

28th June 1974.

In accordance with the provisions of the Local Elections Regulations 1965, the first Quarterly Meeting of the Council of the Borough of Wexford, elected on the 18th day of June 1974, was held this day in the Town Hall, Cornmarket at half past seven o'clock p.m.

Before the meeting commenced the Town Clerk explained that in accordance with the provisions of the above-mentioned Order he had to report as follows on the election of members of the Wexford Borough Council held on the 18th June, 1974 ;

- (1) The number of Ballot Papers recorded in the Ballot Paper Accounts as used amounted to 5,301.
- (2) The number of Ballot Papers found in Ballot Boxes was 5,270.
- (3) The number of Corporation Ballot Papers found in County Council Boxes was 36.
- (4) The total number of Ballot Papers rejected was 114, comprising none for want of official mark; 42 for want of first preference being clearly indicated; 70 for first preference being indicated for more than one candidate and 2 for containing writing or mark by which the voter could be identified.
- (5) 129 Postal Votes were issued. 109 covering envelopes were received before the close of the Poll. 104 were included in the count, 5 were rejected and 1 covering envelope was received after the close of the Poll.

As a result of the Election the Town Clerk indicated that the following persons had been elected as Aldermen and Councillors for the Borough as follows :-

Alderman James Mahoney
Alderman Philip Corish
Alderman Peter Roche
Alderman Fergus Byrne

Councillor Kevin Morris
Councillor John Roche
Councillor Mrs. Avril Doyle
Councillor Joseph Furlong
Councillor Thomas Carr
Councillor James Cullimore
Councillor James Jenkins
Councillor Thomas Francis Byrne.

FRANCHISE

Councillor Jenkins at this point referred to the fact that persons who had business premises within the Borough but who were in fact residing outside the Borough did not have any vote at the recent Election. He pointed out that this was the first time that this had happened and he understood that the law in this regard had been changed in 1972. He felt that this was most unfair on the people concerned and pointed out that he would probably raise this matter again at a later meeting by way of Notice of Motion.

The Town Clerk in reply confirmed what Councillor Jenkins had said and that the matter was really one for the Minister for Local Government and the Government on whom the onus of framing the electoral laws fell.

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ELECTION OF MAYOR

The Town Clerk presided at the opening of the meeting the first business of which was to elect a Mayor who would hold office until Quarterly Meeting due to be held on such a day not being more than 14 days either before or after the anniversary of the present meeting.

The Town Clerk then indicated that he was open to receive nominations for the Office of Mayor and the following were duly proposed and seconded :-

Councillor Thomas F. Byrne was proposed by Alderman Corish and seconded by Councillor Carr.

Alderman James Mahoney was proposed by Alderman Roche and seconded by Councillor Roche.

As there were no other nominations for the Office a poll was taken on the two names put forward which resulted as follows :-

For Councillor Byrne, Alderman Corish and Councillors Doyle, Carr and Byrne (4)

For Alderman Mahoney, Alderman Mahoney, Roche and Byrne, and Councillors Morris, Roche, Furlong, Cullimore and Jenkins (8).

The Town Clerk declared Alderman Mahoney elected Mayor for the ensuing year by 8 votes to 4.

Alderman Mahoney having being vested with the Robe and Chain of Office thanked all those who had supported his candidature. He said that one of his main objectives during his term of Office would be to further the development of Wexford Harbour and the provision of a sufficient number of houses for those in need.

All the members present congratulated Alderman Mahoney on his election and assured him of their support during his year of Office.

QUARTERLY MEETINGS

The next business of the meeting was to fix the days and hours of the three Quarterly Meetings to be held prior to 28th June 1975. On the suggestion of the Town Clerk it was unanimously agreed on the motion of Councillor Morris, seconded by Councillor Byrne that three Quarterly Meetings be held on Monday, 7th October, 1974; Monday, 6th January, 1975 and Monday, 7th April, 1975.

VOCATIONAL EDUCATION COMMITTEE

The meeting then proceeded with the appointment of a Town of Wexford Vocational Education Committee, in accordance with the provisions of Sections 8 and 9 of the Vocational Education Act, 1930. At the outset Councillor Byrne moved that the Corporation appoint the maximum number of Council members, namely 8. This was seconded by Councillor Carr and unanimously agreed to.

The following were then nominated to fill the 8 seats authorised by the Act:-

Councillor Roche, on the proposition of Alderman Roche, seconded by Councillor Morris

Councillor Morris, on the proposition of Alderman Byrne, seconded by Councillor Roche

Councillor Cullimore, on the proposition of Councillor Morris, seconded by Alderman Roche

Councillor Furlong, on the proposition of Councillor Roche,
seconded by Councillor Cullimore.

Councillor Doyle, on the proposition of Councillor Byrne,
seconded by Councillor Jenkins.

Alderman Byrne, on the proposition of Councillor Cullimore,
seconded by Councillor Morris.

Alderman Roche, on the proposition of His Worship the Mayor,
seconded by Councillor Morris.

Councillor Jenkins, on the proposition of Councillor Morris,
seconded by His Worship the Mayor.

Councillor Byrne, on the proposition of Councillor Carr,
seconded by Alderman Corish.

Councillor Carr, on the proposition of Councillor Byrne,
seconded by Alderman Corish.

There were ten nominations for the eight seats and a poll resulted as follows :-

Councillor Kevin C. Morris 12, Alderman Fergus Byrne 11,
Councillor John Roche 9, Councillor Joseph Furlong 9,
Councillor James Jenkins 9, Alderman Peter Roche 8,
Councillor Mrs. Avril Doyle 8, Councillor James Cullimore 7,
Councillor Thomas Francis Byrne 7, Councillor Thomas Carr 5.

There being a tie for the 8th place between Councillors Cullimore and Byrne, a further poll was taken and resulted in a further tie - 6 votes for Councillor Cullimore and 6 votes for Councillor Byrne. His Worship the Mayor declined to give his casting vote and it was agreed to decide the 8th place by means of a drawing of lots. On the drawing Councillor Byrne's name was drawn from a hat.

The following eight members were accordingly declared to be Council members of the Committee :-

Alderman Peter Roche
Alderman Fergus Byrne
Councillor Kevin C. Morris
Councillor John Roche
Councillor Mrs. Avril Doyle
Councillor Joseph Furlong
Councillor James Jenkins
Councillor Thomas Francis Byrne.

The meeting then proceeded with the election of six Non-Council members. The following were unanimously elected, viz :-

Mr. John Flaherty, on the proposition of Councillor Morris,
seconded by Alderman Byrne.

Mr. Thomas Roche, on the proposition of Councillor Byrne,
seconded by Councillor Roche.

The Very Revd. Administrator, on the proposition of Councillor Morris, seconded by Alderman Byrne.

The Superior C.B. Schools, on the proposition of Councillor Morris, seconded by Alderman Byrne.

Alderman Roche dissented from the unanimous election of the Revd. Administrator and the Superior C.B. Schools.

The following were nominated for the two remaining places :-

Mr. Thomas Larkin, on the proposition of Alderman Roche,
seconded by His Worship the Mayor.

Mr. Nicholas Kavanagh, on the proposition of Councillor Jenkins,
seconded by Councillor Doyle.

Mrs. Mary Malone, on the proposition of Alderman Byrne,
seconded by Councillor Morris.

Mr. Kevin Kehoe, on the proposition of Alderman Corish,
seconded by Councillor Byrne.

Mr. Edward Howlin, on the proposition of Councillor Byrne,
seconded by Councillor Carr.

A poll was taken which resulted as follows :-

Mr. Larkin 7, Mr. Kehoe 6, Mrs. Malone 6,
Mr. Howlin 3, Mr. Kavanagh 2.

There being a tie for the 2nd place a further poll was taken
and resulted as follows :-

Mrs. Malone 7, Mr. Kehoe 5.

The following were accordingly declared to be the six
Non-Council members of the Committee :-

Very Revd. James Curtis Administrator, The Presbytery, Wexford,
Rev. Brother Burke Superior Christian Brothers Schools, Wexford,
Mr. John G. O'Flaherty, 37 McDermott Terrace, Hill St., Wexford,
Mr. Thomas Roche, 62 William Street, Wexford,
Mr. Thomas Larkin, 6 Fishers Row, Wexford,
Mrs. Mary Malone, 10 Monck Street, Wexford.

WEXFORD BOROUGH OLD AGE PENSIONS COMMITTEE

On the proposition of Councillor Byrne, seconded by Alderman
Byrne it was unanimously resolved that an Old Age Pensions Committee for
the Borough be appointed consisting of the entire membership of the
Borough Council.

FINANCE COMMITTEE

On the proposition of Alderman Roche, seconded by Councillor
Morris it was unanimously resolved that a Finance Committee be appointed
consisting of the entire membership of the Borough Council.

HOUSING COMMITTEE

On the proposition of Councillor Roche, seconded by Alderman
Byrne it was unanimously resolved that a Housing Committee be appointed
consisting of the entire membership of the Borough Council.

ESTIMATES COMMITTEE

On the proposition of Councillor Byrne, seconded by Alderman
Roche it was unanimously resolved not to appoint an Estimates Committee
in accordance with Section 7 of the City and County Management (Amendment)
Act 1955.

SOUTH EASTERN REGIONAL DEVELOPMENT ORGANISATION

On the proposition of Councillor Carr, seconded by Alderman Roche, Councillor Byrne was unanimously selected as the Councils representative on the South Eastern Regional Development Organisation.

ASSOCIATION OF MUNICIPAL AUTHORITIES

The following were nominated for two positions as delegates to the Annual Conference of the Association of Municipal Authorities of Ireland, viz :-

Councillor Doyle, on the proposition of Councillor Jenkins, seconded by Councillor Carr.

Councillor Morris, on the proposition of Alderman Byrne, seconded by Councillor Cullimore.

His Worship the Mayor, on the proposition of Alderman Roche, seconded by Alderman Byrne.

Councillor Byrne, on the proposition of Alderman Corish, seconded by Councillor Carr.

A poll was taken and resulted as follows :-

Councillor Byrne 7, His Worship the Mayor 6,
Councillor Doyle 6, Councillor Morris 4.

There being a tie for the 2nd vacancy His Worship the Mayor exercised his casting vote in favour of himself and the following were accordingly nominated as delegates, viz :-

His Worship the Mayor, Alderman James Mahoney and
Councillor Thomas F. Byrne.

JULY MEETING

On the proposition of Councillor Morris, seconded by Alderman Byrne it was unanimously resolved to hold a Statutory Meeting of the Council on Monday 15th July, 1974 at 7.30 p.m.

The meeting then terminated.

James Mahoney

15th July, 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, Alderman James Mahoney in the chair.

Aldermen : Philip Corish, Peter Roche and Fergus Byrne.

Councillors : Kevin Morris, John Roche, Mrs. Avril Doyle, Joseph Furlong, Thomas Carr, James Cullimore, James Jenkins, Thomas Francis Byrne.

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

An 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 Byrne, the sympathy of the Council was extended to the relatives of the late Mr. James Sinnott, former Mayor of Wexford.

MINUTES

On the proposition of Councillor Byrne, seconded by Councillor Morris, the minutes of Statutory Meeting of 10th June, 1974 and of Quarterly Meeting of 28th June, 1974, having been circulated, were taken as read, adopted unanimously and signed by His Worship the Mayor.

DEPUTATION TO MINISTER FOR INDUSTRY AND COMMERCE

In response to the request of the previous Mayor a letter was received from the Minister for Industry and Commerce indicating that the Minister would be agreeable to meet a deputation to discuss Industry generally in Wexford Town, when he visits Wexford on 2nd October, 1974.

General dissatisfaction was expressed at the delay on the part of the Minister in receiving the deputation and on the proposition of Alderman Roche it was unanimously decided to again contact the Minister and ask him to meet the deputation as soon as possible and in any event not later than the end of August.

HOUSING PRIORITY LIST

A letter was considered from the Department of Local Government in reply to the Council's representations regarding difficulty in having housing applicants circumstances investigated. The Minister's letter stated "the Minister is aware of the difficulties which arise for housing authorities because of the Statutory requirement that they must obtain and have regard to a report of the Chief Medical Officer. However the Minister considers that it is essential to preserve the special position accorded by Statute to the Chief Medical Officer in order to ensure informed independent advice on medical and sanitary aspects of applications for rehousing. The Minister is bringing the Corporation's difficulties to the notice of the Minister for Health to see if it is possible to have anything

done to help solve the problem of obtaining sufficient numbers of Health Inspectors".

The Town Clerk pointed out that the County Manager has discussed the problem with the Chief Executive Officer of the South Eastern Health Board with a view to effecting a remedy.

WEXFORD TOWN CREST

On the proposition of Councillor Byrne, seconded by Councillor Morris, permission was unanimously given to the Loch Garman Silver Band to incorporate the Wexford Town Crest on a new uniform which is being provided for the Band.

WEXFORD TRAFFIC AND PARKING BYE-LAWS 1973

The meeting was informed that the Minister for Local Government has now signed the Wexford Traffic and Parking Bye-Laws 1973 and that the Bye-Laws would come into operation as soon as all the necessary traffic signs and roadway markings have been provided.

FOOTPATH AT KENNEDY PARK SCHOOL

A letter was considered from Sinn Fein (Provisionals) Loch Garman requesting that the new footpath at the Convent of Mercy School Kennedy Park be provided before the end of the school holidays and the Borough Engineer pointed out that it is hoped that work on the path will commence as soon as work is completed on improvements to the path at Kennedy Park Housing Estate.

THE ARTS ACT 1973

Copies of circular from the Department of Local Government concerning the Arts Act 1973 were circulated. The Act enables a Local Authority to assist the Arts Council or any exhibition or other event whose effect would be to further the aims of the Council. Assisting under the Act would be a function reserved to the elected members of the Council.

PROPOSED SALE OF INDUSTRIAL SITE TO M/S LETT-DORAN & CO.. LTD.

The Town Clerk informed the members that he has been notified by M/s Lett- Doran & Co., Ltd., that they do not intend availing of the Council's allocation of a one acre site at Whitmill Industrial Estate for the establishment of their Fish Processing Factory. The Company intend locating the Factory outside Wexford Town.

REVIEW OF GRADED RENTS

The Council considered a letter from the Wexford Corporation Tenants Association requesting that the implementation of the current review of graded rents due to take place as from 1st July, 1974 be deferred until 1st January, 1975. The Town Clerk pointed out that this really was a matter for the Minister for Local Government and any decision that might be made regarding the deferring of the implementation of the review would be subject to the Minister's sanction. The County Manager could not agree to deferring the matter until 1st January, 1975 but he was willing, subject to the sanction of the Minister for Local Government to defer implementation until 1st October, 1974. On the proposition of Alderman Roche, seconded by Councillor Byrne, it was unanimously resolved to request the Manager to defer the matter until 1st October, 1974 subject to the approval of the Minister for Local Government.

HOUSING CAPITAL ALLOCATION 1974

The Town Clerk informed the members that the Department of Local Government has notified a provisional housing capital allocation of £350,000 for the period 1st April, 1974 to 31st December, 1974. He also pointed out that the circular notifying the allocation contained the following paragraph, viz :- "No provision has been made in the allocation for forward land acquisition costs. A special examination of the general problem of financing forward land acquisition by Local Authorities is being carried out. Pending the outcome of this examination it has been decided, in consultation with the Department of Finance, that from the date of this letter all forward land acquisition for Local Authority housing purposes shall be financed by means of overdraft and/or short term loans. The holding charges on land so acquired, (represented by the interest on such bridging finance) may be charged to the scheme loan with the appropriate cost of acquisition. Recourse to the L.L.F. for separate loans for land acquisition will no longer be permitted except in very exceptional circumstances. Short term financing of land acquisition costs will be regarded as akin to overdraft and will not be counted as part of the capital allocation for Local Authority housing. The Minister's sanction to individual proposals for the financing of forward land acquisition will however continue to be required".

The Town Clerk pointed out that, while holding charges for the forward acquisition of land could eventually be charged to the housing scheme when the land is being developed, in the meantime these annual holding charges would have to be met out of the rates. On the proposition of Councillor Jenkins, seconded by Councillor Byrne, it was unanimously resolved to request the Minister to reconsider his policy with a view to allowing issues from the local loans fund to cover forward land acquisition costs by Housing Authorities.

FINANCE - FERRYBANK SWIMMING POOL

The Town Clerk informed the meeting that the Irish Public Bodies Mutual Insurances Ltd., have now indicated that they would be willing to advance a loan of £10,000 to the Corporation towards the cost of providing the Ferrybank Swimming Pool the loan to be repayable on the instalment system by half yearly payments of principal and interest over a period of 15 years and attracting an interest rate of 10 per cent.

On the proposition of Councillor Byrne, 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 £10,000 from the Irish Public Bodies Mutual Insurances Ltd., towards the cost of financing Ferrybank Swimming Pool Wexford.

MAJOR WILLIE REDMOND MEMORIAL PARK

The Town Clerk informed the members that, as they are already aware, the Major Willie Redmond Memorial Park has now been closed to the public in spite of a contribution of £500 which was made some weeks ago by Wexford Corporation. He has discussed the matter with Mr. Coffey Treasurer to the Trustees who informed him that a meeting of the Trustees would be held on Monday, 22nd July next and he Town Clerk suggested that immediately following that meeting a meeting might take place between the Trustees and the Borough Council to discuss in depth the future of the Park. This course of action was agreed to by the members and also on the proposition of Councillor Jenkins, seconded by Councillor Carr, it was unanimously agreed that His Worship the Mayor and the Town Clerk would immediately see Mr. Coffey to discuss the possibility of re-opening the Park on a temporary basis until such time as firm arrangements for the future operation of the Park have been arrived at.

On the proposition of Councillor Morris, seconded by Councillor Carr, Alderman Byrne and Councillor Byrne were unanimously selected to represent the Borough Council on the Park Committee.

WEXFORD HARBOUR COMMISSIONERS

Under the Harbours Act 1946 the Council considered the appointment of two members to Wexford Harbour Commissioners and the following nominations were put forward, viz :-

Councillor Carr -	on the proposition of Councillor Byrne, seconded by Alderman Corish,
Councillor Morris -	on the proposition of Alderman Byrne, seconded by Councillor Cullimore,
Alderman Roche -	on the proposition of His Worship the Mayor, seconded by Councillor Roche.

A ballot took place and resulted as follows :-

Councillor Morris 11 votes, Alderman Roche 9 votes, Councillor Carr 4 votes.

His Worship the Mayor accordingly declared Councillor Morris and Alderman Roche to be the two members to represent Wexford Borough Council on Wexford Harbour Commissioners during the term of office of the Borough Council.

FERRYBANK MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE

On the proposition of Councillor Jenkins, seconded by Alderman Roche, it was unanimously resolved that the Ferrybank Management Committee would consist of the entire membership of the Borough Council.

In this regard it was agreed that a meeting of the Committee would be held on Friday, 19th July 1974 at 8.00 p.m. - the members to assemble at the Municipal Buildings and the meeting to be held at Ferrybank Swimming Pool.

HOUSING LAYOUT - TOWNPARKS

The Council considered a housing layout for lands at Townparks which has been prepared for the Corporation by the National Building Agency. The total site area is 26 acres of which 19 would be built on and 7 would be left as recreational open space and general open space. The number of Local Authority housing units envisaged is 162 while the number of private sites to be provided is 56. It was pointed out that the layout before the Council was merely the initial step in the development and if it were adopted by the Council house plans etc., together with estimates of cost would come before the Council at a later date. The implementation of the development depended of course on the provision of drainage facilities by Wexford County Council and the planning for these facilities is now at an advanced stage.

On the proposition of Councillor Byrne, seconded by Alderman Byrne, it was unanimously resolved to approve of the layout in principle.

BOUNDARY EXTENSION

On the proposition of Councillor Byrne, seconded by Councillor Jenkins, it was unanimously resolved to proceed with the initial planning etc., for a substantial extension of Wexford Borough boundary. The Town Clerk pointed out that the initial work would be commenced as soon as possible but that because of shortage of staff it might be some time before proposals came before the Council for approval.

ABBAY STREET/MOUNT GEORGE REDEVELOPMENT

The Council considered the proposals of the Corporation's Consulting Architect M/s Wilfrid Cantwell and Associates for the redevelopment of the Abbey Street/Mount George area. Mr. Cantwell and some of his Associates attended the meeting and explained to the Council the proposals which they have in mind.

The redevelopment could be divided into two, viz :- the development of the area to the west of the Old Town Wall which could be proceeded with straight away since the land in question is the property of Wexford Corporation and the development at Abbey Street on the eastern side of the Old Town Wall which could not be proceeded with until such time as all the property in the area came into the ownership of Wexford Corporation. In addition there was the problem of accommodating Mr. Con Macken who wished to establish a Lounge Bar in that area and in this connection Mr. Cantwell pointed out that there would be no difficulty in accommodating Mr. Macken but he suggested that if Mr. Macken's development is to take place on the western side of Abbey Street it would be preferable that it should take place at one end or other of his, Cantwell's proposed redevelopment. Copies of Mr. Cantwell's report on his plans were distributed to the members and His Worship the Mayor thanked Mr. Cantwell and his Associates for coming along to explain their proposals to the Council.

On the proposition of Alderman Byrne, seconded by Councillor Byrne, it was unanimously resolved to hold a special meeting of the Council on Monday, 22nd July, 1974 at 8.30 p.m. in order to make a final decision on the Development - the Amenity Study Group to be informed of Mr. Cantwell's proposals in the meantime and asked for their views.

In this connection Councillor Byrne agreed to defer the following motion in his name, viz :- "that the application of Mr. Con Macken be finalised in accordance with Notice given sometime ago under Section 4 of the City and County Management Act.

HOUSES OUTSIDE BOROUGH AT LIAM MELLOWS PARK

It was proposed by Alderman Roche, seconded by Councillor Byrne and unanimously resolved "that this Council request a full report on the rate paying position of tenants at Liam Mellows Park who are stated to be outside the Borough boundary".

The Town Clerk pointed out that sixteen houses, viz, nos. 45 - 60 inclusive at Liam Mellows Park are outside the Borough boundary but have been assessed each year at the Corporation Rate level. The valuation of each house is £8.50. The date of the original letting of these houses was November, 1971 and since then the tenants of these houses have been overcharged in respect of rates in the amount of £53.20 each. The County Manager intended to regularise the position without delay. It was pointed out however that since these houses will now be paying County Council Rates and are situated outside the Borough they will be liable for domestic water rent and for a charge in respect of domestic refuse collection.

SEWAGE OUTLET AT MAUDLINTOWN

It was proposed by Alderman Roche, seconded by Councillor Byrne and unanimously resolved "that as a matter of great urgency and to prevent a serious outbreak of sickness the work for which money was allocated in this years Estimate to renew sewage outlet at Maudlintown be started immediately".

The Borough Engineer informed the meeting that work on the renewal of the sewer would commence within one week.

PARKS COMMITTEE

It was proposed by Councillor Cullimore and seconded by Alderman Byrne "that a Parks Committee be formed consisting of members of the Corporation and individuals with specialist skills to supervise and guide bodies or groups interested in the development of our open spaces and to carry out the development itself where other help is unavailable".

Following a discussion it was agreed to defer further consideration of the motion to a later meeting of the Borough Council.

EMPLOYMENT OF LOCAL LABOUR ON HOUSING SCHEMES

It was proposed by Councillor Carr, seconded by Alderman Roche and unanimously resolved "that all Contractors carrying out works on behalf of the Corporation be exhorted to employ local labour on these schemes, as much as possible".

DISPOSAL OF NO. 25 CORISH PARK WEXFORD

On the proposition of Councillor Byrne, seconded by Alderman Byrne, approval was unanimously given to the proposal of the County Manager to dispose of house No. 25 Corish Park, Wexford, to the tenant thereof, Mr. Martin Roche, on the terms as set out in Notice dated 4th July 1974 and circulated to each member of Wexford Borough Council, viz, for the sum of £1,627.

DISPOSAL OF NO. 9 DAVITT ROAD SOUTH WEXFORD

On the proposition of Councillor Byrne, seconded by Alderman Byrne, approval was unanimously given to the proposal of the County Manager to dispose of house No. 9 Davitt Road South, Wexford, to the tenant thereof, Mrs. Mary Kate Roche, on the terms as set out in Notice dated 4th July 1974 and circulated to each member of Wexford Borough Council, viz, for the sum of £115.

DISPOSAL OF NO. 38 DAVITT ROAD NORTH WEXFORD

On the proposition of Councillor Byrne, seconded by Alderman Byrne, 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 4th July 1974 and circulated to each member of Wexford Borough Council, viz, for the sum of £1,568.

DISPOSAL OF NO. 16 KENNEDY PARK WEXFORD

On the proposition of Councillor Byrne, seconded by Alderman Byrne, approval was unanimously given to the proposal of the County Manager to dispose of house No. 16 Kennedy Park, Wexford, to the tenant thereof, Mr. Eamonn Roche, on the terms as set out in Notice dated 4th July, 1974 and circulated to each member of Wexford Borough Council, viz, for the sum of £2,236

DISPOSAL OF NO. 11 TUSKAR VIEW WEXFORD

On the proposition of Councillor Byrne, seconded by Alderman Byrne, 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 4th July 1974 and circulated to each member of Wexford Borough Council, viz, for the sum of £1,550

DISPOSAL OF NO. 41 MCDERMOTT TERRACE WEXFORD

On the proposition of Councillor Byrne, seconded by Alderman Byrne, 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 4th July 1974 and circulated to each member of Wexford Borough Council, viz, for the sum of £1,704.

DISPOSAL OF NO. 47 MCDERMOTT TERRACE WEXFORD

On the proposition of Councillor Byrne, seconded by Alderman Byrne, 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 4th July 1974 and circulated to each member of Wexford Borough Council, viz, for the sum of £1,704.

DISPOSAL OF NO. 49 MCDERMOTT TERRACE WEXFORD

On the proposition of Councillor Byrne, seconded by Alderman Byrne, 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 4th July 1974 and circulated to each member of Wexford Borough Council, viz, for the sum of £1,704.

QUESTIONS

In reply to questions Alderman Roche was informed :-

- (a) (i) Work will commence on footpath outside Mercy School at Liam Mellows Park when work has been completed at footpaths at Kennedy Park Housing Estate.
- (ii) Work has commenced on renewal of old box sewer at O'Connell Avenue.
- (b) The Borough Surveyor is aware of condition of footpath outside the entrance to St. John of God Convent School, The Faythe, and necessary repairs will be carried out there.
- (c) The question of the payment of disruption money to the residents of Talbot Street who are being removed from their homes has been referred to arbitration and it is hoped that the arbitration sitting will take place shortly.

In reply to questions Councillor Cullimore was informed :-

- (a) 50 No. Litter Bins were supplied for use in the town by the Corporation over the past twelve months and 36 of these are now in use.
- (b) The mechanical suction sweeper is at present being used for a total of 30 hours each week.
- (c) The reason for the loss of water supply on Saturday 29th June 1974 was because of a failure at the booster pump at Wygram while the cause of the loss of supply on the 3rd and 4th July was a major break in the trunk main from Edenvale.

In reply to questions Councillor Roche was informed :-

- (a) It is extremely difficult to notify people of an impending water shortage when the shortage is due to some sudden happening; however the possibility of using some sort of a public address system in such emergencies is being considered.

In reply to questions Councillor Carr was informed :-

Work on the Kennedy Park footpath has now commenced while work on surfacing of footpath in front of Kennedy Park School will be carried out when the Kennedy Park footpaths are completed.

In reply to questions Alderman Corish was informed :-

There are no plans to develop the waste ground behind the College View Scheme which in any event does not belong to the Corporation and would be only suitable as an open space; there is need to improve the public lighting facilities in that area and this need is being investigated.

The meeting then terminated.

John. G. M. Morris.

19th July, 1974.

A Special Meeting of the Wexford Borough Council was held this day in the Council Chamber, Municipal Building, Wexford.

The members present were:-

His Worship the Mayor, Alderman James Mahoney in the chair.

Aldermen: Peter Roche and Fergus Byrne. An apology for inability to attend was received from Alderman Philip Corish.

Councillors: Kevin Morris, John Roche, Thomas Carr, James Cullimore and Thomas Francis Byrne. Apologies for inability to attend were received from Councillors Mrs. Avril Doyle and Joseph Furlong.

In attendance: Mr. Kevin T. Conway, Borough Engineer;
Mr. Desmond T. Wixted, Town Clerk;
Mr. Sean Nolan, Clerical Officer.

FINE WOOL FABRICS LIMITED

His Worship the Mayor informed the meeting that the news has just broken that the Industrialist who was to set up in the Fine Wool Fabrics premises was not now coming to Wexford and he proposed that the Minister for Industry and Commerce be asked to receive an immediate deputation from Wexford to discuss this serious development. The proposal was seconded by Councillor Carr and unanimously adopted.

It was agreed that the Town Clerk would immediately contact the Office of the Minister and report back to the Council at its Special Meeting on Tuesday 23rd July next.

The meeting then terminated.

Kevin T. Morris

19th July, 1974.

A meeting of the Ferrybank Management Committee 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 James Mahoney in the chair.

Alderman: Peter Roche and Fergus Byrne. An apology for inability to attend was received from Alderman Philip Corish.

Councillors: Kevin Morris, John Roche, Thomas Carr, James Cullimore and Thomas Francis Byrne. Apologies for inability to attend were received from Councillors Mrs. Avril Doyle and Joseph Furlong.

In attendance: Mr. Kevin T. Conway, Borough Engineer;
Mr. Desmond T. Wixted, Town Clerk;
Mr. Sean Nolan, Clerical Officer.

CAPITAL COST OF SWIMMING POOL

The Town Clerk reported 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, while the sanction of the Minister for Local Government has now been sought to the raising of a further loan of £10,000 from the Irish Public Bodies Mutual Insurances Limited. A grant of £22,500 has been received from Bord Failte and application has been made to the Bord for a further grant of £2,500 in order to bring the Bord's total contribution to the agreed figure of 25% of the total capital cost. Efforts to raise the local voluntary contribution of £17,500 have proved abortive and the Committee set up for this purpose have now disbanded. Wexford County Council has agreed to make a contribution of £4,000 towards the project. The balance of £11,000 is being carried by the Corporation by way of overdraft but it is intended after a short lapse of time to reapply to the Minister for sanction to raise this money by way of a further loan.

OPENING OF POOL

It was agreed that the Pool would be opened to the public on Tuesday 30th July next - the official opening by the Minister for Local Government to be held at a later date depending on the availability of the Minister. In this latter connection the Town Clerk pointed out that the Contractors and the Consulting Engineers have agreed to defray the cost of the official opening. The local life-saving people have also agreed to stage a short gala on the occasion of the official opening.

STAFF

As already agreed applications had been invited for the following initial staff, viz., Caretaker/Operator; Assistant Caretaker/Attendant and a Lady Attendant. No application had been received for the position of Lady Attendant, three applications had been received for the position of Caretaker/Operator and two applications for the position of Assistant Caretaker/Attendant. Interviews had been held for these two latter position and nobody had been found suitable for the position of Caretaker/Operator. One of the applicants for Assistant Caretaker/Attendant had been found suitable and it is hoped to employ this applicant.

In order to allow the Pool to be opened the Borough Engineer was arranging for one of his own Staff to act in a temporary capacity as Caretaker/Operator while it is intended to employ a school leaver with suitable qualifications as a Lady Attendant on a temporary basis. Both these positions would be readvertised and the County Manager intended revising the wages being offered to the Caretaker/Operator.

OPENING HOURS

It was agreed that initially the Pool opening hours would be as follows:-

Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday - 11 a.m. to 1. p.m.; 3.p.m. to 6.p.m; and 6.30 p.m. to 9.30 p.m.

Saturday and Sunday - 10 a.m. to 1. p.m ; 3.p.m. to 6. p.m; 6.30 p.m. to 8.30p.m.

It was agreed that these hours would operate initially and that after a short lapse of time a further look at the position would be undertaken by the Committee.

CHARGES

It was agreed that for a trial period the following hourly charges would operate viz.,

Adults 25p; Children 5p; Adults Groups £10. and School Groups £3.

It was also agreed that the maximum number allowed in the Pool at any one time would be limited to 60.

BATHING CAPS

It was agreed that because of the danger of damage to the machinery by loose hair that from the start it would be obligatory that all persons using the Pool would wear bathing caps.

RESTAURANT

It was agreed that initially at least tenders would be invited for the operation of the restaurant and that the tenderers would be required to submit price lists with their tenders.

VISIT TO POOL

At the conclusion of the meeting the members visited the Swimming Pool where Corporation Officials explained to them the working of the Pool.

Kenneth L. Morris

A Special 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, Alderman James Mahoney in the chair.

Aldermen: Philip Corish and Peter Roche. An apology for inability to attend was received from Alderman Fergus Byrne.

Councillors: Kevin Morris, John Roche, Mrs. Avril Doyle, Joseph Furlong, Thomas Carr, and James Cullimore

In attendance: Mr. Desmond T. Wixted, Town Clerk.

MAJOR WILLIE REDMOND MEMORIAL PARK

A deputation from the Committee of the Major Willie Redmond Memorial Park consisting of Messrs S. Galvin, H. Coffey

, attended the meeting to discuss with the Borough Council the future of the Major Willie Redmond Memorial Park. At the outset it was pointed out that the Park had been reopened on a temporary basis by the Corporation and that it was now necessary to determine the future of the Park.

Mr. Galvin explained the position of his Committee beginning with the setting up of the Park and the financial difficulties which the Committee has experienced in recent years in its efforts to keep the Park open. He referred to the financial, which Wexford Corporation has been giving to the Park in the last few years and in particular to the difficulties which have been experienced in the last twelve months.

Mr. Coffey informed the meeting that a meeting of the Committee had been held on Monday 22nd inst., and the whole future of the Park had been discussed. At that meeting a resolution had been adopted offering Wexford Corporation a short term lease of the Park at a peppercorn rent subject to the covenants that the Park would be maintained by the Corporation as a Childrens' Playground and Public Park and that the present name of the Park would be retained. The intention of the Committee is that only the Park area would be leased - the buildings would be retained by the Trustees and in this connection he pointed out that at the moment no income was derived by the Trustees from this building. Mr. Coffey pointed out that at the moment the Committee has a credit balance of £375.79 which, of course, would be handed over to the Corporation in the event of the Corporation operating the Park.

In reply to questions the Town Clerk pointed out that the Borough Engineer has estimated that the Park could be maintained for the sum of £2,000 per year but that initial capital expenditure in order to improve the Park is recommended in the sum of £1,500. The Town Clerk further pointed out that at least some of these improvements might be eligible for an Amenity Grant.

Several members felt that the Trustees should consider contributing portion of the rent of the building when available to the Corporation towards the upkeep of the Park and the deputation pointed out that such a request would receive sympathetic consideration.

