ERECTION OF PLAQUES:

With reference to minutes of previous meeting when the question of providing finance for the erection of plaques indicating places of historical interest in the Town, was adjourned, it was now intimated that some 32 of these plaques required to be erected altogether and that the cost would be in the region of £300.

After a short discussion, it was unanimously decided on the motion of Alderman O'Flaherty, seconded by Alderman Morris to defer the provision of this money until the Estimates for the coming financial year were being considered in the coming month.

OLD WEXFORD SOCIETY:

A letter was read from the Old Wexford Society requesting the replacment of the drinking fountain in the Bull Ring and the painting of the Swan in the Faythe. As regards the fountain the Borough Surveyor reported that some parts were missing before it was removed from the Bull Ring and he would welcome an inspection of the fountain which was now in the Corporation Store, in exactly the same condition as when it was displaced from the Bull Ring. As regards the painting of the Swan, provision would be made for this in the Estimates of the coming year.

CLEANING OF THE BARRY PLATFORM:

Alderman Morris drew attention to the fact that quantities of seaweed, etc. were being washed from time to time on the platform of the Barry Statue and the Borough Surveyor undertook to instruct the Scavengers to keep this platform clean, particularly during the tourist season.

DUKE ST:/JOHN'S GATE ST:

In reply to a query the Town Clerk intimated that plans for Duke Street Housing were before the Minister for Local Government. As regards John's Gate Street, he recalled to the members that at a recent meeting they objected to the living room with a bed recess provided in the plans submitted by the Architect, and it had since been altered, but it had been discussed this day with an Official from the Department of Local Government and the Town Clerk thought that future alterations were necessary before the plans could be submitted to the Minister for examination and approval.

HOUSES FOR OLD PEOPLE:

Alderman O'Flaherty requested that in all future housing schemes the Corporation should provide a number of small houses for old people, particularly in Schemes near the centre of the Town, such as Talbot Street, Green Street, etc.

The Town Clerk intimated that already such a house was being prepared for the John's Gate Street area and the County Manager had discussed with the officials the possibility of providing some similar houses in any development of the Talbot Street area.

14th February, 1966.

ELECTRICAL INSTALLATION - 126 HOUSES SLIPPERYGREEN:

Tenders were received for the electrical installation for 126 houses at Slippery Green, but before these were opened complaint was made regarding the poor quality of the fittings installed in the houses at Davitt Road and it was decided to ask the Housing Engineer for a report on -

- 1/. Who carried out the electrical installation in Davitt Road North and South;
- 2/. If they were members of a Trade Union;
- 3/. If the fittings were of British or Irish standard specification and the name of the country of origin.

The tenders were then opened, when it was seen that they were from -

Mr. James Ennis	who quoted	£2,835.
Electrical Engineering Co.	"	2,910. 12. 6d
Mr. D. L. Willis,	"	3,250.
Mr. Thomas J. Byrne, Tachamshane, Broadway.	"	3,376. 16s Od
Mr. Cadogan, Sth. Main St.	"	3,748. 10s Od

These tenders were referred to the Housing Engineer and County Manager for examination, but the attention of the Engineer was to be drawn to the various clauses in the Specification regarding the standard of equipment and the employment of local Trade Union labour at Trade Union rates.

FERRYBANK SCHEME:

In reply to a question by His Worship the Mayor, the Town Clerk intimated that he was awaiting a report from one of the Consulting Engineers on the questions raised by the Minister for Local Government and as soon as this was received he would forward the replies direct to the Minister.

Thomas J. Byrne

The Meeting then terminated.

7th March, 1966.

A Statutory 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: Kevin C. Morris, John O'Flaherty and John Cullimore.

Councillors: John Howlin, Edward Hall, Patrick Doran, Frank Cullimore, John Bierney and James J. Morris.

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

M I N U T E S:

On the motion of Councillor Doran, seconded by Alderman Cullimore, the Minutes of 14th ultimo, a copy of which had been circulated with the Agenda for the present Meeting, were taken as having been read, approved and signed by the Mayor.

ACKNOWLEDGEMENTS:

A letter was read from Councillor Edward Hall, acknowledging the vote of sympathy passed with himself and Mrs. Hall on the death of her mother.

A letter was also read from the Garda Siochana, acknowledging receipt of the Corporation's representations regarding the damage to the telephone kiosk at the Swan.

VOCATIONAL EDUCATION COMMITTEE:

In accordance with Notice given, Alderman O'Flaherty moved that the vacancy on the Town of Wexford Vocational Education Committee, caused by the disqualification of Alderman Morris, be filled and on the motion of Councillor Hall, seconded by His Worship the Mayor, it was unanimously agreed that Councillor John Bierney be appointed to fill the vacancy.

DIVISION OF BOROUGH INTO THREE ELECTORAL AREAS:

A letter was read from the Minister for Local Government under date of 25th ultimo, intimating that he intended to make an Order under Section 35 of the Local Government Act, 1941 as amended by Section 87 of the Electoral Act, 1963, dividing the Borough of Wexford into three local electoral areas, as set out in a draft Order which was enclosed.

Details of the proposed division of the Borough into three electoral areas set out in the Schedule to the Order and the particulars of the various streets in each area were given by the Town Clerk.

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The great majority of members did not agree with the proposal of the Minister and saw no reason for making such a change. It was pointed out that the Minister when he made an Order in 1941 abolishing the then three electoral areas and making the Borough one electoral area, had in mind that something was wrong with such division and as the one-ward system had worked satisfactory for the past twenty-two years, it was proposed by Councillor Hall, seconded by His Worship the Mayor, that the Minister be asked not to proceed with the making of the Order.

On a vote being taken, Councillor Hall's proposal was carried by eight votes to two.

BOARD FAILTE PRINTING:

With reference to minutes of last meeting when complaint was made regarding the printing in England by Board Failte of an Irish Brochure, a letter was read from the Director General intimating that in the case of the publication referred to it has been the intention of the Board to have an Irish Printer complete the job, but because of prevailing conditions at the time, due to the printing trade strike the printer in question was unable to meet their requirements and suitable alternative arrangements were not possible in Ireland. The remainder of the booklet was now being printed by Irish printers, but as over 285,000 copies were required in January/February period the Board had to have the brochure printed outside the Country in order to meet the thousands of enquiries which were received during the January/February period.

While the members thought that the Board's reply was partially satisfactory, they were not completely satisfied that sufficient enquiries had been made outside the city of Dublin, where the printing strike had taken place, as to the possibility of having the brochure printed and it was decided to acknowledge the letter and to enquire what attempt was made to have the brochure printed outside the city of Dublin.

IRISH PUBLIC BODIES INSURANCES:

On the motion of Alderman O'Flaherty, seconded by Councillor Doran, it was unanimously decided that Councillor John Howlin would represent the Corporation at the Annual General Meeting of the Irish Public Bodies Insurances Ltd., of which body the Corporation were members.

LOAN UNDER HOUSING (LOANS & GRANTS) ACT, 1962:

On the motion of Alderman Morris, seconded by Councillor Howlin, it was unanimously agreed to request the sanction of the Minister for Local Government to the raising of a loan of £50,000, (Fifty thousand Pounds) from the Commissioners of Public Works for the purpose of making advances under the Housing (Loans & Grants) Act, 1962; and to undertake that the instalments in repayment of the loan now proposed as well as of any existing loan will be punctually remitted at the dates which they become due, viz: 1st May and 1st November in each year.

SALE OF HOUSE AT THOMAS STREET:

A recommendation of the Wexford County Manager that an acquired house at Thomas Street be sold to the occupying tenant for a sum of £450 was unanimously approved on the motion of Alderman Morris, seconded by Alderman O'Flaherty, subject to the consent of the Minister for Local Government.

CINEMATOGRAPH LICENCE:

On the motion of Alderman O'Flaherty, seconded by Councillor Howlin, it was unanimously agreed to authorise the issue of a licence under the Cinematograph Licence 1909 in respect of the Capitol Cinema for the year ended 30th April, 1967.

EASTER COMMEMORATION:

A letter was read from The Secretary, National Graves Association, Wexford Branch, requesting the attendance of the Mayor, members of the Council and Officials to the Easter Commemoration on Easter Sunday. The Ceremonies would, as usual, consist of 11.0. o'clock Mass in the Church of the Immaculate Conception, Rowe Street and a Parade in the afternoon to the Republican Plot in St. Ibar's Cemetery.

On the motion of Alderman Morris, seconded by Councillor Bierney, it was unanimously agreed that the Corporation attend the Mass in a body and each member to please himself in regard to the attendance at the afternoon Parade.

ST. PATRICK'S DAY PARADE:

A letter was also read from the Secretary, St. Patrick's Day Parade Committee requesting the attendance of the Corporation at High Mass in the Church of the Immaculate Conception, Rowe Street on St. Patrick's Day at 12.0. noon, and it was also agreed that the Corporation attend this Mass.

ELECTRICAL FITTINGS:

With reference to Minutes of last meeting when complaint was made by Alderman Morris that certain electrical fittings in the houses at Davitt Road South were defective, a report was read from the Housing Engineer to the effect that -

1. The Contractor was Mr. J. Levingstone, Common Quay Street;
2. Mr. Levingstone had informed him by letter (enclosed) that as he was self employed electrical contractor and did not employ outside labour he was not required to be a member of a Trade Union.
3. Regarding the Country of Origin the Housing Engineer pointed out that the fittings were delivered on the site in boxes which bore the name "General Plastics Ltd. , Carrick-on-Shannon".

The Contractor has assured him that the goods were of Irish manufacture.

On receipt of the Corporation's complaint he (Housing Engineer) wrote to the Contractor about the complaint and received two enclosed letters from the manufacturers.

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The letters referred to were from General Plastics Ltd. Carrick-on-Shannon, Co. Leitrim, Ireland, who intimated that they were extremely distressed to learn of the complaint regarding the defective switches manufactured by them and stated that they were ready to replace the faulty material, free of charge. As it now appeared that all defective switches would be replaced, no further action was taken in this matter.

DOUBLE PARKING:

Complaint was made regarding double parking on the Main Street on the previous night, where a small fire occurred which could have become very serious as the Fire Brigade were unable to get their engine near the premises where an electric blanket had caught fire, or were they able to operate the fire engine. It was unanimously decided to request the Superintendent of the Garda to have an informal discussion with the Corporation on the general operation of the Bye-Laws as soon as possible.

Lomes. F. Byrne

The Meeting then terminated.

14th March, 1966.

A Meeting of the Council as an Estimates Committee was held this day in the Municipal Buildings at 8.15 p.m. for a preliminary examination of the Estimates for 1966/67 prior to the Estimates Meeting due to be held on the 28th idem., the members present being :-

His Worship the Mayor, in the Chair.

Alderman John Cullimore.

Councillors P. Doran, J. J. Morris,

The Town Clerk and Borough Surveyor were in attendance.

Details of the estimated receipts and expenditure were furnished to each member with the Agenda for this Meeting and showed that the estimated expenditure for the coming year (apart from the County Council Demand which was not yet available) was £155,747 and receipts £93,030, leaving a net sum of £62,717 to be raised by Rate in respect of Corporation (only) services for the year 1966/67 which would require a rate of 451 pence, an increase of 25 pence.

The principal items covered by the increase were erection of plaques £300; maintenance of sewers £570; Superannuations £930; Cemetery £400; Housing of the Working Classes £820.

After a detailed examination of the various items making up the Estimate the Meeting suggested that the sum provided for the erection of plaques should be deleted and the question of having them erected by voluntary labour examined.

The Meeting then adjourned until the 21st instant.

Thomas J. Byrne

21st March, 1966.

A further Meeting of the Corporation as an Estimates Committee was held this day in the Council Chamber, Municipal Buildings, at 8.15 p.m., the members present being :

His Worship the Mayor in the Chair.

Alderman John Cullimore.

Councillors John Bierney, James J. Morris and Patrick Doran.

The Town Clerk and Borough Surveyor were in attendance.

The Meeting again examined the Estimates and on the proposal of the Mayor seconded by Councillor Doran, it was decided finally that the sum of £300 included in the Estimates for the erection of plaques and referred to at last Meeting, should be deleted.

Also, on the proposal of the Mayor seconded by Alderman Morris, a reduction of £100 was made in the sum provided for the maintenance of sewers and £100 in the sum provided for Corporate Property.

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The Meeting then terminated.

Thomas J. Byrne

28th March, 1966.

A further Meeting of the Corporation as an Estimates Meeting was held this day at 8.45 p.m., the members present being :-

His Worship the Mayor in the Chair.

Alderman K. C. Morris.

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

The Demand of the Wexford County Council was not available and amounted to £56,180 making the total estimated expenditure for the coming year £212,070 and receipts £93,173, leaving the net sum to be raised by Rates £118,897 requiring a Rate of 71/3d in the Pound.

The Meeting of the Committee on two previous occasions were recalled and the present Meeting approved the former decision to reduce the Estimate by £300 for the erection of plaques; £100 for the maintenance of sewers; and £100 for the maintenance of Corporate Property.

It was now agreed that credit be taken for the sum included in 1965/66 Estimate for the Local Elections, namely, £500, as it was certain that the Local Elections would not now be held until 1967.

The final figures therefore, were -

Estimates Expenditure £211,570; Estimated Receipts £93,173, plus credit of £500, in respect of Local Elections, leaving the net sum to be raised by Rate £117,897, which would require a Rate of 70/8d in the Pound and on the motion of the Mayor, seconded by Councillor Howlin, it was decided to recommend the Estimates Meeting to be held immediately after the present Meeting, to agree on a Rate of 70/8d in the Pound.

The Meeting then terminated.



28th March, 1966.

The Estimates Meeting of the Council was held this day in the Municipal Buildings at 9.00 p.m., the members present being -

His Worship the Mayor, Councillor Thomas Byrne, in the Chair.

Alderman Kevin C. Morris.

Councillors: John Howlin, Patrick Doran, Frank Cullimore, James J. Morris, John Bierney and Edward Hall.

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

The recommendation from the Estimates Committee that a Rate of 70/8d in the Pound be adopted was put before the Meeting and the following three resolutions unanimously adopted :-

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28th March, 1966.

- Resolution A : Providing for an expenditure in the financial year 1966/67 of £211,570 on the proposal of Councillor Howlin, seconded by Councillor Bierney.
- Resolution B : Providing for receipts of £93,173 plus a credit of £500 in respect of Local Elections estimated in the current year, making the total £93,673, on the motion of His Worship the Mayor, seconded by Councillor Doran.
- Resolution C : Providing for a Rate of 70/8d in the Pound in respect of the Financial Year 1966/67 on the motion of His Worship the Mayor seconded by Councillor Howlin.

On the motion of His Worship the Mayor, seconded by Councillor James J. Morris, estimated over-expenditure of £700 on the Housing Account was unanimously approved.

OVERDRAFT:

On the motion of Councillor Howlin seconded by Councillor Bierney overdraft accommodation on the Revenue Account in the sum of £60,000 and on the Capital Account in the sum of £40,000 was approved for the quarter ended 30th June, 1966.

The Meeting then terminated.

James J. Morris

28th March, 1966.

A Quarterly Meeting of the Council was held at the close of the Estimates Meeting. The members present being the same as at the Estimates Meeting.

SYMPATHY:

His Worship the Mayor moved that the sympathy of the Corporation be extended to Alderman Cullimore on the death of his mother, and that the Meeting adjourn as a mark of respect to her memory. Councillor James J. Morris seconded this motion which was supported by all the members present, by the County Manager, Borough Surveyor and Town Clerk and adopted in respectful silence.

It was also agreed that no Meeting be held on the 1st Monday of April and that the next Meeting be fixed for the 2nd May, 1966.

The Meeting then terminated.

James J. Morris

BOROUGH OF WEXFORD.

Municipal Buildings,
Wexford.

10th March, 1966.

To each member of the
Wexford Borough Council.

A Chara,

You are requested to attend a Meeting of the Finance Committee of the Council of the above Borough to be held in the Council Chamber, Municipal Buildings, on Monday next, 14th March, 1966, at 8.15 p.m. for a preliminary examination of the Estimates for 1966/67 prior to the Estimate Meeting due to be held on the 28th idem.

The estimated expenditure for the coming year (apart from the County Council Demand, which is not yet available) is £155,747 and receipts £93,030, leaving a net sum of £62,717, to be raised by Rate in respect of Corporation (only) services for the year 1966/67 requiring a rate of 451 pence, an increase of 25 pence.

The estimates for the current year provided for a rate of 816 pence made up as follows -

County Council Services.		390.0.
Corporation Services.	395.6	
Vocational Education.	22.4	
Unemployment Assistance.	8.0	
		<u>426.0</u>
		816.0

For the coming year the Estimates are -

Corporation Services.	417.7	an increase of	22.1 pence.
Vocational Education.	24.7	"	2.3 "
Unemployment Assistance	8.6	"	.6 "
			<u>25.0 Pence.</u>

The principal items covered by the above increase of 22.1 pence are - Erection of Plaques £300; Maintenance of Sewers £570; Superannuations £930; Cemetery £400 and Housing of the Working Classes £820.

Details of the estimated expenditure and receipts are attached hereto.

Mise, le meas,

JOHN J. BYRNE,

Cleireach an Bhaile.

