

3rd January, 1972.

A Quarterly Meeting of the Wexford Borough Council was held this day in the Council Chamber, Municipal Buildings, Wexford, at half past seven o'clock p.m.

The members present were :-

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

Aldermen : James Mahoney, James Jenkins, Thomas F. Byrne.

Councillors : Desmond Corish, John Cullimore, John Flaherty,  
John Dunne, Peter Roche, James Morris.

In attendance : Mr. Thomas F. Broe, County Manager;  
Mr. Kevin T. Conway, Borough Engineer;  
Mr. Desmond T. Wixted, Town Clerk.

#### SYMPATHY

On the proposition of Councillor Cullimore, seconded by Alderman Byrne, the sympathy of the Council was extended to the relatives of the late General Richard Mulcahy.

#### MINUTES

On the proposition of Councillor Cullimore, seconded by Councillor Flaherty, the minutes of Statutory Meeting of 6th December, 1971 having been circulated were taken as read, adopted unanimously and signed by His Worship the Mayor.

#### SELSKAR ABBEY

An acknowledgment was received from the Office of Public Works of the Council's representations regarding the condition of St. John's Tower, Selskar Abbey.

#### FISHING LIMITS

Acknowledgments were received from the Departments of Agriculture and Fisheries and Foreign Affairs of the Council's representations re. protection of Irish Fishing Limits on entry to the Common Market and a note entitled "The Agreement with the Communities on Fisheries" which sets out the arrangements to apply with regard to fisheries upon Ireland's accession to the Communities was received from the Department of Foreign Affairs and copies distributed to the members.

#### COOPERATIVE HOUSING

A further circular from the Department of Local Government on cooperative housing was considered and the council confirmed its willingness to co-operate in every way possible with any group who proposed to erect cooperative housing in the Borough.

#### MALICIOUS INJURIES

The Council was informed that at a recent Circuit Court Sitting, malicious injury claims amounting to £1,198.49 were allowed by the Court and ordered to be levied on the Borough of Wexford. This amount did not include costs and the total would be levied and payable by the Corporation as part of the County Council Demand in 1972/73.

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The members voiced strong disapproval at the wave of vandalism which had recently hit the town and which apart from damage to property was now costing the rate payers of Wexford a sizeable amount of money.

His Worship the Mayor and the other members appealed to the citizens of the town to co-operate with the Gardai in bringing these vandals to justice.

#### SALE OF CORPORATE PROPERTY

The Council had before it an application on behalf of Doctor Donald Dwyer to purchase the freehold in the property known as "Juliamount" which is held by way of lease for 31 years from the 29th September, 1955 from the Corporation. On the proposition of Councillor Flaherty, seconded by Alderman Byrne, it was unanimously resolved to defer further consideration of the matter to a future date when general policy in regard to disposal of Corporate property would be determined.

#### FILLING OF CASUAL VACANCY

On the proposition of Councillor Flaherty, seconded by His Worship the Mayor, Mr. Eugene Curtin was unanimously co-opted as a member of the Borough Council to fill the vacancy created by the recent resignation of Councillor Fintan O'Leary.

While supporting the co-option of Mr. Curtin, Councillor Dunne gave notice that he would shortly introduce a motion that the gentlemens agreement, under which the Party to which the former member belonged should supply a replacement, be discontinued.

#### VACANCY - TOWN OF WEXFORD VOCATIONAL EDUCATION COMMITTEE

On the proposition of Alderman Byrne, seconded by Councillor Flaherty, Councillor Eugene Curtin was unanimously chosen to fill the vacancy on the Town of Wexford Vocational Education Committee caused by the recent resignation of Councillor Fintan O'Leary.

#### SUPPLEMENTARY HOUSING GRANTS

It was proposed by Alderman Byrne, seconded by Councillor Corish, and unanimously resolved "that a scheme of supplementary housing grants be adopted by Wexford Borough Council in accordance with the Housing Act 1966". It was agreed that a scheme for both new house and re-construction grants be prepared for presentation at the next meeting of the Council and on the proposition of His Worship the Mayor, seconded by Alderman Byrne, it was unanimously resolved "that the schemes be adopted with effect as from 1st April, 1971".

#### MAIN STREET TRAFFIC

It was proposed by Alderman Jenkins, seconded by Councillor Dunne and unanimously resolved "with a view to maintaining and developing the Main Street as Wexford's shopping centre and recognising all modern traffic problems, Wexford Corporation request the Borough Engineers to investigate the practicability of Main Street business premises having back entrances for the delivery of supplies".

During the discussions which took place on the motion, the question of who would meet the cost of the provision of such entrances was raised, but it was agreed that this was a matter to be discussed at a future date and in the meantime the Borough Engineer was requested to carry out the investigation as set out in the motion.



### KING STREET FLOODING

It was proposed by Alderman Jenkins, and seconded by Councillor Morris, "that the Wexford Corporation Officials reconsider the employment of Dutch Engineers to give advice on how flooding in the King Street area can best be dealt with".

A long discussion took place on the motion during which the County Manager informed the members of developments which had taken place over the years with regard to the preparation of a scheme to prevent such flooding. He pointed out that a firm contract for such a scheme had now been entered into by the Corporation and work was due to commence on the scheme next week.

On a vote for Alderman Jenkins's proposal, for - Alderman Mahoney and Jenkins and Councillor Morris. against - His Worship the Mayor, Alderman Byrne and Councillors Corish, Cullimore, Flaherty, Dunne and Roche. Alderman Jenkins's motion was declared defeated by seven votes to three.

### GRANT FOR AMENITY STUDY

The Council was informed that the Department of Local Government had intimated that no grant would be forthcoming from the Department towards the cost of the Amenity Study of Wexford, sponsored by the Tourist Development Committee of the Chamber of Commerce and carried out by the students of Bolton Street College of Technology.

On the suggestion of Alderman Byrne, a decision as to whether or not Wexford Corporation would provide the necessary grant from its own funds was adjourned to the estimates meeting.

### LEASING OF TOWN HALL. CORNMARKE

The County Manager having intimated that he had as yet received no decision from the Department of Defence on the Corporation's application for an increased rent in respect of the leasing of the Town Hall, Cornmarket, to Wexford County Council, further consideration of the matter was adjourned to the next meeting.

### DISPOSAL OF SITE TO INDUSTRIAL DEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY

On the proposition of Councillor Flaherty, seconded by Alderman Byrne, approval was unanimously given to the proposal of the County Manager to dispose of 5 acres of land at Whitemill, Wexford, to the Industrial Development Authority as an advance industrial site and on the terms as set out in notice dated 17th December, 1971 and circulated to the members, viz, for the sum of £6,000.

### DISPOSAL OF SITE TO JOHN JACKMAN (ENGINEERING) LTD.

On the proposition of Alderman Byrne, seconded by Councillor Cullimore, approval was unanimously given to the proposal of the County Manager to dispose of 2.105 acres of land at Whitemill, Wexford, to M/s John Jackman (Engineering) Ltd., on which the purchaser proposes to erect a factory and on the terms as set out in notice dated 17th December, 1971 and circulated to the members, viz, for the sum of £2,526.

### DISPOSAL OF NO. 32 CORISH PARK, WEXFORD

On the proposition of Councillor Flaherty, seconded by Alderman Byrne, approval was unanimously given to the proposal of the County Manager to dispose of house No. 32 Corish Park, Wexford, to the



tenant thereof, Mr. Patrick Murphy, on the terms as set out in notice dated 20th December, 1971 and circulated to the members, viz, for the sum of £2,160.

#### DISPOSAL OF NO. 70 DAVITT ROAD NORTH

On the proposition of Councillor Flaherty, seconded by Alderman Byrne, approval was unanimously given to the proposal of the County Manager to dispose of house No. 70 Davitt Road North, Wexford, to the tenant thereof, Mr. Michael Bolger, on the terms as set out in notice dated 20th December, 1971 and circulated to the members, viz, for the sum of £1,890.

#### DEVELOPMENT PLAN REVIEWS AND PLANNING CONTROL

The Council had before it a circular from the Department of Local Government re. Development Plan Reviews and Planning Control and it was agreed to consider the circular at the next meeting of the General Purposes Committee.

#### AMENITY GRANTS

The Council had before it a circular from the Department of Local Government re. Amenity Grants Scheme. The scheme superseded the old derelict sites grants scheme and amenity grants scheme and requested the submission of proposals, if any, from Local Authorities. It was agreed that the completion of the Ferrybank project, excluding the swimming pool be submitted.

The Council appealed through the medium of the Press to any interested local organisations who might wish to take advantage of the grants scheme to contact its officials in the matter.

#### LIAM MELLOWS PARK

The Council considered a report from the Borough Engineer on allegations which had been made at a previous meeting regarding inferior work on the Liam Mellows Park Housing Scheme. The report indicated that the Borough Engineer has no reason to believe that the standard of construction is in any way lower than that obtaining in Local Authority Housing throughout the country and pointed out that, as is common to most contracts, the Borough Engineer had on occasions to condemn work and warn the contractors in writing of departures from specifications. He was satisfied with the undertakings given and remedial action taken. The scheme had been adequately supervised from the commencement by the Corporation and before retention monies on the Scheme are finally released a thorough inspection of the scheme will as is normal be made and defects arising within the maintenance period of one year would be made good.

#### FREEDOM OF BOROUGH - DR. GEORGE HADDEN

On the proposition of Alderman Byrne, seconded by Councillor Morris, it was agreed, "that the Freedom of the Borough would be conferred on Doctor George Hadden in the Assembly Room, Town Hall, Cornmarket, at 7.30 p.m. on Tuesday 25th January, 1972". Following the Conferring of the Freedom a reception would be held in the Assembly Room.



### FERRYBANK SWIMMING POOL

It was agreed that a meeting would be held in the Talbot Hotel on Monday 14th February, 1972 to consider ways of raising the necessary local voluntary contribution towards the cost of the Ferrybank Swimming Pool and that all local organisations be invited to send representatives.

### MEETINGS

It was agreed that meetings of the General Purposes Committee and of the Housing Committee be held on Monday 24th January, 1972.

### LOCAL UNEMPLOYMENT

The members expressed concern at the present level of unemployment in the town and on the proposition of Councillor Roche, seconded by Alderman Byrne, it was unanimously resolved, "that a telegram be sent to the Minister of Transport and Power expressing the Councils concern at the decision of Coras Iompair Eireann to place a substantial contract for some of their requirements with a Foreign Firm in lieu of M/s Springs Ltd."

### HOUSING PRIORITY LIST

No objection was raised by the Council to the decision of the County Manager to adopt the recommendations of the County Medical Officer on a further housing priority list. It was pointed out that approximately twenty-one persons from this further list would be allocated houses at Liam Mellows Park.

The County Manager was requested to ask the County Medical Officer to re-examine the need of Mr. Maurice Allan, 5 Swan View, and Mr. Stan Malone who had now moved to No. 1 Skeffington Street, Wexford.

The meeting then terminated.

*Seamus L. Morris*



24th January, 1972.

A Meeting of the General Purposes Committee of Wexford Borough Council was held this day in the Council Chamber, Municipal Buildings, at half past seven o'clock p.m.

The members present were :-

His Worship the Mayor Alderman Kevin C. Morris in the chair.

Aldermen : James Jenkins, and Thomas F. Byrne.

Councillors : John Flaherty, John Dunne, Peter Roche, James Morris, Thomas Roche and Eugene Curtin.

In attendance : Thomas F. Broe, County Manager,  
Kevin T. Conway, Borough Engineer, and  
Desmond T. Wixted, Town Clerk.

#### WELCOME TO COUNCILLOR CURTIN

At the outset, His Worship the Mayor extended a welcome to Councillor Curtin who was attending his first meeting of the Council following his cooption as a Councillor in succession to Mr. Fintan O'Leary. Other members joined in the welcome and Councillor Curtin suitably replied.

#### DISPOSAL OF CORPORATE PROPERTY

The Committee considered an application from Dr. Donald Dwyer for the purchase of the freehold of property at "Juliamount" which he holds on lease from the Corporation for 31 years from 29th September, 1955. The whole question of the disposal of such property was considered, and on the proposition of Councillor Flaherty, seconded by Alderman Byrne, it was unanimously agreed as a matter of policy that the Borough Council would not dispose of any such property. It was agreed, however, that specific applications could be considered on their merits as and when they arise.

#### REVIEW OF DEVELOPMENT PLAN

The Committee considered circular from the Department of Local Government re. Development Plan Reviews and Planning Control and it was pointed out that the Wexford Development Plan must be reviewed during the current year. A long discussion took place on planning generally both from the view point of the success or otherwise of the Corporation's Development Plan, and also on the administration of planning control within the Borough. It was agreed, on the suggestion of Councillor Flaherty, that the Advisory Committee comprising all the members of the Borough Council be constituted to assist in the review of the Plan.

#### EMPLOYER/LABOUR CONFERENCE NATIONAL AGREEMENT

On the proposition of Councillor Flaherty, seconded by Alderman Byrne, the Committee consented to the proposal of the County Manager to implement the Employer/Labour Conference National Agreement with effect as from 1st January 1972. The Agreement provided for the following salary and wage increases with effect as from that date :-

- 1) Employees covered by Maintenance Craftsmen's Agreement - at 4% plus 69p, and
- 2) Other employees £2.00 per week.



WEXFORD JUNIOR CHAMBER - FESTIVAL LIGHTING

On the proposition of His Worship the Mayor, seconded by Alderman Byrne, the Committee unanimously decided to defer consideration of an application from the Wexford Junior Chamber for an increased grant towards the provision of Festival Lighting to the Estimates Meeting.

MAJOR WILLIE REDMOND MEMORIAL PARK

On the proposition of His Worship the Mayor, seconded by Alderman Byrne, the Committee unanimously decided to defer consideration of an application from the Trustees of the Major Willie Redmond Memorial Park for an increased grant for 1972/73 to the Estimates Meeting.

PERMANENT PICTURE GALLERY AT TOWN HALL, CORNMARKE

The County Manager reported on a recent meeting which he and a number of other interested persons had had with Mr. James White, Director of the National Museum, during the course of which Mr. White intimated that the Assembly Room, Town Hall, Cornmarket, subject to minor alterations such as removal of fire places and wall panelling and improvement of lighting would be an ideal centre for a Picture Gallery to which the National Gallery would give pictures on loan. The Gallery would require the Corporation to indemnify it as to half the value of the pictures on loan at any given time. The County Manager indicated that he had already requested the grant from the Arts Council in the sum of £2,000 towards the cost of adapting the Assembly Room for this purpose, and on the suggestion of Councillor Flaherty, it was agreed to leave the matter to the County Manager for further investigation and report to the Borough Council.

BORROWING PERIOD - HOUSING

The Committee was informed that the Minister for Local Government has now indicated that Local Authorities may specify a repayment period of 35 years in lieu of 50 years in their applications for loans for Local Authority Housing.

The meeting then terminated.

*Kevin. G. Morris,*



24th January, 1972.

A Meeting of the Housing Committee of Wexford Borough Council was held at the conclusion of the meeting of the General Purposes Committee.

The members present were :-

His Worship the Mayor Alderman Kevin C. Morris in the chair.

Aldermen : James Jenkins and Thomas F. Byrne.

Councillors : John Flaherty, John Dunne, Peter Roche,  
James Morris, Thomas Roche and Eugene Curtin.

In attendance : Thomas F. Broe, County Manager,  
Kevin T. Conway, Borough Engineer, and  
Desmond T. Wixted, Town Clerk.

#### PRIORITIES AND LETTINGS

No objection was raised to the proposal of the County Manager to appoint Mr. William O'Neill, 41 Wolfe Tone Villas, tenant of vacant house at No. 29 Wolfe Tone Villas, Wexford.

No objection was raised to the proposal of the County Manager to appoint Mrs. Julia Murphy, 5 Selskar Avenue, as tenant of vacant house at No. 8 Croke Avenue, Wexford.

On the proposition of His Worship the Mayor, seconded by Councillor Flaherty, the Council approved of the proposal of the County Manager to appoint Miss Josephine Browne, whose present accommodation at Green Street is due for demolition in connection with the re-development of the area as tenant of the first suitable house which becomes vacant adjoining that area.

The Council considered the list of persons who had refused tenancies at Liam Mellows Park, together with the County Manager's proposals as to whether or not each of those should be allowed to remain on the Priority List with his existing number of points or be deleted therefrom. No objections were raised to the proposal of the County Manager in this regard.

#### REPAIRS

The members of the Committee were handed Schedules in connection with the maintenance of houses comprising the following :-

- 1) Priority Schedule completed 31st March, 1971.
- 2) Priority Schedule completed 31st December, 1971.
- 3) New Priority Schedule for approval.

The Schedule was not discussed, it being agreed that any queries could be raised at a later stage.

#### CAPITAL SCHEMES

The Town Clerk reported that 108 houses have now been occupied at Liam Mellows Park while it is hoped to let the remaining 42 houses with the next few weeks.

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The Committee was informed that every effort would be made to have the lay-out and house plans for Talbot Street/Green Street and John's Gate Street together with alternative plans for the completion of the Thomas Clarke Place Scheme available for the next meeting of the Borough Council.

#### GUARANTEED ORDER HOUSING PROJECT

The Committee had before it further Circular from the Department of Local Government re. Guaranteed Order Housing Project and it was agreed, on the suggestion of Alderman Jenkins that the matter be discussed at the next Statutory Meeting of the Borough Council.

#### SUPPLEMENTARY HOUSING GRANTS

On the proposition of Alderman Byrne, seconded by Alderman Jenkins, the Committee approved of the Scheme submitted for the payment of Supplementary Grants for new dwellings and of the Scheme submitted for the payment of Supplementary Grants for re-construction of houses.

The meeting then terminated.

*Kevin T. Morris*



7th February, 1972.

A Statutory Meeting of the Wexford Borough Council was held this day in the Council Chamber, Municipal Buildings, Wexford, at half past seven o'clock p.m.

The members present were :-

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

Aldermen : James Mahoney, James Jenkins, Thomas F. Byrne.

Councillors : John Cullimore, John Flaherty, John Dunne,  
Peter Roche, James Morris, Thomas Roche,  
Eugene Curtin.

An apology for inability to attend was received from Councillor Desmond Corish.

In attendance : Mr. Thomas F. Broe, County Manager, Mr. Kevin Conway, Mr. D. Wixted, Town. Clerk.

#### SYMPATHY

On the proposition of Alderman Byrne, the sympathy of the Council was extended to the relatives of the thirteen people shot in Derry on 30th January, 1972 by British soldiers, and the congratulations of the Council was extended to His Worship the Mayor and the Town Clerk for having travelled to represent the Corporation at the funerals in Derry.

#### DEPUTATION

The Council received a deputation from the Wexford Trades' Council which comprised the following :-  
M/s T. Larkin, T. Carr, J. Bailey, J. Furlong.

His Worship the Mayor welcomed the deputation and pointed out that normal procedure would prevail, viz , the deputation would state their case and then withdraw following which the Council would discuss the subject matter of the deputation.

All four members of the deputation addressed the Council and pointed out the serious unemployment situation which exists in Wexford. They called on the Council to use its good offices in every way possible to bring about an improvement in the situation particularly with a view to speedy implementation of housing and other schemes which the Corporation might have in the pipeline. The members of the deputation stressed the necessity for all sections of the community to put away their sectional interest and to act together to bring about an improvement in the employment situation in Wexford Town.

The members of the deputation withdrew, Mr. Carr having thanked His Worship the Mayor and the members of the Council for their courtesy in receiving and listening to them.

Following the withdrawal of the deputation, a lengthy discussion took place on unemployment in the town during the course of which a number of suggestions were put forward including the necessity to buy Irish Made goods particularly those manufactured in Wexford, and to press ahead with all possible speed to put into effect the capital schemes which the Council had planned.

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TALBOT STREET/GREEN STREET HOUSING SCHEME

The Council had before it lay-out and house plans for a scheme of 99 houses including two shops at Talbot Street/Green Street, and on the proposition of Alderman Byrne, seconded by Councillor T. Roche, the lay-out and house plans were unanimously adopted by the council for submission for the sanction of the Minister for Local Government.

ADJOURNMENT

On the proposition of Councillor Dunne, seconded by Alderman Mahoney, it was unanimously resolved "that the meeting be adjourned as a mark of respect to those who had died recently in Derry.

It was decided to adjourn consideration of the Agenda to the March meeting of the Council.

*Rev. L. M. O'Rourke*



6th March, 1972.

A Statutory Meeting of the Wexford Borough Council was held this day in the Council Chamber, Municipal Buildings, Wexford, at half past seven o'clock p.m.

The members present were :-

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

Aldermen : James Mahoney, James Jenkins, Thomas F. Byrne.

Councillors : Desmond Corish, John Cullimore, John Flaherty, Peter Roche, Thomas Roche, Eugene Curtin.

Apologies for inability to attend were received from Councillors John Dunne and James Morris.

In attendance : Mr. Thomas F. Broe, County Manager,  
Mr. C. Costello, Assistant Borough Engineer,  
Mr. D.T. Wixted, Town Clerk.

#### COUNCILLOR DUNNE

On the proposition of His Worship the Mayor, seconded by Alderman Byrne, the best wishes of the Council were extended to Councillor Dunne for a speedy recovery from his present illness.

#### SYMPATHY

On the proposition of Alderman Byrne, seconded by Councillor T. Roche, the sympathy of the Council was extended to the relatives of the late Mr. Joseph Walsh, Bernadette Place, former member of the Borough Council.

#### MINUTES

On the proposition of Alderman Byrne, seconded by Councillor Curtin, minutes of Quarterly meeting of 3rd January, 1972 and of Statutory meeting of 7th February, 1972 having been circulated were taken as read, adopted unanimously and signed by His Worship the Mayor.

#### REPORT OF GENERAL PURPOSES COMMITTEE

The Report of the General Purposes Committee Meeting of 24th January, 1972 was unanimously adopted.

#### EMPLOYER/LABOUR CONFERENCE NATIONAL AGREEMENT

On the proposition of Councillor Flaherty, seconded by Alderman Byrne, the Council consented to the proposal of the County Manager to implement the Employer/Labour Conference National Agreement with effect as from 1st January, 1972. The Agreement provided for the following salary and wage increases with effect as from that date :-

- 1) Employees covered by Maintenance Craftsmen's Agreement - 4% plus 69p.
- 2) Other employees £2.00 per week.



On the proposition of Councillor Flaherty, seconded by Alderman Byrne, it was unanimously resolved that expenditure in the sum of £1150 be allowed over and above that provided in the Estimate of Expenses 1971/72 to cover the cost of implementing the above Agreement.

#### REPORT OF HOUSING COMMITTEE

The report of Housing Committee Meeting of 24th January, 1972 was considered and adopted unanimously with the exception that on the proposition of Councillor Flaherty, seconded by Councillor P. Roche, it was unanimously resolved "that the Scheme for the payment of Supplementary Reconstruction Grants be implemented with effect as from 1st January, 1972 in lieu of 1st April, 1972 as set out in the Scheme.

#### ESTIMATES MEETING

It was unanimously agreed that the Statutory Estimates Meeting to consider the Estimate of Expenses for the year ending 31st March, 1973 be held on Monday 10th April, 1972 and that the Finance Committee Meeting to consider the Estimates be held on Monday 27th March, 1972.

#### HOSPITAL IMPROVEMENTS

A letter addressed to Sir Anthony Esmonde T.D., from the Private Secretary to the Minister for Health intimating that work on the proposed Maternity and Geriatric Units to be provided at Wexford County Hospital is likely to commence about next September, was noted by the Council.

#### EASTER SUNDAY COMMEMORATION CEREMONIES

On the proposition of Alderman Byrne, it was unanimously agreed that the members of the Council would attend at Mass in the Church of the Immaculate Conception, Rowe Street, Wexford, at 11.30 a.m. on Easter Sunday morning, 2nd April, 1972 in connection with the commemoration ceremonies organised by the National Graves Association.

#### ST. PATRICK'S DAY CEREMONIES AND PARADE

On the proposition of Alderman Byrne, seconded by Councillor Curtin, it was unanimously resolved that the Council would attend the Annual Saint Patrick's Day Ceremonies and Parade.

#### PURCHASE OF LAND

The Town Clerk informed the meeting that efforts have been made to acquire land for housing purposes at St. Johns Road, from the Convent of Mercy but that the owners are not willing to sell the land as they feel it might be needed for future building or playground purposes.

On the proposition of Councillor Flaherty, seconded by Councillor P. Roche, the Council unanimously approved of the proposal of the County Manager to purchase approximately 12 acres of land for future building purposes at Town Parks from the Hore Brothers for the sum of £1,000 per acre.

#### SELSKAR ABBEY

A letter was read from the Office of Public Works intimating that, following representations from the Borough Council, arrangements are being made for an examination of St. John's Tower, Selskar Abbey and that the necessary works of repair will be considered for inclusion in the Board's Programme of works for the next financial year.



### VISIT OF OMAGH INTER-SCHOOL HISTORICAL SOCIETY

The Council was informed of the proposed visit of the Omagh Inter-School Historical Society to Wexford County from 16th to 19th March, 1972 during the course of which a visit would be made to Historical spots in Wexford town. On the proposition of Alderman Jenkins, seconded by Alderman Byrne, it was unanimously resolved, "that the party would be entertained by His Worship the Mayor and the members of the Borough Council during their visit to the town".

### PICTURE GALLERY

In connection with the proposed Picture Gallery at the Town Hall, Cornmarket, the County Manager informed the members that the Arts Council had intimated that they would be willing to make a grant of £2,000 towards the project on condition that this would be matched pound for pound by contributions from outside sources.

The matter was left in the County Manager's hands with a view to requesting support from organisations such as Board Failte, S.E.R.T.O., Shaw Bequest etc.

### EUROPE DAY

In connection with the celebration of Europe Day on the 5th May next, it was unanimously agreed, on the suggestion of Alderman Byrne, that the Europe Flag be flown at the Municipal Buildings,

It was agreed that other suggestions for the celebration of this day would be introduced at a subsequent meeting of the Council.

### VACANCY ON TOWN OF WEXFORD VOCATIONAL EDUCATION COMMITTEE

On the proposition of Alderman Byrne, seconded by Councillor Flaherty, V. Rev. M.F. Clancy ADM., Wexford, was unanimously selected to fill the vacancy on the Town of Wexford Vocational Education Committee caused by the resignation of V. Rev. M. Berney P.P.

### A.G.M. - IRISH PUBLIC BODIES MUTUAL INSURANCES LTD.

On the proposition of Alderman Byrne, seconded by His Worship the Mayor, Councillor Desmond Corish was appointed to represent the Council at the Annual General Meeting of the Irish Public Bodies Mutual Insurances Ltd.

### TALBOT STREET/GREEN STREET HOUSING SCHEME

The Town Clerk informed the meeting that since the adoption of a lay-out plan by the Council for the Talbot Street/Green Street Housing Scheme, the matter had been under discussion between technical officers of the Corporation and the Department of Local Government. A number of points which had arisen had been resolved and it was hoped to make a formal submission to the Department for the approval of the Minister by the end of the current week.

### JOHN'S GATE STREET HOUSING SCHEME

The Council had before it the proposals of the Consulting Architect for the development of John's Gate Street area, and on the proposition of Councillor P. Roche, seconded by Alderman Byrne, it was unanimously resolved "that a scheme of 20 Old People's Homes in a two storey terraced development be provided in the area". House Plans would be submitted for the approval of the Council at an early date and it was suggested that provision for 2 bedrooms in some of the houses might be arranged.



### COMPLETION OF THOMAS CLARKE PLACE HOUSING SCHEME

The Council had before it the proposals of the Consulting Architect for the completion of the Thomas Clarke Place Housing Scheme, and it was unanimously agreed that a scheme of 24 Old People's Homes in a two storey block development be provided in the area, detailed house plans to be submitted for the approval of the Council at an early date.

### UNEMPLOYMENT IN WEXFORD

On the proposition of Councillor P. Roche, seconded by Alderman Mahoney, it was unanimously resolved "that this Council as the democratically elected representatives of the people of Wexford call for an immediate meeting with the Minister for Industry and Commerce to discuss the unemployment situation in Wexford and that telegrams be sent immediately to the leaders of the Political Parties pointing out the urgency of the situation and that this is no time for scoring points off each other politically but that united action is necessary".

### TEMPORARY RELIEF OF UNEMPLOYMENT

On the proposition of Councillor P. Roche, seconded by Councillor Corish, it was unanimously resolved "that this Council now call on the Minister for Local Government to introduce a scheme whereby 4 - 6 months employment would be made available to unemployed on derelict sites, eye sores, approach roads to towns. This benefit to be brought up to a decent wage by Grants from the Exchequer. That this would be a more practical way of spending money rather than on White Elephants of factories. That we also call for immediate sanction to all housing and local authority schemes designated for the area under our jurisdiction".

### STREET NAME-PLATES

On the proposition of Councillor T. Roche, seconded by Alderman Byrne, it was unanimously resolved "that street name-plates be erected at Edenvale Avenue, Saltee Avenue, Dolphin Road, Antelope Road, Gulbar Road, Hantoon Road and Harbour View in the Maudlintown area, and also at Mannix Place in the John Street area".

The members were informed that provision for these signs was being included in the Estimates for 1972/73.

### DUMP AT COLLEGE VIEW

On the proposition of Councillor T. Roche, seconded by Alderman Byrne, it was unanimously resolved "that the Council take steps to clear what appears to be a dump at College View, Bungalows, Davitt Road, and that a notice prohibiting dumping be erected".

The members were informed that the dump had now been cleared and that a suitable notice for erection there was in course of preparation.

### HOME HOLIDAY CAMPAIGN 1972

On the proposition of His Worship the Mayor, seconded by Councillor P. Roche, it was unanimously resolved "that the Council and Corporation appeal to all emigrants to spend their holidays in County Wexford, and all Wexford people to cooperate in the Home Holiday Campaign".

On the proposition of Councillor P. Roche, seconded by Alderman Jenkins, it was unanimously resolved "that an approach be made to Board Failte with a view to securing a continental ferry service for the 1972 season by the use of a British Railway Ship.

On the proposition of His Worship the Mayor, seconded by Alderman Byrne, congratulations of the Council were extended to the Government on securing continental car ferry service for the 1973 season.

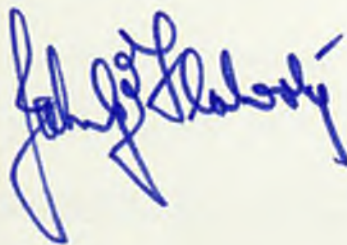
DISPOSAL OF SITE TO WEXFORD CONFECTIONERS LTD.

On the proposition of Councillor Flaherty, seconded by Alderman Byrne, approval was unanimously given to the proposal of the County Manager to dispose of approximately 1 acre 1 rood of land at Whitemill, Wexford, to M/s Wexford Confectioners Ltd., on the terms as set out in Notice dated 20th January, 1972 and circulated to the members, viz, for the sum of £1,500.

PLANNING APPLICATION - AGRICULTURAL CREDIT CORPORATION

On the proposition of His Worship the Mayor, seconded by Alderman Jenkins, the Council unanimously recommended that the County Manager refuse outline planning permission to the Agricultural Credit Corporation for the establishment of a supermarket at Georges Street, Wexford.

The meeting then terminated.





27th March, 1972.

A meeting of the Finance Committee of the Wexford Borough Council was held this day in the Council Chamber, Municipal Buildings, Wexford, at half past seven o'clock p.m.

The members present were :-

The Deputy Mayor, Councillor John Flaherty, in the chair.

Aldermen : James Mahoney, James Jenkins and Thomas F. Byrne.

Councillors : Peter Roche and James Morris.

Apologies for inability to attend were received from Councillors John Cullimore and John Dunne.

In attendance : Thomas F. Broe, County Manager;  
Kevin T. Conway, Borough Engineer;  
Richard Lynn, Acting Borough Accountant, and  
Desmond T. Wixted, Town Clerk.

The meeting considered the Estimates of Expenditure and Receipts for the local financial year ending 31st March 1973. The Estimates, as presented by the County Manager, showed total estimated Expenditure and Receipts for 1972/73 as follows :

Total Estimated Expenditure	£432,447
Total Estimated Receipts	£162,481
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Estimated Deficit	£269,966
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The net poundage rate required would amount to £7.50 in the £ - an increase of £1.10 over the rate adopted for 1971/72.

The members perused each item of expenditure and it was then agreed to adjourn further consideration to a further meeting of the Finance Committee to be held on Tuesday, 4th April 1972 at 7.30 p.m.

EXCESS EXPENDITURE 1971/72

On the proposition of Councillor Flaherty, seconded by Alderman Jenkins, it was unanimously resolved that expenditure in the sum of £2,901 be allowed, over and above that provided in the Estimate of Expenses 1971/72, to cover the following :

Increase in salary of Mayor	£450
Waterworks	750
Salaries and Superannuation	1701

HOUSING LOAN CHARGES SUBSIDY

It was unanimously agreed to request the Minister for Local Government to receive a deputation from the Council to discuss allocating housing loan charges subsidy on a capital cost of £2,200 per house in respect of houses at Liam Mellows Park which had not been commenced at 31st December 1970.

PURCHASE OF LAND - CARRIGLAWN AND COOLCOTTS

The Council was informed that the Corporation has recently purchased Mr. John O'Connor's farm at Carriglawn and Coolcotts, comprising thirty six acres and dwelling-house and out-offices for £20,000. The purchase was noted with satisfaction.

PURCHASE OF LAND - MOUNT GEORGE

The Council was informed that negotiations have been completed for the purchase from the Agricultural Credit Corporation of approximately one acre of land at Georges Street complete with dwelling-houses on Georges Street and John's Gate Street for the sum of £9,000. It was unanimously agreed to complete the purchase.

LETTING OF LAND AT CLONARD

The Council unanimously agreed to let a field at Clonard comprising approximately  $4\frac{1}{2}$  acres to the Wexford and District Schoolboys Football Association for 1972/73 - the rent to be based on tenders received for the grazing of other land in the area.

The meeting then terminated.





4th April 1972.

A meeting of the Finance Committee of the Wexford Borough Council was held this day in the Council Chamber, Municipal Buildings, at half past seven o'clock p.m.

The members present were :-

The Deputy Mayor, Councillor John Flaherty, in the chair.

Aldermen : James Jenkins and Thomas F. Byrne.

Councillors : Desmond Corish, John Cullimore, Peter Roche, James Morris, Thomas Roche and Eugene Curtin.

In attendance : Thomas F. Broe, County Manager  
Kevin T. Conway, Borough Engineer  
Richard Lynn Acting Borough Accountant  
Desmond T. Wixted, Town Clerk.

The meeting further considered the Estimates of Expenditure and Receipts for the local financial year ending 31st March, 1973.

Each item of receipts was perused and certain adjustments both in expenditure and receipts were made as follows :†

Expenditure : Urban Roads, Special Works - It was decided to reduce the estimate by £1,730, certain of the works to be carried out under the Urban Road Improvement Grant.

Receipts : Sanitary Services, Burial Grounds - It was decided to increase the estimate by £512 by increasing charges for grave openings as follows : residents of Borough £4.00 to £8.00 ; outside Borough £5.50 to £12.00.

Further consideration of the estimates was adjourned to a further meeting of the Finance Committee to be held on Monday 10th April 1972 at 7.30 p.m.

#### TOWN HALL CORNMARKE

The County Manager informed the meeting that the Department of Defence had agreed to a rental of £550 per annum for the use of the Town Hall, Cornmarket, for Civil Defence purposes on the understanding "that the premises will be used exclusively for the promotion of Civil Defence training and instruction and for the storage of Civil Defence equipment". Following a ~~discussion~~ it was agreed to let the premises for Civil Defence purposes on a yearly basis, for a rent of £550 per annum and subject to the Assembly Room being available, as hertofore, for certain other purposes during the year viz, Blood Transfusion Service, Wexford Festival etc. It was also agreed to examine the lower portion of the building to ascertain what repairs and improvements are necessary.

#### GRANT TO WEXFORD HARBOUR COMMISSIONERS

On the proposition of Alderman Byrne seconded by the Deputy Mayor, it was unanimously resolved "that Wexford Corporation assist Wexford Harbour Commissioners by making a grant of £36 to the Commissioners under Section 7 of the Harbours Act, 1947".

DEPUTATION - WEXFORD ASSOCIATION FOR ITINERANT SETTLEMENT

It was unanimously agreed to receive a deputation from the Wexford Association for Itinerant Settlement at the next Quarterly Meeting of the Council. The Association wish to discuss, with the Council, the possibility of securing a site for an itinerant camp adjacent to the town.

INTER -AUTHORITY FINANCIAL COMMITTEE

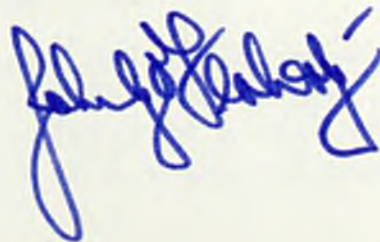
Alderman Jenkins was selected to represent the Corporation, in lieu of Councillor Cullimore, at a meeting of the Inter-Authority Financial Committee to be held in the Council Chamber, County Hall on Thursday 6th April 1972 at 7.00 p.m.

MEETINGS

The following meetings were arranged :

Finance Committee - Monday 10th April 1972 at 7.30 p.m.  
Statutory Estimates Meeting - Monday 10th April 1972 at 9.30 p.m.  
April Quarterly Meeting - Monday 17th April 1972 at 7.30 p.m.

The meeting then terminated.





10th April, 1972.

A Meeting of the Finance Committee of the Wexford Borough Council was held this day in the Council Chamber, Municipal Buildings, Wexford, at 8.15 p.m.

The members present were :-

In the absence of His Worship the Mayor and of the Deputy Mayor, Councillor Eugene Curtin was unanimously moved to the chair.

Aldermen : James Jenkins and Thomas F. Byrne.

Councillors : John Cullimore, John Flaherty, Peter Roche, James Morris, and Thomas Roche.

In attendance : Mr. Thomas F. Broe, County Manager.  
Mr. Kevin T. Conway, Borough Engineer.  
Mr. Richard Lynn, Acting Borough Accountant.  
Mr. Desmond T. Wixted, Town Clerk.

The Council again considered the Estimates of Expenditure and Receipts for the local financial year ending 31st March, 1973, and the following additional adjustments were agreed :-

Special Works Sewers - Decreased by £1,800. In this connection it was agreed that provision for the relaying of sewer at St. Patricks Square in the sum of £330 be allowed to stand while the Borough Engineer will prepare a report and estimate on the cost of relaying sewer at Batt Street/New Street, Selskar and other trouble spots for which a loan will be sought. Domestic Scavenging was increased by £430. As a result of these and previous amendments the nett deficit now stood at £266,354 requiring a nett poundage rate of £7.40.

#### FINANCE - SUPPLEMENTARY GRANTS

On the proposition of Alderman Byrne, seconded by Councillor Morris, it was unanimously resolved "that application be made to the Minister for Local Government for sanction to the raising of a loan of £10,000 from the Commissioners of Public Works in Ireland for the purpose of making grants under Sections 26 and 29 of the Housing Act 1966".

#### FINANCE - ADDITIONAL MACHINERY

On the proposition of Alderman Jenkins, seconded by Alderman Byrne, it was unanimously resolved "that application be made to the Minister for Local Government for sanction to the raising of a loan of £8,800 from the Bank of Ireland Ltd., for the purchase of a truck and mechanical street sweeper"

#### "DIRTY MONEY"

On the proposition of Alderman Byrne, seconded by Alderman Jenkins, the Committee unanimously consented to the proposal of the County Manager to implement the recommendation of the Labour Court for the payment of "dirty money" in the sum of £1.00 per week to employees engaged on bin collection and dump caretaking duties with effect as from 1st February, 1972.

OVERDRAFT ACCOMMODATION

On the proposition of Alderman Byrne, seconded by Councillor Cullimore, it was unanimously resolved "that subject to the sanction of the Minister for Local Government, approval be given to the raising of overdraft from the Corporation's Treasurer, the Bank of Ireland Ltd., Wexford, for the quarter ending 30th June, 1972 as follows :-

Revenue Account	-	£80,000
Capital Account	+	£50,000.

GRANT - AMENITY STUDY

On the proposition of Alderman Jenkins, seconded by Councillor Flaherty, it was unanimously resolved "that subject to the sanction of the Minister for Local Government, a grant of £150 be made to the Tourist Development Committee, Wexford Chamber of Commerce as a contribution towards the carrying out of an amenity study of Wexford.

GRANT + REDMOND MEMORIAL PARK

On the proposition of Councillor Morris, seconded by Councillor Cullimore, it was unanimously resolved "that subject to the sanction of the Minister for Local Government, a grant of £500 be made to the Trustees of the Major Willie Redmond Memorial Park, Wexford, as a contribution towards the upkeep of the Park for the financial year ending 31st March 1973.

GRANT - IRISH WATER SAFETY ASSOCIATION

On the proposition of Councillor Morris, seconded by Councillor T. Roche, it was unanimously resolved "that a grant of £50 be made to the Irish Water Safety Association for the financial year ending 31st March, 1973.

GRANT - S.E.R.T.O.

On the proposition of Alderman Jenkins, seconded by Councillor Curtin, it was unanimously resolved "that a contribution of £450 be made to the South Eastern Regional Tourist Organisation Ltd., for the financial year ending 31st March, 1973.

FESTIVAL DECORATIVE LIGHTING

On the proposition of Alderman Byrne, seconded by Councillor T. Roche, it was unanimously resolved "that a grant of £250 be made to the Wexford Junior Chamber as the Corporation's contribution towards the cost of the Wexford Festival Decorative Lighting 1972.

The meeting then terminated.



10th April, 1972.

The Statutory Estimates Meeting of the Wexford Borough Council was held this day in the Council Chamber, Municipal Buildings, Wexford, at half past nine o'clock p.m.

The members present were :-

The Deputy Mayor, Councillor John Flaherty in the chair.

Aldermen : James Jenkins and Thomas F. Byrne.

Councillors : John Cullimore, Peter Roche, James Morris,  
Thomas Roche and Eugene Curtin.

In attendance : Mr. Thomas F. Broe, County Manager.  
Mr. Kevin T. Conway, Borough Engineer.  
Mr. Richard Lynn, Acting Borough Accountant.  
Mr. Desmond T. Wixted, Town Clerk.

#### SYMPATHY

On the proposition of the Deputy Mayor, seconded by Alderman Byrne, the sympathy of the Council was extended to His Lordship the Bishop of Ferns and the relatives of the late Father Thomas Murphy P.P. Cushinstown on his recent death. All members and officials present associated themselves with the vote which was passed in respectful silence.

#### ESTIMATE OF EXPENSES AND RECEIPTS YEAR ENDING 31st MARCH 1973

On the proposition of the Deputy Mayor, seconded by Alderman Byrne, the following amendments to the estimate of the County Manager were agreed :-

1. Special Works Roads - decreased by £1,730.
2. Domestic Scavenging - increased by £430.
3. Special Works Sewers - decreased by £1,800.
4. Burial Ground Receipts - increased by £512.

On the proposition of the Deputy Mayor, seconded by Alderman Byrne, the amended estimate of £266,354 was unanimously adopted for the local financial year ending 31st March, 1973.

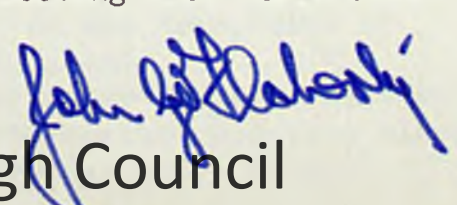
On the proposition of the Deputy Mayor, seconded by Alderman Byrne, a nett poundage rate of £7.40 was unanimously adopted for the service of the local financial year ending 31st March, 1973.

Councillor P. Roche stated that because of his opposition to the present rating system he could not agree to the striking of any rate.

All other members present, while expressing dissatisfaction with the present rating system and in particular with the system of raising monies to finance the health service, supported the striking of the rate as specified.

In conclusion the Deputy Mayor thanked the members for their patience and application in the close scrutiny which they had given to the Book of Estimates.

The meeting then terminated.

  
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17th April 1972.

A Quarterly Meeting of the Wexford Borough Council was held this day in the Council Chamber, Municipal Buildings, Wexford, at half past seven o'clock p.m.

The members present were :

The Deputy Mayor, Councillor John Flaherty in the chair.

Councillors : John Cullimore; Peter Roche; James Morris;  
Eugene Curtin.

In attendance : Mr. Kevin T. Conway, Borough Engineer.  
Mr. Richard Lynn, Acting Borough Accountant.  
Mr. Desmond T. Wixted, Town Clerk.

#### WEXFORD ASSOCIATION FOR ITINERANT SETTLEMENT

The Council received a deputation from the Wexford Association for Itinerant Settlement comprising Mrs. G. Breen and Messrs. E. Carty and P. Cleere.

The Deputy Mayor welcomed the deputation and pointed out that normal procedure would prevail, viz, the deputation would state their case and then withdraw following which the Council would discuss the subject matter of the deputation.

On behalf of the deputation, Mr. Carty referred to the itinerant problem and pointed out that a recent survey had shown that there were 37 unhoused itinerant families in County Wexford, 8 of which were anxious to settle in or near Wexford town. He reminded the Corporation of its responsibility in this field and pointed out that the rehousing of 6 families by the Corporation would not be an undue burden. He thanked the members for having received the deputation. Following the withdrawal of the deputation it was unanimously agreed to discuss the matter at the next Statutory meeting.

#### MINUTES

On the proposition of Councillor Cullimore, seconded by Councillor Morris, the minutes of Statutory meeting of 6th March 1972 and of Statutory Estimates meeting of 10th April 1972, having been circulated, were taken as read adopted unanimously and signed by the Deputy Mayor.

#### REPORTS OF FINANCE COMMITTEE

On the proposition of Councillor Morris, seconded by Councillor Cullimore, the Reports of Finance Committee Meetings of 27th March 1972 and of 4th and 10th April 1972, having been circulated, were unanimously adopted.

#### UNEMPLOYMENT IN WEXFORD

The Council noted a letter from the Department of Industry and Commerce wherein it was stated that, having already received a deputation from Wexford re: unemployment in the town, the Minister feels that a further meeting with the Borough Council is not warranted at this stage.

#### MESSRS. SPRINGS LTD.

The following letter was received from the Department of Transport and Power re: C.I.E. and Messrs. Springs Ltd.  
"I am directed by the Minister for Transport and Power to refer further to your telegram of 13th January, 1972 protesting against C.I.E.'s placing a contract with a Dutch firm rather than with Springs Ltd., Wexford.

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Enquiries in the matter have been made from C.I.E. who have stated that, in the normal way, buses are imported in C.K.D. condition less springs and the springs are made either by C.I.E. In Broadstone or by Springs Ltd., Wexford. However, in the case of the 12-metre single deck bus (new to Britain and Ireland), C.I.E. found that it would be necessary to have springs specially designed. For this purpose, C.I.E. were obliged to engage the technical assistance of a Continental bus builder with years of experience in suspension for 12-metre buses, who, in conjunction with another Continental firm specialising in vehicle suspension, produced an adequate design. Every effort was made by C.I.E. to have the springs manufactured in Ireland either in their own shops or by Springs Ltd., but the Continental designers were not prepared to do business on that basis.

C.I.E. have explained that the basic problem in this case was, and is, the lack of an adequate design service within Ireland. They have assured the Minister that every effort is made by them to obtain the maximum possible quantity of Irish manufactured materials in the assembly and building of their road vehicles and that only exceptional circumstances caused departure from this procedure in this case".

On the proposition of Councillor P. Roche, seconded by the Deputy Mayor, it was unanimously agreed to inform the Department that the Council could not accept the case made on behalf of C.I.E. and to point out that, in the Council's view, Messrs. Springs Ltd., would have been quite capable of carrying out the work in question.

#### SANITARY SERVICES REPORT

A Report on progress of various sanitary services schemes being carried out by the Corporation was unanimously adopted - Report attached.

#### JOHN'S GATE STREET HOUSING SCHEME

On the proposition of the Deputy Mayor, seconded by Councillor P. Roche, the Council unanimously approved of house plans for the erection of twenty flats for old people at John's Gate Street at an estimated cost of £59,000.

#### COMPLETION OF THOMAS CLARKE PLACE HOUSING SCHEME

On the proposition of the Deputy Mayor, seconded by Councillor Morris, the Council unanimously approved of house plans for the erection of twenty four flats for old people at Thomas Clarke Place at an estimated cost of £67,000.

#### DIRECT LABOUR HOUSING

It was agreed that the question of reintroducing Direct Labour for smaller housing schemes be discussed at the next Statutory Meeting.

#### LOAN - PURCHASE OF LAND AT CARRIGLAWN, COOLCOTTS AND GEORGES STREET.

On the proposition of Councillor Morris, seconded by Councillor P. Roche, it was unanimously resolved "that application be made to the Minister for Local Government for sanction to the raising of a loan of £32,000 from the Commissioners of Public Works in Ireland for the purchase of land at Carriglawn, Coolcotts and Georges Street, Wexford".

#### TRAFFIC AND PARKING

It was proposed by Councillor P. Roche, seconded by Councillor Cullimore, and unanimously resolved "that the Garda Siochana be requested



to try out for a period of a fortnight the use of mobile No Parking signs at troublesome spots - this to be tried particularly where parking is a hazard to the free flow of traffic".

#### FREE SCHOOL TRANSPORT

It was proposed by Councillor P. Roche, seconded by Councillor Curtin, and unanimously resolved "that this Council request the Department of Education to make free transport available from Liam Mellows Park to Primary Schools in the town, until such time as schooling facilities are available for young children in their own area".

It was agreed that the school managers be advised of the Council's approach to the Department in this matter.

#### DISPOSAL OF PLOT OF LAND AT FISHERS ROW

On the proposition of the Deputy Mayor, seconded by Councillor P. Roche, approval was unanimously given to the proposal of the County Manager to dispose of a plot of land at Fishers Row, Wexford, containing one and one half sq. perches to Mr. Patrick J. Carley, on the terms as set out in notice dated 22nd February, 1972 and circulated to the members, viz, for the sum of £20.00

#### DISPOSAL OF NO. 12 DISTILLERY ROAD

On the proposition of the Deputy Mayor, seconded by Councillor Morris, approval was unanimously given to the proposal of the County Manager to dispose of house No. 12 Distillery Road, Wexford, to the tenant thereof Mr. Thomas White, on the terms as set out in notice dated 28th March 1972 and circulated to the members, viz, for the sum of £980.

#### DISPOSAL OF NO. 2 WOLFE TONE VILLAS

On the proposition of the Deputy Mayor, seconded by Councillor Morris, approval was unanimously given to the proposal of the County Manager to dispose of house No. 2 Wolfe Tone Villas, Wexford, to the tenant thereof Mr. Francis Murphy, on the terms as set out in notice dated 28th March 1972 and circulated to the members, viz, for the sum of £1,260.

#### DISPOSAL OF NO. 81 WOLFE TONE VILLAS

On the proposition of the Deputy Mayor, seconded by Councillor Morris, approval was unanimously given to the proposal of the County Manager to dispose of house No. 81 Wolfe Tone Villas, Wexford, to the tenant thereof Mrs. Anne Murphy, on the terms as set out in notice dated 28th March 1972 and circulated to the members, viz, for the sum of £1,404.

#### DISPOSAL OF NO. 20 ST. AIDANS CRESCENT

On the proposition of the Deputy Mayor, seconded by Councillor Morris, approval was unanimously given to the proposal of the County Manager to dispose of house No. 20 St. Aidans Crescent, Wexford, to the tenant thereof Mrs. Elizabeth Roche, on the terms as set out in notice dated 22nd February 1972 and circulated to the members, viz, for the sum of £1,610.

#### DISPOSAL OF NO. 76 ST. AIDANS CRESCENT

On the proposition of the Deputy Mayor, seconded by Councillor Morris, approval was unanimously given to the proposal of the County Manager to dispose of house No. 76 St. Aidans Crescent, Wexford, to the tenant thereof Mr. John Coughlan, on the terms as set out in notice dated 28th March 1972 and circulated to the members, viz, for the sum of £2,116.



#### DISPOSAL OF NO. 87 ST. AIDANS CRESCENT

On the proposition of the Deputy Mayor, seconded by Councillor Morris, approval was unanimously given to the proposal of the County Manager to dispose of house No. 87 St. Aidans Crescent, Wexford, to the tenant thereof Mrs. Anne Statia Martin, on the terms as set out in notice dated 28th March 1972 and circulated to the members, viz, for the sum of £1,610.

#### DISPOSAL OF NO. 68 Davitt Road North

On the proposition of the Deputy Mayor, seconded by Councillor Morris, approval was unanimously given to the proposal of the County Manager to dispose of house No. 68 Davitt Road North, Wexford, to the tenant thereof Mr. Eugene Rooney, on the terms as set out in notice dated 22nd February 1972 and circulated to the members, viz, for the sum of £2,646.

#### PEDESTRIANISATION OF MAIN STREET

A letter was read from the Wexford Main Street Traders Association on the question of pedestrianisation of the Main Street, with the following recommendations :-

1. That pedestrianisation of the Main Street at the moment would appear unsuitable.
2. That traffic be allowed as usual but all parking be prohibited (however, it would be possible to deliver or collect goods, or a person could stop to collect another).
3. That traffic wardens be introduced to implement these regulations.

It was unanimously agreed to again call together the representatives of the various Bodies who had attended a meeting with the Borough Council to consider this matter on 27th September, 1971.

#### TIDY TOWNS COMPETITION 1972

It was proposed by Councillor Curtin and seconded by the Deputy Mayor, "that an entry be submitted for the Tidy Towns Competition 1972".

It was proposed by Councillor Peter Roche and seconded by Councillor Morris "that no entry for 1972 be submitted".

On a vote for Councillor Roche's amendment, Councillors Cullimore, Roche and Morris (3) against the Deputy Mayor and Councillor Curtin (2). Councillor Roche's amendment was declared carried by 3 votes to 2 and Councillor Curtin's proposal defeated on a similar vote.

#### GUARANTEED HOUSING ORDER PROJECT

The Council considered a circular dated 3rd January, 1972 from the Department of Local Government re: Guaranteed Housing Order Project wherein it was pointed out that the Minister considers that major Local Authority Housing Schemes should be brought progressively within the Project. The Minister emphasised however that Housing Authorities will not be expected to take part in the Project if they can establish that better prices can be got by competitive tenders from Local Contractors.

It was pointed out that the Council had previously agreed that the Talbot Street/Green Street Scheme would not be brought within the Project and this decision was reiterated by the Council pending a decision by the Department on tenders for the scheme when same are submitted for the sanction of the Minister.



GUARANTEE SCHEME UNDER SECTION 42 OF HOUSING ACT 1966

The Council considered a circular from the Department of Local Government dated 31st January 1972 re: Guarantee Schemes under Section 42 of the Housing Act 1966. The purpose of such a Scheme would be that the Corporation guarantee to a commercial lending agency all or portion of a loan advanced by such agency to an individual for the erection of a house in circumstances where normally the agency would not make an advance or would make a lesser advance than that actually made.

Following a discussion it was agreed that the necessity for such a scheme did not arise in Wexford at the moment but that if such necessity did arise at a future date the Council would again consider the matter.

FACILITIES FOR DISABLED PERSONS

The Council considered a circular dated 28th February 1972 from the Department of Local Government re: Facilities for Disabled Persons. The Circular dealt with the provision of facilities both in public buildings and in houses. In connection with the former, it was pointed out that the Corporation had control over the design of new public buildings through its planning machinery, while it was intended to make provision for disabled persons in some of the Old Peoples Houses at John's Gate Street and Thomas Clarke Place.

MARITIME PLAQUE

It was agreed that the question of relocating the Plaque erected to the memory of Merchant Seamen who lost their lives during the Second World War be discussed at the next Statutory meeting of the Council.

QUESTIONS

In reply to questions Councillor Peter Roche was informed :-

1. The Corporation at present has an outdoor work force of 40 men comprising 7 tradesmen and 33 unskilled.
2. The kerbing at Swan View would be suitably marked when road restoration in the area was being carried out.

The Deputy Mayor was informed :

1. The rate increase for 1972/73 would involve a rent increase of 2p per week for each £1 valuation in the case of houses let to weekly tenants.

In his absence the following replied were made to questions submitted by Councillor Dunne :

1. The Office of Public Works have intimated that arrangements are being made for an examination of St. Johns Tower, Selskar Abbey and that the necessary works of repair will be considered for inclusion in their programme of works for the current financial year.



2. Wexford Corporation in the person of the Borough Engineer, or the Garda Siochana are responsible for the removal of vehicles and machinery left stranded in Car Parks.

In his absence the following reply was made to question submitted by Councillor T. Roche :

1. Plans for the development of the new section of St. Ibars Cemetery will shortly be available and arrangements will subsequently be made for the carrying out of this development.

In his absence the following replies were made to questions submitted by Alderman Jenkins :

1. The report on back entrances to Main Street will be available in six to eight weeks time.
2. The Department is continually being pressed for sanction to the scheme of improvement for the sea wall at Ferrybank and a further report from the Corporation's consultant was now being submitted in support of the Corporation's representations.
3. Necessary repair works will be carried out to the Promenade at Ferrybank in the near future.

The meeting then terminated.

*Ken. G. Morris*

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## REPORT ON SANITARY SERVICES CAPITAL WORKS

### WEXFORD TOWN WATER SUPPLY IMPROVEMENT SCHEME

The main contract for the scheme valued £202,000 approx. commenced at the close of October, 1971 - Contractor Messrs. J.V. Duffy Limited. The works comprise the construction of a complete new modern plant at Newtown together with a million gallons of reservoir storage. A large rising main from Edenvale Pumping Station to the Treatment Plant and an auxiliary main from St. Peters Square to Maudlintown are also included in the contract, this latter to augment existing service to Maudlintown. Contracts for specialist equipment are in the hands of M/s Mahon & McPhillips, Kilkenny and Messrs. Holfeld Ltd., Dublin. The value of work completed to date on the main contract is £80,000. approx. The contract period is two years, but it is hoped to improve on this, and the new scheme, all going well, should be operational by summer, 1973.

### Wexford Main Drainage Scheme

Work on this scheme by Contractor J.V. Duffy Limited commenced in the 1st week of March 1972. The works comprise the deepening of sections of the existing channel of the Bishopswater river commencing at Casa Rio and the construction of a box culvert for section of the river downstream of Pierces Factory at Distillery Road. The culvert and its diversion outfall culvert via Parnell Street is designed to discharge the maximum expected intensity runoff from the catchment against high water of Spring Tides.

The contract is valued at £99,889.83. The works carried out to date in Casa Rio area have been slow due to the necessity to work manually, but the scheme should speed up with the onset of the dry season. The contract period is eighteen months. Some additional works not affecting the already designed contract section are anticipated resulting from the investigation into the flooding which occurred in King Street/Distillery Road in November, 1972.

### Industrial Area

A minor contract scheme at the Industrial Area for extension of the road, sewers and water supply to the Industrial Development Authority's Advance Factory and the adjacent sites to the West of the factory is substantially complete - value about £10,000 - Contractors Irish Excavation Co. Ltd.,

April 17th. 1972.

*Kevin T. Conway*

Kevin T. Conway  
Borough Engineer

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1st May 1972.

A Statutory Meeting of the Wexford Borough Council was held this day in the Council Chamber, Municipal Buildings, Wexford at half past seven o'clock p.m.

The members present were :-

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

Aldermen : James Mahoney, James Jenkins, Thomas Byrne.

Councillors : Desmond Corish, John Cullimore, John Flaherty, Peter Roche, James Morris, Thomas Roche and Eugene Curtin.

In attendance : Mr. Thomas F. Broe, County Manager;  
Mr. C. Costello, Assistant Borough Engineer;  
Mr. Richard Lynn, Acting Borough Accountant;  
Mr. Desmond T. Wixted, Town Clerk.

#### WELCOME

At the outset the members extended a welcome home to His Worship the Mayor after his visit to America and also to Alderman Mahoney who had been indisposed for some time.

#### COUNCILLOR JOHN DUNNE

On the proposition of Alderman Byrne, seconded by Councillor Peter Roche, the best wishes of the Council were extended to Councillor John Dunne wishing him a speedy recovery from his present illness.

#### MINUTES

On the proposition of Alderman Byrne, seconded by Councillor Flaherty, the minutes of Quarterly Meeting of 17th April 1972 having been circulated were taken as read, adopted unanimously and signed by His Worship the Mayor.

#### TIDY TOWNS COMPETITION 1972

It was proposed by Alderman Byrne and seconded by His Worship the Mayor that standing orders be suspended in order to enable the council to consider rescinding its previous decision not to enter for the Tidy Towns Competition 1972. On a vote for the motion Alderman Mahoney, His Worship the Mayor, Alderman Jenkins and Byrne and Councillors Corish, Flaherty, Thomas Roche and Curtin, against Councillors Peter Roche, Morris and Cullimore. The motion was declared carried by 8 votes to 3.

It was proposed by Councillor Corish and seconded by His Worship the Mayor that decision in the matter taken at Quarterly Meeting of 17th April 1972 be rescinded and that entry be submitted for the Tidy Towns Competition 1972, but that the organisers be requested to ensure that Wexford's entry would be judged on areas within the borough only. On a vote for the motion, Alderman Mahoney, His Worship the Mayor, Alderman Jenkins and Byrne and Councillors, Corish, Flaherty, Thomas Roche and Curtin, against Councillors Cullimore, Peter Roche and Morris. The motion was declared carried by 8 votes to 3.

#### CONTINENTAL CAR FERRY

The following letter from Bord Failte re. Continental Car Ferry Service for 1972 was read and noted by the Council.

"It is regrettable that a direct Continental car ferry link will not be available during 1972. We did everything in our power to ensure continuation

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of service this year, but failed chiefly because of the short notice given by Normandy Ferries of their intention to cease operations.