It was proposed by Councillor Morris, seconded by Councillor Doyle that the Corporation accept the Committee's offer of a lease of the Park subject to agreement on the length of the lease. This was unanimously adopted by the Council.

It was proposed by Councillor Morris and seconded by Councillor Carr that the Corporation seek a 10 year lease of the Park while it was proposed by Alderman Roche and seconded by Councillor Furlong that a 25 year lease be sought. On a vote for Alderman Roche's amendment, Alderman Roche and Councillor Furlong - 2 For Councillor Morris's proposal, His Worship the Mayor, Alderman Corish and Councillors Morris, Roche and Carr - Councillors Doyle and Cullimore did not vote. His Worship the Mayor declared Councillor Morris's motion carried by 5 votes to 2 and

it was accordingly agreed to accept the Committee's offer of a lease of the Park subject to the lease being for a minimum period of 10 years.

The deputation from the Park Committee having thanked His Worship the Mayor and the Council for having received them then withdrew.

INDUSTRY

The Town Clerk informed the meeting that he had been in touch with the Office of the Minister for Industry and Commerce regarding the Corporation's request for an early meeting with the Minister to discuss industrial development in Wexford. The Minister was willing to meet the deputation but it was pointed out that it would be the end of August or early September before he would be in a position to do so.

Councillor Morris raised the question of the Fine Wool Fabrics Factory Shell and pointed out that M/s Gentex Limited had written three times to the County Development Officer, Mr. Ringwood, concerning this shell but had received no reply. On the proposition of Councillor Roche, seconded by Councillor Doyle, the Town Clerk was requested to investigate the allegation and report back to the Council.

SPECIAL MEETING

Because of a clash with the E.S.B. Seminar on the proposed Nuclear Power Station, it was unanimously agreed to defer the Special Meeting arranged for Monday 29th July, 1974, to Tuesday 30th July, 1974, at 7.30 p.m.

On the proposition of Councillor Morris, seconded by Councillor Carr, it was unanimously agreed to allow a representative of White's Hotel and a representative of the Amenity Study Group to address the Special Meeting in connection with the Abbey Street Redevelopment, and on the proposition of Alderman Corish, seconded by Councillor Carr, it was unanimously agreed to allow Mr. Rory Quinn to also address the Special Meeting on the same subject.

ELECTRICITY SUPPLY BOARD

Several members referred to the current industrial action being taken by certain employees of the E.S.B. and of the resultant hardship which it is causing for some householders particularly in the Parnell Street and Hill Street areas and on the proposition of Councillor Roche, the Town Clerk was requested to ask the E.S.B. and the Union involved to consider how some householders who are present without supply can have their supply restored.

The meeting then terminated.

Ken. L. Morris

30th July, 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, Alderman James Mahoney in the chair.

Aldermen: Philip Corish, Peter Roche, Fergus Byrne.

Councillors: Kevin Morris, John Roche, Mrs. Avril Doyle, Joseph Furlong, Thomas Carr, James Cullimore, James Jenkins and Thomas Francis Byrne.

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

ABBAY STREET/MOUNT GEORGE REDEVELOPMENT - DEPUTATION

The Council received a deputation comprising Mr. John Small, White's Hotel, Mr. Rory Quinn on behalf of the Wexford Amenity Study Group, Messrs James Roche and Louis Kerr, Senior Chamber of Commerce, in connection with the Abbey Street/Mount George Redevelopment.

Mr. Small in his address to the meeting requested the Council to honour a previous decision made by the Wexford Corporation at a meeting of 2nd December, 1968, where on the proposition of Alderman Morris, seconded by Alderman Byrne, it was agreed to exchange property on the Eastern side of Abbey Street between the Wexford Corporation and White's Hotel. He pointed out that White's Hotel had proceeded with their development taking this into consideration and he asked that the transfer of properties be proceeded with. Mr. Rory Quinn on behalf of the Wexford Amenity Study Group outlined his proposals in relation to draft submitted by M/s Wilfrid Cantwell and highlighted the great advantage in not building along Abbey Street but having same an open area. Mr. Quinn pointed out on the various maps displayed at the meeting his ideas for this area. It was his contention that three storeyed dwellings were more preferable in this area than that proposed by Mr. Cantwell and he recommended same to the Council. Questions put by the Council to Mr. Quinn in connection with this plan were fully answered by him. Messrs Roche & Kerr on behalf of the Senior Chamber of Commerce recommended that the Council accept a scheme keeping the Abbey Street area an open one. The deputation then withdrew.

ABBAY STREET/MOUNT GEORGE REDEVELOPMENT

The Council considered the various matters which the deputation had put to it and after discussion it was agreed on the proposition of Councillor Morris, seconded by Alderman Byrne that a Special Meeting be held on Tuesday night 6th August, 1974, to discuss the Abbey Street/Mount George Redevelopment. It was proposed by Councillor Mrs. Doyle and seconded by Alderman Peter Roche that the Western side of the development be decided that night. The amendment was defeated by 9 votes to 3 - Alderman Peter Roche and Councillors Doyle and Jenkins for - Aldermen Corish, Byrne, His Worship the Mayor, Councillors Morris, Roche, Furlong, Carr, Cullimore and Byrne against and the motion to adjourn was taken as passed by the same majority.

RECEPTION AREA - MUNICIPAL BUILDINGS

Councillor James Cullimore proposed "That the present system of having people state the nature of their business at the counter in the Municipal Buildings be changed in favour of a more private procedure". Councillor Cullimore pointed out that he had received quite a number of complaints from people who were asked to state personal business at the counter in the Municipal Buildings where they could be overheard by other people in the waiting room. He was of opinion that a better system should be devised as quickly as possible. The motion was seconded by Councillor J. Roche. The Acting Town Clerk advised the meeting that the sum of £300. had been allowed in the Estimate towards the updating of the Reception area and that the Borough Surveyor's Office was in the process of preparing plans for same. The motion was agreed.

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PARNELL STREET - COMPLETION

It was proposed by His Worship the Mayor, seconded by Councillor T. Byrne and unanimously agreed "that the Wexford Borough Council call on the Contractors responsible to complete the Parnell Street Scheme in a proper manner". The Borough Surveyor pointed out that the matter lay between the Insurance Company and the Contractors for the fulfillment of this contract and that the Corporation had sought advice from its legal representatives on this matter.

ROAD AND PATH REPAIRS

It was proposed by His Worship the Mayor, seconded by Alderman Peter Roche and unanimously agreed "that the Wexford Borough have all roads and paths that are in need of repairs done, that this Council is responsible for". The Borough Surveyor pointed out that such survey was being undertaken and that a report would be submitted to the Council on the matter.

MAINTENANCE OF CORPORATION DWELLINGS

On the proposition of Councillor J. Roche, seconded by Alderman P. Roche it was unanimously agreed "That the Borough Engineer investigate the possibility of setting up a mobile repairs unit to deal with the maintenance of Corporation dwellings".

REMOVAL OF VALUE ADDED TAX FROM E.S.B. & GAS BILLS

On the proposition of Councillor J. Roche, seconded by Councillor T. Byrne it was unanimously agreed that "This Council call on the Minister for Finance to remove Value Added Tax from E.S.B. and Gas Bills as it is inflicting ^{extra} hardship on the less well off sections of the community who are finding it very difficult to live at the present time". On the proposition of Councillor Jenkins, seconded by Councillor Mrs. Doyle the motion was amended to include a request that V.A.T. be reduced and simplified by the application of a uniform rate. The amended motion was unanimously agreed by the Council.

INDUSTRIAL PROSPECTS IN WEXFORD TOWN

On the proposition of Councillor Furlong, seconded by Alderman F. Byrne it was unanimously agreed that "We the Borough Council call for a meeting between the Council, 4 elected representatives, Mr. R.A. McCarthy, Regional I.D.A. Officer and Mr. Billy Ringwood, Local Development Officer to discuss the current and future industrial prospects in Wexford Town". The proposed meeting to take place at an early date.

SUB POST OFFICE IN ST. AIDANS CRES/LIAM MELLOWS PARK AREA

It was proposed by Councillor Furlong, seconded by Alderman F. Byrne and unanimously agreed that "This Corporation calls again on the Minister for Posts and Telegraphs to give permission for the siting of a Sub Post Office in the St. Aidans Crescent to Liam Mellows Park area in view of the continuing rise in population in that area and in view of the unnecessary hardships being put on the people in that area who are at present forced to walk long distances to collect pensions and allowances".

MAJOR REPAIRS SCHEME & ESTIMATE COSTS

It was proposed by Councillor T. Carr, seconded by Alderman P. Roche and unanimously agreed "That this Corporation request the Borough Surveyor to estimate costs of major repairs schemes for Corish Park, Wolfe Tone Villas, Whiterock View, parts of Kennedy Park, St. Aidans Crescent and Liam Mellows Park - total cost for scheme to be submitted at further Corporation meeting".

PRAMWALK AT KENNEDY PARK

It was proposed by Councillor T. Carr, seconded by Councillor J. Roche "That this Corporation provide a pramwalk at Kennedy Park area opposite Piece's waste ground". The motion was agreed. The Borough Surveyor in reply advised the meeting that he had had a meeting with the Tenants Association and had visited the particular area. It was agreed to request the Tenants Association to submit their proposals on this matter.

PRESENTATION CONVENT NEW SCHOOL AT GROGANS ROAD

A letter from Mother De Lourdes, Reverend Mother Presentation Convent, Wexford, dated 16th July, 1974 and circulated to the members was taken. In her letter Reverend Mother pointed out the difficulty that had arisen due to the fact that the new proposed link road was to run through their property at Grogans Road and they were therefore unable to gain sanction for the building of their ^{proposed} new school on this particular site. After considering the matter and on the proposition of Councillor K. Morris, seconded by Councillor T. Byrne, it was unanimously agreed that the proposed new road would not go through this area and it was further agreed that the report of Messrs Orrje be put on the agenda for the September meeting.

MESSRS SEAFIELD GENTEX LIMITED

On the matter of complaint raised by Councillor K. Morris in connection with the above firm and Mr. William Ringwood, Development Officer, a reply by Mr. Ringwood to the County Manager dated 24th July, 1974, was read to the meeting. Mr. Ringwood pointed out that the above firm had never contacted him nor the I.D.A. and if they had done so they would have been given every co-operation possible. The Council fully accepted the explanation given by Mr. Ringwood and requested Councillor Morris to furnish further explanation of this complaint.

ST. PATRICK'S FIFE AND DRUM BAND

A letter dated 28th July, 1974, was read to the meeting in which the above Band requested that the Council receive a deputation from them in connection with assistance towards the procurement of a site for music practices. On the proposition of Alderman P. Roche, seconded by Councillor T. Byrne, it was unanimously agreed to invite a deputation to a September meeting of the Council.

BARRY COMMEMORATION

On the proposition of Councillor K. Morris, seconded by Councillor T. Byrne it was agreed that the usual commemoration be held on the more suitable Sunday during Festival time (regarding tides).

The meeting then concluded.

Kenn. L. Morris.

6th August, 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, Alderman James Mahoney in the chair.

Aldermen : Philip Corish, Peter Roche, Fergus Byrne.

Councillors : Kevin Morris, John Roche, Mrs. Avril Doyle, Joseph Furlong, Thomas Carr, James Cullimore, Thomas F. Byrne.

Apology for inability to attend was received from Councillor James Jenkins.

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

SYMPATHY

On the proposition of His Worship the Mayor, seconded by Councillor Doyle, the sympathy of the Council was extended to the relatives of the late Mr. John Cullimore, former Mayor of Wexford.

ABBEY STREET/MOUNT GEORGE REDEVELOPMENT

Mr. Bernard Kelly, on behalf of the Upper George Street Residents Association, who had submitted a critique on the proposed redevelopment, was invited by the Mayor to address the Meeting. Mr. Kelly advised the Meeting on the type of development that the Upper George Street Residents Association would be more in favour of. His recommendations were noted by the Meeting and he then withdrew.

On the proposition of His Worship the Mayor, seconded by Alderman Peter Roche, it was agreed to discuss in the first instance the development west of the Old Town Wall and after a long discussion on which every member had given their views it was proposed by Councillor Mrs. Doyle, seconded by Alderman Peter Roche and unanimously agreed that the development west of the Wall would comprise of three storey dwellinghouses combined with two storey flats and that the Corporation's Consultant, M/s Wilfrid Cantwell and Associates be requested to submit a Draft Plan giving a number of combinations between the three storey and two storeyed development.

The Council then discussed the development east of the Wall and after a full discussion it was unanimously agreed, on the proposition of Alderman Corish, seconded by Councillor Carr that three storey type dwellinghouses be built from Doctor Doyle's house Abbey Street to a point approximately mid-way in the existing Car Park.

The building line then to be returned towards the Town Wall to include a Lounge Bar area in the recess. A Car Park area for approximately 25 cars then to be provided and thereafter an open green space running to the Old Town Hall. It was further agreed that M/s Cantwell be requested to submit various proposals for the internal layout of this development.

On the proposition of Alderman Peter Roche, seconded by His Worship the Mayor, it was agreed that the cobble space shown in front of the Old Town Hall on the Cantwell Plan should not be included.

COMMUNITY HALL

On the proposition of Councillor T.F. Byrne, seconded by Councillor Carr, it was unanimously agreed in principle that the Corporation provide a space towards the provision of a Community Hall.

The Meeting then terminated.

Kevin. G. McCarthy

23rd August, 1974.

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

The members present were :-

His Worship the Mayor Alderman James Mahoney in the chair.

Aldermen : Philip Corish, Peter Roche, Fergus Byrne.

Councillors : John Roche, Mrs. Avril Doyle, Joseph Furlong, Thomas Carr, James Cullimore, James Jenkins.

An apology for inability to attend was received from Councillor Kevin Morris.

At the request of the Borough Council the following also were in attendance :

An Tanaiste, Mr. Brendan Corish T.D.
Mr. Sean Browne T.D. Mr. Lorcan Allen T.D.
Mr. R.A. McCarthy, Regional Manager, Industrial Development Authority, Waterford, Mr. William Ringwood, County Development Officer.

An apology for inability to attend was received from Mr. John G. Esmonde T.D.

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 to discuss with the local T.D.'s and I.D.A. representatives the industrial situation in Wexford particularly in the light of the closure of Fine Wool Fabrics Limited and other industrial problems which were beginning to come to light including problems at M/s Philip Pierce & Company Limited.

His Worship the Mayor and members of the Borough Council reviewed the industrial situation in Wexford and expressed the concern of all Wexford people at the deterioration in the position in the last 9 - 12 months. It was pointed out that at present there are over 800 people unemployed in the town, 300 of which are building workers. Members of the Council expressed the view that the local T.D.'s were not working sufficiently hard in endeavouring to protect existing industry in Wexford and to attract further industry to the town. The members felt that through their privileged position as members of Dail Eireann the T.D.'s could play a vital role in safeguarding present industrial jobs in Wexford and in securing sufficient additional industrial jobs to deal with the huge unemployment problem in the town. The members of the Council exhorted the T.D.'s for the Constituency and the Industrial Development Authority to leave no stone unturned in their efforts to secure additional employment in the town.

An Tanaiste Mr. Corish stated that he was doing everything in his power to promote industrialisation in Wexford. He further pointed out that this had always been the policy of the elected Dail representatives and he refuted any suggestion that the T.D.'s in County Wexford are in any way more lax in their efforts to promote industry in their County than were those in other Constituencies. Mr. Corish referred to the closure of Fine Wool Fabrics and expressed regret that the Firm which were to take over the Factory had pulled out at the last moment. He informed the meeting that he had been told that morning that the Industrial Development Authority have purchased factory premises of Fine Wool Fabrics and that they were already endeavouring to interest Industrialists in the premises. Mr. Corish also pointed out that the Industrial Development Authority are at an advanced stage of negotiation with a number of Industrialists who might locate in Wexford and that it was hoped to announce a new Industry for the town about the end of September.

The other T.D.'s present M/s Sean Browne and Lorcan Allen reiterated what An Tanaiste had said and assured the Corporation of their continued support for every effort to increase industrial jobs in Wexford town. Mr. Browne pointed out that on issues such as this all the T.D.'s irrespective of political party were fully united.

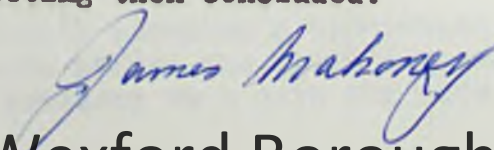
Mr. McCarthy stated that in the last 2½ years over 800 new jobs had been approved for the town about half of which have now been filled. It is expected that the other 400 jobs will come on stream during the next twelve months. He also told the meeting that total employment on the Industrial Estate which was established originally by Wexford Corporation was now about 360. The Industrial Development Authority have acquired 37 acres of the Estate and they hope to start building a 42,000 sq. ft. factory almost immediately. This would be in addition to about 70,000 sq. feet of premises already built or in the course of erection for M/s A.B.S. Pumps Limited, Ratio Ireland Limited and M/s Kempthorne Limited. Mr. McCarthy further pointed out that negotiations were at present taking place with Industrialists which if successful would mean that the entire Industrial Estate would in the near future be developed. He regretted that because of the confidential nature of the discussions he was unable to disclose any further information to the members but he assured the members that if and when these negotiations were concluded an immediate announcement would be made.

The members of the Borough Council expressed satisfaction with the progress already made and for the future prospects of new industry. The members however confirmed their concern at the present position and at the fact that in the short term no solution to the huge unemployment problem appeared likely. They referred in particular to M/s Philip Pierce & Company Limited and suggested that an approach might be made to M/s Pierce in order to discuss their problems. It was pointed out that the Irish Transport and General Workers' Union have already approached M/s Pierce regarding this problem but had been unable to arrange a meeting with the owners of the concern.

The members requested the T.D.'s to keep in close touch with the problem and to arrange if possible to meet among themselves and perhaps with the I.D.A. people in the near future in order to keep the pressure on.

It was agreed that a similar meeting would be held again in November to review the position.

The meeting then concluded.


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2nd September, 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 : Philip Corish, Peter Roche, Fergus Byrne.
Councillors : Kevin Morris, John Roche, Mrs. Avril Doyle,
Joseph Furlong, Thomas Carr, James Cullimore.

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

In attendance : Mr. W.P. Creedon, Deputy County Manager
Mr. Richard Lynn, Borough Accountant
Mr. Desmond T. Wixted, Town Clerk.

CHAIRMAN

In the absence of His Worship the Mayor, Councillor Morris was, on the proposition of Alderman Corish seconded by Councillor Carr, unanimously moved to the chair.

SYMPATHY

On the proposition of the Chairman, seconded by Councillor Roche, the sympathy of the Council was extended to Councillor Byrne and the other members of his family on the recent death of his daughter-in-law.

On the proposition of the Chairman, seconded by Alderman Byrne, the sympathy of the Council was extended to the relatives of the late Mr. P.K. McNally, Retired Borough Engineer.

MINUTES

On the proposition of Councillor Roche, seconded by Alderman Corish, the Minutes of Statutory Meeting of 15th July, 1974 and of Special Meetings of 19th July, 23rd July, 30th July and 6th August, 1974 having been circulated, were taken as read, adopted unanimously and signed by the Chairman.

FERRYBANK MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE

The Council considered a report of meeting of Ferrybank Management Committee of 19th July, 1974 and arising from the report it was agreed that a further meeting of the Committee would be held shortly. The report was adopted.

INDUSTRY

Arising out of the Minutes it was unanimously agreed to contact the office of the Minister for Industry and Commerce with a view to arranging for the reception by the Minister of a deputation from Wexford to discuss the industrial situation in the town.

ST. PATRICK'S FIFE AND DRUM BAND

The Council received a deputation from the St. Patrick's Fife and Drum Band who came before the Council requesting assistance either in the provision of a premises or a site for same. The deputation who consisted

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of M/s Ffrench, Kehoe, pointed out that the present premises used by the Band was in a very dilapidated condition and apart from that was most unpleasant because of the proximity to it of a slaughterhouse. They pointed out that the Band has between twenty and twenty six members and if they are given a site they would build on it themselves. They have some funds but would need some additional funds in order to build their club rooms. The deputation referred particularly to a site on Grogan's Road near the present Clinic. In reply to questions the deputation stressed that they would need accommodation exclusively for themselves but that if other rooms were available in the building they could be used by other organisations. The deputation then withdrew having thanked the members of the Council for receiving them.

Following the withdrawal of the deputation the matter was discussed briefly by the Council - some members pointed out that apart from St. Patrick's Fife and Drum Band there were a number of other organisations in the town who have no headquarters and felt that if the Corporation did help in any way it should be by way of providing accommodation for all these organisations. It was agreed to discuss the matter at the next meeting, the Borough Engineer to be asked in the meantime to submit a report indicating any suitable sites close to the centre of town.

CORISH PARK PLAYGROUND

The Corporation received a deputation from the Corish Park Association consisting of Mrs. Shiggins and M/s E. Byrne, J. Sinnott and J. Lynch. The deputation informed the Council that they represented the householders in Corish Park whose houses surrounded the large open space and they were concerned at recent reports that the Tenants Association intended to develop the open space as a playing pitch. They had carried out a survey of all the householders and found that 87% of them did not want a playing pitch on the area. What they wanted was something in the nature of a Peoples Park with open play facilities for young children - they felt that the older children could be accommodated by existing clubs in the town. They suggested that if such a Park were developed it might be necessary to ask the Corporation to carry out long term maintenance of the Park. The deputation had discussed this matter with the Tenants Association and agreement has now been reached on the broad outlines of a plan for the area. This plan would not provide playing pitch facilities. It would also be necessary to provide some type of car parking bays in the area or as an alternative to widen the roadway. The deputation withdrew having thanked the members of the Council for receiving them.

Following the withdrawal of the deputation the matter was discussed by the Council and on the proposition of Councillor Roche, seconded by Alderman Roche, it was unanimously resolved to grant permission for the development of the open space as a Peoples Park - no playing pitch facilities is to be provided. It was also agreed that the Amenity Grant of £625 which has been allocated to the smaller green in the area be diverted towards the cost of the first stage of the larger green. It was agreed that provision should be made in the development for car parking spaces or the widening of the roadway.

PUBLIC TELEPHONE FACILITIES

A letter was considered from the Department of Posts and Telegraphs in reply to the Council's request for the provision of telephone kiosks in the Liam Mellows Park, Kennedy Park, Corish Park area, the St. Peter's Square area and the Bishopswater area and for the carrying out of a survey of public telephone needs generally in the town. The letter stated that in urban areas additional kiosks are not provided unless they

are likely to pay their way and that this condition would not be satisfied in the areas in question. Accordingly the Department regretted that it is not possible to accede to the Council's request. The letter further pointed out that the general position regarding public telephones in Wexford has been examined most sympathetically and that it is considered that as none of the existing eight kiosks or four call offices is used extensively the provision of additional telephone kiosks is not wanted at present. The matter would be reviewed in the light of any further extensive housing development and any significant increase in the use of the existing public telephones in the town.

The Council did not accept the Department's view that public telephones should be profit making or that the additional kiosks requested by the Council are not needed. It was unanimously decided to refer the matter back to the Department.

VALUE ADDED TAX

The Council considered a letter from the Department of Finance regarding the request of the Council that Value Added Tax be removed from Electricity and Gas bills and that Value Added Tax be reduced and simplified by the application of a uniform rate. The letter pointed out that the rate of tax applicable to Electricity and Gas bills is the lowest rate apart from zero and that a reduction of the rate on these would be impossible to justify unless other fuels were accorded similar treatment and the concession would also inevitably lead to demands for reductions of V.A.T. on ranges of other goods and services. The consequential effects of the working of the Value Added Tax system and on National Revenue would be very undesirable. In addition the letter pointed out E.E.C. constraints now limit the scope for further zero rating. Regarding the second part of the Council's motion the letter indicated that the Department do not accept that the operation of the present system of Value Added Tax is unduly complicated. The present multi rate system is intended to assist the less well off sections of the community and the introduction of a single rate system would involve a major upheaval in the working of the Value Added Tax system and would impose considerable additional expense upon manufacturers, retailers and service industries.

The Council expressed dissatisfaction with the terms of the Department's letter and on the proposition of Councillor Roche, seconded by Alderman Roche, it was unanimously resolved to refer the matter back to the Department.

HOUSING PRIORITY LIST

The Council considered a further letter from the Department of Local Government in the matter of the Council's representations regarding difficulty in having housing applicants' circumstances investigated. Attached to the Department's letter was copy of letter from the Department of Health indicating that a competition for the recommendation of Health Inspectors for appointments to Health Boards is at present being arranged with the Local Appointments Commissioners. A number of vacancies for Health Inspectors under the South Eastern Health Board are included in the competition and if these are filled it should help to ease the burden in the Wexford area. The letter indicated that the Minister for Local Government has again emphasised to the Minister for Health the importance from the housing point of view of having sufficient numbers of Health Inspectors available.

The contents of the letters were noted.

M/S SEAFIELD GENTEX LIMITED

In the matter of complaint raised by Councillor Morris in connection with alleged efforts by M/s Seafield Gentex Limited to take over the factory premises of M/s Fine Wool Fabrics Limited, the Council considered a letter from Mr. William Ringwood, Development Officer. Mr. Ringwood enclosed copy of letter from M/s Seafield Gentex Limited which indicated that "our Company wrote no letters at all regarding Fine Wool Fabrics Plant in Wexford".

In connection with this matter Councillor Morris read the following statement to the meeting :-

"I hereby apologise to Mr. William Ringwood, Co. Development Officer, Wexford, for all remarks made by me at meetings of the Wexford Corporation on 23rd and 30th July 1974, alleging that Mr. Ringwood received three letters from Messrs. Seafield Gentex Limited and that he did not reply to them. I have now investigated the matter and find that my allegations were without foundation and completely untrue, and I hereby unreservedly withdraw them".

ELECTRICITY SUPPLY BOARD

The Council considered a letter from the Group Engineer Electricity Supply Board regarding difficulties which arose for certain householders because of the recent industrial dispute in the Board. The letter indicated that supply had been restored to the Parnell Street area on 24th July and to three consumers in the High Street area on 25th July - the Board are not aware of any problem in the Hill Street area. The letter further pointed out that the Operations Electricians are now restoring supply in the event of a breakdown but that disputes still exist between these workers and the Board and that the situation may deteriorate again. The letter was dated 31st July, 1974 and the terms were noted by the Council.

IRISH NAVAL HISTORY MUSEUM

The Council agreed to accept an invitation to the opening of the Irish Naval History Museum by the Minister for Education Mr. Burke at the Guillemot at 4 p.m. on 27th October, 1974.

MAJOR WILLIE REDMOND MEMORIAL PARK

The Council considered a letter from M/s Huggard and Brennan Solicitors indicating the terms under which the Trustees of the Major Willie Redmond Memorial Park would agree to a leasing of the Park to Wexford Corporation, viz :-

- (1) The Park to be leased for a period of ten years at a peppercorn rent - nominal rent of one shilling per year if demanded.
- (2) The lease to refer to the Park only and to exclude the building.
- (3) The name of the Park, the Major Willie Redmond Memorial Park to be preserved and used in all references thereto.
- (4) The Park to be used as a public park and children's playground as heretofore.
- (5) No fetes, carnivals, fares or side shows to be held in the Park during the period of the lease, and no bingo or other gambling to be permitted.
- (6) The Corporation to employ a responsible caretaker and to pay his wages during the period of the lease.
- (7) The Corporation to be responsible for the maintenance and upkeep of the Park, its paths, trees and lake and for keeping them in good order and no trees to be cut down or removed without the permission of the lessors.

8. The Corporation to preserve and maintain the flow of water to the Park through the water course which is presently entering the Park.
9. The Corporation to discharge the costs of electricity and the sound address system to the ice cream kiosk in the Park.
10. The Corporation to restore the bust of Major Willie Redmond to its pedestal.

On the proposition of the Chairman, seconded by Alderman Corish, it was unanimously resolved to accept a lease of the Park on the terms and conditions as put forward by the Trustees.

OVERDRAFT ACCOMMODATION

On the proposition of Alderman Byrne, 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 Corporation's Treasurer, The Bank of Ireland Limited, Custom House Quay, Wexford, for the quarter ending 31st December, 1974 as follows :-

Revenue Account £80,000.

RATES

It was proposed by Alderman Roche and seconded by Councillor Roche "that this Council request the Minister for Local Government to examine the possibility of introducing a system whereby rates can be paid through the purchase of rates stamps which would be available at all Post Offices and that also in conjunction with this system or method of payment discount to be given to those who pay the full rate on the First Moiety".

The Borough Accountant pointed out that the Minister for Local Government has requested Dundalk Urban District Council to pilot a Scheme for the payment of rates by means of stamps. The Post Office authorities have indicated that they cannot co-operate and the system, which has not yet been introduced, will be worked by the purchase of stamps from a vending machine situated outside the Council Offices. It was agreed that the matter be deferred for investigation by the Officials and the submission of a report to the Council.

MILL ROAD (THE FOLLY)

It was proposed by Alderman Roche, seconded by Alderman Byrne and unanimously resolved "that this Council again request the Borough Surveyor to make the Contractor responsible properly reinstate Mill Road (The Folly) and that he also be requested to have the wire left in the roadway at Swan View removed".

ROSSLARE/FISHGUARD FERRY

It was proposed by Councillor Doyle, seconded by Alderman Byrne and unanimously resolved "that Wexford Corporation call on British Rail to provide a new up-to-date Ferry on the Rosslare/Fishguard route".

ROSSLARE HARBOUR FACILITIES

It was proposed by Councillor Doyle, seconded by Alderman Byrne and unanimously resolved "that Wexford Corporation request the Minister for Transport and Power to see that new extra stern loading facilities are provided at Rosslare Harbour to allow this rapidly expanding Port develop its full potential".

CASUAL VACANCIES IN BOROUGH COUNCIL

It was proposed by Councillor Roche, and seconded by Alderman Roche "that, in the event of a vacancy occurring on this Council during the present term of office the Candidate with the next qualifying amount of votes when the 12th seat was filled after the election of June 18th 1974 should fill the vacant position. If that person is unable or unwilling to take the seat the next candidate in line should qualify and so on regardless of Party".

Several members spoke against the motion and a vote resulted as follows :-

For Councillor Roche's motion :	Alderman Roche and Councillor Roche (2)
Against	Aldermen Corish, and Byrne and Councillors Morris, Doyle, Furlong, Carr, Cullimore (7).

The Chairman declared the motion defeated by 7 votes to 2.

DIFFERENTIAL RENTS

It was proposed by Councillor Roche, seconded by Alderman Byrne and unanimously resolved "that this Council request the Minister for Local Government to reduce the differential rent scale to 25% of what is being charged at present for houses that are without the normal bathroom facilities etc."

MEAT MOUNTAIN

It was proposed by Councillor Furlong, seconded by Alderman Roche and unanimously resolved "that Wexford Borough Council protest most vehemently at the present build-up of the meat mountain and requests the Government to ensure that this meat be distributed among the needy of the country and to the Third World".

ADJOURNMENT

The following motions in his name were, in the absence of His Worship the Mayor, adjourned to the next Meeting of the Council, viz :-

1. "That the Wexford Borough Council call on the Minister for Health for a better dental service than the existing one at the local Clinic".
2. "That this Council have a pedestrian crossing on the Quay near the New Bridge".

WEXFORD TRAFFIC PLAN

The Town Clerk pointed out that copies of the Wexford Traffic Plan have not yet been distributed to the new Members of the Borough Council - arrangements are being made to have copies printed and it is hoped to have them available in a few weeks. It was unanimously agreed to defer consideration of the Plan pending receipt of the copies of the Plan by the new Members and in the meantime, on the proposition of Alderman Byrne, seconded by Alderman Corish it was unanimously resolved to go ahead with arrangements for a joint meeting with Wexford County Council to discuss traffic improvements in Wexford town and environs.

The Council considered a report from the Borough Accountant on Traffic Management Grants. The report indicated that the level of grant at present being received by the Corporation was totally inadequate to finance the provision of sufficient car parks and stressed that the Corporation is not in a financial position to carry large amounts on overdraft for any length of time and recommended that no further purchases of property should be made until a grant allocation for 1975 is known.

The report pointed out that this allocation would have to be in excess of £17,000 if progress is to be maintained. The Town Clerk reminded the members that a resolution has already been forwarded to the Minister for Local Government requesting substantial increase in the current year's application but that no reply to the resolution has as yet been received. The Council agreed that the Minister should be informed of the situation and of the level of grant which will be needed in 1975 in order to maintain progress in this field.

DISPOSAL OF NO. 12 CORISH PARK, WEXFORD

On the proposition of Councillor Carr, seconded by Alderman Byrne, approval was unanimously given to the proposal of the County Manager to dispose of house No. 12 Corish Park, Wexford, to the tenant thereof, Mrs. John T. Donovan, on the terms as set out in Notice dated 21st August, 1974 and circulated to each member of Wexford Borough Council, viz, for the sum of £1,627.

DISPOSAL OF NO. 54 CORISH PARK, WEXFORD

On the proposition of Councillor Carr, seconded by Alderman Byrne, approval was unanimously given to the proposal of the County Manager to dispose of house No. 54 Corish Park, Wexford, to the tenant thereof, Mr. John Sinnott, on the terms as set out in Notice dated 21st August, 1974 and circulated to each member of Wexford Borough Council, viz, for the sum of £1,851.

DISPOSAL OF NO. 24 DAVITT ROAD SOUTH, WEXFORD

On the proposition of Councillor Carr, seconded by Alderman Byrne, 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 August, 1974 and circulated to each member of Wexford Borough Council, viz, for the sum of £1,535.

DISPOSAL OF NO. 38 DAVITT ROAD SOUTH, WEXFORD

On the proposition of Councillor Carr, seconded by Alderman Byrne, 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 21st August, 1974 and circulated to each member of Wexford Borough Council, viz, for the sum of £1,535.

CONTROL OF WATER POLLUTION

The terms of circular from the Department of Local Government re. Control of Water Pollution - disposal of industrial effluents were noted by the Council.

TALBOT STREET/GREEN STREET HOUSING SCHEME

On the proposition of Councillor Roche, seconded by Councillor Furlong, it was unanimously agreed that a Special Meeting of the Council be held on Tuesday 10th September, 1974 at 7.30 p.m. to consider the desirability of retaining seven houses which are due for demolition in connection with the Talbot Street/Green Street development.

PURCHASE OF CEMENT MIXER

In reply to a query from Alderman Roche the Town Clerk informed the members that the Corporation has recently purchased a new Cement Mixer. Enquiries in the matter had been sent to a number of known suppliers and a number of quotations had been received. On the recommendation of the County Council Machinery Yard who have already purchased a number of the same model a Bedford CRW 5/3 $\frac{1}{2}$ o.ft. was purchased. The Corporation was not aware that M/s Philip Pierce & Company supplied this type of machinery or that in fact M/s Pierce supplied machinery to anybody other than those in the trade and the Town Clerk suggested that Firms such as M/s Pierce & Co., should periodically forward their catalogues to the Corporation specifying the type of article which they are in a position to supply.