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

PARTICULARS OF ESTIMATED EXPENDITURE AND RECEIPTS FOR
THE FINANCIAL YEARS 1965/66 AND 1966/67:

EXPENDITURE:

Item No.	Sum allowed 1965/66:	Service:	Estimated by Manager 196.6/67:	Increase: Decrease	
	£		£	£	£
<u>URBAN ROADS:</u>					
1.	928	Ordinary Road Works.	960.	32	-
2.	1535	Salaries.	1190	-	345.
3.	600	Road Openings.	300	-	300.
4.	60	Contingencies.	60.	-	-
5.	4000	Special Employment Schemes.	4000	-	-
6.	1430.	Urban Road Improvement Grant.	1430. 1573	-	-
7.	Nil	Erection of plaques.	300	300.	-
	<u>£8553</u>		<u>£8240. 8083</u>	£332	£645.
<u>SANITARY SERVICES:</u>					
8.	2300	Burial Grounds.	2300	-	-
9.	3920	Domestic Scavenging.	3920	-	-
10.	3570	Public Scavenging.	3570	-	-
11.	5100	Maintenance of Waterworks.	5100	-	-
12.	630	Maintenance of sewers.	1200 1100	570	-
13.	350	Salaries.	1250	900	-
14.	1680	Public Sanitary Conveniences.	1600	-	80.
15.	2200	Public lighting, etc.	2200	-	-
16.	20	Red Cross - Water Safety.	20	-	-
17.	6585	Loan Charges.	6945.	360	-
18.	60	Contingencies.	60	-	-
	<u>£26,415</u>		<u>£28,065.</u>	1,830	80.

HOUSING OF THE WORKING CLASSES:

Item No:	Sum allowed 1965/66:	Service:	Estimated by Manager 1966/67:	Increase:	Decrease:
19.	66,730	Loan Charges.	70,950	4,220	-
20.	550	Rents, Rates, Taxes and Insurances.	550	-	-
21.	3,250	Maintenance of houses.	3,250	-	-
22.	2,650	Salaries and Commissions.	4,900	2,250	-
	<u>£73,180</u>		<u>£79,650</u>	<u>£6470</u>	<u>-</u>

GENERAL URBAN PURPOSES:

23.	53,430	County Council Demands (53,430 ^{56,180} yet available)			-
24.	1,100	Unemployment Assistance	1,200	100	-
25.	20	Tourist Development.	20	-	-
26.	600	Maintenance of Corporate Property.	600 ⁵⁰⁰	-	-
27.	4,666	Vocational Education	5,132	466	-
28.	2,500	Fire rigade.	2,000	-	500
29.	600	Rents, rates, taxes, and Insurances.	600	-	-
30.	13,235	Salaries, Superannuation & Pensions.	13,155	-	80
31.	150	Food and Drugs.	150	-	-
32.	500	Printing & Advertising.	500	-	-
33.	300	Telephones, Office requisites, postage, receipts & Paying Orders.	300	-	-
34.	200	Fuel & Lighting.	200	-	-
35.	4,500	Cheap Fuel Scheme.	4,500	-	-
36.	300	Legal & Audit.	300	-	-
37.	500	Overdraft Interest.	500	-	-
38.	100	Travelling Expenses.	100	-	-
39.	20	Uniform & Boots - Town Sergeant.	20	-	-
40.	100	Subscriptions to Associations and bands.	100	-	-
41.	700	School Meals.	700	-	-
42.	150	Rate refunds.	150	-	-
43.	2,090	Loan Charges.	2,565	475	-
44.	5,000	Materials Expense A/C.	5,000	-	-
45.	1,000	Machinery Expense A/C.	1,000	-	-
46.	100	Contingencies.	100	-	-
47.	300	Contributions to Redmond Park.	300	-	-
48.	500	Local Elections 1966	500	-	-

92,661

53,430

Less County Council Demand.

£39,231

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£1,041

£580

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

Item No:	Adopted 1965/66:	Particulars of Receipts:	Estimated by Manager 1966/67:	Increase: Decrease:	
	£		£	£	£
<u>URBAN ROADS:</u>					
1.	650	Road Openings.	350	-	350
2.	3,500	Special Employment Schemes Grant.	3,500	-	-
3.	1,430	Roads Improvement Grants.	1,430	-	-
	<u>£5,580</u>		<u>£5,230</u>	-	<u>£350</u>
<u>SANITARY SERVICES:</u>					
4.	600	Burial Grounds.	600	-	-
5.	550	Scavenging Main Roads.	550	-	-
6.	50	Scavenging County Hospital.	50	-	-
7.	3,000	Sale of Water	3,000	-	-
8.	200	Public Sanitary Conveniences.	200	-	-
9.	1,400	State subvention to Sanitary Services Loans.	1,350	-	50
10.	-	Waterworks recoupments.	250	250	
	<u>£5,800</u>		<u>£6,000</u>	<u>£250</u>	<u>£50</u>
<u>HOUSING OF THE WORKING CLASSES:</u>					
11.	34,200	Rents & Purchase Annuities.	35,500	1,300	-
12.	23,500	State Subsidies.	24,300	800	-
13.	3,000	Small Dwellings Acts.	4,800	1,800	-
	<u>£60,700</u>		<u>£64,600</u>	<u>£3,900</u>	-
<u>GENERAL URBAN PURPOSES:</u>					
14.	900	Fire Brigade.	900	-	-
15.	4,500	Fuel Schemes.	4,500	-	-
16.	1,100	Government Rates.	1,100	-	-
17.	1,000	Town Hall, Market & Corporate Property.	750	-	250
18.	350	School Meals.	350	-	-
19.	800	Vocational Education.	850	50	-
20.	800	Superan. Contribution.	1,000	200	-
21.	6,850	Materials & Machinery Expenses.	6,850	-	-
22.	400	Miscellaneous.	400	-	-
23.	-	Election Expenses Contra.	500	500	-
	<u>£16,700</u>		<u>£17,400</u>	<u>£750</u>	<u>£250</u>

BOROUGH OF WEXFORD.

Municipal Buildings,
Wexford.

18th March, 1966.

To each member of the
Wexford Borough Council.

A Chara,

You are requested to attend an adjourned
meeting of the Finance Committee of the Council to be
held in the Council Chamber, Municipal Buildings, on
Monday next, 21st March, 1966, at 8-15 p.m. for a further
examination of the Rate Estimate for 1966/67.

Mise, le meas,

JOHN J. BYRNE,

Cleireach an Bhaile.

BOROUGH OF WEXFORD.

Municipal Buildings,
Wexford.

24th March, 1966.

To each member of the
Wexford Borough Council.

A Chara,

You are reminded that the Estimates Meeting (due Notice of which was given on the 10th instant) of the Council will be held in the Council Chamber, Municipal Buildings, on Monday next, 28th March, 1966, at 9.15 p.m., to agree on the rate in the £ of the Municipal Rate for the local financial year ending on 31st March, 1967.

Mise, le meas,

JOHN J. BYRNE,

Cleireach an Bhaile.

M.B. At the close of the above meeting the members may (if they desire to avoid a further meeting on the following Monday of Holy Week) fix the day and hour of a Quarterly Meeting of the Council to be held not earlier than 23rd June nor later than 1st July, next. Monday 27th June is suggested.

BOROUGH OF WEXFORD.

Municipal Buildings,
Wexford.

24th March, 1966.

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 on Monday next, 28th March, 1966, at 8.45 p.m. (after Retreat) for a final examination of the Estimates of Receipts and Expenditure for the year ending 31st March, 1967.

The total estimated expenditure for the coming year is £212,070 (including £56,180 County Council Demand) and receipts £93,173, leaving the net sum to be raised by rates £118,897, requiring a rate of 71/3d, an increase of 3/3d over the rate for the current year. 64% of this increase is due to items over which the Council have no control, viz:

		Pence:	
County Council Demand increased by	-	20.0	
Vocational Education	do.	3.0	
Unemployment Assistance	do.	0.7	
Pensions	do.	<u>1.3</u>	25.0
Items over which the Council have control			14.0
			<u>39.0</u>

The Committee has met on two previous occasions and after careful examination of the estimates, has decided to recommend the Estimates Meeting to delete the provision of £300 for erection of plaques; to reduce the sum asked for the maintenance of sewers by £100; and estimate for the maintenance of Corporate Property by £100.

If these recommendations are adopted the rate will be reduced to 71/=.

The Committee has further decided that if an Announcement is made prior to the Estimates Meeting that Local Elections are not to be held this year, the sum of £500 provided in this year's estimates for these Elections, be taken to credit and the rate for 1966/67 reduced by a further fourpence to 70/8d.

Mise, le meas,

JOHN J. BYRNE,

Cleireach an Bhaile.

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BOROUGH OF WEXFORD.

Municipal Buildings,
Wexford.

March, 1966.

To each member of the
Wexford Borough Council.

A Chara,

You have already been supplied with details of the estimated receipts and expenditure for the local financial year to 31st March, 1967, which will be considered at the Estimates Meeting due to be held on 28th instant.

The total estimated expenditure for the ensuing year is £212,070, and receipts £93,173, leaving a net sum of £118,897 to be raised by rates. This latter sum requires a rate of 71/3d in the pound, an increase of 3/3d over that levied in the current year.

The Finance Committee has recommended the deletion of £500 from the estimates which would reduce the rate to 71/= and in the event of Local Elections not being held this year, the Committee suggest that the sum provided for these in the current year be brought into the estimates as a credit, thus reducing the rate to 70/8d. A memorandum has been issued showing that 64% (2/1d) of the increase is due to items outside the control of the Council.

RATE COLLECTION:

The total rate warrant for the year 1964/65 amounted to £77,275. Of this £74,746 was collected. £1,134 was regarded as irrecoverable and £1,395 carried forward for subsequent collection. The collection percentage was 98.20 which compares favourably with 98.21 for 1963/64.

RENT COLLECTION:

The total rent accrued for 1964/65 amounted to £53,288. Of this £53,055 was collected; £51 written off and £182 carried forward. The collection percentage was 99.66 as against 99.61 in 1963/64.

ESTIMATES 1966/67:

ROADS:

The policy of resurfacing streets and replacing footpaths with the aid of grants from the Urban Roads Improvement Fund and Emergency and Employment Schemes Vote, was continued during the year. Provision is again made for the refurbishing of street name-plates, traffic signs, white lines, etc., as well as for the maintenance of open spaces and amenities.

The question of providing off-street parking places to relieve traffic congestion on the Main Streets and Quays has received much attention during the year and the acquisition of a site for this purpose at Temperance Row has now been negotiated.

The clearance of this site, involving the demolition of several derelict buildings, will be put in hands this year. Preliminary investigation of similar sites at the south end have been commenced with the same object in view.

SANITARY SERVICES:

The main cause of the increase in this estimate is due to increased provision for the maintenance of sewers. During the current year about £700 had to be expended on abnormal sewerage works as well as keeping the Horse River free of debris. The estimate for the maintenance of the Waterworks remains the same at £5,100 and the receipts also maintain the high level of £3,000. The Bill of Quantities for the Waterworks Improvement Scheme has now been prepared and is with the Department of Local Government for approval. This Scheme should be advertised for tender in the near future. Once again the past year has been one during which the Council has been able to maintain a full twenty-four hours supply despite a large increase in the consumption for non-domestic purposes.

HOUSING:

The thirty-four house Scheme at Davitt Road South is now all but completed and the 126 houses at Slippery Green proceeding as satisfactorily as could be expected having regard to weather conditions during the winter months. A lay-out for a further scheme of houses in that Area has also been prepared. It is intended to continue with the planning of such Schemes having regard to the amount of funds made available for such purposes during the coming year.

During the year some 30 acres of land were acquired at Whitemill North and South, as either potential factory sites or for housing. Some of this land has been disposed of as a factory site and the balance will be utilised for either purpose as required.

In January last a Compulsory Purchase Order was made in respect of the Grogan's Road/Talbot Street/Green Street areas and submitted to the Minister for Local Government for confirmation.

GENERAL URBAN PURPOSES:

The net increase in this Estimate of £3,211 is mainly due to County Demand £2,750 and Vocational Education £466.

RECEIPTS:

The estimated receipts at £93,173 show an increase of £4,143, principally due to Housing rents, grants and repayment of loans.

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.

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T. F. O BRUGHA,

CONTROLLER, CHAIRMAN, COUNCIL

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

WEXFORD CORPORATION:

ESTIMATE OF EXPENSES AND DETERMINATION OF THE RATES IN THE POUND
FOR THE LOCAL FINANCIAL YEAR ENDING ON THE 31st MARCH,
1967:

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	2,810 2,510	
	Special Grant Works	4,000	
	Road Improvement Grant.	1,573.	
	TOTAL:	£8,083	
<u>Sanitary:</u>	Sanitary	28,065.	
	TOTAL:	£28,065.	
<u>Housing:</u>	Housing of the Working Classes.	74,700	
	Small Dwellings Acquisition Acts.	4,950.	
	TOTAL:	£79,650.	
GENERAL URBAN PURPOSES:			
Co. Council Services:			
Main Roads	Main Roads)	56,180.	
Public Assistance	Public Assistance)		
Health (County)	Health (County))		
General Purposes	General Purposes)		
(County)	(County) }		
Separate Charges.			
	Unemployment Assistance	1,200	
OTHER URBAN PURPOSES:	Tourist Development	20	
	Vocational Education	5,132	
	Other Purposes.	27,240	
	Materials, Machinery, and Stores.	6,000.	
	TOTAL:	£95,872.	

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TABLE B:

Service:	Nature of Receipts:	Amount Estimated	
		Estimated by Manager: (3) £	Adopted by Council. (4) £
(1)	(2)		
<u>Urban Roads:</u>	State Grants	5,073	
	Other Receipts.	300	
TOTAL:		£5,373	
<u>Sanitary:</u>	State Grants	1,350	
	Other Sanitary Receipts.	4,650	
TOTAL:		6,000.	
<u>Housing:</u>	Housing of the Working Classes:		
	Rents.	35,550	
	State Grants.	24,300	
	Small Dwellings Acquisition Acts.	4,800	
	TOTAL:	£64,600	
GENERAL	URBAN	PURPOSES:	
	State Grants.	6,800	
	Other Receipts	3,550.	
	Material Expenses)		
	(balance)		
	Machinery Expenses)	6,850	
	(balance)		
TOTAL:		£17,200	

TABLE C:

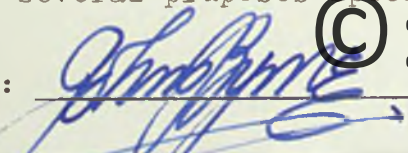
CALCULATION OF THE RATES IN THE POUND:

CALCULATION OF SUM TO BE RAISED:

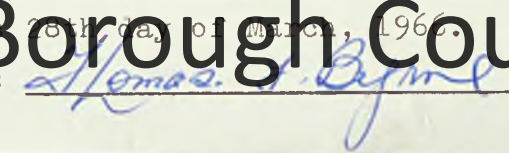
Nature of Service:	Estimated Gross Expenditure (Table A)	Estimated Receipts (Table B)	Net Estimated Expendi- ture	Estimated Credit Balance.	Estimated Debit Balance (if any)	Amount Leviable	RATE IN THE POUND ON THE VALUATION OF THE AREA. (£33,360)
(1) £	(2) £	(3) £	(4) £	(5) £	(6) £	(7) £	(8) £
URBAN ROADS	8,083	5,373	2,710	-	-	2,710	21.66 19.40
SANITARY SERVICES.	28,065	6,000	22,065	-	-	22,065	159.46 158.72
HOUSING.	79,650	64,600	15,050	-	-	15,050	108.28 108.28
General Urban Purposes.							
COUNTY COUNCIL SERVICES)							
ROADS)							
PUBLIC ASSISTANCE)							
MENTAL HOSPITAL)							
HEALTH (COUNTY))	56,180	-	56,180	-	-	56,180	404.17 404.17
GENERAL PURPOSES)							
SEPARATE CHARGES)							
UNEMPLOYMENT ASSISTANCE	1,200	-	1,200	-	-	1,200	8.63 8.63
OTHER URBAN PURPOSES	38,392	17,200	21,192	500	-	20,692	153.17 148.80
TOTAL GENERAL RATE:							855.37 848.00

CERTIFICATE:

I hereby certify that at (~~an adjournment of~~) the Estimates Meeting of the Wexford Corporation held this 28th day of March, 1966, 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, 1967.

Countersigned: 

(Town Clerk)

Signed: 

(Mayor of Wexford).

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2nd May, 1966.

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

His Worship the Mayor, Councillor Thomas F. Byrne, in the Chair.

Aldermen: John Cullimore and Kevin C. Morris.

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

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

M I N U T E S:

On the motion of Councillor James J. Morris, 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 Mr. Richard Bierney, Station Officer, Wexford Fire Brigade, on the death of his brother-in-law, and to Mr. Thomas Cullimore, Storekeeper, Municipal Buildings, on the death of his sister. Councillor James J. Morris seconded both motions which were supported by all the members present, by the County Manager, Town Clerk and Borough Surveyor.

Councillor Doran proposed that the sympathy of the Corporation be extended to Mr. Thomas Dunne, Journalist, on the death of his mother-in-law, the late Mrs. De Loughrey. Councillor Howlin seconded this motion which was supported by all the members and by the County Manager and other officials.