We did give serious consideration to either the B + I Line or British Rail providing one of their vessels for use on the Continental route. However this suggestion was not practicable.

The major difficulty was timing - for a successful marketing operation to be launched, schedule details would have had to be available last January.

Secondly, the British Rail and B + I vessels are unsuitable for the Continental run because of a voyage time of 22 hours minimum is involved and cabin accommodation for all passengers is required. The cabin accommodation on the British Rail/ B + I vessels is extremely limited.

There were other factors, including the question of economic operation which could not be guaranteed.

In the absence of the direct Continental car ferry link this year, we have joined with British Rail and B + I in placing emphasis on the 'landbridge' via British services. Between our three organisations we have provided £125,000 for promotional activity on the Continent. Our offices there, with the British Rail and B + I outlets, have been actively selling this 'landbridge' concept since January last. Through tickets at reduced costs are being provided using either the British Rail through services or the B + I Irish Sea services linked with their Continental partners. Copies of the B + I literature are enclosed.

We can assure your Corporation that we are doing and will continue to do everything possible to generate as much traffic for Ireland as possible this year despite the enormous difficulties which, regrettably, face our industry.

Should you require clarification of any point or further details, please do not hesitate to contact us".

#### SWIMMING POOL AT FERRYBANK

The Council unanimously approved of the proposal of the Wexford Swimming Pool Fund Raising Committee to invite initial subscriptions of £10 from a number of subscribers not exceeding 200, and which would entitle the subscribers to 365 transferable admission vouchers or tickets valid for 12 months from opening day of the Pool.

In this connection the members appealed to the towns people to support the committee who had been given the task of raising the necessary local voluntary contribution of £17,500.

#### ARMS OF WEXFORD

On the proposition of Alderman Byrne, seconded by Councillor Flaherty, permission was unanimously given to the Wexford Chamber of Commerce to incorporate the three burning ships as an emblem on a seal they propose having made.

#### PEDESTRIANISATION OF MAIN STREET

On the proposition of Alderman Byrne, seconded by His Worship the Mayor, it was unanimously resolved to reassemble the meeting which had been adjourned on 27th September 1971 to consider the pedestrianisation of the Main Street and to again invite the same bodies to send representatives - this meeting to be held on Monday 22nd May 1972.

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SALE OF HOUSE - NO. 15 CORRYS VILLAS

On the proposition of His Worship the Mayor, seconded by Councillor Morris, the Council unanimously approved of a purchase scheme for the sale of one remaining house at Corrys Villas, Wexford, viz. No. 15. in the sum of £3,120.

AGREEMENT WITH WEXFORD COUNTY COUNCIL - FIRE BRIGADE SERVICES

On the proposition of Alderman Byrne, seconded by His Worship the Mayor, the council unanimously agreed to enter into an agreement with Wexford County Council for the provision of Fire Brigade Services to the Corporation by the County Council; Wexford Corporation's contribution to be a percentage of the total expenditure of the County Council on Fire Brigade Services calculated on the basis of the produce of one penny in the £ rate in the Borough and in the rest of the County at large.

TAPESTRY THEATRE FESTIVAL

It was proposed by Alderman Jenkins and seconded by Councillor Cullimore, "that Wexford Corporation call on the organisers of the Tapestry Theatre Festival, the Wexford entertainment hall owners and all other interested parties to note that "the fringe" following of this Festival are not welcome in Wexford".

The motion was carried unanimously, Alderman Byrne disassociating himself therefrom.

TELEPHONE KIOSK

It was proposed by Councillor Thomas Roche, seconded by Alderman Byrne and unanimously resolved "that Wexford Corporation request the Minister to have telephone kiosk erected to facilitate the residents of Liam Mellows Park and adjoining areas".

On the proposition of Alderman Mahoney, seconded by Alderman Byrne, it was unanimously resolved to request the Department of Post and Telegraphs to carry out a survey of the town with a view to seeing what other areas needed public telephone facilities.

TOILETS AT ST. IBARS CEMETERY

It was proposed by Councillor Thomas Roche, seconded by Alderman Mahoney and unanimously resolved "that Wexford Corporation take steps to provide toilets in St. Ibars Cemetery to cater for the people visiting and caring for graves". It was agreed to incorporate this provision in the plans for the extension to the cemetery which would be available at the next meeting of the Council.

DISPOSAL OF NO. 40 ST. AIDANS CRESCENT

On the proposition of Alderman Byrne, seconded by Councillor Flaherty, approval was unanimously given to the proposal of the County Manager to dispose of house No. 40 St. Aidans Crescent, Wexford to the tenant thereof, Miss Joan Furlong, on the terms as set out in notice dated 20th April 1972 and circulated to the members, viz, for the sum of £1,610.



DISPOSAL OF NO. 66 ST. AIDANS CRESCENT

On the proposition of Alderman Byrne, seconded by Councillor Flaherty, approval was unanimously given to the proposal of the County Manager to dispose of house No. 66 St. Aidans Crescent, Wexford to the tenant thereof, Mr. James Furlong, on the terms as set out in notice dated 20th April 1972 and circulated to the members, viz, for the sum of £1,610.

DISPOSAL OF NO. 13 TRINITY STREET

On the proposition of Alderman Byrne, seconded by Councillor Flaherty, approval was unanimously given to the proposal of the County Manager to dispose of house No. 13 Trinity Street, Wexford, to the tenant thereof, Mrs. Anne McLoughlin, on the terms as set out in notice dated 20th April 1972 and circulated to the members, viz, for the sum of £840.

DISPOSAL OF NO. 33 HANTOON ROAD

On the proposition of Alderman Byrne, seconded by Councillor Flaherty, approval was unanimously given to the proposal of the County Manager to dispose of house No. 33 Hantoon Road, Wexford to the tenant thereof, Mr. John Rutledge, on the terms as set out in notice dated 20th April 1972 and circulated to the members, viz, for the sum of £1,120.

DISPOSAL OF NO. 45 HANTOON ROAD

On the proposition of Alderman Byrne, seconded by Councillor Flaherty, approval was unanimously given to the proposal of the County Manager to dispose of house No. 45 Hantoon Road, Wexford to the tenant thereof, Mrs. Lydia O'Grady, on the terms as set out in notice dated 20th April 1972 and circulated to the members, viz, for the sum of £1,600.

REHOUSING OF ITINERANTS

The Council considered the submission of the Wexford Association for Itinerant Settlement which had been made by the deputation from that Association which was received at the Quarterly Meeting of 17th April 1972. The Association requested the Corporation to consider the rehousing of Itinerant families and suggested that the housing and integration of about six such families would not be an undue proportion of the problem for the Corporation to undertake.

During a discussion it was pointed out that the Corporation had always been aware of its responsibility for the rehousing of such families and it was agreed to continue this policy. Regarding families which might be camped outside the borough boundary and would, accordingly, in the normal course, not be considered for rehousing by the Corporation it was decided to treat applications from such families on their merits.

DIRECT LABOUR HOUSING

On the proposition of His Worship the Mayor, seconded by Alderman Byrne, it was unanimously resolved to adjourn consideration of the reintroduction of Direct Labour Housing operations for smaller schemes to the next meeting of the Housing Committee.

MCKINSEY REPORT ON LOCAL AUTHORITY STAFF STRUCTURE AND PROCEDURES

It was unanimously decided to adjourn consideration of a Circular from the Department of Local Government re. McKinsey Report on Local Authority Staff Structure and Procedures to a future committee meeting and to ask the Department in the meantime when the White Paper on Local Government Finance

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might be expected.

#### EUROPEAN COMMUNITIES

Consideration of a Circular from the Department of Local Government re. Implications for Local Authorities on Irish Membership of the European Communities was adjourned to the next meeting of the Council.

#### MARITIME PLAQUE

On the proposition of Alderman Byrne, seconded by Councillor Morris, it was unanimously resolved to have the Maritime Plaque reerected in its original location.

#### MAKING OF MUNICIPAL RATE

On the proposition of Alderman Byrne, seconded by Councillor Flaherty, it was unanimously resolved to hold the Annual Meeting for the making of the Municipal Rate in conjunction with the Statutory Meeting of 12th June 1972.

#### FERRYBANK DEVELOPMENT

The Council had before it preliminary plans from its Consulting Engineer for the completion of Ferrybank Development. The plans incorporated in addition to the swimming pool the provision of a general amenity area consisting of childrens play area; crazy golf; picnic area; car park and a public restaurant near the entrance. Two tennis courts and squash courts are to be provided behind the swimming pool building. The Consultant also stated that a client of his would be prepared to build and run the restaurant and would intend opening a good class service with small meals at mid-day and full dinner service in the evening. He would also plan to obtain a liquor licence.

On the proposition of Alderman Jenkins, seconded by Councillor Curtin, further consideration of the matter was adjourned to the next meeting and in the meantime particulars are to be obtained of the area required for the restaurant development and also what type of liquor licence would be sought.

#### AMENDMENT OF SUPERANNUATION ACTS

On the proposition of Alderman Byrne, seconded by Councillor Curtin, it was unanimously resolved that the Minister for Local Government be requested to amend the Local Government (Superannuation) Acts in order to enable a pension to be paid to Mr. T. J. Millar, Retired Housing Engineer.

#### DEVELOPMENT OF CORNMARKE/ABBAY STREET/MOUNT GEORGE

The County Manager informed the members that he intended to refuse an application for outline planning permission submitted by Mr. Con Macken for the construction of a lounge bar and living accommodation at Abbey Street, Wexford.

In this connection the Council had before it the following report of the Borough Engineer :

"An outline redevelopment plan for the blight area in Cornmarket, Abbey Street, and the recently acquired lands at Mount George is now necessary. It will, inter alia, provide positive grounds for refusal, where necessary, of undesirable piecemeal development.

After consideration and listening to many shades of opinion over the past two years, it is my view that the area between the Town Hall and the car park opposite White's Hotel should be used as a site for fairly high density living by way of three to four storied flats or maisonettes. It would be preferable that these flats were of slightly higher calibre than those provided normally by Local Authorities. The layout could allow public access to the old walls.

I spoke with Mr. Rothery a leader of the Amenity Study Group from Bolton Street Technical College today and the above proposals do not seriously conflict with their ideas for Abbey Street, which they promise will be developed on paper by the end of May. I intend visiting the College during the L.G.D. lecture session next week.

It will be necessary to engage an Architect of repute to develop the plan and consideration can be given to this matter in the next one to two months.

The Council accepted the proposals in principal - arrangements to be now made for a more detailed consideration of the matter.

*Ken. L. Morris*

The meeting then terminated.



22nd May 1972.

A special meeting of the Wexford Borough Council with representatives of other interested Bodies was held this day in the Council Chamber, Municipal Buildings, Wexford, at half past seven o'clock p.m.

The following members of the Borough Council were present :-

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

Alderman James Mahoney.

Councillors : John Cullimore, John Flaherty, Peter Roche,  
James Morris.

Apologies for inability to attend were received from  
Alderman James Jenkins and Councillors Desmond Corish and  
Thomas Roche.

In attendance : Mr. Thomas F. Broe, County Manager.  
Mr. Desmond T. Wixted, Town Clerk.

Also present Superintendent Loakman and Sergeant Mullarkey,  
Garda Siochana, M/s P. O'Connor and B.J. Kerr, Chamber of Commerce,  
M/s D. Ormonde, T. O'Rourke, G. Moriarty, Junior Chamber, M/s J.  
Whelan and M. O'Neill, Main Street Traders, M/s T. Larkin and  
J. Furlong, Trades Council, Mr. G. O'Callaghan and Mrs. O'Callaghan,  
C.I.E., M/s B. Corcoran and J. Sherwood.

#### PEDESTRIANISATION OF MAIN STREET

The meeting considered a proposal to pedestrianise portion of the Main Street at least for a trial period from the Bull Ring to either Anne Street or Henrietta Street and after a lengthy discussion it was agreed to recommend to the Borough Council and the Garda Authorities that this proposal not be carried out but that in lieu thereof parking be entirely prohibited on the Main Street from Selskar to King Street for a trial period.

#### DOUBLE YELLOW LINES

It was agreed that the location of double yellow lines be agreed between the Borough Engineer and the Garda Authorities and that a note of such locations be sent to the various Bodies for their views.

#### ONE-WAY STREETS

It was recommended that in the event of further one-way streets being introduced, Harpurs Lane should be one way running east from Main Street to the Crescent and that Peter Street should be one way going east from Peter Square to Main Street.

It was agreed that no parking be allowed on the northern side of the new roadway opposite Sloans premises in Cornmarket.

*Kevin C. Morris*

The meeting then terminated.

12th June 1972.

A Statutory Meeting of the Wexford Borough Council was held this day in the Council Chamber, Municipal Buildings, Wexford, at half past seven o'clock p.m.

The members present were :-

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

Aldermen : James Mahoney, James Jenkins, Thomas F. Byrne.

Councillors : Desmond Corish, John Cullimore, John Flaherty, John Dunne, Peter Roche, James Morris, Thomas Roche, Eugene Curtin.

In attendance : Mr. Thomas F. Broe, County Manager;  
Mr. Kevin T. Conway, Borough Engineer;  
Mr. Richard Lynn, Acting Borough Accountant;  
Mr. Desmond T. Wixted, Town Clerk.

#### DEPUTATION - WEXFORD ARTS CENTRE PROJECT

The Council received a deputation from the Wexford Arts Centre Project comprising Mrs. B. Criag, Miss McElroy, Mr. John Small.

The deputation represented a group who are endeavouring to establish a Picture Gallery and an Arts Centre in the Old Town Hall, Cornmarket. The members of the deputation elaborated on the Project, details of which had been set out in a draft and circulated to each member of the Council.

Mr. Small, in conclusion, thanked His Worship the Mayor and the other members of the Council for having received the deputation.

The Council discussed the subject matter of the deputation and further consideration was adjourned pending a report on the financial implications of the Project for Wexford Corporation.

#### SYMPATHY

On the proposition of Councillor Dunne, seconded by Councillor Peter Roche, the sympathy of the Council was extended to the relatives of the late Michael Hogan, St. Brendans Road, Wexford.

#### COUNCILLOR JOHN DUNNE

Councillor Dunne thanked the Council for the good wishes extended to him by the members during his recent illness.

#### INTERNMENT IN NORTHERN IRELAND

On the proposition of Councillor Dunne, seconded by Councillor Peter Roche, it was unanimously resolved to suspend standing orders to enable a resolution to be passed calling on Mr. Whitelaw to grant Republican prisoners political status.

#### MINUTES

On the proposition of Alderman Byrne, seconded by Councillor Cullimore, the minutes of Statutory Meeting of 1st May 1972 having been circulated were taken as read, adopted unanimously and signed by His Worship the Mayor.

Arising out of the minutes, Councillor Peter Roche pointed out that the report on the stand taken by him in relation to entry in the Tidy



Towns Competition 1972 at meeting of 1st May had been erroneously reported in a subsequent issue of the Enniscorthy Echo.

### TRAFFIC

The Council considered report of Special Meeting held on 22nd May 1972 with representatives of other interested Bodies to discuss traffic problems with particular reference to the Main Street, and on the proposition of Alderman Byrne, seconded by Councillor Morris, the recommendations of that meeting were unanimously adopted. These recommendations incorporated :-

1. The banning of all parking on the Main Street from Selskar to King Street for a period of one month.
2. The provision of double yellow lines on such locations as would be agreed between the Borough Engineer and the Garda Authorities.
3. The creation of further one way streets as follows, viz :  
Henrietta Street from the Crescent to Main Street;  
Harpur Lane from Main Street to the Crescent, and  
Peter Street from Peter Square to Main Street.
4. No parking on the northern side of the new roadway opposite Sloans premises at Cornmarket.

### HOUSING SUBSIDY - SUBSIDISABLE LIMITS

The Council considered a letter from the Department of Local Government pointing out that the Minister had no authority to accede to the Councils request to have houses at Liam Mellows Park on which work had not commenced at the 31st December, 1970 subsidised at the increased limit of £2,200 per house. The letter concluded that in the circumstances the Minister felt that there was no point in meeting a deputation from the Council to discuss the matter. It was unanimously resolved to refer the matter back to the Department with a request that the Minister reconsider his decision.

### SCHOOL TRANSPORT - LIAM MELLOWS PARK

The Council considered a letter from the Department of Education in the matter of the Councils request that school transport be provided for children at Liam Mellows Park who are residing a considerable distance from their schools. It was pointed out that under the Departmental Regulations governing school transport none of the children in question would qualify for such transport, and on the suggestion of Councillor Peter Roche, it was unanimously resolved to refer the matter back to the Department pointing out that special circumstances existed in this case and that the existing school buses could be utilised to provide this service.

### MALICIOUS INJURIES

The Council was informed that at a recent sitting of the Circuit Court, Malicious Injury Claims amounting to £1,848.59, excluding costs had been granted and would be leviabale on the Borough of Wexford.

### MAJOR WILLIE REDMOND MEMORIAL PARK

The Council had before it an application from the Trustees of the Major Willie Redmond Memorial Park for a further increase of £100 in the grant allocated by the Council towards the upkeep of the Park for the year ending 31st March, 1973. It was unanimously agreed to defer consideration until the next Estimates Meeting.

### TRAINING OF PLANNERS

It was agreed to mark read a letter from An Foras Forbartha suggesting that the Corporation might make a contribution towards a scheme for the training of physical planners.

### JULY QUARTERLY MEETING

It was unanimously agreed that Quarterly Meeting of the Council at which a Mayor for the ensuing year would be chosen, would be held at the Old Town Hall, Cornmarket, on Monday, 3rd July 1972 at half past seven o'clock p.m.

### COMMODORE BARRY COMMEMORATION

It was unanimously agreed to hold the annual wreath laying ceremony at the Commodore Barry Memorial on Sunday, 17th September 1972 at the usual time.

On the proposition of Councillor P. Roche, seconded by Alderman Mahoney, it was unanimously resolved to institute an annual wreath laying ceremony at the Maritime Plaque at Crescent Quay - the ceremony to be held on the same day as the wreath laying ceremony at the Barry Memorial.

### COMMITTEE MEETINGS

It was agreed that meetings of the General Purposes Committee and of the Housing Committee would be held on Tuesday, 27th June 1972 commencing at 8 p.m.

### AUDITORS REPORT

On the proposition of Councillor Corish, seconded by Councillor Flaherty, the report of the Local Government Auditor on the Accounts of the Corporation for the two years ended 31st March 1971 was unanimously adopted.

### OVERDRAFT

On the proposition of Alderman Byrne, seconded by His Worship the Mayor, it was unanimously resolved "that subject to the sanction of the Minister for Local Government, approval be given to the raising of overdraft from the Corporation's Treasurer, The Bank of Ireland (National Bank) Ltd., for the quarter ending 30th September, 1972 as follows :

Revenue Account      £80,000

Capital Account      £40,000.

### ADJUSTMENT OF SALARIES - STOREKEEPER AND BOROUGH ACCOUNTANT

On the proposition of Alderman Byrne, seconded by Councillor Flaherty, approval was unanimously given to the proposal of the County Manager to apply revised salary scales to the following offices :-

Storekeeper: 1st April 1970   £1,160 x 55 to £1,215 x 59 to £1,687 x 53 to £1,740.

1st Jan. 1971   £1,270 x 58 to £1,328 x 64 to £1,840 x 60 to £1,900.

Boro. Accountant:

1st Oct. 1970   £1,660 x 68 to £2,136 x 69 to £2,205.

1st. Jan. 1971   £1,815 x 75 to £2,415.

1st April 1971   £1,815 x 89 to £2,438 x 87 to £2,525.



### SUPPLEMENTARY ESTIMATE

On the proposition of His Worship the Mayor, seconded by Councillor Morris, it was unanimously resolved that expenditure in the sum of £800 be allowed over and above that provided in the estimate of expenses 1972/73 to cover salary adjustments, Storekeeper and Borough Accountant.

### GRANT TO WEXFORD HARBOUR COMMISSIONERS

On the proposition of Councillor Flaherty, seconded by Alderman Byrne, it was unanimously resolved "that Wexford Borough Council hereby confirm resolution adopted at meeting of 4th April 1972 that Wexford Corporation assist Wexford Harbour Commissioners by making a grant of £36 to the Commissioners under Section 7 of the Harbours Act 1947".

### MAKING OF MUNICIPAL RATE

The making of a Municipal Rate of £7.40 in the pound for the service of the local financial year ending 31st March 1973 was proposed by Alderman Byrne and seconded by Councillor Corish. On a vote, for the motion, His Worship the Mayor, Aldermen Jenkins and Byrne and Councillors Corish, Cullimore, Flaherty, Thomas Roche and Curtin (8), against Alderman Mahoney and Councillors Dunne, P. Roche, and Morris (4). The motion was declared carried by 8 votes to 4.

The Rate Book having been certified by the Town Clerk to be in conformity with the Valuation Lists was sealed and signed by His Worship the Mayor, Councillors Flaherty and Corish and the Town Clerk.

### RE-HOUSING - KING STREET

It was proposed by Councillor Dunne and seconded by Councillor P. Roche, "that the people of King Street and other places affected by the recent flooding be given first priority in new housing scheme at Talbot Street/Green Street". Following a discussion, Councillor Dunne agreed to withdraw his motion.

### PUBLIC LIGHTING

It was proposed by Councillor Dunne, seconded by Alderman Mahoney, and unanimously resolved "that this Council request the E.S.B. to carry out a general inspection of the public lighting about the town".

### FOOTPATHS

It was proposed by Councillor P. Roche, seconded by Alderman Mahoney and unanimously resolved, "that this Council call on the County Council to carry out certain repairs to footpaths in Trinity Street/William Street area and Carrigeen Street".

### REGIONAL DEVELOPMENT

It was proposed by Councillor P. Roche, seconded by Alderman Byrne, and unanimously resolved "that this Council inform the I.D.A. that, in this Councils opinion, the target of 1,000 new jobs to be provided in this area would not be near enough and that we ask for a reassessment of the position".

### SOCIAL WELFARE BENEFITS

It was proposed by Alderman Mahoney, seconded by Councillor P. Roche, and unanimously resolved, "that Wexford Borough Corporation call on the Minister for Social Welfare to classify a widow who is receiving Widows Pension and reaches age 70, as an Old Age Pensioner and pay her accordingly".

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QUESTIONS

In reply to questions Councillor P. Roche was informed :

1. Sanction to the Talbot Street/Green Street Housing Scheme has been received in principle subject to some queries which were at present with the Consultant.
2. The Road Authority i.e. Corporation or County Council was responsible for making good roads opened during laying of new water pipes - the Contractor to maintain same until such time as the opening was permanently reinstated.
3. The final account for the Kennedy Park Housing Scheme is now being prepared and a proposal to raise a supplementary loan would be before the Council within the next month or two. Provision for the re-surfacing of the open space between footpaths and walls would be included in this proposal.

Alderman Jenkins was informed :

1. The Munster and Leinster Bank hope to commence building a new boundary wall at the rear of their premises within the next few weeks and when this is completed the Corporation would be in a position to demolish existing walls and develop the land being purchased from the Bank as an addition to the Church Lane Car Park. This would also enable a strip being provided by the National Bank to be developed.
2. The Department is being continually pressed to sanction the Corporation's proposals for the erection of a sea wall at Ferrybank and the most recent request has suggested that a grant under the new amenity schemes grant should be allocated for the work.

Councillor Dunne was informed :

1. The County Council as the Road Authority is responsible for repair of footpaths in King Street - private individuals may have some responsibility for a particular stretch at Ropewalk Yard and this would be investigated.
2. M/s Smiths Ltd., had a night watchman employed on the occasion when damage was done to a number of their cars. At the Court hearing of their claim for malicious damages, the attention of the Court was drawn to the ease with which access to the premises can be achieved.
3. No complete application for planning permission on behalf of the Monck Inn is at present with the Corporation.

Alderman Mahoney was informed :

1. The second part of the Scheme for the <sup>improvement</sup> ~~approval~~ of the open space at Bishopswater would be commenced when sanction to the Urban Road Improvement Grant proposals is received.

The meeting then terminated.

*John. C. Mahoney*



27th June 1972

A meeting of the General Purposes Committee of the Wexford Borough Council was held this day in the Council Chamber, Municipal Buildings, Wexford at 8 o'clock p.m.

The members present were :-

His Worship the Mayor Alderman Kevin C. Morris in the chair.

Aldermen : James Mahoney, James Jenkins, Thomas Byrne.

Councillors : Desmond Corish, John Cullimore, John Flaherty,  
John Dunne, Peter Roche, James Morris,  
Thomas Roche, Eugene Curtin.

In attendance : Mr. Thomas F. Broe, County Manager,  
Mr. Kevin T. Conway, Borough Engineer,  
Mr. Richard Lynn, Acting Borough Accountant,  
Mr. Desmond T. Wixted, Town Clerk.

#### FERRYBANK SWIMMING POOL

The members were informed that consequent on Bord Failte's intimation that a grant of £22,500 would be available towards the Ferrybank Swimming Pool Project provided work commenced on the Pool during the current financial year, the Minister for Local Government had now informed the Council that he would be prepared to sanction the raising of a loan of £50,000 from a source other than the Local Loans Fund towards the cost of financing the Pool provided that efforts to raise the local voluntary contribution of £17,500 continued during the erection of the Pool. It was pointed out that the Consultants had intimated that due to increased costs the total cost of the Pool would now be in the region of £100,000 and allowing for a loan of £50,000 and Bord Failte's contribution of £22,500 this would still leave a short fall of £27,500 in the financing of the project.

On the proposition of Alderman Byrne, seconded by Councillor P. Roche, it was unanimously resolved to proceed with the provision of the Pool and to again request the Minister for Local Government to waive the local voluntary contribution particularly in view of the fact that Bord Failte is contributing towards the Pool.

It was pointed out that according to the Consultant's present programme and provided no undue delays in obtaining sanctions etc occur, the Corporation should be in a position to invite tenders in October 1972 and commence work sometime early in 1973.

#### FERRYBANK - STAGE 3

The Council unanimously approved preliminary plans for the completion of the Ferrybank Development. These plans provided for the provision of walks and picnic area, crazy golf, childrens play area and tennis and squash courts.

It was decided that the plans be submitted to Bord Failte with a request that a grant be allocated towards the scheme and that the Consultants proceed with the preparation of Estimates of Cost.

#### EXTENSION OF ST. IBARS CEMETERY

On the proposition of Alderman Byrne, seconded by Councillor T. Roche, the Council unanimously approved of plans for the extension of St. Ibars Cemetery, Crosstown. The plans provide for an additional 1601 graves, 66 car parking spaces and a lavatory block and

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the total cost is estimated at £18,000.

On the proposition of Councillor Flaherty, seconded by Alderman Byrne, it was unanimously resolved "that application be made to the Minister for Local Government for sanction to the raising of a loan of £18,000 from the The Commissioners of Public Works, for the development of an addition to St. Ibars Cemetery, Crosstown".

#### PROGRESS REPORTS - SANITARY SERVICES SCHEMES

A report on progress of various sanitary services schemes being carried out by the Corporation was unanimously adopted - report attached.

#### URBAN ROAD IMPROVEMENT GRANT 1972/73

#### TRAFFIC MANAGEMENT GRANT 1972/73

The Council unanimously adopted the following recommendations of the Borough Engineer, viz :

#### Urban Road Improvement Grant 1972/73:

Phase 2 of widening and kerbing of the roadway at Bishopswater Housing Scheme £1,730

#### Traffic Management Grant 1972/73:

1. Extension of Traffic Survey to environs of Wexford. 2,500
2. Construction of car park at Munster & Leinster Bank site adjacent to Church Lane car park, 2,000 sq. yds including filling and demolition 3,500
3. Widening of road from Bull Ring to Cornmarket adjacent to Sloans new premises 700
4. Construction of small car park at derelict site at Francis Street - 4 No. cars 200
5. Renewal of Urban Road pavements (selected stretches) about Bull Ring and Main Street 1,200
6. Phase 1 widening road at Abbey Street, from 20 to 30 feet along frontage of Whites Hotel (Cornmarket to George Street) Demolition work and resiting of services included. 1,900.

#### MUNICIPAL TIPHEAD AT CARCUR

The Council considered a report from the Borough Engineer on the Municipal Tiphead at Carcur and on efforts to find a suitable alternative location for the tiphead during the last few years - report attached.

On the proposition of His Worship the Mayor, seconded by Councillor Flaherty, it was unanimously resolved "that application be made to the Minister for Local Government for sanction to the raising of a loan of £3,500 from the Bank of Ireland (National Bank) Ltd., Wexford, for the purpose of screening and provision of fences and walls at the Municipal Tiphead at Carcur, Wexford".

#### COMMODORE BARRY MEMORIAL CEREMONY

The Council unanimously agreed that some available Minister of State or Parliamentary Secretary be invited to lay the wreath at the Annual Commodore Barry Memorial Ceremony on the 17th September 1972,



and that Sir Anthony Esmonde T.D., be invited to lay a wreath at the Maritime Plaque on the same date.

ASSOCIATION OF MUNICIPAL AUTHORITIES OF IRELAND - ANNUAL CONTRIBUTION

On the proposition of Alderman Byrne, seconded by His Worship the Mayor, it was unanimously resolved "that a contribution of £20 be paid to the Association of Municipal Authorities of Ireland as a contribution for the year ending 31st March 1973.

SALARY ADJUSTMENT - TOWN CLERK

On the proposition of Alderman Byrne, seconded by Councillor Flaherty, approval was unanimously given to the proposal of the County Manager to apply a revised salary scale to the office of Town Clerk as follows :-

1st October 1970 :	£2,210 x 110.33 to £2,820.
1st January 1971 :	£2,416 x 110.50 to £3,085.
1st April 1971 :	£2,525 x 117.50 to £3,230.

*Kevin. G. Morris,*

The meeting then terminated.

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## Report on Sanitary Service Schemes Capital Works

Further to my report dated 17th April, progress to date is as follows:

### Wexford Water Supply Improvement Scheme

Work is progressing satisfactorily with 6000 metres of 12" rising main from Edenvale to Ferrycarrig completed, 1800 metres of 7" trunk main from St. Peters Square to Maudlintown completed and tested, and the work at the treatment plant in Newtown 30% complete. Expenditure to date is £111,600. The contract amount is £202,000 approx. Contractor - J.V. Duffy Limited.

### Wexford Main Drainage Scheme

Work on the scheme which commenced in March, 1972 is progressing slowly due to the necessity to carry out the major portion of work done to date manually. These works included the deepening of the channel at Casa Rio, Bishopswater Bridge and the deepening and widening of the channel at the Boys Club. Work was completed in the resiting of the watermain at Parnell Street 200 metres approx. The contractor will soon be in a position to get properly involved in the major construction works, and it is highly desirable that they should do so in these summer months. Expenditure to date under the contract is £10,500. Contract amount £99,889.00 Contractor - J.V. Duffy Limited.

General: The contractor on both these schemes are constantly being reminded on the matter of restoration of the damaged road and path surfaces. Those for the water supply in the Faythe area are being resurfaced with bituminous macadam as this main is now tested and in service.

### Industrial Area :

The minor contract scheme at the Industrial area, road sewer and water supply to the I.D.A. factory and adjacent area is substantially complete with a small amount of road surfacing to be done. Value of works £10,000.00 approx. Contractor - Irish Excavation Co.Ltd.,

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## Report re Municipal Tiphead Wexford.

Much complaints have arisen over the years resulting from the location of the tiphead at Carcur on the Enniscorthy Road. The complaints originate mainly with the residential quarters adjacent to the tiphead, but the "dump" is also an eye sore on approach to the town. Its presence downgrades the value of property and land in the area and I believe this latter factor is to a fair extent a hidden factor in the pressure to resite it.

Since 1970 and before new sites were sought to relocate the tiphead and a 4 acre site in a remote location at Park was selected and reported on in March, 1971. An offer of £2,000 was made to the owner, Mr. Somers, which was a good price considering the site consisted of a disused open cast mining hole; the owner ignored the offer, and when pursued mentioned a figure of £8,000 which put the site out of reach except by Compulsory Acquisition. Two other factors now entered into the proposal:-

- (1) the County Council as Planning Authority were uncooperative.
- (2) the only other land owner in the area who knew of the proposal intimated he would object to it.

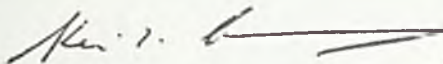
Perhaps, indirectly resulting from factor "2" the Chairman of the Harbour Board suggested a site on the edge of the Slaney estuary behind Fine Wool Fabrics. This I inspected and advised the County Medical Officer of it; the site though further out of town than the Park site could be developed. The C.M.O.H. is however of the opinion that local opposition to this location would be so strong as to make fruition improbable.

About a month ago the C.M.O.H. asked me to inspect a site at Castlebridge by the banks of the Slaney. This we did and found that the Company which owns the land also owns a new intensive pig farm unit which is already giving rise to complaints of air and river pollution. They were willing to sell. A map of the land to be offered is to be forwarded by a Director of the Company - Mr. Val Stone. The owners are probably of the view that the advent of a Municipal Dump would spread the blame for nuisance better. Personally, on examination of all the factors involved I do not favour this site.

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The most serious complaints in recent times resulted from smoke nuisance when filling was in progress on a new face on the eastern side of the site close to the roadway; the wind unfortunately moved about to North East and Farnogue Cottages suffered. The fires which are spontaneous in a lot of cases were put out as expeditiously as possible. The new face was closed down and there has been no reason for serious complaints in the past month.

Finally, it is my view that unless the Park site or equivalent can be acquired consideration should be given to allocating funds to improve the tiphead. For a capital outlay of £3,500 screening, fences and walls, and an annually recurrent charge of a further £3,000 per annum for controlled tipping the present site could continue in use with little offence, and the area could be reclaimed for a useful purpose. Municipal or otherwise.



Kevin T. Conway  
Borough Surveyor

June 12th. 1972.



27th June 1972.

A meeting of the Housing Committee of the Wexford Borough Council was held this day in the Council Chamber, Municipal Buildings, Wexford following a meeting of the General Purposes Committee.

The members present were :-

His Worship the Mayor Alderman Kevin C. Morris in the chair.

Aldermen : James Mahoney, James Jenkins, Thomas Byrne.

Councillors : Desmond Corish, John Cullimore, John Flaherty,  
John Dunne, Peter Roche, James Morris,  
Thomas Roche, Eugene Curtin.

In attendance : Mr. Thomas F. Broe, County Manager,  
Mr. Kevin T. Conway, Borough Engineer,  
Mr. Richard Lynn, Acting Borough Accountant,  
Mr. Desmond T. Wixted, Town Clerk.

#### PRIORITIES AND LETTINGS

The Town Clerk informed the members that the County Manager intended to appoint Mrs. Sarah Meyler, 20 William Street, Wexford, at present No. 1 on the Housing Priority List as tenant of a house at Tuskar View, which would be becoming vacant shortly.

#### TRANSFERS

On the question of transfers, the Council was informed that a small number of applications regarded, on the basis of overcrowding and for medical reasons, as being the most in need of transfers have been referred to the County Medical Officer for placing in order of priority.

When this Priority List was received, arrangements would be made for the allocation of a number of houses to such applicants as they become available.

#### REVIEW OF GRADED RENTS

The Council was informed that at present arrangements are being made for a review of all graded rents with effect as from the 2nd October 1972 and in line with the graded rents scheme recently sanctioned by the Minister for Local Government.

A discussion took place on the Graded Rent Scheme generally and several members expressed the opinion that the inclusion of overtime and bonus for assessment purposes was inequitable and it was felt that the allowance in respect of children should be increased. On the proposition of Alderman Jenkins, seconded by Councillor Flaherty, the following resolution was unanimously adopted for submission to the Annual Conference of the Association of Municipal Authorities of Ireland "that the Minister for Local Government be requested to make provision for the deletion of overtime and bonus earnings in the calculation of assessable income for the purpose of assessing rents based on the financial circumstances of tenants and to increase childrens allowances in graded rent schemes to a figure equal to that allowed under the Social Welfare Acts".

#### REPORT ON CAPITAL SCHEMES - HOUSING

A report on progress of various housing capital schemes being carried out or planned by the Corporation was unanimously adopted - report attached.

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HOUSING OF ITINERANTS

The Council considered a letter from the Wexford Association for Itinerant Settlement re. rehousing of itinerant families and it was unanimously agreed to restate the policy of the Council as expressed at meeting of 1st May 1972.

AUGUST MEETING

On the proposition of Alderman Byrne, seconded by Councillor Flaherty, it was unanimously resolved "that no Statutory Meeting be held during the month of August but that a Special Meeting to consider draft variations of the Development Plan be held on Monday, 24th July 1972 at 7.30 p.m.

*Kevin. C. Morris*

The meeting then terminated.



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## REPORT ON CAPITAL HOUSING

### 150 House Scheme - Liam Mellows Park.

The scheme is complete with all dwellings occupied. Some finishing works remain in the completion of gardens and open spaces.

### 100 House Scheme at Talbot/Green Street - (98 Houses & 2 Shop Dwellings)

The layout of dwellings<sup>house</sup> and shop plans have been submitted to the Department of Local Government and approved subject to minor modifications. Final plans and specifications incorporating agreed modifications now remain to be submitted and approved, after which quantities will be prepared and tenders invited for the work. The Department considered the estimated all in cost of the scheme at £402,000 as rather high, and expressed the hope that when tenders are received this will be reduced.

### 24 Old Peoples Dwellings at John Street (Thomas Clarke Place)

The layout and dwelling unit plans have been submitted to the Department of Local Government together with reports and estimate of all in cost -£67,000. The Department have asked for further information and details which will be supplied within the next week.

### 20 Old Peoples Dwellings at John's Gate Street.

This attractive scheme for John's Gate Street has also been submitted to the Department of Local Government. Layout plan and details of the flat units and estimated all in cost of the scheme at £59,000. The Department has approved the scheme in principle subject to minor modifications.

In addition to the lands already acquired in Coolcotts/Clonard area for future housing, the Corporation recently acquired 36 acres of land at Carricklawn, and also one acre approx. at Mount George adjacent to Ey Street. It is hoped that an Architect will shortly be briefed on preparation of a scheme for renewal of the whole derelict Abbey Street/Mount George area.

Kevin T. Conway  
Borough Surveyor

June 23rd, 1972.

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3rd July 1972.

A Quarterly Meeting of the Wexford Borough Council was held this day in the Assembly Room, Town Hall, Cornmarket, at half past seven o'clock p.m.

The members present were :-

His Worship the Mayor, Ald. Kevin C. Morris in the chair.

Aldermen : James Mahoney, James Jenkins, Thomas Byrne.

Councillors : Desmond Corish, John Cullimore, John Flaherty,  
John Dunne, Peter Roche, James Morris,  
Thomas Roche, Eugene Curtin.

In attendance : Mr. Thomas F. Broe, County Manager;  
Mr. Kevin T. Conway, Borough Engineer;  
Mr. Richard Lynn, Acting Borough Accountant;  
Mr. Fintan M. O'Connor, Corporation Solicitor;  
Mr. Desmond T. Wixted, Town Clerk.

#### MINUTES

On the proposition of Councillor Flaherty, seconded by Aldermen Byrne, the minutes of Statutory Meeting of 12th June 1972 having been circulated were taken as read adopted unanimously and signed by His Worship the Mayor.

#### GENERAL PURPOSES COMMITTEE

On the proposition of Alderman Byrne, seconded by Councillor Flaherty, the report of General Purposes Committee Meeting of 27th June 1972 having been circulated was unanimously adopted.

#### HOUSING COMMITTEE

On the proposition of Alderman Byrne, seconded by Councillor Flaherty, the report of Housing Committee Meeting of 27th June 1972 having been circulated was unanimously adopted.

On the suggestion of Councillor P. Roche, it was unanimously agreed that motion re. Graded Rent Schemes adopted at Housing Committee Meeting of 27th June 1972 be forwarded to the Minister for Local Government in addition to the Association of Municipal Authorities of Ireland.

#### ELECTION OF MAYOR

The first business of the Quarterly meeting was the election of a Mayor who would hold office until either :-

- (a) Quarterly meeting to be held not more than fourteen days before or after 8th July 1973, or
- (b) Quarterly meeting to be held after next Local Election, and until his successor has been elected and made a Declaration of Acceptance of Office.

His Worship the Mayor asked for nominations for the office of Mayor, and the following were duly nominated :

Councillor Desmond Corish - proposed by Alderman Byrne and seconded by Councillor Thomas Roche.  
Councillor James J. Morris - proposed by Councillor Dunne and seconded by Councillor Peter Roche.

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There being no further nominations a poll was taken and resulted :

For Councillor Corish - Aldermen Jenkins and Byrne and Councillors  
Corish, Cullimore and Thomas Roche (5)

For Councillor Morris - Aldermen Mahoney and Morris and Councillors  
Flaherty, Dunne, Peter Roche, Morris and  
Curtin. (7).

There being only two candidates and Councillor Morris having received the greater number of votes the outgoing Mayor formally declared Councillor Morris to be elected. Councillor Morris then made and subscribed the declaration of acceptance of office as provided by the Municipal Corporations (Ireland) Act 1840 and the Local Government Act 1941. Before leaving the chair, the outgoing Mayor, Alderman Morris thanked all those who had helped him during his term of office.

Alderman Morris then vested Councillor Morris with the Robes and Chain of Office, and Councillor Morris took the chair. Councillor Morris thanked all those who had voted him to office and also congratulated the outgoing Mayor on his work during his term of office. The other members then congratulated Councillor Morris on his election and Alderman Morris on the excellence with which he had carried out his duties.

#### LOCAL ELECTIONS

The members were informed that the Local Elections Bill 1972 would become Law within the next few days. The Bill provided for the postponement of Local Elections to June, 1973.

#### RECONSTRUCTION GRANTS

The members were informed that the maximum state reconstruction grant had been increased to £200 irrespective of the number of rooms in the house in respect of work commenced on or after 1st June, 1972.

On the proposition of Alderman Byrne, seconded by Councillor P. Roche, it was unanimously resolved "that the maximum of the Supplementary Grant payable by the Corporation be brought into line with the new state maximum, i.e. £200".

#### DISPOSAL OF NO. 42 DAVITT ROAD SOUTH

On the proposition of Councillor Flaherty, seconded by Alderman Morris, approval was unanimously given to the proposal of the County Manager to dispose of house No. 42 Davitt Road South, Wexford, to the tenant thereof, Mrs. Margaret Banville, on the terms as set out in Notice dated 21st June 1972 and circulated to the members, viz: for the sum of £2,592.

#### DISPOSAL OF NO. 73 CORISH PARK

On the proposition of Councillor Flaherty, seconded by Alderman Mahoney, approval was unanimously given to the proposal of the County Manager to dispose of house No. 73 Corish Park, Wexford, to the tenant thereof, Mrs. Johanna Sparrow, on the terms as set out in Notice dated 21st June 1972 and circulated to the members, viz: for the sum of £2,106.

#### TOWN SERGEANT

On the proposition of Councillor Peter Roche, seconded by Alderman Byrne, the best wishes of the Council were extended to Mr. Richard Mahon, Town Sergeant, wishing him a speedy recovery from his present illness.

The meeting then terminated.

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*D. J. M.*  
*Mayor*

24th July 1972

A Special Meeting of the Wexford Borough Council was held this day in the Council Chamber, Municipal Buildings, Wexford, at half past seven o'clock p.m.

The members present were :

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

Aldermen : James Mahoney, James Jenkins, Thomas Byrne,  
Kevin Morris.

Councillors : John Dunne, Peter Roche, Eugene Curtin.

In attendance : Mr. Thomas F. Broe, County Manager;  
Mr. Kevin T. Conway, Borough Engineer;  
Mr. Richard Lynn, Acting Town Clerk.

DRAFT REVIEW OF THE DEVELOPMENT PLAN

The proposed Draft Review, previously circulated to all the members, was considered in detail. Various amendments, additions and deletions were agreed on and these now form part of the Draft Review of the Development Plan, a copy of which is attached.

The meeting then terminated.





4th September 1972.

A Statutory Meeting of the Wexford Borough Council was held this day in the Council Chamber, Municipal Buildings, Wexford, at half past seven o'clock p.m.

The members present were :-

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

Aldermen : James Mahoney, Kevin Morris, Thomas F. Byrne.

Councillors : John Cullimore, John Flaherty, John Dunne,  
Peter Roche, Eugene Curtin.

In attendance : William P. Creedon, Deputy County Manager;  
Kevin T. Conway, Borough Engineer;  
Desmond T. Wixted, Town Clerk.

#### SYMPATHY

On the proposition of His Worship the Mayor, seconded by Alderman Byrne, the sympathy of the Council was extended to the relatives of the late Mr. Ambrose Smith and Mr. Michael Murphy.

On the proposition of Councillor Curtin, seconded by Alderman Byrne, the sympathy of the Council was extended to Alderman Morris and the other relatives on the death of Mrs. Breda McGowan.

#### MINUTES

On the proposition of Alderman Byrne, seconded by Alderman Morris, the minutes of Quarterly Meeting of 3rd July 1972 and of Special Meeting of 24th July 1972, having been circulated, were taken as read, adopted unanimously and signed by His Worship the Mayor.

#### TELEPHONE SERVICE

The Council considered a letter from the Department of Posts and Telegraphs in response to the Councils request for the provision of a kiosk at Liam Mellows Park. The letter pointed out that due to the moderate extent to which the kiosk at St. Aidans Crescent is at present being used the request could not be acceded to. In response to the Councils request for a review of the public telephone service generally in the town, the Department pointed out that in its view the town was adequately serviced at the moment.

It was unanimously decided to refer the matter back to the Department with a request that the Councils original proposals be implemented, and also drawing particular attention to the needs of St. Peters Square and Bishopswater area in this regard.

#### HOUSING SUBSIDY - SUBSIDISABLE LIMITS

A letter was considered from the Department of Local Government pointing out that the Minister could not accede to the Council's request that houses at Liam Mellows Park on which work had not commenced at the 1st January 1971 should attract the higher subsidisable cost limit which came into operation on that date. On the proposition of Alderman Byrne, seconded by Councillor Roche, it was unanimously resolved to again request the Minister to reconsider the matter and to receive a deputation from the Council to discuss same.

## REGIONAL DEVELOPMENT

The Council considered the following letter from the Industrial Development Authority in reply to its request for a reassessment of the Authority's plans for Wexford on the grounds that the target of 1,000 new jobs to be provided in the area would not be sufficient viz :-

" I refer to your letter of 22nd June 1972 concerning the target of 1,000 new jobs in manufacturing for Enniscorthy, Gorey and Wexford towns in the period 1973/77.

The full details of the regional industrial plan for the South East region which includes Wexford, will be published very shortly and the I.D.A. intends to have extensive consultation with groups in the region, including the Wexford Borough Council on the basis of the complete plan.

The detailed plan indicates, for example, that the proposed expansion in manufacturing employment, taken in conjunction with expected changes in agricultural and service employment should permit the growth rate in Co. Wexford's population to double in the next five years, compared with 1966/71. Co. Wexford's population growth rate will, along with Co. Waterfords, be the highest in the region. The plans also state that the unemployment level in Wexford and Enniscorthy was specifically taken into account in formulating the job target.

The plans recognise, however, that it would not be realistic in the relatively short period of the five years 1973/77 to achieve full employment at national, regional and town levels. The I.D.A. accepts that the successful implementation of the plans would not result in full employment in Wexford Town by 1977 although it would provide a sound basis for achieving the goal of full employment in the 1980's.

The extensive regional consultation which the I.D.A. envisages will take factors of this nature into account. An increase in the proposed target will result in a reduction elsewhere in the region in order to maintain the overall regional target, and this process will require a measure of agreement within the region. The plans are ongoing and flexible and the I.D.A. in the course of periodic reviews of the plans will make changes to take account both of experience gained in implementation and of the views expressed in the region.

Meanwhile, the I.D.A. is confident that the Borough Council will support its efforts to achieve the very formidable job target at present incorporated in the plans".

A lengthy discussion took place during which grave dissatisfaction was expressed at the failure of the Industrial Development Authority to recognise the potential of Wexford Harbour in the preparation of its plans. It was decided to remind the Authority of the existence of the Harbour and of its potential for development.

On the proposition of Councillor Dunne, seconded by Alderman Mahoney, it was unanimously resolved that a special meeting of the Council be called to consider the Authority's plans when same have been received.

## SCHOOL TRANSPORT - LIAM MELLOWS PARK

In reply to the Council's request that existing school buses be utilised to provide transport for children at Liam Mellows Park to their schools the Department of Education pointed out that as the conditions set out in the Department Regulations covering eligibility for free transport to the National Schools are not met in this case it was regretted that the Council's request could not be acceded to.

On the proposition of Alderman Mahoney, seconded by Councillor P. Roche it was decided to again request the Department to reconsider the

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matter in view of the unusual circumstances which existed concerning these children.

### MAINTENANCE CRAFTSMENS AGREEMENT

On the proposition of Alderman Byrne, seconded by Councillor Flaherty, it was unanimously resolved that approval be given to the proposal of the County Manager to implement the Maintenance Craftsmens Agreement covering the 14th round wage and salary adjustments in so far as maintenance craftsmen employed by the Corporation are concerned. The Agreement provided for the following :

#### A. Wages and Working Hours :

It was agreed that craftsmen covered by this Agreement shall work the weekly hours on day and shift-work which normally apply in the firm in which they are employed up to a maximum of :

42½ hours per week.

#### B. First Phase :

- (i) On and from July 1, 1972 - an increase at the rate of :  
9% on the first £30 of basic weekly pay, or the following amounts if these are greater :

An increase at the rate of £2.50 per week  
7½% on the next £10 of basic weekly pay  
4% on any remaining part of basic weekly pay.

- (ii) To protect the value of all pay increases granted in accordance with the provisions of Clause 3 (B) (i) above, the appropriate increase shall be supplemented by additional amounts to be applied as follows :

On and from January 1, 1973 - an increase at the rate of 10p per week and

On and from July 1, 1973 - an increase at the rate of 10p per week.

#### Second Phase :

- (a) On and from July 1, 1973 - an increase of 4% on the existing basic hourly rate in the individual employment.

- (b) Cost of living escalator attaching to the second phase increase :

For each 1% increase in the Consumer Price Index over 4% in the index period mid-May, 1972 through to mid-May 1973, a 16p per week supplement shall be added to the increase applying under (a).

#### Apprentices :

- A. Apprentices shall be paid the following percentages of the basic maintenance craft rate in each firm :

First year .....	25%
Second year .....	33½%
Third year .....	40%
Fourth year .....	60%
Fifth year .....	75%

- B. Notwithstanding the above, any firm which pays a consolidated rate to its maintenance craftsmen shall relate its apprentices' percentages to the consolidated rate.
- C. Where a firm pays a basic rate plus a skilled differential - apprentices' percentages shall be related to the basic rate alone.

#### SALARY ADJUSTMENT - RENT COLLECTORS

On the proposition of Alderman Byrne, seconded by Councillor Curtin, approval was unanimously given to the proposal of the County Manager to adjust the salaries of Rent Collectors employed by the Corporation as follows: viz:

1st October 1970 - increase of £72.50 per annum.

1st April 1971 - further increase of £72.50 per annum.

#### SUPPLEMENTARY ESTIMATE

On the proposition of Alderman Byrne, seconded by Councillor Cullimore, it was unanimously resolved "that expenditure in the sum of £1,700 be allowed over and above that provided in the Estimate of Expenses 1972/73 to cover implementation of Maintenance Craftsmens Agreement and salary adjustments for Rent Collectors".

#### TRAFFIC LAY-OUT - WYGRAM JUNCTION

The Council considered the proposals of the County Engineer for the improvement of traffic flow at Wygram Junction together with the provision of a pedestrian crossing and on the proposition of Councillor Flaherty, seconded by Alderman Mahoney, the proposals were unanimously approved by the Council subject to the siting of the pedestrian crossing at a more suitable location and to the provision of alternative car parking facilities other than in the grounds of the Municipal Buildings.

#### PROGRESS REPORT - SANITARY SERVICES SCHEMES

A Report on progress of various sanitary service schemes being carried out by the Corporation was unanimously adopted - report attached.

#### WATER SUPPLY

The members were informed that the Corporation's reservoir was now at a dangerously low level and that it might be necessary to introduce rationing at very short notice.

The members agreed that the Borough Engineer would introduce rationing if and when required.

#### TALBOT STREET/GREEN STREET HOUSING SCHEME

The Council considered proposals for the provision of central heating in the Talbot Street/Green Street Housing Scheme. It was pointed out that the Capital cost per house of installing gas central heating would amount to £250 while the running cost per annum would be £45. Electric central heating would have a Capital cost of approximately £270 per house with running cost at £47 per annum.

On the proposition of Alderman Byrne, seconded by Alderman Morris, it was unanimously resolved "that no provision for central heating be made in this Scheme".



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## Report on Sanitary Service Schemes Capital Works

### Wexford Water Supply Improvement Scheme

The scheme is progressing satisfactorily with 8000 metres of 12" rising main from Edenvale completed.

The new pumping plant has been installed and commissioned at Edenvale. The new 7" main to Maudlintown is in use and 100,000 gallons of water are being delivered to the Wexford Creamery Ltd., to accommodate the increased milk products output.

Work at the treatment plant at Newtown is 40% complete.

Expenditure to date on the £202,000 contract is £126,400  
Contractor - M/s J.V. Duffy Limited.

### Wexford Main Drainage Scheme

Since the date of the last report progress has improved and the widening of the stream at the Boys Club, deepening of the stream at the Bishopswater Bridge and Casa Rio have been completed. Work commenced in the railway yard at Trinity Street, and sections of the new culvert have been completed.

A new 6" watermain was laid in Parnell Street and many complaints from the residents were received as a result in delay by the Contractor, due to material supply, in completion of the work.

The contractors were requested to expedite the work and after a meeting with the residents the matter of complaint was resolved. The Resident Engineer has been instructed to keep in close touch with the residents and so avoid any build up of grievances.

The value of work executed to date amounts to £30,000 approx. The contract amount is £99,889 - Contractor M/s J.V. Duffy Limited.

### Industrial Area

Some minor completion works are still in progress on drainage in the area and a further extension of the sewerage to the 18 acres acquired from the Mercy Convent in 1970 is under consideration.

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FLATS FOR OLD PERSONS - THOMAS CLARKE PLACE AND LOWER JOHN STREET

A decision as to whether or not central heating should be provided in the Schemes of Flats for Old Persons at Thomas Clarke Place and John's Gate Street was adjourned to the next meeting of the Council.

FERRYBANK SWIMMING POOL

The members were informed that arrangements for the provision of a swimming pool at Ferrybank were progressing as planned and that it was hoped to be in a position to advertise for tenders during the month of October.

FERRYBANK - COASTAL WORKS

The members were informed that the Corporation's proposals for the building of a sea wall to prevent further erosion at Ferrybank have been referred by the Department of Local Government to the Office of Public Works for their views. The Department have promised to contact the Corporation as soon as these views have been received.

OVERDRAFT ACCOMMODATION

On the proposition of Alderman Morris, seconded by Alderman Byrne, it was unanimously resolved "that subject to the sanction of the Minister for Local Government approval be given to the raising of Overdraft from the Corporation's Treasurer, The Bank of Ireland (National Bank) Ltd., for the quarter ending 31st December 1972 as follows :-

Revenue Account £80,000

Capital Account £70,000.

FINANCE - SLIPPERY GREEN HOUSING SCHEME

Final cost figures for the Slippery Green (Kennedy Park) Housing Scheme were before the Council. The figures indicated that against an original estimate of £261,000 the total nett all in cost amounted to £314,939.15. The increase in cost of £53,939.15 of the Scheme over the estimate is in the main due to increases in wages, salaries and materials during the protracted period of construction. The cost per house worked out at £2,500.00.

The members were informed that to cover the increase in cost, it would be necessary to raise a supplementary loan of £33,000. In addition to this the Council also decided to raise £5,000 for the widening of the roadway to 30 feet and the resiting of the pathway and services as necessary and the sum of £1,600 for the provision of a pedestrian way/pramwalk to connect Whitemill Road with the cul-de-sac at the western end of the Scheme.

On the proposition of Alderman Byrne, seconded by Councillor Roche, it was unanimously resolved that application be made to the Minister for Local Government for sanction to the raising of a loan of £39,600 from the Commissioners of Public Works in Ireland towards the erection of 126 houses at Slippery Green, Wexford.



FINANCE - BUNGALOWS AT DAVITT ROAD SOUTH

Final cost figures for the erection of 12 bungalows for old persons at Davitt Road South were before the Council and indicated that against an original estimate of £16,694 the total nett all in cost of the Scheme amounted to £22,892.17p. The increase in cost of £6,198.17p was in the main caused by :-

- 1) Increased costs of salaries, wages and materials during the lapsed time between preparation of the estimate and completion of the scheme.
- 2) Unusually bad foundations due to unforeseen occurrence of rock and made ground in the area.
- 3) The Scheme was in progress during the cement strike which led to a decrease in efficiency, a longer period of construction and the occurrence of unavoidable additional overheads.

On the proposition of Councillor Curtin, seconded by Alderman Byrne, it was unanimously resolved "that application be made to the Minister for Local Government for sanction to the raising of a loan of £7,900 from the Commissioners of Public Works in Ireland towards the erection of 12 bungalows for Old Persons at Davitt Road South, Wexford". Alderman Morris dissented from the above decision.

AIR STRIP AT CASTLEBRIDGE

On the proposition of Alderman Byrne, seconded by Councillor Curtin, it was unanimously resolved "that the Borough Council call on the appropriate department to grant Custom and Excise facilities to the Air Strip at Castlebridge".

RE-STOCKING WITH MUSSELS OF WEXFORD HARBOUR

On the proposition of Councillor Roche, seconded by Alderman Byrne, it was unanimously resolved "that this Council call on the Minister responsible for fisheries to undertake the restocking with mussels of Wexford Harbour and so prevent more unemployment in our town".

COMMODORE JOHN BARRY COMMEMORATION

The Town Clerk informed the members that so far he had been unable to get a Minister or Parliamentary Secretary to perform the Annual Wreath Laying Ceremony at the Commodore John Barry Memorial due to be held on Sunday, 17th September 1972.

On the proposition of Alderman Byrne it was unanimously resolved that the Ceremony be postponed until either the first or second Sunday of Wexford Festival depending on the suitability of the tides.

NUISANCE AT PETER STREET

On the proposition of Councillor Flaherty, it was unanimously resolved to request the County Medical Officer to have Slaughterhouse at Peter Street inspected and a report thereon submitted to the next meeting of the Borough Council.

The meeting then terminated.



2nd October, 1972.

A Quarterly Meeting of the Wexford Borough Council was held this day in the Council Chamber, Municipal Buildings, Wexford, at half past seven o'clock p.m.

The members present were :-

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

Aldermen : Kevin Morris, James Jenkins, Thomas F. Byrne.

Councillors : John Cullimore, John Flaherty, John Dunne,  
Peter Roche, Thomas Roche, Eugene Curtin.

In attendance : Thomas F. Broe, County Manager;  
Kevin T. Conway, Borough Engineer;  
Richard Lynn, Acting Borough Accountant;  
Desmond T. Wixted, Town Clerk.

#### DEPUTATION - WILLIAM STREET RESIDENTS

The Council received a deputation representing some of the residents of William Street. The deputation consisted of Messrs Thomas Horan, Joseph Evans and James Gorey. On behalf of the deputation Mr. Horan explained that both they and some of their neighbours are anxious to have entrances at the rear of their houses to enable them to remove their cars from the public street. At one time a right of way existed from No. 1 William Street around to the rear of their properties. Some years ago this had been blocked off by the occupier of No. 1. Plans had now been lodged with the Corporation for a Cash and Carry Development at Parnell Street and an approach had been made to the developers to allow access over portion of the ground being acquired by them. The developers had now intimated that they would not be purchasing the ground adjacent to the houses. The deputation asked the Council to acquire this ground for a passageway to the rear of their gardens. The deputation thanked the members for having received them and withdrew. The Borough Engineer informed the Council that a condition would be imposed in the Planning Permission requiring the developers to allow a space of 17 feet to facilitate future access to the rear of the houses. Since this whole matter may lead, eventually, to litigation it was unanimously resolved, on the proposition of Councillor Dunne seconded by Alderman Morris to defer discussion on the matter.

#### SYMPATHY

On the proposition of His Worship the Mayor, seconded by Alderman Byrne, the sympathy of the Council was extended to the relatives of the late Mrs. Kathleen Clarke.

#### MINUTES

On the proposition of Alderman Byrne, seconded by Alderman Morris, the minutes of Statutory Meeting of 4th September 1972, having been circulated, were taken as read, adopted unanimously and signed by His Worship the Mayor.

#### TELEPHONE SERVICE

The Council discussed the telephone service in Wexford with a view to submitting its views to the South Eastern Regional Development Organisation, whose meeting on 5th October 1972 would be attended by a representative of the Department of Posts and Telegraphs. It was agreed that since the introduction of the automatic service, the local service was satisfactory but difficulty was sometimes experienced with trunk calls. It was suggested that some lines could be enlarged without duplication.

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PUBLIC LIGHTING

The Council was informed that charges for public lighting had been increased since 1st June 1972 by 23.5%. The Electricity Supply Board had been asked for an explanation of this increase and further information would be given to the members, when available. The present contract for public lighting amounted to £5590.38 plus Turnover Tax at 5%.

The Council considered the tender of the Electricity Supply Board for the introduction of dusk to dawn lighting generally in the Borough and on the proposition of Alderman Byrne, seconded by Councillor P. Roche, it was unanimously resolved to convert all existing lights to dusk to dawn at an additional annual cost of £280 plus 5% Turnover Tax.

MECHANICAL SUCTION SWEEPER

The Council considered the Report of the Borough Engineer on tenders for the supply of a mechanical suction sweeper as follows :-

"No. 4 Tenders as scheduled hereunder were received for the supply of a Suction Sweeper. Some tenderers offered alternative equipment.