QUESTIONS

In reply to questions Alderman Roche was informed :-

- (a) Repairs to surface at bottom of Fisher's Row had been carried out by Corporation workmen - all the pot holes have now been filled in.
- (b) The Borough Surveyor is aware of the condition of footpaths on east side of Abbey Street; Wexford Corporation is responsible for maintaining same but in view of the proposed exchange of properties between the Corporation and Whites Hotel it would be inopportune to carry out any improvements there at the moment.
- (c) The green at bottom of Hantoon Road, Maudlintown is periodically out; it was cut last year and would be cut again as soon as possible.

In reply to questions Councillor Jenkins was informed :-

- (a) Corporation is awaiting filling material from Mount George premises before the car park between Common Quay and Church Lane can be surfaced and put to use - tenders for the supply of filling material have been received but in the view of the Borough Engineer the tender prices are exorbitant.
- (b) The numbers on the Labour Exchange Register for the current year and the last two years are as follows :-
August, 1972 : Urban 318, Rural 353, Total 671
August, 1973 : Urban 257, Rural 306, Total 563
August, 1974 : Urban 474, Rural 337, Total 811.
- (c) The drawing up of plans for the provision of recreational areas would be a matter for Wexford Borough Council and the levy which this would mean on the rates would be directly related to the extent of the developments envisaged. The ideal method of financing such activities would be a combined operation between local community effort and the Corporation with the help of course of amenity grants which are now available.

In reply to questions Councillor Roche was informed :-

- (a) 66 no. grave spaces are available to purchasers in St. Ibar's Cemetery, Crosstown, at the moment and this represents approximately 8 months supply.
- (b) The Corporation will this week be opening the road for pipes from Wexford G.A.A. Park to be directed into the main sewerage.
- (c) Wexford County Council is responsible for the maintenance of William Street.

The meeting then terminated.

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10th September, 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 :-

Aldermen : Philip Corish, Peter Roche, Fergus Byrne.

Councillors : Kevin Morris, John Roche, Mrs. Avril Doyle,
Joseph Furlong, Thomas Carr, James Cullimore.

Apologies for inability to attend were received from Councillors James Jenkins and Thomas Francis Byrne.

In attendance : Mr. T.F. Broe, County Manager,
Mr. K.T. Conway, Borough Engineer,
Mr. R. Lynn, Borough Accountant,
Mr. D.T. Wixted, Town Clerk.

CHAIRMAN

In the absence of His Worship the Mayor, Councillor Morris was on the proposition of Councillor Carr, seconded by Alderman Roche moved to the chair.

TALBOT STREET/GREEN STREET HOUSING SCHEME

The members discussed the Talbot Street/Green Street Housing Scheme with particular reference to seven houses on the eastern side of Talbot Street which are still occupied but which are due for demolition. Some members questioned the necessity to demolish these houses particularly since the houses are in good condition and also referred to the distress which the demolition of the houses and re-settlement in new houses would cause to the occupants of the houses, many of whom are at an advanced age. It was also mentioned that the occupants of the houses did not really know where they stood in the matter of compensation and the members felt that this matter should be cleared up before the people were asked to move.

It was pointed out that the land on which the Scheme is being built was the subject of a Compulsory Purchase Order made some years ago by Wexford Corporation and confirmed by the Minister for Local Government following the holding of a public enquiry. The Housing Scheme had been planned and was being erected on the basis that all the properties in the area would be vacated and demolished and a report from the Corporation's Consulting Architect indicated that if the houses are now to be left standing the following criteria would apply :-

- (1) To retain the existing seven houses would necessitate the omission of eight new houses. A revised new block adjoining the existing houses would have to be re-sited with regard to the building line on Talbot Street.
- (2) Under the Conditions of Contract this omission of eight houses may incur the payment of compensation to the Contractor for such loss - this could cost the Corporation in the region of £3,600.

- (3) The widening and re-alignment of Talbot Street could not be undertaken as proposed.
- (4) The Talbot frontage would require re-planning in order to ensure proper siting of a new access road to the hinterland of the site.
- (5) Reference was made to a plan prepared in June 1973 which illustrates the serious traffic hazard which would be created by the retention of these seven houses.
- (6), Any alterations to the approved Scheme would require the submission of revised plans for the approval of the Minister for Local Government.

In addition the Town Clerk pointed out that any alterations in the Scheme would involve the Corporation in additional Architect's fees.

On the question of arbitration the members were informed that application has been made for the services of the official Arbitrator - there is only one official Arbitrator for the entire Country, but as yet the Corporation had no indication as to when the Sitting would be held.

Following a lengthy discussion it was unanimously agreed that the Scheme should go ahead as originally designed and planned and this of course will involve the demolition of the seven houses under discussion. However on the proposition of Councillor Roche, seconded by Alderman Byrne it was unanimously resolved to recommend to the County Manager that in dealing with the occupants of these seven houses he would deal as sympathetically as possible with the following aspects :-

- (1) Special arrangements regarding rents and rates of their new dwellings to be made.
- (2) Consideration to be given to the payment of special disturbance allowances to the occupants - these payments to be in addition of course to what these people are awarded by the Arbitrator in respect of their interest in their properties.
- (3) Consideration to be given to the provision of an extra ground floor bedroom for persons who are physically disabled and who are in the habit of sleeping on the ground floor.
- (4) The possibility of providing physical help in moving house etc., for these people to be investigated. In addition the County Manager was asked to request the South Eastern Health Board to devote special attention to these people when they are moving house and subsequent to setting up in their new houses.

It was unanimously agreed to request the Government to make arrangements for the speeding up of arbitration hearings.

SHOPS IN TALBOT STREET/GREEN STREET HOUSING SCHEME

The Town Clerk pointed out that when the Talbot Street/Green Street Housing Scheme was being planned three shops existed in the area and at the request of the Borough Council he had interviewed the proprietors of all three shops to discuss their future plans with them. One of the proprietors a Mr. Bolger had indicated that he was going out of business and would be satisfied to accept compensation in respect of loss of business but the other two proprietors a Mrs. Lacey and a Mr. Bridges had intimated that they wished to be provided with alternative accommodation. The plans for the Scheme showed the provision of two shops for these people and this had been approved by the Department of

Local Government subject to the proviso that the capital cost of providing the shops could not be met from the loan for this Scheme - this capital cost would have to be met by the Corporation itself. In recent months the Town Clerk pointed out that he had had numerous discussions with Mrs. Lacey and her advisors regarding the type of alternative accommodation to be provided for her. A number of alternatives had been put forward by the Corporation but each of these had been rejected by Mrs. Lacey. These alternative proposals consisted of :-

- (i) Shop on ground floor and accommodation for Mrs. Lacey overhead.
- (ii) Shop on ground floor and flat for newly married couple overhead - the flat and the shop to have two separate entrances.

A proposal to provide a flat roofed half unit lock up shop had been rejected by the Architect on the grounds that "the omission of the first floor would be in conflict with the architectural design for the development and would not harmonise with the pitched roofes used throughout the Scheme." Mrs. Lacey had now submitted a proposal for the Corporation to provide her with a full house, the lower half to be used as shop premises and the upper portion to be used for storage. The total floor area involved would be 840 sq. ft. and the cost of the unit would be approximately £6,000. The members were informed that in the event of this type of accommodation being provided Mrs. Lacey would be required to pay the full economic rent which would amount to a considerable figure per week.

On the proposition of Alderman Roche, seconded by Alderman Byrne, it was unanimously resolved to adjourn further consideration of the matter - the Town Clerk in the meantime to inform Mrs. Lacey of the probable amount of the economic rent and to ascertain her willingness to pay same.

SALE OF CORPORATION DWELLINGS

The Town Clerk drew the attention of the members to the regulations which govern the sale of Corporation Dwellings. In the case of sales in which the purchase money is paid by means of a weekly annuity special conditions are included in the Transfer Order including inter alia a provision for the recovery by the Corporation of portion of any subsequent profit made on a re-sale of the dwelling and a provision that the consent of Wexford Corporation must be obtained before the dwelling is subsequently sold. In the case however of sales where the purchase price is paid in a lump sum the Minister for Local Government had by regulations made in 1970 deleted the special conditions as a result of which the Corporation have absolutely no control over the subsequent disposal of the house once the Transfer Order has been completed. About two years ago the Corporation had drawn the attention of the Department to the dangers inherent in this system and had pointed out "it is the opinion of the Corporation that this type of operation completely defeats the object of sales under Section 90 i.e. to dispose of housing stock to the tenants thereof at reasonable prices, and could give rise to wide scale speculation in the purchase and sale of houses provided by the Housing Authority". The Town Clerk pointed out that in the last few days information had been obtained which indicated that speculation in the sale of at least one Corporation Dwelling may have taken place.

Councillor Roche pointed out that he has submitted a motion concerning this matter for the next meeting of the Council and on the suggestion of the County Manager it was unanimously agreed to defer further discussion pending the moving of Councillor Roche's motion.

TENANCY OF NO. 6 DEVEREUX VILLAS WEXFORD

On the proposition of Alderman Byrne, seconded by Councillor Morris it was unanimously agreed that no objection be raised to the proposal of the County Manager to appoint Mr. Michael Browne as tenant of No. 6 Devereux Villas in succession to his late Mother Mrs. Kathleen Browne.

HOUSING PRIORITY LIST

On the proposition of Councillor Carr, seconded by Alderman Byrne, it was unanimously agreed that no objection would be raised to the proposal of the County Manager to allow Miss Bridget Meyler, 20 William Street to remain as No. 1 on the Corporation's Priority List for any house that may become vacant in the William Street area.

PROPERTY AT "ST. BENEDICT'S" COOLCOTTS

On the proposition of Councillor Morris, seconded by Alderman Byrne, it was unanimously agreed in principle to grant Mrs. Doreen Roberts a 31 year lease of property at "St. Benedict's", Coolcotts, at present occupied by her as a yearly tenant - the lease rent to be negotiated. It was pointed out that the proposal would again come before the Council for approval as a formal proposal of the County Manager.

LETTING OF LAND AT COOLCOTTS AND NEWTOWN

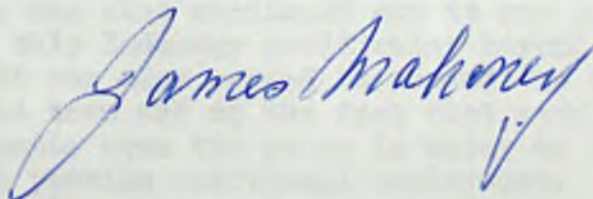
The Town Clerk informed the meeting that for the last two years Mr. Thomas Cullimore, 19 North Main Street has had the grazing of land, the property of the Corporation, at Coolcotts and Newtown Road which had been purchased from a Mr. John O'Connor. Mr. Cullimore's tenancy is now expired and the normal practice would be for the Corporation to invite tenders for the letting of the land for a further year. However an application has been received from Mr. Cullimore applying for further tenancy at a negotiated rent and Mr. Cullimore has indicated that during his tenancy he has in fact improved the quality of the land by fertilising etc.

On the proposition of Alderman Roche, seconded by Councillor Morris, it was unanimously resolved to allow Mr. Cullimore a further year's letting at a rent to be negotiated by the County Manager.

BARRY COMMEMORATION

It was unanimously agreed to ask the Minister for Education Mr. Richard Burke to perform the Wreath Laying at the Annual Barry Commemoration which it was decided would be held on Sunday, 27th October 1974 at 12.00 noon.

The Meeting then terminated.



30th September, 1974.

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 Alderman James Mahoney in the chair.

Aldermen : Peter Roche and Fergus Byrne.

An apology for inability to attend was received from Alderman Philip Corish.

Councillors : Kevin Morris, John Roche, Mrs. Avril Doyle, Joseph Furlong, Thomas Carr, James Cullimore, James Jenkins and Thomas Francis Byrne.

In attendance : Mr. K.T. Conway, Borough Engineer
Mr. D.T. Wixted, Town Clerk.

DEPUTATION TO MINISTER FOR INDUSTRY AND COMMERCE

The Meeting had been specially convened to prepare the Council's case for presentation to the Minister for Industry and Commerce, Mr. Justin Keating T.D. at meeting arranged for Talbot Hotel Wexford on Wednesday, 2nd October, 1974. The Town Clerk pointed out that apart from the members of the Borough Council representatives of Wexford Trades Council and Wexford Chamber of Commerce together with the four T.D.'s for the Constituency had also been invited to the meeting with the Minister.

The following main speakers were selected, viz :-

Councillor Furlong on the proposition of Councillor Carr, seconded by Councillor Roche;
Councillor Roche on the proposition of Alderman Roche, seconded by His Worship the Mayor, and
Councillor Byrne and Alderman Byrne on the proposition of Councillor Morris, seconded by His Worship the Mayor.

It was agreed that the present critical unemployment situation in Wexford with over 800 persons on the Unemployment Exchange should be brought home forcefully to the Minister in addition of course to the plight of other sensitive industries in the town and in particular M/s Philip Pierce & Co. In the case of M/s Pierce & Co., it was agreed to ask the Minister to provide Government help if necessary, at least in the short term, in order to enable the present employment level to be maintained. M/s Smith Ltd., was also mentioned and it was pointed out that there was no guarantee that this Industry could exist beyond 1978 in conditions of free trade. It was also agreed to remind the Minister of previous deputations from the town and of the fact that very little had been done by various Governments over the years in order to help sensitive industries in Wexford and to provide additional employment. It was also agreed that the problems besetting the agriculture and tourist industries would be brought to the Minister's attention.

M/S FINE WOOL FABRICS LIMITED

His Worship the Mayor produced a copy of a letter which had arrived in Wexford within the past few days from M/s Lister of Bradford Yorkshire indicating that M/s Lister are interested in taking over the Fine Wool Factory premises for the setting up of a Textile Industry.

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The matter was discussed fully by the Council and it was agreed to raise this matter also with the Minister at the forthcoming Meeting. In the meantime on the proposition of Councillor Jenkins, seconded by Alderman Byrne, it was unanimously resolved to enquire immediately from M/s Lister as to what their position is regarding the taking over. It was also agreed that every effort should be made to have the auction of machinery at the Fine Wool Factory which is scheduled for 23rd October, 1974 postponed at least until the position re. Lister Ltd., is clarified.

MATERIAL DEPARTURE FROM DEVELOPMENT PLAN

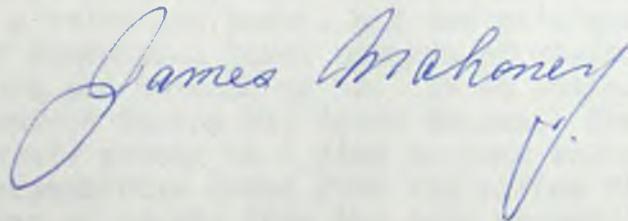
The Council discussed an outline application for permission to construct a dwelling adjacent and to the rear of No. 3 Allen Street, Wexford. The application was supported by recommendations from the County Physician and the Registrar to Doctor Staunton St. Laurence's Hospital, Richmond Whitworth and Hardwicke Hospitals, North Brunswick Street, Dublin, that as a result of a neurological condition the applicant's wife should be housed at this location.

It was pointed out that the development would materially contravene Wexford Corporation's Development Plan as the site is, while not in Corporation ownership, designated for use as a future offstreet car parking area. Considering the factors involved, planning considerations and a humane problem the Borough Engineer recommended a decision to grant an outline permission subject to certain conditions.

It was proposed by Councillor Morris, seconded by Alderman Byrne and unanimously resolved that application be made to the Minister for Local Government for sanction to a material departure from Wexford Corporation's Development Plan in order to allow outline planning permission for the construction of a dwellinghouse adjacent and to the rear of No. 3 Allen Street, Wexford, to be granted.

On the proposition of Councillor Morris, seconded by Alderman Byrne it was unanimously resolved to recommend to the County Manager that the above outline permission be granted.

The meeting then terminated.

A handwritten signature in blue ink, reading "James Mahoney". The signature is written in a cursive style with a large, sweeping initial 'J'.

7th October, 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, Alderman James Mahoney in the chair.

Aldermen : Philip Corish, Peter Roche, Fergus Byrne.

Councillors : Kevin Morris, John Roche, Joseph Furlong,
Thomas Carr, James Cullimore, James Jenkins,
Thomas Francis Byrne.

An apology for inability to attend was received from Councillor Mrs. Avril Doyle.

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 His Worship the Mayor, seconded by Councillor Byrne the sympathy of the Council was extended to the relatives of the late Mr. Thomas Larkin a former member of Wexford Borough Council and of the Town of Wexford Vocational Education Committee.

MINUTES

On the proposition of Councillor Byrne, seconded by Alderman Corish the Minutes of Special Meeting of 23rd August, 1974, of Statutory Meeting of 2nd September, 1974 and of Special Meeting of 10th September, 1974, having been circulated, were taken as read, adopted unanimously and signed by His Worship the Mayor.

DEPUTATION - WEXFORD FESTIVAL OPERA

A deputation comprising M/s S. Scallan, F.X. Butler and N. Furlong representing Wexford Festival Opera addressed the Council in connection with the Festival Council's application for a grant from Wexford Corporation towards proposed improvements at the Theatre Royal. The deputation pointed out that Wexford Opera Festival, which is organised completely on a voluntary basis, had now attained world wide renown and was a means of attracting large numbers of visitors to Wexford both during the Opera Season and outside of it. It is estimated that £250,000 is spent annually in Wexford during the Opera Season. The Festival Council have no assets and operate purely on a year to year basis. Approximately 40% of the total expenditure comes from box office receipts with the balance being met by way of grants from the Arts Council and Bord Failte and contributions from commercial sponsors and private individuals. The Festival Council are anxious to carry out certain improvements to the Theatre and initially these will consist of the provision of adequate fire escapes and certain redecorating. It is estimated that these works will cost £3,000 and the Arts Council have indicated that they will provide a grant of £1,500 towards the cost of the work provided the local authority match this grant on a pound for pound basis. The deputation requested the Council to give sympathetic consideration to its application for this grant of £1,500 and also to consider adopting a policy of making an annual contribution to the Festival Council towards the cost of carrying

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out capital works in connection with the Festival. The deputation also asked for the goodwill of the Borough Council towards the Festival and pointed out that every effort is being made to ensure that the ordinary people of Wexford can see the Operas at a reasonable cost. The economic price of a seat for the Operas at the moment is £8.00 as against £15.00 at Glyndebourne and £20.00 in Italy. In Wexford the cost of a seat is subsidised bringing the actual cost to the patron to £4.00 and £5.00.

The deputation having thanked His Worship the Mayor and the other members for their courtesy in receiving them then withdrew.

Following the withdrawal of the deputation the matter was discussed briefly by the Council and it was pointed out that the Arts Act, 1973 empowered the local authority to "assist with money or in kind or by the provision of services or facilities (including the services of staff) the Council (i.e. the Arts Council) or any person organising an exhibition or other event the effect of which when held would, in the opinion of the authority, stimulate public interest in the Arts, promote the knowledge appreciation and practice of the Arts or assist in improving the standard of the Arts." The making of a grant or assisting under the Act is a function reserved to the elected members of the Council.

On the proposition of Councillor Carr, seconded by Councillor Byrne it was unanimously resolved to defer further consideration until the annual Estimates Meeting.

MEAT MOUNTAIN

A letter was received from the Department of Agriculture in connection with recent resolution of the Borough Council concerning the distribution of meat from the meat mountain in Bantry Bay to necessitous persons. The letter pointed out that the matter is receiving attention and further letter will be sent shortly.

ROSSLARE HARBOUR FACILITIES

A letter was considered from Coras Iompair Eireann concerning the resolution of the Borough Council "that new extra stern loading facilities be provided at Rosslare Harbour". The letter stated that C.I.E. has under consideration at present a scheme for the development of Rosslare Harbour and that they are progressing this scheme as rapidly as possible.

VALUE ADDED TAX

A letter was received from the Department of Finance in reply to the further representations of the Borough Council concerning Value Added Tax on electricity and gas bills and stated that the matter has been further considered but it is regretted that for the reasons previously indicated it is not possible to accede to the Council's request.

ROSSLARE/FISHGUARD FERRY

A letter was received from British Rail in reply to a recent resolution of the Borough Council asking for the provision of a new up to date ferry on the Rosslare/Fishguard route. The letter pointed out that it has been recently announced that the "Avalon" the most luxurious ship of the Sea Link fleet is being converted to a car ferry for the Rosslare/Fishguard route at a cost estimated to be in excess of one million pounds. When converted the ship will provide accommodation for 1,200 passengers, 210 cars and 8 commercial vehicles. She will continue to operate as a two class ship each class having excellent lounges, catering and shop facilities. The "Avalon" is 6,706 tons and when she enters service on the Rosslare route next summer she will be the largest passenger and car ferry on the Irish Sea.

On the proposition of Councillor Jenkins, seconded by His Worship the Mayor, the congratulations of the Council were extended to British Rail for providing such an excellent ship on the Rosslare/Fishguard route.

PUBLIC TELEPHONE FACILITIES

A letter was received from the Department of Posts and Telegraphs confirming that in urban areas additional telephone kiosks are provided only where they are expected to pay their way. The position in all urban areas is reviewed regularly and regard is had to the use being made of existing kiosks and to the needs of large built up areas which do not have a public telephone. The letter pointed out that there is an arrangement whereby the Department will provide a telephone kiosk at a location which does not qualify in the normal course for inclusion in the kiosk programme, if the local authority formally undertakes to guarantee such a kiosk against the loss (if any) incurred in its provision and maintenance. The scheme has been availed of by a number of local authorities and the Department will be happy to supply further information if requested.

On the proposition of Alderman Corish, seconded by Councillor Jenkins, it was unanimously resolved to request the Department to supply further details of the guarantee scheme.

SUB POST OFFICE FACILITIES

A letter was received from the Department of Posts and Telegraphs in reply to the Council's request that a sub post office be established in the St. Aidan's Crescent to Liam Mellows Park area. The letter stated that "the position is that the Post Office needs of the Wexford urban area are under continuous review. While there has been a steady growth in development in the recent past the position has not yet been reached where an additional sub post office would be warranted in Wexford town. The majority of houses in the St. Aidan's Crescent to Liam Mellows Park area are within one mile of the sub post office in Barrack Street. This is not regarded as an unreasonable distance to travel to transact post office business. As already stated the matter will be kept under review and if there are any significant developments the question of providing an additional sub post office at a central point in the area will be considered. In the circumstances it is not possible to accede to the Council's request."

On the proposition of Alderman Roche, seconded by Councillor Byrne, it was decided to again refer the matter to the Department with a request that the Council's representations be further considered - particular mention to be made of the hardship incurred by old persons in having to travel such a distance to collect pensions etc.

DIFFERENTIAL RENT SCHEME

A letter was considered from the Department of Local Government concerning a recent resolution of the Borough Council requesting the Minister to reduce the differential rent scale to 25% of what is being charged at present for houses that are without the normal bathroom facilities etc. The letter pointed out that the terms of the new scheme are to apply uniformly throughout the country and were arrived at following protracted negotiations with tenants representatives and other interested bodies. The terms of the new scheme were welcomed generally throughout the country and in the circumstances the Minister regrets that the Council's request in the matter cannot be considered.

On the proposition of Councillor Roche, seconded by Alderman Roche it was unanimously decided to refer the matter back to the Department, Councillor Roche pointing out that negotiations on a national level for this

concession are now about to commence.

SALARY ADJUSTMENT CLERICAL OFFICERS

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

- (a) Officers appointed from competition held before 26th May 1964 and who did not opt to be placed on alternative scale :

1st April 1972 £998 x £42 - £1040 x £75 - £1565 x £50 -
£1965 x £60 - £2025.

1st January 1973 £1071 x £44 - £1115 x £78 - £1661 x £52 -
£2077 x £62 - £2139.

1st June 1973 £1207 x £44 - £1251 x £78 - £1563 x £84 -
£1815 x £56 - £2263 x £63 - £2326.

1st July 1973 £1212 x £44 - £1256 x £78 - £1568 x £84 -
£1820 x £56 - £2268 x £63 - £2331.

1st June 1974 £1364 x £48 - £1412 x £84 - £1748 x £90 -
£2018 x £60 - £2498 x £66 - £2564.

1st December 1974 £1482 x £49 - £1531 x £89 - £1887 x £94 -
£2169 x £63 - £2673 x £68 - £2741.

- (b) Officers appointed from competition held after 26th May 1964 :

1st April 1972 £998 x £42 - £1040 x £75 - £1565 x £40 -
£1805 x £55 - £1860 + annual allowance of
£165 on marriage.

1st January 1973 £1071 x £44 - £1115 x £78 - £1661 x £41 -
£1907 x £60 - £1967 + annual allowance of
£172 on marriage.

1st June 1973 £1207 x £44 - £1251 x £78 - £1563 x £84 -
£1815 x £44 - £2079 x £64 - £2143
+ annual allowance of £183 on marriage.

1st July 1973 £1212 x £44 - £1256 x £78 - £1568 x £84 -
£1820 x £44 - £2084 x £64 - £2148
+ annual allowance of £183 on marriage.

1st June 1974 £1364 x £48 - £1412 x £84 - £1748 x £90 -
£2018 x £47 - £2300 x £70 - £2370
+ annual allowance of £194 on marriage.

1st December 1974 £1482 x £49 - £1531 x £89 - £1887 x £94 -
£2169 x £49 - £2463 x £74 - £2537
+ annual allowance of £204 on marriage.

SUPPLEMENTARY VOTE

On the proposition of Alderman Byrne, seconded by Councillor Byrne, approval was unanimously given to expenditure in excess of that allowed in the Estimates of Expenditure and Receipts 1974 in the sum of £975 in respect of the implementation of revised salary scales for Clerical Officers with effect as from 1st April, 1972.

FINANCE - WATER SUPPLY IMPROVEMENT SCHEME

The members were informed that it is now estimated that the total all-in-cost of the Water Supply Improvement Scheme will amount to £415,000 as against an original estimate of £275,000. The main reasons for the increases were, an increase of £59,933 to the Main Contractor under the Price Variation Clause ; the financing of additional works already approved by the Council costing approximately £25,000 ; increases to subsidiary contractors under the Price Variation Clause amounting to £9,733 ; cost of Wayleaves £2,142 ; financing of waste water survey carried out prior to the commencement of the Scheme and provision for which in the sum of £12,997 had not been made in the original loan ; increase in Consultants fees amounting to £10,327.

It was pointed out that loans totalling £359,000 have already been approved by the Council and it is now required to raise an additional £56,000 to complete the Scheme.

On the proposition of Councillor Jenkins, seconded by Councillor Carr, it was unanimously resolved that application be made to the Minister for Local Government for sanction to the raising of a loan of £56,000 from the Commissioners of Public Works in Ireland for the completion of the Wexford Water Supply Improvement Scheme.

FINANCE - WEXFORD 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 £172,000 as against the original estimate of £115,000. In addition, the Town Clerk pointed out, a dispute has arisen over the amount of the final figure payable to the Contractor and this matter has now been referred to arbitration. In the event of the Contractor succeeding in his claim the total all-in-cost of the Scheme will in fact be greater than the figure now given. The main causes of the increase are, an increase of £51,320 on the main contract under the Price Variation Clause and provision for additional works already approved by the Council ; increased professional fees in the sum of £5,434.

It was pointed out that loans totalling £150,000 have already been approved by the Borough Council and it will now be necessary to raise an additional £22,000 in order to complete the Scheme.

On the proposition of Councillor 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 £22,000 from the Commissioners of Public Works in Ireland for the completion of the Wexford Main Drainage Scheme.

ESTIMATES MEETING 1975

On the proposition of Alderman Roche, seconded by Councillor Roche, it was unanimously resolved to hold a Meeting of the Finance Committee to consider the Estimates of Expenditure and Receipts 1975 on Monday, 11th November, 1974 at the usual hour.

COMMITTEE MEETINGS

On the proposition of Councillor Morris, seconded by Councillor Roche, it was unanimously resolved to hold a Meeting of the Finance Committee on Tuesday 15th October, 1974 at 7.30 p.m. to consider applications for waiver of rates 1974 ; this Meeting to be followed by a Meeting of the Ferrybank Management Committee.

ENGINEERING STAFF

On the proposition of Alderman Corish, seconded by Councillor Morris, it was unanimously resolved that approval be given to the proposal of the County Manager to increase the number of permanent major offices under Wexford Corporation by (i) by the appointment of a Chief Assistant Borough Engineer.

TRAFFIC ROUTE LIGHTING - REDMOND PLACE/HILL STREET

On the proposition of Alderman Roche, seconded by Councillor Furlong approval was unanimously given to the proposals of Wexford County Council for Traffic Route Lighting at Redmond Place/Hill Street as follows :-

4 No. 400W MBF/U (Mercury fluorescent) lanterns between Temperance Row junction and Redmond Place ;

16 No. 140W SLI/H (sodium) lanterns in remainder, and that Wexford Corporation would accept liability for the payment of the increased annual charges for the lighting of this area amounting to £279.72.

TRAFFIC LIGHTING ANNUAL CHARGES - ARTERIAL AND MAIN ROADS

It was proposed by Councillor Byrne, seconded by Alderman Roche and unanimously resolved that application be made to the Minister for Local Government for a grant from the Road Fund towards the cost of meeting the annual charges on traffic route lighting on arterial and main roads within the Borough.

PUBLIC LIGHTING SPAWELL ROAD

The Borough Engineer was requested to examine the possibility of improving the public lighting system on the Spawell Road from its junction with Hill Street to the Borough Boundary.

TALBOT STREET/GREEN STREET HOUSING SCHEME

The members considered the proposal of the County Manager to amend the layout for the Talbot Street/Green Street Housing Scheme in order to allow seven houses situated at the Eastern side of Talbot Street and at present occupied mostly by old persons to remain standing for the time being. This will mean that ten houses on that block cannot be built for the time being but it is intended to go ahead with the remainder of the houses on the block thereby splitting the block into two. It will also mean that a certain traffic hazard will exist in Talbot Street as long as these houses remain standing and will also of course involve negotiation with the Contractor on the question of reduced work and the possible payment of compensation. The sanction of the Minister for Local Government will also be necessary to any proposed amendment.

On the proposition of His Worship the Mayor the Council agreed with the proposals of the County Manager to alter the layout in order to allow the seven houses to remain standing and on the proposition of Alderman Roche, seconded by Councillor Jenkins, the Manager was asked to give favourable consideration to granting the concessions regarding rent and disturbance allowance already agreed, to any tenants in the seven houses who wish at this stage to be appointed tenants to new houses in the area and to vacate their present houses.

TALBOT STREET/GREEN STREET HOUSING SCHEME - SHOPS

It was proposed by Alderman Roche, seconded by Alderman Byrne and unanimously resolved that consideration of proposals for the provision of alternative shop accommodation for two persons in the Talbot Street/Green Street Housing Scheme be deferred until after the Arbitration Sitting.

FLOODING AT BISHOPSWATER

The Council considered Preliminary Report from its Consulting Engineer on proposals to rectify flooding on part of Bishopswater Housing Estate adjacent to Wexford Golf Club. The proposals have been examined and recommended by the Borough Engineer and the Chief Medical Officer and are estimated to cost £10,300. The work proposed basically comprises 750 and 600 m.m. pipe from an intake in the Golf Course laid over a distance of 160 meters to the Bishopswater stream at Distillery Road. The question of the liability of the Golf Club for the flooding and of a contribution from them towards the cost of the work is at present being examined.

On the proposition of Councillor Byrne, seconded by His Worship the Mayor approval in principle was unanimously given to the proposals - the liability of the Golf Club to contribute towards the cost to be thoroughly investigated before any work commences.

DENTAL SERVICE AT LOCAL CLINIC

It was proposed by His Worship the Mayor, seconded by Councillor Byrne and unanimously resolved "that the Wexford Borough Council call on the South-Eastern Health Board for a better dental service than the existing one at the local clinic".

CROSSING NEAR WEXFORD BRIDGE

It was proposed by His Worship the Mayor, seconded by Councillor Byrne and unanimously resolved "that this Council have traffic lights erected on the Quay near the New bridge".

It was pointed out that this would be a matter for Wexford County Council and it was agreed to refer the matter to the County Council.

SUSPENSION OF STANDING ORDERS

On the proposition of Councillor Roche, seconded by Councillor Furlong it was unanimously resolved "that Standing Orders be suspended in order to allow the Council to proceed with the business of the Meeting until 10 p.m.

ARREARS OF RENT

It was proposed by Councillor Roche, seconded by Alderman Roche "that the Town Clerk give an explanation as to why certain letters were sent out to a small number of tenants in connection with arrears of rent which have accumulated since the rent strike".

In reply the Town Clerk pointed out that at the settlement of the rent strike the Minister for Local Government had requested housing authorities to allow tenants who had been withholding rents and who did not avail of their Tenants Association Saving Scheme, to clear arrears by payment of lump sums, to pay their arrears on a regular basis over a period of up to two years by an addition to their normal weekly rent. The amount in excess over the normal rent to be determined having regard to the

tenant's circumstances and ability to pay. The Town Clerk pointed out that the County Manager had been more than lenient in his application of the Minister's request and in fact arrangements had been made with some tenants whereby it would take three and perhaps four years before the accumulated arrears would be finally cleared. The position regarding the vast majority of tenants was entirely satisfactory and regular payments are being made off their arrears. In the case however of a small group of tenants numbering 36 extreme difficulty has been experienced by the Corporation in having these people pay their arrears and in fact in some cases the arrears at this stage now exceeded the arrears at the settlement of the rent strike. No effort had been made by these tenants to pay off their arrears and accordingly it had been necessary to point out to them that unless a genuine and sustained effort to clear their arrears was forthcoming the Council would have to consider alternative measures to solve the problem. The Local Tenants and Residents Association had been asked to use their good offices with these tenants in order to try and bring about an improvement.

The Town Clerk pointed out further that arrears of rent accumulated during the rent strike amounted at 30th June, 1974 to £23,667 while arrears at 30th September, 1974 amounted to £21,600.

TENANT PURCHASE SCHEMES

It was proposed by Councillor Roche, seconded by Alderman Roche and unanimously resolved "that this Corporation calls on the Government to amend the present Tenant Purchase Act to avoid speculation and abuse in cash transactions".

The Town Clerk pointed out that the Minister had introduced amending regulations on 18th September, 1974 which would put an end to the abuses referred to by the members. The position was that since 1970 tenants who purchased their houses for cash were not subject to any control by the Corporation in a subsequent disposal of the house either by way of having to obtain the permission of the Corporation or by way of having to contribute a proportion of the added value to the Corporation. Tenants who purchased their houses on a weekly annuity basis were however subject to these controls. The new regulations had now re-introduced these controls in cases where houses were purchased outright for cash and in future purchasers of such houses would require the consent of the Corporation to a subsequent disposal and might also be required to contribute portion of the profit on resale to the Corporation.