Alderman Cullimore also moved that the sympathy of the Corporation be extended to the relatives of the late Captain John J. O'Leary, a former member of the Council and subsequently an official in the capacity of Rate Collector. His Worship the Mayor seconded this proposal which was supported by all the members present and by the officials.

All the resolutions of sympathy were adopted in respectful silence.

ACKNOWLEDGEMENTS:

An acknowledgement was read from Alderman J. Cullimore of the vote of sympathy passed with him on the death of his mother.

An acknowledgement was also read from the Minister for Local Government acknowledging receipt of the Council's resolution regarding division of the Borough into electoral areas.

OVERTIME BY BUILDING OPERATIVES:

A letter was read from the Minister for Local Government regarding the proposed working of overtime by building operatives and the suggestion of the Council that he should receive a deputation to discuss the possibility of expediting the erection of further dwellings for Wexford Borough.

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In his letter the Minister pointed out that the Corporation would be aware, from recent notification, that the Capital available for local Authority Housing in 1966/67 would be insufficient to meet in full, the demands of the expanding programme. It was important, therefore, that all possible economy on existing commitments be achieved in order to conserve the maximum amount of available resources for new works. The working of overtime on existing schemes would increase the all-in cost of the dwellings, to be provided, and the level of present commitments. In the present circumstances, therefore, there could be no question of approving the housing authority's proposal and no useful purpose would be served at this juncture by the reception of a deputation. It would be for the authority to decide the works which they will carry out within the limits of the capital allocation for 1966/67.

Arising out of this a report to the County Manager from the Housing Engineer on the delay in completing the 126 houses at Clipperry Green, was read. This report pointed out a number of delays in the supply of material by official Contractors and others whose tenders had been accepted, as well as the delay in securing a contractor for the installation of electric lights, etc.

Councillor Howlin referred to the introduction of machinery to excavate for sewer trenches which was causing anxiety amongst the labourers and asked the County Manager to investigate this and to submit a report for the next Meeting.

REVIEW OF RENTS:

A lengthy letter was submitted from the Minister for Local Government under date of 30th March, 1966, on the modification of the "deficit principle" in the payment of subsidy and a review of rents. After the Town Clerk had given a general outline of what was in this communication, it was unanimously decided to defer consideration until next meeting, so that a copy of it might be circulated to the members.

WAGES OF EMPLOYEES:

The next business was a proposal from the Wexford County Manager that the wages of Corporation Employees (other than those on direct labour housing) be increased by £1 per week as on and from 25th instant.

On the motion of Alderman Morris, seconded by Councillor Hall, the Manager's proposal was unanimously approved and a supplementary allocation of Eleven Hundred Pounds made to finance the increase.

WATER TROUGH, TRINITY STREET:

A recommendation from the Borough Surveyor with the approval of the Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Animals, that the water trough at Trinity Street be removed was unanimously agreed.

RETIRED CEMETERY CARETAKER:

The next business was to make financial provision for the retirement of Patrick Sutton, Caretaker and Registrar of Burials, St. Ibar's Cemetery. The Town Clerk reported that Mr. Sutton was appointed to the post on 3rd March, 1930, and had 36 years service with the Corporation and he now felt it necessary to retire due to ill-health.

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Councillor Howlin proposed that the Corporation place on record their sincere regret that Mr. Sutton had found it necessary to retire and that they record their appreciation of his services to the Corporation and the Public during the past 36 years. Councillor J. J. Morris seconded this motion which was supported by all the members and officials.

The Town Clerk also reported that Mr. Sutton's gratuity would amount to £434. 7s 0d and his Pension £3. 18s 1d per week, and it was unanimously agreed on the motion of Councillor Howlin, seconded by Alderman Morris, that the sum of £650 be voted to meet the Pension and Gratuity during the coming year.

URBAN ROADS IMPROVEMENT GRANT:

The following proposals submitted by the Borough Surveyor for the utilisation of the Urban Roads Improvement Grant of £1,573, were unanimously approved -

1. Surfacing of St. John's Drive, "Westlands" to the Green.
2. Resurfacing Mann's Lane.
3. Resurfacing portion of Sinnot's Lane, east of South Main Street.
4. Resurfacing Belvedere Road from the existing macadam towards Wygram.
5. Surface Dressing Seaview Avenue.
6. Surfacing portion of Church Street, adjoining Main Street.

VACANCY:

Councillor Howlin referred to the fact that Councillor Patrick Cullen had been absent from Meetings of the Council for more than six months, and was consequently disqualified from being a member. Councillor Howlin, therefore, proposed that the seat held by Councillor Cullen, be now declared vacant and filled at the next Meeting of the Council. The proposal was seconded by His Worship the Mayor and unanimously agreed to.

DUSTBINS:

His Worship the Mayor referred to an act of vandalism which had occurred the previous night by the emptying of dustbins in the forecourt of St. Iberius Church and condemned such action on the part of those who perpetrated this outrage.

He again issued a warning to the public not to place dustbins on the footpath at night and proposed that any person found placing bins on the Street at night be prosecuted. Councillor Howlin seconded this proposition which was unanimously agreed to.

FERRYBANK:

Alderman Morris referred to a recent Annual General Meeting of the Wexford Chamber of Commerce when the Corporation had been condemned by a member for its failure to have the Ferrybank Scheme in operation by now.

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The Mayor and other members heartily congratulated Alderman Morris on his defence of the Corporation and officials at this meeting when he (Alderman Morris) stated that it had been very clearly established last year who was responsible for the delay in implementing the Ferrybank development and pointed out that it certainly was not the Corporation or its officials.

The Town Clerk intimated that at the July meeting of the Corporation, as a result of statements made at a meeting of the Tourist Development Committee of the Chamber of Commerce, he had made a lengthy statement on the Ferrybank position and had clearly established that neither the Corporation nor its officials were in any way responsible for the delays which had occurred in the Ferrybank project. He, Town Clerk, further pointed out that on 8th June, 1965, the Architect was asked if he had given any consideration to the low-cost, covered and heated swimming pool referred to by the Minister for Local Government in a recent speech, a copy of which was enclosed, and if such a pool would fit in with the other development contemplated at Ferrybank.

The Architect, after examining the Standard plans for the Minister's pool, summarised in a report that such a pool was quite a different conception from that of Ferrybank and to introduce it would involve a major change.

A copy of the Architect's report was forwarded to the Department on 19th July, 1965.

On 24th August, 1965, the Town Clerk had an interview with Departmental officials on the project as a result of which it was agreed to request the Architect to break down the cost of the actual swimming pool under a number of heads.

A report of this interview was made to the Corporation on 6th September last.

On 9th September last this breakdown, as well as a copy of the Architect's report therein, was forwarded to the Department on 9th September, 1965. Also at this interview the question of coast erosion was discussed as a result of which a request was made on 26th August to Wexford County Council to apply to the Commissioners of Public Works to carry out an examination under the Coast Protection Act, 1963, the County Council being the Statutory body to make such a request. On the 8th November last, the up-to-date position re Ferrybank was reported to the Corporation when, at the request of the County Council, they passed a resolution undertaking to recoup the County Council any costs arising out of their obligations under the Coast Protection Act in relation to Coast Erosion at Ferrybank. On 6th December, 1965, this project was again discussed by the Corporation arising out of a letter from the Chamber of Commerce.

Under date of 16th December a lengthy letter was received from the Minister for Local Government, a copy of which was circulated to the members and discussed at the January meeting. At that meeting the Town Clerk reported that he had received replies to most of the queries set out in the Minister's letter and was awaiting replies to these queries relating to the foreshore, which were received in February and copies of all replies were sent to the Department on 1st March last.

The County Manager also pointed out that at the Annual Dinner of the Wexford Chamber of Commerce, 1963, the Director General of Bord Failte had stated "The Ferrybank Development could almost be described as the brain-child of this Chamber, and is progressing well".

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"Approval in principal has been granted within the last few weeks by the Department of Local Government and Bord Failte has started working on the detailed plans and drawings. We hope that construction will start before the end of this year".

Continuing the County Manager stated that the implementation of this scheme had clearly been taken over by Bord Failte, who had appointed all the necessary technical advisors to prepare plans, etc., for it.

After discussion it was agreed, on the motion of Councillor Howlin seconded by Councillor Doran that the Chamber of Commerce be requested to send some of its members to a Meeting of the Corporation to categorically indicate where the Corporation and their officials failed in the implementation of the Ferrybank project.

BARRY STATUE:

Alderman Morris referred to the condition of the Barry Statue and asked to have it and the area around it, cleaned up.

52, CORISH PARK:

The Alderman also referred to the condition of No. 52, Corish Park which the Borough Surveyor promised to check.

HOUSING ACCOMMODATION:

Alderman Morris also asked the County Manager to give urgent consideration to the need for alternative housing accommodation for Mr. James Hayes and family, Gibson Street.

SEATS FOR QUAY:

Councillor Doran asked the Borough Surveyor if seats would be available for the Quay during the summer and the Borough Surveyor intimated that some of the seats would be out during the coming week.

STONES AT DAVITT ROAD SOUTH:

Councillor Morris referred to a heap of stones at Davitt Road South, and the Town Clerk intimated that he had already discussed the removal of these with the Housing Engineer and he expected they would be removed in a few days.

LIGHTS:

Councillor Morris also asked the Borough Surveyor to examine the light at the junction of Menapia Avenue/St. John's Road and to see if it would be possible to have more of the light thrown into the Avenue.

Thomas F. Byrne

The Meeting then terminated:

31st May, 1966.

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

His Worship the Mayor, Councillor Thomas Byrne, in the Chair.

Aldermen: John Cullimore and Kevin C. Morris.

Councillor: John Howlin.

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

RATES OF EMPLOYEES IN BUILDING INDUSTRY:

A proposal from the County Manager that in accordance with the recommendation of the joint industrial Council for the Building Industry, that the wages of Craftsmen be fixed at 6/9d per hour and Labourers at 5/5d per hour as on and from 1st June, 1966, was unanimously adopted on the motion of Councillor Howlin, seconded by His Worship the Mayor, and the sum of £150 voted to cover the increased wages in respect of those building employees engaged on the general work of the Council.

REVISED WAGES FOR WATCHMEN:

A proposal by the County Manager that the wages of Watchmen be increased by 3d to 2/3d per hour as on and from 1st June, 1966, was unanimously approved, on the motion of His Worship the Mayor, seconded by Councillor Howlin.

WAGES OF CARETAKERS OF PUBLIC CONVENIENCES:

A proposal by the Wexford County Manager that the wages of the Caretakers of the Public Conveniences be increased by 10/- per week to £5. 10s 0d as on and from 25th April last, was also unanimously approved on the motion of the Mayor, seconded by Councillor Howlin, and a sum of £100 voted to meet the cost of the increase for the Financial Year.

PUBLIC LIGHTING AT TRINITY STREET:

A recommendation from the County Manager that in view of alterations at present being carried out to the Public Lighting system at Trinity Street by the Electricity Supply Board, that an experimental scheme of four Mercury Vapour Fittings be installed there, in lieu of the present lamps at an extra charge of £1. 14s 0d per annum, was unanimously approved on the motion of Alderman Morris, seconded by Councillor Howlin.

LOAN FOR ERECTION OF SIX HOUSES AT FAYTHE:

On the proposal of Alderman Cullimore, seconded by Councillor Howlin, it was unanimously agreed to request the sanction of the Minister for Local Government to the raising of a loan of £14,200 from the Local Loans Fund, to finance the erection of six houses at Faythe and William Street and undertake that the instalments of the loan now proposed, as well as of any existing loan, will be punctually repaid on the dates on which they become due, i.e. 1st May and 1st November, in each year.

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CHAMBER OF COMMERCE AND FERRYBANK:

With reference to Minutes of 2nd instant when a discussion took place regarding statements at the Annual Meeting of the Wexford Chamber of Commerce, that the Corporation were responsible for the delay in proceeding with the Ferrybank Development project, and when it had been decided to request members of the Chamber to meet the Corporation and point out where the Council had failed to carry out their duties in this respect, a deputation from the Chamber now attended.

The deputation consisted of the President of the Chamber, Mr. O'Dwyer, with Messrs. R. Sinnott, G. Byrne, James Browne, T. J. O'Brien, P. J. Fitzpatrick, B. Kennedy and W. Jeffrey.

At the outset, Mr. O'Dwyer intimated that he had been instructed by the Council of the Chamber to request that the meeting be held in Committee and if this could not be done, they would be obliged to go back to the Council for further instructions.

The members of the Corporation pointed out that the charge by the Chamber had been made at a Public Meeting and had received wide publicity and they felt that it was only fair that the Corporation and their officials should be given an opportunity to answer the charges made in public and they refused to go the Committee to discuss the matter.

In the circumstances, the deputation from the Chamber of Commerce withdrew after it was decided to have the matter raised at the next Statutory Meeting of the Council, to see if the general body of the Council would agree to have the matter discussed in Committee.

DATE OF STATUTORY MEETING:

His Worship the Mayor pointed out that several members of the Council would be out of Town on the 6th proximo, the date of the June Statutory Meeting and proposed that the Meeting be adjourned until Monday 13th proximo. This proposal was seconded by Councillor Howlin and unanimously agreed to.

The Meeting then terminated..

Thomas J. Byrne

13th June, 1966.

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: K.C. Morris, J. O'Flaherty and N.P. Corish.

Councillors: James Morris, Patrick Doran and John Howlin.

In Attendance: County Manager, Town Clerk and Borough Accountant.

M I N U T E S:

On the proposition of Councillor Howlin, seconded by Alderman Corish, the minutes of meetings of 2nd and 31st 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 widow and family of the late Joseph Crosbie, Rate Inspector for County Wexford.

Alderman O'Flaherty seconded this motion, which was supported by all the members present, by the County Manager, Town Clerk and Borough Accountant and adopted in respectful silence.

FILLING OF VACANCY:

With reference to minutes of 2nd ultimo, when a Declaration was made declaring the seat held by Patrick Cullen (who had been absent from meetings of the Council for more than six months) vacant, Councillor Howlin now proposed that the vacancy be filled by the co-option of Mr. Thomas Larkin, 6, Fisher's Row. Alderman Corish seconded the proposition which was unanimously adopted.

In supporting this motion, Alderman Morris said it was only right that the Party to whom a vacant seat belonged should have the right to fill it and he trusted that this practice would continue during the lifetime of the Corporation. Councillor Howlin, speaking on behalf of the Labour Party, agreed with Alderman Morris, that when a vacancy occurred, the seat should be filled by the Party to whom it belonged.

POSTPONEMENT OF LOCAL ELECTIONS:

A letter was read from the Minister for Local Government intimating that the local elections due to be held this year would be postponed by virtue of the Local Elections Bill, 1966, and intimating that the local Authorities should now arrange for the holding of an Annual or Quarterly Meeting during the period from 23rd June to 1st July.

On the suggestion of the Town Clerk, it was unanimously agreed on the motion of Councillor James J. Morris, seconded by Councillor Doran, that a Quarterly meeting of the Council be held on Monday 27th instant at 7.30 p.m.

CHAMBER OF COMMERCE AND FERRYBANK:

With reference to minutes of 31st ultimo, when the question of a discussion on the Ferrybank project with the Wexford Chamber of Commerce in Committee was under consideration and it was agreed that this question be raised for consideration at the present meeting, each and every member of the Council present intimated that they were not prepared to hold this meeting in Committee.

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ERECTION OF PLAQUES:

With reference to a decision at the Annual Estimates Meeting not to make provision in the Estimates for the erection of plaques commemorating places of historical interest, a letter was read from the Tourist Development Committee, Wexford Chamber of Commerce, asking the Corporation to reconsider this matter.

It was unanimously decided to inform the Chamber that as no provision had been made in the Estimates for the erection of these plaques the Corporation were not in a position to undertake the work at the moment, but if and when the financial position was not so acute, they would consider the matter again.

It was also agreed on the motion of Councillor Doran, seconded by His Worship the Mayor, that it be suggested to the Chamber of Commerce that they should erect the plaques themselves.

PURCHASE OF SCAVENGING VEHICLE:

A Report was read from the Borough Surveyor to the effect that the N.C.B. electric Refuse Collector, purchased in 1956, was rapidly deteriorating in bodywork and general performance and could not be guaranteed for running beyond a further three months. The Surveyor intimated that he had carefully considered the type of vehicle best suited for the needs and requirements of providing a modern and efficient scavenging service for the Borough and recommended the purchase, at an estimated cost of £5,000, of a rear loading continuous compression type diesel engine vehicle. Such a vehicle could be expected to have a useful life of fifteen years.

The members unanimously agreed with the Borough Surveyor's report in so far as the existing vehicle was concerned and as to the type of vehicle he recommended should be purchased, and unanimously decided on the motion of Councillor Howlin, seconded by Alderman O'Flaherty, that tenders be invited for the type of vehicle recommended by the Borough Surveyor and that the raising of a loan of £5,000 for the financing of the purchase be authorised. G

REVIEW OF RENTS:

With reference to minutes of 2nd ultimo when Circular No. H3/66, from the Minister for Local Government was submitted on the modification of the deficit principle and review of rents, consideration of which was adjourned pending a copy being circulated among the members, this matter was again brought forward for consideration, the members having been supplied in the meantime with a copy of the Minister's circular, but on the motion of Alderman O'Flaherty, seconded by Councillor Howlin, this matter was again adjourned to the next Statutory Meeting.