(1) William P. Ryan Limited

	£
(a) Johnston Junior Road Suction Sweeper	4,800
(b) Mark 200 F. Johnston Twin Engine Suction Sweeper	6,300

(2) McCairns Motors Limited

(a) Lacre Model T.G. Compact Suction Road Sweeper (Basic Model	5,457
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(3) Yorkshire Vehicles Limited

(a) Yorkshire Suction Road Sweeper	7,259
(b) " " " "	6,955
(c) " " " "	6,295

(4) Lacre Limited

Bedford/Lacre "T.G". Compact Twin Engined Suction Sweeper	
(a) Basic	5,792
(b) Dual control and extra brushes	6,355

I recommend acceptance of alternative "B" at Tender No. (1) of M/s W.P. Ryan Limited for the Mark 200 F. Johnston Twin Engined Suction Sweeper in the sum of £6,300 as this type of machine has given satisfactory service in Dublin, Waterford and Kilkenny Corporations. It was agreed in Council, however, that before acceptance of a tender a committee of the Council would go along and see the sweepers in action, and to do this a visit to Dublin Corporation will be arranged at a time suitable to the members".

On the proposition of Councillor P. Roche, seconded by Alderman Byrne, it was unanimously resolved to defer a decision until the members examined some of these machines in action. It was agreed that the entire Council would travel to Dublin to view the machine there on a date to be arranged.

DRAINAGE - COUNTY HOTEL

The Council considered a request from the proprietor of the County Hotel for a map of the sewerage system in the area of his hotel. It was pointed out that such map was available for inspection in the office but a copy could not be supplied. In this connection the Borough Engineer pointed out that the trouble here arose because of the inadequacy of a combined drain, the improvement of which was a matter for the respective owners. In the proposed improvements to the hotel, an alternative drain was being provided which would solve the problem.

TOWN OF WEXFORD VOCATIONAL EDUCATION COMMITTEE

On the proposition of Councillor Flaherty, seconded by Alderman Byrne, Rev. Brother Burke, Superior C.B.S. was unanimously selected to fill the vacancy on the Town of Wexford Vocational Education Committee caused by the resignation of Rev. Brother McBride.

Tributes were paid to Brother McBride's achievements on behalf of the C.B. Schools during his stay in Wexford and the best wishes of the Council were extended to him for a speedy recovery to full health.

SLAUGHTERHOUSE AT GIBSON STREET

The Council considered the Report of the Chief Medical Officer on the condition of slaughterhouse at Gibson Street, as follows :-

"Rodent controls are carried out regularly, manure, offals and skins are regularly removed and this prevents the breeding of flies.

I questioned the staff and the owner re. the points mentioned - blood running on to street and removal of offals in open carts, they denied this and to my knowledge has not happened for years. New drains have been laid and offals etc., are removed weekly in a steel covered container.

A number of improvements have been carried out to this premises recently, including tiling of walls, new floors and ceilings, provision of cold room, and further improvements such as plastering of walls of pens to splash height, and concreting of yard will be carried out in the near future - this should facilitate the general cleaning and so prevent any further danger of smells arising from the premises".

The members expressed disagreement with the terms of the Report and on the proposition of Alderman Byrne, seconded by Councillor Flaherty, it was unanimously resolved to refer the matter back to the Chief Medical Officer.

THOMAS CLARKE PLACE HOUSING SCHEME

Final construction figures for the Thomas Clarke Place Housing Scheme were before the Council. The final cost of providing twelve houses amounted to £46193.50 i.e. £3849.46 per house as against the original cost figure of £60,000 for twenty houses i.e. £3,000 per house. The lowest tender submitted by an outside contractor had been £3,300 per house. It was pointed out that the final figures included for development and the bulk of the demolition costs applicable to the Scheme of Flats for Old Persons which were now to be provided on the balance of the site in lieu of the remaining eight family type houses. The increase in cost was mainly attributable to increased costs of wages and materials and a slowing of building operations during the cement strike. Cost of land acquisition and C.P.O. costs were not included and would have to be apportioned between the two Schemes when finalised.



CENTRAL HEATING - FLATS AT JOHNS GATE ST. AND JOHN ST.

The Council was informed that the capital cost of providing gas central heating in flats for old persons being provided at Johns Gate Street and John Street would amount to £150 per flat. A saving of approximately £90 per flat on building costs would be effected giving a nett additional capital cost of approximately £60. Running costs would amount to approximately £25 per annum. In a Report the Chief Medical Officer stated that the most desirable system would be a combination of both gas fire and background central heating.

On the proposition of Councillor Dunne, seconded by Councillor P. Roche, it was unanimously resolved to instal gas central heating in Old Persons Flats at Johns Gate Street and John Street.

LAND BETWEEN REDMOND ROAD AND RAILWAY

It was proposed by Alderman Jenkins seconded by Alderman Byrne and unanimously resolved "that Wexford Corporation calls on C.I.E. to act without further delay to implement the report of Dr. Pierce, the Corporation Medical Officer, in July 1897 regarding the land between Redmond Road and the railway".

It was suggested that, if filled in with good class filling, the area could be used as a park or perhaps for car parking.

WEXFORD MAIN DRAINAGE SCHEME

It was proposed by Alderman Jenkins seconded by Councillor Dunne and unanimously resolved that "the Borough Engineer to take immediate steps to alleviate the nuisance, inconvenience and health menace to the people of Parnell Street caused by the Corporation work in the street".

Several members spoke to the motion and causes of complaint mentioned included, fumes from machines, vibration, dust in dry weather, machines parked on footpaths, poor lighting at night. It was agreed that the Borough Engineer examine the position and report back to the Council and to investigate the possibility of providing all night lighting in the area with an additional light in the middle of the street; cessation of work between 7 p.m. and 8 a.m.

HOUSING

No objection was raised to the proposal of the County Manager to (i) appoint Mr. Anthony Barry, 14 Croke Avenue, at present No. 31 on the Priority List to vacant house at No. 13 Liam Mellows Park. This had been recommended, on medical grounds, by the Chief Medical Officer, (ii) transfer Mr. Sean Healy from No. 60 St. Aidans Crescent to house becoming vacant at No. 22 Bernadette Place.

INDUSTRIAL ESTATE

The Council agreed with the following proposals of the County Manager regarding lands at the Industrial Estate.

- 1) To refuse request by the Industrial Development Authority to purchase an additional ten acres at Clonard - the land to be held by the Corporation but available at short notice to the Authority for a specific project.
- 2) To refuse to grant to John Jackman (Engineering) Ltd., a three year option on 2½ acres adjoining their factory at Whitemill - the land to be held by the Corporation, with first refusal to Jackman, Ltd., in the event of enquiries for the land.

ADJOURNMENT

It was unanimously resolved to adjourn the remaining items on the Agenda to a Special meeting of the Council to be held on Monday 23rd October 1972 at 7.30. p.m.

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The meeting then terminated.

*A J Dunne*

13th October 1972.

A Special Meeting of the Wexford Borough Council was held this day in the Council Chamber, Municipal Buildings, Wexford, at half past seven o'clock p.m.

The members present were :-

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

Alderman : James Mahoney

An apology for inability to attend was received from Alderman Thomas F. Byrne.

Councillors : John Cullimore, John Dunne, Peter Roche,  
Thomas Roche.

An apology for inability to attend was received from Councillor Desmond Corish.

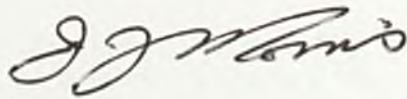
In attendance : D.T. Wixted, Town Clerk.

The meeting had been specially convened by His Worship the Mayor, on the requisition of Councillor John Dunne, Alderman Thomas F. Byrne, Councillor Peter Roche, Councillor Thomas Roche, Councillor Desmond Corish.

It was proposed by Councillor Dunne, seconded by Councillor Peter Roche that "Wexford Borough Council protest against the action of the Lynch Government - in open collaboration with the Heath Government - in suppressing a democratic, national organisation by closing the Sinn Fein Head Office". On a vote for the motion Alderman Mahoney and Councillors John Dunne, Peter Roche, Thomas Roche (4) against Councillor Cullimore and His Worship the Mayor (2)

Councillor Dunne's motion was declared carried by 4 votes to 2.

The meeting then terminated.





An adjourned quarterly meeting of the Wexford Borough Council was held this day in the Council Chamber, Municipal Buildings, Wexford, at half past seven o'clock p.m.

The members present were :-

His Worship the Mayor Councillor James J. Morris in the chair.

Aldermen : James Mahoney, Kevin C. Morris, James Jenkins,  
Thomas Byrne.

Councillors : John Cullimore, John Flaherty, John Dunne, Peter Roche.

Apology for inability to attend was received from Councillor Eugene Curtin.

In attendance : Thomas F. Broe, County Manager;  
Kevin T. Conway, Borough Engineer;  
Desmond T. Wixted, Town Clerk.

#### SYMPATHY

On the proposition of His Worship the Mayor, seconded by Alderman Byrne, the sympathy of the Council was extended to His Lordship the Bishop of Ferns and to deceased's relatives of the late Fr. Berney P.P. Horeswood.

#### SCHOOL TRANSPORT - LIAM MELLOWS PARK

It was proposed by Councillor P. Roche, seconded by Alderman Mahoney and unanimously resolved to again request the Department of Education to give favourable consideration to the provision of free transport to their schools for children from Liam Mellows Park.

#### CHEAP INTEREST CAPITAL FOR HOUSING

It was proposed by Councillor P. Roche, seconded by Alderman Mahoney and unanimously resolved that "seeing the burden being at present put on Ratepayers in the Borough and Council tenants, we ask the Minister for Local Government to now take the necessary steps to ensure the availability of cheap interest capital for the provision of homes for people". As an alternative the Minister to be requested to increase the interest subsidy payable to Housing Authorities.

#### PURCHASE SCHEME - TALBOT STREET/GREEN STREET HOUSING SCHEME

It was proposed by Councillor P. Roche, seconded by Alderman Byrne and unanimously resolved "that this Council request the Minister for Local Government to make Talbot Street/Green Street Housing Scheme a tenant purchase scheme for those on the Housing List who may wish to avail of it".

In considering the motion the Council also considered a circular from the Department of Local Government outlining a scheme giving tenants of new houses the option of purchasing same from the commencement of their occupation. It was unanimously decided to have such a scheme prepared for submission for the sanction of the Minister.

#### DANGEROUS DWELLINGS

It was proposed by Alderman Mahoney, seconded by Councillor Dunne and unanimously resolved "that the Wexford Borough Council give notice to owners of dangerous dwellings inside of the Borough to have same demolished"

It was pointed out that this course of action was already the policy of the Corporation and that it was intended to use all available statutory powers to ensure the elimination of such buildings.

#### TRAIN SERVICE FROM ROSSLARE HARBOUR

It was proposed by Alderman Mahoney, seconded by Alderman Byrne and unanimously resolved "that the Wexford Borough Council call on the Minister for Transport and Power to have all trains coming from Rosslare Harbour stopped at the Wexford South Station".

#### DEVLIN REPORT

It was proposed by Councillor Dunne and seconded by Councillor P. Roche that this Council reject the Devlin Report for increased salaries to members of the Oireachtas and higher Civil Servants.

On a vote for the motion Alderman Mahoney and Jenkins and Councillors Cullimore, Dunne, P. Roche and His Worship the Mayor. Alderman Morris and Byrne and Councillor Flaherty did not vote and the motion was declared carried by 6 votes to none.

#### MCKINSEY REPORT ON LOCAL GOVERNMENT REORGANISATION

It was proposed by Councillor Dunne and seconded by Councillor P. Roche "that this democratic elected Council reject the recommendations in the McKinsey Report on Local Government reorganisation".

In connection with this motion the Council considered the Consultant's report and the covering letter from the Minister for Local Government and following a discussion, on a vote for Councillor Dunne's motion - For Alderman Mahoney, Jenkins and Byrne and Councillor Cullimore, Dunne, P. Roche and His Worship the Mayor. Alderman Morris and Councillor Flaherty did not vote and the motion was declared carried by 7 votes to none.

#### DISPOSAL OF NO. 17 HANTOON ROAD

On the proposition of Alderman Byrne, seconded by Alderman Mahoney, approval was unanimously given to the proposal of the County Manager to dispose of house No. 17 Hantoon Road to the tenant thereof Mr. Thomas Brennan on the terms as set out in Notice dated 24th August 1972 and circulated to the members, viz, for the sum of £1120.

#### DISPOSAL OF NO. 54 CORISH PARK

On the proposition of Alderman Byrne, seconded by Alderman Mahoney, approval was unanimously given to the proposal of the County Manager to dispose of house No. 54 Corish Park to the tenant thereof Mr. John F. Sinnott on the terms as set out in Notice dated 9th August 1972 and circulated to the members, viz, for the sum of £2,214.

#### DISPOSAL OF NO. 35 DAVITT ROAD SOUTH

On the proposition of Alderman Byrne, seconded by Alderman Mahoney, approval was unanimously given to the proposal of the County Manager to dispose of house No. 35 Davitt Road South to the tenant thereof Mr. James Boggan on the terms as set out in Notice dated 1st August 1972 and circulated to the members, viz, for the sum of £2,646.

#### DISPOSAL OF NO. 58 DAVITT ROAD NORTH

On the proposition of Alderman Byrne, seconded by Alderman Mahoney, approval was unanimously given to the proposal of the County Manager to dispose of house No. 58 Davitt Road North to the tenant thereof William K. Murphy on the terms as set out in Notice dated 1st August 1972 and circulated to the members, viz, for the sum of £2,538.

#### DISPOSAL OF NO. 10 MONUMENT PLACE

On the proposition of Alderman Byrne, seconded by Alderman Mahoney, approval was unanimously given to the proposal of the County Manager to

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dispose of house No. 10 Monument Place to the tenant thereof Mr. Henry F. Doyle on the terms as set out in Notice dated 21st September 1972 and circulated to the members, viz, for the sum of £1,890.

#### DISPOSAL OF NO. 25 CORISH PARK

On the proposition of Alderman Byrne, seconded by Alderman Mahoney, approval was unanimously given to the proposal of the County Manager to dispose of house No. 25 Corish Park to the tenant thereof Martin Roche on the terms as set out in Notice dated 21st September 1972 and circulated to the members, viz, for the sum of £1,998.

#### DISPOSAL OF NO. 12 MANNIX PLACE

On the proposition of Alderman Byrne, seconded by Alder Mahoney, approval was unanimously given to the proposal of the County Manager to dispose of house No. 12 Mannix Place to the tenant thereof A.N. O'Sullivan on the terms as set out in Notice dated 21st September 1972 and circulated to the members, viz, for the sum of £2,484.

#### ENCOURAGEMENT OF HOUSING ACTIVITY BY VOLUNTARY ORGANISATIONS

The Council considered a circular from the Department of Local Government regarding the encouragement of housing activity by voluntary organisations as a means of supplementing the operations of local Housing Authorities. The circular set out details of a new state subsidy for the purchase and conversion of existing houses the purpose of which is to help provide for the needs of small families who may have a low priority on local authority waiting lists. The subsidy will amount to  $\frac{1}{3}$  of the loan charges incurred in the purchase, conversion and improvement of house or houses subject to certain limitations and if carried out by bodies which are bona fide of a philanthropic nature and possess the necessary knowledge and experience.

The terms of the circular were noted by the Council.

#### OUTLINE TOURIST PLAN - 1972 - 1975

Consideration of the Outline Tourist Plan 1972/1975 was adjourned by the Council pending receipt by each member of a resume of the Plan.

#### TIDY TOWNS COMPETITION 1972

The Council considered the Adjudicator's report on the Tidy Towns Competition 1972 which indicated that Wexford had secured 93 marks out of a possible 150 and was placed 17th in its category, in the "commended" section, out of a total entry in that category of 28. The marks awarded showed an increase of 6 over those for 1971 - the increased marks being secured under the headings of Effort involved, Absence of Litter, Planting, gardens, trees, shrubs and flowers, and condition of hedgerows, verges, footpaths, kerbs, gutters etc. on approach roads.

A discussion took place on the matter and the Council again requested that a scheme for the erection of additional litter bins in the town be prepared.

#### COMMODORE BARRY COMMEMORATION

The Council was informed that the Annual Wreath Laying Ceremonies at the Barry Memorial and the Maritime Memorial would take place on Sunday 29th October 1972 at 12 noon and that Mr. David Andrews T.D. Parliamentary Secretary to An Taoiseach and the Minister for Defence and Sir Anthony Esmonde T.D., had agreed to lay the wreaths.

On the proposition of Alderman Mahoney, seconded by Alderman Byrne, it was unanimously resolved that the members of the Borough Council be invited to luncheon after the ceremonies.

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SOUTH EAST TOURISM

On the proposition of Alderman Byrne, seconded by Councillor Flaherty, Councillor P. Roche was unanimously selected to represent the Wexford Borough Council at the Annual General Meeting of South East Tourism at the Royal Hotel, Carlow on Thursday 30th November 1972.

PURCHASE OF LAND AT JOHN STREET

No objection was raised by the Council to the proposal of the County Manager to purchase 0.36 acres of land at John Street from Mrs. Philomena O'Rourke for the sum of £1,800.

CORPORATE PROPERTY AT SLAUGHTERHOUSE LANE

Consideration of an application by the Talbot Hotel Ltd., to purchase Corporate property at Slaughterhouse Lane and to extinguish right-of-way in that area was deferred to the next meeting of the Council.

QUESTIONS

In reply to questions Councillor Dunne was informed :

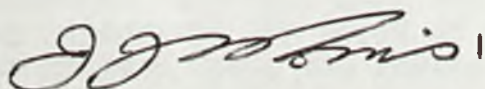
1. The Corporation will be responsible for the surfacing of Parnell Street when tunnel work is completed - the cost of same to be borne by the Contractor.
2. Contract documents for Old Persons Flats at John's Gate Street and John Street are now in the final stages of preparation and it is hoped to invite tenders in the very near future.
3. (a) The water supply filters are in working condition.  
(b) The brown coloured water coming through the taps is caused by the repeated turning on and turning off of the supply and the resultant disturbance of sediment.  
(c) The Borough Engineer and through him the Town Foreman is responsible for supervision of water supply.

Councillor P. Roche was informed :

1. The Department of Local Government has agreed to the provision of a service road at the rear of the houses at the Talbot Street/Green Street Scheme.
2. The wall at the corner of Hill Street/Croke Avenue is no longer in a dangerous condition.

Alderman Mahoney was informed :

1. The following repair works have now been completed :  
Roofs of Nos. 80 Whitemill Road, 39 Hill Street, 14 Harbour View, 8 Wolfe Tone Villas, back kitchen of No. 28 Croke Avenue.
2. The toilet and door repairs have been completed at No. 13 Wolfe Tone Villas and the door and window repairs at No. 5 Trinity Street.



The meeting then terminated.



6th November 1972.

A Statutory Meeting of the Wexford Borough Council was held this day in the Council Chamber, Municipal Buildings, Wexford, at half past seven o'clock p.m.

The members present were :-

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

Aldermen : James Mahoney, Kevin Morris, Thomas Byrne.

An apology for inability to attend was received from Alderman James Jenkins.

Councillors : John Cullimore, Peter Roche, Thomas Roche, Eugene Curtin.

In attendance : Thomas P. Broe, County Manager;  
Kevin T. Conway, Borough Engineer;  
Richard Lynn, Acting Borough Accountant;  
Desmond T. Wixted, Town Clerk.

#### MINUTES

On the proposition of Alderman Morris, seconded by Councillor Cullimore, the minutes of Quarterly Meeting of 2nd October 1972, of Special Meeting of 13th October 1972 and of adjourned Quarterly Meeting of 23rd October 1972 having been circulated were taken as read, adopted unanimously and signed by His Worship the Mayor.

#### TRANSPLANT OF MUSSELS IN WEXFORD HARBOUR

The Council noted a letter from the Department of Agriculture and Fisheries which pointed out that An Bord Iascaigh Mhara are about to carry out a transplant of mussels in Wexford Harbour and that a boat to do the transplanting should be available mid-October.

#### WEXFORD TRAFFIC AND PARKING BYE-LAWS

The Council considered a letter from the Commissioner Garda Siochana in reply to the Council's proposals for certain amendments to Wexford Traffic and Parking Bye-Laws. The letter pointed out that under the Road Traffic Act 1968 it was not possible to amend the existing Bye Law - these would have to be entirely revoked and replaced by new Bye-Laws which would incorporate the amendments suggested by the Council. A copy of the new schedules would be sent to the Corporation for approval when completed.

During a discussion which followed it was suggested that the Garda Authorities be requested to enforce compliance with existing regulations.

#### TELEPHONE KIOSKS

The Council considered a letter from the Department of Posts and Telegraphs which stated that an additional kiosk would be provided in Wexford during the current financial year and that when the location of this kiosk was being determined the needs of the areas suggested by the Council, viz : Liam Mellows Park, St. Peters Square and Bishopswater would be borne in mind.

#### SOUTH EAST TOURISM

On the proposition of Alderman Byrne, seconded by Alderman Mahoney, it was unanimously resolved that Councillor P. Roche be nominated for election as a Director of South East Tourism to represent those



Local Authorities who have agreed to subscribe sums of less than £500 to the Company in the current year.

### PROGRESS REPORTS - SANITARY SERVICES SCHEMES

A Report on progress of various sanitary services schemes being carried out by the Corporation was unanimously adopted - report attached.

### PUBLIC LIGHTING

The Council considered the following report re. increased public lighting charges from the 1st June 1972.

"You will remember that at meeting of 2nd October 1972 the Council was informed that charges for public lighting has been increased since 1st June 1972 by 23.5%, and that the Electricity Supply Board had been asked for an explanation of this increase particularly in view of the fact that the authorised overall increase in electricity charges was only 10%.

The E.S.B. has now replied inter alia.

"In establishing public lighting charges, the Board has always sought to provide the most equitable arrangement and has been guided by the principle that charges should be closely related to current electricity and administration costs. These charges are kept under constant review and in recent years it has become obvious that the administration costs involved in providing non-standard hours and temporary extensions to public lighting were such that our practice of allowing these extension at the cheaper all night lighting rate was quite uneconomic. Accordingly, in our rates revision of June 1972, it was decided that extensions of lighting hours beyond midnight should be charged at the dusk to midnight rate.

In Wexford Town the lighting hours required are the non-standard dusk to 2 a.m. This has resulted in an abnormally high increase because of the fairly large current usage after midnight which can no longer benefit from the previous uneconomic charge".

Briefly the position is that at the 1st June last approximately 84% of the public lights in Wexford were on a dusk to 2 a.m. basis and the charge for these lights was 1.65p per K.Wh. from dusk to midnight and 0.40p per K.Wh. from midnight to 2 a.m. The charge for the balance of our public lights is operated from dusk to dawn also at the rate of 0.40p per K.Wh. After the 1st June and for the reasons stated above the system of charges was revised and all dusk to 2 a.m. lights were charged at the full revised dusk to midnight rate of 1.80p per K.Wh. The charge for dusk to dawn lights was increased to 0.98p per K.Wh. This gave an effective increase for the period midnight to 2 a.m. of 350% i.e. from 0.40p to 1.80p. The dusk to dawn rate was increased by 150%. The Council recently decided to operate all public lights on a dusk to dawn basis thus taking advantage of the full cheaper rate of 0.98p per K.Wh. As the Council is already aware this will involve an additional annual charge of £280 plus turnover tax increasing the present public lighting charge to £5,868.54 per annum plus turnover tax.

Incidentally the number of public lights in the town at the moment amounts to 473".

The Report was adopted subject to a check being made on the legality of the action of the Electricity Supply Board in increasing charges without prior notice to the Corporation.

### EMPLOYMENT OF RECEPTIONIST/TELEPHONIST

On the proposition of Alderman Byrne, seconded by Alderman Morris, approval was unanimously given to the proposal of the County Manager to employ a Receptionist/Telephonist in the Corporation offices at

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## Report on Sanitary Service Schemes (Capital Works).

### Wexford Water Supply Improvement Scheme

The scheme is progressing satisfactorily with the work on the 12" rising main from Edenvale to Newtown 70% complete and the civil work on the Treatment Plant 50% complete. This latter work should be completed by the end of December when the specialist contractor for mechanical and filtration equipment can commence installation at the site.

Expenditure to date on the £202,000.00 contract is £148,663.00 - Contractor - M/s J.V. Duffy Limited.

### Wexford Main Drainage Scheme

Since the September report work on sheet piling over half the length of Parnell Street was completed, and the concrete box culvert has been laid over a length of 75 metres, including the road crossing at Trinity Street.

Additional public lighting has been installed at Parnell Street to facilitate the residents. The Contractor and Resident Engineer are doing all possible to keep disturbance to a minimum.

The value of work executed to date is £55,000.00 The contract amount is £99,889.00 - Contractor - M/s J.V. Duffy Ltd.,

Kevin T. Conway  
Borough Surveyor

5th November, 19

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remuneration of £12 p.w. x 60p to £15 p.w.

#### REVIEW OF DEVELOPMENT PLAN

It was unanimously resolved that a special meeting of the Council be held on Monday 27th November, 1972 to finalise the Review of the Development Plan.

#### FERRYBANK SWIMMING POOL

The Council was informed that tenders for the provision of a swimming pool at Ferrybank were being invited in the current week and present indications are that the Corporation will be in a position to avail of the offer of a grant of £22,500 from Bord Failte towards the provision of the Pool.

On the proposition of Councillor Curtin, seconded by Alderman Byrne, it was unanimously resolved that application be made to the Minister for Local Government for sanction to the raising of a loan of £50,000 from the Royal Liver Friendly Society for the provision of a swimming pool at Ferrybank, Wexford.

It was pointed out that the loan would be for a period of 30 years at 10½% interest and allowing for subsidy towards loan charges from central funds would involve a rate levy of 8p in the £.

#### ST. IBARS CEMETERY

The Council considered the following report re. extension to St. Ibars Cemetery, Crosstown, viz :

"In connection with the proposal to develop an extension to St. Ibars Cemetery, Crosstown, I would point out that the Department of Local Government has intimated "that the Local Loans Fund is reserved for major works of a capital nature requiring long term finance. Such short or medium term borrowing as may be necessary for the provision of burial grounds is generally provided by Local Authorities' Treasurers". The effect of this is that the capital monies necessary to develop the extension amounting to £20,000 will have to be raised by way of treasurers loan. The maximum term is seven years. At current rate of interest of 9% this will involve a repayment in the first full year of £4,650 representing a rate levy of approximately 13p in the £. Such loan repayments incidentally will not attract any subsidy from central funds.

In view of the above rate levy and the recurrent and increasing deficit which the Corporation incurs in respect of the provision of burial grounds - the anticipated deficit for 1972/73 is £3,579 amounting to a rate levy of 10p in the £ - I would comment as follows :-

Sale of Grave Spaces : Charges in the existing Cemetery for grave spaces vary from £1.50 per space to £8.50 per space and at the moment in fact the only spaces available are those in the £1.50 category. The total repayments on the above loan assuming no change in the rate of interest will amount to approximately £27,200 over the period of the loan and in order to recoup this amount in full it will be necessary to impose a charge of £17 per grave space in respect of all 1,600 spaces which will be available in the extension.

Charges for Opening : The current charges for grave openings are £8 in respect of a person residing within the Borough and £12 for others while the current cost to the Corporation of such an operation amounts to £30. During the past few years the Borough Council has approved at estimates time increases in these charges in an endeavour to bring them to a more realistic figure and I would strongly recommend that this policy be continued in future years. I would point out that due to increased wages and other costs the deficit on this operation has risen from £398 in 1967/68 to an anticipated £3,579 in the current financial year.



The County Manager pointed out that he would be preparing his estimates for 1973/74 on the basis of the suggested charges as set out in the Report.

On the proposition of Alderman Morris, seconded by Alderman Byrne, it was unanimously resolved that application be made to the Minister for Local Government for sanction to the raising of a loan of £20,000 from the Corporation's Treasurer, The Bank of Ireland, Commercial Quay, Wexford for the development of an extension to St. Ibars Cemetery, Crosstown.

#### WATER SUPPLY IMPROVEMENT SCHEME

The Council considered reports from the Borough Engineer and the Consulting Engineer which recommended that in conjunction with the Wexford Water Supply Improvement Scheme the following additional works should be undertaken, viz :- provision of pressure reduction valves at Georges Street Upper, Rowe Street Upper and Bride Street and replacement of distribution mains at Thomas Street, Green Street, Grogans Road and Distillery Road at an estimated cost of £9,350. On the proposition of Alderman Byrne, seconded by Councillor P. Roche, the Council unanimously resolved to approve of the recommendations.

#### SOUTH EASTERN HEALTH BOARD

It was proposed by Councillor P. Roche, seconded by Alderman Mahoney and unanimously resolved "that this Council once again call for Corporation Representation on South Eastern Health Board on its Local Committee and that we also call for the removal of health charges from the rates, to be replaced by a graduated scheme of contribution in conjunction with Social Insurance contributions".

#### FOOTPATHS ON MAIN ROADS

On the proposition of Councillor P. Roche, seconded by Alderman Morris, it was unanimously resolved "that this Council again call on the County Council to carry out necessary repairs to footpaths at Joseph Street, Trinity Street, Carrigeen and John Street".

#### OUTLINE TOURIST PLAN 1972 -1975

The Council considered a summary of the Outline Tourist Plan 1972 - 1975 prepared by Bord Failte Eireann, and on the proposition of Councillor Curtin, seconded by Alderman Byrne, unanimously approved of the objectives set out in the Plan.

#### DISPOSAL OF NO. 18 DAVITT ROAD NORTH

On the proposition of Alderman Byrne, seconded by Alderman Morris approval was unanimously given to the proposal of the County Manager to dispose of house No. 18 Davitt Road North to the tenant thereof Mr. James Browne on the terms as set out in Notice dated 24th October 1972 and circulated to the members, viz, for the sum of £1,226.

#### DISPOSAL OF NO. 40 DAVITT ROAD NORTH

On the proposition of Alderman Byrne, seconded by Alderman Morris approval was unanimously given to the proposal of the County Manager to dispose of house No. 40 Davitt Road North to the tenant thereof Mr. Martin Goff on the terms as set out in Notice dated 11th October 1972 and circulated to the members, viz, for the sum of £2,538.

#### DISPOSAL OF NO. 113 BISHOPSWATER

On the proposition of Alderman Byrne, seconded by Alderman Morris approval was unanimously given to the proposal of the County Manager to dispose of house No. 113 Bishopswater to the tenant thereof Mr. Richard Keeling on the terms as set out in Notice dated 11th October 1972 and circulated to the members, viz, for the sum of £1,584.



DISPOSAL OF NO. 125 BISHOPSWATER

On the proposition of Alderman Byrne, seconded by Alderman Morris approval was unanimously given to the proposal of the County Manager to dispose of house No. 125 Bishopswater to the tenant thereof Mr. Michael Terry on the terms as set out in Notice dated 11th October 1972 and circulated to the members, viz, for the sum of £1,677.

DISPOSAL OF NO. 43 MCDERMOTT TERRACE

On the proposition of Alderman Byrne, seconded by Alderman Morris approval was unanimously given to the proposal of the County Manager to dispose of house No. 43 McDermott Terrace to the tenant thereof Mr. William McGrath on the terms as set out in Notice dated 11th October 1972 and circulated to the members, viz, for the sum of £1,944.

DISPOSAL OF NO. 28 CORISH PARK

On the proposition of Alderman Byrne, seconded by Alderman Morris approval was unanimously given to the proposal of the County Manager to dispose of house No. 28 Corish Park to the tenant thereof Mr. James Kirwan on the terms as set out in Notice dated 11th October 1972 and circulated to the members, viz, for the sum of £1,998.

DISPOSAL OF NO. 3 DAVITT ROAD SOUTH

On the proposition of Alderman Byrne, seconded by Alderman Morris approval was unanimously given to the proposal of the County Manager to dispose of house No. 3 Davitt Road South to the tenant thereof Mr. John Hayes on the terms as set out in Notice dated 24th October 1972 and circulated to the members, viz, for the sum of £880.

DISPOSAL OF NO. 35 WHITEROCK VIEW

On the proposition of Alderman Byrne, seconded by Alderman Morris approval was unanimously given to the proposal of the County Manager to dispose of house No. 35 Whiterock View to the tenant thereof Mrs. Kathleen Lacey on the terms as set out in Notice dated 24th October 1972 and circulated to the members, viz, for the sum of £1,015.

DISPOSAL OF NO. 5 CASEMENT TERRACE

On the proposition of Alderman Byrne, seconded by Alderman Morris approval was unanimously given to the proposal of the County Manager to dispose of house No. 5 Casement Terrace to the tenant thereof Mr. James King on the terms as set out in Notice dated 24th October 1972 and circulated to the members, viz, for the sum of £2,464.

GUARANTEE SCHEME UNDER SECTION 42 OF HOUSING ACT 1966

On the proposition of Alderman Byrne, seconded by Alderman Morris it was unanimously resolved that a guarantee scheme under Section 42 of the Housing Act 1966 be prepared for adoption by the Borough Council.

ROADWAY AT THOMAS CLARKE PLACE

On the proposition of Alderman Morris, seconded by Councillor Cullimore it was unanimously resolved that a bollard be provided on roadway leading from Rose Rock Francis Street to Thomas Clarke Place in order to prevent vehicular traffic from using the road.



CORPORATE PROPERTY AT SLAUGHTERHOUSE LANE

On the proposition of Alderman Morris, seconded by Alderman Byrne it was unanimously resolved that the County Manager negotiate for the sale of property at Slaughterhouse Lane to the Talbot Hotel Ltd., for the erection of a swimming pool and it was also resolved that approval be given to the extinguishment of the right-of-way in that area.

ADJUSTMENT OF MAYOR'S SALARY

On the proposition of Alderman Byrne, seconded by Alderman Morris it was unanimously resolved that expenditure in the sum of £80 be allowed over and above that provided in the Estimate of Expenses 1972/73 in respect of adjustment of Mayor's salary.

WEXFORD FESTIVAL

On the proposition of Alderman Morris, seconded by Alderman Byrne the congratulations of the Borough Council were extended to the organisers on the outstanding success of Wexford Festival 1972 and the Garda authorities for the manner in which they controlled traffic during the period of the festival. The special congratulations of the Council were extended to the athletes from Cardiff who visited Wexford over the week-end and also to Doctor T. Walsh who recently secured his P.H.D. Degree. In addition to Dr. Walsh the Council also remembered the contributions of M/s Sean Dwyer, Eugene McCarthy and Doctor Ffrench in the establishment of Wexford Festival.

HOUSING ALLOCATIONS

No objection was raised by the Council to the following proposals of the County Manger :-

- 1) Transfer of Mr. Michael Byrne, 26 Kennedy Park to a house near Mrs. Byrne's relatives when such a house becomes vacant.
- 2) Transfer of Mr. William Power, 43 Wolfe Tone Villas to No. 60 St. Aidans Crescent when the latter house becomes vacant.

QUESTIONS

In reply to questions Councillor P. Roche was informed :

- 1) The application of Mr. Patrick Carty, 7 Bride Street for rehousing is at present with the County Medical Officer since the 7th August 1972 and so far no points allocation has been made.
- 2) The Corporation's contributions to Wexford County Council for health in the years stated were as follows :
 

1971/72	£66,265	representing a rate levy of 202.95p and
1972/73	£80,325	representing a rate levy of 223.15p.
- 3) The rat infested houses at High Street have been demolished.



The meeting then terminated.



27th November, 1972.

A Special meeting of the Wexford Borough Council was held this day in the Council Chamber, Municipal Buildings, Wexford, at half past seven o'clock p.m.

The members present were :-

His Worship the Mayor Councillor James J. Morris in the chair.

Aldermen : Kevin Morris, James Jenkins, Thomas Byrne.

Councillors : Desmond Corish, John Cullimore, John Flaherty, John Dunne, Peter Roche, Eugene Curtin.

In attendance : Kevin T. Conway, Borough Engineer;  
Desmond T. Wixted, Town Clerk.

Apology for inability to attend was received from Mr. Thomas F. Broe, County Manager.

#### SYMPATHY

On the proposition of His Worship the Mayor, seconded by Councillor Cullimore the sympathy of the Council was extended to the relatives of the late Mr. Mance Mahon, Town Sergeant.

#### REVIEW OF DEVELOPMENT PLAN

The meeting had been especially convened to finalise the 5 year review of the Development Plan for the Borough of Wexford.

At the outset the Council received a deputation from An Taisce, County Wexford comprising Doctor Swan, Dootor O'Sullivan and Mr. M. Murphy. The deputation outlined the interest of An Taisce in the preservation of Old Wexford and consequently its concern that this objective should be borne in mind by the Council in preparing the amended Development Plan. One criticism the deputation voiced of the Development Plan was that it was too general - it was felt that the objectives should be more specific. Specific items referred to by the Deputation included the necessity to include guidelines for heights of buildings; the widths of streets should be defined; lists of existing trees should be included and provision made for the elimination of overhead electricity and other lines. The deputation then withdrew having thanked the Council for its courtesy in receiving them.

At this stage it was proposed by Councillor Dunne and seconded by Councillor P. Roche that the meeting be adjourned in protest at the actions of the Government in relation to Republicans. His Worship the Mayor ruled the motion out of order and Councillors Dunne and P. Roche then left the meeting in protest.

The Council then considered the proposed variations of the Development Plan and the following specific decisions were arrived at.

1. Kaysers Lane between Main Street and the Quays to be noted for partial preservation which will ensure that any changes made about the Lane are sympathetic to its character.

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2. Part 2 (Par. 2) Use zoning : delete - "proposed to establish 6 zones as described hereunder", substitute "it will be an objective to establish 5 zones as described hereunder and to ensure that all development will be carried out in conformity with the land use zoning objectives at Maps 1 and 2 accompanying this written statement.
3. Part 3 (Par. 4.6) Amenity and Tourist objectives ; additional Par. (N) "preserve where feasible in accordance with the category of preservation stated the buildings and structures listed at Appendix "E". These are in addition to those mentioned elsewhere in the statement.

On the proposition of Alderman Jenkins, seconded by Alderman Morris it was unanimously resolved that the Development Plan Review be adopted subject to the amendments listed above.

#### WEXFORD QUAYS

On the proposition of Councillor Corish, seconded by Alderman Jenkins it was unanimously resolved to arrange a conference between representatives of Wexford Corporation, Wexford County Council, Wexford Harbour Commissioners and Coras Iompair Eireann to discuss the future development of Wexford Quays.



The meeting then terminated.



4th December, 1972

A Statutory Meeting of the Wexford Borough Council was held this day in the Council Chamber, Municipal Buildings, Wexford at half past seven o'clock p.m.

The members present were :

His Worship the Mayor Councillor James J. Morris in the chair.

Alderman : James Mahoney, Kevin C. Morris, James Jenkins,  
Thomas Byrne.

Councillors : Desmond Corish, John Cullimore, John Dunne,  
Peter Roche, Thomas Roche, Eugene Curtin.

In attendance : Thomas F. Broe, County Manager;  
Desmond T. Wixted, Town Clerk;  
Kevin T. Conway, Borough Engineer;  
Richard Lynn, Acting Borough Accountant.

#### MINUTES

On the proposition of Alderman Byrne, seconded by Councillor Cullimore, the minutes of Statutory Meeting of 6th November 1972 having been circulated were taken as read, adopted unanimously and signed by His Worship the Mayor. Arising from the minutes Councillor Dunne was informed that any proposal to dispose of property at Slaughterhouse Lane or to extinguish the public right-of-way in that area would have to come before the Borough Council in a formal manner.

#### WEXFORD SOUTH STATION

A letter was read from the Department of Transport and Power, in response to a resolution from the Borough Council, indicating that the Councils representations regarding the stopping of trains at Wexford South Station had been referred to C.I.E. for consideration and reply.

#### DEVLIN REPORT

A letter was read from the Department of Finance indicating that the resolution of the Borough Council regarding the implementation of the recommendations of the Review Body on Higher Remuneration in the Public Sector has been noted and will be considered by the Department when examining the matter.

#### JUNCTION AT REDMOND PLACE

The Council unanimously approved of the proposals of the County Engineer for the improvement of traffic channelisation at the Redmond Monument.

Regarding the proposed improvements at Wygram it was unanimously agreed, on the suggestion of Councillor Corish, that the Corporation officials together with perhaps the Mayor should consult with their counterparts in Wexford County Council with a view to having the improvements implemented without further delay.

#### VACANCY - TOWN OF WEXFORD VOCATIONAL EDUCATION COMMITTEE

On the proposition of Alderman Byrne, seconded by Alderman Morris, V. Rev. Fr. James Curtis Adm., was unanimously appointed to fill the vacancy on the Town of Wexford Vocational Education Committee caused by the resignation of V. Rev. Fr. M.F. Clancy P.P.

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DOMESTIC SCAVENGING SERVICES - CLONARD/WHITEMILL AREA

On the proposition of Alderman Morris, seconded by Councillor P. Roche, the Council unanimously agreed to adjourn consideration of the extension of domestic scavenging services to the Clonard/Whitemill area pending receipt of a firm application for such a service from the residents of the area.

MECHANICAL SUCTION SWEEPER

The Council considered the report of the Borough Engineer which recommended the purchase of a Mark 200 F Johnston Twin Engine Suction Sweeper in the sum of £6,300 and also the reports of the two members of the Council, Alderman Byrne and Councillor Dunne who had inspected a similar machine in operation in Dublin.

It was unanimously resolved that the Borough Engineer endeavour to secure one of these machines on hire for a trial period before deciding on a purchase.

PURCHASE OF TIPPER TRUCK

On the proposition of Alderman Byrne, seconded by Alderman Morris, the Council unanimously resolved to re-advertise for tenders for a Tipper Truck - only one tender was received in response to the original advertisement and the Borough Engineer was not satisfied to make a recommendation on the basis of one tender only.

OVERDRAFT ACCOMMODATION

On the proposition of Alderman Byrne, seconded by His Worship the Mayor, it was unanimously resolved that subject to the sanction of the Minister for Local Government approval be given to the raising of overdraft from the Corporation's Treasurer, The Bank of Ireland Ltd., Custom House Quay Wexford for the quarter ending 31st March 1973 as follows :-

Revenue Account	£80,000
Capital Account	£40,000.

SALARY ADJUSTMENTS - ENGINEERING STAFF

On the proposition of Alderman Byrne, seconded by Councillor Curtin, approval was unanimously given to the proposal of the County Manager to adjust the salaries of the Corporation's Engineering Staff with effect from 1st July 1971 as follows :

Borough Engineer	: £3,253 x £105 to £3,778
Asst. Borough Engineer	: £2,253 x £100 to £3,253.

SUPPLEMENTARY ESTIMATES

On the proposition of Alderman Byrne, seconded by Councillor Curtin, it was unanimously resolved that expenditure in the sum of £1,300 be allowed over and above that provided in the estimate of expenses 1972/73 to cover adjustment of salaries of Corporation's Engineering Staff.

On the proposition of Alderman Byrne, seconded by Councillor Curtin, it was unanimously resolved that expenditure in the sum of £1,500 be allowed over and above that provided in the estimate of expenses 1972/73 to cover the cost of implementing Pension Increases 1972.

ARTS CENTRE - TOWN HALL CORNMARKE

The Council discussed at length a proposal to convert the

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Town Hall Cornmarket for an Arts Centre and while agreeing in principle with the idea deferred its positive endorsement and approval pending a statement of the financial implications for Wexford Corporation.

Regarding the availability of the premises the County Manager informed the Council that alternative arrangements are being made for Civil Defence and it is hoped to be in a position to vacate the Town Hall on the 31st March next.

On the proposition of Alderman Jenkins, seconded by Councillor Peter Roche, further consideration of the project was adjourned to the next meeting of the Council.

#### SAFETY MEASURES

It was proposed by Councillor Peter Roche, seconded by Councillor Dunne and unanimously resolved "that this Council impress on all people and contractors doing work or carrying out contracts for the Borough Council the need for safety measures particularly where young children are concerned".

#### FLOODING AT BISHOPSWATER

It was proposed by Councillor P. Roche, seconded by Alderman Mahoney and unanimously resolved "that this Council request, through the Borough Surveyor, a report on what steps can be taken to prevent further flooding at Bishopswater houses during heavy rain.

The Borough Engineer informed the Council that steps were being taken to ensure that at least in the short term any future run off of water would not enter the houses in the area. A long term solution to the problem was also being considered.

#### WEXFORD HOSPITAL

It was proposed by Alderman Jenkins, seconded by Councillor T. Roche and unanimously resolved "that Wexford Corporation call on the Department of Health to provide without further delay the two new buildings promised to begin in September, 1972".

The meeting was informed that the project has now been sanctioned by the Department of Health and that work would commence in January, 1973.

#### DISPOSAL OF NO. 46 DAVITT ROAD SOUTH

On the proposition of Alderman Morris, seconded by Alderman Jenkins, approval was unanimously given to the proposal of the County Manager to dispose of house No. 46 Davitt Road South Wexford to the tenant thereof, Andrew Nolan, on the terms as set out in Notice dated 21st November 1972 and circulated to the members, viz, for the sum of £2,592.

#### DISPOSAL OF NO. 15 CORRYS VILLAS

On the proposition of Alderman Morris, seconded by Alderman Jenkins, approval was unanimously given to the proposal of the County Manager to dispose of house No. 15 Corrys Villas Wexford to the tenant thereof, Michael Barrett, on the terms as set out in Notice dated 21st November, 1972 and circulated to the members, viz, for the sum of £2,184.



DISPOSAL OF NO. 146 THE FAYTHE

On the proposition of Alderman Morris, seconded by Alderman Jenkins, approval was unanimously given to the proposal of the County Manager to dispose of house No. 146 The Faythe Wexford to the tenant thereof, Fintan Morris, on the terms as set out in Notice dated 21st November 1972 and circulated to the members, viz, for the sum of £2,567.

DISPOSAL OF No. 2 CASEMENT TERRACE

On the proposition of Alderman Norris, seconded by Alderman Jenkins, approval was unanimously given to the proposal of the County Manager to dispose of house No. 2 Casement Terrace Wexford to the tenant thereof, Oliver P. Sinnott, on the terms as set out in Notice dated 22nd November 1972 and circulated to the members, viz, for the sum of £2,352.

DISPOSAL OF NO. 22 DEVEREUX VILLAS

On the proposition of Alderman Morris, seconded by Alderman Jenkins, approval was unanimously given to the proposal of the County Manager to dispose of house No. 22 Devereux Villas Wexford to the tenant thereof, Stephen Whelan, on the terms as set out in Notice dated 22nd November 1972 and circulated to the members, viz, for the sum of £1,250.

DISPOSAL OF NO. 123 CORISH PARK

On the proposition of Alderman Morris, seconded by Alderman Jenkins, approval was unanimously given to the proposal of the County Manager to dispose of house No. 123 Corish Park Wexford to the tenant thereof, Patrick Hayes, on the terms as set out in Notice dated 22nd November 1972 and circulated to the members, viz, for the sum of £2,160.

GUARANTEE SCHEME UNDER SECTION 42 OF HOUSING ACT 1966

On the suggestion of Councillor P. Roche it was unanimously decided to adjourn consideration of the making of a Guarantee Scheme under Section 42 of Housing Act 1966 to the next meeting in order to enable the members to study the draft scheme.

JANUARY MEETING

It was unanimously decided to hold the January quarterly meeting on Monday 8th January 1973 in lieu of Monday 1st January 1973.

QUESTIONS

In reply to questions Councillor P. Roche was informed :

1. The Town Clerk will request the Post Office Authorities to put back post box removed from Casa Rio/Alvina Brook/Bishopswater area.
2. The Borough Engineer is satisfied that the lighting in the Maudlintown area needs to be improved - a report will be before the Council in the near future from the Electricity Supply Board suggesting improvements in the public lighting system generally in the town.
3. Repairs have been completed to house at Antelope Road, tenanted by Mr. John Pitt, which was recently damaged by fire - the redecoration to be carried out by Mr. Pitt himself who will be reimbursed the cost of same by the Corporation.

Alderman Jenkins was informed :

The Borough Engineer will request the Contractor in Parnell Street to keep all equipment tidy especially at week ends. Regarding the provision of a footbridge across the middle of the street, the Borough Engineer had discussed the matter with one of the spokesmen for the Parnell Street Residents who agreed that since the back filling on part of the street had now commenced the necessity for such a bridge did not now arise.

The meeting then terminated.

A handwritten signature in red ink, appearing to read 'J. Jenkins', is written below the text 'The meeting then terminated.'



5th December 1972.

A special meeting of the Wexford Borough Council was held this day in the Council Chamber, Municipal Buildings, Wexford, at half past seven o'clock p.m.

The members present were :

His Worship the Mayor Clr. James J. Morris in the chair.

Alderman : James Mahoney.

Councillors : John Dunne, Peter Roche, Thomas Roche.

In attendance : Kevin T. Conway, Borough Engineer;  
Desmond T. Wixted, Town Clerk.

The meeting had been specially convened by His Worship the Mayor on the requisition of Councillor John Dunne, Councillor Peter Roche, Councillor Thomas Roche, Alderman Thomas F. Byrne and Alderman James Mahoney.

It was proposed by Councillor Dunne and seconded by Councillor Peter Roche "that we, the members of Wexford Corporation, democratically elected, protest against the suppression of free speech in Ireland by the Lynch Government and especially against the incarceration of a professional R.T.E. Journalist in a special court who at great personal sacrifice upheld a fine ethic".

Councillor T. Roche and Alderman Mahoney supported the motion while His Worship the Mayor while not agreeing that there was an attempt to suppress free speech in Ireland expressed assent with the sentiments of the motion regarding the professional R.T.E. Journalist.

On a vote, for the motion - Alderman Mahoney and Councillors Dunne, P. Roche and T. Roche (4) against His Worship the Mayor (1). Councillor Dunne's motion was declared carried by four votes to one.

The meeting then terminated.



8th January 1973.

A Quarterly meeting of the Wexford Borough Council was held this day in the Council Chamber, Municipal Buildings, Wexford, at half past seven o'clock p.m.

The members present were :-

His Worship the Mayor Councillor James J. Morris in the chair.

Aldermen : James Mahoney, Kevin C. Morris, James Jenkins,

Councillors : Desmond Corish, John Cullimore, John Flaherty,  
John Dunne, Peter Roche, Eugene Curtin.

In attendance : Mr. Thomas F. Broe, County Manager.  
Mr. Kevin T. Conway, Borough Engineer.  
Mr. Richard Lynn, Acting Borough Accountant.  
Mr. Desmond T. Wixted, Town Clerk.

#### SYMPATHY

On the proposition of His Worship the Mayor seconded by Councillor Peter Roche, the sympathy of the Council was unanimously extended to Alderman Byrne, Mrs. G. Byrne and the other members of the family on the recent death of Mr. Gerard Byrne. All members and officials associated themselves with the vote which was passed in respectful silence.

#### ADJOURNMENT

On the proposition of Councillor Peter Roche seconded by Councillor Dunne, it was unanimously resolved that the meeting be adjourned as a mark of respect to Alderman Byrne on the recent death of his brother Gerard.

It was decided to reconvene the meeting on Tuesday 16th January 1973 at the usual time.



The meeting then terminated.



16th January 1973.

An adjourned Quarterly Meeting of the Wexford Borough Council was held this day in the Council Chamber, Municipal Buildings, Wexford, at half past seven o'clock p.m.

The members present were :-

His Worship the Mayor, Clr. James J. Morris in the chair.

Aldermen : James Mahoney, Kevin C. Morris, James Jenkins, Thomas Byrne.

Councillors : John Flaherty, John Dunne, Peter Roche, Thomas Roche, Eugene Curtin.

In attendance : Kevin T. Conway, Borough Engineer;  
Richard Lynn, Acting Borough Accountant;  
Desmond T. Wixted, Town Clerk.

An apology for inability to attend was received from Thomas F. Broe, County Manager.

#### SYMPATHY

On the proposition of His Worship the Mayor, seconded by Alderman Byrne, the sympathy of the Council was extended to Mr. Nicholas Corish former member of Wexford Borough Council and the other members of the family on the recent death of Mrs. Corish.

On the proposition of Councillor T. Roche, seconded by Alderman Mahoney, the sympathy of the Council was extended to the relatives of the late Mrs. Bridget Pierce, 5 Wolfe Tone Villas.

#### MINUTES

On the proposition of Councillor Flaherty, seconded by Councillor T. Roche, the minutes of Statutory Meeting of 4th December 1972 and of Special Meeting of 5th December 1972 having been circulated were taken as read, adopted unanimously and signed by His Worship the Mayor.

#### POSTAL SERVICES

A letter was read from the Postmaster, Wexford indicating that the letter box at Bishopswater/Casa Rio which had been undergoing repairs was now again operative.

On the suggestion of Alderman Byrne, the Town Clerk was requested to investigate the possibility of the re-introduction of a late mailing service on the mail train from Wexford to Dublin.

#### CORAS IOMPAIR EIREANN

The Council was informed that Coras Iompair Eireann had plans to utilise the waste ground between the railway line and Redmond Road for the accommodation of containers. No indication as to when the development would take place was given.

#### WEXFORD SOUTH STATION

A letter was read from Coras Iompair Eireann indicating that despite the representations of the Borough Council it is not proposed to re-introduce stops at Wexford South Station on the Rosslare/Dublin trains which do not presently stop at that point. On the proposition of Councillor P. Roche, seconded by Councillor T. Roche it was unanimously resolved to refer the matter back to Coras Iompair Eireann

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with a request that they reconsider the position.

#### IRISH NATIONAL TEACHERS' ORGANISATION

A letter was read from the General Secretary, Irish National Teachers' Organisation indicating that the Organisation will hold their Annual Congress in Wexford from the 24th to 27th April 1973. On the proposition of Alderman Byrne, the congratulations of the Council were extended to Councillor Eugene Curtin and Mr. Martin Doyle through whose efforts the Congress had been secured for Wexford.

#### IMPROVEMENT OF ROAD JUNCTIONS

The Council approved of the recommendation of the Borough Engineer that in order to expedite the improvement of road junction at Wygram, Corporation property between Nos. 9 and 21 Upper John Street be used as a parking area for an interim period.

The Council approved of plans prepared by the County Engineer for improvement of the junction at Bride Street Church. The improvement involves easing the corners at the top of Thomas Street by acquiring land from the Church authorities and the Christian Brothers.

The Council approved of plans submitted by the County Engineer for improvement of the traffic flow along the Quays by widening at the entrance and exits to Crescent Quay. The Council felt that while this would improve matters it was merely an interim measure and further major improvements would be necessary later.

#### MEETING RE: TRAFFIC IMPROVEMENT AT THE QUAYS

The following members were selected to represent the Borough Council at a meeting of all interested bodies to be held in the Council Chamber, County Hall, Wexford, on Monday 22nd January 1973 at 4 p.m. to discuss ways of improving traffic flow on Wexford Quays, viz :

- Alderman Jenkins - on the proposition of Councillor T. Roche, seconded by Alderman Morris;
- Alderman Morris - on the proposition of Councillor Flaherty, seconded by Councillor Curtin;
- Alderman Mahoney - on the proposition of Alderman Byrne, seconded by Councillor P. Roche.

#### AMENITY GRANTS

The Council was informed that the closing date for the submission of schemes for amenity grant purposes to the Department of Local Government is the 15th February 1973 and that any proposals from voluntary organisations would have to be submitted for the approval of the Council at its February meeting.

#### WHITE PAPER - LOCAL FINANCE AND TAXATION

The Council considered the White Paper on Local Finance and Taxation and there was divided opinion as to the merits and demerits of the White Paper. Some of the members felt that no progress was indicated in the efforts to find a suitable alternative means of raising local revenues while others felt that the proposals set out in the White Paper would help to alleviate the burden at present being felt by the general body of rate payers.

It was proposed by Councillor Dunne and seconded by Councillor P. Roche that the White Paper in its present form be rejected while an amendment was proposed by Alderman Byrne and seconded by Alderman Morris that the White Paper be not rejected without further study. On a vote CW Alderman Byrnes amendment - for r Alderman Morris and Byrne and Councillors Flaherty, Curtin and P. Roche the Mayor against none. Alderman Byrne's amendment was declared carried by 5 votes to none and Councillor Dunne's proposal defeated by a similar vote.



It was decided to place the matter on the Agenda for further discussion at a future meeting.

EMPLOYER/LABOUR CONFERENCE NATIONAL AGREEMENT

On the proposition of Alderman Byrne, seconded by Councillor Flaherty the Council unanimously approved of the proposal of the County Manager to implement the second phase of the Employer/Labour Conference National Agreement 1970 as far as the officers and servants of Wexford Corporation are concerned. The agreement allows for a pay increase of 4% plus a cost of living escalator amounting to 63p per week with effect as from 1st January 1973.

SUPPLEMENTARY ESTIMATE

On the proposition of Councillor Flaherty, seconded by Alderman Byrne it was unanimously resolved that expenditure in excess of that allowed in the estimate of expenses 1972/73 be allowed as follows : viz : second phase Employer/Labour Conference National Agreement £700.

FERRYBANK SWIMMING POOL

The Council considered the following report from the Town Clerk regarding progress on the provision of a swimming pool complex at Ferrybank Wexford - report attached.

The Council considered a request from the Wexford Swimming Pool Fund Raising Committee for permission to offer admission to the Pool for one full year at a reduced rate (half price) to all those who contribute the sum of 10p per week for one full year. On the proposition of Alderman Morris, seconded by Alderman Jenkins permission was unanimously given to the Committee to go ahead with their scheme.

WEXFORD MAIN DRAINAGE SCHEME

Consideration of reports of the Borough Engineer and the Corporation's Consulting Engineer relative to the Wexford Main Drainage Scheme was adjourned to the next meeting of the Council.

PROPOSED ARTS CENTRE AT TOWN HALL CORNMARKE

The Council considered a report from the Town Clerk regarding the proposed Arts Centre at Town Hall Cornmarket incorporating a request from the organising Committee that when the premises become vacant the Corporation would grant the Committee a lease on the premises for a given number of years at a nominal rent for the purpose of establishing and maintaining an Arts Centre - report attached.

On the proposition of Alderman Morris, seconded by Alderman Byrne the Council unanimously resolved to grant the lease as requested - a draft of the lease indicating any special covenants included to protect the interests of Wexford Corporation to be before the Council for approval at a later date.

TALBOT STREET/GREEN STREET HOUSING SCHEME

It was proposed by Councillor P. Roche, seconded by Alderman Mahoney and unanimously resolved "that this Council call on the Department of Local Government to speed up sanction for commencement of building at Talbot Street/Green Street".

The Town Clerk informed the members that the Department have already sanctioned this scheme which is now with the Quantity Surveyor for final stage preparation of documents in order that tenders may be invited.



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Re: Ferrybank Swimming Pool.

In response to public advertisement the following tenders were received for the erection of the above complex, viz :

1. M/s Queally Construction Ltd., 2 Friary St. Kilkenny  
£99,740.99.
2. Richard Browne and Sons Ltd., Mary Street, Wexford.  
£104,437.87.
3. Cleary and Doyle, Ballindinas Wexford.  
£107,723.30.
4. Ascon Limited, Naas Road, Clondalkin Co. Dublin.  
£119,937.48.
5. Bluepool Limited, Taylors Grange, Rathfarnham Dublin 14.  
£126,462.78.
6. Redmond Bros. Ltd., St. Peters Square Wexford.  
£128,828.18.

The closing date for the receipt of tenders was the 11th December, 1972 and in view of the necessity to expedite acceptance of a tender, tenders were opened on that day by His Worship the Mayor in the presence of the County Manager and the Town Clerk.

The tenders were immediately sent to the Corporation's Consulting Architect who has now reported thereon and recommended the acceptance of the lowest tender, i.e. M/s Queally Construction Ltd., in the corrected sum of £99,973.72. The discrepancy incidentally arose because of some mathematical errors in M/s Queally's priced Bill of Quantity.

The proposal of the County Manager to accept the tender of M/s Queally is now before the Minister for Local Government for sanction and provided there is no undue delay in the issue of such sanction and that the Contractor secures a Contract Guarantee Bond and enters on the site as expeditiously as possible it would appear that no problem would arise with Bord Failte regarding their grant towards the project.

The Consulting Architects for the scheme are M/s Meehan Levins Associates, 43 Main Street Arklow and the Quantity Surveyor is M/s J. Colman Healy and Partners, 46 Upper Mount Street Dublin 2.

D.T. Wixted,  
Town Clerk.

8th January 1973.

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Re: Proposed Arts Centre at Town Hall  
Cornmarket, Wexford.

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The Council is aware that for some months now a group of people have been investigating the possibility of setting up an Arts Centre at the Town Hall, Cornmarket, Wexford. The idea originated as a proposal to convert the Assembly Room for use as a Picture Gallery but following discussions with the Arts Council, Bord Failte and other such Bodies it was decided to plan for the more adventurous proposal of utilising the entire building as an Arts Centre. A deputation representing the interested persons attended on the Council at Statutory meeting of the 12th June 1972 and outlined in broad terms their proposals. The Council while sympathetic towards the Project adjourned further consideration pending a report on the financial implications for Wexford Corporation.

Apart from any financial commitments involved one of the major snags towards the advancement of the Project up to now has been the occupation of the Town Hall by Wexford County Council for Civil Defence purposes but the members will remember that at the December meeting of the Council the County Manager informed the members that it is hoped to be in a position to vacate the premises by the 31st March next. This projected cessation of the use of the premises by the County Council opens the way for consideration of the Project in a more positive manner.

In recent months the Committee i.e. the group of persons behind the Project have retained the services of an Architect who has prepared a report and estimate of the cost of converting the Town Hall for use as an Arts Centre. These plans have been before the Borough Council and any works carried out would of course be subject to the approval of the Council on the advice of the Borough Engineer and would of necessity have to be in sympathy with the Corporation's own proposals for the re-development of the adjoining area. These proposals are at present in course of preparation by the Corporation's own Consulting Architect.