TENDERS FOR VAN

The following tenders for the supply of Van were opened by His Worship the Mayor, viz :-

Talbot Garage Limited :	Austin 350 KG 7 owt. Van	£1,150.00
Boggans Auto Service :	H A E 6 owt. Bedford Van	£1,021.00
" " "	H A V 10 owt. Bedford Van	£1,086.00
Doyles Garage :	Simca 11 owt. Van	£1,056.82

The tenders were referred to the County Manager for report and recommendation.

ADJOURNMENT

It was unanimously agreed to adjourn the remaining items on the Agenda to a Special Meeting of the Council to be held on Wednesday 9th October, 1974 at 7.30 p.m.

The meeting then terminated.

9th October, 1974.

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, Alderman James Mahoney in the chair.

Aldermen : Peter Roche and Fergus Byrne.
An apology for inability to attend was received from Alderman Philip Corish.

Councillors: Kevin Morris, John Roche, Joseph Furlong,
Thomas Carr, James Cullimore, James Jenkins,
Apologies for inability to attend were received from Councillors Mrs. Avril Doyle and Thomas Francis 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 and R. Lynn, Borough Accountant.

TRAFFIC HAZARD - ABBEY STREET/GEORGE STREET

It was proposed by Alderman Byrne, seconded by Councillor Carr, and unanimously resolved "that this Corporation ask E.S.B. to remove poles from footpath in Abbey Street as it is a hazard to traffic and that road markings be painted on the roadway 30 or 40 feet from Abbey Street/George Street cross".

It was agreed that the E.S.B. be requested to remove the poles referred to and that the Borough Engineer examine the question of providing suitable roadway markings. It was also agreed that the Borough Engineer would examine the possibility of widening the roadway at the Southern side of the Abbey Street/George Street junction.

LIGHTING OF WEXFORD BRIDGE

It was proposed by Alderman Byrne, seconded by Alderman Roche, and unanimously resolved "that this Corporation call on Wexford County Council to have the lights restored on the New Bridge (entrance to Pool) now that the evenings are getting dark and also to have damaged railings repaired".

The Town Clerk pointed out that a new lighting system was being installed by the County Council on the Bridge but he was unsure as to whether the actual order had as yet been placed with the E.S.B. He would enquire from the County Council as to the position and also regarding the replacement of the damaged railings. Regarding the entrance to the Swimming Pool the Town Clerk pointed out that it is intended to provide a number of additional public lights in that area and that plans for the completion of the Ferrybank Development as an amenity area would be coming before the Council at an early date.

COUNTY WEXFORD TOURIST DEVELOPMENT OFFICER

It was proposed by Councillor Jenkins, seconded by Councillor Carr and unanimously resolved "that recognising tourism as a major industry in Co. Wexford, we the members of Wexford Corporation deplore and condemn the proposed removal of our Co. Wexford Tourist Development Officer from Wexford to Waterford. This at a time when other industrial employment is in jeopardy"

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Alderman Roche withdrew the motion on similar lines standing in his name on the Agenda.

It was decided that copies of the resolution be forwarded to the Minister for Transport and Power to Bord Failte Eireann and to the South Eastern Regional Tourism Organisation and that the value of a resident Tourist Officer to the County be highlighted with particular reference to the achievements which the present holder of the office had attained in the way of development of the Wexford Tourist Industry and the development of Wexford as a Conference Centre during her term of office here.

HEALTH BOARD REPRESENTATION

It was proposed by Alderman Roche, seconded by Councillor Roche and unanimously resolved "that this Council call on the Minister for Health to give Wexford Corporation representation on the local committee of the South East Health Board".

WEXFORD WATER SUPPLY

It was proposed by Councillor Cullimore, seconded by Alderman Byrne and unanimously resolved "that the Corporation immediately look into the water supply position of the town and if necessary arrange that facilities at Newtown be duplicated as soon as possible.

The Borough Engineer pointed out that he is already having discussions with the Corporation's Consulting Engineer regarding future improvements in the Water Supply Scheme and that Wexford County Council who also take water from the Sow River were also being consulted in the matter. At the moment the total usage in the town is approximately 1.8 million gallons per day and it appeared that quite a sizeable portion of this water was in fact being wasted due to deficiencies in the distribution system. During the next few months a major review of the distribution system within the town would be carried out and the overall position regarding supply and future requirements would be continually kept under review.

PEDESTRIAN CROSSING AT TRINITY STREET

It was proposed by Councillor Furlong, seconded by Alderman Roche and unanimously resolved "that Wexford County Council be requested to provide pedestrian crossing at Trinity Street near its junction with Parnell Street".

MEETINGS RE. INDUSTRIAL SITUATION

It was proposed by Councillor Furlong, seconded by Councillor Roche and unanimously resolved "that Press representatives be invited to attend all future meetings between Wexford Borough Council, Local T.D.'s and I.D.A. representatives".

TIDY TOWNS COMPETITION 1974

The Council considered the report of the Adjudicators on the Tidy Towns Competition 1974. The Report indicated that Wexford had secured 90 marks out of a possible 150 which was an increase of 1 mark over the total mark for 1973. The Town was placed in the "good" category.

A discussion took place on the Report and the problem of litter in the town was once again highlighted. It was suggested that His Worship the Mayor should visit the schools in support of an anti litter campaign and that the matter would again come before the Council for discussion before the commencement of the next Competition.

On the proposition of Alderman Byrne, seconded by Councillor Carr the congratulations of the Council were extended to Blackwater on their outstanding achievement once again in the 1974 Tidy Towns Competition.

WEXFORD TRAFFIC PLAN

On the proposition of Alderman Byrne, seconded by Councillor Morris it was unanimously resolved that consideration of the Wexford Traffic Plan be adjourned until after the proposed meeting with Wexford County Council to discuss traffic improvements in Wexford town and environs.

The members were informed that because of the increased estimated cost which now amounted to £60,000 the proposed easing of the corners of Crescent Quay by Wexford County Council would not now be carried out. Alternative proposals including the building of a bridge over the Crescent are at present being discussed by the County Council with the Department of Local Government. The members were also informed that application had been made by the Corporation to the Department of Local Government to have the £10,000 originally allocated for this work for 1974 diverted to Wexford Corporation in support of its Traffic Management Programme.

On the proposal of Councillor Jenkins, seconded by Councillor Morris the Council confirmed its previous decision regarding the Western Distributor Road, i.e. that any proposed new road would not pass through the property of the Presentation Convent at Grogan's Road and thus interfere with their plans for the building of a new School.

DISPOSAL OF NO. 28 CORISH PARK, WEXFORD

On the proposition of Councillor Morris, seconded by Councillor Carr, approval was unanimously given to the proposal of the County Manager to dispose of house No. 28 Corish Park, Wexford, to the tenant thereof, Mr. James Kirwan, on the terms as set out in Notice dated 25th September, 1974 and circulated to each member of Wexford Borough Council, viz, for the sum of £1,627.

DISPOSAL OF NO. 35 DAVITT ROAD SOUTH WEXFORD

On the proposition of Councillor Morris, seconded by Councillor Carr, approval was unanimously given to the proposal of the County Manager to dispose of house No. 35 Davitt Road South, Wexford, to the tenant thereof, Mr. James Boggan, on the terms as set out in Notice dated 25th September, 1974 and circulated to each member of Wexford Borough Council, viz, for the sum of £1,535.

DISPOSAL OF NO. 45 McDERMOTT TERRACE WEXFORD

On the proposition of Councillor Morris, seconded by Councillor Carr, 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 25th September, 1974 and circulated to each member of Wexford Borough Council, viz, for the sum of £1,704.

DISPOSAL OF NO. 32 WHITEROCK VIEW WEXFORD

On the proposition of Councillor Morris, seconded by Councillor Carr, approval was unanimously given to the proposal of the County Manager to dispose of house No. 32 Whiterock View, Wexford, to the tenant thereof, Mrs. Nancy Clarke, on the terms as set out in Notice dated 25th September, 1974 and circulated to each member of the Wexford Borough Council, viz, for the sum of £395.

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BARRY COMMEMORATION

Mr. Richard Burke T.D. Minister for Education has kindly consented to lay the Wreath at the Barry Statue Crescent Quay on Sunday 27th October next and on the proposition of Alderman Roche, seconded by Councillor Morris, it was unanimously resolved that Mr. Lorcan Allen T.D. be requested to place the Wreath on the Maritime Memorial at Crescent Quay on the same date.

SPEED LIMITS.

The Council considered a circular from the Department of Local Government setting out new procedures to be adopted in the fixing of speed limits and on the proposition of Councillor Roche, seconded by Alderman Roche it was unanimously resolved that the Minister be requested to introduce amending legislation in order to allow speed limits of less than 30 m.p.h. to be imposed particularly in housing estates. It was also suggested by Councillor Furlong that the Garda Authorities be asked to mount another speed limit campaign in the town.

WEXFORD BOROUGH COUNCIL STANDING ORDERS

On the proposition of Councillor Morris, seconded by Alderman Byrne it was unanimously resolved to await the preparation of model Standing Orders as promised by the Department of Local Government before amending the present Borough Council Standing Orders. It was pointed out that a proposal to provide such a model has been set out in the Discussion Document on Local Government Reorganisation issued by the present Minister for Local Government.

On the proposition of Councillor Jenkins, seconded by Alderman Roche it was unanimously resolved that the following items be listed on future agendas immediately after Notices of Motion, viz :-

- (1) Acknowledgments of resolutions passed at previous Meetings.
- (2) Correspondence.

TENANCY OF BUNGALOW AT NO. 2 COLLEGE VIEW

No objection was raised by the Council to the proposal of the County Manager to appoint Miss Mary Kate Sinnott 22 Lower John Street Wexford as tenant of vacant bungalow at No. 2 College View in view of reports on Miss Sinnott's present accommodation submitted by both the Borough Engineer and the Chief Medical Officer.

TOWN CREST

On the proposition of Alderman Byrne, seconded by Councillor Jenkins, approval was unanimously given to M/s Wexford Arts Centre Limited to incorporate the Wexford Coat of Arms on their Headed Notepaper etc.

QUESTIONS

In reply to questions Councillor Roche was informed :

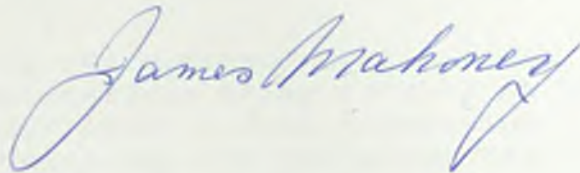
- (a) Some land has been purchased by the Corporation for housing development at the rear of the Abbey Cinema but it is now necessary to prepare a Compulsory Purchase Order Map and to negotiate with the owners of gardens in the area with a view to purchasing portions of these gardens before development could take place.

- (b) In connection with the setting up of the proposed mobile repair unit the Borough Engineer has arranged for the purchase of up to date woodcutting machinery together with the purchase of a van and the employment of additional trades people.

Alderman Roche was informed :

- (a) It is hopefully expected that the new housing list will be finalized in about two month's time.
- (b) It is likely that the new traffic bye-laws will come into operation at the commencement of next year.
- (c) The hold up in allowing the tenant of No. 84 St. Aidan's Crescent to purchase his dwellinghouse is caused by lack of engineering staff to inspect and programme necessary repair works and to prepare a Deed Map for the Transfer Order.

The Meeting then terminated.

A handwritten signature in blue ink, reading "James Mahoney". The signature is written in a cursive style with a large, looping initial 'J'.

30th October, 1974

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The members present were :-

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Aldermen : Peter Roche and Fergus Byrne.

Councillors : Kevin Morris, John Roche, Mrs. Avril Doyle, Joseph Furlong, James Cullimore, James Jenkins, Thomas Francis Byrne.

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In attendance : Mr. Richard Lynn, Acting Town Clerk.

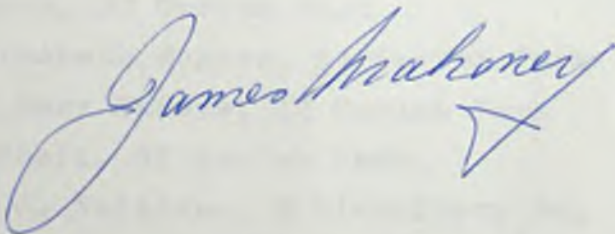
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It was further agreed that a copy of the resolution be forwarded to the Four T.D.'s for their attention with a requisition that they use their good offices in this matter.

The Meeting then terminated.

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15th October, 1974

A Meeting of the Finance Committee of 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 James Mahoney in the chair.

Aldermen : Philip Corish, Peter Roche, Fergus Byrne.

Councillors : Kevin Morris, John Roche, Thomas Carr,
James Cullimore, Thomas Francis Byrne.

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

In attendance : Mr. Kevin T. Conway, Borough Engineer
Mr. D.T. Wixted, Town Clerk
Mr. R. Lynn, Borough Accountant.

WAIVER OF RATES

The Council considered applications received for Waiver of Rates 1974 and it was unanimously resolved that the following recommendations be submitted to the County Manager, viz :-

<u>NAME AND ADDRESS:</u>	<u>RATES</u> <u>1974:</u> £	<u>AMOUNT</u> <u>WAIVED:</u> £	<u>AMOUNT</u> <u>PAYABLE:</u> £
Mary Murphy, 5 Bishopswater	58.14	38.14	20.00
Mary Kate Nolan, 33 Bishopswater	58.14	53.14	5.00
Mary Ellen Murphy, 48 Bishopswater	58.14	58.14	-
Mary Ann Kelly, 54 Bishopswater	58.14	43.14	15.00
Margaret Murphy, 55 Bishopswater	58.14	48.14	10.00
James Kells, 60 Bishopswater	58.14	53.14	5.00
Mary Ellen Malone, 76 Bishopswater	58.14	53.14	5.00
John Mernagh, 91 Bishopswater	58.14	48.14	10.00
Laurence Walsh, 98 Bishopswater	58.14	48.14	10.00
John Murphy, 102 Bishopswater	58.14	43.14	15.00
Mary Bridget Roche, 108 Bishopswater	58.14	58.14	-
Robert Maguire, 118 Bishopswater	58.14	53.14	5.00
John Boyce, 20 Corish Park	58.14	53.14	5.00
Mary Elizabeth Hughes, 51 Corish Park	58.14	53.14	5.00
Bridget Mary Waters, 72 Corish Park	58.14	53.14	5.00
Hannah Sheil, 87 Corish Park	58.14	53.14	5.00
Patrick J. Sullivan, 9 Distillery Rd.	27.36	2.36	25.00
Mrs. Sarah Kearns, 21 Distillery Rd.	27.36	22.36	5.00
Josephine C. Roche, 6 Davitt Rd. Sth.	34.20	34.20	-
Peter Hore, 8 Davitt Rd. South	34.20	-	34.20
Mrs. Angela Murphy, 11 Davitt Rd. Sth.	34.20	-	34.20

<u>NAME AND ADDRESS:</u>	<u>RATES 1974:</u>	<u>AMOUNT WAIVED:</u>	<u>AMOUNT PAYABLE:</u>
	£	£	£
Mrs. Bridget Roche, 12 Davitt Rd. Sth.	34.20	14.20	20.00
Alphonsus Mahon, 10 Davitt Rd. Nth.	34.20	-	34.20
Kathleen Furlong, "Tolka" Fishers Row	25.65	10.65	15.00
Mrs. Mary E. Wildes, 13 Columbas Vls.	37.62	32.62	5.00
Sarah Roice, 11 St. Enda's Terrace Monument Place	30.78	15.78	15.00
John Murphy, 9 Whiterock View	30.78	-	30.78
Mrs. Mary Jones, 15 Whiterock View	30.78	20.78	10.00
Edward Carroll, 40 Whiterock View	34.20	19.20	15.00
Margaret Nolan, 14 Antelope Road	30.78	-	30.78
Michael Cosgrave, 1 Saltee Ave.	27.36	-	27.36
George Crosbie, 6 Saltee Ave.	27.36	22.36	5.00
John Tottenham, 9 Saltee Ave.	27.36	27.36	-
Mrs. Margaret Carty, 27 Gulbar Rd.	30.78	-	30.78
Bridget Byrne, 31 Gulbar Road	30.78	15.78	15.00
James Morris, 20 Bernadette Place	58.14	58.14	-
Ita Gallagher, 11 St. Aidans Cres.	58.14	48.14	10.00
Mrs. Annie Duggan, 1 College View	23.94	23.94	-
Miss Mary Kate Sinnott, 2 College View	23.94	23.94	-
Miss Josephine Swords, 3 College View	23.94	18.94	5.00
Mrs. Mary Corish, 4 College View	23.94	18.94	5.00
Mrs. Alice Byrne, 7 College View	23.94	18.94	5.00
James Whelan, 5 College View	23.94	8.94	15.00
Mrs. Anastatia Sinnott, 6 College View	23.94	23.94	-
John Lacey, 9 College View	23.94	-	23.94
Miss Nora O'Brien, 10 College View	23.94	23.94	-
Bridget O'Leary, 11 College View	23.94	23.94	-
Mrs. Ellen Scanlon, 12 College View	23.94	18.94	5.00
Mary B. Rutledge, 14 William St.	18.81	13.81	5.00
Josephine O'Neill, 22 William St.	27.36	22.36	5.00
Mrs. Kathleen Harpur, 26 William St.	22.23	17.23	5.00
James O'Leary, 31 William Street	29.07	-	29.07
Nellie Sheridan, 43 William Street	37.62	22.62	15.00
Mary Huron, 45 William Street	27.36	22.36	5.00
Sarah Higginbotham, 48 William St.	27.36	22.36	5.00
Miss Catherine Grannell, 49 William St.	61.56	61.56	-
Mrs. Eileen Duggan, 60 William St.	27.36	27.36	-
Margaret M. O'Leary, 72 William St.	27.36	27.36	-
Mrs. Mary Smyth, 6 Thomas Street	20.52	-	20.52

<u>NAME AND ADDRESS:</u>	<u>RATES 1974:</u>	<u>AMOUNT WAIVED:</u>	<u>AMOUNT PAYABLE:</u>
	£	£	£
Miss Catherine Kehoe, 10 The Faythe	27.36	22.36	5.00
Patrick Browne, 29 The Faythe	17.10	7.10	10.00
Annie Kavanagh, 32 The Faythe	27.36	27.36	-
Mrs. Mary Nolan, 45 The Faythe	10.26	-	10.26
James Kehoe, 83 The Faythe	15.39	10.39	5.00
Elizabeth Marlow, 107 The Faythe	20.52	-	20.52
Mary Alice Dolan, 6 Wygram Place	23.76	18.76	5.00
Anne Byrne, 30 Wygram Place	23.94	18.94	5.00
May Phillips, Wygram Place	54.72	54.72	-
Misses Jenny & Doris Fennell, 11 Lower George Street	112.86	84.65	28.21
Mrs. Violet B. Frizelle, 18 Upper George Street	109.44	94.44	15.00
Mrs. Mary Ellen Curren, 38 Abbey Street	61.56	46.56	15.00
Thomas Lacey, 3 Colbert Street	35.91	25.91	10.00
Miss Mary Kate Murphy, 2 O'Connell Ave.	34.20	34.20	-
Michael Mahon, 4 O'Connell Avenue	34.20	19.20	15.00
Alf Keating, 8 O'Connell Avenue	34.20	19.20	15.00
Christopher Hynes, 9 O'Connell Ave.	34.20	29.20	5.00
Mrs. Clare Firman, 11 O'Connell Ave.	34.20	34.20	-
Miss Helena M. Kinsella, 9 Grogan's Rd.	34.20	24.20	10.00
George Allen, 9 Casa Rio	95.76	80.76	15.00
Patrick Murphy, 11 Casa Rio	95.76	71.82	23.94
Mary Moran, 45 Commercial Quay	82.08	82.08	-
Patricia Carty, 58 King Street	20.52	15.52	5.00
John Murphy, 76 King Street	34.20	-	34.20
John P. Blake, Maudlintown	63.27	48.27	15.00
Miss K. Doyle, 41 School Street	75.24	40.00	35.24
Christina Kavanagh, "St. Anne's" ⁴⁵ School St.	47.88	-	47.88
Annie Meyler, 2A McDonagh Street	75.24	75.24	-
Richard Codd, 34 Parnell Street	20.52	15.52	5.00
Mary Higginbotham, 37 Parnell Street	37.62	22.62	15.00
Mary Ann Doran, 1 Barrack Street	61.56	56.56	5.00
Mrs. Mary Cole, 2 Barrack Street	27.36	12.36	15.00
Miss K. Ryan, 3 Barrack Street	10.26	5.26	5.00
John Lacey, 6 Upper Barrack Street	11.97	-	11.97
Kathleen Doyle, 11 Barrack Street	25.65	-	25.65
Mrs. Margaret Bergin, 3 Roche's Tce.	23.94	3.94	20.00
Margaret Cleary, 4 Roche's Terrace	23.94	23.94	-
Rev. Nicholas F. Lambert 12 Lr. John St.	64.98	-	64.98
Nicholas Redmond, 2 St. John's Ave.	35.91	25.91	10.00
Lilly P. Murphy, "Rossmore" Lr. St. Johns Rd.	61.56	46.56	15.00

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Thomas Devereux, "Alverna" St. John's Road	81.08	-	81.08
Elizabeth Salmon, 9 Mary Street	18.81	18.81	-
William Joseph Hayes, 14 Mary St.	32.94	-	32.94
James Dempsey, 5 Clifford Street	27.36	27.36	-
Catherine Mernagh, 4 Joseph Street	23.94	8.94	15.00
Annie O'Neill, Talbot Street	13.68	8.68	5.00
John Stafford, 84 South Main Street	47.88	27.88	20.00
Mrs. Mary Sheil, 7 Menapia Avenue	35.91	35.91	-
Sarah Kelly, 17 Michael Street	39.90	24.90	15.00
William Watkins, 1 Spafield Ave.	44.46	24.46	20.00
Mrs. Bridget Rowe, 3 Spafield Ave.	44.46	-	44.46
Anna M. Furlong, 4 Green Street	34.20	-	34.20
Thomas Doyle, 10A Green Street	34.20	-	34.20
Mrs. Margaret Sweetman, 3A Mary St.	22.23	22.23	-
Mrs. Bridget Carty, 6 Upper Bride St.	20.52	15.52	5.00
Miss Margaret Vaughy, 6 St. Peter's Sq.	39.33	19.33	20.00
Elizabeth P. Salmon, 8 St. Peter's Sq.	39.33	34.33	5.00
James Allen, 2 Slaney Street	41.04	16.04	25.00.

OLD PERSONS FLATS

On the proposition of Alderman Roche it was resolved to recommend to the Chief Medical Officer and the County Manager that the application of Mr. Thomas Byrne Junior, 12 St. Columba's Villas, should receive special consideration when the allocation of the Old Person's Flats at John's Gate Street and Lower John Street is being made.

The Meeting then terminated.

James Mahoney

15th October, 1974

A Meeting of the Ferrybank Management Committee was held this day in the Council Chamber, Municipal Buildings, Wexford, at the conclusion of the Finance Committee Meeting.

The members present were :-

His Worship the Mayor Alderman James Mahoney in the chair.

Aldermen : Philip Corish, Peter Roche, Fergus Byrne.

Councillors : Kevin Morris, John Roche, Thomas Carr,
James Cullimore, Thomas Francis Byrne.

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

In attendance : Mr. Kevin T. Conway, Borough Engineer
Mr. D.T. Wixted, Town Clerk
Mr. R. Lynn, Borough Accountant.

FERRYBANK SWIMMING POOL

Capital Cost: The members were informed that it is estimated that the final all-in-cost of the Ferrybank Swimming Pool will amount to £105,000 approximately and provision has already been made for £85,000 of this amount. During the current year a grant of £4,000 had been received from Wexford County Council but it has now been decided to use this money for revenue purposes - sometime during 1975 application will be made to the Minister for Local Government for sanction to the raising of an additional loan of £20,000 to wipe out the debit balance on capital account.

County Council Contribution: As already pointed out a contribution of £4,000 was received from Wexford County Council in 1974 and application has been made for a similar grant per year on a continuing basis. The matter had been dealt with at a recent meeting of the County Council and a grant of £1,000 had been allocated for 1975. The meeting felt that this contribution is entirely inadequate considering the use which persons residing outside the Borough of Wexford have of the Swimming Pool and it was unanimously decided that a further approach would be made to the County Council to reconsider their decision in the matter.

Charges: The Borough Accountant recommended that the following revised scale of charges should apply - his recommendations are based on the experience of the running of the Pool for the first two months or so of operation, viz :

Adult	20p per hour in lieu of 25p per hour
Child	10p per hour in lieu of 5p per hour
School Groups	£4.00 per hour as heretofore
Youth Groups	£5.00 per hour as heretofore
Adult Groups	£7.00 per hour in lieu of £10.00 per hour.

On the proposition of Councillor Byrne, seconded by Councillor Morris the recommendations of the Borough Accountant were unanimously adopted and it was agreed that the Borough Accountant would have discretion in making arrangements with Groups for the use of the Pool.

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Staff:

The members were informed that the County Manager, on the recommendation of the Interview Board set up for the purpose, has now appointed the following permanent staff, viz :

Caretaker/Operator	:	Mr. John P. Barry;
Assistant Caretaker/Attendant	:	Mr. William Murphy;
Cashier/Lady Attendant	:	Mrs. Patricia Marian Kehoe.

Provision of Transport:

On the proposition of Councillor Morris, seconded by Councillor Byrne, it was unanimously resolved to request the Minister for Education and Coras Iompair Eireann to allow school buses to be used to transport school children from the various schools in the town to the Swimming Pool.

Swimming Instructor:

The Borough Accountant pointed out that it is not necessary for Groups to provide a Swimming Instructor of their own. If the Group wishes to use the Pool during normal opening hours the permanent staff will be on duty and will provide lifesaving facilities. If, however, a Group wishes to use the Pool outside of normal opening hours it will be necessary for them to at least provide their own life-guard as the Pool cannot be used unless a qualified life-guard is at all times on duty on the Pool deck.

Miscellaneous:

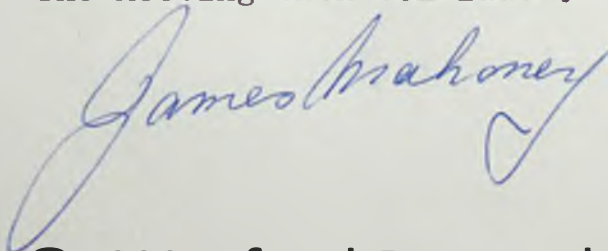
The following matters were raised by members for investigation by the officials.

- 1) The possibility of selling tickets for sessions in advance in order to prevent young children being pushed aside by teenagers and adults who join the queue at a later stage.
- 2) The possibility of providing some markings on the ceiling to indicate the end of lanes to swimmers using the back stroke.
- 3) The provision of additional seating facilities in the dressing rooms.

Official Opening:

The members were informed that the Minister for Local Government has suggested that An Tanaiste Mr. Brendan Corish T.D., would perform the Official Opening Ceremony and tentative arrangements have been made to hold the Ceremony on the 9th November, 1974 in the morning - the Opening Ceremony to be followed by a short gala and luncheon.

The Meeting then concluded.



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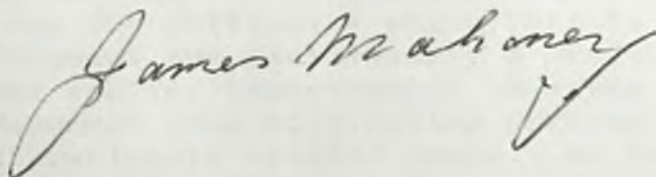
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It was further agreed that a copy of the resolution be forwarded to the four T.D.'s for their attention with a requisition that they use their good offices in this matter.

The Meeting then terminated.



4th November, 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 Alderman James Mahoney in the chair.

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Councillors : Kevin Morris, John Roche, Mrs. Avril Doyle, Joseph Furlong, Thomas Carr, James Cullimore, James Jenkins, Thomas Francis Byrne.

In attendance : Mr. K.T. Conway, Borough Engineer
Mr. R. Lynn, Borough Accountant
Mr. D.T. Wixted, Town Clerk.

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

SYMPATHY

On the proposition of Councillor Morris, seconded by Councillor Byrne, the sympathy of the Council was extended to the relatives of the late Mr. Fran Moran.

On the proposition of Councillor Byrne, seconded by Councillor Carr, the sympathy of the Council was extended to Mr. Thomas Roche, William Street, a former member of the Borough Council and to the other members of the family on the recent death of Mr. Roche's Mother.

MINUTES

On the proposition of Councillor Morris, seconded by Alderman Byrne, the Minutes of Special Meeting of 30th September 1974, of Quarterly Meeting of 7th October 1974, of Adjourned Quarterly Meeting of 9th October 1974 and of Special Meeting of 30th October 1974 having been circulated, were taken as read, adopted unanimously and signed by His Worship the Mayor.

Arising out of Minutes of Adjourned Quarterly Meeting of 9th October, 1974, Councillor Jenkins referred to current traffic improvements being carried out by Wexford County Council at the Redmond Monument and the difficulty which this is creating for Traders adjacent to the Monument and particularly a Mrs. Quaid who has a shop there. Part of the traffic improvements involves the erection of a kerb around the Monument thus eliminating parking space for a number of vehicles which previously existed there. He proposed that Wexford County Council be asked to endeavour to provide some parking area around the Monument. This was seconded by Alderman Roche and unanimously adopted - Councillor Byrne having reservations about the effect which this would have on the efficacy of the traffic improvements.

REPORT OF FINANCE COMMITTEE

On the proposition of Councillor Roche, seconded by Councillor Carr, the Minutes of Finance Committee Meeting of 15th October, 1974 having been circulated, were taken as read, adopted unanimously and signed by His Worship the Mayor.

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REPORT OF FERRYBANK MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE

On the proposition of Alderman Byrne, seconded by Councillor Morris, the Minutes of Ferrybank Management Committee Meeting of 15th October, 1974, having been circulated, were taken as read, adopted unanimously and signed by His Worship the Mayor.

Arising out of the Report Councillor Jenkins suggested that a Schedule of the Pool Opening Hours should be displayed at the Pool and this suggestion was referred to the Borough Engineer.

The Town Clerk informed the Members that the Official Opening of the Pool would be performed by An Tanaiste Mr. Brendan Corish T.D., on Sunday 17th November, 1974 at 11.30 a.m. The Official Opening will be followed by a luncheon the cost of which will be borne by the Contractor and the various Professional Advisors involved in the construction of the Pool.

The Council discussed briefly the refusal of Wexford County Council to raise their contribution towards the upkeep of the Pool for 1975 from the original figure of £1,000 and it was agreed that a motion would be introduced in the County Council requesting a substantial increase in the contribution.

PURCHASE OF VAN

The Council considered the report of the Borough Engineer on tenders received for the purchase of a van as follows :-

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| (1) | Doyles Garage, Wexford, | : | Simca 1100 Van (8 Cwt) £1,056.82 including V.A.T. | |
| (2) | Boggans Auto Service, | : | Bedford 6 cwt Van including V.A.T. | £1,077.50 |
| (3) | Talbot Garage Ltd., | : | Austin 7 cwt Van including V.A.T. | £1,150.00 |

The Report recommended the acceptance of M/s Doyles Garage tender in the sum of £1,056.82 including V.A.T. as it is the lowest and reasonable for the van offered.

On the proposition of Councillor Byrne, seconded by Councillor Morris, the Council unanimously approved of the recommendation of the Borough Engineer in the matter.

TOWN OF WEXFORD VOCATIONAL EDUCATION COMMITTEE

It was proposed by Councillor Carr and seconded by Alderman Corish that Mr. Kevin Kehoe be selected to fill the vacancy in the Town of Wexford Vocational Education Committee caused by the recent death of Mr. Thomas Larkin, and it was proposed by His Worship the Mayor and seconded by Alderman Roche that Mr. John Larkin, son of the late Mr. Thomas Larkin, be selected to fill the vacancy. On a vote for Mr. Kehoe, Alderman Corish and Councillor Carr (2) ;
for Mr. Larkin, His Worship the Mayor, Aldermen Roche and Byrne and Councillors Morris, Roche, Furlong and Cullimore (7) ;-
Councillors Doyle, Jenkins and Byrne did not vote.

His Worship the Mayor declared Mr. Larkin elected by 7 votes to 2.

INTERNMENT IN NORTHERN IRELAND

It was proposed by Councillor Furlong^{and} seconded by Councillor Byrne that "We are opposed in principle to the internment of civilians without trial. We also believe that internment in Northern Ireland now three years in operation is both a continuing cause of violence and a primary obstacle to the success of peace initiatives. For these reasons we call for the immediate release of all internees in Northern Ireland". Councillor Jenkins proposed an amendment "that this Council calls for the ending of all violence and the immediate ending of internment in Northern Ireland". This was seconded by Councillor Doyle. Following a discussion Councillor Jenkins withdrew his amendment and Councillor Furlong's motion was put to the Meeting and resulted as follows :-

For : His Worship the Mayor, Aldermen Roche and Byrne and Councillors Morris, Roche, Doyle, Furlong, Cullimore, Jenkins and Byrne. Alderman Corish and Councillor Carr did not vote and His Worship the Mayor declared Councillor Furlong's motion carried by ten votes to none.

It was agreed that the resolution would be forwarded to the British Prime Minister Mr. Wilson.

EXCHANGE OF LAND AT ALLEN STREET

It was proposed by Alderman Roche, seconded by Councillor Roche and unanimously resolved "that this Council in order to facilitate Mr. S. Moloney to provide a bungalow at Allen Street for his wife who suffers from a severe neurological condition be agreeable to exchange land the Council will acquire for land owned by Mr. Moloney."

The members were informed that efforts were being made to acquire land the property of the Perdue Estate and that if these efforts were successful Mr. Moloney could be accommodated along the lines as set out in the resolution.

PLAYING PITCHES AND FACILITIES FOR SPORTS

It was proposed by Alderman Roche, seconded by Councillor Carr and unanimously resolved "that this Council being aware of the lack of playing pitches and facilities for sports that require pitches within the Borough area provide, in conjunction with the various sporting bodies, permanent pitches in the Coolcotts area".

It was pointed out that land which the Corporation has acquired between Coolcotts Lane and Clonard Road will shortly be developed for local authority housing and for private housing sites and that an area of five acres has been retained for recreational purposes in that area. In this connection the Town Clerk pointed out that the layout for this area has already been approved by the Borough Council but the County Manager wished the Council to now consider whether any community facilities should be provided there. The matter would be placed on the Agenda for the next Meeting of the Council.

It was agreed that the Borough Engineer would examine land which the Council owns at Newtown Road near Wexford Racecourse in order to ascertain if any of this land would be suitable, on a temporary basis, as playing pitches.