TRINITY STREET - BALL ALLEY:

On the motion of His Worship the Mayor, seconded by Councillor James J. Morris, permission was granted to St. Mary's Handball Club, Wexford, to erect netting wire over the Emmet Place, Handball Alley.

PARKING AND WAITING BYE-LAWS:

A memorial was read from the residents of Monck Street objecting to the prohibition of parking in that Street and thought that the time had now come to remedy the matter.

Arising out of this it was unanimously decided to request the Superintendent of the Garda to meet the Corporation in Committee on Monday next, 20th instant for a general discussion on the operation of the Traffic Bye-Laws.

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USE OF MACHINERY ON HOUSING:

With reference to minutes of 2nd ultimo, when complaint was made regarding the use of machinery on the 126-house scheme at Slippery Green during a period when labourers were redundant, the Manager read a report from the Housing Engineer on this matter.

The Engineer stated that as the work on which the labourers were engaged was completed he had to dismiss them. Six of these labourers had only been employed from ten to fifteen weeks and one for a longer period. As work on the Davitt Road site was completed, the three labourers on this Scheme had to be dismissed as he had no further work for them.

With reference to the employment of machinery to dig trenches he pointed out that it went further than that. The excavator was employed to remove and spread surplus excavated material over the site in addition to the excavation of trenches and this was the most economical way to do it. He considered that the days of pick and shovel and barrow work were practically gone.

In this connection it was suggested that during temporary periods of redundancy men should be used on work at present being carried out by machinery.

DAVITT ROAD FOOTPATH:

The Town Clerk was asked to instruct the Housing Engineer to repair a portion of the footpath at Davitt Road South, damaged by him during the erection of houses at Davitt Road South.

HEDGE DAMAGED AT ST. JOHN'S ROAD:

Alderman Morris complained that the hedge of Mr. Stewart's house at "Bayview", St. John's Road, had been damaged by Corporation employees when they were making the street name-plate there visible and the Borough Surveyor promised to investigate this matter.

NATIONAL BUILDING AGENCY HOUSES:

Alderman Morris referred to a public notice which had appeared in the local Press the previous week, of the intention of the Corporation to lay a sewer and watermain in the Whitemill area and asked if this meant that the houses erected by the National Building Agency could not be occupied until this work was completed.

In reply to the question the County Manager said that when the survey for these houses was being carried out by the technical staff of the National Building Agency, it was pointed out to them that the nearest point at which sewers were available was at Bishopswater Cross and that it would be necessary for them to make a connection from the proposed houses to that point. Similarly, regarding water, they were informed that the nearest public supply was at Corish Park. The Agency appeared to accept this position and included in their specification these works to be carried out by their Contractor and proceeded with the building of the Scheme.

Subsequently he (County Manager) informed the Agency that there was no prospect that local Authorities could provide connections to water and sewerage mains by the time the houses would be completed. The Manager also pointed out that the Wexford Corporation had no responsibility whatever in the matter as the dwellings were outside their functional area. Dealing with the question of the public notice referred to by the Alderman, the Manager stated that following the purchase by the Corporation last year of some 30 acres of land in the Whitemill area, he had the whole area west and north of the town surveyed by a Consulting Engineer as a preliminary to its future development. This survey included plans for the provision of water and sewerage facilities.

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Continuing the Manager said that having regard to the fact that these plans were available, it had recently been suggested that portion of the proposed development scheme providing for a sewer along the Duncannon road from Bishopswater to the N.B.A. Scheme and the Watermain in Corish Park to this scheme should be carried out by the Corporation, so as to enable the Agency houses to receive water from the town supply and discharge sewage into the town system. He (County Manager) had agreed to this subject to the necessary finance being made available and a contribution towards the cost being made by the developers. The Corporation's Consulting Engineer had been instructed to prepare the necessary documents. The public notice issued last week was essential to comply with the law when the Corporation proposed to execute works outside their district.

Up-to-date, no intimation had been received of the amount of capital money which would be available to local Authorities for Sanitary Services and until this was clear no positive action could be taken to provide the necessary services. The steps taken so far were merely preliminary, with the object of avoiding unnecessary delays whenever the financial aspects were clarified. It would take at least 6 months after notification that money would be made available before a local Authority could provide for the extension of mains required in this case.

Finally, the Manager stated that no responsibility whatever rested on either the Corporation or the County Council for any delay which might arise in the occupation of these houses. The local authorities in the area welcomed the National Building Agency's initiative in the building of houses for persons whom the Authority themselves could not be in a position to provide. If the N.B.A. wished to have these houses occupied in the near future, the necessary connections to the town mains could, of course, be made by the Agency themselves.

HOUSES AT DAVITT ROAD SOUTH:

Complaint was made regarding repairs necessary to the house occupied by Owen Ryan, Davitt Road South and the Borough Surveyor was to be instructed to have them carried out.

ILLNESS OF CLR. HALL:

The meeting unanimously decided to send a message of good wishes to Councillor Ed. Hall and to wish him a speedy recovery from his present illness.

DERELICT SITES AT CORNMARKE:

Attention was drawn to the condition of derelict sites at the Bullring end of Cornmarke and the Town Clerk said that he had discussed this matter with the Borough Surveyor that morning and they would do something in the manner of clearing them or making them safe in the near future.

DERELICT SITES AT MAUDLINTOWN:

Complaint was also made regarding derelict sites at Maudlintown, Gibson Street and Keyser's Lane and it was pointed out that the only thing preventing the Corporation from dealing with these was finance.

REPAIRS TO HOUSE AT CORISH PARK:

Alderman Morris complained of repairs necessary to a house at Corish Park, occupied by Mr. Thomas Morris and the Borough Surveyor was asked to have these carried out.

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FOOTPATH NEAR OLD COURTHOUSE SITE:

Complaint was made regarding the condition of the footpath across the laneway between the Old Courthouse site and the White Horse Inn and the attention of the County Engineer was to be drawn to this.

MAYOR OF LOURDES:

Alderman Corish intimated that during his recent visit to Lourdes, he had conveyed a message of felicitation from the Mayor of Wexford to the Mayor of Lourdes, who had sent back his best wishes for the future prosperity of the Town of Wexford.

ROUND-ABOUT AT REDMOND MEMORIAL:

A proposal by the County and Borough Engineers to provide a round-about at Redmond Monument was unanimously approved on the motion of Councillor Howlin, seconded by Alderman O'Flaherty.

The meeting then terminated.

Thomas J. Doyle

20th June, 1966.

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

His Worship the Mayor, Councillor Thomas F. Byrne, in the Chair.

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

Councillors: John Howlin, Thomas Larkin, Edward Hall and James Morris.

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

Before the meeting commenced the Mayor welcomed Councillor Hall back and expressed the hope that he had recovered from his recent illness.

The Mayor also welcomed the new member, Councillor Thomas Larkin, who had been elected at the last Meeting.

NEWRY U. D. C.:

It was intimated at the meeting that some members of the Newry Urban District Council would be visiting the local Gas Works on the 21st to inspect the new plant there and that they would be staying overnight and it was unanimously decided that they should be given a reception in the Talbot Hotel on the evening of the 21st instant at 8.30 p.m.

TOWN HALL AS TEMPORARY FACTORY:

It was reported to the meeting that representatives of an English Firm of clothing manufacturers had visited the town on Saturday with a view to establishing a Factory here. Subject to the necessary female labour being available, the Firm were satisfied with the area and during the discussion with them the question of temporary premises to train employees while a factory was being erected, was raised. A suggestion was made that the old Town Hall in Cornmarket could be used as a temporary factory and the Council were now asked to decide whether or not to approve in principle to the old Town Hall, Cornmarket, being rented on a temporary basis to the Firm for training purposes.

After a general discussion, it was unanimously agreed, in principle, on the motion of Alderman O'Flaherty seconded by Alderman Morris, that the Town Hall be rented for the purpose of a temporary Factory, subject to a satisfactory rent being negotiated for its use.

TRAFFIC REGULATIONS:

At this stage Superintendent Lynam and Sergeant Mularky of the Garda Siochana attended at the request of the Council for a general discussion of the operation of the Wexford Traffic and Parking Bye-Laws, 1964.

The meeting reviewed the operation of the Bye-Laws over the past couple of years and with the exception of one or two cases agreed that they were operating satisfactorily.

One of the cases referred to was the complete prohibition of car parking in Monck Street and it was felt that the residents who had submitted a memorial on this had a genuine grievance.

The second point raised was double parking on South Main Street from Gibson Street to King Street after half-past six each evening and it was thought in view of the experience of the Fire Brigade on a couple of occasions there, that double parking was a danger in this area.

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Eventually, the following points were decided upon -

1. That parking be permitted on one side of Monck Street, subject to it being made a one-way Street from Main Street to Commercial Quay; and Charlotte Street being made a one-way Street from Commercial Quay to Main Street.

Arising out of this, it was seen that the views of the residents in this area should be obtained before this step was taken and it was agreed that the recommendations of the present Committee should be discussed at the next Statutory Meeting when they would receive the necessary publicity.

2. That parking be prohibited at all times on one side of the Main Street from Gibson Street to King Street.
3. That steps be taken to prohibit parking outside the marked area around the public convenience at Selskar.
4. That the question of parking between the entrance to Wexford Bridge and the entrance to the Railway property be examined with a view to the prohibition of parking there as it was stated that people entering the town over the Bridge and who wished to turn north had no view of traffic moving from the north, owing to the parking of cars and lorries in this area.
5. It was also agreed that the parking of cars from the Folly junction to the gate-way of Messrs. Pierce's Factory be prohibited as it obstructed the view to the left of people travelling from the Folly over the King Street crossing.

This completed the review of the Traffic Regulations and on the motion of Alderman O'Flaherty seconded by His Worship the Mayor, the thanks of the Council were extended to the Superintendent and Sergeant Mularky for their co-operation and advice during the discussion.

HOUSING APPLICATIONS:

A list of all the applicants for houses, as certified at present date, was then examined by the members and officials.

The meeting then terminated.

Thomas J. Byrne

27th June, 1966.

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 Thomas F. Byrne, in the Chair.

Aldermen: N.P. Corish, K.C. Morris, J. O'Flaherty and John Cullimore.

Councillors: J. Morris, F. Cullimore, P. Doran, J. Howlin, T. Larkin, J. Bierney and E. Hall.

In Attendance: Town Clerk, Borough Accountant and Corporation Solicitor.

ELECTION OF MAYOR:

The first business was to elect a Mayor who would hold Office until Quarterly Meeting due to be held between 23rd June and 1st July, 1967, and until his successor had been appointed and made a Declaration of Acceptance of Office.

His Worship the Mayor thereupon requested nominations for the Office of Mayor.

Alderman Cullimore proposed Councillor Doran and Councillor Hall seconded.

Alderman Morris proposed Alderman O'Flaherty and Councillor James J. Morris seconded.

Alderman Corish proposed the outgoing Mayor, Councillor Byrne and Councillor Howlin seconded.

On a poll being taken there voted --

For Councillor Doran:

Alderman Cullimore.
Councillors Hall and Doran. - 3.

For Alderman O'Flaherty:

Aldermen Morris and O'Flaherty.
Councillors Morris and Cullimore. - 4.

For Councillor Byrne:

Alderman Corish.
Councillors Byrne, Howlin, Larkin,
and Bierney. - 5.

As no candidate had a clear majority, Councillor Doran was eliminated and a second poll taken when there voted --

For Councillor Byrne:

Alderman Corish and Cullimore.
Councillors Byrne, Howlin, Larkin, Doran,
and Bierney. - 7

For Alderman O'Flaherty:

Aldermen Morris and O'Flaherty.
Councillors J. Morris, Cullimore
and Hall. - 5.

As Councillor Byrne had a clear majority he was elected Mayor for the coming year.

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Councillor Byrne thereupon made the Declaration of Acceptance of Office prescribed by the Municipal Corporation (Ireland) Act, 1840 and the Local Government Act, 1941, and thanked the members for his re-election.

Alderman O'Flaherty also thanked those who had voted for him and assured the Mayor of his co-operation during the coming year.

All the other members present congratulated the Mayor and assured him of their co-operation in the administration of the affairs of the Borough during the coming twelve months.

QUARTERLY MEETINGS:

The next business was to fix the days and hours for three Quarterly Meetings of the Council to be held prior to 23rd June, 1967 and on the suggestion of the Town Clerk, it was unanimously agreed on the motion of Alderman Morris, seconded by Alderman Corish, that the three Quarterly Meetings be held on -

Monday 3rd October, 1966, at 8.15 p.m.

Monday 2nd January, 1967, at 7.30 p.m.

Monday 5th April, 1967, at 7.30 p.m.

CHAMBER OF COMMERCE AND FERRYBANK:

A letter was read from the Secretary, Chamber of Commerce, agreeing to meet representatives of the Corporation at a public meeting in connection with the Ferrybank project and it was unanimously decided that the Deputation should be confined to six members of the Chamber and that the Corporation would receive them on Monday July 4th at 8.00. p.m.

The Town Clerk was directed to point out that as the letter from the Chamber appeared to envisage a discussion on the statements made at their Annual Meeting, they be informed, in order to avoid any misunderstanding, that the Corporation would expect the deputation to point out, exactly, where they had failed in their duty in relation to the Ferrybank project, as requested in Town Clerk's letter to Chamber on 5th ultimo.

The Meeting then terminated.

Thomas S. Byrne

4th July, 1966.

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 F. Byrne, in the Chair.

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

Councillors: John Bierney, Edward Hall, Patrick Doran, James Morris and Thomas Larkin.

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

M I N U T E S:

On the proposal of Councillor James Morris, seconded by Alderman Morris, the Minutes of Meetings held on 13th, 20th 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.

MUNICIPAL RATE - 1966/67:

On the motion of Alderman Corish, seconded by Alderman Cullimore, it was unanimously agreed that a Municipal Rate of 70/8d in the Pound be made on a property rateable thereto in the Borough for the services of the Local Financial Year ending on 31st March, 1967, as agreed to on 28th March last. The Rate Book containing the various items of Rate was thereupon sealed and signed on behalf of the Council.

TRAFFIC REGULATIONS:

With reference to Minutes of 20th ultimo when the Superintendent of the Garda Siochana attended for a general discussion on the operation of the Wexford Traffic and Parking Bye-laws, 1964, the recommendations of that Meeting were now considered by the Statutory Meeting, and on the motion of Alderman O'Flaherty seconded by Alderman Morris, the recommendations contained in the Minutes of 20th ultimo were unanimously approved.

ASSOCIATION OF MUNICIPAL AUTHORITIES:

A letter was read from The Secretary, Association of Municipal Authorities of Ireland, intimating that the Annual Conference would be held in Tuam on the 13th, 14th and 15th September and requested that any motions which the Council might wish to have considered at the Conference should reach him not later than 13th proximo. It was then decided that any member who had any matter which he desired to bring before the Conference should communicate with the Town Clerk, who would transmit it to the Secretary of the Association.

MODIFICATION OF THE DEFICIT PRINCIPLE:

With reference to Minutes of previous Meetings when Circular Letter No. H3/66, dated 30th March, 1966, from the Minister for Local Government on the modification of the deficit principle and a review of rents was before the Council, this matter again appeared on the Agenda and it was unanimously agreed on the motion of Alderman Corish seconded by Councillor Doran that this matter should be put down for consideration at the Special Statutory Meeting of the Council due to be held on 18th instant for the purpose of considering the preliminary Town Plan.

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MISCELLANEOUS:

The following matters were raised by the members -

Alderman Corish referred to a defective sewer at John Street and Alderman Morris to defective sewer at Commercial Quay. Both matters were referred to the Borough Surveyor.

Reference was made to the dangerous condition of some houses at Talbot Street and the Town Clerk intimated that he had received a report from the Borough Surveyor and was to serve Notice on the owners regarding their dangerous condition, within the next few days.

In reply to a query it was intimated that the clearance of the derelict site at Cornmarket would be undertaken with the Winter Relief Programme.

Councillor Larkin referred to the removal of a name-plate from James Connolly on William Street and asked that it be replaced.

The Borough Surveyor intimated that he had given no instructions to have the name-plate removed and it must have been taken down over three years ago, before he came to Wexford. It was decided to leave this matter in the hands of the two members for the district, Councillors Larkin and Doran, to ascertain if possible who had removed the name-plate and where it could be located.

Reference was also made to the removal of the Plaques commemorating the Wexford sailors who died in the Second World War which had been removed from the premises of the Wexford Timber Co., when these premises were being altered and converted to the Talbot Garage and enquiries were to be made as to the possibility of re-erecting same.

Councillor Hall drew the attention of the Borough Surveyor to a defect in the breakwater wall at Ferrybank and the Surveyor intimated that he had already given instructions to have this repaired during the coming week.

Complaint was made regarding the digging of lug for bait at Ferrybank on the strand made by the Harbour Commissioners some years ago. It was pointed out that this could be very dangerous and there was a possibility of children being drowned in the large holes being dug by people looking for bait and it was decided to request the Harbour Commissioners to have a Notice erected there forbidding the digging for lug on the strand.

A discussion took place on the possibility of legalizing the change of names of streets made some years ago by the Corporation and on the motion of Alderman Corish, seconded by Alderman O'Flaherty the Town Clerk was asked to make a report on the position.