The overall cost of fitting out the Town Hall as an Arts Centre is estimated at £30,000 of which £6,000 is in respect of fitting out the Assembly Room as a Picture Gallery. Provided the Project goes ahead the Committee intends to carry out this latter part of the plan initially. Funds to meet the cost of these works are being obtained from such Bodies as the Arts Council, Bord Failte, the Guelbenkien Trust and other such Bodies and no approach will be made to Wexford Corporation to finance any portion of the work.

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It is estimated by the Committee that when the Project is in operation the annual out-goings for heating, lighting etc., will be in the region of £1,500 and it is intended that these funds will be raised annually through the medium of admission charges, sponsorship of paintings, contributions etc.

In the event of the Picture Gallery getting off the ground paintings will be available on loan from the National Gallery and in respect of these paintings the normal practice is that the Local Authority, in this case Wexford Corporation, is required to indemnify the Gallery as to half the value of the pictures on loan at any given time. The other half of the indemnity is taken up by the Minister for Finance. The Committee have investigated the cost of insuring against the Local Authorities portion of the indemnity and it is anticipated that cover will be available at a cost of approximately £600 per annum. In the event of the Borough Council giving the Project the go ahead it is the intention of the Committee to reimburse the Corporation the cost of such annual insurance cover.

A proposal is now before the Borough Council to lease the Town Hall to the Committee for a given number of years free of rent for the purpose of establishing and maintaining an Arts Centre. In order to become a party to such a lease the Committee intends forming a limited liability company and in the event of such a lease being agreed to by the Borough Council, suitable covenants will be included in same to protect Wexford Corporation in the event of the company going into liquidation and other eventualities. Should the Council agree to the granting of such lease the covenants to be included therein would come before the Council again for approval and the financial implications for Wexford Corporation would be that it would forego its annual income of £550 which it derives at present from the building. The Committee would also request that as heretofore no Municipal Rates would be levied on the building.

D.T. Wixted,  
Town Clerk.

16th January, 1973.



#### HOUSING DEVELOPMENT - NORTH END

It was proposed by Councillor Dunne, seconded by Alderman Mahoney and unanimously resolved "that a general survey of all vacant and derelict sites, inside the old town wall - particularly in the north end of the town, be carried out for the possibility of building houses and a report submitted for the Council for examination". The Town Clerk pointed out that the area to the north of the Town Hall Cornmarket together with land required at Mount George from the Agricultural Credit Corporation was being examined with a view to redevelopment. The matter is in the hands of the Corporation's Consulting Architect who is expected to submit his proposals within the next few months.

The members were also informed that land had been acquired at Upper John Street with a view to gaining access to further lands between Hill Street, John Street and Abbey Street which might be suitable for housing development. This would require the acquisition of many small parcels of land and will also inevitably involve Compulsory Purchase. If this is so, development in that area would be slow.

#### PLANNING PERMISSION - VEHICLE ENTRANCES

It was proposed by Councillor Dunne, seconded by Alderman Mahoney and unanimously resolved "that the granting of planning permission be expedited to car owners, who have vacant spaces in front or behind their homes, to make entrances to same to enable them to remove their vehicles from the public thoroughfare". The members were informed that it was the policy of the Corporation to encourage this type of development as much as possible and every effort is normally made to expedite permissions in such cases.

#### DISPOSAL OF NO. 52 CORISH PARK

On the proposition of Alderman Morris, seconded by Alderman Jenkins, approval was unanimously given to the proposal of the County Manager to dispose of house No. 52 Corish Park, Wexford, to the tenant thereof, Mr. Thomas Morris, on the terms as set out in Notice dated 28th December, 1972 and circulated to the members, viz: for the sum of £2,214.

#### DISPOSAL OF NO. 72 BISHOPSWATER

On the proposition of Alderman Morris, seconded by Alderman Jenkins, approval was unanimously given to the proposal of the County Manager to dispose of house No. 72 Bishopswater, Wexford, to the tenant thereof, Mr. John Bolger, on the terms as set out in Notice dated 28th December 1972 and circulated to the members, viz: for the sum of £1,540.

#### DISPOSAL OF NO. 93 BISHOPSWATER

On the proposition of Alderman Morris, seconded by Alderman Jenkins, approval was unanimously given to the proposal of the County Manager to dispose of house No. 93 Bishopswater, Wexford to the tenant thereof, Mr. James O'Connor, on the terms as set out in Notice dated 28th December, 1972 and circulated to the members, viz: for the sum of £1,584.

#### DISPOSAL OF NO. 44 DAVITT ROAD SOUTH

On the proposition of Alderman Morris, seconded by Alderman Jenkins, approval was unanimously given to the proposal of the County Manager to dispose of house No. 44 Davitt Road South, Wexford, to the tenant thereof, Mr. John Kirwan, on the terms as set out in Notice dated 28th December 1972 and circulated to the members, viz: for the sum of £2,592.



DISPOSAL OF NO. 6 GREEN STREET

On the proposition of Alderman Morris, seconded by Alderman Jenkins, approval was unanimously given to the proposal of the County Manager to dispose of house No. 6 Green Street, Wexford, to the tenant thereof, Mr. Michael Cullen, on the terms as set out in Notice dated 28th December 1972 and circulated to the members, viz : for the sum of £1,250.

GUARANTEE SCHEME UNDER SECTION 42 OF HOUSING ACT 1966

Consideration of draft Guarantee Scheme under Section 42 of Housing Act 1966 was adjourned to the next meeting of the Council.

PLANNING AND IMPLEMENTATION OF LOCAL AUTHORITY HOUSING PROGRAMMES

Consideration of Circular from Department of Local Government re. Planning and Implementation of Local Authority Housing Programmes was adjourned to the next meeting of the Council.

QUESTIONS

In reply to questions Councillor Dunne was informed :

1. Plans for the building of houses for old persons at John's Gate Street and Thomas Clarke Place are with the Corporation's Consulting Architect for final preparation in order that tenders may be invited. It is hoped to be in a position to advertise for tenders in the very near future.
2. The position of Water Inspector is still vacant - the position had been advertised twice but on both occasions no applicant was considered suitable for the position by the selection board. The position will be again advertised in the near future.
3. It is hoped that contract work at Parnell Street will be completed in March 1973.

Alderman Jenkins was informed :

1. Some months ago the Department of Local Government had indicated that an amenity grant of 27% of the estimated cost of providing a sea wall at Ferrybank had been allocated. The full 50% could not be allocated because of the rather low amenity content of the work. Since then the estimated cost had been brought up to date i.e. £12,200 and the matter had been referred back to the Department for further consideration. It had been pointed out to the Department that the work in fact has a high amenity value because apart from protecting the Corporation's own property in the area it would enable first class beach to be provided. A reply is awaited.
2. The Council's proposals for the improvement of traffic on the Main Street, viz : the banning of all parking and the creation of further additional one way streets are still with the Commissioner of the Garda Síochána. Complete new traffic bye-laws for Wexford incorporating the Council's proposals were being prepared and it is hoped that they will be submitted for approval of the Council at an early date.

The meeting then terminated.



5th February, 1973.

A Statutory Meeting of the Wexford Borough Council was held this day in the Council Chamber, Municipal Buildings, Wexford, at half past seven o'clock p.m.

The members present were :-

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

Aldermen : Kevin C. Morris, James Jenkins, Thomas F. Byrne.

Councillors : Desmond Corish, John Cullimore, John Flaherty,  
John Dunne, Peter Roche, Thomas Roche,  
Eugene Curtin.

In attendance : Mr. Thomas F. Broe, County Manager;  
Mr. Kevin T. Conway, Borough Engineer;  
Mr. Richard Lynn, Acting Borough Accountant;  
Mr. Desmond T. Wixted, Town Clerk.

#### SYMPATHY

On the proposition of Councillor Cullimore, seconded by Alderman Byrne the sympathy of the Council was extended to Alderman Morris and the other members of the family on the recent death of Mr. William Morris.

#### MINUTES

On the proposition of Councillor Flaherty, seconded by Alderman Morris the minutes of Quarterly Meeting of 8th January 1973 and of adjourned Quarterly Meeting of 16th January 1973 having been circulated, were taken as read, adopted unanimously and signed by His Worship the Mayor.

#### WHITE PAPER - LOCAL FINANCE AND TAXATION

Arising out of the Minutes Councillor Dunne queried why the White Paper on Local Finance and Taxation was not included on the Agenda and on the proposition of Councillor P. Roche, seconded by Councillor T. Roche it was unanimously resolved to hold a special meeting of the Council on Monday 12th March, 1973 to consider the White Paper further.

#### SUB-AQUA CLUB

On the proposition of Alderman Byrne, seconded by His Worship the Mayor permission was unanimously given to the Wexford Sub-Aqua Club to display the Wexford Coat of Arms on the Club's crest.

An application for a contribution from the Council to the Wexford Sub-Aqua Club towards the cost of buying a compressor was considered. The Council was advised that it had no statutory authority to make such a contribution.

#### JOHN F. KENNEDY BAND

The Council was informed that the John F. Kennedy High School Band would visit Wexford at St. Patrick's Weekend and would meet His Worship the Mayor and the other members of the Borough Council at 10.30 a.m. on the 19th March.



### REGIONAL INDUSTRIAL PLANS 1973/77

The County Manager informed the Council that the Industrial Development Authority was arranging a meeting with Wexford County Council to discuss the Regional Industrial Plan 1973/77 for the South East Region and that it was intended to invite the other local authorities in the area to attend. The Council felt that such a meeting if held in the afternoon would not suit the members of Wexford Borough Council and it was unanimously agreed to request the County Council to examine the possibility of holding such a meeting at a more convenient hour.

### LOANS FOR HOUSE PURCHASE

On the proposition of Alderman Morris, seconded by Alderman Byrne, it was unanimously resolved that application be made to the Minister for Local Government for sanction to the raising of a loan of £60,000 from the Commissioners of Public Works in Ireland for the purpose of making advances under Section 39 of the Housing Act 1966.

### WEXFORD MAIN DRAINAGE SCHEME

On the proposition of Alderman Byrne, seconded by Alderman Morris the Council unanimously agreed to the acceptance of the recommendation of the Borough Engineer for the incurring of the following additional expenditure in connection with the Wexford Main Drainage Scheme, viz : "the leaving "in situ" of the sheet piling in Parnell Street as and where recommended by the Corporation's Consultants and the use of gravel backfill to replace selected backfill in the Parnell Street area. The cost of these additions will not exceed £6,500".

The Council unanimously agreed to the suggestion of the County Manager that a special meeting be held at which a representative of the Corporations Consultants would attend to discuss the proposed amendments to the Scheme and on the proposition of Alderman Jenkins, seconded by Alderman Morris it was unanimously resolved to invite representatives of the Parnell Street Residents to attend such meeting.

### CONTRACT WORKS IN TOWN CENTRE

It was proposed by Councillor P. Roche, and seconded by Alderman Jenkins "that contractors working in the town centre should in future be required to carry out such works as an emergency and to dispose of same with the least possible delay".

### MECHANICAL SUCTION SWEEPER

On the proposition of Alderman Jenkins, seconded by Alderman Morris the Council unanimously approved of the recommendation of the Borough Engineer to purchase a Mark 200 F. Johnston Twin Engined Suction Sweeper for the sum of £6,300.

### PURCHASE OF TRUCK

On the proposition of Alderman Byrne, seconded by Alderman Morris the Council unanimously agreed to the recommendation of the Borough Engineer that on the basis of tenders received a Ford D0910 Tipper Truck be purchased from M/s Leacy Motors Ltd., Wexford, for the sum of £3,285.



LOAN - PURCHASE OF MACHINERY

On the proposition of Alderman Byrne, seconded by Alderman Morris it was unanimously resolved that application be made to the Minister for Local Government for sanction to the raising of a loan of £10,000 from the Bank of Ireland Ltd., for the purchase of a truck and mechanical street sweeper; this loan to be in lieu of loan in the sum of £8,800 the subject of resolution of the Council dated 10th April 1972.

SALE OF HOUSES TO TENANTS

The Council considered proposals for the sale of houses owned by Wexford Corporation to tenants as follows :-

<u>SCHEME</u>	<u>Proposed purchase price per house:</u>
	£
Distillery Road	1,550
Bernadette Place	3,100
St. Aidans Crescent	2,600
William Street (No. 72)	1,100
Hill Street - even numbers (except Nos. 2 & 4)	1,600
Trinity Street	1,350
O'Connell Avenue (9. 10. 11)	1,250
St. Magdalens Terrace	1,600
Wygram Place (No. 5)	1,450
Maudlintown	
3 roomed houses	1,600
4 roomed houses	1,850
Wolfe Tone Villas	
3 roomed houses	1,500
4 roomed houses	2,050
Parnell Street (13 and 15)	3,150.

On the proposition of Alderman Byrne, seconded by Alderman Morris it was unanimously resolved that the sale price be approved and submitted for the sanction of the Minister for Local Government following which the scheme for the tenant purchase of these houses be drawn up and the terms thereof circulated to the tenants.

DEVELOPMENT OF WEXFORD AREA TOURISTWISE

It was proposed by Alderman Jenkins, seconded by Councillor Flaherty and unanimously resolved "that Wexford Corporation request Bord Failte to undertake an up-to-date appraisal of the development of Wexford area touristwise".

It was proposed by Councillor Flaherty, seconded by Alderman Jenkins and unanimously resolved that the thanks of the Council be conveyed to the former Minister for Transport and Power and Irish Shipping Ltd., on the introduction of the new Le Harve/Rosslare Ferry Service.



On the proposition of Councillor Flaherty, seconded by His Worship the Mayor the congratulations of the Council were extended to Independent Television Ltd., for the excellent film on Wexford and its Opera Festival shown recently on H.T.V. His Worship the Mayor also suggested that Telefís Éireann be requested to purchase this film for showing generally on Irish Television.

#### RENT STRIKE

It was proposed by Councillor P. Roche and seconded by Councillor Corish "that this Council call on the Minister for Local Government to have overtime deleted in the assessing of differential rents and that basic take home be the basis for such assessments. That the Minister also meet the National Officers of the National Association of Tenants Organisations to listen to their viewpoint. And that pending results in this direction no action which might aggravate the position should be taken by the Corporation".

During the course of a report on the matter the County Manager pointed out that the Minister had already declared that it is with the Local Authorities that tenants or their representatives must reach an agreement on any issue relating to the rents of their houses. He also pointed out that he had met the local Tenants Association on two occasions in 1972 at which meetings some concessions were made and put into operation. However without further discussions a number of tenants declared a rent strike and withheld rents. At the moment the sum of £12,300 has accumulated in arrears and this of course can only be borne by the Corporation by way of increased bank overdraft (provided such additional overdraft is forthcoming) thus involving an increased levy to cover the cost of this during the coming financial year, or alternatively by a cut back in the services and employment given by the Corporation.

On the proposition of Councillor P. Roche, seconded by Councillor T. Roche the Council unanimously requested His Worship the Mayor to arrange for a meeting between the local tenants representatives and Corporation members and officials in an effort to resolve the difficulty. In addition to His Worship the Mayor the following members of the Council were selected to attend such meeting, viz : Aldermen Morris and Byrne and Councillors Cullimore and P. Roche.

#### AMENITY GRANT SCHEME

It was proposed by Councillor P. Roche, seconded by Councillor T. Roche and unanimously resolved "that this Council call on the Minister for Local Government to extend the scope and make a broader basis for qualification for the Amenity Grants available. This to be extended to cover provision of open air recreation facilities by committees, clubs, etc."

In this connection the Town Clerk pointed out that in order to qualify under this Scheme the amenity provided would have to be available to the public generally either free of charge or on payment of a small fee to cover cost of management etc. He suggested that any organisation who need clarification of the question as to whether or not they would qualify for a grant should contact the Corporation.

#### AMENITY GRANTS 1973/74

The following proposals were approved for submission to the Department of Local Government under the Amenity Grants Scheme 1973/74.

- 1) Proposed by Alderman Byrne, seconded by Alderman Jenkins - Retaining wall at Ferrybank - £12,200.
- 2) Proposed by Alderman Byrne, seconded by Councillor Flaherty - St. Joseph's Boys and Girls Club Bishopswater, provision of two hard Tennis Courts - £5,546.78.



EXTENSION OF ST. IBARS CEMETERY

It was proposed by Councillor Flaherty, seconded by Councillor Corish and unanimously resolved that in accordance with Section 172 of the Public Health (Ireland) Act 1878 an extension be provided to St. Ibar's Cemetery Crosstown, Wexford in accordance with plans and estimate of cost already approved by the Borough Council and that as a consequence no existing burial ground be closed.

TRAFFIC ON WEXFORD QUAYS

The Council considered minutes of special joint meeting of all interested bodies held to discuss ways and means of improving traffic flow on Wexford Quays. A lengthy discussion on the ~~proposals~~<sup>problems</sup> existing in that area took place and the Council noted that Wexford County Council proposed to proceed with the easing of the corners at both sides of the Crescent. The Council considered the suggestion that all parking be banned on the Quays and were informed that as a forerunner to this, property had been purchased from M/s Nunn Ltd., at Crescent Quay for development as a car park and that negotiations were in hand for the purchase of additional property for this purpose in the North end of the Main Street.

DISPOSAL OF NO. 29 DEVEREUX VILLAS

On the proposition of Councillor Corish, seconded by Alderman Byrne approval was unanimously given to the proposal of the County Manager to dispose of house No. 29 Devereux Villas, Wexford, to the tenant thereof, Mrs. Bridget Swift, on the terms as set out in Notice dated 23rd January 1973 and circulated to the members, viz, for the sum of £936.

DISPOSAL OF NO. 1 MANNIX PLACE

On the proposition of Councillor Corish, seconded by Alderman Byrne approval was unanimously given to the proposal of the County Manager to dispose of house No. 1 Mannix Place, Wexford, to the tenant thereof, Mr. Daniel Gaul, on the terms as set out in Notice dated 23rd January 1973 and circulated to the members, viz, for the sum of £2,700.

DISPOSAL OF NO. 37 McDERMOTT TCE..

On the proposition of Councillor Corish, seconded by Alderman Byrne approval was unanimously given to the proposal of the County Manager to dispose of house No. 37 McDermott Terrace, Wexford, to the tenant thereof, Mr. John O'Flaherty, on the terms as set out in Notice dated 23rd January 1973 and circulated to the members, viz, for the sum of £1,890.

DISPOSAL OF NO. 51 McDERMOTT TCE..

On the proposition of Councillor Corish, seconded by Alderman Byrne approval was unanimously given to the proposal of the County Manager to dispose of house No. 51 McDermott Terrace, Wexford, to the tenant thereof, Mr. John Edwards, on the terms as set out in Notice dated 23rd January 1973 and circulated to the members, viz, for the sum of £1,944.

DISPOSAL OF NO. 26 THE FAYTHE

On the proposition of Councillor Corish, seconded by Alderman Byrne approval was unanimously given to the proposal of the County Manager to dispose of house No. 26 The Faythe, Wexford, to the tenant thereof, Mrs. Annette Vickery, on the terms as set out in Notice dated 23rd January 1973 and circulated to the members, viz, for the sum of £820.



ITEMS ADJOURNED

It was unanimously agreed that consideration of the following items be adjourned to the next meeting of the Council.

1. Guarantee Scheme under Section 42 of Housing Act 1966.
2. Circular re. Planning and Implementation of Local Authority Housing Programmes.

QUESTIONS:

In reply to questions Councillor P. Roche was informed :

1. Work on the Reservoir is expected to be completed in April 1973.
2. The Corporation still awaited contract documents from its Consultants before tenders could be invited for the Talbot Street/Green Street Housing Scheme.
3. The wall at corner of Croke Avenue/Hill Street has now been repaired and the coping replaced.

In reply to questions Councillor Dunne was informed :

1. The Borough Engineer has already drawn the attention of the contractor to the necessity to provide warning lights at dangerous openings in Parnell Street; he would again urge the necessity for such provision on the contractor.
2. In spite of two advertisements no person suitably qualified as to age, character and suitability had been found for appointment as Water Inspector.
3. The Borough Engineer has inspected No. 12 Parnell Street and while cracks exist in the house is of the opinion that it is safe for occupation.



The meeting then terminated.



5th March 1973.

A Statutory Meeting of the Wexford Borough Council was held this day in the Council Chamber, Municipal Buildings, Wexford, at half past seven o'clock p.m.

The members present were :-

His Worship the Mayor Councillor James J. Morris in the chair.

Aldermen : James Mahoney, Kevin C. Morris, and James Jenkins.

Councillors : Desmond Corish, John Flaherty, John Dunne,  
Peter Roche, Thomas Roche and Eugene Curtin.

Apologies for inability to attend were received from Alderman Thomas F. Byrne and Councillor John Eullimore.

In attendance : Mr. Thomas F. Broe, County Manager;  
Mr. Kevin T. Conway, Borough Engineer;  
Mr. Richard Lynn, Acting Borough Accountant;  
Mr. Desmond T. Wixted, Town Clerk.

#### SYMPATHY

On the proposition of His Worship the Mayor, seconded by Councillor Flaherty the sympathy of the Council was extended to the Loreto Community Wexford and to her relatives on the recent death of Rev. Mother Frances Lane.

#### MINUTES

On the proposition of Councillor Flaherty, seconded by Alderman Morris the minutes of Statutory Meeting of 5th February 1973 having been circulated, were taken as read, adopted unanimously and signed by His Worship the Mayor.

#### WHITE PAPER - LOCAL FINANCE AND TAXATION

Due to the change in Government it was unanimously resolved that the special meeting of the Council arranged for Monday, 12th March, 1973, to consider the White Paper - Local Finance and Taxation be deferred to a future date.

#### WEXFORD OPERA FESTIVAL FILM

The Council was informed that R.T.E. is negotiating with the Independent Broadcasting Authority to transmit the programme "Blarney and Bellini", a film made during Wexford Opera Festival 1972, to Irish audiences generally.

#### DEVELOPMENT OF WEXFORD AREA TOURISTWISE

In reply to a recent motion adopted by the Borough Council a letter was considered from Bord Failte Eireann indicating that due to shortage of staff and limited funds it is not possible for them, except in very exceptional cases, to undertake development plans for specific areas. The efforts of the Bord have to be applied over the entire country in order to give national guidelines. The Bord have cooperated in the recent National Coastline Study and it is intended during the coming months to meet all the local authorities of the coastal counties to discuss issues arising from the Study. The question of developing aquatic sports in Wexford Harbour could be discussed at such a meeting.

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On the proposition of Councillor Corish, seconded by Alderman Jenkins it was unanimously resolved to request Bord Failte to meet Wexford Corporation as a top priority since Wexford now constitutes the gateway through which continental visitors enter Ireland. It was also decided to keep South East Tourism informed on the matter and to draw the attention of Bord Failte to the interest which the former Director General, Mr. O'Driscoll, had expressed in Wexford several years ago.

#### WEXFORD SOUTH STATION

A letter was considered from Coras Iompair Eireann indicating that it was not intended to depart from the previous decision not to have all trains to and from Rosslare Harbour stopped at Wexford South Station. On the proposition of Councillor Flaherty, seconded by Councillor T. Roche it was unanimously resolved to refer the matter back to Coras Iompair Eireann with a request that they again reconsider their decision and pointing out the big public demand which existed for this facility.

#### POSTAL FACILITIES

The Council was informed that late posting facilities on the mail train have not in fact been withdrawn - two new boxes are now being made in order to ensure an uninterrupted service in future.

#### JOHN F. KENNEDY HIGH SCHOOL BAND

The Council was informed that the meeting between the Mayor and other members of the Council and the John F. Kennedy High School Band would take place at the Town Hall Cornmarket on Monday, 19th March next at 10.00 a.m. The Band will play outside the Town Hall and then go inside for the Mayor's address. It is possible that the group may wish to exchange scrolls with the Mayor.

#### LITTER BINS

On the proposition of Councillor Corish, seconded by Alderman Jenkins it was unanimously resolved to obtain tenders for the supply of 70 or 100 litter bins for erection in town and to prepare a report for consideration by the Council re. display of advertising material on these bins.

#### ST. PATRICK'S DAY PARADE 1973

On the proposition of Councillor Flaherty, seconded by Councillor T. Roche it was unanimously resolved that the Council would attend the Annual St. Patrick's Day Parade and Ceremonies.

#### A.G.M. - IRISH PUBLIC BODIES MUTUAL INSURANCES LTD.

On the proposition of Councillor Flaherty, seconded by Councillor T. Roche Councillor Desmond Corish was appointed to represent the Council at the Annual General Meeting of the Irish Public Bodies Mutual Insurances Ltd.

#### ESTIMATES 1973/74

It was unanimously decided to hold the Statutory meeting for the adoption of the Estimates 1973/74 on Monday, 9th April 1973. It was also decided to hold a Finance Committee meeting to consider the Estimates on Monday, 26th March, 1973.



LEASING OF TOWN HALL CORNMARKEt. WEXFORD

Consideration of Draft Lease of Town Hall Cornmarket to Wexford Arts Centre Ltd., was deferred to the next meeting.

HOUSING PRIORITY LIST

It was proposed by Councillor P. Roche, seconded by Councillor Flaherty and unanimously resolved "that this Council insist that conditions of persons who have applied for rehousing be inspected more punctually after application forms are received and that a number 2 priority list now be prepared"

It was decided to request the County Medical Officer to have all current applications investigated immediately and that in future all new applications be investigated within three months of their receipt.

ELECTRICITY SUPPLY

It was proposed by Councillor P. Roche, seconded by Alderman Mahoney and unanimously resolved "that this Council as a matter of urgency now request the E.S.B. Board to meet a deputation of this Council to discuss the poor supply of electricity to householders in various parts of the town".

PUBLIC LIGHTING

It was proposed by Alderman Mahoney, seconded by Councillor P. Roche and unanimously resolved "that Borough Council provide extra public lighting within the Borough".

The Town Clerk pointed out that the Electricity Supply Board have already been requested to carry out a survey of the entire town and to submit their recommendations for an adequate public lighting system together with details of cost of same. He would press the E.S.B. to expedite submission of their recommended scheme.

FACILITIES FOR DENTAL CARE

Alderman Mahoney withdrew the following motion standing in his name "that Borough Council call on South Eastern Health Board to provide better facilities for dental care, especially for children".

DISPOSAL OF NO. 48 CORISH PARK

On the proposition of Alderman Morris, seconded by Councillor Corish, approval was unanimously given to the proposal of the County Manager to dispose of house No. 48 Corish Park, Wexford, to the tenant thereof, Mr. Nicholas Furlong, on the terms as set out in Notice dated 21st February 1973 and circulated to the members, viz, for the sum of £2,322.

DISPOSAL OF NO. 47 McDERMOTT TERRACE

On the proposition of Alderman Morris, seconded by Councillor Corish, approval was unanimously given to the proposal of the County Manager to dispose of house No. 47 McDermott Terrace, Wexford, to the tenant thereof, Mr. Fergus Hall, on the terms as set out in Notice dated 21st February 1973 and circulated to the members, viz, for the sum of £2,376.



DISPOSAL OF NO. 24 DAVITT ROAD SOUTH

On the proposition of Alderman Morris, seconded by Councillor Corish, approval was unanimously given to the proposal of the County Manager to dispose of house No. 24 Davitt Road South, Wexford to the tenant thereof, Mr. James Hayes, on the terms as set out in Notice dated 21st February 1973 and circulated to the members, viz, for the sum of £2,592.

DISPOSAL OF NO. 40 DAVITT ROAD SOUTH

On the proposition of Alderman Morris, seconded by Councillor Corish, approval was unanimously given to the proposal of the County Manager to dispose of house No. 40 Davitt Road South, Wexford to the tenant thereof, Mr. Charles Golden, on the terms as set out in Notice dated 21st February 1973 and circulated to the members, viz, for the sum of £2,592

DISPOSAL OF NO. 48 DAVITT ROAD SOUTH

On the proposition of Alderman Morris, seconded by Councillor Corish, approval was unanimously given to the proposal of the County Manager to dispose of house No. 48 Davitt Road South, Wexford, to the tenant thereof, Mr. Dominic Kiernan, on the terms as set out in Notice dated 21st February 1973 and circulated to the members, viz, for the sum of £2,592.

DISPOSAL OF NO. 56 BISHOPSWATER

On the proposition of Alderman Morris, seconded by Councillor Corish, approval was unanimously given to the proposal of the County Manager to dispose of house No. 56 Bishopswater, Wexford, to the tenant thereof, Mr. Andrew Carty, on the terms as set out in Notice dated 21st February 1973 and circulated to the members, viz, for the sum of £1,720.

DISPOSAL OF NO. 70 BISHOPSWATER

On the proposition of Alderman Morris, seconded by Councillor Corish, approval was unanimously given to the proposal of the County Manager to dispose of house No. 70 Bishopswater, Wexford, to the tenant thereof, Mr. James Dowdall, on the terms as set out in Notice dated 21st February 1973 and circulated to the members, viz, for the sum of £1,892.

EXTINGUISHMENT OF RIGHT-OF-WAY AT SLAUGHTERHOUSE LANE

The Council considered the question of extinguishing the existing right-of-way at Slaughterhouse Lane connecting Barrack Street and Lower King Street. The issue arose out of the decision of the Corporation to dispose of property in the area to the Talbot Hotel and the Hotel had requested the Council to consider extinguishing the right-of-way. The Town Clerk pointed out that the matter involved a stringent legal process including giving of public notice and the holding by the Minister of a public enquiry to consider any objections which may be made.

It was proposed by Alderman Morris and seconded by Alderman Jenkins that the right-of-way be extinguished, and it was proposed by Councillor Dunne and seconded by Councillor P. Roche that the right-of-way be not extinguished. On a vote for extinguishment - Aldermen Morris and Jenkins and Councillors Corish, Flaherty, T. Roche, Curtin and His Worship the Mayor (7) Against extinguishment - Alderman Mahoney and Councillors Dunne and P. Roche (3). The proposal to extinguish the right-of-way at Slaughterhouse Lane was declared carried by 7 votes to 3.



### POLLING BOOTHS

On the suggestion of Alderman Jenkins it was unanimously decided to request the appropriate Authority to substitute a more suitable location for Polling Booths for the existing one at the County Hall - the members were of the opinion that because of the number of stairs to be climbed the existing location is unsuitable for elderly persons.

### ASSOCIATION OF MUNICIPAL AUTHORITIES OF IRELAND

On the proposition of Alderman Mahoney, seconded by Councillor T. Roche Councillor Corish was unanimously selected to attend a special meeting of the Association of Municipal Authorities of Ireland to be held in Dublin on Friday, 9th March 1973, as a substitute for Councillor Cullimore who is unable to attend.

### ANNUAL CONFERENCE - I.N.T.O.

On the proposition of Councillor Curtin, seconded by Councillor P. Roche the Council unanimously resolved to afford a Civic Reception to the delegates attending the Annual Congress of the Irish National Teachers' Organisation in Wexford from the 24th to 27th April 1973. It was pointed out that the cost of the Reception would amount to approximately £100 and that a financial resolution covering this would be before the Council at a later date.

### HOUSING SCHEMES

The County Manager informed the members that he had had reports prepared on suitable housing schemes to be carried out by the Corporation after the Talbot Street/Green Street Scheme. It was unanimously agreed to hold a meeting of the Housing Committee sometime in April to consider the report and also the following matters adjourned from this meeting :-

- (1) Guarantee Scheme under Section 42 of the Housing Act 1966.
- (2) Planning and Implementation of Local Authority Housing Programmes.

### QUESTIONS

In reply to questions Councillor P. Roche was informed :-

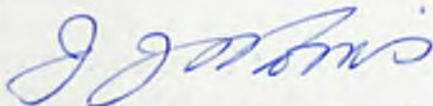
- 1 (a) No area on or near the Industrial Estate has been designated as a site for a playground for the Liam Mellows Park/ Kennedy Park/ Corish Park area. The large open space at Corish Park would be the most appropriate location for such a playground.
- (b) No application for an amenity grant has been received from any Committee in the Liam Mellows Park/Kennedy Park/Corish Park area.
2. Proposals to widen the roadway at Kennedy Park had been considered for inclusion in Traffic Managements Grants in the last couple of years, but due to the size of the grants and the urgency for the provision of parking places in the town centre it had not been found possible to allocate monies to this work. The matter could be considered when the amount of the Grant for 1973/74 has been notified. The Corporation had also included the cost of carrying out the widening in the final account for the housing scheme itself but no approval to this had as yet been received.



3. Some improvement in the sewerage at Batt Street is being carried out with funds provided by the Council in the Estimates 1972/73 and it was intended to include a further sum for this work in the Estimates for the coming year. Resurfacing will also be necessary in this area.

In reply to questions Councillor Dunne was informed :

1. A report from the Borough Engineer was available on No. 28 Abbey Street and the matter would be included on the Agenda for the next Quarterly meeting of the Council.
2. The sewerage from No. 11 Parnell Street is not at the moment draining into the normal channels. A temporary expedient was in use at the moment as a permanent connection to the sewer could not be made until the work in the area is completed.
3. The Corporation has power under the Towns Improvement (Ireland) Act 1854 to control throwing of refuse on the footpaths in the Main Street. On several occasions the Council through the medium of the Press had appealed to the people in that area to refrain from putting out their bins over night as this was really the cause of the trouble. Most of the people had cooperated with the Council except for a few known offenders.



The meeting then terminated.



26th March, 1973.

A meeting of the Finance Committee was held this day in the Council Chamber, Municipal Buildings at 8.45 p.m.

The members present were :

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

Alderman : James Mahoney.

Councillors : Desmond Corish, John Dunne, Peter Roche  
and Eugene Curtin.

An apology for inability to attend was received from  
Alderman Thomas F. Byrne.

In attendance : Mr. Thomas F. Broe, County Manager;  
Mr. Kevin T. Conway, Borough Engineer;  
Mr. Richard Lynn, Acting Borough Accountant;  
Mr. Desmond T. Wixted, Town Clerk.

The meeting considered the Estimates of Expenditure and Receipts for the local financial year ending 31st March, 1974. The Estimates as presented by the County Manager showed total estimated expenditure and receipts for 1973/74 as follows :-

Total Estimated Expenditure - £488,974; Total Estimated Receipts - £202,247;  
Estimated Deficit - £286,727.

The nett poundage rate required would amount to £7.86 in the £ an increase of 46p over the rate adopted for 1972/73.

At the outset the County Manager pointed out that the amount which he had included in the Estimates as presented in respect of County Council Demand 1973/74 was the same as that demanded for 1972/73, viz : £113,040. He pointed out that as yet because of uncertainty regarding the State contribution to Health Services he was unable to give any indication of what the increase, if any, would occur on this figure. He would be in a position at a later date to indicate the exact amount of the County Council Demand for the coming year.

The members perused each item of Expenditure and it was then agreed to adjourn further consideration to another meeting of the Finance Committee to be held on Monday, 9th April 1973 at 8.30 p.m. - the Statutory Estimates meeting to be held after the Finance Committee meeting on the same night.

#### HOUSING ALLOCATIONS:

No objection was raised by the members to the following housing allocations which the County Manager informed the members he proposed to make, viz :

No. 22 Bernadette Place - John Healy, 20 St. Aidans Crescent - Transfer.  
No. 60 St. Aidans Crescent - William Power, 43 Wolfe Tone Villas - Transfer.  
No. 43 Wolfe Tone Villas - Anthony Murphy, 100 North Main Street - Priority list.  
No. 130 Corish Park - Michael Farrell, 79 Whitemill Road - Priority list.  
No. 7 Casement Terrace - Anthony Doyle, 4A Barrack Street - Priority list.  
No. 79 Wolfe Tone Villas - William Murphy, 5 Harbour View - Priority list.  
No. 89 Wolfe Tone Villas - John Donohue, Talbot Street.  
Mr. Donohue's present house is in very poor condition and is due for demolition in connection with re-development of the area.

The meeting then terminated.

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2nd April 1973.

A Quarterly meeting of the Wexford Borough Council was held this day in the Council Chamber, Municipal Buildings, Wexford, at half past eight o'clock p.m.

The members present were :-

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

Aldermen : James Mahoney, Kevin C. Morris, James Jenkins,  
Thomas Byrne.

Councillors : John Dunne, Peter Roche, Eugene Curtin.

Apologies for inability to attend were received from Councillors Desmond Corish and John Cullimore.

In attendance : Mr. Thomas F. Broe, County Manager;  
Mr. Kevin T. Conway, Borough Engineer;  
Mr. Richard Lynn, Acting Borough Accountant;  
Mr. Desmond T. Wixted, Town Clerk.

CONGRATULATIONS - MR. BRENDAN CORISH T.D.

On the proposition of His Worship the Mayor, seconded by Alderman Byrne the congratulations of the Council were extended to Mr. Brendan Corish T.D., on his appointment as Tainaiste and Minister for Health and Social Welfare in the new Government.

CONGRATULATIONS - PRESIDENT DE VALERA

On the proposition of Alderman Morris, seconded by Alderman Byrne the congratulations of the Council were extended to President De Valera a Freeman of Wexford on being made a Freeman of the City of Cork.

FINANCE COMMITTEE MEETING 26th MARCH 1973

Alderman Jenkins informed the Council that he had received no notice of Finance Committee Meeting of 26th March 1973; he had attended at the normal time, viz. 7.30 p.m. but found no one in attendance and left again. He had been surprised to find a reference to the meeting in the local newspaper last weekend. The Town Clerk apologised to Alderman Jenkins on his not having received the notice of the meeting.

Referring to details of the Annual Estimates which had appeared in the local press, the Council, on the proposition of Alderman Byrne, seconded by Councillor P. Roche deplored the making public of a document which was issued to the members in the strictest confidence. The meeting was of the opinion that this type of activity was most unfair to the members of the Council. The Town Clerk promised to look into the matter.

MINUTES

On the proposition of Alderman Mahoney, seconded by Councillor Curtin, the minutes of Special meeting of 27th November 1972, of Statutory meeting of 5th March 1973 and of Finance Committee meeting of 26th March 1973 having been circulated, were taken as read, adopted unanimously and signed by His Worship the Mayor.

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WEXFORD SOUTH STATION

The Council considered a letter from Coras Iompair Eireann intimating that they couldn't accede to the Councils request to have long distance trains to and from Rosslare stopped at Wexford South Station. On the proposition of Councillor Curtin, seconded by Councillor P. Roche it was unanimously resolved to ask the area manager to meet His Worship the Mayor and the 4 Aldermen to discuss this matter.

REGIONAL INDUSTRIAL PLANS

The Council was informed that the proposed meeting between representatives of the Industrial Development Authority and the Local Authorities of the County to discuss the Regional Industrial Plan for the South East Region has been postponed but that Wexford County Council had been requested to bear in mind the Councils request regarding the time at <sup>which</sup> such a meeting would be held. It is hoped that this meeting will be arranged in the near future.

DEVELOPMENT OF WEXFORD AREA TOURISTWISE

The Council considered a letter from Bord Failte Eireann regarding the development of Wexford Area Touristwise as follows :-

"We recognise the importance of the Rosslare Car Ferry and are willing to meet you and discuss the tourist development in Wexford as stated in my letter dated 20th February 1973. However due to our limited staff and the massive demands on our time particularly in the present difficult tourist situation, it would not be possible to attend the meeting for some months to come". On the proposition of Alderman Jenkins, seconded by Councillor P. Roche it was unanimously resolved to request Bord Failte to reconsider their decision with a view to meeting the Council at an early date and also to draw the attention of the new Minister for Transport and Power to the situation. It was also agreed to discuss the implications of the National Coastline Study for Wexford at the next meeting of the Council.

NATIONAL GRAVES' ASSOCIATION

An invitation was considered by the members of the Council to attend the Easter Sunday Commemoration Ceremonies organised by the Wexford National Graves' Association. On the proposition of Alderman Byrne, seconded by Alderman Morris it was agreed to follow the same procedure as in previous years, i.e. the members to attend the special Mass as a Body with the option of attending the Parade to St. Ibar's Cemetery being left to each individual member. It was proposed by Councillor P. Roche and seconded by Alderman Mahoney that if His Worship the Mayor is unable to attend at St. Ibar's Cemetery he should send a deputy to represent him. His Worship the Mayor pointed out to the members that the appointment or otherwise of a deputy is entirely a matter for himself.

OVERDRAFT ACCOMMODATION

On the proposition of Alderman Jenkins, seconded by Alderman Byrne it was unanimously resolved that "subject to the sanction of the Minister for Local Government approval be given to the raising of overdraft from the Corporation's Treasurer, The Bank of Ireland Ltd., Custom House Quay, Wexford, for the quarter ending 30th June 1973 as follows :-

Revenue Account            £80,000

Capital Account            £40,000



WITH-HOLDING OF RENTS

The Town Clerk informed the meeting that as of now approximately £15,000 remained outstanding because of the with-holding of rents by some of the Corporation tenants. A lengthy discussion on this matter ensued during which it was suggested that efforts again be made to bring about a meeting between representatives of the Corporation and the local Tenants Association. The members were informed that in reply to a previous invitation from His Worship the Mayor the Tenants Association had indicated that they were seeking permission from their National Executive to attend such a meeting. Since then no further word had been received by the Corporation.

Having discussed the matter fully the members agreed that since a meeting between the new Minister for Local Government and the National Executive of the Tenants Association may take place in the near future, it would be inopportune to invite the local Tenants Association to meet the Corporation. It was decided to adjourn further consideration pending developments at national level.

LEASING OF TOWN HALL CORNMARKE

Having previously decided in principle to the leasing of the Town Hall Cornmarket to Wexford Arts Centre Ltd., for development as a Picture Gallery and Arts Centre the Council, on the proposition of Alderman Morris, seconded by Councillor P. Roche unanimously approved of the granting of a lease for a term of 99 years at an annual rent of 5p, subject to the following special conditions :-

1. The premises to be used by the lessees for the purpose of establishing and maintaining an Arts Centre.
2. Any alterations or improvements carried out to the premises to be subject to the prior approval of Wexford Corporation.
3. All repairs both internal and external to be carried out by the Lessees and in particular all repairs required by the Corporation.
4. Officers of the Corporation to be authorised to visit the premises for the purpose of ensuring that it is used only for the purpose for which it is leased and also for the purpose of inspection re. necessary repairs.
5. The premises to be kept fully insured against fire and public liability by the lessees in the joint names of the lessess and the Corporation.
6. The premises to revert to the Corporation in the event of the winding up of the Company or in the event of the premises ceasing to be used for the purpose for which it is being leased.
7. The existing Assembly Room will be used as a picture gallery and the pictures will be given on loan by the National Gallery of Ireland. The Lessors will indemnify the National Gallery as to half the value of the pictures on loan at any given time, the other portion of the indemnity to be taken up by the Minister for Finance.
8. The Corporation will insure against their own indemnity and the annual premium will be repaid each year by the lessees to the lessors.

On the suggestion of the County Manager on the question of public liability insurance, the Town Clerk was instructed to clarify whether or not the Council is covered for expenses involved in defending an action for damages.



### SOCIAL WELFARE AGENT

It was proposed by Councillor P. Roche, seconded by Alderman Mahoney and unanimously resolved "that this Council once again call on the Minister for Social Welfare to appoint a Social Welfare Agent in Wexford for the purpose of receiving certificates, looking after payments, etc."

### RAILINGS AT RERE OF SALTEE AVENUE

It was proposed by Councillor P. Roche, seconded by Alderman Byrne and unanimously resolved "that the Borough Engineer be requested to draw up a report re. dangerous condition of railings from rere of Saltee Avenue to Celtic Laundry wall, with particular emphasis on :-

- (i) Liability of this Council if any member of the public is injured by railings protruding onto footpath.
- (ii) Approximate cost of a small wall to replace railings".

### ROADWAY AT MANNIX PLACE

It was proposed by Alderman Mahoney, seconded by Councillor P. Roche and unanimously resolved "that this Council have the road at Mannix Place repaired".

The Borough Engineer undertook to look into this matter.

### OPEN SPACE AT BISHOPSWATER

It was proposed by Alderman Mahoney, seconded by Councillor P. Roche and unanimously resolved "that this Council have all stones removed from the green at Bishopswater and have same levelled".

The Borough Engineer informed the members that stones etc., would be removed by the Contractors M/s Roadstone and the green would be levelled as much as possible within the limits of the funds available.

### NO. 28 ABBEY STREET

The Council considered a report from the Borough Engineer on house at No. 28 Abbey Street, as follows :- (see report)

On the proposition of Councillor Dunne, seconded by Alderman Morris it was unanimously resolved to offer the house for sale as it stands - no repairs to be carried out by the Corporation.

### TIDY TOWNS COMPETITION 1973

On the proposition of Alderman Morris, seconded by Alderman Byrne it was unanimously resolved that Wexford be entered for the Tidy Towns Competition 1973.

### ELECTRICITY SUPPLY

A letter was considered from the Group Engineer, Electricity Supply Board indicating that both he and the District Engineer would be happy to meet a deputation from the Council to discuss the electricity supply in Wexford town and any other relevant topics.

It was unanimously agreed that any members who were available should take part in the discussions and to arrange same for some Monday morning at 11.30 a.m. in the Municipal Buildings.

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QUESTIONS

In reply to questions Councillor P. Roche was informed :-

1. The Consulting Architect has indicated that he will be in a position to advertise for tenders for the Talbot Street/Green Street Housing Scheme by the end of April 1973.
2. Responsibility for surfacing the open space at Liam Mellows Park between Nos. 118 and 126 is a matter for Wexford Corporation and not the Contractors M/s McInerney Ltd.,; the Borough Engineer would prepare a report and estimate on this matter for the next meeting.
3. The Borough Surveyor is aware of the condition of derelict building at the top of Fishers Row; He has in mind including the demolition and provision of a few parking spaces on the site in the current years Traffic Management proposals.

In reply to questions Alderman Mahoney was informed :-

1. Repairs to the back windows and two bedroom floors at No. 5 Trinity Street would be carried out as soon as possible, possibly within the next month.
2. Repairs to Nos. 80, 81, 83, 84 and 96 Bishopswater were not included in the current repairs priority list - necessary repairs to these houses would be carried out as soon as possible.

In reply to questions Councillor Dunne was informed :-

1. The Corporation has commissioned an architect to prepare a scheme for the re-development of the western side of Abbey Street between the Town Hall Cornmarket and No. 28 and also the area at Mount George acquired by the Corporation - it is hoped to have the scheme in the very near future.
2. Defective chimneys are not the cause of so many chimney fires in Corporation houses in Kennedy Park and Liam Mellows Park. Fires are due to neglect in having chimneys cleaned.
3. The Corporation's Consulting Architect had intimated that he will be in a position to advertise for tenders for the John's Gate Street Housing Scheme at the end of the current week or early next week. Invitation of tenders for Thomas Clarke Place Scheme will follow shortly afterwards.



The meeting then terminated.



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BOROUGH ENGINEER'S OFFICE,

MUNICIPAL BUILDINGS,

WEXFORD.

Telephone Nos. 22611 and 22987



K. T. CONWAY, B.E. C.Eng., M.I.C.E., M.I.E.I.  
BOROUGH ENGINEER

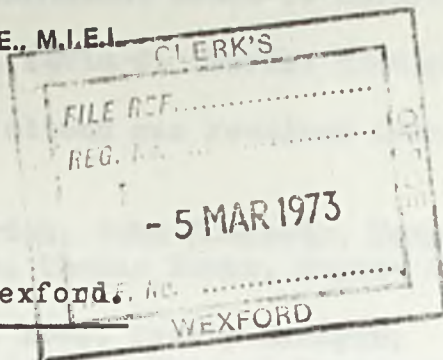
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Town Clerk:

Report re. No. 28 Abbey Street, Wexford.



Further to my report dated 20th June, 1972, and your memo dated 5th December the work required to put the house in a habitable condition is as follows:-

1) Take up old tiled floors and relay in 4" concrete screeded floors with polythene sheet as damp proof membrane ...	£ 80.00
2) Hack off defective plaster on the internal ground floor walls and the stairwell. Renew in two coats plaster ...	100.00
3) Dampproof Southern gable including lowering of level at the car park - car park is higher than floor level of dwelling at rere. ...	150.00
4) Take down and renew 1st floor ceilings where defective ...	60.00
5) Renew electrical installations ...	40.00
6) Redecorate throughout to utility standard	100.00
7) Miscellaneous including minor roof repairs and contingencies ...	20.00
Total:	<u>£550.00</u>

If repairs on the basis indicated above were carried out I would value the dwelling at £2,000.00

No. 28 does not form a part of the three storeyed block to which it is annexed but appears to belong to the two storeyed terrace already demolished along the car park frontage; it now intrudes into the car park and is a most unfit terminal for the five three storeyed terrace adjoining it. I recommend again that it be demolished and that we pick up an extra unit in the new high density development for which plans are being prepared.

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Kevin T. Conway



9th April 1973.

A meeting of the Finance Committee of the Wexford Borough Council was held this day in the Council Chamber, Municipal Buildings, Wexford, at half past eight o'clock p.m.

The members present were :-

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

Aldermen : James Mahoney, Kevin C. Morris, Thomas Byrne.

Apology for inability to attend was received from  
Alderman James Jenkins.

Councillors : Desmond Corish, John Flaherty, John Dunne,  
Peter Roche, Thomas Roche, Eugene Curtin.

In attendance : Thomas F. Broe, County Manager;  
Kevin T. Conway, Borough Engineer;  
Richard Lynn, Acting Borough Accountant;  
Desmond T. Wixted, Town Clerk.

The Council again considered the Estimates of Expenditure and Receipts for the local financial year ending 31st March 1974. The figures had been amended by the County Manager since the previous meeting because of the announcement of certain changes in the methods of financing costs of health and local authority housing services. The effect of these changes was :-

- (1) The Rate in the £ to be levied in 1973/74 in respect of Health Services should be the equivalent of 75% of the Rate in the £ levied for these services in 1972/73, and
- (2) The Rate in the £ to be levied in 1973/74 in respect of subsidy on local authority housing should be the equivalent of 75% of the amount levied for this purpose in 1972/73.

The effect of these changes was that the estimated expenditure amounted to £488,958 with estimated receipts at £205,745. This left a net estimated deficit of £283,213 which would require a net poundage rate of £7.76 for 1973/74.

In his report the County Manager pointed out that while the increased State contribution to health services amounted to a reduction equivalent to 60p in the £ in the amount demanded from the Corporation for 1973/74, accumulated net debit balances of £23,957 plus increases under some other headings in the Demand meant that the Demand amounts to £113,024 as against £113,340 for 1972/73. This amounted to a reduction of 0.5p in the £.

On the housing side the increased State contribution towards local authority housing meant a reduction of 9.5p in the £.

A lengthy discussion took place on the estimates and it was proposed by Alderman Byrne and seconded by Councillor T. Roche that a rate of £7.20 in the £ be adopted for 1973/74. It was proposed by Alderman Morris and seconded by Councillor Corish that a rate of £7.60 in the £ be adopted. On a vote for Alderman Morris's amendment - FOR: Alderman Morris and Councillors Corish, Flaherty, Curtin and His Worship the Mayor (5) AGAINST: Alderman Byrne and Councillor T. Roche (2). Alderman Mahoney and Councillors Dunne and P. Roche did not vote.



Alderman Morris's amendment was then put as a substantive motion and voting resulted - FOR: Alderman Morris and Councillors Corish, Flaherty, Curtin and His Worship the Mayor (5). AGAINST: Alderman Byrne and Councillor T. Roche (2) Alderman Mahoney and Councillors Dunne and P. Roche did not vote. His Worship the Mayor declared Alderman Morris's motion adopted by 5 votes to 2.

#### SCHEME FOR RELIEF FROM RATES

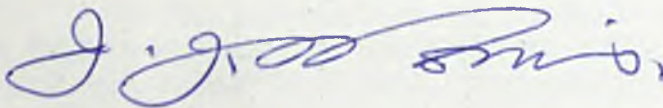
On the proposition of Alderman Byrne, seconded by Alderman Morris the Council unanimously resolved not to adopt a scheme for relief from rates for 1973/74.

#### HOUSING

No objection was raised by the Council to the proposal of the County Manager to offer a transfer to Mr. Patrick Goggins, 63 Wolfe Tone Villas to vacant house at No. 128 Liam Mellows Park, Wexford.

#### HANDBALL ALLEY AT EMMET PLACE

The Council considered a report from the Borough Engineer on the condition of the Handball Alley at Emmet Place. The report indicated that in order to render the Alley safe it would be necessary to reduce the wall height and tie it into the wing walls with a reinforced concrete ring beam and a short R.C. canopy slab return. The estimated cost of carrying out this work was £500. On the proposition of Alderman Morris, seconded by His Worship the Mayor it was unanimously resolved to proceed with the work as recommended by the Borough Engineer - the question of financing the work to be considered at a later stage.



The meeting then terminated.



9th April, 1973.

The Statutory Estimates meeting of the Wexford Borough Council was held this day in the Council Chamber, Municipal Buildings, Wexford, at 9.45 p.m.

The members present were :-

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

Aldermen : James Mahoney, Kevin C. Morris, Thomas Byrne.

Apology for inability to attend was received from Alderman James Jenkins.

Councillors : Desmond Corish, John Flaherty, John Dunne, Peter Roche, Thomas Roche, Eugene Curtin.

In attendance : Thomas F. Broe, County Manager;  
Kevin T. Conway, Borough Engineer;  
Richard Lynn, Acting Borough Accountant;  
Desmond T. Wixted, Town Clerk.

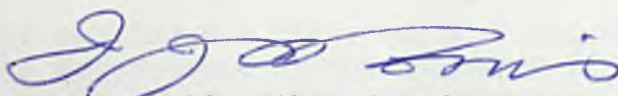
#### SYMPATHY

On the proposition of His Worship the Mayor, seconded by Alderman Morris the sympathy of the Council was extended to Councillor John Cullimore on the recent death of his sister, Miss Mary A. Cullimore. All members and officials present associated themselves with the vote which was passed in respectful silence.

#### ESTIMATE OF EXPENSES AND RECEIPTS YEAR ENDING 31st MARCH 1974.

On the proposition of Councillor Corish, seconded by Alderman Morris an amended estimate of £283,213 was unanimously adopted for the local financial year ending 31st March, 1974.

It was proposed by Alderman Morris and seconded by Councillor Corish that a net poundage rate of £7.60 be adopted for the service of the local financial year ending 31st March 1974. On a vote for the proposal, FOR: Alderman Morris and Councillors Corish, Flaherty, Curtin and His Worship the Mayor (5) AGAINST: Aldermen Mahoney and Byrne and Councillors Dunne P. Roche and T. Roche (5). There being an equality of votes His Worship the Mayor gave his casting vote in favour of the proposal which he then declared carried.

  
The meeting then terminated.



16th April 1973.

A Special meeting of the Wexford Borough Council was held this day in the Council Chamber, Municipal Buildings, Wexford, at half past eleven o'clock a.m.

The members present were :-

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

Alderman : James Jenkins.

Councillor : Desmond Corish.

Apology for inability to attend was received from Councillor John Dunne.

In attendance : Kevin T. Conway, Borough Engineer;  
Desmond T. Wixted, Town Clerk.

The meeting had been especially convened to discuss with representatives of the Electricity Supply Board problems being experienced in the electricity supply to Wexford town. The Board representatives were Mr. V. Keegan, Group Engineer and Mr. V. Gallagher, District Engineer.

#### ELECTRICITY SUPPLY

The members present pointed out to the Board representatives that certain areas in the town suffered at times from lack of power in their electricity supply. Specific areas referred to were Bishopswater, Coolcotts and St. John's Drive area. Mr. Gallagher explained that acceptable limits of voltage vary between 207 and 240 and in the case of one of the areas mentioned, i.e. Bishopswater the problem had been investigated and remedial action was being planned. A similar problem had existed in the Bernadette Place area and remedial action was also planned there. In the case of the other areas mentioned an investigation would be carried out.


The Board representatives explained that no regular survey of voltage in any specific area was carried out but that any individual complaint received would be investigated as soon as possible. Any further complaints in this regard could be referred immediately to the local Board Office.

#### PUBLIC LIGHTING SURVEY

Mr. Keegan pointed out that the public lighting survey commissioned by the Corporation was now completed and the recommendations would be submitted to the Corporation at an early date together with estimates of cost.

#### LIGHTING - NORTH MAIN STREET

The meeting was informed that the Board has submitted a design for the improvement of the standard of lighting at the North Main Street from Selskar to the Bull Ring together with an estimate of cost and that the matter would be before the Borough Council at its next statutory meeting. Plans have also been submitted for the completion of the improvements at the southern end of the South Main Street.



The meeting then terminated.

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7th May 1973.

A Statutory meeting of the Wexford Borough Council was held this day in the Council Chamber, Municipal Buildings, Wexford, at half past seven o'clock p.m.

The members present were :-

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

Aldermen : Kevin C. Morris, James Jenkins, Thomas Byrne.

Councillors : John Flaherty, John Dunne, Peter Roche,  
Thomas Roche, Eugene Curtin.

Apologies for inability to attend were received from Councillors Desmond Corish and John Cullimore.

In attendance : Kevin T. Conway, Borough Engineer;  
Desmond T. Wixted, Town Clerk.

#### SYMPATHY

On the proposition of His Worship the Mayor, seconded by Alderman Byrne the sympathy of the Council was extended to the relatives of the late James Murphy, Davitt Road South.

#### MINUTES

On the proposition of Alderman Jenkins, seconded by Alderman Morris the minutes of Quarterly meeting of 2nd April 1973, of Finance Committee meeting of 9th April 1973, of Statutory Estimates meeting of 9th April 1973 and of Special meeting of 16th April 1973 having been circulated were taken as read, adopted unanimously and signed by His Worship the Mayor.

#### ATTENDANCE OF PRESS

Alderman Jenkins raised the issue of the recent habit of the Press representatives of arriving late for council meetings. Other members supported Alderman Jenkins's view and the Town Clerk was requested to draw the attention of the Managing Director of the Wexford People to the matter.

#### RATE DETERMINATION 1973/74

Arising out of recent adverse press reports regarding the rate determination for 1973/74 the County Manager presented a report to the Council outlining the reasons for the increase of 20p in the pound over the rate for the previous year - copy attached. A copy of the Manager's statement was given to the Press representatives.

#### WEXFORD CORPORATION TENANTS ASSOCIATION

Arising out of recent controversy regarding the attempts to arrange a meeting between the Wexford Corporation Tenants Association and members and officials of the Corporation to discuss withholding of rent by certain tenants, the Town Clerk presented a statement outlining in detail the events which occurred at that time - copy attached. A copy of the statement was given to the Press representatives.

#### WEXFORD SOUTH STATION

The members were informed that as requested by the Borough Council all trains from Dublin to Rosslare and Rosslare to Dublin would, during the summer season, make a stop at Wexford South Station.

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### WEXFORD/DUBLIN TRAINS

On the proposition of Alderman Morris, seconded by Councillor P. Roche the Council unanimously resolved to protest to Coras Iompair Eireann at the discontinuance of train stops at Dun Laoghaire Station and Pearse Station Dublin on the Dublin/Wexford line.

### DEVELOPMENT OF WEXFORD AREA TOURISTWISE

The Council considered a letter from Bord Failte Eireann which stated that Bord Failte had now agreed to meet the members of the Council to discuss the development of Wexford area touristwise - the meeting to be held at a suitable time and venue. It was unanimously agreed to invite the Bord Failte representatives to meet the Council at the Statutory meeting to be held on 11th June 1973. The Town Clerk was requested in conjunction with South East Tourism and the Wexford Tourist Development Committee to prepare a case for presentation to Bord Failte at the meeting.

### SOCIAL WELFARE AGENT

In response to a resolution of the Council, a letter was considered from the Department of Social Welfare intimating that it is not proposed to appoint a local agent in Wexford pending an examination and report by a Departmental Committee on the whole agency system of the Department. On the proposition of Councillor P. Roche it was agreed to request the Minister for Social Welfare to meet a deputation from the Council to discuss this matter.

### LOCAL GOVERNMENT RE-ORGANISATION

A letter was considered from the Association of Municipal Authorities of Ireland intimating that the Minister for Local Government has asked the Association to submit its views on the proposed Local Government Re-Organisation. A copy of the Association's submission was circulated to each member and it was agreed that any member who had any further views should submit same to the Town Clerk not later than 15th May 1973 for transmission to the Association.

### RAILINGS AT SALTEE AVE. MAUDLINTOWN

The Council had before it a report from the Borough Engineer on the condition and replacement of railings at the rere of Saltee Avenue, Maudlintown - copy attached. It was unanimously agreed to defer further consideration pending a further report from the Borough Engineer in this matter.

### PROGRESS REPORTS - SANITARY SERVICES SCHEMES

A report on progress of various sanitary services capital schemes being carried out by the Corporation was unanimously adopted - report attached. Arising from the report the Borough Engineer informed the members that the change over to the new water supply system was being carried out at the moment and had given rise to low pressures in some outlying areas of the town. When the change over was completed these problems should be eliminated. Regarding the Main Drainage Scheme the Borough Engineer reported that the roadway at Trinity Street is at present being resurfaced by the Contractor and should be completed shortly. He promised to examine a suggestion from Councillor P. Roche that a scaffold to safeguard pedestrians particularly old people be provided at Parnell Street.



### WEXFORD WATER SUPPLY IMPROVEMENT SCHEME

The Council considered report from the Borough Engineer which recommended that in conjunction with the Wexford Water Supply Improvement Scheme the following works should be undertaken, viz, section of the old 10" trunk main in School Street to be renewed. The carrying out of this additional work together with other additional works already approved by the Borough Council, i.e. provision of pressure reducing valves at Georges Street Upper, Rowe Street Upper and Bride Street and replacement of distribution mains at Thomas Street, Grogans Road and Distillery Road would cost an estimated £12,821.64. On the proposition of Alderman Morris, seconded by Alderman Byrne the Council unanimously resolved to approve of the Borough Engineer's recommendation.