SALARY INCREASES FOR MEMBERS OF THE CABINET

It was proposed by Councillor Roche, seconded by Councillor Jenkins "that in view of the fact that the Minister for Finance is continually urging workers not to make inflationary wage demands that this Council call on the Members of the Cabinet including the Taoiseach and Tanaiste not to accept their recent massive salary increases of up to £60 per week bringing their weekly pay packets up to £200".

On a vote for the Motion : His Worship the Mayor, Aldermen Corish, Roche and Byrne and Councillors Morris, Roche, Furlong, Carr, Cullimore and Jenkins ; Against : Councillors Doyle and Byrne.

His Worship the Mayor declared Councillor Roche's Motion carried by 10 votes to 2.

WAIVER OF RATES SCHEME

It was proposed by Councillor Roche and seconded by Councillor Byrne and unanimously resolved "that this Council take action now to ensure that the Waiver of Rates Scheme is not abused".

The Town Clerk pointed out that where the valuation of a house does not exceed £6.00 the Landlord is primarily liable for payment of the rates - he does of course have the option of increasing his rent in order to recover the full amount of the rates. In any case where Waiver of Rates is granted to the tenant of such a house, the waiver will only be granted where the Landlord reduces the tenant's rent by an amount equivalent to the amount of the waiver granted.

RE-ROUTING OF CONTAINER TRAFFIC

It was proposed by His Worship the Mayor and seconded by Councillor Byrne "that owing to dangers involved, heavy container traffic be re-routed per Ferrycarrig, Larkins Cross, avoiding Slaney Street, Spawell Road and Hill Street".

Following a discussion during which it was pointed out that the alternative route proposed in the motion was entirely unsuitable for this type of traffic, His Worship the Mayor withdrew his Motion and it was agreed that the matter would be raised at the forthcoming Meeting between the Members of the Borough Council and the Members of Wexford County Council.

PROVISION OF LITTER BINS

It was proposed by His Worship the Mayor, seconded by Alderman Byrne and unanimously resolved "that owing to increase in litter problem, that Corporation make an all-out effort to overcome this and that many more litter bins be provided especially at small shops, chip shops, schools etc."

It was pointed out that for a number of years past the sum of £500 has been provided in the Estimates for the purchase of litter bins and a similar amount would also be included in the Estimates for 1975.

COUNTY WEXFORD TOURIST OFFICER

Letters were considered from the Department of Transport and Power and Bord Failte Eireann in response to the Borough Council's protest at the removal of the County Wexford Tourist Officer from Wexford to Waterford. The letters were noted.

RUNNING COSTS OF TRAFFIC ROUTE LIGHTING

A letter was considered from the Department of Local Government, in response to the request of the Borough Council, indicating that while the Minister appreciates the case made by the Corporation, the position is that there are no funds at his disposal from which grants could be made available in order to meet the running costs of traffic route lighting in Wexford Borough.

On the proposition of Councillor Byrne, seconded by Alderman Roche it was decided to ~~refer~~ the matter back to the Minister for reconsideration.

INTERVENTION BEEF

A letter was considered from the Department of Agriculture and Fisheries in response to the request of the Borough Council regarding the disposal of intervention beef. The letter pointed out that at a Meeting of the E.E.C. Council of Ministers from 17th to 20th September it had been agreed to make 15,000 tonnes of intervention beef from community stocks available as food aid to developing Countries. Ireland has begun the canning of intervention beef and the Government expects to be able to switch production to whatever product - stewed steak, corned beef or other - is decided upon in the light of consultations now taking place.

The terms of the letter were noted.

SUB-POST OFFICE FOR ST. AIDAN'S CRESCENT TO LIAM MELLOWS PARK AREA

A further letter was considered from the Department of Posts and Telegraphs in response to the Borough Council's request that sub-post office facilities be provided in the St. Aidan's Crescent to Liam Mellows Park area of Wexford. The letter confirmed the previous decision of the Department that the provision of this facility in the area is not warranted and it further pointed out that facilities are available for Social Welfare recipients, who for any reason are unable to attend personally at a Post Office to receive payment, to appoint agents to receive payment on their behalf.

On the proposition of Alderman Roche, seconded by His Worship the Mayor it was unanimously agreed to refer the matter back to the Department for further consideration.

COMPENSATION FOR MALICIOUS INJURIES

A Circular was considered from the Department of Local Government indicating that, where the cost of Malicious Injuries Compensation to a local authority in 1975 or in any subsequent year exceeds the produce of a rate of 20p in the £, the excess will be recouped to that local authority from the exchequer.

The Circular was noted and it was pointed out that the new measures would not be of any benefit to Wexford Corporation in 1975.

SALARY OF MAYOR

It was proposed by Councillor Byrne, seconded by Councillor Morris and unanimously resolved that the Mayor's salary for 1975 be increased by the sum of £135.

ADJUSTMENT OF REMUNERATION - TELEPHONIST/RECEPTIONIST

On the proposition of Councillor Byrne, seconded by Councillor Morris, approval was unanimously given to the proposal of the County Manager to apply the following revised weekly remuneration to employment as Telephonist/Receptionist viz :-

1st April 1973	:	£18.00 x 73p - £20.92 x 72p - £21.64
1st June 1973	:	£20.60 x 73p - £23.52 x 72p - £24.24
1st July 1973	:	£20.70 x 73p - £23.62 x 72p - £24.34
1st June 1974	:	£23.37 x 80p - £26.57 x 78p - £27.35.-

WAIVER OF RATES

The Council considered further applications received for Waiver of Rates 1974 and it was unanimously resolved that the following recommendations be submitted to the County Manager, viz :

<u>NAME AND ADDRESS :</u>	<u>RATES</u> <u>1974 :</u> £	<u>AMOUNT</u> <u>WAIVED :</u> £	<u>AMOUNT</u> <u>PAYABLE :</u> £
Hugh Duignan, 87 The Faythe	35.91	-	35.91
Mrs. Kathleen Page, 7 Whiterock View	30.78	15.78	15.00
Margaret Ryan, 9 Mannix Place	58.14	53.14	5.00
Mrs. Stella Larkin, 6 Fishers Row	58.14	26.14	32.00
Mrs. Veronica Byrne, 11 Spafield Avenue	61.56	56.56	5.00
Mrs. Anastatia O'Kennedy 36 William Street	47.88	-	47.88
Mrs. Florrie Duggan, 43 The Faythe	10.26	5.26	5.00
Mrs. Mary Johnson, 80 Upr. John St	37.62	-	37.62
Mrs. Christina Kavanagh "St. Annes" 45 School Street	47.88	32.88	15.00
George Murphy, 7 Dolphin Road	27.36	-	27.36
Mrs. Mary McGrath, 2 Distillery Rd.	27.36	-	27.36
Mrs. Annie Somers,	30.78	-	30.78
Mr. Stephen Murphy, 12 Antelope Rd.	30.78	15.78	15.00
Mrs. Elizabeth Whitty, 35 Antelope Road	30.78	15.78	15.00
Mrs. Elizabeth Kirwan, 91 South Main Street	164.16	-	164.16
Mrs. May Bergin, 8 Peter Street	37.62	37.62	-
Mrs. Elizabeth Barnes, Corish Pk.	58.14	43.14	15.00
Miss Sheila Murphy, 12 Thomas Clarke Place	58.14	58.14	-

CHEAP FUEL SCHEME

It was agreed that the Borough Accountant would present a report to the next Meeting of the Borough Council covering a number of aspects of the Cheap Fuel Scheme which have recently been raised by members.

QUESTIONS

In reply to questions Alderman Roche was informed :

- (a) The Borough Surveyor is aware of condition of footpath at Peters Square outside Old Pound House and any necessary repair work will be carried out.
- (b) The new Dumper recently purchased by the Corporation cost £1,323.70 and will be used on various operations of the

Corporation including delivery of materials to various works.

- (c) 2 No. Clerk of Works are now employed by the Corporation on Building Schemes and these report directly to the Consulting Architects for the Schemes with copies of their reports coming to the Borough Engineer.

Councillor Roche was informed :

- (a) Wexford Corporation now owns the building known as Mount George. Tenders had been invited for the demolition of the building but these, in the opinion of the Borough Engineer, were found to be excessive and various parts of the building were now being sold to various individuals.
- (b) The Corporation is in touch with the Department of Local Government regarding the price of houses at Corish Park and particularly Nos. 81 - 102 and 119 - 132. It is hoped to have a decision from the Minister as to whether or not the existing prices should be reduced, very shortly.
- (c) The Towns Improvement (Ireland) Act, 1854 empowers the Corporation to serve Notice requiring the owners of premises with defective eave chutes etc., to have them made good and this power is used quite frequently by the Corporation. Unfortunately however in the event of the owner failing to carry out the direction of the Corporation the penalties imposed by the Act are completely unrealistic in present circumstances.

Councillor Doyle was informed :

- (a) The Wexford Compulsory Purchase (Grogan's Road, Talbot Street, Green Street) Order, 1966 was confirmed by the Minister for Local Government in June, 1968 and Notices to Treat were served on the owners of the various interests in the properties there in December, 1972. An Arbitration Hearing to determine compensation was opened on 23rd October 1974 and was adjourned by the Arbitrator after he had pointed out that he was not happy with the services of the Notices to Treat - the Land Clauses Consolidation Act 1845 specifies a period of three years from the date of confirmation for the service of such Notices. The position is at present being examined and efforts are being made to reach agreement on the question of compensation with as many interests as possible. It may however be necessary to make a further Compulsory Purchase Order in order to acquire some of the superior interests in properties in the area and in order to establish proper title to these interests. The Borough Council will be kept informed of developments.

His Worship the Mayor was informed :

- (a) There appears to be nothing wrong with the sewerage at No. 9A Barrack Street but the occupier of the premises has been asked to notify the Corporation immediately any further trouble arises.
- (b) The cleaning up of the Horse River behind Barrack Street is part of a further drainage scheme proposals for which will be coming before the Borough Council at an early date.

The Meeting then terminated.

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11th November, 1974

A Meeting of the Finance Committee of 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 James Mahoney in the chair.

Aldermen : Peter Roche and Fergus Byrne.

An apology for inability to attend was received from Alderman Philip Corish.

Councillors : Kevin Morris, John Roche, Joseph Furlong, Thomas Carr, James Cullimore, James Jenkins and Thomas Francis Byrne.

An apology for inability to attend was received from Councillor Mrs. Avril Doyle.

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.

ESTIMATES 1975

The Meeting considered the Estimate of Expenditure and Receipts for the local financial year ending 31st December, 1975. The Estimates as presented by the County Manager showed total Estimate Expenditure and Receipts for the period as follows, viz :-

Total Estimated Expenditure £722,058 ; Total Estimated Receipts £405,284 ;
Estimated Deficit £316,774.

The net poundage rate required would amount to £8.12 in the pound as against a net poundage rate adopted for the current short local financial year of £6.84.

At the outset the Town Clerk informed the members that the following adjustments should be made in the Estimates as forwarded to each member, viz :

- Sheet No. 3 - Insert additional Item after No. 25
"Provision of Lights" £1,794;
- Sheet No. 7 - Item No. 69 County Council Demand should
read £70,355;
- Sheet No. 10 - Item No. 17 Housing Subsidy should read
£159,267.

The effect of these changes was as follows, viz :

Total Estimated Expenditure now becomes £719,758 ;
Total Estimated Receipts now become £404,542 ;
Estimated Deficit now becomes £315,216
and the net poundage rate required would amount to £8.08.

The Members also had before them the report of the County Manager on his Estimates.

The Members perused each item of Expenditure up to and including Item No. 65 on Sheet No. 7 and the County Manager and Officials present replied to queries which arose on many of the Items. The following decisions were arrived at, viz

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On the proposal of Councillor Byrne, seconded by Alderman Byrne it was unanimously resolved to increase the contribution for 1975 to the Irish Water Safety Association from the current figure of £100 to £200.

On the proposition of Councillor Byrne, seconded by Alderman Byrne, it was agreed that an application for an Amenity Grant be made to the Department of Local Government in order to improve the facilities at the Redmond Memorial Park.

It was agreed to again request the Department of Local Government to substantially increase the amount of the Urban Road Improvement Grant for 1975.

ADJOURNMENT

It was unanimously agreed to adjourn further consideration of the Estimates to a Meeting of the Finance Committee to be held on Wednesday 20th November, 1974 at 7.30 p.m.

STATUTORY ESTIMATES MEETING

It was unanimously agreed that the Statutory Estimates Meeting of the Council would be held on Monday 25th November 1974 - if necessary a Meeting of the Finance Committee would be held on that night with the Statutory Estimates Meeting following.

MEETING WITH WEXFORD COUNTY COUNCIL

It was unanimously agreed to request Wexford County Council to postpone the proposed Meeting with the Members of the Wexford District Committee to be held on Thursday 14th November 1974 in order to discuss traffic problems in Wexford Town and Environs and to request the County Council to arrange that a Meeting would be held in the evening at a later date in order to facilitate the Members of the Borough Council.

AMENITY GRANT - CORISH PARK PLAYGROUND

The Town Clerk informed the Members that a dispute has arisen between the Wexford Corporation Tenants and Residents Association and the Corish Park Residents Association regarding the development of the open space at Corish Park for which an Amenity Grant of £625 has been allocated. He pointed out that it is absolutely essential that the initial stage of the development be completed shortly in order that the Corporation could claim the grant from the Department of Local Government before 31st December, 1974 - if such a claim is not lodged by the Corporation the grant will be lost.

It was unanimously agreed that every effort be made to ensure that the grant would be obtained from the Department - the question as to whom the grant would then be paid by the Corporation could be decided at a later date.

PROPERTY AT "JULIAMOUNT"

The Town Clerk informed the Meeting that property at "Juliamount" Windmill Hills, Wexford, is at present leased by the Corporation to Doctor Donald O'Dwyer at a rent of £11.00 per annum. He further pointed out that the present lease will expire in 1987 and Doctor O'Dwyer has enquired if the Corporation would be willing, on his surrendering his present lease, to grant him a further lease of

31 years. The County Manager was agreeable to this and has been advised that a rent of £80.00 per annum should be charged in respect of the new lease. The Members were informed that a proposal along these lines would be submitted for the approval of the Borough Council at a later date.

The Meeting then terminated.

James Mahoney

20th November, 1974

A Meeting of the Finance Committee of 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 : Philip Corish, Peter Roche, and Fergus Byrne.

An apology for inability to attend was received from His Worship the Mayor, Aldermen James Mahoney.

Councillors : Kevin Morris, John Roche, Joseph Furlong, Thomas Carr, James Cullimore, James Jenkins and Thomas Francis Byrne.

An apology for inability to attend was received from Councillor Mrs. Avril Doyle.

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

CHAIRMAN

In the absence of His Worship the Mayor Councillor Thomas F. Byrne was, on the proposition of Councillor Roche, seconded by Alderman Roche unanimously moved to the chair.

ESTIMATES 1975

The Council further considered the Estimates of Expenditure and Receipts for the local financial year ending 31st December, 1975 as presented by the County Manager.

The members perused each item of Expenditure from and including Item No. 66 on Sheet No. 7 up to and including Item No. 81 on Sheet No. 7 and each item of Receipts from Item No. 1 on Sheet No. 8 up to and including Item No. 36 on Sheet No. 11. The County Manager and Officials present replied to queries which arose on many of the items. The following decisions were arrived at, viz :-

Royal National Lifeboat Institution :

On the proposition of Councillor Jenkins, seconded by Councillor Cullimore, it was unanimously resolved to make a grant of £25.00 to the Royal National Lifeboat Institution for the local financial year ending 31st December, 1975.

Charges for Grave Openings :

On the proposition of Councillor Morris, seconded by Councillor Carr, it was unanimously resolved that as from 1st January 1975 the following charges for grave openings at St. Ibar's Cemetery Crosstown apply, viz :-

Urban Dwellers, £25.00 per Opening, Rural Dwellers, £35.00 per Opening.

Water Rents :

It was unanimously decided to adopt a figure of £22,000 as the estimated Receipts from Water Rents for 1975 - the County Manager to present a report as soon as possible to the Council recommending a

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revised scale of charges for water in order to achieve this income.

Wexford Festival Opera :

It was proposed by Alderman Corish and seconded by Councillor Carr that a grant of £1,000 be made to Wexford Festival Opera for 1975 and it was proposed by Councillor Morris, seconded by Councillor Jenkins that a grant of £500 be made. Alderman Corish withdrew his proposal and on a vote on Councillor Morris's proposal,

For Councillor Morris's proposal :

Alderman Corish, Councillor Morris, Councillor Carr
and Councillor Jenkins (4)

Against : Aldermen Roche and Byrne and Councillors Roche, Furlong,
Cullimore and Byrne (6)

The Chairman declared Councillor Morris's proposal defeated by 6 votes to 4.

WAIVER OF RATES SCHEME 1975

On the proposition of Alderman Byrne, seconded by Councillor Jenkins 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 January, 1975 to 31st December, 1975, viz :

- (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 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.

It was decided that the Scheme would be advertised immediately with a closing date for receipt of applications in the second week of January 1975. In this way all applications can be adjudicated on before Rate Demand Notes are actually issued towards the end of February, 1975.

MARKET YARD BULL RING

The Town Clerk was requested to present a report to the Council as soon as possible indicating the present renting arrangements for the Market Yard at the Bull Ring and also setting out the legal position regarding the classification of this area as a Market Place and its relevance to the Street Trading Act, 1926.

CHEAP FUEL SCHEME

Some members expressed concern at the limitations of the Cheap Fuel Scheme as operated by Wexford Corporation and it was pointed out that persons in the low income group category which are catered for in other towns such as Enniscorthy do not receive vouchers in Wexford. Consideration of the matter was deferred pending submission of a report on the present operation of the Fuel Scheme to the next Statutory Meeting of the Council.

EUROPEAN NATIONAL HERITAGE YEAR 1975

The members were informed that a Seminar in connection with European Architectural Heritage Year 1975 would be held in the Royal Marine Hotel Dun Laoghaire on Tuesday and Wednesday 10th and 11th December, 1974 and it was decided to defer selection of representatives from Wexford Corporation until the next Finance Committee Meeting of the Council - any member wishing to attend the Seminar to indicate his interest beforehand to the Town Clerk.

SOUTH EAST TOURISM

The members were informed that the Annual General Meeting of South East Tourism which is normally held around this time of year will not now be held until early in 1975 and that the Council's present representative, Alderman Peter Roche, would remain in office until then. Alderman Roche indicated that he did not wish to be considered as a delegate for next year and his request was noted.

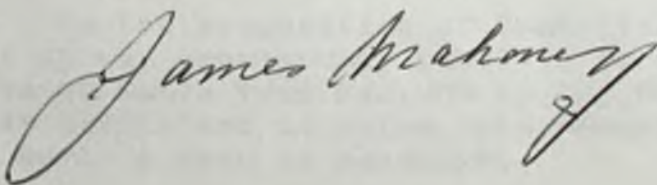
MASS FOR PRESIDENT CHILDERS

It was unanimously agreed that the Borough Council would attend formally the special Mass for the late President Childers to be held at Rowe Street Church at 12.00 noon on Thursday 21st November, 1974. The members were informed that His Worship the Mayor Alderman Mahoney had left that evening for Dublin in order to attend the Funeral Ceremonies.

ADJOURNMENT

Further consideration of the Estimates was deferred to a Meeting of the Finance Committee to be held on Monday 25th November 1974 at 7.30 p.m. - the Statutory Estimates Meeting to be held on the same evening commencing at 8.30 p.m.

The Meeting then terminated.



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25th November, 1974

A Meeting of the Finance Committee of 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 James Mahoney in the chair.

Aldermen : Philip Corish, Peter Roche, Fergus Byrne.

Councillors : Kevin Morris, John Roche, Mrs. Avril Doyle, Joseph Furlong, Thomas Carr, James Cullimore, James Jenkins and Thomas Francis 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.

ESTIMATES 1975

The Council again considered the Estimates of Expenditure and Receipts for the local financial year ending 31st December, 1975 and at the outset the Town Clerk pointed out that as a result of previous deliberations the net amount to be raised now stood at £315,241 and this would require a net poundage rate of £8.08.3.

The members discussed a number of items in the Estimates and the following decisions were arrived at, viz :

Contribution to S.E.R.T.O.

It was proposed by Councillor Roche and seconded by Alderman Roche that as a gesture of protest against the removal of the Tourist Officer from Wexford to Waterford the sum of £450 included in the County Manager's Estimates be deleted. It was proposed by Councillor Doyle and seconded by Councillor Morris that the amount be allowed to stand but S.E.R.T.O. be informed that unless the Tourist Officer was restored to Wexford the amount would not be paid. On a vote for Councillor Doyle's amendment ; For His Worship the Mayor, Alderman Corish, and Byrne and Councillors Morris, Doyle, Cullimore and Jenkins (7)
Against : Alderman Roche and Councillors Roche, Furlong and Byrne (4).

His Worship the Mayor declared Councillor Doyle's amendment carried by 7 votes to 4 and Councillor Roche's proposal defeated on a similar vote.

On the proposition of Councillor Byrne it was unanimously resolved to inform S.E.R.T.O. of the Council's decision regarding the payment of a contribution for 1975 and to enquire as to what the future plans were for the Wexford Tourist Office and an indication of the duties which would be assigned to the Tourist Officer attached to the Wexford Office.

Water Rents :

On the proposition of Councillor Byrne, seconded by Councillor Morris it was unanimously resolved to increase the estimated Receipts from Water Rents from £22,000 to £23,000 - the adoption of a scale of charges sufficient to raise this amount to be considered by the Council at as early a date as possible.

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Ferrybank Swimming Pool :

It was unanimously resolved to increase the Estimated Receipts from Ferrybank Swimming Pool from £8,000 to £9,000.

On the proposition of Councillor Roche, seconded by Councillor Morris it was unanimously resolved that the scale of charges for Ferrybank Caravan Park for 1975 be fixed at 90p per caravan per night plus an additional 10p per person for each of those occupying a caravan in excess of 4. This, it was estimated, would give total receipts of £2,700 for 1975 - an increase of £450 over the estimated Receipt as projected by the County Manager.

The effect of the above amendments reduced the net amount to be raised by way of rates to £312,791 which would require a net poundage rate of £8.0.203. It was unanimously resolved to take credit for the sum of £791 in order to allow a net poundage rate of £8.00 to be adopted.

On the proposition of Councillor Byrne, seconded by Councillor Morris it was unanimously resolved to adopt a rate of £8.00 in the Pound for the local financial year ending 31st December 1975.

HOUSING PRIORITY LIST - BUNGALOWS

The Council unanimously decided not to consider applications from persons residing outside the Borough for inclusion in the housing priority list for Old Person's Bungalows/Flats but to accept an application from a Mrs. Josephine McCabe, Sydney Street, Aucknacly, Co. Tyrone for inclusion on this List.

CONSIDERATION OF HOUSING PRIORITY LIST

The Council discussed the desirability of the members being supplied with copies of the Chief Medical Officer's recommendations for housing priority lists before the Meeting at which the recommendations are discussed with the County Manager and on the proposition of Councillor Morris, seconded by Alderman Corish, it was unanimously resolved to continue the present practice i.e. that copies of the Chief Medical Officer's recommendations would be sent to each member prior to the Meeting but that the copies of the recommendations would be marked confidential.

DEPUTATION - IRISH NATIONAL PAINTERS AND DECORATORS' TRADE UNION

On the proposition of Councillor Byrne, seconded by Councillor Morris it was unanimously resolved to accede to the request of the Irish National Painters and Decorators' Trade Union that the Council meet a deputation from the Union at Statutory Meeting of 2nd December 1974 to discuss Painters being employed by the Corporation.

PLOT OF LAND BETWEEN CORISH PARK/LIAM MELLOWS PARK

On the proposition of His Worship the Mayor, seconded by Alderman Byrne it was unanimously resolved to allow Wexford Albion Schoolboys Club the use of plot of ground between Corish Park and Liam Mellows Park as a playing pitch, on a temporary basis, subject to the conditions as recommended by the Borough Engineer, viz :-

- (1) The Club to vacate the site at one month's notice at any time.

- (2) The use of the site not to create a nuisance for the occupiers of dwellings backing onto the site; this would mean the restriction of use of the pitch to children under 13 years of age and the use of special fencing along back gardens.

PRIVATE HOUSING SITES

The Town Clerk informed the Meeting that sometime ago the Corporation had purchased 8 Private Housing Sites at Whitemill from the National Building Agency and that these had been offered to the public by way of public advertisement. In response to advertisement only three applications had been received and the County Manager proposed to offer sites to each of these three applicants. It is intended that the remaining sites would be retained by the Corporation but would be available to anybody who wished to purchase one of them in order to build a house for his own occupation.

On the proposition of Alderman Byrne, seconded by Councillor Byrne it was unanimously resolved to approve of the County Manager's proposal to dispose of sites to the following viz :-

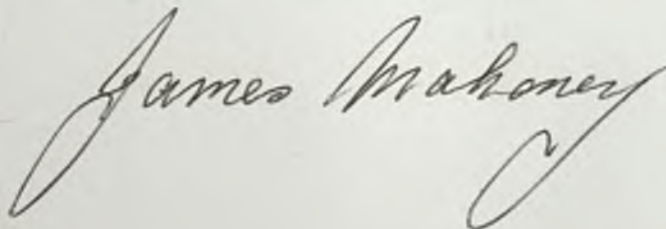
Mr. and Mrs. Patrick Earley 5 Selskar Street, Wexford.
Mr. Thomas J. Cullen, 1 St. Ita's Terrace, "
Tomas O'Murcu, "Slaneyside" Bunclody, Co. Wexford.

SEMINAR - EUROPEAN ARCHITECTURAL HERITAGE YEAR 1975

The following were selected to represent Wexford Corporation at Seminar in connection with European Architectural Heritage Year, 1975 to be held in the Royal Marine Hotel Dun Laoghaire on Tuesday and Wednesday 10th and 11th December, 1974, viz :

Councillor Byrne; Alderman Byrne; Alderman Roche;
Councillor Cullimore; His Worship the Mayor; Councillor Carr;
The Town Clerk and the Borough Engineer.

The Meeting then terminated.



25th November, 1974

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

The members present were :-

His Worship the Mayor, Alderman James Mahoney in the chair.

Aldermen : Philip Corish, Peter Roche, Fergus Byrne.

Councillors : Kevin Morris, John Roche, Mrs. Avril Doyle, Joseph Furlong, Thomas Carr, James Cullimore, James Jenkins and Thomas Francis 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.

ESTIMATE OF EXPENDITURE AND RECEIPTS FOR YEAR ENDING 31st DECEMBER 1975

The Council had already considered the County Manager's Estimates of Expenditure and Receipts for the local financial year ending 31st December, 1975 and had reduced the net poundage rate required from £8.12 to £8.02.03.

His Worship the Mayor proposed the adoption of the amended Estimate of £312,791 and the taking credit for the sum of £791. The Mayor's proposal was seconded by Councillor Byrne and unanimously resolved.

His Worship the Mayor proposed the determination of a rate of £8.00 in the Pound for the local financial year ending 31st December, 1975. The Mayor's proposal was seconded by Councillor Byrne and unanimously adopted.

The Meeting then terminated.

James Mahoney

2nd December, 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 Alderman James Mahoney in the chair.

Aldermen : Philip Corish, Peter Roche, Fergus Byrne.

Councillors : Kevin Morris, John Roche, Mrs. Avril Doyle, Joseph Furlong, Thomas Carr, James Cullimore, James Jenkins, Thomas Francis Byrne.

In attendance : Mr. Hevin 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.

DEPUTATION

The Council received a deputation from the Irish National Painters and Decorators Trade Union consisting of M/s Reck, Murphy, Foley and Bennett. The deputation stressed the necessity to have painters employed full time by Wexford Corporation both on house maintenance and on general work and alleged that certain works were being carried out by the Corporation such as glazing etc., by persons who are not painters. The deputation felt that the Corporation should provide monies for external painting of houses in order to maintain timber work etc., and felt that there was sufficient work in the Corporation for at least one and possibly two painters. They pointed out that Dublin Corporation employed 300 full time painters.

The deputation then withdrew having thanked His Worship the Mayor and the other members of the Council for their courtesy in receiving them.

A brief discussion took place regarding the subject matter of the deputation and on the proposition of Alderman Roche, seconded by Councillor Carr it was unanimously resolved that the Borough Engineer would prepare a Scheme for the programmed painting of the Corporation houses for submission to the Council and for the approval of the Minister for Local Government. It was pointed out that if the Council did decide to adopt such a Scheme it would be necessary for the Minister for Local Government to approve of same and to provide the necessary funds for the carrying out of the Scheme in 1975 since the Corporation's Estimates for house maintenance have already been adopted and submitted to the Department and these do not make any provision for painting of Corporation houses.

SYMPATHY

On the proposition of His Worship the Mayor, seconded by Councillor Byrne, the sympathy of the Council was extended to the widow and family of the late Mr. John Byrne, former Town Clerk of Wexford and Freeman of the Borough of Wexford.

SUSPENSION OF STANDING ORDERS - BUY IRISH

On the proposition of Councillor Jenkins, seconded by Councillor Byrne the Council unanimously resolved to suspend Standing Orders in order to allow Councillor Jenkins to move a motion which did not appear on the Order Paper.

It was proposed by Councillor Jenkins, seconded by Councillor Carr and unanimously resolved "that Wexford Corporation ask Christmas shoppers to safeguard jobs by buying Irish and traders to advertise Irish Made goods on the same scale as Foreign Made goods are advertised.

MINUTES

On the proposition of Councillor Byrne, seconded by Councillor Morris the Minutes of Special Meeting of 30th October, 1974 of Statutory Meeting of 4th November, 1974, of Finance Committee Meetings of 11th, 20th and 25th November, 1974 and of Statutory Estimates Meeting of 25th November, 1974 having been circulated were taken as read, adopted unanimously and signed by His Worship the Mayor.

TRAFFIC HAZARD AT C.B. SCHOOLS

It was proposed by Councillor Doyle, seconded by Councillor Byrne and unanimously resolved "that immediate steps be taken to eliminate as far as possible the traffic hazard both to pedestrians and motorists outside the C.B.S. before a child is seriously injured or killed".

During the debate it was pointed out that the Council had decided some time ago to initiate a scheme of Junior School Wardens at the St. John of God School, The Faythe, as a preliminary to introducing similar schemes at the other Schools and it was decided to press ahead with the introduction of this pilot scheme as expeditiously as possible.

TEACHER TRAINING FOR GIRLS

It was proposed by Councillor Doyle, seconded by Alderman Corish and unanimously resolved "that this Corporation calls for the immediate removal of singing as an absolute requirement for teacher training for girls".

JOHN BARRY MEMORIAL CEREMONY

It was proposed by Alderman Corish, ^{and} seconded by Councillor Doyle, "that the John Barry Memorial Ceremony be performed every five years after next year and not annually as has been the case".

It was proposed by Alderman Roche and seconded by Councillor Jenkins that a simple Ceremony of Wreath Laying by the Borough Council to be carried out every year, be substituted for the present more elaborate Ceremony.

It was proposed by Councillor Furlong and seconded by Councillor Cullimore that the Ceremony be carried ^{out} each year as heretofore but with only local Bodies participating and that no official luncheon be held.

Following a discussion Alderman Corish and Alderman Roche withdrew their motion and amendment in favour of the amendment of Councillor Furlong. It was proposed by His Worship the Mayor, seconded by Councillor Roche that the Ceremony be held each year as heretofore

and on a vote for His Worship the Mayor's amendment :-

- FOR : His Worship the Mayor, Alderman Byrne and Councillors Morris, Roche and Byrne (5)
- AGAINST : Aldermen Corish and Roche and Councillors Doyle, Furlong, Carr, Cullimore and Jenkins(7).

His Worship the Mayor's amendment was declared defeated by 7 votes to 5., and Councillor Furlong's motion was declared carried on a similar vote.

RENEWAL OF ROAD MARKINGS

It was proposed by Alderman Corish, seconded by Councillor Carr and unanimously resolved "that the Borough Surveyor ensure that all the road markings i.e. white lines be inspected at regular intervals and be kept clearly visible to ensure maximum safety".

WARNING LIGHTS AND/OR BELLS FOR OLD PERSONS DWELLINGS

It was proposed by Councillor Carr, seconded by Councillor Byrne and unanimously resolved "that Wexford Corporation arrange for the installation of warning lights and/or bells for Old Persons Dwellings at College View, John's Gate Street and Lower John Street and that similar arrangements be made in all future housing schemes for Old Persons".

It was pointed out that such arrangements were being made for Lower John Street and John's Gate Street and all future such Schemes and that the Borough Engineer was arranging for the installation of such devices in the Old Person's Bungalows at College View.

NAMING OF FERRYBANK COMPLEX

It was proposed by Councillor Roche, seconded by Councillor Byrne and unanimously resolved "that the Ferrybank Complex (Swimming Pool Caravan Park and all other facilities that may be there) be named "The Childers Recreation Centre" in honour of our dead President"

RENT FREEZE

It was proposed by Councillor Roche and seconded by Alderman Roche "that this Council call on the Minister for Local Government to impose a three year freeze on actual rent payments by local authority tenants to be effective as from January 1st 1975".

Other members spoke against the motion and on a vote :-

- FOR Councillor Roche's Motion :-
- Alderman Roche and Councillor Roche (2)
- AGAINST His Worship the Mayor, Aldermen Corish and Byrne and Councillors Morris, Doyle, Furlong, Carr, Cullimore, Jenkins and Byrne (10).
- Councillor Roche's motion was declared defeated by 10 votes to 2.

DUMPING AT LOWER BRIDE STREET

It was proposed by Alderman Roche, seconded by Councillor Morris and unanimously resolved "that this Council request that some action be taken immediately to stop dumping in the space at Lower Bride Street which is designated for a car park".

The members were informed that the Corporation has now agreed to purchase this property from M/s Nunn's Limited but that it would be some weeks yet before the purchase was finalised. In the meantime, in order to prevent dumping, the Corporation has asked the present owners for permission to fence off the opening at Lower Bride Street and if this permission is forthcoming a fence will be erected there.

ROAD SURFACES AT THE FOLLY, SWAN VIEW AND THE FAYTHE

It was proposed by Alderman Roche, seconded by Councillor Byrne and unanimously resolved "that in view of further deterioration in the surface of the roadway at The Folly, Swan View and The Faythe, this Council request immediate action to have same put right and restored to proper condition".

ADDITIONAL PUBLIC LIGHT BETWEEN CORISH PARK AND KENNEDY PARK

It was proposed by Councillor Cullimore, seconded by Alderman Roche and unanimously resolved "to ask the E.S.B. to provide lighting at the alley way between Corish Park and Kennedy Park (opposite No. 1 Corish Park)".

CHRISTMAS BONUS FOR OLD AGE PENSIONERS

It was proposed by Councillor Furlong, seconded by Councillor Carr and unanimously resolved "that this Council appeal to the Government to grant a £10.00 Christmas Bonus to old age pensioners".