Councillor James J. Morris requested that C.I.E. be asked to run a train to Rosslare Strand on Mondays, Tuesdays, Wednesdays and Saturdays during the summer months. The Councillor intimated that at the present time a train left Wexford at 1.30 p.m. for Rosslare on Thursdays and Fridays and he thought that if this train left every day of the week, it would be of great benefit to the citizens of the town.

It was also decided to request C.I.E. to have these local sea-side trains stop at the South Station.

DEPUTATION FROM CHAMBER OF COMMERCE:

With reference to minutes of last meeting when it was decided to receive a deputation of six members of the Wexford Chamber of Commerce at 8.00 p.m., to hear from them where the Corporation had failed in their duty in relation to the Ferrybank project, the following correspondence between the Wexford Chamber of Commerce and the Corporation was passed:

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Under date of 28th ultimo the Town Clerk wrote to the Secretary of the Chamber intimating that the Corporation were prepared to receive a deputation of not more than six members at their meeting on 4th July at 8.00 p.m. As regards the object of the deputation, the Town Clerk referred to his letter of 5th ultimo wherein the Borough Council had requested - "some members of the Chamber to attend a meeting of the Council and to categorically state where, in the opinion of the Chamber, the Corporation have failed to carry out any function devolving on them in relation to the Ferrybank project".

Continuing the Town Clerk stated that the letter from the Secretary of the Chamber, dated 21st instant would appear to envisage a discussion on the statements made at the Annual General Meeting and in order to avoid any misunderstanding when the deputation came before the Council he (Town Clerk) pointed out that they wished to make it clear that the members of the Corporation would expect them to point out exactly where they had failed in relation to the project.

On this date he had received a letter from the Chamber intimating that the Council was prepared to send representatives to meet the Corporation to discuss the statements made at their general meeting. The Chamber regretted very much, however, to learn that the Corporation were not prepared to have a discussion on the matter and if this was because of existing Standing Orders they asked the Corporation to consider having them suspended on this occasion.

When no deputation turned up, some members of the Corporation stated they were aware that the Chamber of Commerce had decided not to send the deputation, despite their Secretary's letter of 2nd instant and the Town Clerk intimated that he had received no message, verbal or otherwise, from the Chamber to the effect that no deputation would attend.

The members considered that, to say the least of it, this was discourtesy to the Corporation on the part of the Chamber of Commerce and it was now obvious that they had no case whatever, to make regarding the general statements made at their Annual General Meeting, that the Corporation were to blame for the delay in proceeding with the Ferrybank project.

The Meeting then terminated.

Lemos. J. Byrne.

18th July, 1966.

A special Meeting of the Council was held this day (pursuant to the Mayor's requisition and agreed at Council Meeting on 4th instant) 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, John Cullimore and Nicholas P. Corish.

Councillors: Patrick Doran, Edward Hall, Thomas Larkin, John Howlin and James J. Morris.

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

ACKNOWLEDGEMENT:

A letter was read from the Secretary of the Newry Gas Works returning sincere thanks for the hospitality extended to the members of the Newry Urban District Council, on their recent visit to Wexford to inspect the local gas plant.

SYMPATHY:

On the motion of His Worship the Mayor, seconded by Councillor Doran, the sympathy of the Meeting was extended to Mr. Garret Doyle, a former employee of the Council, on the death of his wife. The motion was supported by all the members and officials present, and adopted in respectful silence.

PROVISIONAL PLAN:

The first business of the special Meeting was to consider a Draft Provisional Plan under the Local Government (Planning and Development) Act, 1963. A copy of this Plan had been furnished to the members with the Agenda for this Meeting.

At the outset the County Manager explained in detail the reason for the preparation of this Provisional Plan; what it signified; what it contained; and a general discussion on the Plan followed.

At the close of the discussion Councillor Howlin moved that the Provisional Plan, as submitted to the members, be adopted. Alderman Corish seconded this motion, which was unanimously agreed to.

In declaring the motion passed, His Worship the Mayor congratulated all the Officials concerned in the preparation of the detailed Provisional Plan for the Borough.

A copy of the Provisional Plan certified by the Mayor, County Manager and Town Clerk, is attached to these Minutes.

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REVIEW OF RENTS:

The second business of the special Meeting was to consider a recommendation from the Minister for Local Government (adjourned from previous Meetings) on the subject of the "Modification of Deficit Principle" in the payment of subsidy and review of rents.

From the outset the members took the view that with the operation of a Graded Rent Scheme (to which they had agreed six years ago) to be applied to all Corporation houses as and when they were erected or became vacant they had gone a long way towards meeting the Minister's request as set out in the present Circular; but they did not appear to be agreeable to the Graded Rent Scheme being applied generally to existing tenancies. They felt that it would be most unfair to apply this to tenants who had been occupying Corporation houses for a considerable number of years and that its application to new tenancies would be as far as they were prepared to go.

Arising out of this matter a draft of a new scheme of Graded Rents was submitted to the Meeting. It was pointed out that in the existing scheme when the family income exceeded £16 per week the tenant was required to pay the economic rent, and it was felt that this was not in line with modern conditions. So it was proposed to raise the limit at which the maximum or economic rent would become payable to £20 per week.

In addition and to be in a position to meet the demands of the real hard-core of the poor, it was proposed to exclude from the operation of the Graded Rent Scheme, the Corporation houses situated at Maudlintown, Wolfe Tone Villas and Croke Avenue, unless the family income of a new tenant exceeded £7 per week, when in such case the Graded Rent Scheme would apply. If, however, the family income did not exceed £7 per week, it was proposed in the new scheme to charge a flat rent of 4/= per week for a three-roomed house and 5/6d per week for a four-roomed house.

In addition it was also proposed in the new scheme to increase the allowance of 10/= per week for each child to 15/=. This was a point that had given rise to a number of complaints by members over the past six years. They felt that the allowance of 10/= per week for a child was completely inadequate.

The members were very satisfied with the proposed amendments to the Graded Rent Scheme and they were unanimously agreed to, on the proposal of Alderman Corish, seconded by Councillor Howlin.

LIFE-SAVING EQUIPMENT:

A report was read from the Borough Surveyor to the effect that the equipment at the four life-saving stations along the Quays and formally maintained by the Wexford Harbour Commissioners (who were no longer in a financial position to do so) was in a dilapidated state and he suggested that the Corporation as the Sanitary Authority for the Borough should have this equipment repaired or renewed where necessary. In addition to the four stations recommended by the Borough Surveyor, it was pointed out that some years ago, a fifth station existed near the site of the present Wexford Bridge and as this was considered a danger point, it was suggested that a fifth station should be established there.

On the motion of Councillor Howlin, seconded by Alderman Morris, the recommendations regarding the provision of life-saving equipment on the Quays were unanimously adopted and an extra sum of £50 allocated to the Sanitary Services Estimate for the current year, to cover the costs.

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WATER FOR TRAWLERS:

Some of the members referred to the difficulty that fishing trawlers had in obtaining drinking water and the Borough Surveyor was asked to meet some of these people and see if it was possible to make some provision for filling their tanks with fresh water.

SIGN AT FERRYBANK:

In reply to a query it was stated that the sign warning against the digging for bait on the Ferrybank strand had been erected and had been taken down and removed by some unknown persons afterwards.

OVERDRAFT:

On the motion of His Worship the Mayor, seconded by Alderman Corish, overdraft accommodation on the Revenue Account in the sum of £60,000 and on the Capital Account in the sum of £40,000, was approved for the quarter ending 30th September, 1966.

The Meeting then Terminated:

Thomas L. Byrne
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WEXFORD CORPORATION

~~DRAFT~~ PROVISIONAL DEVELOPMENT PLAN

FOR

WEXFORD

*This Provisional Development Plan
Wexford was adopted at a Special
Meeting of the Borough Council held
on the 18th day of July, 1966*

Thomas F. Byrne Mayor

Thomas F. Broe County Manager

James J. O'Sullivan Town Clerk

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WEXFORD TOWN PROVISIONAL PLAN

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PART A. THE PRESENT POSITION:

A1. Status of Town: Wexford, the County town, a service centre with a catchment of 30,000 population, is situated at the mouth of the River Slaney, 39 miles from Waterford and 83 from Dublin. Many scholars identify "Menapia" - the settlement of a Belgic tribe called the Menapii - as the site of modern Wexford. The Gaelic name Loch Garman is of greater antiquity than the modern anglicisation of the name "Waesfjord" given it by Danish settlers in the ninth century. Wexford was besieged and taken by the Norman allies of Dermot McMorrough in 1169. The Town was captured and the inhabitants massacred by Cromwell in 1649. During the Insurrection of 1798 insurgents captured the town from a strong English garrison and held it for almost a month.

The old town, i.e., that area enclosed within the old town wall, which was built by the Normans in 1300 and portions of which, are still to be seen, occupied a strip of land approximately 300 yards wide and 1000 yards long extending along the waterfront from the site of the present Gas Works to the North Railway Station. That portion of the town which lies between the Main Street and the river was built on what were originally tidal mud flats and this area is subject to flooding when exceptionally high tides occur. The layout of the old portion of the town with its labyrinth of short narrow streets is probably substantially unchanged for 500 years. The recently built prestressed concrete bridge which provides an impressive approach at the northern entry to the Town is the third Wexford Bridge and is on the site of the original bridge from which great numbers were executed in 1798.

For many centuries Wexford was an important Harbour and naval base but the port has suffered severely from continued silting and now permits only small craft to negotiate the channel. This situation need not unduly militate against the town's expansion prospects as the rail-linked Rosslare Harbour (10 miles nearby) offers deep water facilities for the discharge of passengers; goods and container traffic. There is considerable amenity potential in the area such as the lovely wooded river area around Ferrycarrig; the nearby beaches immediately to the north and south of the town; the picturesque gorge and waterfall at Edenvale and the magnificent views of the Harbour.

A2. POPULATION: The town has a population of 11,328 persons (1961) which has fluctuated slightly over the years but may be regarded as more or less static. (See below).

	1911	1926	1936	1946	1951	1956	1961
Wexford Urban	11,536	11,879	12,247	12,296	11,979	11,853	11,328
Wexford Environs	-	-	-	-	-	-	919
Wexford Rural	21,160	19,592	19,165	18,020	17,431	16,782	16,162

The attendant Rural District has lost population steadily from 21,160 persons in 1911 to the present-day figure of 16,162 persons. In view of the static nature of the town's population over the years of emigration, and in view of the general trend of rural populations to drift towards the towns, it would appear reasonable to assume a possible increase in population for the years ahead with a continued falling away of the population in the surrounding rural area. These factors are reflected in the Second Programme for Economic Expansion which anticipates a fall in employment in the Agricultural Sector of 1.5% per annum with an Industrial growth of 2.9%. It is apparent from the 1965 Progress Report of the Second Programme, that this pattern has been accentuated during the past year. It is reasonable to expect a growth in employment in Wexford due to its proximity to Britain in view of the Anglo-Irish Free Trade Agreement. The exact extent of this growth, it is anticipated, will be indicated in the regional plan for the area.

A3. Unemployment: Of the 11,328 population a total of 4678 persons (1961) over the age of 14 are gainfully employed. The chief headings into which this employment falls are as follows -

A. MALES:

(1)	Agriculture	-	103
(2)	Coal, Gas & Chemical Workers	-	5
(3)	Workers in metal manufacture	-	168
(4)	Electricians & other Electrical Workers	-	44
(5)	Machinists, Fitters and Related Workers	-	284
(6)	Woodworkers	-	98
(7)	Leather Workers	-	20
(8)	Textile Workers	-	136
(9)	Tailors, Fitters and Cutters	-	16
(10)	Makers of food, drink and tobacco	-	97
(11)	Paper and Printing Workers	-	60
(12)	Building and Construction Workers	-	183
(13)	Labourers	-	297
(14)	Supervisors, Foremen, etc.	-	38
(15)	Transport & Communication Workers	-	381
(16)	Warehouse Men Storekeepers, etc.	-	71
(17)	Clerks	-	215
(18)	Commerce	-	415
(19)	Service Workers	-	120
(20)	Entertainment	-	13
(21)	Administrative	-	73
(22)	Professional and Technical	-	173
(23)	Clergymen and other Religious Occupations	-	42
(24)	Defence Forces and Gardai	-	60
(25)	Others	-	40
			<hr/>
			3,152
Retired			-
			338
			<hr/>

B. FEMALES:

(1)	Agriculture	-	4
(2)	Textiles	-	80
(3)	Food, Drink and Tobacco	-	38
(4)	Paper and Printing Workers	-	23
(5)	Unskilled	-	18
(6)	Transport & Communications	-	14
(7)	Storekeepers, Packers and Bottlers	-	22
(8)	Typists	-	55
(9)	Clerks	-	221
(10)	Commerce	-	288
(11)	Service Workers	-	391
(12)	Entertainment	-	17
(13)	Administrative	-	5
(14)	Professional and Technical	-	110
(15)	Nuns and other Religious Occupations	-	233
(16)	Others	-	7
			<hr/>
			1,526
	Retired	-	<hr/> 53

A3. Unemployment:

The following numbers were on the unemployment Register - January to December, 1965 -

		<u>Males:</u>	<u>Females and Boys under 18:</u>	<u>Total:</u>
January	..	204	59	263
February	..	194	71	265
March	..	200	54	254
April	..	196	67	263
May	..	181	63	244
June	..	181	54	235
July	..	281	46	327
August	..	280	44	324
September	..	227	44	271
October	..	161	50	211
November	..	190	62	252
December	..	<u>311</u>	<u>94</u>	405
Average	..	<u>217</u>	<u>59</u>	

The above figures show some seasonal variation. The rise in unemployment in the July and August months is mainly due to season layoff of maltings workers. The sudden rise after Christmas is due to the fact that some workers taken on for the Christmas rush are again laid off and it is also probably due to construction workers being laid off due to bad weather.

A4. TOURISM: Wexford's claim to have an equable climate is borne out by the official figures supplied by the Met. Service, Department of Transport and Power. The monthly and averages of rainfall and temperature for the area (Rosslare, Johnstown Castle, Coolree Reservoir) are given in Table 1.

The following is a tabulation of the number of cars entering the Country by the Rosslare Ferry :

		1963:	1964:	1965:	Percentage increase over '64:
Passengers	..	152,689	210,677	243,849	15%
Cars	..	13,158	22,013	32,331	46%

The above figures for the Car Ferry service are two-way. The number of cars which entered the Country via the Rosslare Car Ferry last year (1965) was 16,712. This was an increase of 50% on 1964.

The number of tourist enquiries at the Wexford Information Office of South Eastern Regional Tourism Organisation during the 1965 season was 6,444. Assuming that one enquiry was for an average of three people, we get a figure of 19,332. The number of bed-nights in Wexford during the 1965 season was 5,016. A comparison of this figure with the other towns in the region shows the importance of Wexford in this sphere -

Clonmel	..	468
Cashel	..	368
Carlow	..	7
Dungarvan	..	1,516
Enniscorthy	..	439
Kilkenny	..	110
Tramore	..	1,194
Tipperary	..	351
Wexford	..	5,016
Waterford	..	2,600

Wexford accommodates a larger number of tourists than any town in the South Eastern Tourist Region. An extension of the normal tourist season is provided by the Wexford Festival, held annually in October/November. Tourism assumes a major role in the economy of the town with the continued expansion of the Car Ferry service to Rosslare.

T A B L E 1 :

MONTHLY AND ANNUAL AVERAGES OF RAINFALL AND TEMPERATURE:

Station:	Units:	Jan:	Feb:	March:	April:	May:	June:	July:	Aug:	Sept:	Oct:	Nov:	Dec:	YEAR
Johnstown Castle 31 - 60	M.Metres	119.4	74.9	77.9	57.5	72.7	68.2	80.2	82.1	99.0	101.0	111.0	118.1	106.1
52 - 63	°Fahren.	40.2	41.3	44.4	47.2	51.8	56.2	58.5	58.5	55.4	51.8	46.3	43.5	49.6
Rosslare: 31 - 60	M.Metres	100.5	63.7	66.4	48.4	61.9	57.4	67.3	69.1	83.4	86.1	93.3	99.6	89.7
57 - 65	°Fahren.	42.0	43.0	44.9	48.1	51.9	56.2	58.6	58.8	56.7	52.9	47.2	43.6	50.3
Coolree Reservoir:	M.Metres	121.1	78.1	78.3	57.9	72.9	68.6	82.5	82.5	99.7	101.8	111.5	119.0	107.2

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A5. WATER: Map 2 shows in blue the extent of the present supply network. Wexford's water supply is obtained from two sources. An impounding reservoir of 33 million gallons effective capacity is situated at Coolree on a catchment of 621 acres to the west of the town; and a supplementary supply capable of providing about 450,000 gallons per day is taken from the River Sow at Edenvale. The supplementary supply is pumped a distance of approximately 5 miles to the impounding reservoir at Coolree. In times of drought the runoff from the Coolree catchment amounts to a daily flow of only 58,000 gallons approximately. Thus the present demand of 700,000 gallons (including industrial usage) cannot be met in periods of low flow.

To provide for this and for future development and increased industrial demands, Wexford Corporation has in hands a Water Supply Improvement Scheme, based on a future demand of 1,250,000 gallons per day.