### PROVISION OF FIRE BRIGADE SERVICES

On the proposition of Alderman Jenkins, seconded by Alderman Byrne it was unanimously resolved that Wexford Corporation request Wexford County Council to enter into an agreement with Wexford Corporation in accordance with the provisions of Section 59 of the Local Government Act 1955 whereby the functions of Wexford Corporation under Sections 7 and 8 of the Fire Brigades Act 1940 would be performed by Wexford County Council.

### PUBLIC LIGHTING IMPROVEMENTS

On the proposition of Alderman Byrne, seconded by Alderman Jenkins it was unanimously resolved that the quotation of the Electricity Supply Board in the sum of £1,463.12 be accepted for the improvement of the public lighting system at North Main Street from Selskar to the Bull Ring and at the southern end of South Main Street. The quotation covers the provision of the following lights, viz :

NORTH MAIN STREET : 2 No. 400W MBF/U lights at Slaney Street, to tie in with the existing lighting at Redmond Place and 16 No. 250W MBF/U lights along the North Main Street. 8 of these would be mounted at 25 ft. on existing poles, 7 on wall brackets and 1 on a new steel pole in the Bull Ring at the Market.

SOUTH MAIN STREET : Replacement of existing 4 No. 125W MBF/U lights with 4 No. 250W MBF/U lights mounted at 25 ft. on the existing steel poles.

It was proposed by Alderman Byrne, seconded by Alderman Jenkins and unanimously resolved that the Department of Local Government be requested to provide that the cost of electric current used in lighting arterial roads should be borne by the Road Fund.

### APPROVAL OF HOUSE PURCHASE SCHEMES

On the proposition of Alderman Byrne, seconded by Alderman Morris the Council unanimously approved of the following proposed sale prices for Corporation dwellings, viz :

McDermott Terrace - £3,100 ; Corish Park - except Nos. 103 to 118 inclusive - £3,000 + Mannix Place - £3,100 ; Davitt Road North - Nos. 34 to 80 even numbers only - £3,100 ; Davitt Road South - 2 Storey except 12A, 14A, 50 and 52 - £3,100.



### FLOODING AT CORISH PARK

On the proposition of Councillor Curtin, seconded by Alderman Morris it was unanimously resolved "that Wexford Corporation should take steps to end the flooding of six houses at Corish Park adjacent to the G.A.A. Park".

The members were informed that this matter is at present under discussion between the officials and the G.A.A. people and it is hoped to reach a solution shortly.

### SOUTH EAST HEALTH BOARD

It was proposed by Councillor P. Roche, seconded by Councillor Dunne and unanimously resolved "that this Council again call on the Minister for Health to give Wexford Corporation representation on the South East Health Board".

It was proposed by Councillor P. Roche, seconded by Councillor T. Roche and unanimously resolved "that the South East Health Board be requested to inform the Council :-

1. What are the office hours of the Staff Officer stationed at the County Hall, Wexford ;
2. Is official business of the health authority conducted after the close of office hours.

### CHANGES OF HOUSING TENANCIES

It was proposed by Councillor P. Roche, seconded by Alderman Byrne and unanimously resolved "that the Minister for Local Government be requested to change the laws applicable when a Council house changes tenancy within a family".

The Town Clerk informed the members that the matter was really one for the County Manager and he would place the matter before him and report back to the Council.

### OLD AGE PENSIONERS

Alderman Byrne requested, on behalf of Alderman Mahoney, that the motion in Alderman Mahoney's name, viz, "that Wexford Borough Council call on the Minister for Social Welfare to recognise widows that are 70 years of age, as Old Age Pensioners and pay them accordingly", be withdrawn. This was unanimously agreed.

### WEXFORD PARKING AND TRAFFIC BYE-LAWS 1973

On the proposition of Alderman Byrne, seconded by Alderman Morris the Council unanimously approved of the draft of the Wexford Parking and Traffic Bye-Laws 1973 with the amendment that parking should not be allowed on the east side of Distillery Road from its junction with Mill Road to the entrance to Pierces Factory.

In connection with the Bye-Laws it was pointed out that the recommendation of the Borough Council regarding one way streets at Peter Street, Henrietta Street and Harpurs Lane had been reversed by the Garda Commissioner and that the following amendments, in addition to those requested by the Borough Council, have been incorporated in the new Bye-Laws, viz:

1. No parking at any time on School Street from St. Peters Square to Mary Street - both sides.
2. No parking at any time from Mary Street to Duke Street - both sides.



3. No parking during business hours on John Street west side from Gayners to opposite No. 30 John Street.
4. No parking at any time on Mary Street - both sides.
5. No parking at any time at the Folly from Mulgannon to Swan View - both sides.
6. No parking at any time at Mallon Street - both sides.
7. No parking at any time on southern side of Bride Street from Clifford Street to South Main Street.
8. No parking during business hours at Bride Street northern side from Clifford Street to South Main Street.

The Borough Engineer was requested to examine the necessity for a "slow" sign at the top of the Folly.

LEASING OF SITE TO ELECTRICITY SUPPLY BOARD AT CORISH PARK

On the proposition of Alderman Byrne, seconded by Alderman Morris it was unanimously resolved that approval be given to the proposal of the County Manager to lease 2.5 sq. meters of land at Corish Park, Wexford, to the Electricity Supply Board for 100 years at a yearly rent of 5p on which the Board proposes to erect a 10 K.V. substation, and as set out in Notice dated 25th April 1973 and circulated to each member.

LEASING OF SITE TO ELECTRICITY SUPPLY BOARD AT LIAM MELLOWS PARK

On the proposition of Alderman Byrne, seconded by Alderman Morris, it was unanimously resolved that approval be given to the proposal of the County Manager to lease 3.2 sq. meters of land at Liam Mellows Park, Wexford, to the Electricity Supply Board for 100 years at a yearly rent of 5p on which the Board proposes to erect a 10 K.V. substation, and as set out in Notice dated 25th April 1973 and circulated to each member.

DISPOSAL OF NO. 2 CORISH PARK WEXFORD

On the proposition of Alderman Byrne, seconded by Alderman Morris approval was unanimously given to the proposal of the County Manager to dispose of house No. 2 Corish Park, Wexford, to the tenant thereof, Mr. John Kenny, on the terms as set out in Notice dated 21st March 1973, and circulated to the members, viz, for the sum of £1,998.

DISPOSAL OF NO. 12 CORISH PARK WEXFORD

On the proposition of Alderman Byrne, seconded by Alderman Morris approval was unanimously given to the proposal of the County Manager to dispose of house No. 12 Corish Park, Wexford, to the tenant thereof, Mr. John T. Donovan, on the terms as set out in Notice dated 21st March 1973 and circulated to the members, viz, for the sum of £1,998.

DISPOSAL OF NO. 14 CORISH PARK WEXFORD

On the proposition of Alderman Byrne, seconded by Alderman Morris approval was unanimously given to the proposal of the County Manager to dispose of house No. 14 Corish Park, Wexford, to the tenant thereof, Mr. Myles A. Wilde, on the terms as set out in Notice dated 22nd March 1973 and circulated to the members, viz, for the sum of £1,998.

DISPOSAL OF NO. 17 CORISH PARK WEXFORD

On the proposition of Alderman Byrne, seconded by Alderman Morris approval was unanimously given to the proposal of the County Manager to dispose of house No. 17 Corish Park, Wexford, to the tenant thereof, Mr. Francis Bolger, on the terms as set out in Notice dated 22nd March 1973 and circulated to the members, viz, for the sum of £1,998.



DISPOSAL OF NO. 33 CORISH PARK WEXFORD

On the proposition of Alderman Byrne, seconded by Alderman Morris approval was unanimously given to the proposal of the County Manager to dispose of house No. 33 Corish Park, Wexford, to the tenant thereof, Mr. William Maher, on the terms as set out in Notice dated 21st March 1973 and circulated to the members, viz, for the sum of £2,700.

DISPOSAL OF NO. 49 CORISH PARK WEXFORD

On the proposition of Alderman Byrne, seconded by Alderman Morris approval was unanimously given to the proposal of the County Manager to dispose of house No. 49 Corish Park, Wexford, to the tenant thereof, Mr. Kevin Tierney, on the terms as set out in Notice dated 22nd March 1973 and circulated to the members, viz, for the sum of £2,376.

DISPOSAL OF NO. 77 CORISH PARK WEXFORD

On the proposition of Alderman Byrne, seconded by Alderman Morris approval was unanimously given to the proposal of the County Manager to dispose of house No. 77 Corish Park, Wexford, to the tenant thereof, Mr. John Dempsey, on the terms as set out in Notice dated 22nd March 1973 and circulated to the members, viz, for the sum of £2,322.

DISPOSAL OF NO. 16 DAVITT ROAD SOUTH WEXFORD

On the proposition of Alderman Byrne, seconded by Alderman Morris approval was unanimously given to the proposal of the County Manager to dispose of house No. 16 Davitt Road South, Wexford, to the tenant thereof, Mr. Patrick Clancy, on the terms as set out in Notice dated 21st March 1973 and circulated to the members, viz, for the sum of £2,592.

DISPOSAL OF NO. 34 DAVITT ROAD SOUTH WEXFORD

On the proposition of Alderman Byrne, seconded by Alderman Morris approval was unanimously given to the proposal of the County Manager to dispose of house No. 34 Davitt Road South, Wexford, to the tenant thereof, Mr. John Butler, on the terms as set out in Notice dated 21st March 1973 and circulated to the members, viz, for the sum of £2,592.

DISPOSAL OF NO. 37 DAVITT ROAD SOUTH WEXFORD

On the proposition of Alderman Byrne, seconded by Alderman Morris approval was unanimously given to the proposal of the County Manager to dispose of house No. 37 Davitt Road South, Wexford, to the tenant thereof, Mr. Thomas O'Connor, on the terms as set out in Notice dated 21st March 1973 and circulated to the members, viz, for the sum of £2,592.

DISPOSAL OF NO. 38 DAVITT ROAD SOUTH WEXFORD

On the proposition of Alderman Byrne, seconded by Alderman Morris approval was unanimously given to the proposal of the County Manager to dispose of house No. 38 Davitt Road South, Wexford, to the tenant thereof, Mrs. Mary Roche, on the terms as set out in Notice dated 22nd March 1973 and circulated to the members, viz, for the sum of £2,592.

DISPOSAL OF NO. 47 DAVITT ROAD SOUTH WEXFORD

On the proposition of Alderman Byrne, seconded by Alderman Morris approval was unanimously given to the proposal of the County Manager to dispose of house No. 47 Davitt Road South, Wexford, to the tenant thereof, Mr. James Bridges, on the terms as set out in Notice dated 22nd March 1973 and circulated to the members, viz, for the sum of £2,592.



DISPOSAL OF NO. 38 DAVITT ROAD NORTH WEXFORD

On the proposition of Alderman Byrne, seconded by Alderman Morris approval was unanimously given to the proposal of the County Manager to dispose of house No. 38 Davitt Road North, Wexford, to the tenant thereof, Miss Kathleen Furlong, on the terms as set out in Notice dated 22nd March 1973 and circulated to the members, viz, for the sum of £2,538.

DISPOSAL OF NO. 39 MCDERMOTT TERRACE WEXFORD

On the proposition of Alderman Byrne, seconded by Alderman Morris approval was unanimously given to the proposal of the County Manager to dispose of house No. 39 McDermott Terrace, Wexford, to the tenant thereof, Mr. William Maher, on the terms as set out in Notice dated 23rd March 1973 and circulated to the members, viz, for the sum of £1,944.

DISPOSAL OF NO. 41 MCDERMOTT TERRACE WEXFORD

On the proposition of Alderman Byrne, seconded by Alderman Morris approval was unanimously given to the proposal of the County Manager to dispose of house No. 41 McDermott Terrace, Wexford, to the tenant thereof, Mr. Patrick Browne, on the terms as set out in Notice dated 22nd March 1973 and circulated to the members, viz, for the sum of £1,944.

DISPOSAL OF NO. 45 MCDERMOTT TERRACE WEXFORD

On the proposition of Alderman Byrne, seconded by Alderman Morris approval was unanimously given to the proposal of the County Manager to dispose of house No. 45 McDermott Terrace, Wexford, to the tenant thereof, Mr. Edward Hopkins, on the terms as set out in Notice dated 22nd March 1973 and circulated to the members, viz, for the sum of £1,890.

DISPOSAL OF NO. 49 MCDERMOTT TERRACE WEXFORD

On the proposition of Alderman Byrne, seconded by Alderman Morris approval was unanimously given to the proposal of the County Manager to dispose of house No. 49 McDermott Terrace, Wexford, to the tenant thereof, Mr. Fintan Morris, on the terms as set out in Notice dated 22nd March 1973 and circulated to the members, viz, for the sum of £1,890.

DISPOSAL OF NO. 13 MANNIX PLACE WEXFORD

On the proposition of Alderman Byrne, seconded by Alderman Morris approval was unanimously given to the proposal of the County Manager to dispose of house No. 13 Mannix Place, Wexford, to the tenant thereof, Mr. Thomas O'Neill, on the terms as set out in Notice dated 21st March 1973 and circulated to the members, viz, for the sum of £2,430.

DISPOSAL OF NO. 15 MANNIX PLACE WEXFORD

On the proposition of Alderman Byrne, seconded by Alderman Morris approval was unanimously given to the proposal of the County Manager to dispose of house No. 15 Mannix Place, Wexford, to the tenant thereof, Miss Maureen Kelly, on the terms as set out in Notice dated 22nd March 1973 and circulated to the members, viz, for the sum of £2,700.

DISPOSAL OF NO. 58 MANNIX PLACE/JOHN STREET WEXFORD

On the proposition of Alderman Byrne, seconded by Alderman Morris approval was unanimously given to the proposal of the County Manager to dispose of house No. 58 Mannix Place/John Street, Wexford, to the tenant thereof, Mr. John Sinnott, on the terms as set out in Notice dated 22nd March 1973 and circulated to the members, viz, for the sum of £2,484.



DISPOSAL OF NO. 3 CASEMENT TERRACE WEXFORD

On the proposition of Alderman Byrne, seconded by Alderman Morris approval was unanimously given to the proposal of the County Manager to dispose of house No. 3 Casement Terrace, Wexford, to the tenant thereof, Mr. Joseph Kelly, on the terms as set out in Notice dated 21st March 1973 and circulated to the members, viz, for the sum of £2,800.

DISPOSAL OF NO. 47 BERNADETTE PLACE WEXFORD

On the proposition of Alderman Byrne, seconded by Alderman Morris approval was unanimously given to the proposal of the County Manager to dispose of house No. 47 Bernadette Place, Wexford, to the tenant thereof, Mr. James Rossiter, on the terms as set out in Notice dated 26th March 1973 and circulated to the members, viz, for the sum of £2,268.

DISPOSAL OF NO. 28 THE FAYTHE WEXFORD

On the proposition of Alderman Byrne, seconded by Alderman Morris approval was unanimously given to the proposal of the County Manager to dispose of house No. 28 The Faythe, Wexford, to the tenant thereof, Mrs. Elizabeth Crosbie, on the terms as set out in Notice dated 21st March 1973 and circulated to the members, viz, for the sum of £640.

DISPOSAL OF NO. 121 CORISH PARK WEXFORD

On the proposition of Alderman Byrne, seconded by Alderman Morris approval was unanimously given to the proposal of the County Manager to dispose of house No. 121 Corish Park, Wexford, to the tenant thereof, Mrs. Margaret Fitzgerald, on the terms as set out in Notice dated 24th April 1973 and circulated to the members, viz, for the sum of £2,322.

DISPOSAL OF NO. 11 TUSKAR VIEW WEXFORD

On the proposition of Alderman Byrne, seconded by Alderman Morris approval was unanimously given to the proposal of the County Manager to dispose of house No. 11 Tuskar View, Wexford, to the tenant thereof, Mr. Nicholas Kirwan, on the terms as set out in Notice dated 24th April 1973 and circulated to the members, viz, for the sum of £1,960.

CLEARANCE OF OIL POLLUTION

The Council considered circular letter from the Department of Local Government re. Clearance of Oil Pollution and the position was noted.

MAYOR'S SALARY

On the proposition of Alderman Byrne, seconded by Alderman Morris it was unanimously resolved that the salary of the Mayor for the quarter ending 30th June 1973 be fixed at £150.

I.N.T.O. CONGRESS

On behalf of the organising committee of the recent congress of the Irish National Teachers' Organisation held in Wexford, Councillor Curtin thanked His Worship the Mayor and the members of the Borough Council for contributing so much to the success of the Congress. He also congratulated the local hotels and guesthouses on the excellence of the accommodation etc., which they provided for the delegates; the staff of Dun Mhuire for its co-operation and the members of the Press for the conscientious manner in which the deliberations of the Congress were covered.



QUESTIONS

In reply to questions Councillor Curtin was informed :-

1. The provision of a Pram Walk at Kennedy Park had been included in the final account for the scheme and that the sanction of the Minister for Local Government to this was awaited.

In reply to questions Alderman Jenkins was informed :-

1. Wexford Corporation does not operate a scheme for waiver of rates - the introduction of such a scheme was a function reserved to the elected members of the Council, the matter had been considered at the Statutory Estimates Meeting and the Council had formally decided not to adopt a scheme for the current local financial year.

In reply to questions Councillor P. Roche was informed :-

- 1 (a) Gas pipes are laid in Hantoon Road, Maudlintown at a depth of 18" to 2'.  
(b) Where damage is caused to Corporation property by failures in the gas system, the Gas Company is responsible for the cost of making good the damage.
- 2 (a) Public Notice inviting tenders for the Talbot Street/Green Street Housing Scheme will be issued during the current week or next week.  
(b) The Consultant on the Talbot Street/Green Street Housing Scheme is employed for this Scheme only - where Consultants are employed by the County Manager for any scheme all factors such as qualifications, experience and past performance are taken into account by the County Manager in making his appointment.
3. The derelict house at bottom of Barrack Street would be examined and appropriate action taken under either the Sanitary Services Acts or the Derelict Sites Act.

In reply to questions Councillor Dunne was informed :-

1. Owners of property are liable for any refuse dumped on their property - action by the Corporation for removal of such refuse depended on whether or not the County Medical Officer certified that a sanitary nuisance existed.
2. The Borough Engineer will investigate dangerous wire protruding through the ground between Flanagans and Morans corner at end of Parnell Street.
3. The Borough Engineer does not consider gable end of house along side Assembly Room Cornmarket to be immediately dangerous and the building will be removed when acquisitions in that area are completed.

In reply to questions Alderman Mahoney was informed :-

1. The toilet at No. 1 Roches Terrace is not leaking and the damp wall will be repaired, as soon as possible.
2. The toilet at No. 10 Emmet Place is not leaking - any dampness will be repaired, as soon as possible.

The meeting then terminated.



11th June, 1973.

A Statutory Meeting of the Wexford Borough Council was held this day in the Council Chamber, Municipal Buildings, Wexford, at half past seven o'clock p.m.

The members present were:-

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

Aldermen: James Mahoney, Kevin C. Morris, James Jenkins, Thomas Byrne.

Councillors: John Cullimore, John Flaherty, John Dunne, Peter Roche, Thomas Roche, Eugene Curtin.

In attendance: Kevin T. Conway, Borough Engineer;  
Richard Lynn, Borough Accountant;  
Desmond T. Wixted, Town Clerk.

#### SYMPATHY

On the proposition of Councillor Cullimore, seconded by His Worship the Mayor the sympathy of the Council was extended to the relatives of the late Mrs. H. Coffey.

#### BOROUGH ACCOUNTANT

On the proposition of Alderman Morris, seconded by Councillor P. Roche the congratulations of the Council were extended to the Acting Borough Accountant, Mr. Lynn, on being recommended by the Local Appointments Commission for the appointment to the permanent position.

#### MINUTES

On the proposition of Councillor Flaherty, seconded by Alderman Jenkins the minutes of Statutory meeting of 7th May, 1973, having been circulated, were taken as read, adopted unanimously and signed by His Worship the Mayor.

#### SUSPENSION OF STANDING ORDERS

It was proposed by Councillor Dunne and seconded by Councillor P. Roche that the Council agree to the suspension of Standing Orders to allow Councillor Dunne to introduce a motion concerning Northern Ireland and extradition proceedings. His Worship the Mayor ruled Councillor Dunne's proposal out of order and Councillors Dunne and Roche then left the meeting.

#### WEXFORD/DUBLIN TRAINS

A letter was read from Coras Iompair Eireann indicating that with effect as from Monday, 11th June, 1973, the Company intended to restore stops at Pearse Station, Westland Row Dublin for Wexford trains to pick up and set down passengers. The letter made no mention of Dun Laoghaire station and it was unanimously resolved to write again to Coras Iompair Eireann thanking them for the concession granted and requesting them to allow the same concession at Dun Laoghaire.

#### DEVELOPMENT OF WEXFORD AREA TOURISTWISE

The Town Clerk informed the meeting that the Bord Failte people were unable to attend the meeting to discuss with the members the development of Wexford area touristwise. It was unanimously resolved to meet Bord Failte at a special meeting to be held on Tuesday 26th June, 1973, provided this date is suitable to the Bord Failte people.

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### WEXFORD COAT OF ARMS

On the proposition of Alderman Morris, seconded by Alderman Byrne permission was unanimously given to Miss Mai McElroy, 4 Hill Street, Wexford, to use the Wexford Coat of Arms on a design for a scenic map of South Wexford.

### LOCAL ELECTIONS

A circular was received from the Department of Local Government indicating that the Government have decided to postpone for one year the local elections due to be held in June, 1973.

### MALICIOUS INJURY DECREES

The Town Clerk informed the members that Malicious Injury Decrees amounting to £340.70 had been granted at the March sitting of the Wexford Circuit Court, the full amount to be levied on the Borough of Wexford.

On the proposition of Councillor Curtin, seconded by Councillor T. Roche the Town Clerk was instructed to take up with the Attorney General the whole question of the Malicious Injury legislation.

### EMERGENCY SUPPLEMENTARY HOUSING PROGRAMME

The Council considered a circular from the Department of Local Government setting out the targets to be achieved under the Government's emergency supplementary housing programme. The members were informed that the County Manager is in consultation with the National Building Agency with a view to having a feasibility study and general layout prepared for the development of lands at Coolcotts for housing purposes. This development will be facilitated by the proposals of the County Council for the drainage of this area. The members were also informed that as soon as the extension of services at the Whitemill Industrial Estate has been completed further lands for housing will be available at Clonard Road. No proposals had yet been formulated for the servicing of lands recently acquired at Coolcotts and Carriglawn.

### TALBOT STREET/GREEN STREET HOUSING SCHEME

A discussion took place on the Talbot Street/Green Street Housing Scheme when the members were informed that tenders have now been invited for the carrying out of the Scheme. The members discussed the possibility of allowing a block of seven existing houses at Talbot Street to remain standing, it being felt that these houses are in good structural condition and should not be demolished. It was pointed out that the overall layout for the area provided for the demolition of these houses and if this was not done it would seriously effect the whole scheme. On the proposition of Councillor Curtin, seconded by Alderman Jenkins the officials were requested to re-examine the layout and to explore the possibility of allowing the houses referred to to remain standing.

### FINANCE - SUPPLEMENTARY GRANTS

On the proposition of Alderman Byrne, seconded by Councillor Flaherty it was unanimously resolved that application be made to the Minister for Local Government for sanction to the raising of a loan of £10,000 from the Commissioners of Public Works in Ireland for the purpose of making grants under Sections 26 and 29 of the Housing Act 1966.

### OVERDRAFT ACCOMMODATION

On the proposition of Councillor Curtin, seconded by Alderman Byrne it was unanimously resolved "that subject to the sanction of the Minister for Local Government approval be given to the raising of overdraft from the

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Corporation's Treasurer, The Bank of Ireland Limited, Custom House Quay, Wexford, for the quarter ending 30th September, 1973, as follows":-

Revenue Account	£105,000
Capital Account	£35,000

In connection with the overdraft the members were informed that had circumstances been normal it would have been possible to reduce the Revenue Account from the usual £80,000 to £60,000 for the quarter. However, due to the withholding of rents by some tenants the sum of £27,545.96 now remained outstanding in respect of rents and unless the dispute was settled before the end of the quarter it was estimated that a total of £45,000 would be outstanding by the 30th September next. Hence the additional £45,000 overdraft accommodation required.

The members were most perturbed at the revelation of the figure outstanding in respect of rents and on the proposition of Alderman Byrne, seconded by Alderman Jenkins it was unanimously resolved to request the Minister for Local Government to conclude a speedy agreement with the National Tenants' Association.

#### ABSTRACT OF ACCOUNTS 1972/73

The Abstract of Accounts for the financial year ended 31st March, 1973, was considered by the Council and the following specific points were noted.

1. Revenue Debit Balances at 31st March, 1973, amounted to £41,685 as against £26,214 at the 31st March, 1972. However, rents and grants outstanding at that date accounted for £33,714 giving an effective debit balance of £7,971 - a decrease of over £18,000 from 1972.
2. Capital Debit Balances at the 31st March amounted to £87,420 as against £162,681 at the 31st March, 1972.
3. Rate collection amounted to 95.15% as against 95.68% for 1971/72.
4. Rent collection amounted to 84.94% as against 99.59% for 1971/72.
5. The Corporation's Capital debt at the 31st March, 1973, amounted to £2,323,162 as against £1,943,957 at the 31st March, 1972.

#### EMPLOYER/LABOUR CONFERENCE NATIONAL AGREEMENT

On the proposition of Alderman Byrne, seconded by Councillor Flaherty approval was unanimously given to the proposal of the County Manager to implement the Employer/Labour Conference National Agreement in full as far as the Corporation's Officers and Servants are concerned. The Agreement provides as follows:-

First Phase: The first phase increases which operate for 12 months from the effective date and shall be for the following amounts:-

9% on first £30 of basic weekly pay or the following amounts if these are greater - £2.50 per week for adult male employees and £2.25 per week for adult female employees.

7½% on next £10. of basic weekly pay.

4% on any remaining part of basic weekly pay.

To protect the value of any pay increases granted in accordance with the provision of the above the appropriate increases shall be supplemented by additional amounts to be applied as follows:-

10p per week from the effective date and 10p per week from the 1st July, 1973.



Second Phase: Second phase shall operate from termination date of the first phase. In this phase an increase of 4% shall be applied to basic wages and salaries as at the end of the first phase.

For each 1% increase in the Consumer Price Index over 4% in the year covered by the First Phase, a 16p per week supplement shall be added to the above increases.

The Agreement commences as far as Corporation employees other than those covered by the Maintenance Craftsmens' Agreement, are concerned at 1st June 1973.

GRANT - REDMOND MEMORIAL PARK

On the proposition of Councillor Flaherty, seconded by Alderman Byrne it was unanimously resolved that subject to the sanction of the Minister for Local Government a grant of £500 be made to the Trustees of the Major Willie Redmond Park, Wexford, as a contribution towards the upkeep of the Park for the financial year ending 31st March, 1974.

GRANT - IRISH WATER SAFETY ASSOCIATION

On the proposition of Councillor Flaherty, seconded by Alderman Byrne it was unanimously resolved that a grant of £50. be made to the Irish Water Safety Association for the financial year ending 31st March, 1974.

GRANT - SOUTH EASTERN REGIONAL TOURISM ORGANISATION

On the proposition of Councillor Flaherty, seconded by Alderman Byrne it was unanimously resolved that a contribution of £450 be made to the South Eastern Regional Tourism Organisation Ltd., for the financial year ending 31st March, 1974.

GRANT - WEXFORD FESTIVAL LIGHTING

On the proposition of Councillor Flaherty, seconded by Alderman Byrne it was unanimously resolved that a grant of £250 be made to the Wexford Junior Chamber as the Corporation's contribution towards the cost of the Wexford Festival Decorative Lighting 1973.

GRANT - WEXFORD HARBOUR COMMISSIONERS

On the proposition of Councillor Flaherty, seconded by Alderman Byrne it was unanimously resolved that Wexford Corporation assist Wexford Harbour Commissioners by making a grant of £36 to the Commissioners under Section 7 of the Harbours Act, 1947.

AMENITY GRANTS

The members were informed that an allocation of £2,500 has been made by the Department of Local Government to the Corporation for 1973/74 under the Amenity Grants Scheme. The Corporation had applied for grants totalling £9,123.39 in respect of the following:-

1. Erection of seawall at Ferrybank, Wexford - £6,350
2. Provision of tennis courts at Bishopswater by St. Joseph's Boys Club - £2,773.39

On the proposition of Alderman Morris, seconded by Alderman Byrne it was unanimously resolved to allocate the entire £2,500 towards the erection of the seawall at Ferrybank and to proceed immediately with arrangements to have the work put in hand; further representations to be made to the Department with a view to the allocation of a more substantial grant to the Corporation.



On the proposition of Alderman Jenkins, seconded by Alderman Morris it was unanimously resolved that application be made to the Minister for Local Government for sanction to the raising of a loan of £9,700 from the Corporation's Treasurer, The Bank of Ireland Ltd., Custom House Quay, Wexford, for the erection of a seawall at Ferrybank, Wexford.

#### PUBLIC LIGHTING

The Council considered report and estimate from the Electricity Supply Board for the improvement of the Public Lighting system in the Borough. The Board, while suggesting that ideally a light should be erected on every pole, recommended that at this stage the Corporation should consider providing a light on at least every second pole. The Borough Engineer reported that he approved of the scheme subject to:-

1. North Main Street - It would be much better if the overhead wires were removed and put underground. This would also be helpful to the new fire rescue vehicle in manoeuvring in event of fire.
2. The exact location and type of poles to be used where these are necessary, will need to be agreed as some unsightly poles have been used in the past in prominent locations.
3. Slight modifications in positioning poles and lights in Maudlintown and at a few other locations may be desirable to get the best results.

On the proposition of Alderman Byrne, seconded by Alderman Morris it was unanimously resolved to accept the scheme as presented by the Board subject to the Borough Engineer's suggestions Nos. 2 and 3. It was pointed out that the cost of implementing the scheme would amount to a capital contribution of £1,783.77 while the additional annual charge would amount to £621. Both the capital and revenue charges would be payable out of the Corporation revenue and would have to be raised by means of a rate levy.

The Borough Engineer was requested to examine the necessity for an additional light at the Loreto Convent, Spawell Road, Wexford.

#### HOUSE PURCHASE LOANS AND SUPPLEMENTARY GRANTS

The members were informed of the following amendments in respect of House Purchase Loans and Supplementary Grants, viz:

House Purchase Loans: Income limit increased from £1,800 to £2,000 per annum; Valuation limit remains at £60. Maximum loan limit increased from £3,400 to £4,500.

Supplementary New House Grants: Income limit increased from £1,500 to £1,700 - allowance for dependants remains at £100 per head; Valuation limit remains at £60.

The above amendments to apply to applications received by Local Authorities on or after 25th May, 1973.

#### PARKING ON SOUTH MAIN STREET

It was proposed by Alderman Mahoney "that the Wexford Borough Council call on the Garda Authority to allow parking of cars for 10 minutes on South Main Street". Alderman Mahoney's proposal received no seconder.

#### REPAIRS - SECOND LETTING HOUSES

It was proposed by Alderman Mahoney, seconded by Alderman Byrne and unanimously resolved "that all necessary repairs be done to second letting Borough Council houses". The members were informed that this was already the established practice with regard to second letting houses and the Borough



Engineer undertook to look into the condition of a number of houses referred to specifically by Alderman Mahoney.

LEASING OF TOWN HALL CORNMARKE

On the proposition of Alderman Byrne, seconded by Alderman Morris approval was unanimously given to the proposal of the County Manager to lease the Town Hall, Cornmarket, Wexford, to Wexford Arts Centre Ltd., on the terms as set out in Notice dated 30th May, 1973, and circulated to the members, viz., for a period of 99 years at a yearly rent of 5p.

DISPOSAL OF NO. 34 BISHOPSWATER. WEXFORD.

On the proposition of Alderman Byrne, seconded by Councillor Flaherty approval was unanimously given to the proposal of the County Manager to dispose of house No. 34 Bishopswater, Wexford, to the tenant thereof, Mr. Philip McGuire, on the terms as set out in Notice dated 23rd May, 1973, and circulated to the members, viz., for the sum of £1,620.

DISPOSAL OF NO. 74 BISHOPSWATER. WEXFORD.

On the proposition of Alderman Byrne, seconded by Councillor Flaherty approval was unanimously given to the proposal of the County Manager to dispose of house No. 74 Bishopswater, Wexford, to the tenant thereof, Mr. Richard Murphy, on the terms as set out in Notice dated 23rd May, 1973, and circulated to the members, viz., for the sum of £1,548.

DISPOSAL OF NO. 116 BISHOPSWATER. WEXFORD.

On the proposition of Alderman Byrne, seconded by Councillor Flaherty approval was unanimously given to the proposal of the County Manager to dispose of house No. 116 Bishopswater, Wexford, to the tenant thereof, Mr. Michael Lynch, on the terms as set out in Notice dated 23rd May, 1973, and circulated to the members viz., for the sum of £2,021.

DISPOSAL OF NO. 72 DAVITT ROAD NORTH. WEXFORD.

On the proposition of Alderman Byrne, seconded by Councillor Flaherty approval was unanimously given to the proposal of the County Manager to dispose of house No. 72 Davitt Road North, Wexford, to the tenant thereof, Mr. John Hore, on the terms as set out in Notice dated 23rd May, 1973, and circulated to the members, viz., for the sum of £2,322.

DISPOSAL OF NO. 76 DAVITT ROAD NORTH. WEXFORD.

On the proposition of Alderman Byrne, seconded by Councillor Flaherty approval was unanimously given to the proposal of the County Manager to dispose of house No. 76 Davitt Road North, Wexford, to the tenant thereof, Mr. Stephen Martin, on the terms as set out in Notice dated 23rd May, 1973, and circulated to the members, viz., for the sum of £2,214.

DISPOSAL OF NO. 7 CORISH PARK, WEXFORD.

On the proposition of Alderman Byrne, seconded by Councillor Flaherty approval was unanimously given to the proposal of the County Manager to dispose of house No. 7 Corish Park, Wexford, to the tenant thereof, Mr. Charles Doyle, on the terms as set out in Notice dated 23rd May, 1973, and circulated to the members, viz., for the sum of £1,890.

JULY QUARTERLY MEETING

The members were informed that the Quarterly Meeting at which a Mayor for the coming year will be selected and at which the Municipal Rate for 1973/74 will be made will be held on Monday, 2nd July, 1973, in the Town Hall, Cornmarket, at 7.30 p.m.

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QUESTIONS

In reply to questions Councillor Flaherty was informed:-

1. The amount outstanding at the 11th June, 1973, in respect of with-holding of rents by tenants was £27,545.96.

In reply to questions Councillor T. Roche was informed:-

1. On the 8th March, 1973, the County Medical Officer had been requested to make arrangements for the preparation of an additional Housing Priority List from among applications in his possession; the Town Clerk will again raise the matter with the County Medical Officer but it will take some months to have all applications investigated, pointed and listed.

In reply to questions Alderman Mahoney was informed:-

1.
  - (a) The main sewer at Selskar Street is regularly freed whenever the necessity arises.
  - (b) The repairs to bathroom window and kitchenette window at 91 Bishopswater will be carried out within the next month.
  - (c) The toilet at No. 1 Roche's Terrace is not leaking; the damp wall will be attended to by the end of this month.

The meeting then terminated.

*J. Mahoney*



26th June, 1973.

A Special Meeting of the Wexford Borough Council was held this day in the Council Chamber, Municipal Buildings, Wexford, at 8.15 p.m.

The members present were:

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

Aldermen: James Mahoney, Kevin C. Morris, Thomas Byrne.

Councillors: Desmond Corish, John Cullimore, John Dunne, Peter Roche, Thomas Roche, Eugene Curtin.

In attendance: Thomas F. Broe, County Manager;  
Kevin T. Conway, Borough Engineer;  
Richard Lynn, Borough Accountant;  
Desmond T. Wixted, Town Clerk.

An apology for inability to attend was received from Alderman Jenkins.

#### TALBOT/GREEN STREET HOUSING SCHEME

The meeting had been specially convened by His Worship the Mayor to discuss the Talbot/Green Street Housing Scheme and in particular the omission from the Scheme of seven houses at Talbot Street - Nos 62 to 68 as per Compulsory Purchase Order.

At the outset the County Manager presented reports from the Corporations Consulting Architect, Quantity Surveyor and the Borough Engineer outlining the effect which the omission of these houses from the Scheme would have. The reports indicated that apart from the loss of houses on the actual sites of the existing houses, it would be necessary to redesign the Scheme since the access road to houses at the rear, the widening of Talbot/Street and the sewerage system would also be interfered with. A lengthy discussion took place during the course of which some members expressed the view that the houses should be allowed to remain standing and that the Scheme would not be essentially interfered with as a result.

On the County Manager pointing out that, in the event of the occupants of these houses being appointed tenants of any Corporation house in the area, special arrangements would be made regarding rent, it was proposed by His Worship the Mayor, seconded by Councillor Thomas Roche and unanimously resolved that the Scheme be carried out as planned, and that the County Manager would deal sympathetically with the displaced persons in assessing their rents for new houses.

Nine tenders were received for the Scheme and were opened by His Worship the Mayor as follows:-

1. M/s Cleary & Doyle, Ballindinas, Barntown, Co. Wexford.	£433,358.61
2. Wm. Neville & Sons, Brandane, Bannow, Co. Wexford.	436,806.95
3. Queally Construction Ltd., Cork Road, Waterford	457,892.76
4. S.C.S. Ltd., St. Margarets Rd., Ballymun, Dublin 11	462,193.11
5. Lakeglen Construction Ltd., 4 Landscape Rd., Dublin 14	469,532.43
6. McIlvenna Bros., Taney Rd., Dundrum, Dublin 14.	471,584.43
7. McInerney Construction Ltd., Bluebell, Dublin 12.	567,636.45
8. Noonan Consttuction Ltd., Ardeen House, Lucan, Co. Dublin	605,598.29
9. Stephen Finn, 7 Catherine Place, Limerick	615,565.90

The meeting then terminated.

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2nd July, 1973.

A Quarterly Meeting of the Wexford Borough Council was held this day in the Assembly Room, Town Hall, Cornmarket, at half past seven o'clock p.m.

The members present were:

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

Aldermen: James Mahoney, Kevin Morris, Thomas F. Byrne.

Councillors: Desmond Corish, John Cullimore, John Flaherty, John Dunne, Peter Roche, Thomas Roche, Eugene Curtin.

In attendance: Mr. Kevin T. Conway, Borough Engineer;  
Mr. Richard Lynn, Acting Borough Accountant;  
Mr. Fintan M. O'Connor, Corporation Solicitor;  
Mr. Desmond T. Wixted, Town Clerk.

#### MINUTES

On the proposition of Alderman Byrne, seconded by Councillor Flaherty the minutes of Statutory Meeting of 11th June, 1973, and of Special Meeting of 26th June, 1973, having been circulated, were taken as read, adopted unanimously and signed by His Worship the Mayor.

#### ELECTION OF MAYOR

The first business of the Quarterly Meeting was the election of a Mayor who would hold office until either:-

- (a) Quarterly Meeting to be held not more than fourteen days before or after 8th July, 1974, or
- (b) Quarterly Meeting to be held after next local election, and until his successor has been elected and made a Declaration of Acceptance of Office.

His Worship the Mayor asked for nominations for the office of Mayor and the following were duly nominated:-

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| Councillor Desmond Corish | - proposed by Alderman Byrne and seconded by Councillor Thomas Roche.  |
| Councillor John Flaherty  | - proposed by Alderman Morris and seconded by Councillor Curtin.       |
| Alderman James Mahoney    | - proposed by Councillor Peter Roche and seconded by Councillor Dunne. |

There being no further nominations a poll was taken and resulted:-

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| For Councillor Corish   | - Alderman Byrne and Councillors Corish, Cullimore, His Worship the Mayor and Councillor Thomas Roche (5) |
| For Councillor Flaherty | - Alderman Morris and Councillors Flaherty and Curtin (3)   |
| For Alderman Mahoney    | - Alderman Mahoney and Councillors Dunne and Peter Roche (3)  |



No candidate having secured an absolute majority of the members present and there being an equality of votes as between Councillor Flaherty and Alderman Mahoney, the question of which of the latter two candidates should be eliminated was determined by lot. On a drawing of lots Councillor Flaherty was eliminated.

A further poll as between Councillor Corish and Alderman Mahoney was taken and resulted:-

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| For Councillor Corish | - Alderman Byrne and Councillors Corish, Cullimore, His Worship the Mayor and Councillor Thomas Roche (5) |
| For Alderman Mahoney  | - Alderman Mahoney and Councillors Dunne and Peter Roche (3)  |

Alderman Morris and Councillors Flaherty and Curtin did not vote. There being only two remaining candidates and Councillor Corish having received the greater number of votes the outgoing Mayor formally declared Councillor Corish to be elected. Councillor Corish then made and subscribed the Declaration of Acceptance of Office as required by the Municipal Corporations (Ireland) Act 1840 and the Local Government Act 1941. Before leaving the chair, the outgoing Mayor, Councillor Morris thanked all those who had helped him during his term of office.

Councillor Morris then vested Councillor Corish with the Robes and Chain of Office and Councillor Corish took the Chair. Councillor Corish thanked all those who had voted him to office and his opponents and also congratulated the outgoing Mayor on the excellent manner in which he had carried out his duties during his term of office. He promised to uphold the dignity of the high office which had been bestowed on him and to strive for the advancement of Wexford during the coming year. The other members then congratulated Councillor Corish on his election and Councillor Morris on the excellence with which he had discharged his duties.

#### MAYOR'S ALLOWANCE

It was proposed by Alderman Byrne and seconded by Councillor Morris that the Mayor's Allowance be increased from £300 per annum to £600 per annum with immediate effect.

The matter was not proceeded with, Alderman Byrne intimating that he would introduce a Motion in the matter at the next meeting of the Borough Council.

#### WEXFORD COAT OF ARMS

On the proposition of Councillor Flaherty seconded by Councillor Thomas Roche permission was unanimously given to Wexford Golf Club to use the Wexford Coat of Arms on the Clubs jerseys.

#### ANNUAL SUBSCRIPTION - ASSOCIATION OF MUNICIPAL AUTHORITIES OF IRELAND

It was proposed by Councillor Flaherty seconded by Alderman Byrne and unanimously resolved that for the year 1973/74 a subscription of £20. be paid to the Association of Municipal Authorities of Ireland.

#### ANNUAL CONFERENCE - ASSOCIATION OF MUNICIPAL AUTHORITIES OF IRELAND

The Members were informed that the Annual Conference of the Association of Municipal Authorities of Ireland would be held in Enniscorthy from 18th to 20th September, 1973, inclusive. Any motions which the Council wished to have considered should reach the Secretary not later than 18th August, '73.



MAKING OF MUNICIPAL RATE

The making and allowance of a Municipal Rate of £7.60 in the £. for the service of the local financial year ending 31st March, 1974, was proposed by Alderman Morris and seconded by Councillor Morris. It was proposed by Alderman Byrne and seconded by Alderman Mahoney that the Rate be not allowed. On a vote for allowance, Alderman Morris, His Worship the Mayor and Councillors Flaherty, Morris and Curtin (5) against, Aldermen Mahoney and Byrne and Councillors Cullimore, Dunne, Peter Roche and Thomas Roche (6).

The motion not to allow the Rate was declared carried by six votes to five.

WEXFORD TRAFFIC AND PARKING BYE-LAWS 1973

Consideration of some amendments to the proposed Wexford Traffic and Parking Bye-laws 1973, already approved by the Council, submitted by the Garda Authorities, was deferred to the next meeting of the Council.

DISPOSAL OF NO. 113 BISHOPSWATER

On the proposition of Councillor Flaherty seconded by Alderman Morris approval was unanimously given to the proposal of the County Manager to dispose of house No. 113 Bishopswater to the tenant thereof, Mr. Richard Keeling, on the terms as set out in Notice dated 20th June, 1973, and circulated to the members viz., for the sum of £1,540.

The Meeting then terminated.

*Desmond Cuth.*

Mayor of Wexford



30th July, 1973.

A Special Meeting of the Wexford Borough Council was held this day in the Council Chamber, Municipal Buildings, Wexford, at half past seven o'clock p.m.

The members present were:

His Worship the Mayor, Councillor Desmond Corish in the chair.

Aldermen: James Mahoney, Kevin Morris, Thomas Byrne.

Councillors: John Cullimore, John Dunne, Peter Roche, James Morris, Thomas Roche, Eugene Curtin.

In attendance: Mr. Thomas F. Broe, County Manager;  
Mr. Kevin T. Conway, Borough Engineer;  
Mr. Desmond T. Wixted, Town Clerk.

The meeting had been specially convened by His Worship the Mayor to consider the following matters, viz.,

#### SYMPATHY

On the proposition of His Worship the Mayor, seconded by Alderman Byrne the sympathy of the Council was extended to the relatives of the late Dr. G. Hadden, a former member of the Borough Council and Freeman of the Borough of Wexford.

On the proposition of Alderman Byrne, seconded by Councillor Peter Roche the Council unanimously resolved to afford Dr. Hadden a public funeral.

On the proposition of Councillor Cullimore, seconded by Alderman Byrne the sympathy of the Council was extended to the relatives of the late General Sean McKeown.

#### MAKING OF MUNICIPAL RATE 1973/74

The Council considered the making and allowing of a Municipal Rate of £7.60 in the pound for the local financial year ending 31st March, 1974, as adopted at Statutory Meeting of the 9th April, 1973.

Following a discussion in the matter during which Aldermen Byrne and Mahoney and Councillors Cullimore, P. Roche, Dunne and T. Roche indicated that they were not in favour of allowing such a Rate, and Alderman Morris and Councillor Curtin supported the making of the Rate, His Worship the Mayor declared the meeting adjourned.

*Desmond Corish*



7th August, 1973.

A Special Meeting of the Wexford Borough Council was held this day in the Council Chamber, Municipal Buildings, Wexford, at 8.15 p.m.

The members present were:

His Worship the Mayor, Councillor Desmond Corish in the chair.

Aldermen: James Mahoney, Kevin Morris, James Jenkins, Thomas Byrne.

Councillors: John Cullimore, John Flaherty, John Dunne, Peter Roche, James Morris, Thomas Roche.

In attendance: Mr. Thomas F. Broe, County Manager;  
Mr. Kevin T. Conway, Borough Engineer;  
Mr. Richard Lynn, Borough Accountant;  
Mr. Desmond T. Wixted, Town Clerk.

The meeting had been specially convened by His Worship the Mayor to consider the following matters:-

#### MAKING OF MUNICIPAL RATE 1973/74

It was proposed by Alderman Morris, seconded by Alderman Jenkins that a Municipal Rate of £7.60 in the pound be allowed and made for the local financial year ending 31st March, 1974, as adopted at Statutory Meeting of 9th April, 1973. Several members indicated their opposition to the motion and on a vote for Alderman Morris's motion - Aldermen Morris and Jenkins, His Worship the Mayor and Councillors Cullimore, Flaherty, Morris and T. Roche (7), against - Alderman Mahoney and Byrne and Councillors Dunne and P. Roche (4). His Worship the Mayor declared Alderman Morris's motion carried by seven votes to four.

The Rate Book having been certified by the Town Clerk to be in conformity with the Valuations List was sealed and signed by His Worship the Mayor, Alderman Morris, Councillor Flaherty and the Town Clerk.

#### OVERDRAFT ACCOMMODATION

In view of the delay in making and allowing the Municipal Rate, the Town Clerk pointed out that it will be necessary to seek additional overdraft accommodation amounting to £32,000 for the quarter ending 30th September, 1973.

On the proposition of Alderman Morris, seconded by Councillor Morris it was unanimously resolved that subject to the sanction of the Minister for Local Government, approval be given to the raising of additional overdraft from the Corporation's Treasurer, The Bank of Ireland Limited, Custom House Quay, Wexford, for the quarter ending 30th September, 1973, as follows:-

Revenue Account	£32,000
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#### WEXFORD TRAFFIC AND PARKING BYE-LAWS

Alderman Byrne referred to the delay in implementing the Wexford Traffic and Parking Bye-Laws, 1973, and stated that he had been disappointed to learn that the Corporation Officials had failed to notify the Garda



Authorities of the Council's approval to the draft Bye-Laws. The Town Clerk presented his report setting out the events which had occurred since the original application of the Council in August, 1972, to have the existing Bye-Laws amended. The report indicated that no delay had occurred at the Corporation's end and that any decision and recommendation of the Borough Council had been forwarded to the Garda Commissioner as quickly as possible.

On the suggestion of Alderman Byrne it was agreed to exhort the Garda Authorities to have the new Bye-Laws brought into force as soon as possible.

Regarding the Bye-Laws it was agreed that any restrictions to be applied during business hours should end at the same time as under the existing Bye-Laws, viz.,

6.00 p.m. on all week days excluding Thursdays,  
when the restriction should end at 1.00 p.m.

#### BARRY COMMEMORATION

On the proposition of Alderman Morris, seconded by Alderman Byrne it was unanimously agreed that the annual wreath laying at the Barry Memorial would take place on either the 1st or 2nd Sunday of Wexford Festival, depending on the suitability of the tide.

On the proposition of Councillor Cullimore, seconded by Councillor Morris it was unanimously resolved to request An Taoiseach to come to Wexford on the day to lay the wreath, and on the suggestion of Councillor P. Roche it was agreed to invite Mr. Sean Browne, T.D., to lay the wreath at the Maritime Plaza.

#### VISIT OF DERRY BOY SCOUTS

On the proposition of Alderman Byrne, seconded by Alderman Morris it was unanimously agreed to take part in the march to 12.30 p.m. Mass at Rowe Street Church on Sunday 12th August, 1973, in conjunction with the visit of the Boy Scouts from Derry, and that His Worship the Mayor and the members of the Corporation would meet the Boy Scouts at the Municipal Buildings after Mass to receive a letter of greeting from the Mayor of Derry.

The meeting then terminated.

*Desmond Connel*



3rd September, 1973.

A Statutory meeting of the Wexford Borough Council was held this day in the Council Chamber, Municipal Buildings, Wexford, at half past seven o'clock p.m.

The members present were :-

His Worship the Mayor, Councillor Desmond Corish in the chair.

Aldermen : James Mahoney, Kevin C. Morris,  
James Jenkins, Thomas Byrne.

Councillors : John Cullimore, John Dunne,  
Peter Roche, Thomas Roche.

In attendance : Thomas F. Broe, County Manager;  
Richard Lynn, Borough Accountant;  
Desmond T. Wixted, Town Clerk.

SYMPATHY.

On the proposition of His Worship the Mayor, seconded by Alderman Morris the sympathy of the Council was extended to Councillor John Flaherty and the other members of the family on the recent death of Councillor Flaherty's father.

ADJOURNMENT.

On the proposition of His Worship the Mayor, seconded by Alderman Morris it was unanimously resolved to adjourn the meeting as a mark of respect to Councillor Flaherty in his recent bereavement.

It was agreed to reconvene the meeting on Tuesday, 11th September, 1973 at 8.15 p.m.

The meeting then terminated.

*Desmond Corish*



11th September, 1973.

An adjourned Statutory meeting of the Wexford Borough Council was held this day in the Council Chamber, Municipal Buildings, Wexford, at half past seven o'clock p.m.

The members present were :-

His Worship the Mayor, Councillor Desmond Corish in the chair.

Aldermen : James Mahoney, Kevin Morris, Thomas Byrne.

An apology for inability to attend was received from Alderman James Jenkins.

Councillors : John Dunne, Peter Roche, James Morris, Eugene Curtin.

An apology for inability to attend was received from Councillor John Cullimore.

In attendance : Richard Lynn, Borough Accountant;  
Desmond T. Wixted, Town Clerk.

An apology for inability to attend was received from Mr. Thomas F. Broe, County Manager.

#### MINUTES

On the proposition of Alderman Byrne, seconded by Alderman Morris, the minutes of Quarterly meeting of 2nd July 1973 and of Special meetings of 30th July 1973 and 7th August 1973 having been circulated were taken as read, adopted unanimously and signed by His Worship the Mayor.

#### AMENITY GRANTS

In reply to a resolution of the Council requesting the Minister for Local Government to increase the allocation for 1973/74 under the Amenity Grants Scheme a letter was considered stating that as the funds for works of public amenity have been fully committed for the present financial year it is not possible to increase Wexford's allocation.

On the proposition of Councillor P. Roche, seconded by Alderman Byrne it was unanimously resolved to refer the matter back to the Minister and to request in particular that the amount of the fund for the payment of Amenity Grants should be increased substantially in future years in order to allow for reasonable allocations in respect of applications lodged.

#### SOUTH EASTERN HEALTH BOARD

A letter was considered from the Department of Health indicating that it is not intended to accede to the request of Wexford Borough Council that it be represented on the South Eastern Health Board.

On the proposition of Councillor P. Roche, seconded by His Worship the Mayor it was unanimously resolved to request the Minister for Health to arrange for representation of the Borough Council at least on the local advisory Health Committee.

#### PUBLIC LIGHTING

A letter was considered from the Department of Local Government indicating that there are no funds at the disposal of the Minister from which grants could be made available in respect of the maintenance and running costs of public lights on arterial and main roads in urban areas.

On the proposition of Alderman Byrne it was unanimously resolved to again request the Minister to accede to the Borough Council's request in this matter.

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WEXFORD/DUBLIN TRAINS SERVICE

A letter was considered from Coras Iompair Eireann indicating that it is not intended to restore the stop at Dun Laoghaire station for Wexford Trains.

On the proposition of Councillor Curtin it was unanimously resolved to request C.I.E. to again consider the matter.

FINANCE - TALBOT STREET/GREEN STREET HOUSING SCHEME

The Council was informed that the sanction of the Minister for Local Government has now been obtained to the acceptance of the tender of M/s Cleary and Doyle, Ballindinas, Barntown, Co. Wexford, in the sum of £433,358.61 for the carrying out of the Talbot Street/Green Street Housing Scheme. The members were also informed that M/s Cleary and Doyle have now been requested to submit a Contract Guarantee Bond and that it is hoped to commence work on the site in six to eight weeks time.

On the proposition of Alderman Byrne, seconded by Alderman Morris it was unanimously resolved that application be made to the Minister for Local Government for sanction to the raising of a loan of £505,000 from the Commissioners of Public Works in Ireland for the erection of a housing scheme at Talbot Street/Green Street, Wexford.

The members expressed the hope that local labour would be employed as much as possible on the Scheme and the Town Clerk undertook to convey the sentiments of the members to the Contractors.

FINANCE - JOHN'S GATE STREET HOUSING SCHEME

The members were informed that the sanction of the Minister for Local Government has now been received to the acceptance of the tender of Mr. Richard Browne and Sons Ltd., Mary Street, Wexford, in the sum of £65,118 for the erection of 20 flats for old persons at John's Gate Street, Wexford. The members were also informed that M/s Browne Ltd., have been requested to submit a Contract Guarantee Bond and that it is expected to commence work shortly.

On the proposition of Alderman Byrne, seconded by Alderman Morris it was unanimously resolved that application be made to the Minister for Local Government for sanction to the raising of a loan of £80,000 from the Commissioners of Public Works in Ireland for the purpose of the erection of 20 flats for old persons at John's Gate Street, Wexford.

FINANCE - WATER SUPPLY IMPROVEMENT SCHEME

The members were informed that it was now estimated that the total all-in-cost of the Water Supply Improvement Scheme would amount to £359,000 as against an original estimate of £275,000. The main reasons for the increase were an increase of £49,000 to the main contractor under the Price Variation Clause; the financing of additional works already approved by the Council costing £12,822; and the financing of the Waste Water Survey carried out prior to the commencement of the Scheme and provision for which in the sum of £12,977 had not been made in the original loan.

On the proposition of Alderman Byrne, seconded by Councillor Curtin it was unanimously resolved that application be made to the Minister for Local Government for sanction to the raising of a loan of £84,000 from the Commissioners of Public Works in Ireland for the completion of the Wexford Water Supply Improvement Scheme.

FINANCE - MAIN DRAINAGE SCHEME

The members were informed that it is estimated that the total all-in-cost of the Main Drainage Scheme will amount to £150,000, as against an original estimate of £115,000. The main causes of the increase are

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an increase of £25,000 on the main contractor under the Price Variation Clause; the provision of £6,500 for additional works already approved by the Borough Council with consequent increase in professional fees amounting to £3,000.

On the proposition of His Worship the Mayor, seconded by Councillor Curtin it was unanimously resolved that application be made to the Minister for Local Government for sanction to the raising of a loan of £35,000 from the Commissioners of Public Works in Ireland for the completion of the Wexford Main Drainage Scheme.

#### WEXFORD FESTIVAL - DECORATIVE LIGHTING

The Town Clerk informed the meeting that consequent on the decision of Wexford Junior Chamber not to undertake the provision of decorative lighting during the Wexford Festival 1973, His Worship the Mayor had formed a small committee consisting of representatives from The Junior Chamber, The Chamber of Commerce and the Wexford Festival Council under the chairmanship of the Mayor to investigate the possibility of providing at least some of the usual decorative lighting. It was hoped that a committee based on these lines and representative of the four bodies under the chairmanship of the Mayor, for the time being, would organise the lighting in future years as well and it was suggested that the cost should be financed by the four bodies concerned with the Corporation paying 40% and each of the other bodies 20%.

His Worship the Mayor informed the members that it had been decided to go ahead with some lighting this year which would cost between £700 and £800. In future years an estimate of requirements would be prepared early in the year and submitted to each of the four bodies for their approval - in this way each body would be aware in advance of what its commitment for the year would be.

The Council agreed to co-operate in the matter along the lines as set out by His Worship the Mayor.

#### LIAM MELLOWS PARK

On the proposition of Alderman Byrhe, seconded by Councillor James Morris the Council unanimously approved of the recommendation of the Borough Engineer to provide a service road for houses Nos. 119 to 127 inclusive at Liam Mellows Park at an estimated cost of £950.

#### REMOVAL OF MARRIAGE BAR

The members were informed that the Minister for Local Government has made an Order indicating that in future it will not be a qualification for any office in relation to which he is the appropriate Minister that any woman holding office be either unmarried or a widow.

#### KENNEDY PARK HOUSING SCHEME

The members referred to the desirability of having a barrier erected on the pathway from Kennedy Park Housing Scheme to the Duncannon Road opposite St. Joseph's Boys Club and requested that the Borough Engineer submit a report and estimate for the next meeting.

#### OVERDRAFT ACCOMMODATION

On the proposition of His Worship the Mayor, seconded by Alderman Byrne it was unanimously resolved that subject to the sanction of the Minister for Local Government approval be given to the raising of overdraft from the Corporation's Treasurer, The Bank of Ireland Ltd., Custom House Quay, Wexford, for the quarter ending 31st December 1973 as follows :-

Revenue Account      £122,000

Capital Account      £98,000

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It was pointed out that had circumstances been normal the Revenue requirement for the quarter would have been £60,000 - a reduction of £20,000 on the requirement for the same quarter last year. However due to the delay in allowing the Municipal Rate accommodation amounting to £32,000 would be required up to about the middle of November while accommodation of £30,000 would be required to make up for housing rents still outstanding.

On the Capital side all the requirement is in respect of loans which are at present being negotiated with the Department of Local Government and which it is hoped will have been approved during the quarter in question.

#### PROVISION OF PLAYING PITCHES

It was proposed by Councillor P. Roche and seconded by Councillor Dunne "that this Council, seeing the need for playing pitches for the various sporting bodies in the town request that where the Council have acquired land for building purposes, portion of this land be set aside for the provision of playing pitches when the housing schemes are being planned".

Councillor Roche referred in particular to the development of lands at Coolcotts and on being informed that the National Building Agency is at present carrying out a feasibility study in that area, agreed to withdraw his motion until such time as a layout for the area has been submitted by the Agency.

#### MAIN DRAINAGE SCHEME

It was proposed by Councillor P. Roche, seconded by Councillor Curtin and unanimously resolved "that this Council request a fully detailed report up-to-date on the work now taking place in Parnell Street with particular emphasis on Clerk of Work's report on resurfacing of street".

The Borough Engineer was requested to submit a report for the next meeting.

#### WEXFORD TRAFFIC AND PARKING BYE-LAWS

It was proposed by Councillor Dunne, seconded by Councillor P. Roche and unanimously resolved "that the parking space directly in front of 1798 Memorial be NO Parking".

Councillor Dunne emphasised that he was only referring to the space occupied by two cars in front of the Memorial and it was agreed to refer the matter to the Garda Authorities for their attention.

#### REMISSION OF RATES - PARNELL STREET

It was proposed by Councillor Dunne, seconded by Councillor P. Roche and unanimously resolved "that the Parnell Street ratepayers be given a rates remission for loss of services during tunneling work".

The Town Clerk pointed out that neither the Council nor the County Manager had any power to grant such a remission; it was agreed to refer the matter to the County Manager for his attention.

#### MUNICIPAL DUMP

It was proposed by His Worship the Mayor, seconded by Alderman Mahoney and unanimously resolved "that steps be taken to initiate discussions between representatives of the Corporation (including the Borough Engineer), the County Council or County Engineer and the County Medical Officer of Health to consider the future of Wexford Dump".



The members agreed that should such discussions take place His Worship the Mayor with the Borough Engineer and Town Clerk would represent the Corporation and report progress to the Borough Council.

#### PROVISION OF PARKS AND PLAY GROUNDS

It was proposed by His Worship the Mayor, seconded by Alderman Mahoney and unanimously resolved "that the Corporation consider it a matter of general policy to provide parks or play grounds in the Borough, and in the case of Corish Park, Bishopswater, Maudlintown and Mannix Place a priority list be drawn up based on the amount of co-operation forthcoming from each area. In this respect consultations should take place with representative committees".