It was decided that the resolution would be forwarded to An Taoiseach and each Cabinet Minister.

SPEED LIMITS

The Council considered a letter from the Department of Local Government regarding the imposition of speed limits less than 30 m.p.h. in housing estates. The letter pointed out that the built up area speed limit provided for in the Road Traffic Act, 1961 is 30 m.p.h. and that this is the maximum speed at which drivers may legally drive. The imposition of this limit does not relieve drivers of their responsibility to adjust speed to suit road and traffic conditions and it is also an offence to drive dangerously or without due consideration for other road users.

IMPROVEMENT OF WHITEMILL ROAD

It was unanimously decided to ask Wexford County Council to carry out improvement works at Whitemill Road between Convent of Mercy School and junction with Duncannon Line.

INTERMENT IN NORTHERN IRELAND

A letter was received from the Secretary to the British Prime Minister acknowledging receipt of the Councils recent resolution calling for the end of internment in Northern Ireland.

OPENING OF CHURCH OF THE ANNUNCIATION CLONARD

The Council agreed to accept the invitation of the Priests of the Parish to attend, as a Body, at the Solemn Blessing and Opening of the Church of the Annunciation Clonard on Sunday December 8th, 1974 at 3.00 p.m.

DISPOSAL OF LAND TO INDUSTRIAL DEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY

The Town Clerk reminded the Meeting of the decision of the Borough Council taken at Statutory Meeting of 6th May 1974, approving of the proposal of the County Manager to dispose of approximately 28 acres of land at Whitemill North and Clonard Wexford to the Industrial Development Authority for the sum of £84,000. He pointed out that on an actual survey the quantity of land to be transferred amounts to 29.383 acres and based on the agreed sale price of £3,000 per acre the total sale price will now amount to £88,149.

It was proposed by Councillor Byrne, seconded by Alderman Byrne and unanimously resolved that approval to the original proposal of the County Manager be amended as follows, viz :- substitute 29.383 acres for 28 acres approximately and substitute £88,149 for £84,000.

FERRYBANK DEVELOPMENT STAGE 3.

The Council had before it the proposals of the Corporation's Consultant for the carrying out of the Third Stage of the Ferrybank Development. The proposals provided for the following :-

- (1) A cliff top walk for winter use by the public.
- (2) The planting of shrubbery to give sheltered areas for sun bathing, picknicing etc.
- (3) Childrens play area with all the usual swings etc., with a sheltered paved and seated area for parents.
- (4) Crazy or Mini Golf layout with kiosks for clubs etc.,
- (5) Miniature harbour for toy sailing boats etc.,
- (6) Surfacing of large car parking area and proper surfacing of the roads as far as the Caravan Park entrance.

It was pointed out that the estimated cost of carrying out these works is approximately £18,500 and that allowing for professional fees etc., the total overall cost would amount to approximately £20,000.

On the proposition of Alderman Byrne, seconded by Councillor Carr it was unanimously resolved to accept the proposals in principle and to submit same to the Department of Local Government for allocation of an amenity grant towards the carrying out of the works in 1975.

It was also unanimously agreed to submit the proposals to Bord Failte Eireann and ask for their comments on same and also request a financial commitment of 25% towards the carrying out of the development.

AMENITY GRANTS 1975

The following proposals were accepted as submissions for Amenity Grants 1975 and ordered to be submitted to the Department of Local Government within the statutory period for such applications, viz :-

- (i) Completion of development of open space at Corish Park by Wexford Corporation Tenants and Residents Association - estimated cost £2,750 - on the proposition of Councillor Byrne, seconded by His Worship the Mayor.
- (ii) Roofing of Handball Alley by St. Josephs Handball Club - estimated cost £2,550 - on the proposition of Councillor Morris, seconded by Alderman Byrne.

CHEAP FUEL SCHEME

The Council considered a report from the Borough Accountant on the operation of the Cheap Fuel Scheme in Wexford. The report outlined the categories of persons provided for in the present Scheme and also pointed out that a fourth category viz, households with low weekly incomes could be brought within the Scheme subject of course to the approval of the Minister for Social Welfare and the allocation of the appropriate grant. In this connection it was proposed by Councillor Byrne and seconded by Councillor Morris and unanimously resolved that application be made to the Minister for Social Welfare for the inclusion of a category "households with low weekly incomes" in the Cheap Fuel Scheme as operated by Wexford Corporation.

Reference was also made to the difficulty which some recipients of Home Assistance are having in obtaining fuel vouchers and the report indicated that this matter is being taken up by the Corporation with the Secretary, Wexford County Council.

EUROPEAN ARCHITECTURAL HERITAGE YEAR

It was unanimously agreed to include the following projects in the Competition being organised in connection with European Architectural Heritage Year 1975, viz :-

- (1) Development of Old Town Hall Cornmarket as an Arts Centre.
- (2) Restoration of turret on Old Town Wall at Abbey Street.

ADJOURNMENT

The following matters were adjourned to the next Meeting of the Borough Council, viz :-

- (1) Consideration of desirability of including community facilities in housing development at Coolcotts.
- (2) Consideration of new scale of charges for water.

EUROPEAN ARCHITECTURAL HERITAGE YEAR SEMINAR

The Council unanimously approved of the inclusion of Alderman Corish and Councillor Furlong as representatives of the Council to attend the Seminar in connection with European Architectural Heritage Year to be held in the Royal Marine Hotel Dun Laoghaire on 10th and 11th December 1974.

PUBLIC LIGHTING - COLLEGE VIEW

On the proposition of Councillor Byrne, seconded by Alderman Byrne it was unanimously resolved to provide better lighting facilities at Old Persons Bungalows at College View.

QUESTIONS

In reply to questions Councillor Doyle was informed :-

The Corporation is aware of the state of the Ladies Toilet in South Main Street and of the reason for its present condition and the Borough Engineer hopes to improve the situation there.

In reply to questions Alderman Corish was informed :-

- (a) Occasionally a Corporation tenant who carries out repairs on his/her dwelling is reimbursed by the Corporation for the cost of same provided that the work is considered necessary by the Borough Engineer and the cost of same is agreed beforehand. Payment is not made to the tenant unless the work is completed to the satisfaction of the Borough Engineer.
- (b) There is a large backlog of applications for Tenant Purchase which need to be attended to and one of the principal reasons for the delay in completing the purchases is the necessity to prepare a Deed Map for each case. At the moment 170 such cases are with the Draftsman for mapping and each of these will require a survey of the property to be transferred and the preparation of a map. These cases are being dealt with as quickly as possible but because of shortage of staff there is an unavoidable delay. However in any case where a firm application to purchase has been received the purchase price will be that obtaining at the date of application irrespective of any increase which may take place between then and the actual completion of the Transfer Order. In addition of course a tenant who does not qualify for the maximum discount and whose purchase is delayed will receive the benefit of any extra discount which may accrue in the meantime.
- (c) The Borough Engineer will investigate the complaint that the Volunteers Club John Street is rat infested and a health hazard; the ground opposite the club is the property of the Corporation and will be developed in conjunction with other land in the area should the Corporation succeed in purchasing same.

In reply to questions Councillor Carr was informed :-

The Corporation will take up with the E.S.B. the question of improving the public lighting at Old Persons Bungalows at College View.

In reply to questions Councillor Roche was informed :-

- (a) The first houses in the Talbot Street/Green Street housing scheme should be ready for occupation in early January 1975.
- (b) (i) Damage is occasionally caused to the roofs of Corporation houses by aerial erectors but the extent of such damage has not been great.
 - (ii) In order to prevent such damage householders and aerial erectors should ensure that roof ladders are used in order to avoid damage to tiles.
- (c) While some improvement has taken place in a few cases there has really been no significant response from those 36 tenants who recently received warnings from the Town Clerk on the question of rent arrears. In a sample of 276 houses it was discovered that between 1st April 1974 and 31st October 1974 rent arrears in 64 cases had increased.

In reply to questions Alderman Roche was informed :-

- (a) At the beginning of each year tenders are invited for the supply of earth moving equipment to the Corporation during the subsequent year but it is generally found that when such equipment is needed the operators are either unable or unwilling to supply same. On the question of clearance of sites etc., tenders are invited for this work but generally it has been found that only the one contractor has been successful because of the difficulty in obtaining Insurance Cover for such work.
- (b) The possibility of providing temporary or permanent playing pitches in the Coolcotts area is still being examined.
- (c) The County Engineer hopes to have repair works carried out to footpaths at John Street, Carrigeen Street and Trinity Street early in the New Year.

The Meeting then terminated.

James Mahoney

7th January, 1975.

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 Alderman James Mahoney in the chair.

Aldermen: Philip Corish, Peter Roche, Fergus Byrne.

Councillors: Kevin Morris, John Roche, Joseph Furlong, Thomas Carr, James Cullimore, Thomas Francis Byrne.

An apology for inability to attend was received from Councillor Mrs. Avril Doyle.

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

The meeting had been called by His Worship the Mayor on the requisition of Councillor John Roche, Alderman Philip Corish, Councillors Joseph Furlong and Thomas F. Byrne and Alderman Peter Roche to discuss "roads and footpaths and all matters concerning same".

The meeting discussed the condition of roads and footpaths within the Borough and it was agreed that these were generally in very poor condition and needed substantial works in order to bring them to a sufficient level. This applied to both main roads within the Borough and to urban roads and various reasons were put forward for the deterioration in their condition viz., neglect of proper reinstatement by Contractors and other Statutory Bodies; heavy container traffic from Rosslare Harbour which uses Wexford as its gateway to the rest of Ireland; insufficient funds available to provide proper maintenance; insufficient attention by the Wexford County Council to main roads within the Borough.

The Borough Engineer pointed out that approximately 30 per cent of roads in the Borough are defective and it would require expenditure in the region of £150,000 to £200,000 in order to bring these up to a proper standard. In addition approximately 40 per cent of footpaths are defective and the improvement of these would involve expenditure of between £40,000 and £50,000.

The Town Clerk pointed out that in order to provide the sort of money which the Borough Engineer had indicated would be necessary, it would require borrowing on the part of the Corporation and he was extremely doubtful if such borrowing would, at this stage, be allowed by the Minister for Local Government. Even in the event of such borrowing being allowed the rate levy in order to service such borrowing would be extremely heavy.

It was proposed by Councillor Roche, seconded by Councillor Byrne and unanimously resolved that a request be made to the Minister for Local Government that, when a town such as Wexford is badly hit by unemployment particularly in the building industry, special grants be made to the Local Authority in order to provide employment on road improvements etc.,

It was also agreed that the question of improvements to main roads within the Borough be discussed with Wexford County Council. In the meantime the Borough Engineer to prepare a report on roads generally in the town together with proposals for the carrying out of improvement works and enquiries to be made as to the possibility of obtaining sanction to borrowing for road improvements.

The meeting then terminated.

James Mahoney

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13th January, 1975.

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 James Mahoney in the chair.

Aldermen : Philip Corish, Peter Roche, Fergus Byrne.

Councillors : Kevin Morris, John Roche, Mrs. Avril Doyle, Joseph Furlong, Thomas Carr, James Cullimore, Thomas Francis Byrne.

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

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.

MINUTES

On the proposition of Councillor Byrne, seconded by Councillor Morris the Minutes of Statutory Meeting of 2nd December 1974 and of Special Meeting of 7th January 1975 having been circulated, were taken as read, adopted unanimously and signed by His Worship the Mayor.

GARDAI PATROLS AND VANDALISM

It was proposed by Councillor Roche, seconded by Alderman Corish and unanimously resolved "that this Council call on the Gardai to increase their patrols on Wexfords Main Street and throughout the built-up housing areas in an effort to prevent vandalism".

FOOD PRICES

It was proposed by Councillor Roche, and seconded by Councillor Furlong "that this Council call on the Government to take immediate action to halt the continuous rises in food prices". It was proposed by Councillor Doyle and seconded by Councillor Byrne "that this Council call on the Government to take immediate action to halt the continuous rises in food prices without undue risk to employment". Councillor Roche withdrew his motion and Councillor Doyle's amendment was adopted unanimously.

TENANT PURCHASE

It was proposed by Alderman Corish and seconded by Councillor Carr "that this Corporation in future when negotiating a tenant purchase agreement ensure that the agreement be signed by both husband and wife in order to introduce a policy of joint ownership; and that all existing negotiations not yet completed be finally agreed on the same basis". It was pointed out that the Corporation could not legally enforce such a Scheme and it was unanimously agreed that the

attention of all intending purchasers be drawn to the advantages of a joint purchase.

SEWER AT BARRACK STREET

It was proposed by Alderman Roche and seconded by His Worship the Mayor "that this Council insist that new pipes be laid at the rear of the houses at Barrack Street before the Spring of the year to avoid an outbreak of sickness among children in that area". It was pointed out that it was intended to carry out this work in conjunction with works to alleviate flooding at Bishopswater and to increase the size of the culvert under Pierces Factory and that these proposals were at present with the Department of Local Government for sanction. This Scheme would not however be commenced before the Spring of the year.

The Borough Engineer was asked to look into the matter and to report to the next Meeting of the Council.

TALBOT STREET/GREEN STREET HOUSING SCHEME

It was proposed by Alderman Roche and seconded by Alderman Byrne "that persons residing in the houses at Talbot Street on which the demolition order has been put back for some time, who wish to move to new dwellings do so under the same terms given to them in writing some time ago".

The County Manager pointed out that any tenant of one of the seven houses which it had been decided would not be demolished at this stage, who wished to move to one of the new houses would be accommodated and that he would be entitled to a disturbance allowance because of the interference by the Corporation with his back garden.

WARNING SYSTEM RE. WATER SUPPLY

It was proposed by Alderman Byrne, seconded by Alderman Roche and unanimously resolved "that this Council examine the present warning system in the event of cuts and break downs in water supply".

The Borough Engineer pointed out that quotations have been sought for a Public Address System to be attached to the new van and his proposals along these lines would be coming before the Council shortly.

P.A.Y.E. - POSTS AND TELEGRAPHS ENGINEERING BRANCH

It was proposed by Alderman Byrne, seconded by Councillor Carr and unanimously resolved "that this Council request both Ministers of Posts and Telegraphs and of Finance to bring employees of Posts and Telegraphs Engineering Branch under P.A.Y.E."

CHRISTMAS TRUCE IN NORTHERN IRELAND

It was proposed by Councillor Furlong, seconded by Alderman Roche and unanimously resolved "that this Corporation representing the people of Wexford highly commend the successful efforts of the four Churchmen in negotiating the Christmas truce in Northern Ireland and we hope and pray that it heralds the beginning of a permanent peace based on justice".

It was also unanimously resolved that the Borough Council would march as a Body at the proposed Peace March to be held in Wexford on Sunday 26th January next.

OLD PEOPLES HOME IN WEXFORD TOWN

It was proposed by Councillor Furlong, seconded by Councillor Byrne and unanimously resolved "that we call on The Tanaiste to explore the possibility of establishing an Old Peoples Home in Wexford town".

The Council was informed that the South Eastern Health Board have plans to provide such a facility at Grogan's Road and this facility would be mainly for people who are mobile and not completely bedridden. In addition negotiations were going on between the Corporation, The South Eastern Health Board and the Community Services Council regarding the provision of a Day Centre for old persons adjacent to the Old Persons Flats at Lower John Street. Proposals regarding the Day Centre would come before the Borough Council shortly.

ATTENDANCE AT SEMINARS ETC

It was proposed by Councillor Cullimore and seconded by Councillor Morris "that a maximum of two delegates be sent to Conferences and Seminars to which members of Wexford Corporation are invited". Councillor Roche proposed an amendment to the effect that the limit be four delegates while Alderman Roche proposed that no delegates be sent to any Seminar or Conference other than the Annual Conference of the Association of Municipal Authorities of Ireland during the next twelve months. Alderman Roche's amendment was seconded by Councillor Furlong.

Councillor Cullimore withdrew his original motion and Councillor Roche withdrew his amendment and on a vote for Alderman Roche's amendment :-

FOR : His Worship the Mayor, Alderman Roche and Councillor Furlong (3)
AGAINST : Aldermen Corish and Byrne and Councillors Morris, Roche, Doyle, Carr, Cullimore and Byrne (8)

Alderman Roche's amendment was declared defeated by eight votes to three.

WATER TAP AT GREEN STREET

It was proposed by Councillor Carr and seconded by Councillor Byrne, "that water tap at Green Street be sealed off as it is a major source of wastage". The Borough Engineer informed the Meeting that this has already been done.

LEAKING GUTTERS IN CORPORATION HOUSES

It was proposed by Councillor Carr, seconded by Councillor Roche and unanimously resolved "that Corporation tackle the problem of leaking gutters in Corporation houses which is now becoming a major problem". The Borough Engineer was asked to look into this matter.

FLOODING AT SOUTH MAIN STREET

It was proposed by His Worship the Mayor, seconded by Councillor Roche and unanimously resolved "that, owing to flooding at South Main Street after heavy rain, the small pipes in the gulleys be replaced by large ones to relieve same". The Borough Engineer was requested to examine.

WEXFORD TOURIST OFFICE

The Council considered a letter from the Regional Tourism Manager South East Tourism in reply to the Council's representations regarding the Wexford Tourist Office and the Wexford Tourist Officer. The letter pointed out that the changes were made for the betterment of tourism in the Region and for more effective running of the Regional Organisation. It pointed out that the Regional Manager had been instructed to implement the decision of his Board of Directors and that there could be no change in his approach as the Chief Executive of his Organisation. The letter stressed that the Wexford Tourist Office would continue to serve Wexford as an area office and in reply to the Council's query regarding the exact nature of the duties of a Tourist Officer in Wexford the letter pointed out that this is a matter for the Executive Management of the Company and the Board of Directors are of the opinion that matters such as this are not for public debate.

Several members expressed dissatisfaction with both the content and the tone of the Regional Manager's letter and it was proposed by Councillor Byrne and seconded by Alderman Roche that no contribution be made to South East Tourism by Wexford Corporation during the current year unless the matters in contention were resolved to the satisfaction of the Borough Council. The Town Clerk pointed out that such a decision has already been arrived at by the Borough Council and that before any monies would be released the matter would be again referred to the Council for consideration.

AMENITY GRANTS 1975

The members were informed that the Corporation has been notified by the Department of Local Government that "as it is necessary to make increased provision for priority services such as housing and sanitary services and the phasing out of the cost to rate payers of the health services and housing subsidies it will not be possible to make any new grant allocations under the Amenity Grants Scheme for the year beginning 1st January 1975. As a Planning Authority however the Corporation using their own funds may carry out and assist in the carrying out of amenity works of the kind which have been assisted under the grants scheme."

The members were informed that three schemes are affected by the withdrawal of the grants, viz :-

The Corporation's own Ferrybank Scheme, the Tenants Association Scheme for the development of open space at Corish Park and St. Josephs Boys Club Scheme for improvements at Handball Alley. On the suggestion of Councillor Roche it was unanimously agreed to place the matter on the Agenda for the next Meeting of the Borough Council.

LITTER ETC.

The Council considered further circular from the Department of Local Government in relation to the problem of litter, defacement of buildings and walls, dumping etc., and the contents thereof were noted.

TRAFFIC IMPROVEMENTS AT WYGRAM

The Council considered the County Council's amended scheme for traffic improvements at Wygram. The scheme has been amended because of the refusal of Wexford Corporation to allow part of the grounds of the Municipal Buildings to be used for car parking and the amended scheme provides for some car parking on the public road.

On the recommendation of the Borough Engineer approval was, on the proposal of Councillor Byrne, seconded by Alderman Byrne, given to the amended scheme subject to :-

- (i) consideration being given for a pedestrian crossing also in the vicinity of the junction John Street/Hill Street.
- (ii) the Corporation booster station which has been denuded of foliage and grassed island be painted to a colour scheme agreed with the Corporation.

PROPOSED HOUSING DEVELOPMENT AT COOLCOTTS

The Council was reminded that on 15th July 1974 the Council had approved of a layout for housing development at Coolcotts prepared on behalf of the Corporation by the National Building Agency. This layout provided for a total of 162 local authority houses and 56 sites for private houses together with 5 acres of open spaces. Since that approval new regulations have been introduced providing for the provision of rear access to each house and also the provision of offstreet car parking for approximately 90% of the houses. The layout has been revised in accordance with these new regulations and the result is that the total number of local authority houses has been reduced from 162 to 156 with the number of private sites remaining the same.

The carrying out of the Scheme depends on the provision of drainage facilities in the area by Wexford County Council and the County Council's Drainage Scheme is due to commence about the 1st April 1975 and to be completed in September 1976. It would be possible to commence building operations before the drainage scheme is completed but houses could not be occupied of course before the completion of the Scheme unless a temporary septic tank was installed.

The County Manager proposed the following strategy for the approval of the Council, viz :- immediate preparation of house plans for the houses on the North-Western side of the proposed road, viz, 56 terraced houses and he also proposed that 16 sites for private houses in this area be built on as a semi-detached development by the Corporation. This would provide a total of 72 houses in all. It is anticipated that the Corporation would be in a position to invite tenders for these houses about July 1975 with work commencing towards the end of the current year. The completion of these houses would then tie in with the completion of the drainage scheme. In the meantime detailed plans would be in preparation for the remaining 100 houses and 40 private sites which could be commenced at a later date. The question of providing community facilities and in particular the provision of one or more shop dwellings need not be decided on at this stage - any such facilities could be provided in the Second Stage of the development. It was pointed out that the houses would comprise 870 sq. ft. and would be of the three bedroom type. They would also contain two fireplaces as per current Local Government Regulations.

On the proposal of Councillor Carr, seconded by Councillor Byrne the Council unanimously approved of the revised layout and of the County Manager's proposals for the implementation of the Scheme.

ABBEY STREET/MOUNT GEORGE DEVELOPMENT - PART I

The Council considered plans and report of Consulting Architect for the carrying out of the First Stage of the Abbey Street/Mount George development. This stage relates only to the land on the Western side of the Old Town Wall - proposals for the redevelopment of the area on the Eastern side of the Old Town Wall will be before the Council at a later date.

The Scheme envisages the provision of 18 No. 3 or 4 bedroomed family type houses and 11 houses for old persons. The Architect had submitted three alternatives for the family type dwellings, viz :-

- Scheme A : Car parking provided in two lay-by areas accommodating nine and five cars respectively and reasonably close to the houses which they serve.
- Scheme B : Car parking provided on the ground floor level of the houses having the advantage of leaving the site free of car parking but means the loss of an extra room on the ground floor of the three storey houses.
- Scheme C : Car parking provided on the site in front of each individual house but for this scheme to work satisfactorily it would be necessary to acquire an additional area of land as shown on the Plans.

It was proposed by Alderman Byrne and seconded by Councillor Byrne that the layout be approved and that, on the recommendation of the Borough Engineer, Scheme A be proceeded with and that all three storey houses comprise four bedrooms.

It was proposed by Councillor Carr, seconded by Councillor Morris and unanimously resolved that the Architect be requested to provide two bedrooms in the houses for old persons.

LEASING OF LANDS AT WHITEMILL HILLS

It was proposed by Councillor Byrne, seconded by Councillor Morris and unanimously resolved that approval be given to the proposal of the County Manager to dispose of approximately 1 acre 3 roods of land at Windmill Hills to Doctor Donald Dwyer and Mrs. Alice Dwyer on the terms as set out in Notice dated 18th December, 1974 and circulated to each member of the Borough Council, viz, lease for a term of 31 years at an annual rent of £80 subject to Doctor Dwyer surrendering his existing 31 year lease which is due to expire on 28th February 1987.

DISPOSAL OF NO. 84 ST. AIDAN'S CRESCENT WEXFORD

On the proposition of Alderman Byrne, seconded by Alderman Roche approval was unanimously given to the proposal of the County Manager to dispose of house No. 84 St. Aidan's Crescent to the tenant thereof Mr. Derék Crosbie on the terms as set out in Notice dated 18th December, 1974 and circulated to each member of Wexford Borough Council, viz, for the sum of £850.00.

DISPOSAL OF NO. 146 THE FAYTHE WEXFORD

On the proposition of Alderman Byrne, seconded by Alderman Roche approval was unanimously given to the proposal of the County Manager to dispose of house No. 146 The Faythe, Wexford, to the tenant thereof Mr. Fintan Morris on the terms as set out in Notice dated 18th December, 1974 and circulated to each member of Wexford Borough Council, viz, for the sum of £1,673.

TECHNICAL COMMITTEE FOR SPEED LIMITS

On the proposition of Alderman Roche, seconded by Councillor Carr Councillor T.F. Byrne was unanimously selected to represent Wexford Borough Council on the County Technical Committee for Speed Limits.

PURCHASE OF LAND FOR INDUSTRIAL PURPOSES

On the proposition of Alderman Roche, seconded by Councillor Byrne the Council unanimously approved of the proposal of the County Manager to purchase approximately 35 acres of land adjoining the Corporation's Industrial Estate from M/s G. Whitmore and R. Cleary for the sum of £3,000 per acre. The land to be used as an addition to the Industrial Estate.

QUESTIONS

In reply to questions Councillor Roche was informed :-

- (a) Wexford Corporation has extensive powers for the making of Bye Laws for various purposes under such legislation as the Planning Act, The Sanitary Services Acts, The Housing Acts, The Road Traffic Acts etc.
- (b) Copies of a booklet issued by the Department of Local Government on the powers vested by law in the elected members of local authorities would be issued to each member of the Council.
- (c) A housing repairs list is compiled periodically and is adhered to except in cases of emergency or where particular representations regarding urgent works are made by a member of the Council.

In reply to questions Alderman Roche was informed :-

- (a) Tenders have been sought for the provision of a suitable Public Address System for attaching to the new van as a means of warning to the public in the event of water supply being cut off and the Borough Engineer's proposals in this matter would be before the Council shortly.
- (b) The houses at Liam Mellows Park are still under maintenance by the Contractor and defects are being attended to as they come to light.
- (c) Proper lighting and painting with flourescent paint will eliminate the danger provided by the kerbing at the car park outside the North Station. - these proposals have already been approved by the Borough Council.

In reply to questions Councillor Cullimore was informed :-

- (a) Car parking is not prohibited in a street during cleaning by the mechanical sweeper.
- (b) A time-table was not produced informing the people when the mechanical cleaner would be used in their streets/areas,- the Borough Engineer does not feel that such a time-table would serve any useful purpose since the car parking may be carried out by persons who do not actually reside in the area.

In reply to questions Councillor Carr was informed :-

The new parking and traffic bye-laws will come into force on 1st March, 1975.

In reply to questions His Worship the Mayor was informed :-

The front door and back door of No. 18 Hantoon Road will be attended to within the next two weeks ; the cracks in the front of this dwelling are not serious but some internal plastering which will improve the situation will be carried out as soon as possible.

The Meeting then terminated.

Thomas J. Byrne

3rd February, 1975.

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 : Philip Corish, Peter Roche, Fergus Byrne.

An apology for inability to attend was received from His Worship the Mayor Alderman James Mahoney.

Councillors : Kevin Morris, John Roche, Mrs. Avril Doyle, Joseph Furlong, James Cullimore, James Jenkins, Thomas F. Byrne.

An apology for inability to attend was received from Councillor Thomas Carr.

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

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

CHAIRMAN

In the absence of His Worship the Mayor it was proposed by Alderman Roche, seconded by Councillor Roche and unanimously resolved that Councillor Thomas F. Byrne be moved to the chair.

MINUTES

On the proposition of Councillor Morris, seconded by Alderman Corish the Minutes of Statutory Meeting of 13th January 1975 having been circulated, were taken as read, adopted unanimously and signed the Chairman.

SYMPATHY

On the proposition of Councillor Morris, seconded by Councillor Jenkins the sympathy of the Council was extended to Mr. Eamon De Valera former President of Ireland and Freeman of the Borough of Wexford on the recent death of his wife Sinead Bean DeValera.

On the proposition of Councillor Byrne, seconded by Alderman Roche the sympathy of the Council was extended to the widow and family of the late Mr. Robert Hillis an employee of Wexford Corporation.

DEPUTATION - WEXFORD TRAFFIC AND PARKING BYE-LAWS 1973

The Council received a deputation from South Main Street Traders on the question of the implementation of the Wexford Traffic and Parking Bye-Laws 1973 in their area. The deputation consisted of M/s Pettit, Jones, Roche and Keane. On behalf of the deputation M/s Pettit and Keane pointed out that the introduction of a system of No Parking in the South Main Street would be detrimental to their businesses - this had been proved during the period before Christmas when such a rule had been imposed on a temporary basis. All traders from Cinema Lane southwards as far as King Street are totally opposed to the introduction of No Parking and they requested the Council to allow the present system to continue to operate i.e. one hour parking on one side of the street. They also requested that this rule be

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rigidly enforced by the Gardai and felt that if this were done it would alleviate traffic problems in the area. In support of their argument they pointed out that no car parking facilities have been provided adjacent to the South Main Street - the availability of Bride Street Church grounds as a car park would be a big help in this direction. The deputation then withdrew having thanked the Chairman 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 it was agreed on the proposal of Councillor Jenkins, seconded by Councillor Roche to consult with the Garda Authorities with a view to amending the Regulations in order to allow one hour parking on one side of the Main Street from Cinema Lane to King Street. It was also agreed to discuss with the Gardai problems created by the new Regulations at John Street, George Street and Distillery Road on the subject of which the Corporation had received representations. It was agreed that a Special Meeting would be held if necessary in order to discuss this matter further.

The members were informed that the Church authorities have indicated that the grounds of Bride Street Church will be available for public car parking purposes during normal business hours - the question as to whether or not the car park should be lined to be further discussed with the Church authorities.

COST OF PUBLIC LIGHTING

It was proposed by Councillor Jenkins, seconded by Councillor Morris and unanimously resolved "that immediate steps be taken, in consultation with the E.S.B. to devise a less costly lighting system for Wexford bearing in mind the national interest in conserving energy". The Council had before it a report from the E.S. B. which indicated that all public lights in the town are at present on a dusk to dawn system. The present annual charge including V.A.T. and fuel surcharge amounts to £11,300 and to reduce lighting to dusk to 2 a.m. would reduce this figure to £10,200. A reduction in lighting hours to dusk to midnight would involve an annual cost of £8,260. In addition it would be necessary to provide approximately 95 pilot lights which would light from dusk to dawn and this would involve a capital charge of £1,800.

It was agreed that the Corporation officials discuss the matter with the Electricity Supply Board and report back to the Council on ways in which the resolution could be implemented.

CRASH BARRIER AT CRESCENT QUAY

It was proposed by Councillor Jenkins, seconded by Alderman Byrne and unanimously resolved "that the crash barrier at Crescent Quay opposite the Bank of Ireland be extended by 20 feet at once".

It was agreed to refer the matter to Wexford County Council who are the appropriate authority in this case.

PLANNING VIOLATIONS AND FIRE HAZARDS

It was proposed by Councillor Roche, seconded by Councillor Cullimore and unanimously resolved "that this Council call for immediate action to be taken against those people who are blatantly breaking the laws concerning planning and fire hazards etc., in this town". The

motion referred in particular to one premises for which planning permission has been sought to convert for use as flats. This permission has not yet been granted and in spite of this the owner has now let a number of flats in the premises. It was agreed to ask the Chief Fire Officer to inspect this premises and to report.

It was pointed out that the Corporation has power both under the Local Government (Planning & Development) Act and under the Fire Brigades Act to take action where breaches of the Planning Act take place or where potentially dangerous buildings exist.

RESTRICTIVE TRADES PRACTICES

It was proposed by Councillor Roche, and seconded by Councillor Morris, "that this Council call on the Government to take steps to end restrictive trades practices in order to prevent further unemployment". The motion referred to the practice of some firms of refusing to supply goods to some sections of the retail trade while at the same time these firms are making some workers redundant.

Councillors Doyle and Jenkins felt that the motion should be rejected and on a vote for the motion Alderman Roche and Byrne and Councillors Morris, Roche and Byrne (5) against Councillor Jenkins. The other members present did not vote and the Chairman declared the motion carried by 5 votes to 1.

ATTENDANCE AT SERVICE AT ST. IBERIUS CHURCH

It was proposed by Alderman Roche, seconded by Councillor Furlong and unanimously resolved "that this Council being representative of all the people of Wexford attend a service annually at St. Iberius Church, Church of Ireland, as a Body".

It was agreed to investigate the matter.

LOANS FOR PROVISION OF HOUSES

It was proposed by Alderman Roche, seconded by Councillor Roche and unanimously resolved "that this Council call on the Minister for Local Government to increase the Local Government loan for house purchase or construction and to review the income limits required for such a loan so as to help in some way the present slump in the building industry".

In moving the motion Alderman Roche suggested a new loan limit of £6,000 and also suggested that the Minister for Finance should be asked to devise ways of compelling the Commercial Banks and Insurance Companies to make funds available for house purchase loans.

HOUSING ALLOCATIONS

It was proposed by Alderman Byrne, and seconded by Councillor Morris "that this Council recommend to the C.M.O. that special consideration be given to young couples with children living in flats and shared accommodation".

It was pointed out that house lettings are carried out on the basis of the Letting Priorities Scheme already adopted by the Borough Council and sanctioned by the Minister for Local Government and that in order to qualify for Government subsidy lettings must be made in accordance with the Priorities Scheme and the Law relating to the letting of Local Authority dwellings as set out in the Regulations made under the Housing Act, 1966. This would

not of course preclude the categories mentioned in the motion but they would still have to be fitted into the priority categories mentioned in the Priorities Scheme.

It was agreed to discuss the matter at a forthcoming meeting of the Housing Committee.

MEETING WITH T.D.'s AND I.D.A.

It was proposed by Councillor Furlong, seconded by Alderman Roche and unanimously resolved "that in view of the rapidly deteriorating industrial situation in the town a further meeting with the 4 T.D.'s and the I.D.A. be convened". It was agreed that the Town Clerk would endeavour to set up such a meeting as soon as possible - the meeting to be held at a time which would suit persons who would not be available during normal working hours.

On the suggestion of Councillor Furlong it was also agreed to request the Minister for Posts & Telegraphs that the staffs of the Wexford Telephone Exchange be retained and that the Minister's attention be also drawn to the poor telephone service in Wexford.

E.S.B. POWER STATION

It was proposed by Councillor Furlong, seconded by Alderman Roche and unanimously resolved "that if plans for the proposed nuclear station are scrapped, the next conventional E.S.B. station be built in the Wexford area".

It was agreed to contact the E.S.B. in the matter.

SOUTH EAST TOURISM

On the proposition of Alderman Roche, seconded by Councillor Roche it was agreed to ask Mr. W. Walsh, Regional Manager, South East Tourism to attend the next Statutory Meeting of the Borough Council to discuss with the Council the future of the Wexford Tourist Office and the Wexford Tourist Officer.