A6. SEWERAGE: Map 3 shows in red the area at present serviced. Also shown on this map are areas of immediate economic expansion of the sewerage.

Areas of old masonry drains, which give considerable trouble, are shown within the dark brown outline. The Corporation plans to complete a survey of the areas immediately north of the Town with a view to extending the sewerage in this direction and with a view to catering for commercial effluent as a result of possible industrial development at this end of the town. A detailed survey is also necessary to investigate the possibility of building an intercepting sewer to collect the sewage from the numerous outlets at present discharging into the Harbour and discharge the sewage into the Harbour at one point only, after treatment.

A7. GAS AND ELECTRICITY: The town is well served with gas and electricity supplies. Map 3 shows the extent of the Gas Mains. Provision was included in the 1964 Wexford Gas Order to extend the limits of supply to a radius of 3 miles from the Gas Works. Map 3 also shows the position of E.S.B. Substation of size 200 KV10 upwards. The E.S.B. extend supply to all areas.

A8. TRAFFIC DATA (Map 4): The main roads serving the town are the T.8 passing through from Enniscorthy and Dublin to Rosslare; the L.160 to New Ross; the L.159 to Arthurstown and Duncannon; and the L.29 to Blackwater.

<u>A.A.D.T.</u>	<u>Between Bridge and Redmond Rd.</u>	<u>Wexford:</u>	
		<u>North:</u>	<u>South:</u>
T.8	-	1044 (6)	909 (5)
T.8	3,800	-	-
L.160	-	519 (6)	-
L.159	-	513 (6)	-
L. 29	-	979 (6)	-

Figures in brackets indicate % H.C.V.

While the figures for the exits from the town are not high there is a very heavy traffic on T.8 near Redmond Square. Plans have been prepared for remodelling the junction here and improving the flow by channelization. Most of the traffic congestion in the town at present is in the central shopping area, which is the oldest part of the town and consequently has extremely narrow streets. The parking problem and general congestion in this area is very acute. Future traffic will have to be taken completely out of the Main Street and the provision of adequate parking and service areas at the rear of the Main Street premises constitutes the most urgent problem.

Practically none of the traffic congestion in the Main Street is due to through Traffic. With the possibility however, of town growth and the rise in traffic on our roads at present of 8% per annum leading to a doubling of traffic in 9 years, this traffic problem, of which parking forms a major part, cannot be ignored.

49. HOUSING: The Corporation own 1231 houses at the present time and have a further 126 under construction. The waiting list for rehousing stands at approximately 300. This list remains steady for the reason that obsolescence keeps pace with building. This situation can be expected to continue for some time as will be apparent from the following tabulation of building conditions in 1961 -

Private dwellings in Urban District classified by period in which built:

Number of houses built prior to 1860	-	811
do. between 1860 and 1899	-	611
do. between 1900 and 1918	-	138
do. between 1919 and 1939	-	561
do. between 1940 and 1945	-	71
do. between 1946 and 1961	-	512
Number of houses whose ages not stated	-	32
		<hr/> 2,736 <hr/>

Number of private households	-	2,736
Number of people in private households	-	10,737
Number of rooms occupied	-	12,528
Average number of persons per room	-	0.86
Average number of persons per room for Leinster	-	0.80
No. of houses rented from Local Authority	-	1,078
No. of unfurnished dwellings rented privately	-	852
No. of furnished dwellings rented privately	-	42
Tenant purchase	-	73
Owner occupied	-	623
Special terms, caretakers, etc.	-	68

Dwellings classified by Sanitary Facilities:

No. of houses with flush lavatory	-	2,552
do. chemical closet	-	13
do. dry closet	-	138
do. special facilities	-	33
do. sharing facilities	-	179
do. indoor lavatory	-	1,740

Dwellings classified by Water Supply:

No. of houses with tap inside building	-	2,085
do. tap outside building	-	609
do. private water supply	-	13
do. using pump, fountain, well, etc.	-	29
do. having a fixed bath	-	978
do. using a tap shared with another householder.	-	67
do. having use of hot water tap	-	951

The Census of 1961, Vol. VI, provides the information set out above.

The Corporation has sites available for 320 more houses at White-mill North and in this area also a number of sites will be made available for private housing. The Corporation is also investigating a number of sites to the north and north-west of the town. Every opportunity is being availed of to infill blight areas near the centre of the town where these areas are suitable for housing and not necessary for parking or other considerations.

Taking the employment position (see 3 above) into consideration and with the probably future increase in employment envisaged, a maximum ultimate need of some 500 houses (including private buildings) would appear reasonable.

A10. BLIGHT (Map 5:) As is to be expected with a very old town, Wexford has a high percentage of blight areas. These are shown in yellow hatched blank and items of unsightliness are shown in red. The yellow/blank areas are for the most part areas of decayed or obsolescent but it does not necessarily mean that all the property in the hatched area is derelict. It indicates areas, portion of which should be acquired by the Authority for redevelopment or be redeveloped by their present owners. The areas of unsightliness need considerable clearing and tidying.

A11. SOCIAL FACILITIES: The town is provided with a fine public Hall, Theatre, three Cinemas, Golf Club, Tennis and Boat Clubs. An ambitious scheme for a recreation centre has been prepared for the Ferrybank area across the river from the town and it is hoped to have it completed as soon as funds are available.

The Town is well provided with primary and secondary schools but a survey is necessary to ascertain the extent of expansion necessary in Vocational Education in the Town and how it will be affected by future policy, in regard to industrial training and retraining. This should be investigated with the Department of Education in conjunction with the preparation of the Development Plan.

A12. AMENITIES (Map 6): Shows the potential amenity features within the immediate environs of the Town. Much of the actual visual amenities are at present outside the Corporation control. With the increase in the influx of tourists to the area due to the Car Ferry service at Rosslare, it is essential that amenity and historic features be made use of to the full and that seaside and riverside walks be preserved and improved. The provision near the centre of the town of adequate parking facilities will be considered. It is the aim of this Plan to preserve all the amenity features shown on the accompanying map, and that the unique character of the town be preserved particularly the environmental atmosphere associated with the busy and intimate shopping area.

A.13. FINANCIAL RESOURCES: The rateable valuation of the Borough for 1965 was £33,329. The 1961 boundary extension made no noticeable change in the trend of slightly increasing valuation in the years 1960 to 1965.

Trends in Rateable Valuation 1961 - 65:

<u>Year:</u>	<u>Valuation:</u>
1960	£30,225
1961	32,435
1962	33,330.
1963	33,377
1964	33,623
1965	33,953.

SOURCES OF REVENUE:

<u>Source:</u>	<u>1961:</u>	<u>1962:</u>	<u>1963:</u>	<u>1964:</u>	<u>1965:</u>
Rates	73,795	78,325	83,761	86,612	93,986
Grants	28,078	33,449	35,099	32,162	30,256
Misc.	35,961	38,599	38,359	38,244	45,299
	137,844	150,373	157,319	157,018	169,511

PART B:

B1. From Part A above, we see a town of static population capable of accommodating new industry leading to increased population and associated housing needs. With this potential development in view, a traffic study of the Borough and environs needs to be undertaken. The problem of areas of obsolete property and unsightliness is not an unusual one. An improvement in the water supply is proposed in the near future. Detailed plans for the extension of the sewerage system to the area of immediate economic expansion have been prepared. The Corporation will proceed with the plans for the sewage with special reference to commercial effluent. As is apparent from the section on Tourism, the town is in a very favourable position to increase its income from this source.

B2. The total valuation of the town is £33,329 but this may be expected to rise rapidly with growth. The area in acres is 562 (1961) which gives a density of 20.15 persons per 100 acres. It is the intention of this Plan to decrease this density by provision of more housing and by increasing the area of the town by extension of the Urban Boundary (Map 8).

B3. The Plan points to aims, and priorities for which the Authority will make provision and to areas where the Authority will make services available. Services will not be available outside these areas.

PART C:

PRELIMINARY PLAN: The Preliminary Plan shall be Map No. 8 here attached and these clauses -

C1. Boundaries: (a) Urban Boundary - Red broken line
(b) Limits of first stage development - blue broken line.

C2. Tentative Zoning:

Use Zones:

- | | | | |
|----|-------------|---|--|
| 1. | Residential | - | Including all residential and ancillary uses, open space, schools, churches. Open space shall not be less than .0% of such development. |
| 2. | Commercial | - | Including all central areas of mixed use and light industry but excluding heavy or special industry. |
| 3. | Industrial | - | Including all industrial uses other than Special Industry as defined in Exempted Development Regulations 1964, Part IV, Classes 5, 6, 7 and 8. |
| 4. | Open Space | - | Open space in or intended to be acquired for public ownership. |
| 5. | Agriculture | - | All land outside limits of first stage development. |

C3. SPECIFIC PROVISIONS: The Plan provides for the following specific provisions for detailed investigation :

- (a) The extension of services into the areas of Whitenill North and Whitenill South for housing and industry and into Coolcotts for housing. The investigation of a system of treated sewage for the whole town.

(b) Traffic:

The provision of an internal ring route along the line of Temperance Row, Abbey Street, Mallon Street, High Street, Patrick's Lane, Mary's Lane, Kevin Barry Street and the Faythe, as a service road for the shopping areas of the Main Streets. The provision of this and numerous parking places in the existing blight areas along the line of this new road should facilitate shoppers in the Main Street and remove most of the traffic from it. This route will collect traffic from both arms of T8 and also from L159 and L160. The remodelling of the various junctions in the town will be investigated.

(c) Industry:

The development of Industrial Estates on land owned by the Corporation and zoned for industrial use. The continued filling in of the tidal area to the north of the town and west of the Railway line to provide a second stage industrial area. The investigation of the possibility of providing access to and filling in the tidal area south of the town between the breakwater and the south side of the Channel and the Railway Line. Industry has concentrated itself in this area and due to its proximity to the Railway this would appear to be the location for extending the small industrial zone already there.

(d) Housing:

Details shown above indicate that if industry is to be acquired for the town, to provide extra jobs, a housing project of some 500 houses would be required within the next few years and approximately 50 houses per year subsequently. This figure would provide for the new families and obsolescence.

The areas provided to accommodate these houses, Whitenill North and Whitenill South, are capable of immediate development. In order, however, that ribbon development should not take place, every effort will be made to use existing blight areas for housing. While private housing cannot be forecast with much accuracy at this stage of the plan, it is likely and desirable that private housing should keep pace with local authority housing. For this reason, the Corporation intends to reserve sites in the Coolcotts and Whitenill areas for private housing.

(e) Special Facilities:

The provision of the recreation centre at Ferrybank.

(f) Renewal:

The Plan shall provide for the clearing of those sites shown coloured red on Map 8 and for their renewal for such use as shall on detailed investigation prove desirable.

(g) Amenities:

- (1) The preservation and restoration as necessary of -
 - (a) Church and Tower of St. Selskars and the portion of Westgate.
 - (b) the portions of the old Town Wall still standing.
- (2) The opening up of the area around Selskar Church.
- (3) The protection of all views as indicated by red line and arrow on Map 8.
- (4) The eradication of light and smells of unwholesomeness as shown on Map 5.

5th September, 1966.

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 F. Byrne, in the Chair.

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

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

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

MINUTES:

On the proposal of Alderman Cullimore, seconded by Alderman O'Flaherty, the Minutes of meeting of 18th 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:

An acknowledgement was read from the relatives of the late Joseph Crosbie, of the vote of sympathy passed with them at the July meeting.

A letter was also read from the District Manager, Coras Iompair Eireann, regarding the train service to Rosslare in which he stated that the service to Rosslare was continually under review and if the situation warranted, extra services would be provided.

The members were not entirely satisfied with this communication, but as the season was now practically ended, no further action was taken on the matter.

SYMPATHY:

His Worship the Mayor moved that the sympathy of the Corporation be extended to His Lordship the Bishop and Clergy of the Diocese on the death of Very Rev. P. Hutchinson, P.P. Bree, a native of the town. The motion was seconded by Alderman Corish, supported by all the members and officials and adopted in respectful silence.

ACCOUNTS:

The Abstract of Accounts for the year ending 31st March, 1966, was laid on the table and initialled by His Worship the Mayor.

CHANGING OF STREET NAMES:

As requested by the Council on the 4th July a report was submitted from the Town Clerk on Street Name Changes, which were made in the years 1920 and 1921, altering the names of 19 Streets in the Borough. This report also indicated that a plebescite had been taken in 1932 with a view to legalizing the changes irregularly made in 1920 and 1921, but the result of the plebescite showed that only four of the Street names could be altered.

A copy of the Town Clerk's report is attached to these Minutes.

After some discussion on the possible cost of having a fresh plebescite in 15 different Streets, consideration of the matter was deferred to the Rates Meeting in 1967, on the motion of Councillor Howlin and seconded by Alderman O'Flaherty.

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SLIPPERY GREEN HOUSING SCHEME:

In accordance with notice given, Councillor James J. Morris moved that the 126 House Scheme at Slippery Green be named "Kennedy Park". This motion was seconded by Alderman O'Flaherty.

His Worship the Mayor felt that such matters as naming of Housing Schemes should not be approached by mere notice of motion, and thought that a Committee of the Corporation should be asked to consider the submission of an appropriate name. He had no objection to the name "Kennedy Park", but of the method by which it was brought before the Council.

It was pointed out by other members, however, that Councillor Morris had merely adopted the procedure that was always in operation and it was unanimously decided to adopt the motion now proposed and seconded and to call the new Housing Scheme at Slippery Green "Kennedy Park".

PLAQUES:

Councillor Howlin referred to the plaques on the Town Hall, Cornmarket, and the Borough Surveyor intimated that an opportunity presented itself in June last to erect a plaque on the old Town Hall at Cornmarket. In view of the criticism of the method and the cost of erection of the plaque at St. John's Church Yard, he had availed himself of this opportunity and was glad to report that the cost was only £3. 10s 0d.

Whilst the members raised no objection to the actual erection of the plaques, some felt that the information given thereon was misleading and it appeared that some of the Irish text was not correct.

A general discussion followed on the plaques proposed to be erected throughout the Town and it was thought that the members should inspect them before any others were erected by any Authority. So, on the proposal of Councillor Doran seconded by Councillor Howlin, it was decided to defer to the next meeting, the consideration of these plaques and in the meantime he would undertake to have a meeting of the Committee that selected the various places where plaques were to be erected and had the necessary inscription material prepared. This was agreed to.

DIRECTION SIGN AT FAYTHE/WILLIAM STREET:

Alderman Corish asked what was the present position of the sign pointing to Town Centre at the junction of Faythe/William Street and was informed that for some time past this had been altered to direct traffic to the Town Centre, via William Street.

COMMODORE JOHN BARRY COMMEMORATION:

It was unanimously agreed that the Commodore Barry Commemoration be held on Sunday 18th September at 12.0. noon and on the suggestion of Cllr. Howlin it was agreed that this Annual Ceremony should be renamed to include the late President Kennedy, and to commemorate Commodore Barry and President Kennedy on the same day.

PROPOSED HOUSES AT DAVITT RD. STH:

A recommendation by the County Manager that 8 small houses for old people be erected at Davitt Road South was unanimously approved on the motion of Councillor Howlin, seconded by Alderman O'Flaherty.

The proposed houses would only contain a living room, bedroom and the necessary kitchen and toilet facilities and would be a complete departure from anything that had previously been erected in the Town. All the members thought it was a very good idea and His Worship the Mayor congratulated the County Manager on bringing such proposals before the Council.

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WALL AT MAUDLINTOWN:

As a result of requests at various meetings the Town Clerk and Borough Surveyor intimated that they recently had a conversation with Mr. Scallan, Celtic Laundry, regarding a wall dividing his property and that of the Corporation at Maudlintown which had collapsed some eighteen months ago. They felt that it was a party wall and that the cost of replacing it should be borne equally between the two parties.

An estimate had been received for the building of the wall that evening and at first glance it seemed very high, so on the motion of Cllr. Howlin seconded by His Worship the Mayor, it was decided to defer further consideration of this matter to enable the Borough Surveyor to analyse the estimate which had been received.

LOAN FOR SANITARY SERVICES TO THE N.B.A. SITE AT
WHITEMILL SOUTH:

On the motion of Councillor Howlin seconded by His Worship the Mayor, it was unanimously agreed to request the sanction of the Minister for Local Government to the raising of a loan of £8,000 from the Local Loans Fund to finance the extension of sanitary services to the National Building Agency Site at Whitemill South, and undertake that the instalments in repayment of the loan now proposed, as well as of any existing loan, will be punctually remitted at the dates which they become due, viz: 1st May and 1st November in each year.

In this connection it was explained that the reason for the Corporation carrying out this work was that they had an interest in a considerable amount of land in that area which had been surveyed and plans drawn up for provision of sewers and watermain at a future date. As these plans were available when the need for water and sewerage to the N.B.A. houses became apparent, the Corporation plans were availed of by the Wexford County Council who were primarily responsible for this work. The General Purposes Committee of the County Council had agreed that day to service the necessary loan and for the present no portion of the cost would fall on the Wexford Corporation.

If, however, in the future, any premises within the Urban Area required connections from the watermain or to the sewer, then the matter would be reviewed and the necessary proportion of the loan charges met by the Corporation. Similarly, if in the future the area now served by this sewer was taken into the Borough by an extension of the boundary then, of course, the entire cost of servicing the loan would fall on the Corporation themselves.