Councillor P. Roche suggested that the Borough Council should meet these Committees and proposed that the Maudlintown Committee be met first since these people appeared to have already made more progress than other areas in the town. Councillor Roche's suggestion was agreed.

#### WATER SAFETY

It was proposed by Alderman Mahoney, seconded by Alderman Byrne and unanimously resolved "that the shortage of water at Bernadette Place and Tuskar View be rectified".

The Town Clerk informed the members that the matter was at present being investigated and he hoped to have discussions with Wexford Creamery whose large draw-off of water appeared to be responsible for the shortage. A report on the position would be available at the next meeting.

#### MAYORAL ALLOWANCE

It was proposed by Alderman Byrne "that the Mayoral Allowance be fixed at £750 per annum with effect as from 1st July 1973".

It was proposed by Alderman Morris, seconded by Councillor Curtin that the allowance be fixed at £600 per annum with effect as from 1st July 1973.

On a vote for Alderman Morris's amendment :-

FOR : Aldermen Morris and Byrne and Councillors Morris and Curtin (4)

AGAINST : Alderman Mahoney and Councillors Dunne and P. Roche (3).

His Worship the Mayor did not vote.

Alderman Morris's amendment was declared carried by 4 votes to 3 and adopted as a substantive motion on a similar vote. The Mayoral Allowance was thus fixed at £600 per annum with effect as from 1st July 1973.

#### BRITISH ESPIONAGE

It was proposed by Alderman Byrne, seconded by Councillor P. Roche and unanimously resolved "that this Council fully condemn British espionage in this country as something which should not be tolerated by any elected Government in this Country".

#### ASSOCIATION OF MUNICIPAL AUTHORITIES - ANNUAL CONFERENCE

The Council was informed that Councillor Cullimore will be unable to attend the Annual Conference of the Association of Municipal Authorities of Ireland in Enniscorthy from the 18th to 20th September next, as a delegate of Wexford Borough Council.



On the proposition of Councillor P. Roche, seconded by Alderman Mahoney, Alderman Byrne was unanimously selected as a deputy for Councillor Cullimore to attend the Conference.

MATTERS ADJOURNED

It was unanimously resolved that the following matters be adjourned to the next meeting of the Council.

- 1) Consideration of circular re. Bye-Laws for Rented Houses.
- 2) National Differential Rent Scheme.
- 3) Sale of existing local authority houses to tenants.
- 4) Consideration of circular re. Litter etc.

QUESTIONS

In reply to questions Councillor P. Roche was informed :-

- (a) The cost of covering the building site at Thomas Clarke Place with tarmacadam would amount to £1,700 and in view of the fact that a proposal to accept a tender is now with the Minister for Local Government the expenditure of any monies for this purpose would be abortive.
- (b) (i) Geysers are not allowed direct from the Corporation's mains but the Borough Engineer will investigate the circumstances in any specific cases referred to him.  
(ii) New pressure cocks will not affect the pressure.
- (c) The 15p rental charge for the provision of gas cookers is now only applied to persons who became tenants subsequent to the provision of the cookers and is now regarded as part of the normal rent; none of the people who were tenants when the cookers were installed are now paying this charge.

In reply to questions Councillor Dunne was informed :-

- (a) The owners are responsible for the removal of dump at corner of Sloans premises at Cornmarket but the Corporation has cleared it on occasions.
- (b) The acceptance of a tender for building old folks homes at John's Gate Street has been sanctioned by the Minister for Local Government, and it is hoped to start work shortly.
- (c) It is hoped that Parnell Street will be re-opened as a public thoroughfare towards the end of October.

In reply to questions Alderman Mahoney was informed :-

- (a) The necessity for the following repairs is noted for inspection and necessary action, viz : Cracks in front of the dwellings at Nos. 31 and 32 Bernadette Place and 75 Bishopswater; the back window of No. 9 Marian Row; back door of No. 25 Gulbar Road, bedroom wall at No. 7 Harbour View.

The meeting then terminated.



1st October, 1973.

A Quarterly meeting of the Wexford Borough Council was held this day in the Council Chamber, Municipal Buildings, Wexford, at half past seven o'clock p.m.

The members present were:-

His Worship the Mayor, Councillor Desmond Corish presided.

Aldermen: James Mahoney, James Jenkins.

Councillors: John Cullimore, John Flaherty, John Dunne, Peter Roche, James Morris, Thomas Roche, Eugene Curtin.

In attendance: Thomas F. Broe, County Manager;  
Kevin T. Conway, Borough Engineer;  
Richard Lynn, Borough Accountant;  
Desmond T. Wixted, Town Clerk.

#### MINUTES

On the proposition of Councillor Flaherty, seconded by Councillor T. Roche the minutes of Statutory meeting of 3rd September and of adjourned Statutory meeting of 11th September, 1973, having been circulated were taken as read, adopted unanimously and signed by His Worship the Mayor.

#### PUBLIC LIGHTING

A letter was received from the Department of Local Government intimating that the Minister is not in a position to make a grant from the road fund towards the running costs of improved public lighting on arterial roads. The letter pointed out, however, that the position regarding the maintenance of public lighting is being re-examined in connection with the proposed transfer of public lighting functions to Road Authorities.

It was decided to await further developments in this regard.

#### AUDIT FEES

The Town Clerk informed the members that the Corporation has been notified by the Department of Local Government that the annual charge to the Corporation for audit fees has been increased from £160. to £250. with effect as from 1st April, 1972. The present fee was fixed in 1965.

#### IMPROVEMENT OF ROAD JUNCTIONS

The County Manager informed the meeting that no monies have been provided for the current year for improvement of road junctions at Wygram and Redmond Monument. Following a short discussion it was decided to discuss the Wexford traffic problem at the next meeting, and in the meantime to get the views of other local interested bodies as to what the long term solution to the problem is.

#### TRAVELLING AND SUBSIDENCE ALLOWANCES

The Town Clerk informed the meeting that the Minister for Local Government has now made an Order under Section 80 of the Local Government Act, 1941, regularising the payment of travelling and



subsistence allowances to members of Urban Authorities in respect of their attendance at meetings.

#### SEMINAR - NATIONAL COASTLINE STUDY

Members were informed that An Foras Forbartha has organised a Seminar on the National Coastline Study to be held in Dublin on Wednesday 10th October, 1973, and Alderman James Mahoney and His Worship the Mayor were unanimously selected to represent Wexford Borough Council at the Seminar.

#### TREES FOR IRELAND

The following resolutions forwarded by the Trees for Ireland Association were noted by the Council:-

1. Trees for Ireland urges local authorities to plant a screen of trees between the road and rubbish and car dumps and similar unsightly areas in the interests of amenity and tourism.
2. Trees for Ireland asks the Minister for Local Government to give adequate powers to the local authorities under the Planning Act to preserve trees in new development areas.

Regarding No. 1 the members were informed that sanction has now been received to the raising of a loan to provide screening at the Municipal Dump, and that the Borough Engineer expects to be in a position to commence the work shortly.

#### BARRIER AT KENNEDY PARK

At the request of the Council the Borough Engineer submitted a report concerning the need for a barrier at the bottom of the steps leading from Kennedy Park to St. Joseph's Boys Club, and recommended the construction of a concrete platform at the end of the steps together with safety barrier at an estimated cost of £120. On the proposition of His Worship the Mayor, seconded by Councillor T. Roche it was unanimously resolved to provide the barrier and platform as recommended.

#### SANITARY SERVICES CAPITAL SCHEMES

The Council considered progress reports on various Sanitary Services Capital Schemes on hands, viz., Water Supply Improvement Scheme, Main Drainage Scheme, Ferrybank Swimming Pool and Replacement of Old Watermains. The reports were unanimously adopted.

#### PROTECTIVE SEAWALL AT FERRYBANK

The Town Clerk informed the members that so far sanction has not been received from the Department to the Corporation's proposal to provide a protective seawall at Ferrybank, and in view of the emergency concerning the provision of this wall, it was unanimously resolved on the proposition of His Worship the Mayor, seconded by Councillor Curtin to proceed immediately with the preparation of the necessary documents for invitation of tenders for the work. On the proposition of Councillor Flaherty, seconded by Alderman Mahoney it was unanimously resolved to keep pressing the Department for sanction to the scheme and in particular to the raising of a Treasurer's Loan to cover the cost of the work.



### FERRYBANK SWIMMING POOL PROJECT

The Town Clerk reported that the Contractors expect to be in a position to hand over the swimming pool project to the Corporation in early December. He pointed out it was now necessary to make arrangements for the staffing of the pool and indeed of the Ferrybank Complex generally. He recommended that initially a Manager for the project should be appointed. In this regard it was suggested by Councillor Flaherty that such a Manager's functions might be extended to embrace the provision of amenities generally in the town, and the matter was adjourned to the next meeting for the preparation of a job specification outlining the duties of this employment.

### CONGRATULATIONS

On the proposition of Councillor Peter Roche, seconded by Councillor Morris it was unanimously resolved that the congratulations of the Council be extended to Messrs. James Goggins and Joseph Howlin on their recent success in the All Ireland Handball Championships, and to the Wexford Camogie team on winning the Leinster Championship.

### INDUSTRIAL ESTATE

It was proposed by Alderman Jenkins, seconded by Councillor Flaherty and unanimously resolved "that the Town Clerk invite all employers on the Industrial Estate to a joint meeting where means of improving the services provided be considered".

The County Manager pointed out that through the Chamber of Commerce he has already arranged to meet some of these people - the members, however, felt that it would be as well to meet all the industrialists.

### INDUSTRIAL SIGNS

It was proposed by Alderman Jenkins, seconded by Councillor Morris and unanimously resolved "that Wexford Corporation request the County Manager and/or Wexford County Council to review the Industrial Signs previously erected and put another on the Newtown Road".

Alderman Jenkins referred to two signs already provided at Ely House and the Rosslare Road, which he said needed renewal while it was necessary also to provide a further sign on the road from New Ross.

### ABOLITION OF GROUND RENTS

It was proposed by Councillor Dunne, seconded by Councillor P. Roche and unanimously resolved "that this Council call on the Government to implement resolution passed by Municipal Authorities Conference for the abolition of ground rents and that legislation be introduced to prevent new ground rents being created".

### MOUNT GEORGE. GEORGE STREET

Councillor Dunne informed the meeting that pending receipt of the Corporation's Consultant's proposals for the redevelopment of the Abbey Street/Mount George area, he would defer moving his motion requesting that Mount George, George Street be examined by the Borough Engineer with a view to converting it into a local museum.

### FENCING AT ALLEN STREET AND BISHOPSWATER

It was proposed by Alderman Mahoney "that the wire fencing at Allen Street and near Brownes of Bishopswater be replaced by walls".



It was pointed out that the fencing at Allen Street had been erected by the Corporation as a temporary measure following the demolition of dangerous buildings - the property does not belong to the Corporation. Regarding the area at Bishopswater, it was pointed out that this was private property and the Borough Engineer was requested to consult the owners in the matter.

#### PATHWAY AT KENNEDY PARK

It was proposed by Alderman Mahoney, seconded by Councillor Peter Roche and unanimously resolved "that the clay patches on the pathway at Kennedy Park be replaced with cement".

The County Manager informed the members that he would be submitting proposals to deal with the problem to the next meeting of the Borough Council.

#### TIDY TOWNS COMPETITION 1973

The meeting considered the Adjudicators report on the Tidy Towns Competition 1973 which indicated that Wexford has secured 89 out of a possible 150 marks, a decrease of four marks on the 1972 position.

A discussion took place during which the many problems besetting Wexford were outlined, and on the suggestion of Councillor Curtin it was decided to discuss the matter again in the Spring of 1974 with a view to enlisting the help of local voluntary bodies for the 1974 tidy towns effort.

#### EUROPEAN HERITAGE YEAR

The Council considered the selection of places in the town for submission as projects for the European Heritage Year 1975, and on the proposition of Councillor Curtin, seconded by Alderman Jenkins it was unanimously resolved that the renovation of the turret on the town wall at Abbey Street and the conversion of the Town Hall, Cornmarket, as an Arts Centre, be selected.

#### BYE-LAWS FOR RENTED HOUSES

The Council considered a set of model bye-laws prepared by the Department of Local Government under Section 70 of the Housing Act, 1966. The bye-laws are designed to control the standards of housing and apartments let for rent or other valuable consideration. On the proposition of Councillor Peter Roche, seconded by Alderman Mahoney it was decided in principle to adopt bye-laws along the lines as set out in the model form - the Town Clerk explained that the matter would have to come formally before the Council for the making of the bye-laws.

On the proposition of Councillor Peter Roche, seconded by Alderman Mahoney it was unanimously resolved to request the Minister for Local Government to prepare legislation to give housing authorities control over the rent charged in private rented houses.

#### NATIONAL DIFFERENTIAL RENT SCHEME

The Council considered the National Differential Rent Scheme which will apply to rented Corporation houses with effect as from 1st July, 1973, in substitution for the Corporations existing Graded Rent Scheme. The members were informed that reassessments in line with the new Scheme were at present being carried out by the Corporation. The main changes under the new Scheme are that basic rather than gross earnings will be taken into account with allowances being given in respect of Social Insurance deductions and Income Tax payments on basic pay.



On the proposition of Councillor Peter Roche it was decided to request the Minister for Local Government to raise the allowance for qualified children from the 75p specified in the Scheme to £1. per child.

#### SALE OF CORPORATION HOUSES

The Council considered Circular from the Department of Local Government setting out the basis on which sales of Corporation houses to existing tenants would be carried out with effect as from 1st July, 1973. In substitution for market or replacement value at present used as the yard stick, houses would now be valued at the cost of erection updated in line with current values. Off the gross price an allowance of £650. in respect of State and supplementary grants and £250. in respect of rates remission would be given. In addition to this, discount at the rate of 3% for each year of tenancy up to a maximum of 30%, would be granted.

A Schedule showing sale prices in the various Corporation Schemes was distributed to the members and it was pointed out that where a sale scheme is already in operation the tenant, up to 31st December, 1973, will have the option of purchasing under either the old or the new scheme whichever is to his advantage.

#### DEVELOPMENT OF PLAYGROUNDS ETC.,

It was unanimously resolved to hold a special meeting of the Council on Monday 8th October, 1973, and to invite the Maudlintown and Corish Park/Kennedy Park/Liam Mellows Park Tenants Associations to attend to discuss the development of play grounds in their areas.

#### QUESTIONS

In reply to questions Alderman Jenkins was informed:-

- (a) The new mechanical suction sweeper should be delivered to the Corporation within the next few weeks.
- (b) 23 waste paper baskets have been erected on the Main Street and 3 on the Quays - more will certainly be needed in the Quay area.
- (c) The Munster & Leinster Bank is now in a position to hand over portion of its garden for extension to the Church Lane car park and this extension should be ready for use certainly by the next tourist season.

In reply to questions Councillor Dunne was informed:-

- (a) The clearing of derelict sites on both sides of White's Hotel, Abbey Street is partly the responsibility of Wexford Corporation and partly the responsibility of White's Hotel.
- (b) The repairs to footpath at Mr. Flanagan's corner at bottom of Parnell Street will be carried out in conjunction with the reinstatement of Parnell Street generally.
- (c) It is hoped to have before the Council very shortly plans for the re-development of Abbey Street/Mount George areas.

In reply to questions Alderman Mahoney was informed:-

- (a) Repairs to windows at 96 Corish Park and door at 42 Wolfe Tone Villas will be carried out shortly.
- (b) The dangerous wall at Bride Street will be demolished by the Corporation within the next few weeks - it has not been possible to trace the owners of these properties. Regarding dangerous wall at Grattan Terrace, this is the responsibility of the owner and this has already been explained to him.



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## REPORT ON SANITARY SERVICES SCHEMES AND CAPITAL WORKS

Further to previous reports progress to date is as follows:-

### Water Supply Improvement Scheme:

The rising main, pumping plant and water treatment works at Newtown have been substantially completed and fully treated water is being delivered to the town and its environs. Consumption has increased by 35% approx. A large portion of the increase is due to new industrial consumption. Some unforeseen distribution problems in the Southern end of the town have arisen but these are part on the way to resolution. Problems in the Whitemill Pinewood area have been due to breakdowns while automation of the Wygram boost pumping plant is awaited; this latter should be completed shortly.

Expenditure on Contracts for the scheme are as follows:-

M/s J.V. Duffy Ltd., Civil Works	...	231,291.42
M/s Mahon & McPhillips Ltd., Treatment Plant		40,474.00
M/s Holfeld Ltd., Pumping Plant	...	4,902.00

### Main Drainage Scheme :

Works on the scheme on construction of the culvert and outfall are 98% complete and the major work remaining to be done is restoration of the roadway and paths; the matter of damage to property is in the hands of the Contractors and their Insurers.

Restoration of the road pavement commenced in August was delayed in September while results of compaction tests were awaited from a Dublin laboratory; the purpose of these tests was to ensure stability of the new pavement when constructed. Work is again in full progress and the road slab is completed for approx. 400 lin. feet from the junction with Trinity Street southwards towards Lambert Place. Construction of the path should commence in early October and if no further disputes arise the roadway could be complete towards the end of October with the pathways shortly after.

A Council Meeting at which the Consultants M/s T.J. O'Connor & Co. would attend to discuss additional works has been deferred for some while due to the Council being busy with other matters and while advice from Senior Counsel on liability for portion of the work is awaited. It is hoped that this meeting can be arranged before the end of the year.

The Contractor for the scheme is M/s J.V. Duffy Ltd., Expenditure to date on the contract is £111,128.98

### Ferrybank Swimming Pool:

Construction of the building and the pool is 80% complete. Major works remaining to be done are the (a) installation of the treatment plant (b) Heating and Electrical installation (c) finish to walls, ceilings and tiling of the pool. At present the pool should be operational before Christmas and the matter of administration of the service, admission fees and operating staff will need finalisation.



The Contractors for the project are M/s Queally Construction Limited.

Expenditure to date on the £99,973 contract is £31,244.26  
The expenditure does not reflect the progress as a large amount is involved in the plant and finishes.

Replacement of Old Water Main:

Work is in progress on replacement of a section of 12" main at School Street<sup>t</sup> and Grogans Road.

Contractors M/s Irish Excavation Co. Limited - amount £12,821 Expenditure to date Nil.

Kevin T. Conway  
Borough Surveyor

October 1st, 1973.



A Special Meeting of the Wexford Borough Council was held this day in the Council Chamber, Municipal Buildings, Wexford, at eight o'clock p.m.

The members present were:

His Worship the Mayor, Councillor Desmond Corish presided.

Aldermen: James Mahoney, Kevin Morris, James Jenkins, Thomas Byrne.

Councillors: John Flaherty, John Dunne, Peter Roche, Thomas Roche, Eugene Curtin.

In attendance: Kevin T. Conway, Borough Engineer; Desmond T. Wixted, Town Clerk.

#### MAUDLINTOWN PLAYGROUND

Mr. Fitzpatrick of the Maudlintown Committee attended and explained to the Council his Committee's plans for the development of the open space at Maudlintown. Quite a considerable amount of money has been raised by the Committee and no contribution is at present required from the Corporation. Play items have already been prepared and arrangements for public liability insurance finalised. The permission of the Corporation was now sought to the commencement of the development.

The members complimented Mr. Fitzpatrick on his Committee's initiative and assured him of every possible help from the Corporation. It was agreed that contact be established between the Committee and the Borough Engineer with a view to the commencement of the development at as early a date as possible.

#### CORISH PARK/ KENNEDY PARK/ LIAM MELLOWS PARK PLAYGROUND

A deputation representing the tenants of Corish Park/ Kennedy Park/ Liam Mellows Park areas attended the meeting to discuss with the Council the development of the open space at Corish Park as a play area. The deputation explained that the open space is at present in very poor condition and the tenants are anxious to develop the area to incorporate tennis courts, playing field and playground for small children. The Trades Council has promised to help and the Committee will be applying for amenity grants. The help of the Corporation and its officials will be needed in this direction and to assist in the preparation of the development generally.

The Corporation assured the deputation of every possible help in their efforts to improve the amenities in their areas, and on the proposition of Councillor Peter Roche, seconded by Alderman Morris it was unanimously decided that as an initial step the Borough Engineer would prepare contours of the open space. Following this a landscape consultant would be commissioned to prepare an overall layout and estimate, and an amenity grant for the first stage of the development would be sought for 1974.

The meeting then terminated.

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*Desmond Corish*



### HOUSING FOR THE AGED AND DISABLED PERSONS

The Council considered a circular from the Department of Local Government concerning housing for the aged and for disabled persons. The circular recommended that in each area the co-operation of the Housing Authority, the Health Authority, the Social Welfare Authorities and Voluntary Organisations should be encouraged in the provision of suitable housing accommodation for the aged and disabled persons and referred specifically to a development at Vizes Court Limerick which the Minister for Local Government considers might be used as a guide line for other areas.

In connection with the proposed schemes of flats for old persons at John's Gate Street and Lower John Street, it was unanimously resolved to request the Health Authority to co-operate with the Corporation in the provision of facilities such as a Day Centre and Warden Service.

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### SUSPENSION OF STANDING ORDERS

It was proposed by Councillor Dunne and seconded by Councillor P. Roche that the Council protest against the recent harsh prison sentences imposed in Britain on Irish Republicans but His Worship the Mayor pointed out that he couldn't accept the motion in the absence of the suspension of Standing Orders. The suspension of Standing Orders was proposed by Councillor P. Roche and seconded by Alderman Mahoney and on a vote for the suspension : Alderman Mahoney, <sup>Mrs</sup> and Councillors Dunne and P. Roche (4) against Alderman Jenkins (1). Since the proposal did not receive an absolute majority of the whole Council His Worship the Mayor declared the proposal defeated.

### QUESTIONS

In reply to questions Councillor P. Roche was informed :-

- (a)
  - (i) Reports of the presence of rats had been received sometime ago in two houses at Liam Mellows Park and the services of a professional Rodent Control Firm had been secured. This evening the Town Clerk had been informed that the problem has now been solved except that mice were present in one of the houses - there has not been sufficient time to check this report.
  - (ii) Some trouble has been experienced with the shores at Liam Mellows Park and this is partly due to faulty construction and partly to misuse of the sewers. Where complaints had been received remedial action has been taken by the Corporation.
- (b) No specific allocation of points had been made to Mrs. Taylor, 26 Hantoon Road in connection with her application for a vacant house at Wolfe Tone Villas. She had not been successful in this application but is of course under consideration for the new priority list which it is hoped to have within the next few months.



19th November, 1973.

A Statutory meeting of the Wexford Borough Council was held this day in the Council Chamber, Municipal Buildings, Wexford, at half past seven o'clock p.m.

The members present were :-

His Worship the Mayor, Councillor Desmond Corish in the chair.

Aldermen : James Mahoney, Kevin Morris, James Jenkins,  
Thomas F. Byrne.

Councillors : John Flaherty, John Dunne, Peter Roche,  
James Morris, Eugene Curtin.

In attendance : Thomas F. Broe, County Manager;  
Kevin T. Conway, Borough Engineer;  
Richard Lynn, Borough Accountant;  
Desmond T. Wixted, Town Clerk.

PLANNING APPLICATION - MR. CONOR MACKEN

The Council considered Notice of Motion under Section 4 of the City and County Management (Amendment) Act 1955 submitted by Councillor Peter Roche, Alderman Thomas F. Byrne, Councillor James J. Morris, Alderman Kevin Morris, Councillors John Cullimore, Eugene Curtin, John Dunne, John O'Flaherty and Thomas Roche and Aldermen James Mahoney and James Jenkins, as follows :- "We the undersigned being members of Wexford Borough Council give you notice of our intention to move under Section 4 City and County Management Act as amended in 1957, that permission be given to the applicant Conor Macken to build a Lounge and Bar on his property in Abbey Street. It is his intention to transfer the licence held in his name at a premises known as The Cape, Bullring, Wexford".

It was unanimously resolved to discuss the matter in committee.

The County Manager pointed out that in May 1972 outline permission had been refused Mr. Macken for the construction of a public house with residential accommodation on the same site. The reason for the refusal was that "the site is located in an area which the planning authority considers should be redeveloped on a comprehensive basis. Piecemeal development as proposed would hamper the planning authority in the planning of this area and would be prejudicial ~~to~~ to the success of any comprehensive scheme for redevelopment" This decision had been appealed to the Minister for Local Government who upheld the Corporation's refusal.

At the time the Council was informed of the intention to refuse permission and accepted the County Manager's decision to refuse permission and to employ a consultant to prepare a redevelopment scheme for the Abbey Street, Mount George area. A consultant had been retained but so far has not submitted his proposals.

The County Manager pointed out that since two occupied houses were situated in the area proposed to be redeveloped by Mr. Macken it would be necessary first of all for the applicant to apply for permission under the Housing Act 1969 to demolish or use other than as living accommodation these two houses. He pointed out that in his application Mr. Macken would be required to indicate what alternative arrangements for the rehousing of the people in these two houses are being made by him.



Following a discussion the Council adjourned consideration of the Notice of Motion and requested the County Manager to expedite submission of the consultant's proposals for the area. The Council also requested that the consultant be informed of Mr. Macken's proposal in order to determine if it would conflict with the Corporation's plans for the area. In the meantime Mr. Macken to be advised of the necessity for him to make an application under the Housing Act 1969 for permission to demolish the two occupied houses.

#### MINUTES

On the proposition of Alderman Byrne, seconded by Alderman Morris the minutes of Quarterly Meeting of 1st October, 1973 and of Special Meeting of 8th October, 1973 having been circulated, were taken as read, adopted unanimously and signed by His Worship the Mayor.

#### SOUTH EASTERN HEALTH BOARD

The Council considered a letter from the Department of Health indicating that the Minister did not propose to amend the relevant Regulations in order to allow Wexford Borough Council representation on the local committee of the South Eastern Health Board. On the proposition of Councillor P. Roche, seconded by Alderman Mahoney it was unanimously resolved to refer the matter back to the Minister for Health with a request that he reconsider the matter.

#### MEDICAL CARDS

On the proposition of Alderman Mahoney, seconded by Councillor Curtin it was unanimously resolved to request the South Eastern Health Board to take into account take-home pay only when determining an applicant's eligibility for a Medical Card.

#### NATIONAL GRADED RENT SCHEME

The Council was informed that the Minister for Local Government was not prepared to accede to its request that the allowance for children under the new National Differential Rent Scheme be raised from 75p per child to £1.00 per child. Councillor P. Roche registered his disappointment with the Minister's decision.

#### CHANGES OF TENANCY

It was proposed by Councillor P. Roche, seconded by Alderman Mahoney and unanimously resolved that the Minister for Local Government be requested to apply the same criteria regarding rent adjustments on changes of tenancy as apply under the new sales scheme, viz, that persons living in the house for at least twelve months prior to the death of the former tenant should be placed on the same rent as the former tenant on their appointment as tenant.

#### SEAWALL AT FERRYBANK

The Council was informed that the Minister for Local Government has now sanctioned the raising of a loan of £9,700 from the Corporation's Treasurer to defray expenditure on the Corporation's share of the cost of the scheme for the construction of a protective seawall at Ferrybank.

The Council was also informed that it is hoped to invite tenders for this work within the next few weeks.



### WEXFORD/DUBLIN TRAINS

The Council considered a letter from Coras Iompair Eireann intimating that it is not possible to accede to the Council's request that all trains between Wexford and Dublin stop at Dun Laoghaire station.

In this connection the Council, on the suggestion of Alderman Byrne, expressed its satisfaction with the improvement in the train service between Wexford and Dublin.

### PLANNING CONTROL

The Council considered a circular from the Department of Local Government regarding Planning Control problems. It was decided to adjourn this matter to the next meeting.

### CHANGE OF FINANCIAL YEAR

The Council considered a report from the Borough Accountant setting out the implications for the Corporation on the proposed change in the local financial year from an April to March year to a January to December year. It is proposed to implement the change as from the 1st January 1975. The report indicated that for the period 1st April 1974 to 31st December 1974 the Council would have to estimate for a period of nine months while future estimates which would be prepared in the previous November would operate for the calendar year. Regarding the transitional nine month period the Corporation would be involved in loan charges repayments appropriate to a twelve month period while on the receipts side only half a years house loan repayments would accrue. It is felt however that increases in subsidy for health and local authority housing would offset any losses under the above headings.

The report emphasised that for the period 1st April 1974 to 31st December 1974 it would be necessary to adopt the Estimates and to make the Rate earlier than usual in order to allow all rates to be collected before the 31st December.

### MAJOR WILLIE REDMOND MEMORIAL PARK

The Council considered an application from the Trustees of the Major Willie Redmond Memorial Park for an increase in the Council's contribution towards the maintenance of the Park to offset the loss incurred by the Trustees through the departure of their tenant M/s Amalgamated Wholesalers Limited. The Trustees pointed out that total expenditure for the year in respect of wages and upkeep of equipment would amount to £1,863 and requested the Council to increase its grant from the present £500 to this figure.

On the proposition of Alderman Byrne, seconded by Councillor P. Roche it was unanimously resolved to adjourn consideration of the request to the Estimates Meeting.

### ROADWAY AT KENNEDY PARK

The County Manager informed the members that it would be necessary to arrive at a decision on the improvement of the roadway at Kennedy Park Housing Scheme. The Borough Engineer reported as follows :-  
"Further to previous discussion in connection with the above revised estimates are as follows :-

- 1) Widening road and resiting services between  
Nos. 11 and 48 in accordance with Drg. No. 73/2/R35 £6,000.00
- 2) Construction of pramwalk in accordance with  
Drg. 73/2/R35 £2,000.00
- 3) Alternative to (1) above - tarmacadam areas between  
roadway and houses including the green opposite  
Corish Park access road. £1,300.00



In consideration of the schemes to be adopted the following is relevant.

- 1) The Tenants Association have intimated that the pramwalk as proposed between Nos. 36/37 and Nos. 88/89 in the cul-de-sac may not now be required but that improvements be carried out to the pramwalk at the Eastern end of the Scheme.
- 2) The Association initially were in agreement with the proposed road widening but have since been asked by residents on the roadway to oppose the widening on the grounds that the widened road would become a speed track. The carriageway at 18 feet wide is inadequate for the increased traffic using it since the advent of the schemes at Liam Mellows and Pinewood Estates. The new school and industrial estate operators also use the road and with lines of motor vehicles parked along the Northern kerb line it is indeed hazardous. Traffic counts are being arranged and a further report will follow.

On the proposition of Alderman Byrne, seconded by Alderman Morris it was unanimously resolved to carry out the work as set out at No. 3 of the Borough Engineer's report, viz, tarmacadam areas between roadway and houses including the green opposite Corish Park access road - cost £1,300.

The members expressed concern at the speed at which motor traffic travels in this area and it was unanimously resolved to enquire if it is legally possible to introduce a speed limit under 30 miles per hour.

#### NEW CONVENT OF MERCY SCHOOL

On the proposition of Councillor Flaherty, seconded by Alderman Byrne, the congratulations of the Council were extended to the Sisters of Mercy on the provision of their new school at Whitemill.

#### FERRYBANK COMPLEX - MANAGEMENT

The Town Clerk informed the members that it is expected that the Ferrybank Swimming Pool will be handed over in about a months time and he recommended that a Manager be appointed to take charge of the complete Complex in the area, i.e. swimming pool, caravan park and any other facilities to be provided at a later date and who would also be required to co-ordinate the provision of recreational facilities in the town generally. The Manager would be required to advertise and sell the facilities provided and would be paid a proposed salary ranging from £2,300 to £2,700 per annum.

The Council agreed in principle with the recommendation - the Town Clerk to circulate particulars regarding the employment for the next meeting when the matter would be further discussed as would other matters connected with the Swimming Pool, viz : scale of charges, etc.

#### SURCHARGE FOR GAS APPLIANCES

It was proposed by Councillor P. Roche and seconded by Alderman Byrne "that this Council unanimously request that the 5p weekly charge to tenants for gas appliances etc., which some of them have paid for up to 30 years be removed".

Consideration of the motion was adjourned to the next meeting of the Council when details of all those paying the surcharge would be available.

#### TRAVEL VOUCHERS

It was proposed by Councillor P. Roche, seconded by Alderman Mahoney and unanimously resolved "that the S.E. Health Board be requested as a matter of urgency to review the whole system of issuing travel vouchers as the present system is causing untold hardship to pregnant mothers and people with serious illnesses".



It was decided to refer the matter to the ~~local committee~~  
~~of the~~ Health Authority.

#### TRAFFIC SIGN - BRIDE STREET CHURCH

It was proposed by Councillor Dunne, seconded by Alderman Mahoney and unanimously resolved "to alleviate traffic congestion at Stonebridge, that the "Rosslare" sign outside Bride Street Church with arrow pointing down Bride Street, be removed and replaced with a sign diverting traffic towards Thomas Street".

The Borough Engineer informed the meeting that he had already requested Wexford County Council to carry out this ~~investigation~~ *CHANGE*.

#### EUROPEAN HERITAGE YEAR 1975

In addition to the schemes already adopted by the Council for completion during Heritage Year 1975 it was unanimously resolved, on the suggestion of Councillor Dunne, that the Westgate Tower be included subject to the availability of the necessary finance.

It was proposed by Councillor Flaherty, seconded by Alderman Byrne and unanimously resolved that the Board of Works be requested to take over as a National Monument the Westgate Tower.

#### SAFEGUARD ON CRESCENT QUAY

It was proposed by Alderman Mahoney, seconded by Councillor P. Roche and unanimously resolved "that the Wexford Borough Council call on the County Council to have the safeguard on Crescent Quay extended".

#### PARKING AT SEAVIEW AVENUE

It was decided to request Wexford County Council to erect a NO Parking sign at the entrance to Seaview Avenue in order to allow access to the Avenue to the residents.

#### TRAFFIC IMPROVEMENTS - WEXFORD TOWN AND ENVIRONS

It was decided to hold a special meeting of the Borough Council in January 1974 to consider proposals for the improvement of traffic flow in Wexford town and environs.

In this connection a letter was considered from Wexford Chamber of Commerce regarding the recent experimental banning of parking on the Main Street and requesting that further experiments be carried out before any firm decision in the matter is taken but that such experiments should not be carried out at Christmas.

It was pointed out that a firm decision to ban parking on the entire Main Street has already been carried out and is incorporated in Traffic and Parking Bye-Laws which should be coming into force early in 1974. Prior to that no further experiments would be carried out without consulting the interests concerned.

#### SOUTH EAST TOURISM

Councillor Peter Roche was unanimously selected to represent the Borough Council at the Annual General Meeting of South East Tourism to be held in the Ardree Hotel Waterford on Thursday, 29th November, 1973.



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- (c) The grass on Maudlintown green has already been cut; regarding the railings at Dolphin Road, defective portions have been removed by the Corporation while permission to erect boundary fences has been given to some residents in the area.

In reply to questions Councillor Dunne was informed :-

- (a) The footpath outside the A.C.C. Office at Upper George Street is now completed.
- (b) The Corporation is responsible for cleaning up the vacant space beside the Town Hall Cornmarket.
- (c) The refuse deposited in the car park at Back Street has now been removed.

In reply to questions Alderman Mahoney was informed :-

The following repairs have either already been carried out or are programmed for completion, viz, sink unit to wall and doors at No. 55 Hantoon Road; bedroom wall at No. 7 Harbour View; door at No. 34 Bernadette Place; windows at No. 7 Bernadette Place and fireplaces at Nos. 27, 30 and 31 Bernadette Place. It is considered that the door at No. 68 Wolfe Tone Villas and the back door at No. 25 Gulbar Road are not urgently in need of attention.

The meeting then terminated.

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3rd December, 1973.

A Statutory meeting of the Wexford Borough Council was held this day in the Council Chamber, Municipal Buildings, Wexford, at half past seven o'clock p.m.

The members present were :-

His Worship the Mayor, Councillor Desmond Corish in the chair.

Aldermen : Kevin Morris, James Jenkins and Thomas F. Byrne.

Councillors : John Cullimore, John Flaherty, John Dunne, Peter Roche, James Morris, Thomas Roche, Eugene Curtin.

In attendance : Thomas F. Broe, County Manager;  
Kevin T. Conway, Borough Engineer;  
Richard Lynn, Borough Accountant;  
Desmond T. Wixted, Town Clerk.

#### SYMPATHY

On the proposition of Councillor P. Roche, seconded by Alderman Byrne, the sympathy of the Council was extended to Alderman Mahoney on the recent death of his sister-in-law, Mrs. Hayes.

#### MINUTES

Alderman Morris pointed out that in a vote at the last meeting on a motion to suspend Standing Orders he had voted for the motion. The minute was amended accordingly.

On the proposition of Councillor Flaherty, seconded by Alderman Byrne, the minutes of Statutory meeting of 19th November, 1973 having been circulated, were taken as read, adopted unanimously and signed by His Worship the Mayor.

#### MEDICAL CARDS

A letter was read from the South Eastern Health Board indicating that the decision to base eligibility for medical cards on gross earnings rather than net earnings had been taken following full consideration and with the experience of a long time in dealing with questions of eligibility. The same method is in use in each of the other Health Board areas and was also used formerly by all the County Councils and Health Authorities in determining eligibility for Medical Services.

On the proposition of Councillor Curtin, seconded by Councillor P. Roche it was unanimously resolved to refer the matter back to the Health Board with a request that the matter be placed before a meeting of the Board.

#### TENANT PURCHASE SCHEMES

The members were informed of the sale price under the new Tenant Purchase Scheme and also of discounts and other allowances allowable to tenants under the Scheme.

#### URBAN ROAD IMPROVEMENT GRANT 1973/74

On the proposition of Alderman Byrne, seconded by Alderman Morris, approval was unanimously given to the proposals submitted by the Borough Engineer for the utilisation of the Urban Road Improvement Grant 1973/74, viz :

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1)	Renewal of urban road pavements at selected defective areas at Maudlintown especially the junction between St. Brendan's Road and Gulbar Road .. ..	£800
2)	Ditto between St. Aidan's Crescent and Shopping Centre .. ..	£300
3)	Ditto at Hill Street .. ..	£200
4)	Renewal of paths opposite College View .. ..	£100
5)	Renewal of paths at Wolfe Tone Villas .. ..	£300
6)	Miscellaneous incl. planting .. ..	£30.

On the proposition of Alderman Byrne, seconded by Councillor Curtin, it was unanimously resolved to request the Minister for Local Government to substantially increase the amount of the annual grant which has now been fixed at £1,730 for a number of years.

#### TRAFFIC MANAGEMENT GRANT 1973/74

On the proposition of Alderman Morris, seconded by Alderman Byrne, approval was unanimously given to the proposals submitted by the Borough Engineer for the utilisation of the Traffic Management Grant, 1973/74, viz :

1)	1st instalment of purchase price for Nunns property at Crescent Quay for future car park. Total price and costs £13,000 (approx) .. ..	£12,500
2)	Clearing and demolition at Crescent Quay for car park site .. ..	1,050
3)	Construction of car park at derelict building sites, Keyzers Lane, Gibson Street, Allan Street, Francis Street and an abandoned car park at Municipal Buildings .. ..	950
4)	White lining at Rowe Street car park and adjustment of entrance .. ..	300
5)	Traffic survey to update survey data and miscellaneous white and yellow lining throughout the town. .. ..	200.

The Council expressed its appreciation of the co-operation of the local Clergy in allowing the car park at Rowe Street to be used as a public car park.

#### SURCHARGE FOR GAS APPLIANCES

The Town Clerk reported that in 1955/56 a number of gas cookers were installed in houses at Bishopswater and a surcharge of one shilling per week was imposed on each tenant in respect of the installation. Any tenants appointed subsequent to this date also paid the surcharge which was however included in the rent fixed for the house. In August 1964 the surcharge was removed in any case where the original tenant was still in occupation. This left a total of 40 houses to which the surcharge would appear to still apply. Since then the renting structure on 18 of these had changed due to changes in tenancy and a total of 22 houses now appear to carry the surcharge which of course is now regarded as part of the basic rent. The basic weekly rents of these 22 houses are at present 50p, 80p and 95p.

The Council decided to take no action in the matter.



#### FERRYBANK SWIMMING POOL - MANAGEMENT ETC.

It was unanimously decided to reactivate the Ferrybank Committee in order to submit recommendations to the Council in connection with the operation of the new Swimming Pool at Ferrybank, viz : re. staffing, charges, opening hours etc.

It was pointed out that there was grave danger that the activities at the Pool when handed over to the Corporation would have to be curtailed due to the oil shortage and the Council was of the opinion that rather than open for very restricted hours it might be better to delay the opening until adequate supplies would be available.

#### FUTURE HOUSING SCHEMES

It was proposed by Councillor P. Roche and seconded by Councillor Dunne "that the next site for a housing scheme in the Borough be selected and plans be drawn up for same."

The County Manager pointed out that the National Building Agency has already been retained to carry out a feasibility study and prepare layout plans for an area of approximately 30 acres between Coolcotts and Clonard road. The Council expressed satisfaction at this development.

#### ROAD OPENINGS

It was proposed by Councillor P. Roche, seconded by Alderman Byrne and unanimously resolved "that where drainage works or road opening is carried out by the contractors or others these people be requested to fill openings in as soon as possible".

The Borough Engineer pointed out that the normal practice was for the person responsible for the opening to maintain same on a temporary basis until such time as the Corporation carried out permanent reinstatement.

#### WINCHESTER PRISON SENTENCES

It was proposed by Councillor Dunne, seconded by Councillor Curtin and unanimously resolved "that we the members of Wexford Corporation, democratically elected, condemn the savage sentences passed on Irish citizens by the British Government at Winchester Court and we demand that the Price sisters and their comrades be granted political status".

#### PUBLIC LIGHTING - SPAWELL ROAD TO COUNTY ~~COUNCIL~~ HOSPITAL

It was proposed by Councillor Dunne, seconded by Councillor P. Roche and unanimously resolved "that this Council request the County Council to provide an adequate street lighting system from Spawell Road to County Hospital".

#### ABBEY STREET/MOUNT GEORGE REDEVELOPMENT

It was unanimously resolved to adjourn consideration of proposals for the redevelopment of the Abbey Street/Mount George area to the next meeting to enable the Corporation's Consultant to submit his proposals and to allow the members an opportunity to study recommendations regarding No. 28 Abbey Street and Mount George, George Street.



## PLANNING CONTROL

The Council considered circular from the Department of Local Government re. Planning Control Problems and the County Manager pointed out that the circular was principally directed at County Planning Authorities. The problems outlined in the circular would not exist to the same extent in the planning area of Wexford Corporation and this is evidenced by the very small number of refusals and appeals to the Minister for Local Government.

### WEXFORD MAIN DRAINAGE SCHEME

Councillor Peter Roche raised the question of the cleaning of the grid on the culvert as it entered Pierces property at Distillery Road and requested that arrangements be made to have twice weekly inspections carried out in order to prevent a blockage occurring.

### SITE FOR ABBATOIR AT INDUSTRIAL ESTATE

The County Manager informed the members that application has been received from Wexford Fresh Meat Company Ltd., for a site on the Industrial Estate at Whitemill for the establishment of an abbatoir. Both the County Planning Officer and the County Development Officer were opposed to the application while the Borough Engineer while outlining the need for a Municipal Abbatoir suggested that a site to the south of the town on the estuary with proper effluent treatment would be more suitable. The County Manager pointed out that he intended to refuse the application and the Council concurred with his decision but requested that every assistance should be given to owners of slaughterhouses situated within the town to re-locate same outside the Borough.

### WHITEMILL INDUSTRIAL ESTATE

The County Manager informed the members that it has now become necessary to acquire further land on the western side of the Industrial Estate in order to enlarge the Estate and to continue the good work in the provision of employment which has already been achieved on the Estate. He had had discussions with the owner of the adjoining land. These discussions had come to nothing because of the value placed on his land by the owner.

The County Manager informed the Council that it would now be necessary to make a Compulsory Purchase Order to acquire this land and a proposal along these lines would be coming before the Council shortly.

### WHITEMILL INDUSTRIAL ESTATE - SCAVENGING SERVICE

The Council considered a report from the Borough Engineer regarding the provision of a scavenging service in the Whitemill area. The report indicated that subject to the employment of additional staff and the purchase of a new Domestic Refuse Freighter it would be possible to provide a domestic service at an annual fee of £9.50. The question of providing the service to the factories at the Industrial Estate was a difficult matter however as the amount of refuse could vary greatly as between the different factories. It would be necessary to treat each individual factory on its own merits.

The Council requested that the Borough Engineer would contact the individual factories in the matter.

### HOUSING PRIORITY LIST

The Council was informed that the Chief Medical Officer has recommended that the following applicants should, for grave medical reasons get priority for rehousing over all those on the Corporation's Priority List, viz : i) John Doyle, 4 Batt Street, Wexford; (ii) Noel O'Neill, 9 William Street, Wexford; (iii) Mrs. J. O'Connell, 11 South Main Street, Wexford.

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No objection was raised to the proposal of the County Manager to accept the Chief Medical Officer's recommendation.

NO. 18 MANNIX PLACE WEXFORD

No objection was raised to the proposal of the County Manager to grant a transfer to Mr. James Cousins from his present house at No. 2 Kennedy Park to his late mother's house at No. 18 Mannix Place, Wexford.

ADJUSTMENT OF MAYOR'S SALARY

On the proposition of Alderman Byrne, seconded by Alderman Morris, it was unanimously resolved that expenditure in the sum of £85 be allowed over and above that provided in the Estimate of Expenses 1973/74 in respect of adjustment of Mayor's salary.

SLAUGHTERHOUSE LANE

The Town Clerk informed the members that it is not now intended to proceed with the extinguishment of the right-of-way at Slaughterhouse Lane, Wexford. Negotiations were in progress with the Talbot Hotel Ltd., for the sale to them of Corporation property in the area.

QUESTIONS

In reply to questions Councillor Peter Roche was informed :-

- (a) (i) The tarmacadam will be laid between Nos. 119 and 126 Liam Mellows Park in about three months.
- (ii) Due to the soft nature of the ground the refuse truck has been unable to approach Nos. 119 - 126 Liam Mellows Park in order to collect bins - it is hoped that tenants who are able to do so will deposit their bins at the roadside while those unable to do this would be facilitated by the bin collectors.
- (b) No word has been received from Wexford County Council re. NO Parking sign at entrance to Seaview Avenue/Trinity Street.
- (c) The Town Clerk will draw the attention of Wexford County Council to the condition of footpaths at Trinity Street.

In reply to questions Councillor Dunne was informed :-

- (a) The Corporation has been unable to offer No. 28 Abbey Street for sale due to insufficiency of title but it is expected that this should be rectified within the next two months. In any event the future of this house would again be discussed by the Council at its next meeting.
- (b) The Corporation's proposal re. parking space in front of the 1798 Memorial in the Bull Ring has been transmitted to the Commissioner of the Garda Síochána.
- (c) A schedule of working hours and locations of the new mechanical street sweeper will be made available to the members - it is likely however that the sweeper will shortly have to be withdrawn from service due to the fuel crisis.

The meeting then terminated.





2nd January, 1974.

A meeting of the Ferrybank Management Committee was held this day in the Council Chamber, Municipal Buildings, Wexford at half past seven o'clock p.m. His Worship the Mayor, Councillor Desmond Corish presided.

Members present were :-

Aldermen Morris and Byrne, and Councillor P. Roche.

In attendance : Kevin T. Conway, Borough Engineer;  
Desmond T. Wixted, Town Clerk.

#### FERRYBANK SWIMMING POOL

The Committee considered arrangements for the opening and operation of Ferrybank Swimming Pool and agreed on the following recommendations to the Borough Council.

Opening : The Borough Engineer pointed out that the heating of the Pool and surrounds would require a total of 1800 gallons per month. So far the Corporation's oil suppliers had given no indication as to what allocation, if any, would be made in respect of the Pool but he hoped to have some indication very shortly.

It was agreed that the Committee is not yet in a position to recommend an opening date - the position will be kept under review and a recommendation will issue when the oil situation has been determined.

It was agreed to invite the Minister for Local Government to perform the opening ceremony and to ask the local swimming people to arrange for a gala confined to local swimmers for the occasion.

Staff : It was agreed that the following staff would be initially employed :-

- 1) Caretaker/Operator at a basic wage of £29 per week - age limit 25 - 40 years.
- 2) Assistant Caretaker at a basic wage of £26 per week - age limit 21 - 30 years.
- 3) Lady attendant at a basic wage of £19 per week - age limit 18 - 25 years.

Opening Hours It was agreed that initially the Pool opening hours would be as follows :-  
Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday - 11 a.m. - 1 p.m.;  
3 p.m. - 6 p.m. and 6.30 p.m. to 9.30 p.m.  
Saturday and Sunday - 10 a.m. - 1 p.m. 3 p.m. - 6 p.m.  
6.30 p.m. - 8.30 p.m.

Charges : It was agreed that for a trial period of six months the following hourly charges would operate, viz :  
Adults 20p; Children 5p; Adult Groups £10.00 and  
School Groups £3.00. In the case of groups it was agreed that the maximum number in any group would be 80.



Capital Cost : The Town Clerk pointed out that the total cost of the Pool would be approximately £100,000, £50,000 of which has already been borrowed from the Royal Liver Friendly Society. A grant of £22,500 has been received from Bord Failte while a local voluntary contribution of £17,000 is still to be raised. The members felt that efforts to raise the local voluntary contribution had turned out to be abortive and agreed to enquire into the position. Should this information be correct it was agreed to recommend to the Borough Council that application be made to the Minister for sanction to the raising of an additional loan to finance the balance of the work. It was also agreed to approach Bord Failte with a view to securing an additional grant of £2,500 in order to bring their contribution up to the agreed 25% of the cost.

The meeting then terminated.

*Desmond Conill*



7th January, 1974.

A Quarterly Meeting of the Wexford Borough Council was held this day in the Council Chamber, Municipal Buildings, Wexford, at half past seven o'clock p.m.

The members present were :-

His Worship the Mayor, Councillor Desmond Corish in the chair.

Aldermen : James Mahoney, Kevin C. Morris,  
James Jenkins, Thomas Byrne.

Councillors : John Flaherty, John Dunne, Peter Roche,  
James Morris.

Apology for inability to attend was received from Councillor Eugene Curtin.

In attendance : Thomas F. Broe, County Manager;  
Kevin T. Conway, Borough Engineer;  
Richard Lynn, Borough Accountant;  
Desmond T. Wixted, Town Clerk.

#### SYMPATHY

On the proposition of His Worship the Mayor, seconded by Alderman Mahoney, the sympathy of the Council was extended to Mr. Thomas Cullimore and the other members of his family on the recent death of his brother.

On the proposition of Alderman Morris, seconded by Alderman Mahoney, the sympathy of the Council was extended to Councillor Eugene Curtin on the recent death of his niece.

On the proposition of Alderman Byrne, seconded by Alderman Mahoney, the sympathy of the Council was extended to Councillor John Cullimore on the recent death of his sister.

#### MINUTES

On the proposition of Alderman Byrne, seconded by Alderman Morris, the minutes of Statutory Meeting of 3rd December, 1973, having been circulated, were taken as read, adopted unanimously and signed by His Worship the Mayor.

#### REDMOND MEMORIAL PARK

A deputation from the Trustees of the Major Willie Redmond Memorial Park consisting of M/s S. Galvin and H. Coffey attended the meeting in order to outline for the Council the financial difficulties which the Trustees are at present experiencing. The deputation pointed out that the tenants of their building M/s Amalgamated Wholesalers Ltd., have now vacated the premises and accordingly no rent is being received for same. Efforts are being made to find an alternative tenant but so far these efforts have been unsuccessful and the prospects for the future do not look particularly bright. The only income which the Trustees now had was the current years grant of £500 from the Borough Council. The Trustees estimated that the minimum cost of keeping the Park open would amount to £1,863 per annum, made up of wages, insurance etc., amounting to £1,663 plus £200 for repairs to seats, paint, gravel and other minor items. The present caretaker is at the moment receiving a wage below the minimum statutory agricultural labourers wage and has given notice that he will leave unless his wages are increased.



No monies exist to pay his wages between now and the end of the financial year.

Having outlined their case the deputation withdrew having thanked His Worship the Mayor and the other members of the Council for their courtesy in receiving them.

Following the withdrawal of the deputation the matter was discussed by the Council and on the proposition of Alderman Jenkins, seconded by Councillor P. Roche it was unanimously resolved, Alderman Byrne dissenting, to make an additional grant of £400 to the Trustees in order to keep the Park open until 31st March 1974 - the matter to be fully discussed at the forthcoming Estimates Meeting.

#### FERRYBANK SWIMMING POOL

The Council considered the report and recommendations of the Ferrybank Management Committee regarding the opening and operation of Ferrybank Swimming Pool. On the proposition of Alderman Byrne, seconded by Alderman Jenkins, the report was unanimously adopted.

It was proposed by Alderman Jenkins, seconded by Alderman Morris and unanimously resolved that application be made to the Minister for Local Government for sanction to the raising of a further loan of £25,000 from the Commissioners of Public Works in order to defray the balance of the cost of providing a swimming pool at Ferrybank, Wexford. It was also agreed that Bord Failte be requested to increase their grant towards the Pool to the full 25% of the cost i.e. from £22,500 to £25,000.

The Council was satisfied on the report of the Town Clerk that efforts to raise the local voluntary contribution of £17,500 had proved abortive and would continue to do so.

#### URBAN ROAD IMPROVEMENT GRANT

A letter was considered from the Department of Local Government informing the members that no funds exist whereby the Minister for Local Government could increase the current years Urban Road Improvement Grant.

It was decided to request the Minister to consider increasing the Fund for future years in order that substantially increased grants could be paid.

#### HOUSING FOR THE AGED AND DISABLED PERSONS

On the proposition of Councillor P. Roche, Aldermen Mahoney and Byrne were unanimously selected to attend a seminar in Limerick at which the technical and administrative problems which arose during the construction and the plans and precepts behind the building of a scheme of houses for the aged at Vizes Court Limerick would be discussed.

#### WEXFORD WATER SUPPLY IMPROVEMENT SCHEME

The Council was informed that the cost of additional pipe laying at School Street, Grogans Road etc., for the Wexford Water Supply Improvement Scheme is now estimated at £20,500 as against the original estimate of £12,821.64.

The Council was unanimous in its condemnation of the contractor for this work for the condition in which he has left the roadway at School Street and Grogans Road and the Borough Engineer was requested to endeavour to affect an improvement.



PURCHASE OF DOMESTIC REFUSE FREIGHTER

The Council considered the report of the Borough Engineer on tenders received for the purchase of a domestic refuse freighter - copy attached.

On the proposition of Alderman Byrne, seconded by Councillor Flaherty, the report and recommendation were unanimously adopted.

MACHINERY LOAN

On the proposition of Alderman Byrne, seconded by Alderman Morris, it was unanimously resolved that application be made to the Minister for Local Government for sanction of the raising of a loan of £10,640 from the Corporation's Treasurer, The Bank of Ireland Ltd., Custom House Quay, Wexford, for the purchase of a Domestic Refuse Freighter.

SEAWALL AT FERRYBANK WEXFORD

The Town Clerk informed the members that the following four tenders had been received for the erection of a protective seawall at Ferrybank and had been opened by His Worship the Mayor, viz :-

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| 1) | Redmond Bros., St. Peter's Square, Wexford    | £17,250.00; |
| 2) | Laurence Duggan, 65 William Street, "         | £17,384.50; |
| 3) | Thomas Casey, Kyle, Crossabeg, Co. Wexford    | £19,925.00; |
| 4) | Richard Browne & Sons Ltd., Mary St., Wexford | £22,074.00. |

The Town Clerk informed the members that the tenders were now with the Corporation's Consulting Engineer for recommendation.

Regarding the financing of the project the Town Clerk pointed out that the last estimate which was dated February 1973 envisaged a total cost of £12,200 and approval has now been received from the Minister for Local Government to the raising of a Treasurers loan of £9,700 which together with an amenity grant of £2,500 would have been sufficient at that date. It was now estimated however that the total cost would amount to £20,000 and further loan application would now have to be submitted.

It was proposed by Alderman Jenkins, seconded by Councillor Flaherty and unanimously resolved that application be made to the Minister for Local Government for sanction to the raising of a loan of £17,500 from the Corporation's Treasurer, The Bank of Ireland Ltd., Custom House Quay, Wexford, for the erection of a seawall at Ferrybank, Wexford.

ADVANCE WARNING TRAFFIC SIGNS

It was proposed by Councillor P. Roche, seconded by Alderman Mahoney and unanimously resolved "that this Council in conjunction with County Council where its applicable, erect signs at approaches to the main built up areas in the Borough; the signs to read as follows :- Drive Slowly Built Up Area Ahead".

During the discussion on the motion the Borough Engineer was requested to arrange for the erection of the school sign at Davitt Road South in a more suitable location and to also examine the possibility of providing a further sign to the south of the school.

WEXFORD MAIN DRAINAGE SCHEME

It was proposed by Councillor P. Roche, seconded by Alderman Mahoney and unanimously resolved "that this Council request from the Consulting Engineer on the Main Drainage Scheme a report on the grid placed at the entrance to the pressure culvert above Pierce's Factory which collapsed completely during the last heavy rain".



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## TENDERS - DOMESTIC REFUSE FREIGHTER

Tenders were invited for the supply of a Domestic Refuse Freighter and four tenders as scheduled hereunder were received:-

### SCHEDULE

1. M/s Commercial Road Vehicles, Dundalk:

(a) A.E.C./Norba £12,169 (incl.V.A.T)	(b) Ford/Norba £10,647.24 (incl. V.A.T)
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Delivery - 12 to 14 weeks

2. M/s William P. Ryan Limited, Dublin:

(a) Shelvoke & Drewry NY Series £12,995.00 877.16 (V.A.T) £13,872.16	(b) Shelvoke & Drewry NX Series £9,450.00 637.87 (V.A.T) £10,087.87
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Delivery - 16 weeks

3. M/s Bolands Car Sales Limited, Wexford:

(a) Crush Load Mark 11. *£12,738.50	(b) Compress Load C.7 *£12,003
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(\* assumed price includes V.A.T.)  
(confirmed by letter now attached)

Delivery - 12 to 14 weeks.

4. M/s McCairns Motors Limited, Dublin:

(a) Crush Load Mark 11 £12,550.00 847.12(V.A.T) £13,397.12	(b) Compress Load C.7 £12,437.00 839.49 (V.A.T) £13,276.49
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Delivery - not given.

I have considered the foregoing tenders and recommend acceptance of M/s Commercial Road Vehicles Ltd., tender alternative (b) Ford/Norba in the sum of £10,647.24 inclusive of V.A.T. at 6.75%.

- (1) It is the most reasonable vehicle that meets the capacity and other requirements specified.
- (2) It has mechanical screw compaction as opposed to hydraulic in other vehicles offered and thereby avoids the hydraulic problems where skilled maintenance is difficult to attain.
- (3) Wexford County Council has ordered two of these vehicles in order and standardisation will ease spares and maintenance problems.

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In reply to queries raised during a discussion on the motion the Borough Engineer pointed out that the grid had not been completely erected when it was washed away - the Consulting Engineer is at present examining the necessity to provide a stronger grid. He also pointed out that a portion of the new footpath at the southern side of Parnell Street would have to be replaced; the Contractor has been requested to replace top soil removed from the gardens at Michael Street; work at King Street Avenue is not yet completed and the cause of a recent blockage in the sewer at Parnell Street was a log of timber which has now been removed.

#### HOUSING PRIORITY LIST

It was proposed by Councillor Flaherty, seconded by Councillor P. Roche and unanimously resolved "that the Corporation request the County Manager to prepare immediately a new housing priority list, which would eliminate the need for piece-meal recommendations from the County Medical Officer".

The Town Clerk pointed out that he has already requested such a list and would draw the attention of the Chief Medical Officer to the wishes of the Council.

#### HOUSING REPAIRS

It was proposed by Alderman Mahoney, seconded by Councillor P. Roche, and unanimously resolved "that all necessary repairs be carried out on second letting Borough Council Dwellings".

Alderman Mahoney explained that the type of second lettings he was specifically referring to were ones where no actual vacancy occurred but where a person already living in the house succeeded to the tenancy on the death or otherwise of the previous tenant. He referred specifically to Nos. 18 and 34 Wolfe Tone Villas.

#### TENDERS FOR PRINTING

It was proposed by Councillor Dunne and seconded by Councillor P. Roche "that this Council request that all printing required by Wexford Corporation be given to Wexford town Trade Union Printers".

In moving the motion Councillor Dunne referred specifically to some receipt books which he understood had been supplied by Modern Printers, Kilkenny.

In reply the Town Clerk pointed out that the normal procedure for obtaining printing requirements was that at least three local firms would be asked to submit quotations. Generally it was found that only one firm replied and of eighteen such recent quotations in eleven cases the Corporation had in fact only received one reply. Referring to the specific case mentioned by Councillor Dunne, he pointed out that in that case four local printers and the Kilkenny firm had been asked to quote within the specified time. At the expiry of that time the only reply received had been from M/s Modern Printers and the order was accordingly placed with them in the sum of £20.50.

The County Manager pointed out that the case referred to by Councillor Dunne was only a very rare occurrence and in any event it was not the function of Corporation officials to enquire as to which printing houses were or were not employing Trade Union Labour.

#### DISPOSAL OF SITE AT INDUSTRIAL ESTATE TO WEXFORD I.D.A.

On the proposition of Alderman Byrne, seconded by Alderman Morris, it was unanimously resolved that approval be given to the proposal of the County Manager to dispose of 1.6 acres of land at Whitemill North Industrial Estate to Wexford Industrial Development Association for the purpose of providing an advance factory and as set out in Notice dated 21st December 1973 and circulated to each member, viz, for the sum of £1,920.



DISPOSAL OF NO. 28 THE FAYTHE WEXFORD

On the proposition of Councillor Flaherty, seconded by Alderman Byrne, approval was unanimously given to the proposal of the County Manager to dispose of house No. 28 The Faythe, Wexford, to the tenant thereof, Mrs. Elizabeth Crosbie, on the terms as set out in Notice dated 19th December, 1973 and circulated to the members, viz, for the sum of £100.