TEACHER TRAINING FOR GIRLS

A letter was considered from the Department of Education indicating that from 1975 onwards girls wishing to train as teachers will no longer be required to pass a test in singing. They would have to undergo the test and should they pass it whatever marks they earn will be added to their Leaving Certificate marks for the purpose of determining their place in order of merit.

VANDALISM IN WEXFORD

A letter was considered from the Superintendent Garda Siochana in reply to the Borough Council's resolution requesting extra Garda patrols to deal with vandalism in Wexford town. The letter pointed out that due to present rather heavy Garda commitments which are too many to enumerate it has not always been possible to have the night patrols increased. However the Gardai have been looking into this problem for some time past and are endeavouring with every means at their disposal to deal adequately with the problem - especially at week-ends - when most of these wanton incidents occur. The letter further pointed out that specially detailed late patrols have made several detections in this field of crime during the past few weeks from which cases will come before the court in due course.

Finally the Superintendent assured the Borough Council that everything possible will be done to contain this problem in Wexford.

P.A.Y.E. - POSTS AND TELEGRAPHS ENGINEERING BRANCH

A letter was considered from the Department of Posts and Telegraphs in reply to the resolution of the Borough Council about the introduction of P.A.Y.E. for staff in the Engineering Branch of the Department. The letter pointed out that the change from the present system to P.A.Y.E. would be a matter for the staff, through their Union, to pursue with the Revenue Commissioners or for the Revenue Commissioners to decide on its own initiative. The Department would of course represent the staffs' wishes to the Revenue Commissioners in this matter if made aware of them through the normal channels of communication.

TRAVELLING AND SUBSISTENCE ALLOWANCES FOR MEMBERS

The Council considered Circular from the Department of Local Government indicating an increase in the rates of travelling allowances and subsistence allowances for members of Local Authorities and in particular it was noted that a subsistence allowance may be paid to a member of a Local Authority in respect of each period greater than three hours during which the member is obliged to be absent from his home for the purpose of attending a meeting of the Authority, without regard to the distance between the place at which the meeting is held and the member's residence. The allowance is £2.25 in respect of a period longer than three hours and less than seven hours and £3.25 in respect of a period of seven hours or longer.

FERRYBANK SWIMMING POOL

The Council were informed that, through the good offices of the Regional Manager South East Tourism, a further contribution of £1,500 has now been obtained from Bord Failte Eireann towards the capital cost of the Ferrybank Swimming Pool.

WEXFORD COMMUNITY SERVICES COUNCIL

A request was received from Wexford Community Services Council asking that the Council would arrange to have any further Development Plans for Wexford Town made available for study and comment by the Community Services Council. The letter pointed out that as almost all organisations in the town are now affiliated to the Community Services Council it will make for easier communication with the statutory authorities.

The Council unanimously agreed to accede to the request of the Community Services Council.

URBAN ROAD IMPROVEMENT GRANT 1975

The Council was informed that the Urban Road Improvement Grant 1975 has now been notified and that a grant of £4,850 has been made available to Wexford Corporation. The corresponding grant for 1974 had amounted to £2,410.

On the proposition of Councillor Byrne, seconded by Councillor Jenkins the Council expressed its appreciation of the action of the Minister for Local Government increasing the amount of the grant by more than 100%.

It was also pointed out that no notification has as yet been received as to what the amount if any of the Traffic Management Grant for 1975 will be.

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SUNDAY BURIALS

The Town Clerk informed the meeting that a claim has been received from the Irish Transport and General Workers Union on behalf of the workmen in St. Ibar's Cemetery to the effect that these men want to have all Sundays off. At the moment these men are obliged to work on Sundays as and when required and are of course paid overtime rates for this work.

The view of the Council was that the claim should be conceded and that Sunday burials should be discontinued but the members were anxious that the matter should be discussed with the Clergy and the Town Clerk was requested to have such discussion.

SUSPENSION OF STANDING ORDERS

The time being now 9.40 p.m. it was proposed by Councillor Roche, seconded by Alderman Roche and unanimously resolved that Standing Orders be suspended in order to allow the meeting to continue until 10.15 p.m. to complete the Agenda.

FINANCE - DEVELOPMENT OF INDUSTRIAL ESTATE ETC.

On the proposal of Councillor Jenkins, seconded by Councillor Doyle it was unanimously resolved that application be made to the Minister for Local Government for sanction to the raising of a loan of £11,000 from the Commissioners of Public Works in Ireland for the extension of water and sewerage facilities to the Corporations Industrial Estate and other areas at Whitemill Wexford.

On the proposal of Councillor Jenkins, seconded by Councillor Doyle it was unanimously resolved that application be made to the Minister for Local Government for sanction to the raising of a loan of £32,600 from the Commissioners of Public Works in Ireland for the completion of the extension of services to the Corporations Industrial Estate at Whitemill Wexford.

FINANCE - WHITEMILL HOUSING SCHEME (LIAM MELLOWS PARK)

On the proposal of Councillor Morris, 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 £34,000 from the Commissioners of Public Works in Ireland for the completion of Whitemill North Housing Scheme.

It was pointed out that the final all-in-cost of the Scheme amounted to £558,000 which worked out at approximately £3,720 per house.

AMENITY GRANTS SCHEME

The Council discussed a recent Circular from the Department of Local Government indicating that because of the necessity to make increased provision for priority services such as housing and sanitary services and the phasing out of the cost to ratepayers of the health services and housing subsidies, the Minister for Local Government has not found it possible to make any new grant allocations under the Amenity Grants Scheme for the year beginning 1st January 1975. The Council very much regretted the Minister's inability to continue these grants and on the proposition of Councillor Doyle, seconded by Councillor Roche it was unanimously resolved to request the Minister to ensure that in the event of a future suspension of such grants at least 12 months notice of such suspension be given and also that the Minister be requested to endeavour to allocate to schemes submitted for 1975 at least 50% of what the grant under the discontinued Scheme

would have amounted to.

AMENITY AWARDS SCHEME

The Council considered the proposals submitted by the Amenity Study Group for the introduction of an Amenity Awards Scheme and on the proposition of Councillor Roche, seconded by Councillor Byrne it was unanimously resolved to defer further consideration to the next Estimates Meeting.

NATIONAL BUILDING AGENCY

On the proposition of Alderman Roche, seconded by Councillor Doyle the congratulations of the Council were extended to Councillor Thomas F. Byrne on his recent appointment as a Director of the National Building Agency.

HOUSING ALLOCATIONS

No objection was raised by the Council to the following housing allocations by the County Manager, viz :-

- (1) No. 6 Devereux Villas - Mr. John Murphy formerly of No. 16 Antelope Road.
- (2) No. 63 Green Street - Mr. Denis Donohoe, 27 Maudlintown.

HOUSING COMMITTEE

It was decided to hold a meeting of the Housing Committee on Monday 10th February, 1975 at 8 p.m. to consider recommendations of the Chief Medical Officer on housing applications and on the suggestion of Alderman Roche it was decided to ask Doctor Finucane Chief Medical Officer to attend this meeting.

QUESTIONS

In reply to questions Councillor Jenkins was informed :-

- (a) The extension to the car park at Church Lane will be ready before the coming Summer ; the question of developing Crescent Quay depended on the recruitment of the necessary professional engineering staff and the allocation of Traffic Management Grants while Wilsons Yard at Selskar was still not in possession of the Corporation.
- (b) A Priority List for Old Folks dwellings already existed and copies had been made available to the members ; additional applications are at present with the Chief Medical Officer for his report and recommendation.
- (c) Provision is being made by Wexford County Council for 3 No, parking spaces outside the Nolan shops at Redmond Place.

In reply to questions Councillor Roche was informed :-

- (a) Work on the piece of ground outside No. 49 Kennedy Park will commence shortly but will be a costly job amounting to approximately £1,000.
- (b) It is intended to offer the shop at the Swimming Pool for tender within the next few weeks with a view to it commencing operations at Easter.

- (c) It is hoped to have some information regarding a new price for houses in Corish Park and Thomas Clarke Place for a forthcoming Housing Committee Meeting.

In reply to questions Alderman Roche was informed :-

- (a) Publishing lists ~~w~~weekly in the local paper indicating the hours that have been taken by groups or clubs at Ferrybank Swimming Pool etc., would be a very costly business but it is intended to provide a suitable notice board at the Pool giving this information and the schools will also be notified.
- (b) It is expected that a Scheme will be prepared for the necessary reinstatement work at The Folly within the next few weeks.
- (c) The weekly cost of running the ~~n~~ew van purchased by this Council is approximately £16.00.

The Meeting then terminated.

James Mahoney

10th February, 1975.

A Meeting of the Housing 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 James Mahoney in the chair.

Aldermen : Philip Corish, Peter Roche, Fergus Byrne.

Councillors : Kevin Morris, John Roche, Joseph Furlong, James Cullimore and Thomas Francis Byrne.

Apologies for inability to attend were received from Councillors Mrs. Avril Doyle and James Jenkins.

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

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

CHIEF MEDICAL OFFICER

Doctor B. Finucane Chief Medical Officer attended the Meeting to discuss with the Council his recommendations for the new Housing Priority List and Transfer List.

EXISTING PRIORITY LIST

The Council examined the existing Priority List for Corporation dwellings and on the proposition of Councillor Roche, seconded by Alderman Byrne it was unanimously resolved to exhaust this current list before considering applicants on the new List. The following decisions were arrived at, viz :-

- (1) Miss Bridget Meyler, 20 William Street to remain on list for a house in the William Street area.
- (2) Reps. Thomas Hayes 1 Temperance Row, Reps. Jacob Greene John's Gate Street and Mr. Owen Redmond 12 Mary Street who have refused houses in Green Street to remain on the list until more suitable houses are available for them.
- (3) Mrs. Mary Alexander 20 King Street who has refused a house in Green Street to be deleted from the list.
- (4) The following to be deleted from the list :-

Matt Morris, 10 Bride Street, Catherine Henry, 1 Lower John Street, Gerard O'Hara, 35 Parnell Street, John Parle, 35 William Street, M.A. O'Neill, 70 South Main Street, Maurice Allen, 5 Swan View, David Royce, 2 Auburn Terrace, Edward O'Brien, 52 Bishopswater, J. McKown, 43 Parnell Street, John Foley, 15 Colbert Street, Stephen Moran, 20 Lower George Street.

NEW PRIORITY LIST

The Council considered the recommendations of the Chief Medical Officer for inclusion on the new Priority List and it was unanimously resolved that M/s Thomas Connors, Pallas, Clonroche and William Connors, Pallace, Clonroche be deleted from the List as they are living in the rural area and should be rehoused by Wexford County Council. It was also decided that Mr. Patrick Atkins, Mobile Home, Rosslare Strand be also deleted from the List as he has been or is about to be rehoused by Wexford County Council.

It was decided on the suggestion of the members to refer the following cases back to the Chief Medical Officer for his further examination, viz :- Mr. Michael Morris, 94 King Street; Mr. Daniel Kelly, 5 Harbour View; Mr. Patrick Farrell, c/o Hamiltons Bull Ring; and Mr. D. Thomas, 27 Selskar Street; Mr. Peter Conway, 64 St. Aidan's Crescent; Mr. David Clancy, 107 Bishopswater; Mr. Denis O'Rourke, 15 Monck Street; Mr. D. Jordan, 128 Corish Park and Mr. Gerard Murphy, 5 St. Aidan's Crescent.

TRANSFER LIST

The Council considered the recommendations of the Chief Medical Officer for the Transfer List and it was noted that 32 applicants had been recommended as being in need of transfers. A discussion took place as to what policy the Corporation should adopt regarding the granting of transfers and on the proposition of Alderman Roche, seconded by Councillor Morris it was unanimously resolved that for every ten houses which the Corporation has available one of these should be offered, if suitable, to the next person on the Transfer List.

FUTURE PRIORITY LISTS

It was noted that a total of 68 applicants who had applied for inclusion on the Priority List were, at the date of inspection, either not then interested or were not at the address from which the application was lodged. In order to obviate the unnecessary work which accrued to the Chief Medical Officer's office and staff it was proposed by Alderman Byrne, seconded by Alderman Roche and unanimously resolved that in future when Priority Lists are being prepared an advertisement be issued in the local newspaper just prior to inspections being carried out asking applicants to notify changes of address, circumstances etc.

PURCHASE SCHEME - THOMAS CLARKE PLACE

The Council discussed the Purchase Scheme for houses at Thomas Clarke Place which in 1973 worked out at £6,030 per house. The Town Clerk pointed out that the reason for this was that the cost of providing these houses amounted to £4,648 per house and was made excessive by the high cost of land per house, viz, £680 together with delays in the building of the houses due to many factors including the occurrence of a cement strike. The Town Clerk suggested that a case might be made to the Minister for Local Government for a cheaper price and recommended that the all-in-cost of the Liam Mellows Park houses which were erected around the same time be taken as the base at £3,720 to which of course must be added the cost of land at £680 per house making a total all-in-cost of £4,400 per house. This would work out at a sale price at 1973

values at £5,700 per house. The recommendation was adopted by the Council for submission for the sanction of the Minister.

PURCHASE SCHEME - CORISH PARK

The Council discussed the House Purchase Scheme for Corish Park houses and it was pointed out that this Scheme was completed in four sections and the details are as follows, viz :-

- (1) 34 House Scheme completed in 1954 at a cost of £1,490 per house -
1973 Sale Price £3,610 per house.
- (2) 6 House Scheme completed in 1954 at a cost of £1,520 per house -
1973 Sale Price £3,685 per house.
- (3) 40 House Scheme completed in 1956 at a cost of £1,733 per house -
1973 Sale Price £3,930 per house.
- (4) 36 House Scheme completed in 1957 at a cost of £2,056 per house -
1973 Sale Price £4,470 per house.

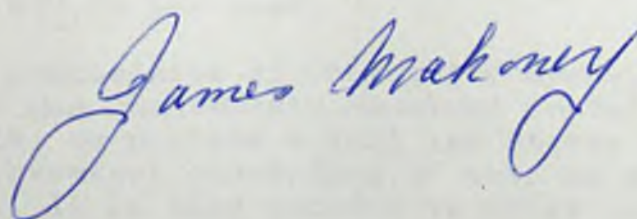
The Town Clerk pointed out that whereas the first two Schemes i.e. 34 house and 6 house were comparatively easy to erect the other two Schemes were essentially built on what had been a turf dump and required a lot of development works including under building. For this reason the price of the houses in these Schemes had worked out much dearer than in the first two Schemes and having examined the position very closely he really could not see what case might be made for a reduction in the sale price of the last two Schemes. On the proposition of Councillor Morris, seconded by Councillor Byrne it was unanimously resolved to refer the matter to the Minister for Local Government with a view to seeing what reduction in price the Minister might agree to.

TIDY TOWNS COMPETITION 1975

On the proposition of Councillor Byrne, seconded by His Worship the Mayor the Council unanimously approved of the proposal of Bord Failte Eireann to award three equal national prizes in the Tidy Towns Competition 1975 as follows :-

Towns in population group	0 - 500	£500;
Towns in population group	501 - 5,000	£750;
Towns in population group	5,001 - 28,000	£1,000.

The Meeting then terminated.



21st February, 1975.

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 Alderman James Mahoney in the chair.

Aldermen : Philip Corish, Peter Roche and Fergus Byrne.

Councillors : Kevin Morris, John Roche, Mrs. Avril Doyle, and Thomas Francis Byrne.

Apologies for inability to attend were received from Councillors Thomas Carr and James Jenkins.

In attendance : Mr. W.P. Creedon, Deputy County Manager, Mr. D. Wixted, Town Clerk.

Apologies for inability to attend were received from M/s K.T. Conway Borough Engineer and R. Lynn Borough Accountant.

PROVISION OF SHOP AT TALBOT STREET/GREEN STREET HOUSING SCHEME

The Meeting had been specially convened by His Worship the Mayor to determine what sort of alternative shop accommodation would be provided for Mrs. Julia Lacey in the Talbot Street/Green Street Housing Scheme.

At the outset the Town Clerk pointed out that when the Scheme was originally planned it meant displacing three existing shops and these had all been offered alternative accommodation in the Scheme. Two of these have now indicated that they are not interested in securing alternative accommodation. Mrs. Julia Lacey however who has an existing shop premises at Talbot Street is anxious to secure an alternative and in the original design of the Scheme a shop dwelling had been ear marked for her. This consisted of shop and bathroom on ground floor and bedroom, sittingroom and kitchen on first floor. Mrs. Lacey had however indicated that this would be insufficient for her purposes and had also rejected the alternative of a shop on the ground floor with a self contained flat on the first floor which could be let to say a newly married couple. Mrs. Lacey has now indicated that what she requires is a complete house as a shop with the shop accommodation on the ground floor and storage overhead and in addition has requested a transfer from her existing house at St. Aidan's Crescent to the dwellinghouse next door to her new shop. This latter would not provide any problem as in granting such a transfer the Corporation would still have a house available at St. Aidan's Crescent. The question of providing a complete house as a shop for Mrs. Lacey has been examined and she would of course be required to pay the full economic rent of providing same which would work out at approximately £17.00 per week.

On the proposition of Councillor Byrne, seconded by Alderman Roche it was unanimously resolved to fall in with Mrs. Lacey's wishes i.e. to provide a full two storey building as an alternative shop premises consisting of shop on ground floor and storage overhead. It is also decided to defer consideration of the rent she would be charged for this accommodation until such

time as the amount of compensation which she will be getting for her existing premises has been determined.

WEXFORD TRAFFIC AND PARKING BYE-LAWS 1973

The Council considered a letter from Wexford Chamber of Commerce regarding the implementation of the Wexford Traffic and Parking Bye-Laws 1973 and requesting that the Bye-laws be amended to allow for limited one hour parking on the Main Street and Cornmarket with the exception of the narrow stretches between Whites Hotel and Christelle's and Rowe Street and Cinema Lane. The Chamber also asked that the introduction of the proposed new Bye-laws be deferred until the middle or end of April 1975 in order to afford sufficient time and opportunity to have the position re-considered. The Chamber also requested the Corporation to arrange a special meeting to which they would invite three or four representatives of the Council of the Chamber and representatives of the Garda Authorities and other interested bodies.

On the suggestion of Councillor Byrne it was agreed to arrange the special meeting requested by the Chamber and to hold same on Tuesday 4th March, 1975 at 7.30 p.m.

SPECIAL MEETING WITH DAIL REPRESENTATIVES ETC., RE. INDUSTRY.

The Town Clerk informed the meeting that An Tanaiste has indicated that Friday 7th March at 6 p.m. would suit him for the proposed special meeting between the members of the Borough Council, the Dail representatives for the Constituency and the Industrial Development Authority to discuss the Industrial situation in Wexford town. It was agreed to hold the meeting on that date but at 7.30 p.m. rather than 6 p.m.

The Meeting then terminated.

James Mahoney

3rd March, 1975.

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 James Mahoney in the chair.

Aldermen : Peter Roche and Fergus Byrne.

An apology for inability to attend was received from Alderman Philip Corish.

Councillors : Kevin Morris, John Roche, Mrs. Avril Doyle, Joseph Furlong, Thomas Carr, James Cullimore, James Jenkins and Thomas Francis 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.

SUSPENSION OF STANDING ORDERS

On the proposition of Councillor Carr, seconded by Councillor Byrne, it was unanimously resolved to suspend Standing Orders in order to allow a debate on recent plans of Irish Continental Line regarding the Rosslare/Le Harve Ferry service.

ROSSLARE/LE HARVE FERRY SERVICE

The attention of the Council was drawn to an extract from the magazine "Business and Finance" dated 27th February, 1975 which indicated that Irish Continental Line intended to operate a car ferry service from Cork to Le Harve commencing in the Summer of 1975. This would involve the closing down of the present Rosslare/Le Harve service. The Council expressed grave concern at the plans of M/s Irish Continental Line and on the proposition of Councillor Carr, seconded by Councillor Jenkins, it was unanimously resolved that Wexford Corporation call on the Minister for Transport and Power Mr. Peter Barry T.D. to receive a representative deputation to impress on him the need for immediate installation of a second stern load facility at Rosslare Harbour, the existing ramp being totally inadequate for the traffic generated and that Wexford Corporation ask for a meeting between Wexford Corporation, representatives of Irish Continental Line, the four T.D.'s for the Constituency, British Rail, Coras Iompair Eireann and other interested bodies.

MINUTES

On the proposition of Councillor Byrne, seconded by Councillor Morris, the Minutes of Statutory Meeting of 3rd February 1975, Housing Committee Meeting of 10th February, 1975 and of Special Meeting of 21st February, 1975, having been circulated, were taken as read, adopted unanimously and signed by His Worship the Mayor.

HOUSE BUILDING PROGRAMME

It was proposed by Councillor Roche, and seconded by Councillor Byrne "that this Council call on the Government to embark on a massive house building programme". Councillor Doyle proposed an amendment to insert the word "increased" after the word "massive" and this was seconded by Councillor Jenkins.

In connection with the motion the members were informed that the Corporation's ~~own~~ programme at the moment consisted of the completion of the Talbot Street/Green Street Scheme the total extent of which would be 92 houses; the erection of 18 family type houses at Abbey Street/Mount George which it is hoped to advertise in April and commence late in the summer or early autumn and the first stage of the provision of 172 houses at Coolcotts which it is hoped the National Building Agency will be in a position to advertise in the summer and commence towards the end of the year. This latter scheme it was pointed out is of course dependent on the drainage facilities being provided by Wexford County Council and the latest information on this is that the drainage scheme is due to commence within the next week or two. It was also pointed out that as far as capital monies were concerned the Corporation had not experienced any difficulty in obtaining sufficient capital for its house building programme during the last few years and it is not anticipated that any such difficulty will arise in the near future.

On a vote for Councillor Doyle's amendment :

FOR : Councillors Doyle, Carr and Jenkins (3)

AGAINST : His Worship the Mayor, Alderman Byrne and Councillors Morris, Roche and Byrne (5)

Alderman Roche did not vote and Councillor Doyle's amendment was declared defeated by 5 votes to 3, and Councillor Roche's motion carried on a similar vote.

SERVICING OF LAND

Arising out of Councillor Roche's motion re. accelerated house building programme the Council discussed the question of future housing schemes and were informed that after the Coolcotts scheme has been completed no further serviced land ~~will~~ remain in the hands of the Corporation. The next area to be developed would be the Coolcotts/Carriglawn area and it was proposed by Councillor Byrne and seconded by Alderman Byrne that the County Manager investigate the possibility of providing a drainage scheme for that area in order to enable house building to be carried out there in a few years time.

The County Manager informed the meeting that Wexford County Council has recently purchased some land on the Newtown Road from Mr. Henry Wilson which adjoins land already in the possession of the County Council and he felt that if necessary this land could be handed over to Wexford Corporation for house building. It was agreed to investigate this matter further.

USE OF LAND WITHIN BOROUGH FOR HOUSE BUILDING

It was proposed by Councillor Roche and seconded by Alderman Byrne and unanimously resolved "that when drawing up plans for future housing schemes a thorough investigation of the possibility of using up all available land inside the present Borough be carried out".

In moving the motion Councillor Roche referred particularly

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to some land behind the Abbey Cinema at George Street and was informed by the County Manager that the Corporation was already investigating this site in conjunction with further land at the rear of houses at John Street. He pointed out however that it might be necessary to resort to compulsory acquisition in order to acquire some of these lands.

HOUSING OFFICER AND WELFARE OFFICER

It was proposed by Alderman Roche, seconded by Councillor Roche and unanimously resolved "that this Council seeing the need for a wholetime Housing Officer and Welfare Officer combined examine the possibilities of creating such a post".

It was agreed to investigate the matter with particular reference to the question as to who would be responsible for payment of such an officer i.e. Corporation or Department of Local Government.

SITE AT BRIDE STREET

It was proposed by Alderman Roche, seconded by Councillor Byrne and unanimously resolved "that this Council without delay now make every effort to ensure that negotiation for the purchase of the derelict site at Bride Street be completed quickly".

It was pointed out that the negotiations for the purchase have been completed and it is hoped to have the matter finalised within the next few weeks. The Borough Engineer indicated that as soon as the site has been bulldozed which he hoped to have done very shortly weather permitting a chainlink fence would be erected on the street front in order to prevent dumping.

ANCO RE-TRAINING CENTRE

It was proposed by Councillor Jenkins, seconded by Alderman Byrne and unanimously resolved "that Wexford Corporation request the setting up of AnCo re-training centre in Wexford".

CAR PARKS ETC.

It was proposed by Councillor Jenkins, seconded by Councillor Byrne and unanimously resolved "that Wexford Corporation call on the Department of Local Government and Wexford County Council to provide new car parks in the Main Street/Quay area and to vastly improve the Quay as a modern thoroughfare".

The County Manager pointed out that over the past five years annual traffic management grants ranging from £20,000 to £8,000 have been received by the Corporation but no indication has so far been received that any such grant will be available for 1975 and the indications in fact are that no allocation will be made. He referred the Corporation to a recent letter from the Department of Local Government regarding the previous years traffic management programme and in particular to the indication in the letter that the acquisition and development of Wilson's Yard at Selskar as a car park has not been approved by the Minister and therefore the cost of this scheme cannot be charged to a traffic management grant. He pointed out that the Corporation's 1975 programme consisted of the development of Nunns Yard as a car park together with the purchase of Wilsons Yard and its development as a car park but due to lack of

funds it was doubtful if this programme could now be carried out. The Council agreed to request the local T.D.'s to use their good offices in an effort to have an adequate traffic management grant allocated to the Corporation for 1975.

Regarding the improvements to the Quay the County Manager pointed out that Wexford County Council have now adopted, as their policy, the provision of a ring road from Piercestown Cross to Ferrycarrig Bridge and it is anticipated that 35% of traffic from Rosslare Harbour will use this route joining the national primary route to Dublin through Enniscorthy at Ferrycarrig Bridge. The provision of this ring road would of course depend on the provision of a new bridge at Ferrycarrig which he expected would cost in the region of one million pounds. He suggested that the Corporation should meet with Wexford County Council to discuss this whole matter and it was agreed to do this at as early a date as possible.

EXCLUSION OF PRESS - MEETING WITH T.D.'s AND I.D.A.

It was proposed by Councillor Doyle and seconded by Councillor Jenkins "that any future meeting of this Council with the local T.D.'s and the I.D.A. be held in Committee". Councillor Roche objected to this motion being taken on the grounds that it did not conform with the rules laid down in the Councils Standing Orders but His Worship the Mayor ruled that the motion was in order and could be dealt with.

On a vote for Councillor Doyle's motion :

Alderman Byrne and Councillors Morris, Doyle,
Carr, Cullimore and Jenkins (6)

against His Worship the Mayor, Alderman Roche and
Councillors Roche, Furlong and Byrne (5).

In accordance with the law regarding the rescission of motions His Worship the Mayor ruled that only a simple majority was necessary and accordingly declared Councillor Doyle's motion carried by 6 votes to 5.

BARRIER OUTSIDE C.B. SCHOOLS

It was proposed by Councillor Carr, seconded by Councillor Roche and unanimously resolved "that the barrier outside the C.B. Schools be removed from its present position and placed outside the entrance where the schoolboys are coming out".

SUSPENSION OF STANDING ORDERS

It was proposed by Councillor Roche, seconded by Councillor Doyle and unanimously resolved that Standing Orders be suspended in order to enable the meeting to continue until 10.30 p.m.

MAKING OF MUNICIPAL RATE

The making of a Municipal Rate of £8.00 in the £. for the service of the local financial year ending 31st December, 1975 was proposed by Councillor Byrne, seconded by Councillor Morris 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 His Worship the Mayor and Councillors Byrne and Morris and the Town Clerk.

FINANCE - DEVOLVED HOUSING SCHEMES 1975

On the proposition of Councillor Byrne, 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 £80,000 from the Commissioners of Public Works in Ireland to finance expenditure on devolved housing schemes during the period 1st January, 1975 to 31st December, 1975.

INCREASE IN REMUNERATION - LABOURERS, DRIVERS ETC.

It was proposed by Councillor Byrne, seconded by Alderman Byrne and unanimously resolved that approval be given to the proposal of the County Manager to increase, in addition to increases payable under the National Agreement, the remuneration of certain servants of the Corporation with effect as from 1st March 1975 as follows, viz :- Labourers £1.00 per week ; Drivers £1.22 per week ; pro rata increases to be granted to other servants whose wages are directly related to the labourers rate.

RATE COLLECTION 1974

The members were informed that of the total warrant of £229,240.04 for the local financial year 1st April 1974 to 31st December 1974 a total of £209,054.66 representing 91.08% of the warrant had been collected at the close of the year as against a collection of 90.08% for the year ended 31st March 1974. It was pointed out that the collection cannot be regarded as satisfactory.

RENT COLLECTION 1974

The members were informed that out of a total rental of £130,403.73 for the nine month period 1st April 1974 to 31st December 1974 a total of £110,593.26 had been collected at the 31st December 1974. This represented a collection of 84.81% and allowing for some small amounts written off because of vacancies etc., the amount outstanding amounted to 15.34% or a total of £20,008.53. The Town Clerk pointed out that the bulk of these arrears are in respect of arrears accumulated during the withholding of rent and in spite of many reminders a small number of tenants numbering approximately 20 were still making no effort to clear these arrears. It may be necessary to take legal proceedings against some of these tenants if the position does not improve very shortly.

The Council expressed concern at the amount of arrears still outstanding.

CHILDERS RECREATION CENTRE - CARAVAN PARK - 1974 SEASON

The Borough Accountant reported that total expenditure on the Caravan Park at the Childers Recreation Centre for 1974 amounted to £2,212.13 which included the sum of £424 Special Works including painting. Total Receipts amounted to £2,214.81 which left a net profit of £2.68 on the workings for the season. While this profit was minimal at least it represented a turning point

in that it was the first year since the provision of the Caravan Park that a loss has not been incurred. The total number of persons who had used the Park during 1974 amounted to approximately 4,800.

The report was noted with satisfaction by the Council.

URBAN ROAD IMPROVEMENT GRANT 1975

On the proposition of Councillor Byrne, seconded by Councillor Morris, the following recommendations of the Borough Engineer were unanimously accepted by the Council for the utilisation of the Urban Road Improvement Grant 1975 which amounts to £4,850, viz :-

(1)	Repairs to Hill Street - Stage I 200 sq. meters ..	£1,350
(2)	Hot rolled asphalt - North Main Street, Whites Hotel/Junction Charlotte Street area ..	935
(3)	Road widening at Green Belvedere Road	800
(4)	Resurfacing at Clifford Street	840
(5)	Replacement of path at Lambert Place	528
(6)	Replacement of path at Mill Road	252
(7)	White and Yellows Lines and miscellaneous	145.

A.G.M. - IRISH PUBLIC BODIES MUTUAL INSURANCES LIMITED

On the proposition of Councillor Morris, seconded by Alderman Roche, Councillor Byrne was unanimously selected to represent Wexford Corporation at the Annual General Meeting of the Irish Public Bodies Mutual Insurances Ltd.

DISPOSAL OF LAND AT WHITEMILL NORTH TO MR. JOHN BYRNE

On the proposition of Alderman Byrne, seconded by Councillor Byrne, approval was unanimously given to the proposal of the County Manager to dispose of approximately 137 perches of land at Whitemill North to Mr. John Byrne, Kerlogue, Wexford, for the purpose of providing a storage and distribution depot and on the terms as set out in Notice dated 20th February, 1975 and circulated to each member of Wexford Borough Council, viz, for the sum of £1,032.

LEASING OF TOWN HALL CORNMARKE T O WEXFORD ARTS CENTRE LTD.

On the proposition of Alderman Byrne, seconded by Councillor Jenkins, the following resolution was unanimously adopted that a lease of the premises Town Hall Cornmarket Wexford acquired from Margaret A. McCarthy, Hugh G. Walsh, Cecily M. O'Flaherty and Angela Crichton be granted to M/s Wexford Arts Centre Ltd., for a period of 99 years and at an annual rent of 5p and in which M/s Wexford Arts Centre Ltd., propose to establish and maintain an Arts Centre.

DISPOSAL OF LAND AT KILLEENS TO M/S ELWEX LTD.

On the proposition of Councillor Jenkins, seconded by Alderman Byrne, it was unanimously agreed that approval be given in principle to the disposal of 0.240 acres of land at Killeens Wexford to M/s Elwex Ltd., for the sum of £720. It was pointed out that the formal proposal of the County Manager in the matter would come before the next Meeting of the Borough Council.

DISPOSAL OF NO. 11 BERNADETTE PLACE WEXFORD

On the proposition of Councillor Morris, seconded by Alderman Byrne, approval was unanimously given to the proposal of the County Manager to dispose of house No. 11 Bernadette Place Wexford to the tenant thereof, Mr. Peter Byrne, and on the terms as set out in Notice dated 20th February, 1975 and circulated to each member of Wexford Borough Council, viz, for the sum of £1,575.

DISPOSAL OF NO. 20 DAVITT ROAD SOUTH WEXFORD

On the proposition of Councillor Morris, seconded by Alderman Byrne, approval was unanimously given to the proposal of the County Manager to dispose of house No. 20 Davitt Road South Wexford to the tenant thereof, Mrs. Annie Dempsey, and on the terms as set out in Notice dated 20th February, 1975 and circulated to each member of Wexford Borough Council, viz, for the sum of £1,435.

DISPOSAL OF NO. 24 DAVITT ROAD SOUTH WEXFORD

On the proposition of Councillor Morris, seconded by Alderman Byrne, 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, and on the terms as set out in Notice dated 20th February, 1975 and circulated to each member of Wexford Borough Council, viz, for the sum of £1,435.

DISPOSAL OF NO. 26 DAVITT ROAD SOUTH WEXFORD

On the proposition of Councillor Morris, seconded by Alderman Byrne, 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, and on the terms as set out in Notice dated 20th February, 1975 and circulated to each member of Wexford Borough Council, viz, for the sum of £1,435.

DISPOSAL OF NO. 34 DAVITT ROAD SOUTH WEXFORD

On the proposition of Councillor Morris, seconded by Alderman Byrne, 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, and on the terms as set out in Notice dated 20th February, 1975 and circulated to each member of Wexford Borough Council, viz, for the sum of £1,435.

DISPOSAL OF NO. 37 DAVITT ROAD SOUTH WEXFORD

On the proposition of Councillor Morris, seconded by Alderman Byrne, 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, and on the terms as set out in Notice dated 20th February, 1975 and circulated to each member of Wexford Borough Council, viz, for the sum of £1,535.

DISPOSAL OF NO. 22 DEVEREUX VILLAS WEXFORD

On the proposition of Councillor Morris, seconded by Alderman Byrne, approval was unanimously given to the proposal of the County Manager to dispose of house No. 22 Devereux Villas Wexford to the tenant thereof, Mr. Stephen Whelan, and on the terms as set out in Notice dated 20th February, 1975 and circulated to each member of Wexford Borough Council, viz, for the sum of £623.