FERRYBANK:

A letter under date of 19th ultimo from the Minister for Local Government with copy of a minute from the Commissioners of Public Works on the Ferrybank Scheme was next considered. A copy of this letter had been forwarded to each member, with the Agenda for the present meeting, and it was seen that generally speaking everything was in order; and it was unanimously decided to request the Minister to state when it would be possible to go ahead with this scheme or if he was not in a position to sanction the entire scheme, to sanction the provision of the portion relating to the caravan park.

Arising out of this a question was raised by Councillor Doran regarding the provision of toilets either in a temporary or permanent nature at Ferrybank, but it was pointed out that this was outside the jurisdiction of the Corporation and entirely a matter for the Wexford County Council.

FOOTPATHS AT DAVITT ROAD SOUTH:

In accordance with notice given, Alderman Corish moved that the footpaths at Davitt Road South be repaired where necessary and he was informed that this work had already commenced. Arising out of this motion reference was made to a small island at the junction of Davitt Road Sth/Waterloo Road and it was suggested that the borders of this should be painted black and white as at the moment it tended to be a traffic hazard.

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WATER SUPPLY:

Alderman Morris referred to the "earthy" taste in the water supply to the Town and the Town Clerk read a report which had been submitted to him by the Borough Surveyor, viz:

"I have observed that the peculiar earthy taste prevalent at all times in the water supply in Wexford has become more pronounced within the past few weeks. Accordingly, in consultation with the Chief Medical Officer, a series of tests was undertaken to determine the taste-forming cause. The results of these tests suggest a treatment process which will remove, or at least alleviate the taste and I am undertaking experiments as a matter of urgency to have at least normal if not improved, conditions restored"

"Other than the unpalatability which is reaching a peak point at the moment, regular tests are made and the supply is safe bacteriologically and otherwise perfect".

In this connection it was also stated that a considerable number of the population was taking water from wells and springs around the town and it was thought that the Chief Medical Officer should take steps to point out that the purity of the water from these springs could not be guaranteed and it should be boiled before use.

It was also suggested that a statement to the Press from the C.M.O. and Borough Surveyor at the week-end would help to relieve the anxiety of the citizens regarding this peculiar taste.

TIDY TOWNS COMPETITION 1966:

The report of the Adjudicators in the Tidy Towns Competition for 1966 showed that Wexford Town had obtained 77 marks out of 100.

A copy of this report had been circulated to the members prior to this Meeting and it was observed by them that once again the majority of the complaints of the Adjudicators regarding Wexford referred to portions outside the Borough, over which the Corporation had no jurisdiction. In other words, the main complaint was in regard to the approaches to the Town.

Arising out of this matter a number of complaints were made regarding the litter problem and a strong appeal was made to the public to refrain from throwing litter on the Streets.

FAYTHE/TUSKAR VIEW HOUSES:

In reply to a query the Town Clerk intimated that it was hoped to start these houses in the very near future as all the sanctions had now been received including the loan. There was a slight hitch regarding title to some of the property but he hoped to overcome this during the coming week.

Arising out of this matter Alderman O'Flaherty again raised the question of approaching the Minister for Local Government regarding the erection of houses by contract, but the County Manager pointed out that in so far as the erection of houses was concerned at the present time, it was definitely governed by the capital allocation for housing in the year. In so far as the Wexford Corporation was concerned, they had been allocated the sum of £92,000 for the 126-House Scheme at present in course of construction at Slippery Green and £10,000 for the houses at Faythe/Tuskar View and it did not matter whether the Council had contractors or built by Direct Labour, the expenditure could not exceed these allocations.

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He also pointed out that a number of schemes were at present being finalized, namely, Duke Street, John's Gate Street and a larger Scheme at Whitemill containing 142 houses. If plans for these were sanctioned and money became available then the Corporation would approach the Minister and point out to him they had their schemes ready and if he gave them the money, they would be prepared to go ahead.

Alderman O'Flaherty accepted the views of the Manager and agreed to defer any question of a deputation to the Minister, for the time being.

The Meeting then terminated.

Lennox J. Byrne
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A Meeting of the Corporation in Committee was held at the close of the above Meeting, the same members being in attendance.

With reference to the Barry Memorial, it was decided to invite the American Ambassador to lay the Commemoration Wreath and, in the event of he not being available, to request the Minister for Defence to do so.

It was also decided that a Committee consisting of His Worship the Mayor and the four Aldermen be appointed to make detailed arrangements necessary for the Ceremony and the Reception of the Guests.

The Town Clerk reported to the Meeting that His ~~Lordship~~ the Bishop of Ferns had informed him that His Eminence William Cardinal Conway, Archbishop of Armagh and Primate of All Ireland would be his guest on Saturday 19th November next.

The members felt that the first visit to Wexford of the Cardinal Primate of All Ireland should be suitably commemorated and it was unanimously decided that the Town Clerk should request the Cardinal to accept the Freedom of the Borough on the occasion of his visit.

The Meeting then terminated.

Lennox J. Byrne
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REPORT ON STREET NAME CHANGES:

On 1st September, 1920, the Borough Council unanimously agreed to the following changes of Street names :-

<u>STREET:</u>	<u>NO:</u>	<u>NEW NAME:</u>
Charlotte Street	1	Colbert Street
Gibson Street	2	Peter Street
George Street	3	Oliver Plunkett Street
King Street	4	Partridge Street
William Street	5	James Connolly Street
Wellington Place	6	O'Rahilly Place
Ram Street	7	Skeffington Street
Monck Street	8	McDonagh Street
Barrack Street	9	Macken Street
Talbot Street	10	Pearse Street
Heniretta Street	11	O'Hanrahan Street
Hill Street	12	Sean McDermott Street
Back Street	13	Mallin Street
Duke Street	14	Thomas Clarke Street
Waterloo Road	15	McCurtain Road
Anne Street	16	Thomas Ashe Street
Common Quay Street	17	O'Hanlon Walsh Street
Castlehill Street	18	Kevin Barry Street.

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17/20 High Street

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McDonagh St

In 1932 a plebiscite was taken with a view to legalising the above (irregularly made) changes and a statement of the result thereof, submitted to a meeting of the Council on 6th June, 1932, showed that only four of the street names could be legally altered. So, in accordance with the result of the plebiscite and the provisions of Section 21 of the Public Health Acts Amendment Act, 1907, the Council altered the names of :-

Back Street	to	Mallin Street
Castlehill Street	to	Kevin Barry Street
Ram Street	to	Skeffington Street
Gibson Street	to	Peter Street.

The present procedure for legally changing the names of the remaining fifteen streets is embodied in the Local Government (Changing of Place Names) Regulations, 1956. Briefly this procedure is :-

1. Prepare a list of ratepayers in each street. "Ratepayer" includes the occupier of a small dwelling and not the owner unless the owner is the occupier.
2. When the lists are prepared public notice must be given thereof and regard must be had to objections.
3. For the purpose of taking a plebiscite the Town Clerk shall be the returning officer.

4. The returning officer shall prepare an electoral roll containing the name of each person who is on the list of ratepayers.
5. The returning officer shall send by ordinary post to every person whose name is on the electoral roll a ballot paper and a postage prepaid envelope. The form of ballot paper is prescribed in the Regulations.
6. The Regulations also lay down the method of conducting the plebiscite.

Before proceeding to ascertain the views of the ratepayers in each street it will be necessary for the Council to formally pass a resolution proposing that a plebiscite be taken to ascertain whether four-sevenths of the ratepayers in each street consent to the change in the name.

JOHN J. BYRNE,

Town Clerk.

Municipal Buildings,
Wexford.
5th July, 1966.

10th October, 1966.

An adjourned 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 P. Corish and John O'Flaherty.

Councillors: John Bierney, Thomas Larkin, Edward Hall, Patrick Doran and James J. Morris.

In Attendance: Town Clerk and Borough Surveyor.

M I N U T E S:

On the motion of Alderman Cullimore seconded by Alderman Corish, the Minutes of meeting of 5th ultimo, copies of which had been circulated with the Agenda for the present meeting, were taken as having been read, approved and signed by the Mayor.

SYMPATHY:

His Worship the Mayor moved that the sympathy of the Corporation be extended to the Borough Accountant, Mr. Victor Merriman, on the death of his mother. Alderman Cullimore seconded this proposal which was supported by all the members present, by the Town Clerk on his own behalf and on behalf of the County Manager and by the Borough Surveyor.

The Mayor also proposed that the sympathy of the Corporation be extended to the relatives of the late Robert Banville, who on various occasions had carried out work for the Corporation, in connection with the rate allotments. Alderman Corish seconded this motion which was supported by all the members present and by the Town Clerk.

Both resolutions were adopted in respectful silence.

CONGRATULATIONS:

His Worship the Mayor moved that the congratulations of the Council be extended to Mr. Michael O'Brien, Manager of the National Bank of Ireland Ltd., Wexford, on his promotion to Assistant General Manager of the Bank. The Mayor said that the National Bank had been the Treasurer of the Corporation for many years and he had always found Mr. O'Brien a most courteous official and wished him every success on his promotion and expressed the hope that this was his first step to greater heights.

Councillor Doran seconded this motion, which was also supported by the members present.

The Town Clerk said he had known Mr. O'Brien since he came to Wexford many years ago, first as an Accountant and later as Manager of the Branch. He had been associated for a long number of years with the Corporation and relations between the National Bank and themselves were everything that could be desired, and had been strengthened and enhanced by the co-operation and friendliness of Mr. O'Brien. He had always found him to be an accommodating and courteous official and he wished him much success on his promotion. He also said they would not be losing touch with Mr. O'Brien altogether as in his position as Assistant General Manager he had under his supervision most of the South-Eastern Counties, including Wexford.

The motion of congratulations was passed with acclamation.

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REGALIA FOR FESTIVAL:

On the motion of Alderman O'Flaherty seconded by Councillor Doran, a request from the Mayor that the Corporation Regalia be exhibited at the Wexford Festival, was unanimously agreed to.

FREEDOM OF BOROUGH FOR CARDINAL:

A letter was read from His Eminence, William Cardinal Conway, Archbishop of Armagh and Primate of All Ireland returning thanks for the request of the Corporation that he accept the Freedom of the Borough on the occasion of his visit to Wexford on the 19th ultimo. His Eminence said that he was very privileged to accept this honour, which he very much appreciated.

It was unanimously decided to refer the arrangements for the conferring of the Freedom on His Eminence, to the Corporation as a Committee, which would meet after the present meeting.

CONTRIBUTION TO REDMOND PARK:

On the motion of Councillor James J. Morris, seconded by Alderman Cullimore, it was unanimously agreed to pay a contribution of £300 to the Redmond Park for the current year, which sum was included in the Estimates and approved by the Minister for Local Government.

SALARY SCALE - CLERK/TYPISTS:

The County Manager requested the consent of the Council to the fixing of the following Salary Scale for Clerk/Typists with effect as from 1st April, 1965, viz:

£400 x £34 - £740 x £30 to £770 per annum.

On the motion of His Worship the Mayor, seconded by Alderman O'Flaherty the request of the Manager was unanimously approved and £150 allocated in the current financial year to meet the amount involved in the increase.

RENT COLLECTORS:

A request was also submitted from the County Manager for the consent of the Council to the alteration of status of two posts of rent collector from part-time to full-time.

The Town Clerk explained that some years ago, when these posts of rent collector were established, they were regarded as part-time, but due to the additional number of houses allocated to each, from time to time, they had virtually become full-time, and as they were now vacant, opportunity was taken to regularize the positions and make them officially full-time posts.

On the motion of Alderman Corish, seconded by Alderman O'Flaherty, it was unanimously agreed that the two posts of rent collector be made full-time.

OVERDRAFT ACCOMMODATION:

On the motion of His Worship the Mayor, seconded by Alderman Cullimore, overdraft accommodation on the ordinary Account in the sum of £60,000, and on the Capital Account in the sum of £20,000, up to 31st December, 1966, was approved.

ERECTION OF PLAQUES:

Councillor Doran intimated that he was not yet in a position to report to the Corporation on the wording of the plaques proposed to be erected in the various parts of the town.

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MAYOR'S SALARY:

On the motion of Alderman Corish, seconded by Councillor Doran, it was unanimously decided that the Mayor's Salary for the Quarter ended 30th September last be fixed at £100 (One hundred Pounds).

KING STREET FLOODING:

Alderman O'Flaherty referred to the heavy flooding in the south end of the town during the day and thought that the action of motorists in driving cars through flooded streets thereby making the situation much worse for the unfortunate house-holders, should be condemned.

The Alderman also thanked the Civil Defence workers and all others who helped in alleviating the distress caused by the flooding that day and said that his only regret was that the number of Civil Defence workers was so small and he earnestly appealed to the youth of the town to join this worthwhile organization and be trained to help in such an emergency as had occurred that morning.

In reply to a query, the Borough Surveyor said that after a night of rain, an inspection was carried out by him on the Horse River at 7.45 a.m. that morning. The river was flowing three-quarters full, with an out-going tide. Even with rainfall of heavy intensity falling at the time, there was no reason for any special precautions as the waterway was kept under surveillance at frequent intervals. The increase of rainfall apparently occurred between 7.45 a.m. and 9.00 a.m. with severe intensity in the catchment area to the west of the town.

Reports received from the Resident Engineer engaged on the construction of a sewer at Whitemill, indicated a depth of water of 6 ft. running down Duncannon Road. It was also stated that up to ten separate rivers of varying depths were seen to be crossing the Golf Course from higher levels.

This severe intensity was such that incoming waters could not be taken by the Horse River or the Corporation sewers. The volume of water is indicated by the breaking of walls at Summerhill Cross and Presentation Convent.

The members saw that nothing could be done to prevent what had occurred that morning and on behalf of the Corporation, His Worship the Mayor expressed his sympathy with the people of King Street and thanked the County Council workers; Civil Defence workers; Red Cross; Knights of Malta; Fire Brigade and all those who had helped or given assistance whatever, in relieving the distress that day.

His Worship the Mayor also requested that the Government be asked to make available some funds to relieve the distress caused by the destruction of furniture.

Arising out of this, Councillor Hall referred to the flooding in John Street and asked the Borough Surveyor to examine this area.

FERRYBANK:

The Borough Surveyor intimated, in reply to a query, that the hole in the promenade at Ferrybank would be repaired within the next few days.

A meeting of the Corporation in Committee was held at the close of the above meeting, when it was agreed that a Sub-Committee consisting of the four Aldermen and His Worship the Mayor, make all the arrangements for the conferring of the Freedom of the Borough on his Eminence Cardinal Conway.

7th November, 1966.

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

Councillors: Patrick Doran, Edward Hall, Thomas Larkin, John Howlin and James J. Morris.

M I N U T E S:

On the motion of His Worship the Mayor, seconded by Councillor Howlin, the Minutes of 10th October last, 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.

FREEDOM OF BOROUGH FOR CARDINAL CONWAY:

In accordance with notice given, His Worship the Mayor moved the following resolution, which was seconded by Alderman O'Flaherty and unanimously resolved -

"By virtue of the Municipal Privilege Act, Ireland, 1876, it is hereby resolved, that the honorary Freedom of this, the Ancient Borough of Wexford, be conferred on his Eminence, William Cardinal Conway, Archbishop of Armagh and Primate of All Ireland, on the occasion of his first visit to our Town, as a tribute of our regard for the outstanding personality of a distinguished Prince of the Church and patriotic Irishman; as an expression of the loyalty and attachment of the Mayor, Aldermen and Burgesses of Wexford, to the Irish Hierarchy and to his Holiness, Pope Paul VI".

SYMPATHY:

The Mayor then moved that the sympathy of the Corporation be extended to Councillor Frank Cullimore on the death of his brother, Patrick and that the present meeting adjourn until 21st instant as a mark of respect.

Alderman Morris seconded this motion, which was supported by all the members present, by the County Manager, Borough Surveyor, Town Clerk and Borough Accountant.

It was also moved that the sympathy of the Corporation be extended to Mr. John Hayes, Turncock, on the death of his uncle, the late James Lacey.

This motion was seconded by Alderman Corish and also supported by the members present and also the officials.

Both resolutions were adopted in respectful silence and the Meeting then terminated.

Thomas J. Byrne

21st November, 1966.

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 F. Byrne, in the Chair.

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

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

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

S Y M P A T H Y:

His Worship the Mayor moved that the sympathy of the Corporation be extended to Mr. Thomas Dunne, a former member on the death of his wife, and to Mr. Nicholas Cleary, Rent Collector with the Corporation on the tragic death of his brother.

Councillor Howlin seconded these motions which were supported by all the members present, by the County Manager and other officials and adopted in respectful silence.

ACKNOWLEDGEMENTS:

A letter was read from Rev. James Curtis, Secretary to the Bishop of Ferns, acknowledging the vote of sympathy passed by the Corporation on the death of Very Rev. Patrick Hutchinson, Parish Priest of Bree.

A letter was also read from Mr. Michael O'Brien, former Manager of the National Bank of Ireland, Wexford, acknowledging the congratulations of the Corporation on his recent promotion to Assistant General Manager of the Bank.