DISPOSAL OF NO. 18 BERNADETTE PLACE WEXFORD

On the proposition of Councillor Flaherty, seconded by Alderman Byrne, approval was unanimously given to the proposal of the County Manager to dispose of house No. 18 Bernadette Place, Wexford, to the tenant thereof, Mrs. Kathleen Delaney, on the terms as set out in Notice dated 19th December, 1973 and circulated to the members, viz, for the sum of £1,575.

DISPOSAL OF NO. 32 BERNADETTE PLACE WEXFORD

On the proposition of Councillor Flaherty, seconded by Alderman Byrne approval was unanimously given to the proposal of the County Manager to dispose of house No. 32 Bernadette Place, Wexford, to the tenant thereof, Mr. Francis Walsh, on the terms as set out in Notice dated 19th December 1973 and circulated to the members, viz, for the sum of £1,575.

DISPOSAL OF NO. 29 BISHOPSWATER WEXFORD

On the proposition of Councillor Flaherty, seconded by Alderman Byrne, approval was unanimously given to the proposal of the County Manager to dispose of house No. 29 Bishopswater, Wexford, to the tenant thereof, Mr. John Myrtle, on the terms as set out in Notice dated 19th December 1973 and circulated to the members, viz, for the sum of £1,575.

DISPOSAL OF NO. 57 BISHOPSWATER WEXFORD

On the proposition of Councillor Flaherty, seconded by Alderman Byrne, approval was unanimously given to the proposal of the County Manager to dispose of house No. 57 Bishopswater, Wexford, to the tenant thereof, Mr. James Scallan, on the terms as set out in Notice dated 19th December 1973 and circulated to the members, viz, for the sum of £1,725.

DISPOSAL OF NO. 68 BISHOPSWATER WEXFORD

On the proposition of Councillor Flaherty, seconded by Alderman Byrne, approval was unanimously given to the proposal of the County Manager to dispose of house No. 68 Bishopswater, Wexford, to the tenant thereof, Mr. Patrick Bolger, on the terms as set out in Notice dated 19th December 1973 and circulated to the members, viz, for the sum of £1,725.

DISPOSAL OF NO. 9 HARBOUR VIEW WEXFORD

On the proposition of Councillor Flaherty, seconded by Alderman Byrne, approval was unanimously given to the proposal of the County Manager to dispose of house No. 9 Harbour View, Wexford, to the tenant thereof, Mrs. Mary Carroll, on the terms as set out in Notice dated 19th December 1973 and circulated to the members, viz, for the sum of £465.

DISPOSAL OF NO. 94 WOLFE TONE VILLAS WEXFORD

On the proposition of Councillor Flaherty, seconded by Alderman Byrne, approval was unanimously given to the proposal of the County Manager to dispose of house No. 94 Wolfe Tone Villas, Wexford, to the tenant thereof, Mrs. Mary Ellen Lacey, on the terms as set out in Notice dated 19th December 1973 and circulated to the members, viz, for the sum of £434.



DISPOSAL OF NO. 17 HANTOON ROAD WEXFORD

On the proposition of Councillor Flaherty, seconded by Alderman Byrne, approval was unanimously given to the proposal of the County Manager to dispose of house No. 17 Hantoon Road, Wexford, to the tenant thereof, Mr. Thomas Brennan, on the terms as set out in Notice dated 19th December 1973 and circulated to the members, viz, for the sum of £465.

DISPOSAL OF NO. 29 DEVEREUX VILLAS WEXFORD

On the proposition of Councillor Flaherty, seconded by Alderman Byrne, approval was unanimously given to the proposal of the County Manager to dispose of house No. 29 Devereux Villas, Wexford, to the tenant thereof, Mrs. Bridget Swift, on the terms as set out in Notice dated 19th December 1973 and circulated to the members, viz, for the sum of £623.

AMENITY GRANTS 1974/75

The Town Clerk informed the members that application for amenity grants for the coming year had been received from the following and forwarded to the Department of Local Government, viz :-  
Wexford Corporation Tenants Association - provision of Childrens Playground at Corish Park; St. Joseph's Boys and Girls Club - provision of two tennis courts at Whiterock.

SPECIAL MEETING

It was unanimously decided to hold a special meeting of the Council on Monday, 21st January 1974 to cohsider the following matters :-

- 1) Traffic Improvements in Wexford Borough and Environs.
- 2) Draft Abbey Street/Mount George Redevelopment Plan.

MATTERS ADJOURNED

The following matters were adjourned to the February meeting of the Council :-

- 1) Local Government Reorganisation.
- 2) Control of Water Pollution.

PURCHASE OF LAND

The members were informed that the Corporation has recently purchased 30 acres of land at Mulgannon for the sum of £32,000. It was pointed out that this purchase is in the nature of a long term purchase and the land cannot be developed until adequate water, sewerage and road services are provided in the area. It is intended to allow the National Building Agency to complete the purchase thereby saving the Council the cost of servicing a loan until such time as the land is ready for development. The National Building Agency has agreed to resell all or some of the land to the Corporation whenever required.

TOWN SERGEANT

The meeting was informed that the County Manager intends filling the vacant post of Town Sergeant from the recommendations of the Selection Board set up prior to the last appointment.

No objection was raised to the proposal of the County Manager.



### HOUSING

The meeting was informed that on the recommendation of the Chief Medical Officer the County Manager intends offering the next vacant house to a Woods family who at present have no permanent accommodation. It was pointed out that this family would now take precedence over those on the list forwarded to each member on 12th December, 1973.

No objection was raised to the proposal of the County Manager.

### QUESTIONS

In reply to questions Councillor P. Roche was informed :-

- (a) No Council tenant is at present paying the full economic rent.
- (b) The Borough Engineer is aware of the continued dumping between Harbour View and the railway line at Maudlintown, but he pointed out that it is extremely difficult to catch the offenders.

In reply to questions Councillor Flaherty was informed :-

- (a) Work will commence on the construction of protective seawall at Ferrybank as soon as the sanction of the Minister to the raising of the increased loan has been obtained.
- (b) The County Manager has given the Contractor for the Talbot Street/Green Street Housing Scheme up to the 17th January 1974 to produce a Contract Guarantee Bond and to give a firm indication of when he intends to commence work. In the absence of these submissions the County Manager intends considering an alternative tender for the Scheme.

In reply to questions Alderman Mahoney was informed :-

- (a) Repairs to stairs, door and windows at 16 Wolfe Tone Villas will be completed by 31st March 1974; doors at Nos. 25 Gulbar Road and 68 Wolfe Tone Villas will be done as soon as possible; windows at 37 Wolfe Tone Villas, 36 Bernadette Place and 67 Corish Park; door at 24 Antelope Road; back wall at 21 Antelope Road and back door at 57 Wolfe Tone Villas are not on the current priority list - they would be inspected as soon as possible with a view to arranging for the carrying out of any necessary works.

In reply to questions Councillor Dunne was informed :-

- (a) The collapse of a wall at Parnell Street was due to the adverse weather and the accumulation of materials behind the wall. The matter is the responsibility of the owners of the wall.
- (b) The Councils recommendation re. No Parking in front of the 1798 Memorial in the Bull Ring has been referred to the Garda Authorities.

In reply to questions Councillors P. Roche and Dunne were informed :-

Malicious Injury Decrees totalling £1,734.65 were awarded against Wexford Corporation during 1973 - the December awards amounting to £899.63 of this figure. In all these cases both the plaintiffs and the Corporations costs would fall to be met by the Corporation and the amounts of such costs would be conveyed to the members when the information is available. It was pointed out that it might be sometime before this information is available because of the necessity of having the costs taxed by the County Registrar.



28th January 1974.

A Special Meeting of the Wexford Borough Council was held this day in the Council Chamber, Municipal Buildings, Wexford, at half past seven o'clock p.m.

The members present were :-

His Worship the Mayor, Councillor Desmond Corish in the chair.

Aldermen : James Mahoney, Kevin C. Morris, James Jenkins, Thomas Byrne.

Councillors : John Flaherty, John Dunne, Peter Roche, James Morris, Thomas Roche.

In attendance: Thomas F. Broe, County Manager;  
Kevin T. Conway, Borough Engineer;  
Richard Lynn, Borough Accountant;  
Desmond T. Wixted, Town Clerk.

#### TRAFFIC - WEXFORD TOWN AND ENVIRONS

The Council considered recommendations of Wexford Corporation's Traffic Consultant and the County Engineer for both long and short term improvements in the traffic situation in both Wexford town and its environs.

The County Manager informed the meeting that Wexford County Council has approved in principle of the following recommendations of the County Engineer, viz :

1. Provision of a new bridge to replace Ferrycarrig Bridge.
2. Route from Alma (Park townland) on the Ferrycarrig Road - Clonard crossroads - Clonard Great - Hayestown Great - Redmondstown - Piercestown - Rathjarney - Orristown on the Wexford/Rosslare road.
3. Another road nearer the town from the Newtown road at Sherrards through Coolcotts and Townparks to the Clonard road near the Wexford Industrial Estate with the possibility of continuation in time to the Duncannon road.

The Corporation's Traffic Consultant in his report based on surveys carried out in 1971/2 recommended the following improvements over the period mid 1970's to the year 2000, viz :  
Widening of Wexford Quays including provision of a causeway across Crescent Quay and widening western end of Wexford Bridge and the subsequent provision of a western distributor road running from Maudlintown to Redmond Square, an extra Bridge from Wexford Quays to Ferrybank together with the provision of a number of link roads within the town. The Consultants also recommended the provision of a large number of parking spaces, programmed over the period.

A lengthy discussion took place on the proposals and it was finally agreed to adopt the recommendations of the Traffic Consultant in principle subject to consultation with interested local organisations regarding the provision of the western distributor road. It was also agreed that the widening of Wexford Quays should be a first priority and that the County Council be requested to ensure that the Quays remained the national primary route through the town.



Regarding the widening of the Quays it was unanimously decided, on the proposition of Alderman Byrne, seconded by Councillor P. Roche that as a first step Wexford County Council be requested to arrange immediately for the building of the causeway across Crescent Quay.

#### TRAFFIC SIGNS

On the proposition of His Worship the Mayor, seconded by Alderman Jenkins the Borough Engineer was requested to consult with the County ~~Manager~~ <sup>Engineer</sup> regarding provision of suitable traffic signs to ensure that heavy traffic through the town be directed onto the Rosslare Road via Hill Street, Slaney Street and the Quays.

#### ABBEY STREET/MOUNT GEORGE REDEVELOPMENT

Consideration of outline plans for the redevelopment of the Abbey Street/Mount George area was adjourned pending receipt of comments from a number of local organisations who have expressed interest in the redevelopment. On the suggestion of Alderman Jenkins it was decided that copies of the layout be distributed to the members of the Council and to local interested organisations.

On the suggestion of Councillor Flaherty it was also agreed that the members of the Council would inspect the area on some suitable Saturday morning.

#### OVERDRAFT ACCOMMODATION

On the proposition of Alderman Jenkins, seconded by Councillor Morris it was unanimously resolved that subject to the sanction of the Minister for Local Government approval be given to the raising of overdraft from the Corporations Treasurer, The Bank of Ireland Ltd., Custom House Quay, Wexford, for the quarter ending 31st March, 1974 as follows :

Revenue Account	£60,000
Capital Account	£18,000.

In connection with the requirements the Town Clerk pointed out that but for the rent strike the amount required on Revenue Account would have been £30,000 as against a requirement for the same quarter last year of £80,000. No accommodation would be required on Capital Account but for the delay in payment of traffic management grants by the Department of Local Government. In this latter connection it was suggested by Alderman Byrne that the Department be requested to expedite payment of instalments of grants.

#### TALBOT STREET/GREEN STREET HOUSING SCHEME

In reply to questions raised the Town Clerk informed the meeting that a Contract Guarantee Bond has now been received from the Contractors for the Talbot Street/Green Street Housing Scheme and he hoped that work would commence within the next couple of weeks. Initially as many houses as possible would be built taking into account the fact that a number of occupied houses still remained on the site and these cannot be demolished until alternative accommodation has been provided for the occupants in the area.

The Town Clerk also pointed out that in the case of a number of the occupied houses it will be necessary for the Corporation to immediately take over portion of the gardens in order to allow building to commence and in two cases difficulty was being experienced in obtaining the consent of the occupiers. While the Corporation is now legally



the owner of these properties, every effort was nevertheless being made to settle the matter amicably with the people involved. The Town Clerk also pointed out that he hoped that arbitration proceedings to determine compensation would be held in April or May next.

PRINTING TENDERS

Referring to discussion on a motion at the last meeting of the Borough Council, the County Manager informed the members that the following tenders for certain printing requirements have now been received, viz :-

	<u>JOHN ENGLISH</u>	<u>FREE PRINTERS</u>	<u>MODERN PRINTERS</u>	
Class 1. Book	£25.80	£37.84	£6.00	) Plus V.A.T. @ 19.5%.
Class 11. Book	£17.20	£18.39	£5.00	

The County Manager also pointed out that he intended accepting the tender of M/s Modern Printers Ltd.

A discussion took place in the matter and it was agreed that tenders be also invited from a number of Printers in Enniscorthy.

The meeting then terminated.

TENDERS - PROTECTIVE SEAWALL AT FERRYBANK

Alderman Morris raised the matter of the acceptance of a tender for the construction of the protective seawall at Ferrybank and asked why was not the lowest tender that of M/s Redmond Bros., accepted. The Town Clerk pointed out that while M/s Redmond Bros., tender was the lowest initially, on receipt of further information from both M/s Redmond Bros., and Mr. Laurence Duggan regarding the application of the proposed wage increase applicable from 1st January 1974, it was discovered that Mr. Duggan's tender was in fact substantially lower than that of the corrected tender of M/s Redmond Bros.Ltd. On this basis the County Manager had accepted Mr. Duggan's tender, on the recommendation of the Corporation's Consulting Engineer, and this tender has now been sanctioned by the Minister for Local Government.



4th February, 1974.

A Statutory Meeting of the Wexford Borough Council was held this day in the Council Chamber, Municipal Buildings, Wexford at half past seven o'clock p.m.

The members present were :-

His Worship the Mayor, Councillor Desmond Corish presiding.

Aldermen : James Mahoney, Kevin Morris, James Jenkins, Thomas Byrne.

Councillors : John Cullimore, John Flaherty, John Dunne, Peter Roche, James Morris, Thomas Roche.

In attendance : Thomas F. Broe, County Manager;  
Kevin T. Conway, Borough Engineer;  
Richard Lynn, Borough Accountant;  
Desmond T. Wixted, Town Clerk.

#### PLAYGROUND - NORTH END

A deputation representing the North End Tenants Association attended the meeting to impress on the Council the necessity for the provision of playground facilities in the North End of the town. The deputation's spokesman Mr. O'Brien outlined the support for the idea which existed among the tenants and gave figures for the number of boys and girls in the area who have no playing facilities. He referred specifically to a plot of ground of about one acre at Mannix Place the property of the Corporation which would be suitable for development as a playground and which is now partly used for illegal dumping. The area could be developed to provide a playing pitch and perhaps a basket ball court for the girls.

It was proposed by Alderman Byrne, seconded by Alderman Mahoney and unanimously resolved that the Association be allowed to use the area as a playground and that any help which the Corporation could give would be forthcoming.

It was agreed that the Association would consult with the Borough Engineer in the matter.

The deputation then withdrew having first thanked His Worship the Mayor and the other members of the Council for their courtesy in receiving them.

#### SYMPATHY

On the proposition of Alderman Mahoney, seconded by Councillor T. Roche the sympathy of the Council was extended to Councillor and Mrs. Peter Roche on the recent death of Mrs. Roche's aunt.

On the proposition of Alderman Byrne, seconded by Councillor Morris the sympathy of the Council was extended to Mr. Myles Redmond on the recent death of his aunt, Miss Mary Redmond.

#### MINUTES

Arising out of the Minutes of Special Meeting of 28th January 1974 Alderman Morris stated that he had raised the matter of the acceptance of a tender for the erection of a seawall at Ferrybank but that no reference was made to this in the Minutes and neither had it been referred to in the local press. The Town Clerk pointed out



that only decisions of the Council needed to be recorded in the Minutes and that no decision in this matter had been arrived at at the Meeting. It was agreed that a reference to Alderman Morris's query would be inserted in the appropriate Minute.

On the proposition of Alderman Byrne, seconded by Alderman Jenkins the Minutes of Statutory Meeting of 7th January, 1974 and of Special Meeting of 28th January, 1974 having been circulated were taken as read adopted unanimously and signed by His Worship the Mayor.

#### URBAN ROAD IMPROVEMENT GRANT

A letter was read from the Department of Local Government intimating that the representations of the Borough Council requesting a substantial improvement in future Urban Road Improvement Grants will be borne in mind when the Road Funds Grants for 1974/75 are being determined.

#### VISIT OF AMERICAN BAND

A letter was considered from South East Tourism indicating that an American/Irish Society Band comprising a group of sixty would be staying in Rosslare Harbour on the night of 22nd March. They have asked if it would be possible to parade through the town on the afternoon of the 22nd, present a scroll to the Mayor, have a Civic Reception and give a recital.

On the proposition of Alderman Jenkins, seconded by Alderman Byrne, the Council unanimously approved of the proposal and agreed that the Mayor and members of the Council would meet the visitors at the Municipal Buildings.

#### ROYAL NATIONAL LIFEBOAT INSTITUTION - SUBSCRIPTION

On the proposition of Alderman Byrne, seconded by Councillor P. Roche it was unanimously resolved to contribute the sum of £150 to the Royal National Lifeboat Institution towards the purchase of a new Lifeboat for Dunmore East - the 150th Anniversary of the Institution will be celebrated on 4th March 1974.

#### ESTIMATES MEETING 1974

On the proposition of Alderman Byrne, seconded by Alderman Morris it was unanimously resolved that the Statutory Estimates Meeting of the Council be held on Monday, 1st April 1974 and that a Finance Committee Meeting to consider the County Managers estimates be held on Monday, 11th March 1974.

#### RESIGNATION OF MR. EUGENE CURTIN

The Council was informed that a vacancy now existed in the membership of the Council due to the resignation of Mr. Eugene Curtin which has taken place from the date indicated by Mr. Curtin in his written notification to the Town Clerk, viz, 4th February 1974. As a result of his resignation from the Borough Council Mr. Curtin automatically ceases to be a member of the Town of Wexford Vocational Education Committee. On the proposition of Councillor Flaherty, seconded by Alderman Byrne it was agreed to accept Mr. Curtin's resignation and to fill the vacancy by cooption at the March Statutory Meeting of the Council; the vacancy on the Town of Wexford Vocational Education Committee to be filled also at that meeting.



Glowing tributes to Mr. Curtin's abilities as a member of the Borough Council and to his honesty and integrity were expressed by all members present and it was agreed to write to Mr. Curtin expressing the gratitude of the members for his efforts towards the welfare of Wexford and wishing both him and Mrs. Curtin every health and happiness in the future. The County Manager, Town Clerk, Borough Engineer and Borough Accountant joined in the message of good will to Mr. Curtin.

#### RECRUITMENT OF ADDITIONAL CLERICAL OFFICER

It was proposed by Alderman Byrne, seconded by Councillor P. Roche and unanimously resolved that in accordance with the provisions of Section 6 of the City and County Management (Amendment) Act 1955 approval be given to the proposal of the County Manager to vary the number of permanent offices under Wexford Corporation by the appointment of an additional permanent Clerical Officer.

#### WATER SUPPLY - FAYTHE, WILLIAM ST., BERNADETTE PLACE, MAUDLINTOWN AREAS

It was proposed by Councillor P. Roche, seconded by Alderman Mahoney and unanimously resolved "that this Council are not satisfied with the Water Supply to the Faythe, William Street, Bernadette Place, Maudlintown areas".

The Borough Engineer explained that the difficulty experienced in these areas was caused by the very large draw off by Wexford Creamery which is in fact much greater than the projections of the Company itself. However in the last few months the position had been relatively good in these areas except for a period of about two weeks following one of the recent storms when the electricity supply at the pump house at Edenvale had been out off for some days. He understood that the position for the past week or so has been satisfactory. However he pointed out that when the new mains have been laid in the School Street, Grogan's Road etc., area the position should improve considerably.

Councillor Roche asked would it be possible to give people advance warnings of shut offs and the Borough Engineer informed him that this was normally done but of course in an emergency situation it might not be possible.

#### RENT CONTROLS ON PRIVATE RENTED DWELLINGS

It was proposed by Councillor P. Roche, seconded by Alderman Mahoney and unanimously resolved "that this Council call on the Minister for Justice to introduce some form of supervision or control on the Rents of Private Dwellings let in separate tenements".

The County Manager explained that while the Corporation has no function in the matter of rents charged for privately owned flats it does have jurisdiction over such flats through its functions as a Fire Brigade authority and will also have control over the standard of flats through the new bye-laws which the Borough Council has agreed in principle to adopt. He pointed out that because of lack of sufficient professional staff in the Borough Engineer's office it is not possible for the Corporation to exercise the measure of control which would be desirable over these flats and he told the members that when the new bye-laws have been formally adopted and have come into force it will be necessary for the Council to consider the appointment of suitable inspectorial staff.

#### CONDITION OF ROADS AND FOOTPATHS

It was proposed by Alderman Mahoney, seconded by Councillor P. Roche and unanimously resolved "that all paths and road repairs inside the Wexford Borough be carried out by Wexford Borough Council and County Council who is responsible for maintaining same".



Alderman Mahoney and Councillor Roche referred specifically to Carrigeen Street, John Street, Trinity Street, King Street, Distillery Road, Wolfe Tone Villas, Bishopswater and portion of the Main Street together with the Folly. The Borough Engineer informed the members that the County Engineer had told him that Carrigeen Street will be done this summer while Wolfe Tone Villas will be done shortly as monies have been allocated for this area.

Alderman Jenkins drew attention to the footpath at College View, the condition of the roadway at John's Gate Street and the roadway at Abbey Street. The public lighting at College View was also mentioned and the Borough Engineer was requested to examine the situation.

Councillor Flaherty raised the condition of School Street and the Council expressed concern at the failure of the Contractor to take note of the representations of both the Borough Engineer and the Corporation's Consulting Engineer. The Borough Engineer pointed out that both he and the Consulting Engineer have been continuously pressing the Contractor to improve the situation in that area.

#### DRAINAGE AT NO. 9A BARRACK STREET

It was proposed by Alderman Mahoney, seconded by Alderman Byrne and unanimously resolved "that Wexford Borough Council call on the Health Authority to have sewage rectified at 9A Barrack Street".

The Town Clerk undertook to look into the matter which it was pointed out was one for Wexford Corporation as the Sanitary Authority for the area.

#### MALICIOUS INJURY CLAIMS

It was proposed by Councillor Dunne, seconded by Councillor P. Roche and unanimously resolved "that this Council call on the Government to pass legislation to have all malicious damage claims removed from the rates".

#### EXTENSION OF WEXFORD BOROUGH BOUNDARY

On being informed by the County Manager that the proposals for Local Government Reorganisation envisaged the introduction of a simplified procedure for the extension of Borough Boundaries His Worship the Mayor did not move the motion in the matter standing in his name.

#### LOCAL AUTHORITY TENDERS

It was proposed by His Worship the Mayor, seconded by Councillor P. Roche and unanimously resolved "that Wexford Corporation request the appropriate Government Department to agree that observance of Trade Union wage rates and conditions should be a factor to be considered in the acceptance of tenders by Local Authorities.

In this connection the County Manager pointed out that building contracts specified that wages and conditions should be at least as advantageous as the generally accepted local wage rates and conditions but in the case of printing tenders no such stipulation existed.

#### COAL PRICES

It was proposed by Alderman Morris, seconded by Councillor P. Roche and unanimously resolved "that the Corporation request the Department of Industry and Commerce to state the National price of coal and that they look into the overcharging for coal in Wexford town".



As an addendum to the resolution it was agreed, Alderman Jenkins dissenting, to request the Department of Industry and Commerce to send a Prices Inspector to Wexford to investigate price levels generally.

#### TENDERS - FERRYBANK SEAWALL

It was proposed by Alderman Morris, seconded by Councillor P. Roche and unanimously resolved "that further information be given re. the tenders received for the storm wall at Ferrybank, Wexford".

The Town Clerk pointed out that the two lowest tenders received were those of M/s Redmond Bros., Ltd., at £17,250 and Mr. Laurence Duggan at £17,384.50. The closing date for tenders was 1st January 1974 and as the Construction Industry Federation had issued a circular to its members on 17th December 1973 setting out agreed wage increases under the proposed National Wages Agreement 1974 and advising its members "members should note that no increased wages should be paid until further notice but that provision should be made for same as indicated below. The two lowest tenderers had been requested to indicate whether or not they had made provision for the suggested wage increases in their tenders. M/s Redmond Bros. indicated they had not and suggested a figure of £2,500 to cover the suggested wage increase together with anticipated increases in materials. It had been decided that since the Corporation at this stage is not interested in anticipated increases in the price of materials it would be fair to take 50% of M/s Redmond Bros. figure, i.e. £1,250 as the anticipated wage increase. This brought the total figure for M/s Redmond Bros., tender to £18,500. Mr. Duggan having indicated that his tender did provide for the suggested wage increase, his figure remained at £17,384.50. It was on this basis that the Corporation's Consulting Engineer had recommended the acceptance of Mr. Duggan's tender and the County Manager had acted accordingly. The Town Clerk further pointed out that no correspondence whatsoever had since taken place between the Corporation and M/s Redmond Bros., and the refund of the tender deposit had been made by the Consulting Engineer without the knowledge of the Corporation.

#### DISPOSAL OF PREMISES AT SLAUGHTERHOUSE LANE TO TALBOT HOTEL LIMITED

On the proposition of Councillor Flaherty, seconded by Councillor P. Roche it was unanimously resolved that approval be given to the proposal of the County Manager to dispose of premises at Slaughterhouse Lane, Wexford acquired from Stafford Gaffney Estate to the Talbot Hotel Ltd., for the purpose of providing recreational facilities for the Hotel and as set out in Notice dated 23rd January 1974 and circulated to each member, viz, for the sum of £3,800.

#### DISPOSAL OF NO. 17 CORISH PARK WEXFORD

On the proposition of Councillor Flaherty, seconded by Councillor P. Roche approval was unanimously given to the proposal of the County Manager to dispose of house No. 17 Corish Park, Wexford to the tenant thereof, Mr. Francis Bolger, on the terms as set out in Notice dated 23rd January 1974 and circulated to the members, viz, for the sum of £1,627.

#### DISPOSAL OF NO. 14 DOLPHIN ROAD WEXFORD

On the proposition of Councillor Flaherty, seconded by Councillor P. Roche approval was unanimously given to the proposal of the County Manager to dispose of house No. 14 Dolphin Road, Wexford to the tenants thereof, Misses Mary and Pauline Rossiter, on the terms as set out in Notice dated 23rd January 1974 and circulated to the members, viz, for the sum of £360.



DISPOSAL OF NO. 30 BISHOPSWATER WEXFORD

On the proposition of Councillor Flaherty, seconded by Councillor P. Roche approval was unanimously given to the proposal of the County Manager to dispose of house No. 30 Bishopswater, Wexford to the tenant thereof, Mr. James Carroll, on the terms as set out in Notice dated 23rd January 1974 and circulated to the members, viz, for the sum of £1,725.

DISPOSAL OF NO. 70 BISHOPSWATER WEXFORD

On the proposition of Councillor Flaherty, seconded by Councillor P. Roche approval was unanimously given to the proposal of the County Manager to dispose of house No. 70 Bishopswater, Wexford to the tenant thereof, Mr. James Dowdall, on the terms as set out in Notice dated 23rd January 1974 and circulated to the members, viz, for the sum of £1,725.

ADJOURNMENT

It was unanimously agreed to adjourn consideration of the remaining items on the Agenda to a Special Meeting of the Borough Council to be held on Monday, 11th February 1974 at 7.30 p.m.

The meeting then terminated.

*Desmond Conry*



11th February, 1974.

An adjourned Statutory Meeting of the Wexford Borough Council was held this day in the Council Chamber, Municipal Buildings, Wexford at half past seven o'clock p.m.

The members present were :-

His Worship the Mayor Councillor Desmond Corish presiding.

Aldermen : Kevin Morris, James Jenkins.

An apology for inability to attend was received from Alderman Thomas Byrne.

Councillors : John Cullimore, John Dunne, Peter Roche, James Morris and Thomas Roche.

In attendance : Kevin T. Conway, Borough Engineer  
Desmond T. Wixted, Town Clerk.

#### FINE WOOL FABRICS LIMITED

It was proposed by Councillor P. Roche, seconded by His Worship the Mayor and unanimously resolved that Wexford Borough Council call on the Minister for Industry and Commerce, the Industrial Development Association and the four Co. Wexford T.D.'s to do everything in their power to ensure that M/s Fine Wool Fabrics Ltd., does not have to close down and if this is not possible to ensure that the premises are immediately occupied by another industry capable of absorbing the full workforce.

#### ANTI LITTER CAMPAIGN

His Worship the Mayor informed the members that he intended to make 1974 an Anti Litter Year in Wexford and to this end he intended shortly to call a meeting representative of various interested bodies in order to organise the campaign. He envisaged that the schools and school children would play an important role in the campaign and he hoped that some local concerns would be willing to donate prizes for the campaign. During the debate Alderman Morris stressed the need for larger litter bins particularly in areas around chip shops while Alderman Jenkins maintained that it would be difficult to mount a successful anti litter campaign because there simply are not enough litter bins in the town particularly in the Main Street area. In this latter connection the Town Clerk pointed out that the County Manager would be seeking further monies in next years Estimates in order to provide additional bins.

The members unanimously agreed to approve of the Mayor's idea for an Anti Litter Campaign.

#### LOCAL GOVERNMENT REORGANISATION

The Council considered the discussion document issued by the Department of Local Government on the Government's proposals for Local Government Reorganisation. The document envisaged that there would be no change in the present Local Government system, i.e. the concept of democratically elected Councils would continue. However



the Minister accepts that the present system needs improvement but considers that the defects which exist are such as to require for their solution a selective and measured response. His approach would in principle have the following key elements :-

- (a) County Councils to be the principal Local Authorities.
- (b) Existing Urban District Councils and Boards of Town Commissioners to be retained.
- (c) Functions to be redistributed as between the different classes of Local Authorities and other practical changes to be made in the working of the system.

The document then listed the main services administered by smaller Urban Districts and outlined the Minister's proposals regarding the future administration of such services as follows :-

- 1) Planning and Development : It is proposed that Planning and Development functions should be transferred from Urban District Councils to the County Councils (except possibly in the case of designated larger Urban areas) but that the Urban Council should (as a reserved function of the elected Council) have the right to be consulted in connection with the Development Plan and other appropriate decisions and in the case of conflict there will be a right of appeal.
- 2) Sanitary Services : It is proposed that responsibility for Sanitary Services should be transferred from Urban District Councils to County Councils. In relation to prescribed matters the Urban Council would as a reserved function of the elected Council have the right to make representations to the County Council and in case of conflict to appeal to the Minister.
- 3) Roads and Road Traffic : No change is proposed in the present arrangements.
- 4) Housing : It is proposed that there should be a flexible power to transfer housing functions from specified Urban District Councils (after consultation with them) or all Urban District Councils to the appropriate County Councils. In general the aim would be to transfer functions relating to the construction of houses (e.g. planning, design, setting of contracts, supervision of building) and to leave vested in Urban Councils the functions which really matter to the citizen (e.g. assessment of needs, allocation of tenancy, collection of rents). It will be provided that the Urban Council will as a reserved function of the elected Council have the task of formulating periodically a proposal in respect of its district for submission to the County Council and thereafter of monitoring the progress of the proposal. A procedure will be provided for resolving conflicts with the County Council. It is also proposed that supplementary grants and loans should be the function of the County Council in respect of all Urban Districts.
- 5) Staff : It is proposed to give power to County Councils to provide staffing services for the Urban Districts (officers only) and to empower the Minister to direct that such services be provided in specific cases.
- 6) Finance : The document states that it is a matter for consideration whether the present system whereby the County at large charges are demanded from the Urban District Councils by the County Councils should be retained or whether the levying of rates in the Urban area should be assigned to the County Council,



the rate in the Urban area being made up of two elements, viz : the general County Rate and the charge needed to cover the estimate of the Urban district.

- 7) General : The document further sets out proposals to widen the powers of Local Authorities and to bring about a reduction in the detailed controls exercised by the Department. It also stresses the need to restate the permissive powers of Local Authorities on a broader basis and to modify the ultra vires rule. The document also envisages the introduction of a simplified and comprehensive system of boundary adjustments applicable to all Local Authorities. The document also rejects the proposal of the previous Government that representatives of Community Councils should be placed on committees of Local Authorities and that Community Councils should in some respects replace Local Authorities. Further proposals outlined in the document envisage modernizing the law relating to the constitution and procedure of Local Authorities; more comprehensive powers for setting up joint committees between Local Authorities; provision to enable Councils to incur expenditure in the reception of distinguished visitors; provision for extending the title of Mayor to the Chairman of Urban District Councils and Boards of Town Commissioners; a review of the question of expenses for Councillors and clarification of the right of Councils to send representatives to conferences abroad.

During its discussion on the document the Council rejected the proposals under the headings of Planning and Development, Sanitary Services, Housing, Staff and Finance but welcomed some of the other proposals particularly those dealing with the widening of the powers of Local Authorities, the reduction in the detailed controls exercised by the Department, the modification of the ultra vires rule and the simplification of the procedure for boundary extensions. The Council also felt that the terms "designated Larger Urban Area" and "Specified Urban District Councils" should be defined without delay.

On the proposition of Alderman Jenkins, seconded by Alderman Morris it was unanimously resolved that the Town Clerk prepare a submission for the Department along the lines which emerged during the discussion and to circulate copies to each member before submitting same to the Department.

#### CONTROL OF WATER POLLUTION

The Council considered circular from the Department of Local Government concerning Control of Water Pollution. The members were informed that pollution was not at the moment a serious problem in Wexford Harbour and machinery existed whereby, in processing planning applications for new industries, steps can be taken to deal with any effluent problem which may arise.

Regarding the problem of pollution caused by sewerage effluent the members were informed that sometime within the next 10 years the Corporation would have to consider the provision of suitable plant for the treatment of the town sewage.

#### REFUSE COLLECTION AND DISPOSAL

The Council considered circular from the Department of Local Government regarding refuse collection and disposal. The circular expressed concern at the inadequacy of the arrangements in some areas



(not necessarily Wexford). The members were informed that while refuse collection was not a problem in Wexford the disposal of refuse did at times give rise to problems and the Town Clerk pointed out that in the coming Estimates the County Manager would be seeking sufficient funds to introduce a system of controlled tipping at the Municipal dump.

CHEAP FUEL SCHEME

Alderman Morris referred to the difficulty which some people are recently experiencing in securing supplies of turf under the Cheap Fuel Scheme and the Town Clerk undertook to clarify the situation first thing next morning.

FLATS AT NO. 18 MONCK STREET

On the suggestion of Councillor P. Roche the Council requested that the condition of flats at No. 18 Monck Street be immediately investigated and treated as a top priority.

FLOODING AND TRAFFIC

Councillor Morris complained about the discourtesy of motorists who insisted on driving at excessive speeds through flooded streets in the town, thereby aggravating the difficulties of both householders and pedestrians. It was agreed that efforts be made to close such streets to motor traffic whenever flooding again occurs, and to request the Garda Authorities to ensure that this would be done.

The meeting then terminated.

*Desmond Connel*



25th February 1974.

A Special Meeting of the Wexford Borough Council was held this day in the Council Chamber, Municipal Buildings, Wexford, at half past seven o'clock p.m.

The members present were :-

His Worship the Mayor, Councillor Desmond Corish presiding.

Aldermen : James Mahoney and James Jenkins.  
An apology for inability to attend was received from Alderman Kevin Morris.

Councillors : John Cullimore, John Flaherty, John Dunne,  
Peter Roche, James Morris and Thomas Roche.

In attendance: Thomas F. Broe, County Manager;  
Kevin T. Conway, Borough Engineer;  
Richard Lynn, Borough Accountant;  
Desmond T. Wixted, Town Clerk.

#### FINE WOOL FABRICS LIMITED

The Council received a deputation representing the workers of M/s Fine Wool Fabrics Limited who came before the Council to enlist its support in its efforts to avoid the closing of their Factory and the loss of employment by over 300 workers. The deputation consisted of M/s Byrne, Leisk, Lawlor, Larkin and Harpur.

Mr. Leisk outlined the reasons for the sending of the deputation and stressed that he and his colleagues are representative of all the workers in the plant. While appreciating that Fine Wool Fabrics in its present form could not be saved he stressed the urgency in attracting another textile industry to the plant who would provide both finance and management expertise etc. The workers feel that such an Industry can be a viable one and could re-employ most of the present workforce. A recent meeting of the entire staff indicated that the vast majority of the workers wished to remain in employment in the textile industry. He urged the Borough Council to co-operate in efforts to attract another textile industry to the plant and also in efforts to have the present 13 week period following which the present factory will shut down, extended.

Other speakers supported Mr. Leisk's submission and answered several queries raised by members of the Borough Council.

The deputation then withdrew having thanked His Worship the Mayor and the other members of the Council for their courtesy in receiving them.

Following a discussion the Council unanimously adopted the following resolutions, viz :-

- (1) Proposed by Alderman Mahoney and seconded by Councillor P. Roche, "that we ask the Government to extend the present 13 week period up to 12 months",



Proposed by Councillor Flaherty and seconded by Alderman Jenkins, "that we urge the Ministers for Industry and Commerce and Finance to launch a massive rescue operation to keep the Factory open"; this will involve large financial and technical support. "that the local Dail deputies be requested to lend their full support to the campaign".

His Worship the Mayor was also requested to endeavour to harness opinion in Wexford to bring pressure on the Government to save Fine Wool Fabrics.

#### WHITEMILL INDUSTRIAL ESTATE

The County Manager reminded the Council that sometime ago an approach had been made by the Industrial Development Authority to purchase from the Corporation the remainder of the Industrial Estate at Whitemill. At the time the Corporation did not favour the idea preferring to retain the land itself but assuring the Authority that land would be available at very short notice should they wish to accommodate an Industrialist. He has now been approached by the Authority to reconsider the decision to sell the land to them and he wished to get the views of the members before making any formal decision. At the moment the Corporation has approximately 30 acres of land on the Estate, 10 of which are fronting the Clonard Road and have been ear marked for housing development. He himself had suggested disposing of approximately 20 acres to the Authority and retaining the remaining 10 acres for private house development on the Clonard Road but Mr. McCarthy Regional Manager of the Authority in Waterford was urging that the entire Estate be disposed of to the Authority. Having discussed the matter on a number of occasions with Mr. McCarthy he himself was also now of that opinion. He also pointed out that it would be necessary to purchase additional land as an extension to the Estate and proposed endeavouring to purchase a further 45 acres to the west of the Estate. Efforts are being made to purchase this land by agreement but failing this he would be coming before the Council with a proposal to acquire the land compulsorily.

Mr. McCarthy, Regional Manager Industrial Development Authority Waterford addressed the meeting and pointed out that tremendous contribution which the Industrial Estate has made to the economic growth of Wexford accounting in 1973 for 50% of the increase in employment. He pointed out that should the Corporation agree to sell the Estate to the Authority, the Authority intended building an advance factory comprising 42,000 sq. ft. and costing between £200,000 and £250,000. All going well it is intended to commence work on this factory on 1st May 1974. In addition to the land necessary for this factory the Authority would also wish to have a large surplus of land in the area which could be made available to an Industrialist on which to build his own factory.

The Council welcomed the news of the advance factory and agreed unanimously to dispose of the entire 30 acres to the Industrial Development Authority and also to the acquisition by the Corporation of the additional 45 acres whether by way of agreement or Compulsory Purchase Order. The County Manager pointed out that he would be coming before the Council at a later date with formal proposals along these lines.

The meeting then terminated.



4th March, 1974.

A Statutory Meeting of the Wexford Borough Council was held this day in the Council Chamber, Municipal Buildings, Wexford, at half past seven o'clock p.m.

The members present were:-

His Worship the Mayor, Councillor Desmond Corish, presiding.

Aldermen: James Mahoney, Kevin Morris, James Jenkins, Thomas Byrne.

Councillors: John Cullimore, John Flaherty, John Dunne, Peter Roche, James Morris, Thomas Roche.

In attendance: Kevin T. Conway, Borough Surveyor; Richard Lynn, Acting Town Clerk.

#### FAYTHE HARRIERS HURLING CLUB - ACQUISITION OF SITE FOR CLUBROOMS

A deputation from the above club was received by the Council. Mr. Murphy, spokesman for the deputation, outlined the various achievements of the club and the number of members etc., He stated that their greatest present need was proper clubrooms and requested the consent of the Council to acquire from the Corporation a parcel of land next to their existing clubrooms at the Faythe, Wexford.

On the proposition of Alderman T. Byrne, seconded by Alderman J. Mahoney it was unanimously agreed to dispose of the site to the Faythe Harriers Hurling Club to build clubrooms thereon.

#### MINUTES

On the proposition of Councillor J. Flaherty, seconded by Councillor J. Cullimore the minutes of Statutory Meeting of 4th February, 1974, and of Special Meetings of 11th and 25th February, 1974, having been circulated were taken as read adopted unanimously and signed by His Worship the Mayor.

#### ACKNOWLEDGMENTS OF RESOLUTIONS

- (a) The Department of Justice acknowledged receipt of the Council's resolution in connection with ground rents.
- (b) The Department of Justice acknowledged receipt of the Council's resolution in connection with Malicious Injury Claims and replied " As the Minister indicated in the Dail on 25th October, 1973, in reply to a Parliamentary Question, a review of the whole law relating to malicious damage to property is currently in progress and he will make an announcement on the matter as soon as possible".

#### ROSSLARE STRAND COAST PROTECTION SCHEME - REPORT BY COUNTY MANAGER

As the report had just been circulated to the Council prior to the meeting the members felt that they had not sufficient time to consider same, and on the proposition of Councillor P. Roche, seconded by Councillor J. Morris it was agreed to postpone consideration until the next meeting.

#### ST. PATRICK'S DAY PARADE 1974

The Council accepted the invitation to participate in the 1974 St. Patrick's Day Parade and attend 12.30 Mass in Rowe Street thereafter.



FILLING OF CASUAL VACANCY IN THE COUNCIL CAUSED BY THE RESIGNATION OF COUNCILLOR  
EUGENE CURTIN.

On the proposition of Alderman K. Morris, seconded by Councillor J. Flaherty it was unanimously decided that the vacant seat be filled by co-opting Mr. James F. Byrne, P.C., 19 Thomas Clarke Villas, Wexford. The Acting Town Clerk advised the meeting that Mr. Byrne had signified his intention in writing of acceptance if co-opted.

FILLING OF VACANCY IN TOWN OF WEXFORD VOCATIONAL EDUCATION COMMITTEE

On the proposition of Alderman K. Morris, seconded by Councillor J. Flaherty it was agreed that the vacancy be filled by Councillor James F. Byrne, 19 Thomas Clarke Villas, Wexford. Alderman T. Byrne dissented from this decision.

REVISION OF CLERK/TYPISTS SALARY

The Acting Town Clerk advised the meeting that the Local Government Staff Negotiating Board and the Local Government and Public Services Union had made an agreement in connection with the future grading and salary structure of the Clerical and Administrative Staffs of Local Authorities and Health Boards which included provision for an increase in the salary scale of existing Clerk/Typists. On the proposition of Alderman T. Byrne, seconded by Councillor J. Morris it was unanimously decided that the revised salary scale be applied to the Staff of the Wexford Corporation.

AMENITY AWARDS SCHEME PROPOSED BY WEXFORD AMENITY STUDY GROUP

As details of the proposed scheme had only been circulated prior to the meeting the Council felt that they had not sufficient time to study same and on the proposition of Alderman T. Byrne, seconded by Councillor J. Cullimore it was agreed to adjourn discussion on the scheme to the next meeting.

TALBOT STREET/GREEN STREET HOUSING SCHEME

Councillor P. Roche proposed "that disruption money be paid to the residents who are being removed from their homes in Talbot Street and that written verification be given to each resident of the rents they will have to pay, this verification having been given verbally to a meeting of the Council some time ago", Councillor J. Flaherty seconded.

The Council were advised that any compensation which could be made would be set out in the arbitrators award and it was anticipated that the arbitration hearing would be held in mid-summer.

In connection with the rents the Council were advised that it might be more advantageous for some of the tenants to opt for the New National Differential Scheme as those in receipt of Social Welfare payments would have a Nil rent. However, it was agreed that the tenants be advised in writing of the rents that they will have to pay.

DENTAL SCHEME - SOUTH EASTERN HEALTH BOARD

Councillor P. Roche proposed "that this Council protest to the South Eastern Health Board about the operation of the Dental Scheme for children at the Wexford Clinic and also about the hardship being put on old people having to return forms to the Health Board Office in the County Hall" and Councillor J. Flaherty seconded. In moving the motion Councillor Roche pointed out that emergency cases could not be taken under the present system and also appointments were not being taken as circularised. He also pointed out that some old folks were having to make a number of journeys to the County Hall which was a great hardship on them. He suggested that a stamped addressed envelope be given to such people in order that such journeys should not be necessary. He also suggested that local information centres be set up in the main housing areas around the town on specified days so that the people could be advised of their entitlements.



It was agreed to write to the South Eastern Health Board setting out the above and drawing particular attention to the way in which the dental scheme was being operated.

#### TALBOT STREET/GREEN STREET - GAS APPLIANCES

Councillor J. Dunne proposed "that this Council approve the installation of town gas cooking appliances in all houses in the Green Street/Talbot Street housing scheme" and Councillor P. Roche seconded. After discussion it was unanimously agreed that gas cooking appliances only be installed in the Talbot Street/Green Street Housing Scheme.

#### ABBEY STREET/MOUNT GEORGE DEVELOPMENT

Councillor J. Dunne proposed and Alderman Jenkins seconded "that provision be made in the Abbey Street/Mount George plans for a pathway alongside the Old Town Wall, on the Abbey Cinema side, from Town Hall to Westgate". The Borough Surveyor advised the meeting that the proposed development at Abbey Street/Mount George would not include the pathway as mentioned in the motion as this was outside the present area. However, it was one of the objectives in the Development Plan that pathways be provided alongside the Old Town Wall as far as possible and when further extension of the proposed development was being carried out this, of course, would be taken into consideration.

#### PROGRESS ON PAST RESOLUTIONS

Alderman J. Mahoney proposed "that the Wexford Borough Council hold Quarterly Meetings to seek into what progress has been made on passed resolutions", and Alderman J. Jenkins seconded. In moving the motion Alderman Mahoney pointed out that motions passed previously were not being followed up and the Council were unaware of progress made. It was unanimously agreed that a progress report be given at each<sup>d</sup> Quarterly Meeting on resolutions passed during the previous quarter.

#### FLOODING AT BISHOPSWATER

Alderman J. Mahoney proposed and Councillor P. Roche seconded "that the Borough Council have the matter rectified regarding the water from the Golf Course flooding the gardens at Nos. 76 and 77 Bishopswater". This was unanimously agreed.

#### RESTORATION OF ROAD SURFACES

Alderman J. Jenkins proposed "that the Corporation request that immediate steps be taken to restore the surface of the roads at Grogan's Road, Old Pound, School Street, Lower John Street and clean away surplus gravel, stones etc.," and Councillor P. Roche seconded. The Borough Surveyor pointed out the difficulties the Contractor had run into on the extension of the water supply scheme along John Street, but it was hoped that during the next fortnight all tests would have been carried out and restoration begun. It was unanimously agreed that the Borough Surveyor should follow up this matter with the Contractor and ensure the restoration of the roadways in question as soon as possible.

#### DELEGATE TO THE IRISH PUBLIC BODIES MUTUAL INSURANCES LIMITED

On the proposition of Councillor P. Roche, seconded by Alderman J. Mahoney it was unanimously agreed that the Mayor be appointed delegate to attend the Annual General Meeting of the Irish Public Bodies Mutual Insurances Limited.

#### DISPOSAL OF NO. 43 BISHOPSWATER, WEXFORD.

On the proposition of Councillor P. Roche, seconded by Alderman K. Morris approval was unanimously given to the proposal of the County Manager to dispose of house No. 43 Bishopswater to the tenant thereof Mrs. Bridget Murphy on the terms as set out in Notice dated 20th February, 1974, and circulated to the members, viz., for the sum of £1,610.



DISPOSAL OF NO. 59 BISHOPSWATER. WEXFORD.

on the proposition of Councillor P. Roche, seconded by Alderman K. Morris approval was unanimously given to the proposal of the County Manager to dispose of house No. 59 Bishopswater, Wexford, to the tenant thereof Mrs. Annie Bailey on the terms as set out in Notice dated 20th February, 1974, and circulated to the members, viz., for the sum of £1,716.

DISPOSAL OF NO. 2 CASEMENT TERRACE. WEXFORD.

On the proposition of Councillor P. Roche, seconded by Alderman K. Morris approval was unanimously given to the proposal of the County Manager to dispose of house No. 2 Casement Terrace, Wexford, to the tenant thereof Mr. Oliver Sinnott on the terms as set out in Notice dated 20th February, 1974, and circulated to the members, viz., for the sum of £1,869.

DISPOSAL OF NO. 3 CASEMENT TERRACE. WEXFORD.

On the proposition of Councillor P. Roche, seconded by Alderman K. Morris approval was unanimously given to the proposal of the County Manager to dispose of house No. 3 Casement Terrace, Wexford, to the tenant thereof Mr. Joseph Kelly on the terms as set out in Notice dated 20th February, 1974, and circulated to the members, viz., for the sum of £2,225.

DISPOSAL OF NO. 10 O'CONNELL AVENUE. WEXFORD.

On the proposition of Councillor P. Roche, seconded by Alderman K. Morris approval was unanimously given to the proposal of the County Manager to dispose of house No. 10 O'Connell Avenue, Wexford, to the tenant thereof Mrs. Catherine Brennan on the terms as set out in Notice dated 20th February, 1974, and circulated to the members, viz., for the sum of £100.

DISPOSAL OF NO. 15 FISHERS ROW. WEXFORD.

On the proposition of Councillor P. Roche, seconded by Alderman K. Morris approval was unanimously given to the proposal of the County Manager to dispose of house No. 15 Fishers Row, Wexford, to the tenant thereof Mr. Brendan Duggan on the terms as set out in Notice dated 20th February, 1974, and circulated to the members, viz., for the sum of £1,666.

DISPOSAL OF NO. 13 BERNADETTE PLACE. WEXFORD.

On the proposition of Councillor P. Roche, seconded by Alderman K. Morris approval was unanimously given to the proposal of the County Manager to dispose of house No. 13 Bernadette Place, Wexford, to the tenant thereof Mr. Martin Banville on the terms as set out in Notice dated 20th February, 1974, and circulated to the members, viz., for the sum of £1,575.

DISPOSAL OF NO. 6 HARBOUR VIEW. WEXFORD.

On the proposition of Councillor P. Roche, seconded by Alderman K. Morris approval was unanimously given to the proposal of the County Manager to dispose of house No. 6 Harbour View, Wexford, to the tenant thereof Mr. William Furlong on the terms as set out in Notice dated 20th February, 1974, and circulated to the members viz., for the sum of £465.

DISPOSAL OF NO. 7 TRINITY STREET. WEXFORD.

On the proposition of Councillor P. Roche, seconded by Alderman K. Morris approval was unanimously given to the proposal of the County Manager to dispose of house No. 7 Trinity Street, Wexford, to the tenant thereof Miss Margaret Beary on the terms as set out in Notice dated 20th February, 1974, and circulated to the members, viz., for the sum of £100.

DISPOSAL OF NO. 18 DAVITT ROAD NORTH. WEXFORD.

On the proposition of Councillor P. Roche, seconded by Alderman K. Morris approval was unanimously given to the proposal of the County Manager to dispose of house No. 18 Davitt Road North, Wexford, to the tenant thereof Mr. James Browne on the



terms as set out in Notice dated 20th February, 1974, and circulated to the members, viz., for the sum of £434.

DISPOSAL OF NO. 18 WHITEROCK VIEW, WEXFORD.

On the proposition of Councillor P. Roche, seconded by Alderman K. Morris approval was unanimously given to the proposal of the County Manager to dispose of house No. 18 Whiterock View, Wexford, to the tenant thereof Mr. Walter Harpur on the terms as set out in Notice dated 20th, February, 1974, and circulated to the members, viz., for the sum of £395.

QUESTIONS

- In reply to questions Councillor P. Roche was informed:-
- (i) (a) That the Borough Surveyor was aware of the condition of the footpath and road at Gulbar Road and would have the matter rectified providing money was available.
  - (b) That the case of the flooding at Hantoon Road/Harbour View had already been rectified by the provision of new gullies and that if new pipes were found necessary these would also be provided.
  - (ii) That no final cost has been arrived at on Liam Mellows Park but the anticipated final costs over the original estimate was £116,517; the cost to date above original estimate for (a) Main Drainage Scheme - £30,196 and (b) Water Supply Improvement Scheme - £71,150.
  - (iii) That the Borough Surveyor is aware of the condition of the Folley and that reinstatement would take place along with the final restoration. He would also investigate state of footpaths in Lower Bride Street and same would be put right if necessary.

In reply to questions Councillor J. Dunne was informed:-

- (i) No reply has been received from the Board of Works regarding repairs to the Westgate Tower.
- (ii) That the Consulting Engineer was investigating complaints on the Main Drainage in connection with gulley shores at the Station end of Parnell Street
- (iii) No reply has been received in connection with the parking space in front of the 1798 Memorial in Bull Ring.

In reply to questions Alderman J. Mahoney was informed:-

That repairs to Nos. 26 and 40 Bishopswater and No. 34 Croke Avenue would be investigated and placed on the priority list if found necessary .

In reply to questions Alderman J. Jenkins was informed:-

- (i) That a written reply would be given to the Council at its next meeting in connection with the Western Distributor road route and proposed development by the Presentation Sisters.
- (ii) There is an existing school sign at the Northern approach to St. Iberius School, Davitt Road.
- (iii) That no site had as yet been agreed with the County Council in connection with the advertising sign to the Industrial Estate from the Newtown Road.

The meeting then terminated.

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11th March, 1974.

A meeting of the Finance Committee of Wexford Borough Council was held this day in the Council Chamber, Municipal Buildings, Wexford at 7.30 p.m.

The members present were :-

His Worship the Mayor, Councillor Desmond Corish in the chair;

Aldermen : James Mahoney, Kevin Morris and James Jenkins;

Councillors : John Cullimore, John Flaherty, John Dunne, Peter Roche, James Morris, Thomas Roche and James F. Byrne;

In attendance : Mr. Kevin T. Conway, Borough Engineer  
Mr. Desmond T. Wixted, Town Clerk.

Apologies for inability to attend were received from Mr. T.F. Broe, County Manager, Mr. R. Lynn, Borough Accountant.

#### NEW MEMBERS

His Worship the Mayor moved that the Council extend a sincere welcome to Councillor Byrne who was recently co-opted to the Council. This was seconded by Councillor P. Roche and unanimously adopted.

All members and officials present joined in the welcome to Councillor Byrne and Councillor Byrne thanked the members and officials for their welcome.

#### ESTIMATES 1974

The meeting considered the Estimates of Expenditure and Receipts for the local financial year ending 31st December, 1974. The Estimates as presented by the County Manager showed total estimated Expenditure and Receipts for the period as follows; Total Estimated Expenditure £554,418; Total Estimated Receipts £289,668; Estimated Deficit £264,750.

The net poundage rate required would amount to £7.10 in the £ a decrease of 50p on the rate adopted for the local financial year ending 31st March 1974.

The members perused each item of Expenditure and the following decisions were arrived at, viz :

#### BANK LOANS

The members expressed concern on being informed that the Corporation's Treasurer The Bank of Ireland Ltd., Custom House Quay has recently refused to grant loans to the Corporation in respect of :- (i) purchase of domestic refuse freighter £10,640  
(ii) erection of retaining wall at Ferrybank £17,500.



On the proposition of Councillor Flaherty, seconded by Alderman Jenkins it was unanimously agreed to again request the Treasurer to grant these loans for the provision of services which were essential to the improvement of the environment and amenities of Wexford.

#### MAIN ROADS

The Council expressed concern at the very inadequate return which Wexford is receiving for the monies paid through the County Council Demand to Wexford County Council in respect of Main Roads, viz : 1973/74 : £18,194; 1974 : £19,557.

It was unanimously resolved to request the County Council to ensure that Main Roads within the Borough are better maintained during the coming financial year than they have been in recent times.

It was unanimously resolved to hold a meeting of the Finance Committee to further consider the Estimates on Tuesday, 26th March 1974 at 7.30 p.m.

The meeting then terminated.

*Richard Conry*



26th March, 1974.

A meeting of the Ferrybank Management Committee was held this day in the Council Chamber, Municipal Buildings, Wexford at 7 o'clock p.m.

The members present were :-

His Worship the Mayor, Councillor Desmond Corish presiding.

Aldermen : Kevin Morris and Thomas F. Byrne.

Councillors : Peter Roche and James Morris.

In attendance : Kevin T. Conway, Borough Engineer;  
Richard Lynn, Borough Accountant;  
Desmond T. Wixted, Town Clerk.

#### FERRYBANK SWIMMING POOL

The Committee discussed arrangements for the opening etc., of the Ferrybank Swimming Pool and on being informed that the Pool would be ready in four to five weeks time it was unanimously resolved that the Pool would be officially opened on 1st June, 1974.

It was pointed out to the members that since the original scale of charges had been adopted the cost of operating the Pool had risen considerably e.g. the cost of oil for heating had increased by well over 100%. It was unanimously resolved that the charge for adults be increased from 20p per hour to 25p per hour.

It was agreed to hold the next meeting of the Committee at the Pool within the next few weeks in order to finalise arrangements for the Official Opening.

Based on the date of opening, viz, 1st June, 1974 and the increase in the adult charge agreed by the Committee the following estimates were agreed for the seven month period 1st June 1974 to 31st December 1974 viz, Estimated Expenditure £8,000 ; Estimated Receipts £5,700 ; Estimated Deficit £2,300 - requiring a net rate levy of approximately 6p in the £.

The meeting then terminated.

*Desmond Corish*



26th March, 1974.

A meeting of the Finance Committee of Wexford Borough Council was held this day in the Council Chamber, Municipal Buildings, Wexford at 7.30 p.m.

The members present were :-

His Worship the Mayor, Councillor Desmond Corish in the chair.

Aldermen : James Mahoney, Kevin Morris and Thomas F. Byrne.

Councillors : John Cullimore, John Dunne, Peter Roche,  
James Morris, Thomas Roche and James F. Byrne.

In attendance: Mr. Kevin T. Conway, Borough Engineer;  
Mr. Richard Lynn, Borough Accountant;  
Mr. Desmond T. Wixted, Town Clerk.

#### ESTIMATES 1974

At the outset the Town Clerk informed the members that the amount of the County Council Demand has been reduced, on adjustment from £82,484 to £79,197.

The members, on the proposition of Alderman Byrne, seconded by Alderman Morris unanimously accepted the recommendation of the Ferrybank Management Committee that the Swimming Pool be opened on 1st June, 1974 and that the charge for adults be increased from 20p per hour to 25p per hour. On the basis of this recommendation the Town Clerk informed the members that the Estimate for Expenditure for the Pool could be reduced from £10,458 to £8,000 while the estimated Receipts could be reduced from £6,376 to £5,700.

The effect of the above amendments reduced the net amount to be raised by way of rates from £264,750 to £259,681 requiring a net poundage rate of £6.95.4.

Other amendments agreed by the Council were as follows :-

Vocational Education : On the proposition of Alderman Byrne, seconded by Councillor P. Roche it was unanimously resolved to levy the net amount required for the payment of gratuities to retired Vocational teachers over a period of three years.

Redmond Park : The County Manager's provision of £1,450 as a contribution towards the upkeep of the Redmond Memorial Park was deleted and it was proposed by Councillor P. Roche and seconded by Alderman Mahoney that the sum of £1,000 be levied to cover contributions towards the provision of Parks generally - actual specific allocations to be decided on by the Council at a later date. On a vote for the proposition, Alderman Mahoney, His Worship the Mayor and Councillors Dunne, P. Roche, Morris and T. Roche (6) ; against Aldermen Morris and Byrne (2) ; Councillors Cullimore and Byrne did not vote. The provision of £1,000 was accordingly adopted.

The net result of the above amendments reduced the net amount to be raised to £255,427 requiring a net poundage rate of £6.84.

The meeting then terminated.

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1st April, 1974.

The Statutory Estimates Meeting of the Wexford Borough Council was held this day in the Council Chamber, Municipal Buildings, Wexford at half past seven o'clock p.m.

The members present were :-

His Worship the Mayor, Councillor Desmond Corish in the chair;

Aldermen : James Mahoney, Kevin Morris, James Jenkins,  
Thomas F. Byrne,

Councillors : John Cullimore, John Flaherty, John Dunne,  
Peter Roche, James Morris, Thomas Roche,  
James F. Byrne.

In attendance : Mr. Thomas F. Broe, County Manager;  
Mr. Kevin T. Conway, Borough Engineer;  
Mr. Richard Lynn, Borough Accountant;  
Mr. Desmond T. Wixted, Town Clerk.

#### SYMPATHY

On the proposition of Alderman Morris, seconded by Alderman Byrne, the sympathy of the Council was extended to Mr. James Sinnott, former Mayor of Wexford, on the recent death of his sister and to Mr. John Howlin, former member of the Borough Council, on the recent death of his mother-in-law. All members and officials present associated themselves with the votes which were passed in respectful silence.

#### ESTIMATE OF EXPENDITURE AND RECEIPTS YEAR ENDING 31st DECEMBER 1974

The Council had already considered the County Manager's Estimates of Expenditure and Receipts for the transitional year ending 31st December 1974 and had reduced the net poundage rate required from £7.10 to £6.84.

His Worship the Mayor proposed the adoption of the amended estimate of £255,423 and a net poundage rate of £6.84 for the local financial year 31st December 1974. The Mayor's proposal was seconded by Councillor T. Roche. Alderman Byrne suggested that an additional 5p could be deducted allowing for a net poundage rate of £6.79.

On a vote for His Worship the Mayor's proposal; Aldermen Mahoney, Morris and Jenkins, His Worship the Mayor and Councillors Cullimore, Flaherty, Dunne, P. Roche, Morris, T. Roche and Byrne (11) Against Alderman Byrne (1). A net poundage rate of £6.84 for the local financial year ending 31st December 1974 was accordingly adopted on a majority vote of 11 votes to 1.

Alderman Byrne referred to the sum in excess of £5,000 included in the County Council demand in respect of malicious injury decrees and the members condemned the activities of some people who wantonly destroyed and damaged private property thereby imposing, for the current financial year, an additional rate of approximately 14p in the £.

#### NATIONAL PAY AGREEMENT

On the proposition of Alderman Byrne, seconded by Councillor Flaherty the Council unanimously approved of the proposal of the County Manager to implement the National Pay Agreement 1974 in respect of officers and servants of Wexford Corporation.

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WATER SUPPLY

The Borough Engineer informed Alderman Mahoney that when the main laying has been completed in the School Street Grogan's Road area an adequate water supply should be available at Bernadette Place - he did point out however that the very large drawoff of Wexford Creamery is having an affect on consumers in that area. He is endeavouring to get the Creamery to drawoff at night rather than during the day but at the moment this would not suit their activities.

The Borough Engineer assured Councillor Flaherty that adequate water pressure was available in the mains at South Main Street for fire fighting purposes - in any event a check would be made within the next few days to ensure that this was so.

URBAN ROAD IMPROVEMENT GRANT 1974

The Town Clerk informed the meeting that an Urban Road Improvement Grant amounting to £2,410 has been allocated for the period April/December 1974. This represents an increase of approximately 40% over the amount allocated for a number of years past, viz: £1,730.

The meeting then terminated.

*Thomas J. Byrne*



1st April, 1974.

A Quarterly Meeting of the Wexford Borough Council was held this day in the Council Chamber, Municipal Buildings, Wexford at the conclusion of the Statutory Estimates Meeting.

The members present were :-

His Worship the Mayor, Councillor Desmond Corish in the chair;

Aldermen : James Mahoney, Kevin Morris, James Jenkins,  
Thomas F. Byrne.

Councillors : John Cullimore, John Flaherty, John Dunne,  
Peter Roche, James Morris, Thomas Roche,  
James F. Byrne.

In attendance : Mr. Thomas F. Broe, County Manager;  
Mr. Kevin T. Conway, Borough Engineer;  
Mr. Richard Lynn, Borough Accountant;  
Mr. Desmond T. Wixted, Town Clerk.

#### MINUTES

On the proposition of Alderman Byrne, seconded by Alderman Morris, the Minutes of Statutory Meeting of 4th March, 1974 and of Finance Committee Meetings of 11th March 1974 and 26th March 1974 having been circulated were taken as read, adopted unanimously and signed by His Worship the Mayor.

#### FERRYBANK MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE

The report of meeting of Ferrybank Management Committee of 26th March 1974 had been adopted by the Council at Finance Committee Meeting of 26th March 1974.

#### NATIONAL GRAVES' ASSOCIATION

An invitation was received by the members of the Council to attend the Easter Sunday Commemoration Ceremonies organised by the Wexford National Graves' Association and it was proposed by Councillor P. Roche, seconded by Alderman Byrne and unanimously resolved to follow the same procedure as in previous years, i.e. the members to attend the Special Mass as a Body with the option of attending the Parade to St. Ibar's Cemetery being left to each individual member.

#### M/S FINE WOOL FABRICS LIMITED

The Town Clerk informed the meeting that in response to recent resolutions of the Borough Council a letter had been received from the Minister for Industry and Commerce assuring the Council that every effort is being made to ensure continuity of employment for the workers of M/s Fine Wool Fabrics Limited. The resolutions of the Council had also been acknowledged by the Department of Finance and by the Industrial Development Authority and each of the four local T.D.'s had assured the Council that they would do everything in their power to help out.

His Worship the Mayor informed the meeting that he has been requested to lead a deputation to the Department regarding Industry in Wexford generally but he had decided that while the Fine Wool Fabrics problem was in the forefront it would be as well to defer such a deputation until the latter problem has first been solved. The other members of the



Council agreed with His Worship the Mayor's approach in the matter.

#### ROSSLARE STRAND COAST PROTECTION SCHEME

The meeting was informed that Wexford Harbour Commissioners have now rescinded their previous decision regarding the imposition of a tonnage rate of £3,000 in connection with the Rosslare Strand Coast Protection Scheme and that the matter has now been resolved.

#### AMENITY AWARDS SCHEME

The Council considered the proposals of the Wexford Amenity Study Group for the introduction of an Amenity Awards Scheme and accepted the idea in principle.

The Town Clerk was requested to discuss the matter further with the promoters of the idea and to report back to the Council.

#### TIDY TOWNS COMPETITION 1974

It was unanimously resolved on the suggestion of Alderman Byrne to enter Wexford for the Tidy Towns Competition 1974 and it was also agreed on the proposition of Alderman Jenkins to request Wexford County Council to pay particular attention to the approach roads to the town, which are their responsibility, during the period of the Competition.

His Worship the Mayor informed the members that he has now organised a Committee to run an anti-litter campaign in Wexford. Initially a competition would be held among the schools for the adoption of a suitable slogan and it is also intended to organise the town into areas for competition purposes. It is hoped to secure sponsorship for the prizes but he may be coming to the Council for some small contribution at a later stage.

#### WEXFORD GAS COMPANY

It was proposed by Alderman Jenkins, seconded by Councillor P. Roche and unanimously resolved "that Wexford Corporation request Wexford Gas Company to supply elected members with reasonable information as to their intentions to excavate in any particular street, if so requested by an elected member".

#### TELEPHONE KIOSKS

It was proposed by Councillor P. Roche, seconded by Alderman Mahoney and unanimously resolved "that this Council call on the Minister for Posts and Telegraphs to provide a telephone kiosk to serve the expanding area of Kennedy Park, Corish Park, Liam Mellows Park".

It was also decided to request the Department to have a further look at the needs of the St. Peter's Square and Bishopswater areas and on the suggestion of Councillor Flaherty it was also decided to request the Department to carry out a survey in Wexford in order to determine the public telephone needs of the town.

#### MAIN ROADS

It was proposed by Councillor P. Roche, seconded by Alderman Mahoney and unanimously resolved "that this Council again call on the County Council to carry out repairs to roads and footpaths in the Borough, which are their responsibility."



In this connection the Council considered a letter which it had received from the residents of School Street complaining about the condition of the street because of current excavation work in connection with main laying. The Borough Engineer informed the members that it is hoped to test the mains within the next few days and provided they were in order the street should be resurfaced within the next two weeks.

#### MUNICIPAL DUMP

It was proposed by Alderman Mahoney, seconded by Councillor P. Roche and unanimously resolved "that the Wexford Borough Council look for an alternative Dump and have the existing one closed".

During the discussion on the motion the County Manager pointed out that discussions were taking place with Wexford County Council with a view to both Councils using the existing Dump and thereby providing substantially increased monies in order to maintain the Dump to a proper standard.

#### ABBAY STREET/MOUNT GEORGE REDEVELOPMENT

It was proposed by Alderman Byrne and seconded by Councillor P. Roche "that in accordance with Notice already given under City and County Management Act sometime ago and adjourned I will move that permission be given to Mr. Con Macken to proceed with the development".

In connection with Mr. Macken's application the County Manager pointed out that before consideration can be given to Mr. Macken's planning application he will first have to obtain permission to demolish two houses, included in his development, which are at present occupied. Mr. Macken had been requested to supply information in this connection some months ago but so far this information has not been forthcoming.

The Council referred to the overall redevelopment of the Abbey Street/Mount George area and the representations which have been made to the Council by interested bodies and persons and it was unanimously agreed on the proposition of Councillor Dunne, seconded by Councillor P. Roche to hold a special meeting of the Council to consider this whole matter. This special meeting to be held when the Council is in a position to process Mr. Macken's planning application.

#### DISPOSAL OF NO. 74 BISHOPSWATER WEXFORD

On the proposition of Councillor P. Roche, seconded by Alderman Jenkins, approval was unanimously given to the proposal of the County Manager to dispose of house No. 74 Bishopswater to the tenant thereof, Mr. Richard Murphy, on the terms as set out in Notice dated 20th March, 1974 and circulated to the members, viz, for the sum of £1,505.

#### DISPOSAL OF NO. 123 CORISH PARK WEXFORD

On the proposition of Councillor P. Roche, seconded by Alderman Jenkins, approval was unanimously given to the proposal of the County Manager to dispose of house No. 123 Corish Park, to the tenant thereof, Mr. Patriok Hayes, on the terms as set out in Notice dated 20th March, 1974 and circulated to the members, viz, for the sum of £2,052.

#### DISPOSAL OF NO. 58 DAVITT ROAD NORTH WEXFORD

On the proposition of Councillor P. Roche, seconded by Alderman Jenkins, approval was unanimously given to the proposal of the County Manager to dispose of House No. 58 Davitt Road North to the tenant thereof, Mr. William K. Murphy, on the terms as set out in Notice dated 20th March, 1974 and circulated to the members, viz, for the sum of £1,568.



DISPOSAL OF NO. 19 GULBAR ROAD WEXFORD

On the proposition of Councillor P. Roche, seconded by Alderman Jenkins approval was unanimously given to the proposal of the County Manager to dispose of house No. 19 Gulbar Road, Wexford, to the tenant thereof, Mr. Nicholas Murphy, on the terms as set out in Notice dated 20th March 1974 and circulated to the members, viz, for the sum of £465.

DISPOSAL OF NO. 1 HILL STREET WEXFORD

On the proposition of Councillor P. Roche, seconded by Alderman Jenkins approval was unanimously given to the proposal of the County Manager to dispose of house No. 1 Hill Street, Wexford, to the tenant thereof, Miss Annie Furlong, on the terms as set out in Notice dated 20th March 1974 and circulated to the members, viz, for the sum of £100.

DISPOSAL OF NO. 51 HANTOON ROAD WEXFORD

On the proposition of Councillor P. Roche, seconded by Alderman Jenkins approval was unanimously given to the proposal of the County Manager to dispose of house No. 51 Hantoon Road, Wexford, to the tenant thereof, Mr. Patrick Fenlon, on the terms as set out in Notice dated 20th March 1974 and circulated to the members, viz, for the sum of £465.

DISPOSAL OF NO. 11 ST. AIDAN'S CRESCENT WEXFORD

On the proposition of Councillor P. Roche, seconded by Alderman Jenkins approval was unanimously given to the proposal of the County Manager to dispose of house No. 11 St. Aidan's Crescent, Wexford, to the tenant thereof, Mrs. Patricia Ita Gallagher, on the terms as set out in Notice dated 20th March 1974 and circulated to the members, viz, for the sum of £850.

DISPOSAL OF NO. 40 ST. AIDAN'S CRESCENT WEXFORD

On the proposition of Councillor P. Roche, seconded by Alderman Jenkins approval was unanimously given to the proposal of the County Manager to dispose of house No. 40 St. Aidan's Crescent, Wexford, to the tenant thereof, Miss Joan Furlong, on the terms as set out in Notice dated 20th March 1974 and circulated to the members, viz, for the sum of £850.

DISPOSAL OF NO. 19 TUSKAR VIEW WEXFORD

On the proposition of Councillor P. Roche, seconded by Alderman Jenkins approval was unanimously given to the proposal of the County Manager to dispose of house No. 19 Tuskar View, Wexford, to the tenant thereof, Mr. James Buggy, on the terms as set out in Notice dated 20th March 1974 and circulated to the members, viz, for the sum of £1,557.

DISPOSAL OF NO. 72 LOWER WILLIAM STREET WEXFORD

On the proposition of Councillor P. Roche, seconded by Alderman Jenkins approval was unanimously given to the proposal of the County Manager to dispose of house No. 72 Lower William Street, Wexford, to the tenant thereof, Miss Margaret O'Leary, on the terms as set out in Notice dated 20th March 1974 and circulated to the members, viz, for the sum of £100.



NO. 8 MARIAN ROW WEXFORD

No objection was raised by the Council to the proposal of the County Manager to appoint Miss Mary Parle tenant of house at No. 8 Marian Row, Wexford, formerly tenanted by Mr. Frank Rowe.

ADJOURNMENT

It was unanimously resolved that the following matters be adjourned to the next Statutory Meeting of the Borough Council.

- 1) Traffic Improvements in Borough and environs.
- 2) Kenny Report on Price of Building Land.

QUESTIONS

In reply to questions Alderman Jenkins was informed :-

- (i) Road surfaces at Carrigeen, Old Pound, Grogan's Road, The Folly and Joseph Street will be restored when the mains have been satisfactorily tested; work at Slippery Green will be finished before the end of the summer.
- (ii) The Town Clerk will be discussing with the County Secretary within the next few weeks arrangements for polling stations for the coming local elections and, depending on the availability of space, every effort will be made to have all booths located on the ground floor.
- (iii) Plans for the redevelopment of Mount George/Abbey Street will be discussed at a Special Meeting of the Council to be held shortly.

In reply to questions Councillor Peter Roche was informed:-

- (i)(a) A new pipe is required at rear of Barrack Street to carry away sewage.
- (b) Both the Corporation's Consulting Engineer and the Contractor are being pressed by the Borough Engineer to complete fencing at Michael Street and the garden and wall at Mr. Curtis's property at Michael Street.
- (ii) Flooding outside No. 77 St. Aidan's Crescent is being caused by a defective gully which will be replaced.
- (iii) The Borough Engineer is aware of the state of footpath at Menapia Avenue and roadway at bottom of Fishers Row - the damage is being caused by heavy trucks and repairs will be carried out as soon as possible.

In reply to questions Alderman Mahoney was informed :-

Window at No. 1 Whiterock View has been inspected and work will be put in hands shortly; the other repairs specified viz, window at 18 Mannix Place, two front windows at 48 St. Aidan's Crescent, pathway to front door No. 8 Whiterock View, back door and two back windows No. 16 Tuskar View and window repairs at No. 82 Corish Park will be inspected and, if considered necessary, will be placed on the priority list.



6th May 1974.

A Statutory Meeting of the Wexford Borough Council was held this day in the Council Chamber, Municipal Buildings, Wexford, at half past seven o'clock p.m.

The members present were :-

Aldermen : James Mahoney, Kevin Morris,  
James Jenkins, Thomas F. Byrne.

Councillors : John Flaherty, John Dunne, Peter Roche,  
Thomas Roche, James F. Byrne.

Apologies for inability to attend were received from His Worship the Mayor, Councillor Desmond Corish and Councillor John Cullimore.

In attendance : Mr. Kevin T. Conway, Borough Engineer;  
Mr. Richard Lynn, Borough Accountant;  
Mr. Desmond T. Wixted, Town Clerk.

An apology for inability to attend was received from Mr. T.F. Broe, County Manager.

#### CHAIRMAN

In the absence of His Worship the Mayor, Alderman T.F. Byrne was, on the proposal of Councillor T. Roche and seconded by Alderman Jenkins unanimously moved to the chair.

#### MINUTES

On the proposition of Alderman Morris, seconded by Alderman Jenkins, the minutes of Quarterly Meeting of 1st April, 1974 and of Statutory Estimates Meeting of 1st April, 1974, having been circulated, were taken as read, adopted unanimously and signed by the Chairman.

#### M/S FINE WOOL FABRICS LIMITED

Councillor Byrne referred to the Minute of Quarterly Meeting of 1st April 1974 when His Worship the Mayor informed the meeting that he would lead a deputation to the Department of Industry and Commerce regarding Industry in Wexford generally as soon as the problem of M/s Fine Wool Fabrics Limited has been resolved. Councillor Byrne pointed out that the situation regarding M/s Fine Wool Fabrics Limited has not yet been resolved but urged that His Worship the Mayor should immediately organise his deputation to the Department. It was unanimously resolved, on the proposition of Councillor Byrne, seconded by Alderman Jenkins to request the Mayor to immediately organise the deputation - the deputation to consist of Aldermen Mahoney, Jenkins and Byrne and Councillor Byrne together with the four Constituency T.D.'s and representatives of the Trades Council and the Chamber of Commerce.

#### MAKING OF MUNICIPAL RATE

The making of a Municipal Rate of £6.84 in the £ for the service of the Local Financial Year ending 31st December, 1974 was proposed by Alderman Jenkins, seconded by Councillor T. Roche and unanimously resolved.

The Rate Book having been certified by the Town Clerk to be in conformity with the Valuation Lists was sealed and signed by the Chairman, Alderman Morris and Councillor Byrne and the Town Clerk.

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### PRICE OF COAL IN WEXFORD

A letter was considered from the Department of Industry and Commerce enclosing copy of an Order made by the Minister with effect as from 20th March, 1974 fixing the maximum retail prices which may be charged for prepacked coal. The letter pointed out that the Minister is prepared to have all complaints of alleged overcharging for coal in Wexford investigated by Inspectors of his Department on receipt of the necessary particulars, i.e. type of coal, the prices charged and the name and address of the merchant. It was decided to issue each member of the Council with a copy of the correspondence.

### WEXFORD GAS COMPANY LIMITED

In reply to recent representations from the Council a letter was considered from the Wexford Gas Company Limited indicating that the Company is not prepared to answer questions from Aldermen or Councillors directly regarding proposed works by the Company in the Borough. The letter pointed out however that the Company is quite willing that information along these lines would be given to the Borough Engineer and the Town Clerk.

The members expressed regret at the unwillingness of the Gas Company to co-operate.

### PUBLIC TELEPHONE KIOSKS

A letter was received from the Department of Posts and Telegraphs indicating that the survey in order to determine the public telephone needs of Wexford has not yet been completed and that further communication would be sent as early as possible.

### BALLAST BANK PROJECT

On the proposition of Alderman Morris, seconded by Alderman Byrne, the Council unanimously agreed to donate a Pump which M/s A.B.S. Pumps Limited proposes to present to the Corporation, to the Wexford Junior Chamber for incorporation in their Ballast Bank Project.

### FERRYBANK SWIMMING POOL

A letter was considered from the Swimming Pool Fund Raising Committee indicating that the Committee has decided, with regret, to dissolve. The letter pointed out that from the outset the Committees activities had met with little success and they could see no useful purpose in continuing their futile efforts. The Committee expressed its thanks to those people who had supported the Project and appealed to the citizens of Wexford and its environs to give their wholehearted support to the Swimming Pool.

The Council accepted the resignation of the Committee with regret and expressed its appreciation for the efforts which they had made to raise the necessary local voluntary contribution.

Regarding the Pool the Town Clerk pointed out that it would not be possible to have the Official Opening on 1st June and that it would now possibly be the end of June before the Pool would be ready for opening. Regarding the financing of the Pool he informed the members that Wexford County Council has agreed to contribute the produce of a rate of one penny in the £. towards the capital cost i.e. approximately £4,000 while the Department of Local Government has sanctioned the borrowing of a further £10,000. Provided Bord Failte increased their contribution by the £2,500 requested by the Corporation, the total short-fall would amount to £11,000. Ways and means of providing this short-fall could be considered at a later date. The Town Clerk also pointed out that the County Council have indicated



that the question of a continuing grant to the Corporation in respect of the Pool has been deferred for consideration in the Autumn.

#### LOCAL ELECTION

The Council unanimously resolved not to issue Polling Cards in connection with the forthcoming Local Election in the event of Wexford County Council not issuing cards. The Town Clerk had pointed out that the approximate cost to the Corporation of issuing cards is £400.

#### FINANCE - HOUSE PURCHASE LOANS

On the proposition of Councillor John Flaherty, seconded by Alderman Thomas F. Byrne, it was unanimously resolved "that application be made to the Minister for Local Government for sanction to the raising of a loan of £60,000 from the Commissioners of Public Works in Ireland for the purpose of making advances under Section 39 of the Housing Act 1966"

#### FINANCE - SUPPLEMENTARY GRANTS

On the proposition of Alderman James Jenkins, seconded by Alderman Kevin Morris, it was unanimously resolved "that application be made to the Minister for Local Government for sanction to the raising of a loan of £10,000 from the Commissioners of Public Works in Ireland for the purpose of making grants under Sections 26 and 29 of the Housing Act 1966".

#### FINANCE - DEVOLVED HOUSING SCHEMES

On the proposition of Alderman Jenkins, seconded by Councillor Peter Roche, it was unanimously resolved "that application be made to the Minister for Local Government for sanction to the raising of a loan of £130,000 from the Commissioners of Public Works in Ireland to finance expenditure on Devolved Housing Schemes during the period 1st April 1974 to 31st December 1974"

The Town Clerk pointed out that the schemes in question were those at John's Gate Street and Lower John Street.

#### OVERDRAFT ACCOMMODATION

On the proposition of Councillor John Flaherty, seconded by Alderman Thomas F. Byrne, it was unanimously resolved "that subject to the sanction of the Minister for Local Government approval be given to the raising of overdraft from the Corporation's Treasurer, The Bank of Ireland Ltd., Custom House Quay, Wexford, for the quarter ending 30th June 1974 as follows :-

Revenue Account £60,000.

#### WAIVER OF RATES

On the proposition of Alderman Jenkins, seconded by Councillor Byrne, the Council unanimously adopted a scheme under the Local Government (Rates) Act 1970 for the waiver of rates payable by persons in the following categories, during the period 1st April 1974 to 31st December 1974, viz :- **Rea**

- (a) Recipients of Non-Contributory Old Age Pensions
- (b) Recipients of Non-Contributory Widows Pensions
- (c) Recipients of Blind Pensions
- (d) Recipients of Home Assistance
- (e) Recipients of Disabled Persons Maintenance Allowances
- (f) Recipients of Infectious Diseases Maintenance Allowances



- (g) Occupiers of Small Dwellings, which come within the scope of the Local Government (Rates on Small Dwellings) Act 1928 who fall within the categories of persons set out at (a) to (f) above. In such cases the owners of the Small Dwellings will be obliged to adjust the rents in accordance with the rate relief granted in each case.
- (h) Tenants of Local Authority Houses who fall within the categories of persons set out at (a) to (g) above.
- (i) Persons who do not fall within the categories (a) to (h) above but to whom the Corporation consider that the payment of rates would cause undue hardship.

Relief from Rates may be refused to any person in the eligible categories where it is considered that, having regard to total household income, such refusal would not cause hardship to the particular applicant concerned.

#### HANDBALL ALLEY AT EMMET PLACE

The Town Clerk reminded the members that on 9th April 1973 the Borough Council had resolved to expend the sum of £500 in order to render the handball alley at Emmet Place safe by reducing the wall height and tying it into the wing walls with a reinforced concrete ring beam and a short R.C. canopy return. Following that decision tenders had been invited for the work and only one tender was received in the sum of £775. The Tenderer while recommended for acceptance at the time failed to carry out the work as he could not obtain insurance at a reasonable charge. Since then St. Marys Handball Club have, with the approval of the Corporation, reduced the height of the walls and installed tie-bars to make it safe and have now got insurance cover for the use of the alley again. The club had expended the sum of £494 of which £200 was by way of labour supplied by club members. The Borough Engineer now recommended that £350 be paid to the club for the carrying out of the work already completed subject to submission of ~~the~~ Insurance Cover for the continued use of the alley - the balance of £150 could be paid at a later date when further improvement works are completed which will cost well in excess of the total amount provided by the Corporation but some of which is not part of the making safe of the structure.

On the proposition of Alderman Morris, seconded by Alderman Mahoney, it was unanimously resolved that the sum of £500 be paid to the club in respect of work already done and further works which the club proposed to carry out.

On the proposition of Alderman Morris, seconded by Alderman Mahoney, it was unanimously resolved that expenditure in excess of that allowed for the service of the Local Financial Year ending 31st December 1974, be allowed in the sum of £500 by way of contribution to St. Marys Handball Club towards the carrying out of improvements at the Handball Alley at Emmet Place, Wexford.

#### PROVISION OF POUND

The Council considered a letter from the Department of Justice concerning the provision of a Pound in Wexford Town and expressing the concern of the Minister at the failure of the Corporation to provide this facility. The letter pointed out that the Department should be notified at an early date setting out the steps which the Corporation intend to take in the matter and stated that should it not be evident that reasonable progress is being made the Minister will consider taking action under the Pounds (Provision and Maintenance) Act 1935 to ensure that a Pound is provided without further delay. Regarding a contribution by Wexford County Council towards the provision of a Pound in Wexford Town



the letter pointed out that the provisions of Section 11 of the Act could be used for this purpose.

The Council decided to take no action in the matter.

#### DIFFERENTIAL RENTS - DESERTED WIVES

It was proposed by Councillor P. Roche, seconded by Alderman Mahoney and unanimously resolved "that this Council request the Minister for Local Government that for the purpose of assessing differential rents, wives who are separated from their husbands and receiving a fixed allowance from them be classed in the same category as deserted wives who are in receipt of Social Welfare Benefits".

#### DENTAL CARE FOR VOCATIONAL AND SECONDARY SCHOOL PUPILS

It was proposed by Councillor P. Roche, seconded by Alderman Mahoney and unanimously resolved "that this Council request the Minister for Health and the South Eastern Health Board to initiate a scheme for dental care to cover both Vocational and Secondary School pupils who are under the age of 16 years".

#### PEDESTRIAN CROSSING AT LIAM MELLOWS PARK

It was proposed by Alderman Mahoney, seconded by Councillor P. Roche and unanimously resolved "that the Wexford Borough Council have a pedestrian crossing on the road near the Sisters of Mercy School at Liam Mellows Park".

During the discussion on the motion reference was made to the desirability of introducing a scheme of Junior School Wardens and the Town Clerk undertook to reactivate this matter with the Sisters of St. John of God The Faythe whose school had been selected for a pilot scheme. It was also decided to discuss the provision of such a scheme at Liam Mellows Park with the Sisters of Mercy.

Regarding the National School at The Faythe it was decided to request the Garda Authorities to consider the banning of parking near the school and the Borough Engineer was requested to examine the possibility of providing a school sign at the Fisher's Row entrance.

#### SEWAGE DISPOSAL - HORSE RIVER

It was proposed by Alderman Mahoney, seconded by Councillor P. Roche and unanimously resolved "that the Wexford Borough Council have the sewers leading to the dry part of the Horse River rectified".

The Borough Engineer pointed out that this matter had already been raised by the Council and drawings have now been prepared for the carrying out of this work.

#### REGIONAL MUSEUM

It was proposed by Councillor Dunne, seconded by Councillor P. Roche and unanimously resolved "that this Council request the Government to consider Wexford for the establishment of a branch of the National Museum under a proposed decentralisation scheme".



GROUND BETWEEN WEXFORD NORTH STATION AND REDMOND ROAD

It was proposed by Councillor Dunne, seconded by Councillor P. Roche and unanimously resolved "that C.I.E. be requested to develop the waste land between the railway line and Redmond Road as required by them and to make an amenity area out of the remainder".

In this connection the Town Clerk pointed out that the Council would shortly be considering a submission from the Chamber of Commerce regarding parking areas in the town and that this submission included a recommendation that, until such time as C.I.E. were in a position to carry out their proposed development in that area, the Corporation should endeavour to secure the use of the plot of ground for car parking purposes.

STREET CLEANING

It was proposed by Alderman Jenkins, seconded by Alderman Morris and unanimously resolved "that we the selected members of Wexford Corporation call on the Borough Surveyor to devise a better scheme for keeping the streets of Wexford clean and tidy".

Alderman Jenkins's motion referred in particular to the Main Street and during the discussion mention was made of the practice of Corporation street sweepers of dumping the contents of their containers in certain parts of the town where it might be a couple of days before the refuse was collected by truck. The members felt that this practice should be curtailed particularly near built up areas and over week-ends.

JOINT SANITARY SERVICES COMMITTEE FOR COUNTY

On the proposition of Alderman Byrne, seconded by Alderman Morris His Worship the Mayor was unanimously selected to represent Wexford Borough Council on the Joint Sanitary Services Committee for the County which has been set up by Wexford County Council.

DISPOSAL OF INDUSTRIAL ESTATE

On the proposition of Alderman Morris, seconded by Councillor T. Roche approval was unanimously given to the proposal of the County Manager to dispose of approximately 28 acres of land at Whitemill North and Clonard Wexford acquired from Mr. John Sinnott and the Sisters of Mercy to the Industrial Development Authority for the purpose of providing advance factory sites and industrial development generally and on the terms as set out in Notice dated 10th April 1974 and circulated to each member of Wexford Borough Council, viz, for the sum of £84,000. ~~INDUSTIAL~~

DISPOSAL OF NO. 93 BISHOPSWATER WEXFORD

On the proposition of Councillor Flaherty, seconded by Alderman Morris approval was unanimously given to the proposal of the County Manager to dispose of house No. 93 Bishopswater, Wexford, to the tenant thereof, Mr. James O'Connor on the terms as set out in Notice dated 25th April 1974 and circulated to each member of Wexford Borough Council, viz, for the sum of £1,540.

DISPOSAL OF 47 BERNADETTE PLACE WEXFORD

On the proposition of Councillor Flaherty, seconded by Alderman Morris approval was unanimously given to the proposal of the County Manager to dispose of house No. 47 Bernadette Place, Wexford, to the tenant thereof, Mr. James Rossiter on the terms as set out in Notice dated 25th April 1974 and circulated to each member of Wexford Borough Council, viz, for the sum of £1,575.



DISPOSAL OF NO. 52 CORISH PARK WEXFORD

On the proposition of Councillor Flaherty, seconded by Alderman Morris approval was unanimously given to the proposal of the County Manager to dispose of house No. 52 Corish Park, Wexford, to the tenant thereof, Mr. T. K. Morris on the terms as set out in Notice dated 25th April 1974 and circulated to each member of Wexford Borough Council, viz, for the sum of £1,851.

DISPOSAL OF NO. 22 DISTILLERY ROAD WEXFORD

On the proposition of Councillor Flaherty, seconded by Alderman Morris approval was unanimously given to the proposal of the County Manager to dispose of house No. 22 Distillery Road, Wexford, to the tenant thereof, Mr. William Murphy, on the terms as set out in Notice dated 25th April 1974 and circulated to each member of Wexford Borough Council, viz, for the sum of £793.

DISPOSAL OF NO. 40 DAVITT ROAD SOUTH WEXFORD

On the proposition of Councillor Flaherty, seconded by Alderman Morris approval was unanimously given to the proposal of the County Manager to dispose of house No. 40 Davitt Road South, Wexford, to the tenant thereof, Mr. Charles Golden on the terms as set out in Notice dated 25th April 1974 and circulated to each member of Wexford Borough Council, viz, for the sum of £1535.

DISPOSAL OF NO. 66 ST. AIDAN'S CRESCENT WEXFORD

On the proposition of Councillor Flaherty, seconded by Alderman Morris approval was unanimously given to the proposal of the County Manager to dispose of house No. 66 St. Aidan's Crescent, Wexford, to the tenant thereof, Mr. James Furlong on the terms as set out in Notice dated 25th April 1974 and circulated to each member of Wexford Borough Council, viz, for the sum of £850.

DISPOSAL OF NO. 51 McDERMOTT TERRACE WEXFORD

On the proposition of Councillor Flaherty, seconded by Alderman Morris approval was unanimously given to the proposal of the County Manager to dispose of house No. 51 McDermott Terrace, Wexford, to the tenant thereof, Mr. John Edwards on the terms as set out in Notice dated 25th April 1974 and circulated to each member of Wexford Borough Council, viz, for the sum of £1704.

DISPOSAL OF NO. 13 MANNIX PLACE WEXFORD

On the proposition of Councillor Flaherty, seconded by Alderman Morris approval was unanimously given to the proposal of the County Manager to dispose of house No. 13 Mannix Place, Wexford, to the tenant thereof, Mr. Thomas O'Neill on the terms as set out in Notice dated 25th April 1974 and circulated to each member of Wexford Borough Council, viz, for the sum of £1575.

CONGRATULATIONS

On the proposition of Councillor Byrne, seconded by Alderman Morris the congratulations of the Council were unanimously extended to Rev. Brother Leonard of the Franciscan Friary Wexford who has celebrated over 50 years in the Order.



# ADJOURNMENT

It was unanimously agreed that consideration of the Abbey Street/Mount George Redevelopment and the remaining items on the Agenda be adjourned to a Special Meeting to be held on Monday 13th May, 1974 at 8.00 p.m.

## QUESTIONS

In reply to questions Councillor P. Roche was informed :

- (i) The sum of £1,300 has been allocated for the provision of a hard surface on the space between footpath and houses at Kennedy Park but this amount will not now be sufficient to carry out the work. The work is likely to be carried out during the coming summer.
- (ii) Provided the Rate in the £ for 1975 increases to £7.60 tenants who pay their rents and rates weekly will revert to paying the combined weekly amount that was paid during the 1973/74 period, provided of course that their basic rent remains the same.
- (iii) The large industrial draw-off is the cause of poor water supply to the Bernadette Place/Maudlintown/Faythe areas of the town - the position will improve in these areas when the present improvement works have been completed.

In reply to questions Alderman Mahoney was informed :

- (i) Replacement of latches of windows and repairs to scullery door at No. 87 Bishopswater are on the priority list and will be carried out shortly; the following matters will be inspected and considered for inclusion in a later priority list, viz, back doors at No. 91 Bishopswater and No. 76 Bishopswater; repair of window No. 2 Corish Park; doors replaced at No. 10, Distillery Road, No. 46 Bishopswater, No. 30 Wolfe Tone Villas, No. 5 Antelope Road.
- (ii) The necessity to provide a turning gate at pramwalk near St. Joseph's Club will be investigated by the Borough Engineer and if necessary every effort will be made to provide same.
- (iii) The gable end wall of No. 22 Francis Street will be water-proofed within the next couple of months.

In reply to questions Councillor Dunne was informed :

- (i) Completion of work in Parnell Street is a matter for the Contractors and will be carried out in conjunction with necessary repairs to houses in the area.
- (ii) The Borough Engineer is aware of the condition of the Old Town Wall on the Abbey Street side of Crusader Tower - responsibility for its repair is a matter for the owners of the adjoining properties.
- (iii) No reply has as yet been received regarding No Parking in front of the 1798 Memorial in the Bull Ring.



In reply to questions Alderman Jenkins was informed :

- (i) The Corporation does not at the moment have in full working order a proper refuse collection vehicle - such a vehicle is on order and should be delivered within the next couple of months. Delivery has been held up due to a series of strikes which have affected the suppliers.
- (ii) The storm wall at Ferrybank will be completed about mid June 1974.
- (iii) Wexford County Council is responsible for the restoration of the broken railings at the entrance to Wexford Corporation Caravan Park - the railings form part of Wexford Bridge.

In reply to questions Councillor Byrne was informed :

The reinstatement of footpaths at Parnell Street will be completed when necessary repairs are being carried out to houses in the area.

The meeting then terminated.

A handwritten signature in blue ink, reading "Desmond Conry". The signature is written in a cursive style with a large, looping initial 'D'.



13th May 1974.

An adjourned Statutory Meeting of the Wexford Borough Council was held this day in the Council Chamber, Municipal Buildings, Wexford, at eight o'clock p.m.

The members present were :-

His Worship the Mayor, Councillor Desmond Corish in the chair.

Aldermen : James Mahoney, Kevin Morris, James Jenkins,  
Thomas F. Byrne.

Councillors : John Cullimore, John Flaherty, John Dunne,  
Peter Roche, James Morris and James F. Byrne.

An apology for inability to attend was received from Councillor Thomas Roche.

In attendance : Mr. Kevin T. Conway, Borough Engineer;  
Mr. Richard Lynn, Borough Accountant;  
Mr. Desmond T. Wixted, Town Clerk.

An apology for inability to attend was received from Mr. W.P. Creedon, Deputy County Manager.

#### ABBEY STREET/MOUNT GEROGE REDEVELOPMENT

The Council considered the alternative scheme for the redevelopment of the Abbey Street/Mount George area prepared by Mr. Rory Quinn Architect on behalf of a number of interested local organisations. At the outset the Council considered a request from these organisations that Mr. Quinn be allowed to attend the meeting in order to explain his scheme to the members and on the proposition of Alderman Jenkins, seconded by Councillor Dunne it was unanimously agreed to invite Mr. Quinn to the meeting.

Mr. Quinn was accompanied by Doctor O'Sullivan and Mr. Fitzgerald of the Wexford Amenity Study Group.

Mr. Quinn outlined for the members the scheme which he had prepared. He pointed out that Mr. Cantwell in his original scheme had provided for a certain number of housing units including a number of units for old persons. Mr. Quinn informed the members that in his scheme he had provided for a similar number of housing units including units for old persons but had re-arranged the locations of these units. Whereas Mr. Cantwell had provided for housing units together with shopping units on the Abbey Street side he Mr. Quinn had provided most of his housing units at the other side of the town wall and had only made provision for one shopping unit at the northern end of the Abbey Street side. Most of the area at the Abbey Street side he now proposed to leave as open space and as a car parking area. In addition he had deleted the commercial unit which Mr. Cantwell had provided at the eastern side of Abbey Street. Mr. Quinn stressed that he felt that his layout provided for a full display of the town wall on the Abbey Street side and he proposed that the turret could be used as a viewing area. In reply to questions Mr. Quinn pointed out that Mr. Con Macken's proposed lounge bar could be located in the commercial unit at the northern side of Abbey Street or alternatively on the site of existing derelict buildings at Cornmarket. He had already discussed this matter with Mr. Macken himself.



Doctor O'Sullivan exhorted the Council to consider the overall common good when arriving at a decision in the matter and stressed that the Council should not be swayed by the development plans of particular individuals.

The deputation then withdrew having thanked His Worship the Mayor and the other members of the Council for receiving them.

A short discussion then took place and it was finally decided to adjourn further consideration to the next Statutory Meeting of the Council, - the Town Clerk to discuss with Mr. Macken in the meantime the alternative proposals for the location of his lounge bar as suggested by Mr. Quinn. Regarding Mr. Macken the Town Clerk informed the members that permission has now been issued for the demolition of Nos. 8 and 10 Abbey Street subject to certain conditions regarding the rehousing of the present occupants.

On the proposition of Alderman Morris the congratulations of the Council were extended to the voluntary groups who had initiated the alternative proposals.

#### TRAFFIC IMPROVEMENTS IN BOROUGH AND ENVIRONS

A letter was considered from Wexford County Council agreeing to the Borough Council's suggestion for a meeting between the two Bodies to discuss traffic improvements in Wexford Borough and its Environs, and on the proposition of Councillor Flaherty, seconded by Councillor P. Roche it was unanimously resolved to defer arranging such a meeting until after the Local Elections. Alderman Jenkins suggested that for this meeting plans be prepared showing the various alternatives to the western distributor road.

Regarding the new traffic and parking bye-laws the Town Clerk pointed out that the latest information he had was that the bye-laws have been prepared by the Commissioner of the Garda Síochána and submitted for the approval of the Minister for Local Government. He would ascertain for the next meeting what the present position in the matter is.

#### KENNY REPORT ON PRICE OF BUILDING LAND

The Council considered the report of the Kenny Committee on the price of building land and a circular from the Department of Local Government stating that the Government intended implementing the majority report, viz, the designated area scheme.

On the proposition of Alderman Jenkins, seconded by Councillor Byrne the Council unanimously endorsed the Government's decision in the matter.

#### PROGRAMME FOR SETTLEMENT OF THE TRAVELLING PEOPLE

The Council noted that the Minister for Local Government has appointed Mr. Victor E.H. Bewley to be Adviser to him on the programme for Settlement of the Travelling People following a review by the Government of the arrangements for conducting the programme.

#### ANTI LITTER CAMPAIGN

His Worship the Mayor informed the members that a satisfactory number of entries have been received for the Slogan Competitions being organised in connection the Anti Litter Campaign but pointed out that ~~THE~~



only entry has been received for the area competition. This latter competition will not now be held.

CONDITION OF ROADS

It was proposed by Councillor Peter Roche that the Council call on the Borough Engineer to urge the contractor to finish his work at School Street and Grogan's Road as soon as possible.

Many members voiced complaints at the condition of various streets in the town and the Borough Engineer pointed out that he hoped to have School Street and Grogan's Road provided with a temporary surface as soon as possible.

The meeting then terminated.

*Desmond Conboy*



10th June 1974.

A Statutory Meeting of the Wexford Borough Council was held this day in the Council Chamber, Municipal Buildings, Wexford, at half past seven o'clock p.m.

The members present were :-

His Worship the Mayor, Councillor Desmond Corish in the chair.

Aldermen : James Mahoney, Kevin Morris, James Jenkins, and Thomas F. Byrne.

Councillors : John Cullimore, John Flaherty, John Dunne, Peter Roche, James Morris, Thomas Roche and James F. Byrne.

In attendance : Mr. T.F. Broe, County Manager;  
Mr. Kevin T. Conway, Borough Engineer;  
Mr. Richard Lynn, Borough Accountant;  
Mr. Desmond T. Wixted, Town Clerk.

#### DEPUTATION

Mr. Con Macken attended the meeting in order to explain to the Council his plans for the development of property owned by him at Abbey Street, Wexford. Mr. Macken pointed out that he had purchased this property in 1961 and now had an application before the Corporation for outline planning permission to erect a lounge bar with living accommodation over, on the site. A few years ago a similar application had been refused by the Corporation but in support of his present application a Notice of Motion under Section 4 of the City and County Management (Amendment) Act 1955 had been submitted by the members of the Borough Council. Mr. Macken pointed out that his main reason for wishing to obtain permission was the fact that his existing premises at the Bull Ring was totally inadequate for his needs and the total floor area of this premises only amounted to 199 sq. feet. He has two sons whom he is anxious to keep in Ireland. Mr. Macken further pointed out that having obtained permission he would be quite willing to swap his property at Abbey Street for a similar area adjoining if this would facilitate the Corporation in its re-development plans.

Mr. Macken, having clarified some points raised by members, thanked His Worship the Mayor and the members of the Council for having received him and withdrew.

#### MINUTES

On the proposition of Alderman Byrne, seconded by Councillor Cullimore, the minutes of Statutory Meeting of 6th May 1974 and of adjourned Statutory Meeting of 13th May 1974 having been circulated, were taken as read, adopted unanimously and signed by His Worship the Mayor.

#### DENTAL SERVICES FOR VOCATIONAL AND SECONDARY SCHOOLS

A letter was received from South Eastern Health Board in reply to the resolution of the Council seeking school dental services for pupils of Vocational and Secondary Schools and pointing out that while the Board supported the resolution it would require legislation to introduce same. The Board noted that the Council's resolution has also been forwarded to the Minister for Health and Social Welfare.



#### SALES SCHEMES FOR LOCAL AUTHORITY HOUSES

The Council was informed that the latest date by which tenants must opt to purchase their houses under the Old Sales Schemes i.e. Schemes made and sanctioned by the Minister before 1st July 1973, has been extended from 31st May 1974 to 31st December 1974.

#### TRAFFIC IMPROVEMENTS AT SCHOOL STREET

On the proposition of Alderman Byrne, seconded by Alderman Morris the Council unanimously approved of the proposal of Wexford County Council to demolish the existing boundary wall from the Franciscan Friary to a point approximately 100 meters south and to construct 23 car parking spaces on the west side of School Street together with some road widening. The approval is subject to the new boundary wall being built in random rubble masonry construction and to the work being carried out before final reinstatement of School Street takes place.

#### HOUSING

On the proposition of Alderman Byrne, seconded by Alderman Morris it was unanimously resolved to consider an application received from a Mr. John Ryan, 10 Garron Crescent, Larne for inclusion on the Corporation's Housing Priority List.

#### FERRYBANK SWIMMING POOL

The Council considered an offer from the Royal Liver Friendly Society to advance a further £10,000 towards the provision of the Ferrybank Swimming Pool - the loan to be advanced over a period of 29½ years and to be repayable at a fixed interest rate of 14%. On the proposition of Alderman Byrne it was unanimously resolved to approach the Irish Public Bodies Mutual Insurances Ltd., with a request that that Body advance the necessary monies.

#### ABBEY STREET/MOUNT GEORGE REDEVELOPMENT

In connection with the general redevelopment of the Abbey Street/Mount George area the members were informed that the Corporation's Consultant is now preparing an amended plan for the area and this should be ready in a few weeks time. In view of this it was unanimously agreed to defer further consideration of the matter until the new plan has been received.

Regarding Mr. Con Macken's application for planning permission to build a lounge bar with living accommodation over in the area the County Manager pointed out that the application will have to be determined by the 13th June next. He reminded the Council of the submission of a requisition under Section 4 of the City and County Management (Amendment) Act 1955 requiring him to grant permission to Mr. Macken and pointed out that should the Council now decide to proceed with the requisition he would be recommending certain conditions to be attached to the permission. Alternatively if no action is taken by the Council he himself will be refusing permission before the 13th of the present month. It was proposed by Councillor P. Roche, seconded by Alderman Byrne and unanimously resolved that the Corporation's Architect be requested to incorporate Mr. Macken's proposals in the new Development Plan - Mr. Macken's present application to be refused by the County Manager with the proviso that he could re-apply for permission as soon as the new Development Plan has been prepared and adopted by the Council.



#### OVERDRAFT ACCOMMODATION

On the proposition of Councillor Byrne, seconded by Alderman Byrne it was unanimously resolved that subject to the sanction of the Minister for Local Government approval be given to the raising of overdraft from the Corporation's Treasurer, The Bank of Ireland Ltd., Custom House Quay, Wexford, for the quarter ending 30th September, 1974 as follows :-

Revenue Account     £80,000.

#### AMENITY GRANTS 1974

The Town Clerk reminded the Council that the following applications for Amenity Grants had been approved for the current year by the Council and submitted to the Department viz :-

- (i)     Provision of playground for young children at Corish Park Wexford by Corish Park Tenants Association     £625.
- (ii)    Provision of Tennis Courts at Whiterock Wexford by St. Joseph's Boys Club     £2,773.39.

Notification has now been received of a grant allocation of £3,400 which is sufficient to cover both grants. On the proposition of His Worship the Mayor, seconded by Alderman Byrne, it was unanimously resolved that the grant allocation be expended as already agreed by the Borough Council.

#### CORISH PARK PLAYGROUND

The Town Clerk informed the members that there have been some local objections to the proposals of the Corish Park Tenants Association to develop the open space in the area as a playground. He also pointed out that for the current year the Association intended only to deal with the smaller open space and it was accordingly decided to defer consideration of their further plans until a later date.

#### TALBOT STREET/GREEN STREET HOUSING SCHEME

On the proposition of Councillor P. Roche, it was unanimously agreed that the Town Clerk get in touch with the Contractor for the Talbot Street/Green Housing Scheme with a view to having a bigger complement of local men employed on the site.

#### MISCELLANEOUS GRANTS 1974

On the proposition of Councillor Flaherty, seconded by Councillor Morris formal approval was unanimously given to the payment of the following grants for 1974, viz :-

- (i)     Irish Water Safety Association     £100.00
- (ii)    South East Tourism     £450.00
- (iii)   Local Bands     £30.00 each subject to usual conditions.

#### REDMOND MEMORIAL PARK

The Council considered the application of the Trustees of the Major Willie Redmond Memorial Park for a grant towards the maintenance of the park for 1974 and the Town Clerk pointed out that since the estimate of a total requirement of £1,450 had been prepared the Trustees had informed him that the agricultural wages have now been increased by a further £3.00 as from 1st June. Accordingly the total requirement for the period to



31st December 1974 would now amount to £1,650. It was proposed by Alderman <sup>Morris</sup> and seconded by Alderman Byrne that an initial grant of £500 be given to the Trustees. It was proposed by Councillor Cullimore, seconded by Councillor T. Roche that an initial grant of £600 be given. On a vote for Councillor Cullimore's amendment Aldermen Mahoney and Jenkins and Councillors Cullimore, Morris and T. Roche (5) against Aldermen Morris and Byrne and Councillors Flaherty, Dunne, P. Roche and Byrne (6) His Worship the Mayor declared Councillor Cullimore's amendment defeated by 6 votes to 5, and also declared Alderman Morris's proposal carried by a similar vote.

It was unanimously agreed to invite the Trustees to a meeting of the Borough Council to discuss their financial position in detail.

#### URBAN ROAD IMPROVEMENT GRANT 1974

On the proposition of Alderman Jenkins, seconded by Councillor Flaherty the following works were approved under the Urban Road Improvement Grant 1974, viz :-

- (i) Renewal of Urban Road pavements at Davitt Road North/South/John's Road Junction £300.
- (ii) Construction of paths and completion of tarmacadam widening at Whitemill Road between Kennedy Park and Liam Mellows Park £2,000.
- (iii) White and Yellow lines and miscellaneous £110.

On the proposition of Alderman Byrne it was agreed to request the Minister for Local Government to give a further substantial increase in the amount of the grant for 1975.

#### TRAFFIC MANAGEMENT GRANT 1974

On the proposition of Alderman Jenkins, seconded by Councillor Morris the following works were approved under the Traffic Management Grant 1974, viz :- part purchase money for Wilson's Yard Selskar (estimated cost including fees £20,000) £8,000.

The Borough Engineer reported that the following additional funds are minimal to enable progress to be made towards implementation of improvements in Traffic Management already initiated by purchase of lands in the town :-

- (a) Construction of car park at Crescent Quay £8,000
- (b) Complete purchase of Wilson's Yard Selskar £12,000
- (c) Demolition of buildings and construction of car park at Wilson's Yard Selskar £5,000.

Repair and or replacement of roads and paths within the Urban area which are amongst the worst in the country will be dealt with in a separate report when a survey has been carried out.

On the proposition of His Worship the Mayor, seconded by Councillor P. Roche it was unanimously resolved that application be made to the Minister for Local Government for an increased Traffic Management Grant for the year particularly in view of the special circumstances which exist in Wexford due to the existence of Rosslare Harbour and the problems which this creates for Wexford Corporation traffic wise.

#### SALE OF SITE AT INDUSTRIAL ESTATE M/S LETT-DORAN LTD.

The County Manager informed the members that application had been received from M/s Lett-Doran Ltd., 10 Usher Street, Dublin 8 for a



one acre site to erect a Fish Processing Factory on Wexford Corporation's Industrial Estate. The County Manager pointed out that while the Chief Medical Officer, the Borough Engineer and the County Development Officer felt that the development could take place subject to certain safeguards, the County Planning Officer and the Industrial Development Authority were not in favour of the proposal. Accordingly the County Manager was seeking the advice of the Council and on the proposition of Alderman Byrne, seconded by Alderman Morris it was unanimously resolved to grant the application.

#### ABSTRACT OF ACCOUNTS FOR YEAR ENDED 31st MARCH 1974

The Council considered the Abstract of Accounts of Wexford Corporation for the year ended 31st March 1974. It was pointed out that the total revenue expenditure for the year amounted to £534,864.94 while revenue receipts amounted to £509,468. The revenue debit balance at the 31st March amounted to £66,532.62 but making allowance for grants received after 1st April 1974 this could be reduced to £51,691.62 an increase of £10,554.37 on last year. The principal reason for this increase was a substantial decrease in the rate collection from approximately 95% in the previous year to 90.80%. This decrease was accounted for by the fact that seven substantial rate payers were in arrears in the sum of £10,671 at the close of the year. Arrangements are being made for the collection of these amounts. Regarding rents it was pointed out that at the cessation of the withholding of rents a total of £30,148.24 remained due by tenants but this had been reduced at 31st March 1974 to £19,895.88.

#### MAIN DRAINAGE SCHEME

It was proposed by Alderman Jenkins, seconded by Councillor Cullimore and unanimously resolved "will Wexford Corporation indicate to each of the householders on the north side of Parnell Street what repairs or replacements it is intended to do exactly on these houses and when this work will be carried out".

It was pointed out that the carrying out of these repairs is a matter for the Contractor through their Insurers and it was agreed that the Corporation's Consultant would be asked for a report in the matter.

#### BANK HOLIDAY HOOLIGANISM

It was proposed by Alderman Jenkins, seconded by Councillor Cullimore and unanimously resolved "that Wexford Corporation request the Corporation Officials to devise ways and means of discouraging roudy Bank Holiday weekenders who have seriously disturbed the residents of Ferrybank and peaceful users of the Caravan Park".

The Borough Accountant informed the Council that he had had discussed this matter with the Caravan Park Supervisor and certain remedial steps were being taken including close liaison with the Garda Authorities.

#### URBAN ROADS AND FOOTPATHS

It was proposed by Alderman Mahoney, seconded by Councillor P. Roche and unanimously resolved "that the Wexford Borough Council request Mr. Kevin T. Conway the Borough Engineer to take a survey of all roads and paths inside the Wexford Borough".

The Borough Engineer pointed out that such a survey was being undertaken and a report would be submitted to the Council.

It was proposed by Alderman Mahoney, seconded by Councillor P. Roche and unanimously resolved "that the Borough Council request McInerney Contractors to have all necessary repairs carried out at Liam Mellows Park



dwellings, also that the Contractor build a wall at rere of 130 to prevent the garden there being used as a pathway and also that the wall height be raised at houses bordering on the pramwalk namely Nos. 82, 83, 65 and 64.

The Borough Engineer undertook to look into these matters with particular reference to the recurring sewerage problems which occur in the area.

#### CONDITION OF MILL ROAD

It was proposed by Councillor P. Roche, seconded by Alderman Mahoney and unanimously resolved "that the Contractor responsible for the shocking state of Mill Road (The Folly) be instructed immediately to make good the road surface which is in a shocking condition and also that road at Gulbar Road, Maudlintown, be resurfaced from Urban Roads Grant".

#### DEVELOPMENT OF LAND AT BACK OF ABBEY CINEMA

It was proposed by Councillor Dunne, seconded by Councillor P. Roche and unanimously resolved "that, in the light of new developments, the land at the back of Abbey Cinema adjoining Town Wall be re-considered as a site for the building of houses".

The Borough Engineer was requested to investigate.

#### CAR PARK AT LOWER ABBEY STREET

It was proposed by Councillor Dunne, seconded by Councillor P. Roche and unanimously resolved "that the ground at the car park in Lower Abbey Street where the derelict houses were recently demolished be tarmacadamed".

It was pointed out that the houses which had been partly demolished in the area were not the property of the Corporation - they had been demolished because they were dangerous. Efforts were being made to acquire the sites of the houses but difficulties regarding title had arisen.

#### HOUSING PRIORITY LIST

It was proposed by Councillor T. Roche, seconded by Councillor Flaherty and unanimously resolved "that in view of the development of Talbot Street and Green Street that a priority list be prepared immediately".

The Town Clerk pointed out that he has been in continuous touch with the Chief Medical Officer on this matter and has now been informed that because of shortage of staff and pressure of work no firm indication can be given as to when outstanding applications will be investigated. The County Manager has referred the matter to the Chief Executive Officer of the Health Board.

It was unanimously decided to request the Department of Local Government to give consideration to the introduction of an alternative system for investigating housing applicants.

#### HOUSING LAYOUT FOR LAND AT TOWNPARKS

On the proposition of Alderman Jenkins, seconded by Councillor Flaherty it was unanimously resolved to adjourn consideration of housing layout for land at Townparks which has been prepared by the National Building Agency.



SALE OF BUILDING SITES AT WHITEMILL

The Council was informed that the Corporation has purchased 8 building sites from the National Building Agency at Whitemill at a cost of £5,440 and that the County Manager, subject to the approval of the Council, now intended to offer these sites for sale. In selling the sites first preference would be given to tenants of Corporation houses, while second preference would be given to persons who were eligible to receive a supplementary new house grant. On the proposition of Alderman Morris, seconded by Councillor P. Roohe the Council unanimously approved of the proposals of the County Manager in this regard.

DISPOSAL OF NO. 56 BISHOPSWATER, WEXFORD.

On the proposition of Councillor Byrne, seconded by Alderman Mahoney approval was unanimously given to the proposal of the County Manager to dispose of house No. 56 Bishopswater, Wexford, to the tenant thereof, Mr. Andrew Carty on the terms as set out in Notice dated 30th May 1974 and circulated to each member of Wexford Borough Council, viz, for the sum of £1,677.

DISPOSAL OF NO. 14 CORISH PARK WEXFORD

On the proposition of Councillor Byrne, seconded by Alderman Mahoney approval was unanimously given to the proposal of the County Manager to dispose of house No. 14 Corish Park, Wexford, to the tenant thereof, Mr. Myles A. Wilde on the terms as set out in Notice dated 30th May 1974 and circulated to each members of Wexford Borough Council, viz, for the sum of £1,627.

DISPOSAL OF NO. 26 DAVITT ROAD SOUTH WEXFORD

On the proposition of Councillor Byrne, seconded by Alderman Mahoney approval was unanimously given to the proposal of the County Manager to dispose of house No. 26 Davitt Road South, Wexford, to the tenant thereof, Mr. Patrick Furlong on the terms as set out in Notice dated 30th May 1974 and circulated to each member of Wexford Borough Council, viz, for the sum of £1,535.

DISPOSAL OF NO. 34 DAVITT ROAD SOUTH WEXFORD

On the proposition of Councillor Byrne, seconded by Alderman Mahoney approval was unanimously given to the proposal of the County Manager to dispose of house No. 34 Davitt Road South, Wexford, to the tenant thereof, Mr. John Butler on the terms as set out in Notice dated 30th May 1974 and circulated to each member of Wexford Borough Council, viz, for the sum of £1,535.

DISPOSAL OF NO. 43 HANTOON ROAD WEXFORD

On the proposition of Councillor Byrne, seconded by Alderman Mahoney approval was unanimously given to the proposal of the County Manager to dispose of house No. 43 Hantoon Road, Wexford, to the tenant thereof, Mrs. Mary Carroll on the terms as set out in Notice dated 30th May 1974 and circulated to each member of Wexford Borough Council, viz, for the sum of £465.



DISPOSAL OF NO. 4 EDENVALE AVENUE WEXFORD

On the proposition of Councillor Byrne, seconded by Alderman Mahoney approval was unanimously given to the proposal of the County Manager to dispose of house No. 4 Edenvale Avenue, Wexford, to the tenant thereof, Mr. John Joseph Thomas on the terms as set out in Notice dated 30th May 1974 and circulated to each member of Wexford Borough Council, viz, for the sum of £360.

LITTER

A circular from the Department of Local Government on the question of litter was considered by the Council and in this connection His Worship the Mayor informed the Council that he might need a grant of approximately £35.00 from the Corporation in order to provide prizes for his Anti Litter Campaign. On the proposition of Alderman Byrne, seconded by Alderman Morris approval was unanimously given to the payment of a grant not exceeding £35.00 to the Committee in charge of the Anti Litter Campaign 1974.

EUROPEAN ARCHITECTURAL HERITAGE YEAR

The Council considered circular in connection with European Architectural Heritage Year 1975 the contents of which were noted.

QUESTIONS

In reply to questions Alderman Jenkins was informed :-

The Borough Surveyor is aware of the defect in the shore at <sup>46</sup>Parnell Street and remedial action will be taken.

In reply to questions Alderman Mahoney was informed :-

- (a) The cracks in dwellinghouses at Nos. 75 Bishopswater and 30 and 31 Bernadette Place will be repaired towards the end of June.
- (b) House at Lower John Street at the end of St. John's Road is not the property of the Corporation but the Borough Engineer will investigate alleged damage caused by Corporation demolition.
- (c) It is not possible that the seven houses in Talbot Street be fitted into the new housing scheme at Talbot Street and Green Street.

In reply to questions Councillor P. Roche was informed :-

- (a) (i) A Resident Engineer was employed on the Main Drainage Scheme from the 1st May 1972 and left of his own accord on 14th December 1973.
  - (ii) The attention of the Corporation's Consultant has been drawn to the wall erected at King Street Avenue.
  - (iii) The cause of raw sewage floating around King Street Avenue is being investigated - the question of open holes next to No. 1 has been taken up with the Corporation's Consultant.
- (b) The Borough Engineer would not agree that the large tree inside the railings at Lower Bride Street is a danger to nearby property and workshops; however he would have the tree examined.
- (o) There are 47 persons at present on the housing priority list, 7 of which are regarded as emergency cases.



In reply to questions Councillor Dunne was informed :-

- (a) 173 meetings of the Borough Council have been held since the last election and the following are the attendance figures for each member of the Council :-
- Alderman Mahoney 138, Alderman Morris 142, Alderman Jenkins 144, Alderman Byrne 151, Councillor Corish 106, Councillor Cullimore 113, Councillor Flaherty 117, Councillor Dunne 146, Councillor P. Roche 158, Councillor Morris 148, Councillor T. Roche 114, Councillor Byrne 4, Councillor Nicholas Corish 8, Councillor O'Leary 69, Councillor Curtin 34.
- (b) No reply has been received from the Board of Works re. repairs to Westgate Tower for National Heritage Year.
- (c) The Borough Engineer is aware that no gully traps were fitted to the six shores in Parnell Street and the matter has been referred to the Corporation's Consultant.

In reply to questions Councillor T. Roche was informed :-

- (a) A tender has been received for the tarmacadamming of the area in front of Kennedy Park houses and subject to the availability of the Contractor the work will be carried out within the next two months.
- (b) The pathway from the Mayflower Bar to Kennedy Park School will be started as soon as sanction to the proposals for the Urban Road Improvement Grant 1974 has been received.

The meeting then terminated.

*James Mahoney*