WEXFORD FESTIVAL:

A letter was read from Mr. James W. Davis, Business Manager, Wexford Festival, intimating on behalf of the Festival Council, their thanks to His Worship the Mayor, members of the Corporation and officials for their valuable assistance during the 1966 Festival. Arising out of this, Alderman Morris moved that the Garda Siochana be again congratulated on the excellent and courteous manner in which they had dealt with the abnormal vehicular traffic in the town during the Festival week.

VOCATIONAL EDUCATION:

The report of the Local Government Auditor on his audit of the Accounts of the Town of Wexford Vocational Education Committee for the two years ending on 31st March, 1966, was read and adopted.

Arising out of this, Councillor Howlin asked what was the position regarding the provision of extra accommodation at the Technical School and the Mayor, as well as Alderman O'Flaherty, the Chairman of the Vocational Education Committee, assured the Councillor that accommodation had been found for all the applicants for the present Academic Year and that the question of providing a new school was being actively pursued by the Committee.

ROAD SAFETY:

A letter addressed to His Worship the Mayor requesting the help of the Council during the road safety campaign to be held in December next was submitted. ©: Wexford Borough Council
The Mayor gave all the help in their power in furtherance of the Minister's Campaign.

TOWN PLANNING:

The Town Clerk in co-operation with the Borough Surveyor, drew the attention of the members and the general public to their obligations and responsibilities under Local Government (Planning & Development) Act, 1963. He, Town Clerk, pointed out that the experience of officials during the past two years had led them to believe that the general public were not sufficiently aware of the fact that all development work required permission from the Planning Authority and that on a number of occasions they had to draw attention to works commenced without permission. Generally speaking, however, they had been able to regularize the position but on a few occasions it had been found necessary to insist on the removal of works carried out without first obtaining permission and this had caused unnecessary expense to the developers.

The general public were, therefore, asked that before commencing any development, either of construction, alteration, demolition, change of user, erection of signs or any other work, either inside or outside their premises, that they should consult the Corporation as Planning Authority, to ascertain if permission was necessary or if the works proposed would be regarded as exempted development.

DERELICT SITE AT MAUDLINTOWN:

Arising out of the Town Clerk's remarks on the operation of the Planning Act, a question was raised regarding a derelict site at Maudlintown.

He (Town Clerk) explained that some time ago, he had served the necessary Notice under the Derelict Sites Act regarding this particular site. As a result he had had discussions with the Agent for the owners of the fee simple about the acquisition of the fee simple by the Corporation of this and a number of adjoining sites with considerable amount of land at the rear. Since the discussions took place, the Agent had been unfortunate enough to meet with a serious motor accident and the negotiations were at the moment held up, but he hoped to renew these in the very near future with a representative of the Agent and the Solicitors for the Estate.

CLERICAL OFFICERS SALARY SCALES:

The following proposal by the County Manager regarding revision of Clerical Officers' Salary was unanimously approved, on the motion of Councillor Howlin, seconded by Alderman Corish, viz:

For Post 1964 Clerical Officers:

£400 x £40(5) - £600 x £76(1) - £676 x £40(6) - £916 x 45(3)
- £1,051 plus £125 on marriage (15 increments).

For Pre 1964 Clerical Officers:

£400 x £40(5) - £600 x £76(1) - £676 x 45(10) - £1,126 x £50(1)
- £1,176 (17 increments) - Scheme of marriage increments to continue.

10-ROUND WAGE INCREASE:

A proposal by the County Manager that an increase of £1 per week with effect as from 1st June, 1966, to all male officers of the Corporation and 15/- per week for all female officers, whose salaries do not exceed £1,252 per annum, was unanimously adopted on the motion of the Mayor, seconded by Councillor James J. Morris.

To meet the foregoing increases a sum of £400 was allocated in the current financial year, on the proposal of the Mayor, seconded by Councillor Howlin.

TOWN DECORATION:

On the motion of Councillor Doran, seconded by Alderman F.C. Morris, it was unanimously decided that the sum of £250 be authorised for Town Decoration in the current year and that the sum of £150 thereof be made available to the Wexford Junior Chamber of Commerce for Town Decoration during the period of the Wexford Festival. Out of this £150 the Town Clerk was instructed to pay the Electricity Supply Board direct, for the actual current and work in connecting the lighting, the balance to be payable to the Junior Chamber as part of the cost of the decoration of the Town.

MAYOR'S SALARY:

On the motion of Councillor Howlin seconded by Councillor Doran, it was unanimously resolved that the Salary of the Mayor for the month of October, 1966, be fixed at £325 (Three hundred and twenty-five Pounds).

TOWN FLOODING - DEPUTATION:

A deputation on behalf of private individuals in the King Street area, owners of business premises in the South Main Street, King Street and Bishops-water and the firms of M/s. W.B. Nunn & Co., Pierce & Co., James J. Stafford & Sons, and the workers in these Firms, attended the present Meeting.

In a statement read by the Deputation it was stated that -

"In November 1960, a similar deputation was received by you. A Consultant Engineer was engaged and his detailed report was considered by you at that time and again in April 1961. No action appears to have been taken as a result of such report. The position is now even more serious as was evident on Monday 10th October 1966. Apart from the disastrous effect of the flood there is the appalling condition which arises from the sewage that is a breeding ground for typhoid or other serious fevers.

It is the considered opinion of all concerned that the position is both serious and critical and we have been directed to call upon the Corporation to honour its obligations in this matter by taking every step possible to prevent flooding of the Area and to place such action in its proper position at the top of the priority list of works to be carried out within the Borough by the Corporation and by the Public Health Authority in relation to the open sewers.

Either the scheme proposed by the Consultants in 1960 should be put into action forthwith or alternative schemes should be evolved and one of them adopted and given effect without delay. As citizens and substantial ratepayers we are entitled to Action".

Having heard the Deputation the Mayor thanked them for their attendance and the Rev. Harry Sinnott on behalf of the Deputation thanked the Corporation for receiving them and they withdrew.

Arising out of this matter, the County Manager made the following statement -

"In December 1966, Consulting Engineer carried out a special detailed investigation in the King Street area to ascertain the factors which resulted in periodic flooding in the district and the remedies which might be adopted to prevent same. Briefly he reported as follows :

- (1) The catchment area draining to King Street is 1,300 acres in extent - hilly, rock near surface and large volume of water in heavy storms.
- (2) The Consultant at that time stated that at low tide the river would take a very high runoff and on the 10th October high tide was at 5.30 a.m. therefore low tide conditions prevailed at the time of the flooding. Therefore rainfall of exceptional intensity must have occurred to account for the enormous volume of water which was actually observed coming down Duncannon Road, the Golf Course, etc.

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- (3) The Consultant also reported that considerable obstruction to the free run-off of flood water occurs at culverts under premises on route, and is the cause of backing up of water towards Mill Road and west of same.
- (4) The Consultant at that time suggested a relief tunnelling estimated at the time to cost approximately £14,000. An up-to-date estimate for this work in 1961 was close to £50,000.
- (5) Having discussed this question in detail with your officials, the Borough Surveyor wishes to correlate the design rainfall figure used by the Consultant in his 1944/45 report with the actual rainfall figures which occurred during the storm of last month as he has received rainfall charts from particular locations affected by the heavy rainfall. He would also like to discuss with the Consultant the possibility of gaining some improvement in the position regarding the permanent obstructions already mentioned.

From his observations he (Borough Surveyor) feels that the river can take an extremely high run off as was indicated from personal inspection of conditions occurring on Saturday, 5th November, 1966".

After a general discussion on flooding not alone in the King Street area but also in Selskar, Monck Street and Grogan's Road areas, the Council decided that as soon as the Borough Surveyor had finished his consultations with the Consulting Engineer, a special meeting should be called to study his report.

EMPLOYMENT & EMERGENCY SCHEMES VOTE 1966/67:

It was intimated to the Meeting that notification had been received from the Department of Local Government that a grant of £3,000 was being allocated for works under the Employment & Emergency Schemes Vote, 1966/67, subject to a local contribution of £430 making the total amount available for works £3,430.

The following works were recommended to the Corporation for approval:

1. Clearance of Derelict frontage at Cornmarket, demolishing 3-storey house, grading and providing hard standing site. at an estimated cost of £1,200.
2. Demolition of Temperance Hall and 3 houses at Temperance Row. Clearance of site at rear thereof, grading and providing hard standing site, at an estimated cost of £1,720.
3. Demolition of two houses at High Street/Keyser's Lane and clearance of site thereof, at an estimated cost of £150.

Following some discussion on the labour content involved in the Scheme, the three proposals by the Borough Surveyor were unanimously approved on the motion of Alderman O'Flaherty seconded by His Worship the Mayor.

TRAFFIC SURVEY:

In connection with the Traffic Survey for the Borough, which is being carried out by Messrs. Orrje & Co. the Town Clerk read the following statement from the Borough Surveyor :

"In conjunction with the Traffic Survey for the Borough, which is being carried out by Messrs. Orrje & Co., the Consultant has informed me that he proposes to carry out an Origin and Destination Survey on Friday 2nd December, next.

The Arrangements are that interview stations will be located at the following points :

1. Ferrybank North
2. New Road.
3. Outside Redmond Memorial Park
4. Wygram Place
5. Summerhill Road
6. Green Street
7. Maudlintown.
- 8.

Traffic in Wexford area on that date between 6.00.a.m. and 10.00.p.m. will be requested to halt at the interview points and drivers will be asked to state their destination and also the origin point from whence they travelled.

Simultaneously, a parking survey within the town will be carried out between 12. noon and 5.0. p.m. where postcards will be placed on the wind-screens of parked vehicles, subsequently filled up and returned to the Municipal Buildings.

To gain the fullest information from the Survey, the co-operation of vehicle drivers is requested both at the interview stations and in returning the postcards.

VISIT OF CARDINAL CONWAY:

His Worship the Mayor referred to the visit to the Town of Cardinal Conway, Archbishop of Armagh and Primate of All Ireland on the 19th instant, when the Council conferred the Freedom of the Borough on him, and on behalf of the Corporation returned thanks to :

1. The Committee of Dun Mhuire for placing the Parish Hall at the disposal of the Corporation.
2. The voluntary staff of the Parish Hall, who decorated the stage and the door so officially.
3. The Knights of Malta Catholic Boy Scouts for their attendance.
4. The Garda Siochana for the excellent manner in which they handled the traffic.
5. All those who in any way assisted the function.

Alderman O'Flaherty supported the Mayor's thanks and stated that the special thanks to the Corporation were due to the Town Clerk for the very efficient manner in which the whole function had been organised by him.

On the motion of Alderman O'Flaherty, seconded by Alderman Corish, it was unanimously decided to extend the congratulations of the Corporation to the Community of the Enniscorthy Mission House on the attainment of their Centenary as Missionary Fathers in the County.

SUGGESTED WIDENING OF CORNMARKEET:

A letter was read from Alexander Sloan & Co. Dublin Ltd., intimating that they had under consideration certain alterations to their premises at the Bull Ring, Wexford, and in order to help them decide on the forms these alterations should take, asked to be advised on the attitude of the Corporation towards the widening of the road in the vicinity of their premises. They had been informed that the road-widening was, in fact, required and if this was the case, they asked what assistance the Corporation was prepared to give in the latter.

The Borough Surveyor submitted the following report on the latter.

"The proposal outlined by M/s. Sloans provides for removing portion of their existing building in the Bull Ring and resiting the frontage thereof in conformity with the existing building line of M/s. Hamilton and Astor T.V.. adjacent, thus dedicating the "set back" space to the public thoroughfare.

In consideration of this offer, a dedication by the Corporation of the derelict sites in Cornmarket is requested by the firm.

It is necessary to consider the future layout, use and traffic conditions of the area and I submit the following for Manager's information:

The junction of Cornmarket with North Main Street presents a traffic conflict particularly with the present 2-way traffic on a narrow carriageway involving right turning traffic in addition to absence of visibility on the approaches.

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It is not unrealistic to foresee in the near future the making of Cornmarket a one-way street, whilst at a subsequent time the prohibition of vehicular traffic of the existing "gut" thus making it a pedestrian facility, is also foreseeable.

The future layout suggests a 30-foot carriageway abutting on M/s. Kelly's present premises with a future alignment directly linked with the Bull Ring, rather than an acute curve southwards towards Main Street.

The interim treatment suggested, when the derelict sites are cleared, is a traffic lane as at present, preferably southwards. The balance of the carriageway to be utilised for car parking, loading, unloading, etc. thus facilitating the future development of the derelict sites and existing premises.

The derelict sites are in an area zoned for central business and commercial use.

I am of opinion that a demand for the setting back of M/s. Sloans existing premises would not emanate from the Town Planning requirements of the Corporation and arises only by the voluntary desire of M/s. Sloans to do so.

Regarding the suggestion that portion of the derelict sites be given to M/s. Sloan, there is no objection on Town Planning grounds to the use of the land as a shop. The firms offer of setting back would improve the building line and aspect of the street".

Following a discussion, the Borough Surveyor intimated that in the development plan for the town, on which he was at present engaged, he would not have considered as very important from the planning point of view, the widening of the entrance from Cornmarket to the Bull Ring, but he had no objection to M/s. Sloan pushing back their premises if they so desired, but he wanted it made perfectly clear that the Corporation were not requesting them to do so.

In view of the Borough Surveyor's report and observations, it was unanimously decided that no action be taken on M/s. Sloan's request, but that they be informed that if they so desired the Corporation would have no objection to them pushing back the frontage of the premises.

The Meeting then terminated.

Thomas F. Byrne

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23th November, 1966.

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

His Worship the Mayor, Councillor Thomas Byrne, in the Chair.
Alderman John O'Flaherty.

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

In Attendance: Town Clerk, Borough Surveyor and Borough Accountant.

Apologies were tendered from the County Manager, Alderman Corish and Alderman Morris, for their inability to be present.

The Meeting had been convened by the Mayor to place on record the sympathy of the Corporation with the relatives of the late Sean T. O'Kelly, former President of Ireland and a Freeman of the Borough.

The Mayor thereupon moved that the sympathy of the Corporation be extended to the widow and sister of the late Sean T. O'Kelly.

Alderman O'Flaherty seconded the motion which was supported by all the members present, by Councillor Howlin on behalf of Alderman Corish; by the Town Clerk on behalf of the County Manager, Alderman Morris and on his own behalf and the officials of the Corporation; by the Borough Surveyor and Borough Accountant.

The resolution was adopted in respectful silence, the members standing.

The Meeting then terminated.

Thomas L. Byrne

5th December, 1966.

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.

Alderman Kevin C. Morris.

Councillors: Patrick Doran, Edward Hall, Thomas Larkin, John Bierney and James J. Morris.

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

MINUTES:

On the motion of Alderman Morris, seconded by Councillor Doran, the Minutes of Meetings of 21st and 28th ultimo, copies of which had been circulated with the Agenda for the present Meeting, were taken as having been read, approved and signed by the Mayor.

ACKNOWLEDGEMENTS:

A letter was read from the Borough Accountant thanking the Corporation for the vote of sympathy passed with him on the death of his mother.

EMPLOYMENT OF PAINTERS:

Councillor James J. Morris intimated that there were 4 painters unemployed in the Town and requested that some of them should be employed on the Housing Schemes.

The County Manager in reply stated that it was entirely a matter for the Housing Engineer but he would interview him and see if it were possible to employ any other painters.

The Manager also intimated that he would submit a Progress Report on 126-House Scheme at the next Meeting.

SCAVENGING TRUCK:

Councillor Hall raised a question regarding the present domestic scavenging truck and the Borough Surveyor intimated that he was examining the tenders which had been received for the purchase of a new truck. The proposed system was an entirely new departure from what was presently in operation and it was up to him to see that the Corporation did not expend £5,000 on a vehicle that would not be suitable for the work.

He, Borough Surveyor, hoped to make a recommendation to the County Manager in the next few days.

STOP LINE AT FAYTHE/WILLIAM STREET:

Councillor Bierney asked that a "Stop" line be drawn at the junction of Faythe/William Street, but the Borough Surveyor intimated that there was already a "Yield Right of Way" sign there.

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MISCELLANEOUS:

Councillor James J. Morris raised the question of the round-about at the junction Davitt Road South/Waterloo Road and asked that it be painted yellow or white so that it would be less dangerous than at present.

A complaint was made regarding the condition of the footpath at Maudlintown, but the Meeting was informed that this was a matter for the County Council.

PROPOSED ERECTION OF HOUSES:

The Town Clerk intimated that the Manager and he had a conversation recently with Messrs. Redmond Brothers regarding the erection of houses. During the discussion, they had suggested to M/s. Redmond Brothers that they submit a plan for the erection of houses on approximately five acres of land which the Corporation had acquired from Mr. Anthony Kehoe at White-mill South, which site adjoined the National Building Agency House Scheme. The idea was for Messrs. Redmond Brothers to be given an option on the site, they to build the houses and when they had disposed of them, to purchasers, the Corporation would grant a lease, at a rent to be determined to each individual purchaser.

The Town Clerk intimated that he hoped to have something definite from Redmond Brothers in the near future and he now asked if the Corporation would approve, in principle, the suggested scheme for house-building by the Firm.

On the motion of His Worship the Mayor, seconded by Alderman Morris, it was unanimously agreed, in principle, that the proposal of Messrs. Redmond Brothers be approved.

Before the Meeting concluded, His Worship the Mayor wished all the members and officials a happy Xmas and a prosperous New Year.

The Meeting then terminated.

James J. Byrne