DISPOSAL OF NO. 24 THE FAYTHE WEXFORD

On the proposition of Councillor Morris, seconded by Alderman Byrne, approval was unanimously given to the proposal of the County Manager to dispose of house No. 24 The Faythe Wexford to the tenant thereof, Mrs. Margaret A. Walsh, and on the terms as set out in Notice dated 20th February, 1975 and circulated to each member of Wexford Borough Council, viz, for the sum of £100.

DISPOSAL OF NO. 37 MCDERMOTT TERRACE WEXFORD

On the proposition of Councillor Morris, 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, and on the terms as set out in Notice dated 20th February, 1975 and circulated to each member of Wexford Borough Council, viz, for the sum of £1,704.

DISPOSAL OF NO. 76 ST. AIDANS CRESCENT WEXFORD

On the proposition of Councillor Morris, seconded by Alderman Byrne, approval was unanimously given to the proposal of the County Manager to dispose of house No. 76 St. Aidan's Crescent Wexford to the tenant thereof, Mr. John Coghlan, and on the terms as set out in Notice dated 20th February, 1975 and circulated to each member of Wexford Borough Council, viz, for the sum of £850.

DISPOSAL OF NO. 20 WHITEROCK VIEW WEXFORD

On the proposition of Councillor Morris, seconded by Alderman Byrne, approval was unanimously given to the proposal of the County Manager to dispose of house No. 20 Whiterock View Wexford to the tenant thereof, Mrs. Mary Ellen Morris, and on the terms as set out in Notice dated 20th February, 1975 and circulated to each member of Wexford Borough Council, viz, for the sum of £395.

DISPOSAL OF NO. 51 WHITEROCK VIEW WEXFORD

On the proposition of Councillor Morris, seconded by Alderman Byrne, approval was unanimously given to the proposal of the County Manager to dispose of house No. 51 Whiterock View Wexford to the tenant thereof, Mrs. Margaret Goggins, and on the

terms as set out in Notice dated 20th February, 1975, and circulated to each member of Wexford Borough Council, viz, for the sum of £395.

DISPOSAL OF NO. 53 WHITEROCK VIEW WEXFORD

On the proposition of Councillor Morris, seconded by Alderman Byrne, approval was unanimously given to the proposal of the County Manager to dispose of house No. 53 Whiterock View Wexford to the tenant thereof, Mr. Liam Murphy, and on the terms as set out in Notice dated 20th February, 1975 and circulated to each member of Wexford Borough Council, viz, for the sum of £395.

DISPOSAL OF NO. 55 WHITEROCK VIEW WEXFORD

On the proposition of Councillor Morris, seconded by Alderman Byrne, approval was unanimously given to the proposal of the County Manager to dispose of house No. 55 Whiterock View Wexford to the tenant thereof, Mr. Denis O'Brien, and on the terms as set out in Notice dated 20th February, 1975 and circulated to each member of Wexford Borough Council, viz, for the sum of £395.

DISPOSAL OF PLOT OF GROUND TO THE FAYTHE HARRIERS HURLING CLUB

The Council was informed that a map has now been prepared of a plot of ground containing approximately 8 sq. perches which could be disposed of to Faythe Harriers Hurling Club at Bernadette Place. The freehold value of the plot is £300 and the lease rent over a period of 99 years would amount to £30 per annum. It was agreed that the Town Clerk would negotiate with the Club in the matter and report back to the next Meeting of the Borough Council.

QUESTIONS

In reply to questions Councillor Roche was informed :

- (a) Work on the Townparks - Coolcotts Housing Scheme should commence in the Autumn of the present year.
- (b) The Council could operate other systems for the drawing up of housing lists and allocating houses but with the present staffing arrangements the setting up of an ongoing system of investigation into housing circumstances would not be practicable.
- (c) The Borough Engineer has inspected premises at St. Peter's Square which has been let in flats without planning permission and the taking of appropriate action was being considered.

In reply to questions Alderman Roche was informed :

- (a) Mr. Howlin Liam Mellows Park was refused participation in the Free Fuel Scheme because he is not residing within the Borough and planning permission for the houses at Liam Mellows Park which are outside the Borough boundary was not obtained from Wexford County Council - since the bulk of the houses are situated within the Borough this was not found necessary.
- (b) It is possible to provide a white line at the top of Batt Street - William Street junction in order to prevent the junction continuing to be a traffic hazard.

In reply to questions Councillor Carr was informed :

The seat at the entrance to Wolfe Tone Villas will be removed as soon as the Borough Council makes a decision to have same removed.

SOUTH EAST TOURISM

The Town Clerk pointed out that Mr. William Walsh, Regional Manager, South East Tourism was unable to attend the present meeting of the Borough Council in order to discuss with them problems which have arisen regarding the Wexford Tourist Office and the Wexford Tourist Officer - Mr. Walsh is at present on the Continent on a promotional campaign. On the proposition of Councillor Byrne, seconded by His Worship the Mayor it was unanimously agreed to invite Mr. Walsh to attend the April Meeting of the Borough Council.

The Meeting then terminated.

James Mahoney

4th March 1975

A Special joint meeting of 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 James Mahoney in the chair.

Aldermen : Peter Roche and Fergus Byrne.

Councillors : Kevin Morris, John Roche,
Mrs. Avril Doyle, James Jenkins
and Thomas Francis Byrne.

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

Wexford Chamber
of Commerce : M/s E. Thornton, P. Hore and P. O'Connor.

Garda Siochana : Inspector J. Gurhy.

WEXFORD TRAFFIC AND PARKING BYE-LAWS 1973.

The meeting discussed the implementation of the Wexford Traffic and Parking Bye-laws 1973 which are now ready to come into force and at the outset the Town Clerk pointed out that it had originally been intended that the Bye-laws would come into force on 1st March 1975. However because of representations which had been received from the South Main Street Traders the Gardai had been asked not to implement the Bye-laws until such time as the problems which have been raised have been resolved.

On behalf of the Chamber of Commerce Mr. Thornton pointed out that when the Bye-laws were being discussed by the Borough Council and the Garda Authorities the Traders assumed that before the Bye-laws would come into force adequate alternative car parking would have been provided by the Corporation. It was now understood that the development of the car parks at Crescent Quay and Selskar would not take place in 1975 because of lack of finance and accordingly the Chamber on behalf of the Traders are requesting the Borough Council to delay the implementation of the Bye-laws and also to amend same as far as the Main Street and Cornmarket are concerned. The suggested amendments are that one hour parking should continue to be allowed on the entire Main Street with the exception of the stretches from White's Hotel to Christelle's and from Rowe Street to Cinema Lane where No Parking could be introduced. He pointed out in addition that the Chamber are concerned that the removal of parking from the Main Street will lead to an increase in speeds thereby creating hazards for pedestrians and mothers with prams etc.

In reply to a question Inspector Gurhy pointed out that it is not possible at this stage to amend the Bye-laws without first of all bringing them into operation. If it was now decided that amendments were needed the procedure would be that the Bye-laws would not be brought into force and that the whole procedure would have to be commenced again.

A lengthy discussion took place concerning the matter during the course of which some members indicated that they felt that the Bye-laws should be brought in at least for a trial period and that they could then be amended if found to be unsuitable. Other members felt that the wishes of the Traders should be kept very much in mind and this view was strongly supported by the Chamber of Commerce delegates. It was pointed out by Inspector Gurhy that the amendment of the Bye-laws would take approximately six weeks.

It was proposed by Councillor Byrne and seconded by Councillor Roche that the Bye-laws as prepared be brought into operation immediately and for a trial period of two months and subject to review and if necessary amendment at the end of that period. It was proposed by Councillor Doyle and seconded by Councillor Morris that the matter be deferred until Friday 7th March, 1975 in order to enable the Chamber of Commerce people to discuss the matter and to let the Corporation have their further views. It was proposed by Alderman Roche and seconded by Councillor Doyle that a permanent traffic committee be set up consisting of the members of the Borough Council, representatives of the Chamber of Commerce and of the Garda Authorities.

Following further discussion it was eventually agreed to defer the matter until Friday 7th March next when a firm decision regarding the implementation or otherwise of the Bye-laws will be arrived at by the Borough Council.

CAR PARKS

On the proposition of Councillor Jenkins, seconded by Councillor Doyle it was unanimously resolved to request the T.D.'s for the Constituency to use their good offices in an effort to have a Traffic Management Grant allocated to Wexford Corporation for 1975.

HOUSING PRIORITY LIST

The following further recommendations re. Housing Priority List were considered by the Council.

1. Report of Borough Engineer on condition of Mr. Reck's dwelling at Carney's Lane, John Street. The report indicated that the dwelling is sub-standard throughout with no sanitation or electricity and sagging roof, ceilings and damp walls. The building is dangerous beyond economic repair and is fit only for demolition. It was agreed that Mr. Reck would be offered one of the Old Person's Flats at John's Gate Street on a temporary basis with eventual transfer to a two bedroomed Old Person's house at Mount George when same is completed.
2. The following further recommendations were considered from the Chief Medical Officer, viz :-

R. McCaffrey formerly of 43 St. Aidan's Crescent - this is now a divided family and the C.M.O. recommended him for over-riding priority as a homeless family. This would mean that Mr. McCaffrey would go from No. 112 to No. 1 on the Priority List ; Mr. Andy Carthy, 15 Emmet Place - again a homeless family who will be evicted from his present accommodation when his brother gets married on 15th March next - Mr. Carthy is at present No. 52 on the Priority List ; Mr. Patrick Black, 28 Wolfe Tone Villas - on medical grounds points score increase from 17 to 37 which would mean a change from No. 83 to No. 22

on Priority List; Nicholas Quirke, 42 High Street - on medical grounds points total increased from 13 to 23 - this would mean transfer from No. 131 on Priority List to No. 48.

Following a discussion the Council unanimously agreed that the Priority List should not be changed and that these further recommendations should not be taken into account.

NATIONAL GRAVES' ASSOCIATION

On the proposition of Councillor Byrne, seconded by Councillor Morris it was unanimously resolved to accept the invitation of the Wexford Branch National Graves' Association to attend Special Mass in the Church of the Immaculate Conception Rowe Street on Easter Sunday morning 30th March, 1975 at 11.30 a.m. and that a decision as to whether or not to take part in the Parade in the afternoon to the Republican Plot St. Ibar's Cemetery be left to each individual member.

ST. PATRICK'S DAY PARADE

On the proposition of Councillor Morris, seconded by Councillor Byrne it was unanimously resolved to march as a Body in the Annual St. Patrick's Day Parade commencing at Swan View at 11.40 a.m. on 17th March next and finishing with Mass at 12.30 in Rowe Street Church.

It was also agreed to accord a Civic Reception to St. Joseph's Guild from New York who would be visiting Wexford on that day and taking part in the Parade - the Civic Reception to be held at Swan View before the commencement of the Parade.

The Meeting then terminated.

James Mahoney

7th March, 1975.

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 Alderman James Mahoney in the chair.

Aldermen : Philip Corish, Peter Roche and Fergus Byrne.

Councillors : Kevin Morris, John Roche, Mrs. Avril Doyle, Joseph Furlong, Thomas Carr, James Cullimore, James Jenkins and Thomas Francis Byrne.

In attendance : Mr. Desmond T. Wixted, Town Clerk.

INDUSTRIAL AND EMPLOYMENT SITUATION IN WEXFORD

The meeting was attended by An Tanaiste Mr. Brendan Corish T.D., Mr. Sean Browne T.D., Mr. John Esmonde T.D., Mr. Lorcan Allen T.D. and Mr. Richard McCarthy, Regional Manager, Industrial Development Authority Waterford.

The meeting discussed the present industrial and employment situation in Wexford town and at the outset the members of the Borough Council while expressing satisfaction with recent and future plans to establish new industries in Wexford, also expressed concern with the short-term situation. It was pointed out that at the present time over 1,000 people are unemployed in Wexford, (including the environs of Wexford) over 600 of which are from the Borough itself. While in the long-term and with the coming into production of Nino, California Pellet Mill, Frako and other new industries together with extensions in the employment in some recently established industries, many hundreds of new jobs will be provided in Wexford, the major problem is in providing employment in the short-term for those who are now unemployed. It was pointed out that the present high level of unemployment not only in Wexford but in the country generally is due to a large extent to a world recession brought about because of the oil crisis and that the provision of new jobs involved heavy capital expenditure. Wexford has got more than its share of new industry in the last eighteen months or so thanks to the efforts of the Industrial Development Authority.

The meeting also discussed the present situation in some of the old established industries in town with particular reference to the car assembly industry and concern was expressed at the harm through retaliation which might come about if the threatened embargo on the importation of fully assembled cars is put into effect.

The importance for Wexford of the establishment of an Anco Training Centre in the town and the provision of a new Vocational School was also discussed and the members of the Borough Council stressed the vital importance of providing these facilities. They were informed that Anco is taking over the new advance factory at the Industrial Estate provided by the Wexford Industrial Development Association, for the purpose of setting up a training centre and satisfaction was expressed at this disclosure.

The recent announcement by the Managing Director of Irish Continental Line regarding the proposal to set up a Ferry Service between Cork and Le Harve and the implications involved for Rosslare Harbour was also discussed and the Dail representatives were exhorted to ensure that the interests of Rosslare Harbour are fully protected. In particular the provision of additional facilities at the Harbour by Coras Iompair Eireann was stressed and it was announced that the Minister for Industry and Commerce will receive a representative deputation from Wexford on Wednesday 12th March next to discuss these problems.

In conclusion the Dail representatives commended the Council for its interest in and concern for the welfare of Wexford and assured the members that as far as they were concerned they would spare no effort to ensure that Wexford's interests are fully protected both on the industrial and other fronts.

On the proposition of His Worship the Mayor, seconded by Councillor Byrne, the Council expressed its appreciation of the efforts of the T.D.'s and of Mr. McCarthy on behalf of Wexford and thanked them for attending the meeting.

ROSSLARE HARBOUR

Regarding the deputation to attend on the Minister for Transport and Power Mr. Barry on Wednesday 12th March next to discuss Irish Continental Lines plans for a Cork/Le Harve Ferry and the future of Rosslare Harbour it was unanimously agreed that the following would represent the Borough Council, viz :- His Workshop the Mayor, Alderman Roche, Councillors Morris and Byrne and the Town Clerk. It was also agreed that representatives of Wexford Chamber of Commerce, Wexford Trades Council and Rosslare Harbour Development Association would be invited to participate in the deputation and that Councillor Mrs. Doyle and Councillor Leo Carty would be asked to attend on behalf of Wexford County Council.

WEXFORD TRAFFIC AND PARKING BYE-LAWS 1973

The Town Clerk informed the meeting that in the last day or two he had again discussed the Wexford Traffic and Parking Bye-laws 1973 with the President of Wexford Chamber of Commerce who had informed him that the Chamber has reluctantly agreed to the suggestion that the Bye-laws be brought into force with a proposal to monitor and review at the end of a two month period.

It was proposed by Councillor Byrne and seconded by Alderman Byrne that the Commissioner of the Garda Siochana be requested to arrange for the implementation of the Wexford Traffic and Parking Bye-laws 1973 as soon as possible and as drafted, i.e. without any amendments and that a special committee comprising the Borough Council and representatives of the Chamber of Commerce, Trades Council and the Garda authorities be set up to monitor the effects of the Bye-laws and that at the end of a two month period arrangements be made to have any amendments which might be considered necessary at that stage, implemented.

WEXFORD ARTS CENTRE LTD. - LOAN OF NATIONAL GALLERY PAINTINGS.

The Town Clerk informed the meeting that the National Gallery of Ireland has agreed to the loan of a number of paintings for an Exhibition organised by Wexford Arts Centre Ltd., at the Arts Centre Cornmarket. The Gallery will be indemnified by the Minister for Finance for the full value of the paintings against any loss or destruction of any of the paintings lent to the Arts Centre but the Minister for Finance requires the local authority to indemnify him against payment of one half of all monies he may have to pay on foot of the indemnity. This latter indemnity by the Corporation would be covered by insurance the cost of which would be recouped to the Corporation by Wexford Arts Centre Ltd.

On the proposition of Councillor Byrne, seconded by Alderman Byrne it was unanimously resolved that Wexford Corporation agrees to indemnify the Minister for Finance against payment of one half of all monies he may pay on foot of the indemnity in respect of the loan of paintings by the National Gallery of Ireland to Wexford Arts Centre Ltd.

HOUSING PRIORITY LIST

Alderman Corish raised the question of the housing need of a Mrs. Quirke of High Street concerning whom the Chief Medical Officer has recently submitted a report to the Corporation indicating that in his opinion she should receive top priority for re-housing. It was proposed by Councillor Jenkins and seconded by Councillor Byrne that no alterations be made on the Priority List as already adopted and following a discussion no such alterations were recommended.

PROVISION OF SHOP - TALBOT STREET/GREEN STREET HOUSING SCHEME

The Council were informed that the Corporation's Architect has now prepared plans of the proposed shop accommodation for Mrs. Julia Lacey in the Talbot Street/Green Street Housing Scheme. The plans provide for a shop on the ground floor of the building with stores overhead and does not make provision for any partitions - the provision of partitions and all shop furniture etc., to be a matter for Mrs. Lacey. No bathroom is being provided in the premises - at the rear of the shop provision is being made for a w.c. and a wash-hand basin, while the floors will be finished in concrete.

The Council unanimously agreed to the Architects suggestions subject to discussion with Mrs. Lacey.

HEALTH INSPECTORS

The Town Clerk informed the meeting that the South Eastern Health Authority is planning changes in the number and duties of its Health Inspectors. Up to now three Health Inspectors have been based in Wexford County, one in Wexford town, one in Enniscorthy and one in New Ross. Each of these has provided through the Health Authority housing services for the various local authorities including Wexford Corporation. Under the new system a total of six Health Inspectors will be assigned to County Wexford, two of which will be on permanent secondment to Wexford County Council and through it to the other housing authorities and will be engaged entirely on housing duties. The Council expressed satisfaction with the new arrangement.

The meeting then terminated.

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James Mahoney

7th April 1975

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 James Mahoney in the chair.

Aldermen : Philip Corish and Peter Roche.

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

Councillors : Kevin Morris, John Roche, Thomas Carr, James Jenkins, and Thomas Francis Byrne.

Apologies for inability to attend were received from Councillors Mrs. Avril Doyle and Joseph Furlong.

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.

SOUTH EAST TOURISM

Mr. William Walsh, Regional Tourism Manager, South East Tourism attended the meeting to discuss with the members difficulties which have arisen regarding the Wexford Tourist Office and the Wexford Tourist Officer. In a statement Mr. Walsh pointed out that the Regional Tourism Organisations have now been in existence for about ten years and had been originally established to stimulate local interest in tourist promotion. In that ten years Ireland's share of the world tourist market had fallen from 1.9% to 0.8% and during those years the Regional Organisations had never been quite certain as to what their function in the promotion of tourism was. In 1974 the National Tourist Board, Bord Failte Eireann, had had a very hard look at the tourist situation in Ireland under three headings viz :-

- (1) Administration
- (2) Marketing
- (3) Development.

The outcome was the preparation of the master development plan setting out guidelines for the promotion of tourism during the next twenty years. The master plan placed particular emphasis on the preservation and conservation of the environment and the quality of Irish life. The plan envisaged that tourist development in the next twenty years must of necessity be tackled on a national basis - the concept of narrow county or even regional limits was not considered suitable by Bord Failte. It was on the basis of this plan that the South East Tourism Organisation had been re-organised resulting in the appointment of the Wexford Tourist Officer as a Regional Conference Officer.

In reply to questions Mr. Walsh pointed out that the appointment of the Wexford Tourist Officer as Regional Conference Officer was with her consent and was in fact promotion for her - the policy of South East Tourism was not to concentrate entirely on Wexford but to encourage people to come into the Region to hold their conferences. The position regarding the Wexford Office is that the matter will be kept under review and if necessary new policies will be adopted. This review will be an ongoing thing and Mr. Walsh stressed that his Organisation is flexible in its outlook and is prepared to alter its policy at any stage provided that circumstances so dictate. He pointed out that the existence of special development officers in some regions of the West and South is based on legislation enacted by the Oireachtas for the promotion of certain tourist projects in under developed areas.

On the proposition of His Worship the Mayor, seconded by Councillor Carr, the Council expressed its appreciation of Mr. Walsh's coming before them to explain his Organisation's policy - Councillor Roche indicated that while he appreciated and accepted the explanations given by Mr. Walsh he was still not happy with the situation as far as the Wexford Tourist Office is concerned.

SYMPATHY

On the proposition of His Worship the Mayor, seconded by Councillor Carr, the sympathy of the Council was extended to the relatives of the late Mr. Robert Hillis and to Mr. T. Murphy on the recent death of his sister-in-law.

On the proposition of Alderman Corish, seconded by His Worship the Mayor, the sympathy of the Council was extended to the relatives of the late J. Fowler.

MINUTES

On the proposition of Councillor Jenkins, seconded by Councillor Carr, the Minutes of Statutory Meeting of 3rd March, 1975 and of Special Meetings of 4th and 7th March, 1975, having been circulated were taken as read, adopted unanimously and signed by His Worship the Mayor.

PUMP ON BALLAST BANK

It was proposed by Councillor Carr, and seconded by Alderman Corish "that M/s A.B.S. Pumps Ltd., be requested to give full authority, if necessary, to Wexford Corporation to have the Pump erected on the Ballast Bank on behalf of the people of Wexford".

It was pointed out that Wexford Junior Chamber are now making arrangements to have the Pump erected and hoped to have the scheme completed in time for the 1975 Wexford Festival.

Councillor Carr agreed to defer his motion but suggested that Junior Chamber be informed of the Borough Council's concern regarding the delay in having the Pump erected.

PEDESTRIAN CROSSING AT CONVENT OF MERCY SCHOOL KENNEDY PARK

It was proposed by Councillor Roche, seconded by His Worship the Mayor and unanimously resolved "that a pedestrian crossing be provided outside the Convent of Mercy Kennedy Park".

The Borough Engineer was requested to prepare a report and estimate for consideration by the Borough Council.

HEATING OF SCHOOLS

It was proposed by Councillor Roche, seconded by Councillor Byrne and unanimously resolved "that this Council call on the Government to set up an Emergency Heating Fund for the benefit of the schools throughout this country".

OPENING HOURS - FERRYBANK SWIMMING POOL

It was proposed by Alderman Roche, seconded by Councillor Jenkins and unanimously resolved "that some prior notice be given to the general public particularly for the benefit of school children, as to the hours the swimming pool at Ferrybank is available".

The Borough Accountant explained that all the schools of the town are circularised as to the public hours available at the Pool and in addition notices are displayed at the People Newspaper Offices and at Mr. Martin's shop. Tenders have now been received for the supply of a Notice Board and it is hoped to have this provided within the next few weeks.

It was agreed that the Borough Accountant would endeavour to have notices displayed in some of the shops in the outlying areas of the town and it was also agreed to hold a meeting of the management committee as soon as possible in order to discuss this whole question and particularly the extent to which the Pool is now being used by organised groups.

KING STREET AVENUE

It was proposed by Alderman Roche, seconded by His Worship the Mayor and unanimously resolved "that this Council is not satisfied with the condition King Street Avenue and surroundings was left in by the Contractor doing the Main Drainage Scheme".

The Borough Engineer was asked to look into the matter.

PEDESTRIAN CROSSING AT FISHER'S STREET/FAYTHE JUNCTION

It was proposed by His Worship the Mayor, and seconded by Councillor Roche "that the Wexford Borough Council provide a pedestrian crossing at Fisher's Street/Faythe junction".

The matter was deferred pending an investigation by the Borough Engineer including an investigation as to the possibility of providing a barrier at the school exit at Fisher's Row.

ROSSLARE HARBOUR

The Council discussed briefly the report of the deputation which visited the Minister for Transport and Power in connection with the proposals of Coras Iompair Eireann for the development of Rosslare Harbour and also a letter which has been received from the General Manager, Irish Continental Line Car Ferry indicating that his Company are totally committed to the development of Rosslare Harbour and have given the port authorities assurance to that effect.

On the proposition of Councillor Jenkins, seconded by Alderman Roche, it was agreed to again impress on Coras Iompair Eireann and the Minister for Transport and Power the necessity to have the development carried out as a matter of urgency.

DENTAL SERVICE AT LOCAL CLINIC

A letter was received from the South Eastern Health Board in reply to the resolution of the Borough Council concerning the inadequacy of the dental service at the Wexford Clinic. The letter indicated as follows viz :-

- (a) There is a dental surgeon on duty in the County Clinic for at least one three hour session six days a week Monday to Saturday inclusive i.e. some days three sessions are worked, morning, afternoon and night.
- (b) The allocation of dental services to the town of Wexford averages a total of nineteen sessions per week including four adult sessions. This allocation gives the town a dentist/population ratio of 1:6,500 against a ratio of 1:14,000 for the rest of the country.
- (c) It will happen occasionally that due to illness, annual leave or special need in other areas that the full quota is not always maintained but every effort is made to provide an emergency service. As a rule it is the rural community that suffers the withdrawal of services in these cases.
- (d) There can be no question of giving a 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. five day a week service in the County Clinic whilst rural needs are neglected.
- (e) Compared to other towns in other counties the dental needs of Wexford are well catered for. Very rarely indeed will a dentist in the Public Service be found on duty on a Saturday morning.

The letter indicated that the senior dental surgeon Mr. O'Brien Moran would be glad to attend a meeting of the Borough Council to discuss this matter if he had advance notice of the meeting.

E. S. B. POWER STATION

A letter was received from the Electricity Supply Board regarding the resolution of the Council requesting that in the event of the nuclear power station at Carnsore Point not being built, the next conventional station would be sited in Co. Wexford. The letter indicated that the siting of any power station requires a combination of features peculiar to the type of station being designed. If

further stations are to be built before the nuclear station then the siting will depend on the type and size of station and the fuel to be used. While the Board has every sympathy with the aspirations of any county the letter pointed out that stations were located where best for the whole country.

WEXFORD TELEPHONE EXCHANGE

A letter was considered from the Department of Posts and Telegraphs in reply to the Borough Council's representations regarding the closing of the Wexford manual telephone exchange. The letter pointed out that there will not be any telephone operating work at Wexford Post Office after the dependent exchanges have been converted to automatic working and it regretted that the retention of operators would not be warranted.

It was pointed out that the retention of the Wexford Exchange has now been extended for a further period.

RESTRICTIVE TRADE PRACTICES

A letter was considered from the Department of Industry and Commerce in reply to the Borough Council's representations regarding restrictive trade practices. The letter pointed out that the purpose of the Restrictive Practices Act 1972 is to ensure that unfair or restrictive practices in the supply and distribution of goods or the provision of services can be investigated and where necessary prohibited. The investigation of such practices is entrusted under the Act to the Examiner of Restrictive Practices. A further letter from the Examiner of Restrictive Practices indicated that the Restrictive Practices legislation does not require any manufacturer to make supplies available to all retailers who seek supplies and further pointed out that such a requirement would have the effect of taking away from the manufacturer the freedom to run his business sufficiently in such a way as to keep prices as low as possible. The fact that a retailer cannot get supplies from a particular manufacturer or manufacturers does not mean that he cannot get supplies at all because the competition in the industry is such that other manufacturers will be only too pleased to supply him.

INCREASE IN FOOD PRICES

A letter was considered from the Department of Industry and Commerce in reply to the representations of the Borough Council regarding increases in the prices of food stuffs. The letter indicated that the Borough Council may be assured that all possible steps are being taken to ensure that only unavoidable price increases are implemented. All proposals for price increases are referred by the Minister to the National Prices Commission who advise him on acceptance, reduction or rejection of each proposal. When considering such proposals the Commission normally allow for price compensation only vouched increased costs which have already been incurred.

SCHOOL BUSES

A letter was received from the Department of Education indicating that a scheme has been approved whereby school buses may be hired at reasonable rates to transport pupils to games and school related physical education events. This letter was in reply to the representations of the Borough Council concerning the possibility of having school buses made available to bring pupils to the Swimming Pool at Ferrybank Wexford.

A.G.M. SOUTH EAST TOURISM

On the proposition of Councillor Byrne, seconded by His Worship the Mayor, Alderman Corish was unanimously selected as the Borough Council's representative to attend the Annual General Meeting of South East Tourism to be held in the Newpark Hotel Kilkenny on

Thursday 15th May, 1975.

EVENING SWEEPING - MAIN STREET AREA

The Council considered a report from the Borough Engineer regarding the implementation of a scheme of evening street sweeping in the Main Street shopping area. The report indicated that the introduction of such a scheme for the period April to September would cost approximately £1,000 and that the work could best be done commencing at 7 p.m. each evening.

The matter was adjourned for further consideration by the Borough Engineer.

SEMINAR - THE PRACTICAL USE OF PARKS AND OPEN SPACE IN TOWNS

It was proposed by Councillor Byrne and seconded by Alderman Corish that Councillor Roche be selected to represent the Borough Council at Seminar organised by An Foras Forbartha re. The Practical Use of Parks and Open Space in Towns. The Seminar is to be held on 23rd and 24th April 1975 and the fee is £30.00. However after Alderman Roche and Councillor Jenkins had indicated ~~that they were opposed to the~~ sending of any representative to the Seminar Councillor Roche indicated that he would not allow his name to go forward.

ENGINEERING STAFF

The County Manager submitted a report to the Borough Council regarding the difficulty which is being experienced by the Corporation in recruiting sufficient professional engineering staff. The report indicated that the Corporation has once again been informed by the Local Appointments Commission that the Commissioners are unable to make a recommendation regarding the appointment of an Assistant Borough Engineer and it will be necessary to re-advertise the post. This will be the fourth time that the post has been advertised since the last holder of the office Mr. Harry Bolton B.E. left early in 1973. Some months ago, viz, on 7th October, 1974 the Borough Council approved of a proposal of the County Manager to create a new post of Chief Assistant Borough Engineer and submission for the approval of the Minister was made on 10th October, 1974. So far the creation of this post has not been sanctioned by the Minister for Local Government. The report further indicated that because of the lack of sufficient engineering staff the development of Corporation services was now being seriously affected and particular reference was made to the necessity to prepare plans for an extension to St. Ibar's Cemetery. The existing Cemetery now has only sufficient grave spaces for a period of four to six months. In addition other services and plans of the Borough Council were also being seriously affected.

On the proposition of Councillor Byrne, seconded by Alderman Roche, it was unanimously resolved to request the Minister for Local Government to take immediate action to have the post of Chief Assistant Borough Engineer sanctioned.

SUSPENSION OF STANDING ORDERS

The time being now 9.45 p.m. it was unanimously resolved on the proposition of Councillor Roche, seconded by Councillor Byrne to suspend Standing Orders in order to allow the remaining items on the Agenda with the exception of items Nos. 8 - 14 inclusive, to be dealt with.

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DISPOSAL OF LAND AT WHITEMILL NORTH TO M/S ELWEX LTD.

On the proposition of Councillor Roche, seconded by Councillor Byrne approval was unanimously given to the proposal of the County Manager to dispose of approximately 38½ sq. perches of land at Whitemill North to M/s Elwex Ltd., for the purpose of providing access for the Company onto the Industrial Estate roadway and on the terms as set out in Notice dated 25th March, 1975, and circulated to each member of Wexford Borough Council, viz, for the sum of £720.

WEXFORD MAIN DRAINAGE SCHEME

The County Manager submitted a report to the Council concerning the Wexford Main Drainage Scheme. The report indicated that the amount of the original tender accepted by the Corporation and submitted by the Contractors M/s J.V. Duffy Ltd., Shankill, Co. Dublin was in the sum of £99,889.83, and that this was sanctioned by the Minister for Local Government. The Contract was entered into with M/s Duffy Ltd., on 31st December, 1971 and the Price Variation Clauses in the Contract would operate from the date of the original tender, viz, 16th October, 1970.

In connection with the above Contract two disputes have arisen as follows :-

1. Amount of Final Account :

The amount of the Final Account as agreed to by the Corporation's Consulting Engineers M/s T.J. O'Connor & Associates is £148,245.05. This amount provided for increases under the Price Variation Clauses in respect of labour and materials and also an amount to compensate the Contractor for some sheet piling in Parnell Street which was left in situ at the request of the Corporation.

The amount of the Final Account was disputed by the Contractors and following protracted negotiations between the Contractors and the Corporation's Consulting Engineer the Contractors referred the matter to arbitration under the Conditions of Contract. The amount of the additional claim submitted to arbitration by the Contractors was £147,483 which would bring the amount of the Final Account to £295,728.05. The headings under which this claim was lodged were as follows, viz :-

- (i) a substantially increased allowance in respect of sheet piling left in situ.
- (ii) price variation on plant and machinery.
- (iii) compensation to the Contractor for increased Insurance Premiums payable by them because of the large number of claims lodged in respect of damage to houses in Parnell Street.

A preliminary meeting was held by the Arbitrator Mr. Hugh A. Delap Consulting Civil Engineer on 30th November 1974 and it was agreed that the Contractors and the Corporation should agree on a submission to the Arbitrator regarding the matters in dispute.

Following this meeting attempts have been made to settle this dispute and in February 1975 M/s J.V. Duffy indicated that they would settle for the total sum of £204,000. This offer was refused by the Corporation and M/s Duffy subsequently reduced the amount to £183,000. Following further negotiations between M/s J.V. Duffy Ltd., and the Corporation's Consulting Engineer a further figure of £176,500 was submitted to the Corporation for consideration. The matter was referred to the Corporation's Senior Counsel Mr. Ronan Keane who has been retained to represent the Corporation at the Arbitration Hearing and in the course of a lengthy Opinion submitted to the County Manager through the Corporation's Solicitor on 12th March 1975 Mr. Keane and his Junior Counsel Mr. Niall Fennelley B.L. recommended the acceptance of this figure by the Corporation. Mr. Keane considers that in the event of the case going to arbitration M/s Duffy will receive some award, the amount of which of course at this stage is impossible to gauge. The only recourse open to the Corporation would be to appeal to the High Court against such an award on a question of Law but Mr. Keane has pointed out that the Arbitrator in making his award does not have to give a break-down of the amount which he is awarding and the Corporation would have no way of telling in respect of which of the claims the award is being made. Acceptance of Mr. Keane's advice would mean in effect that the Corporation is willing to settle M/s Duffys' claims of £147,483 for the sum of £28,255.

Acceptance of the above settlement is initially a matter for the County Manager subject to the approval of the Council particularly in regard to the raising of additional funds by way of loan in order to pay the amount agreed to M/s Duffy Ltd. In addition the sanction of the Minister for Local Government will have to be obtained to the acceptance of the settlement and also to the raising of the additional monies authorised by the Borough Council.

2. Claims for damages to houses in Parnell Street :

The second dispute which has arisen is between the Insurers for the Contractor, the Insurance Corporation of Ireland Ltd., and the Contractor and Wexford Corporation. The Insurers have claimed that only some of the damage done to houses in Parnell Street has been as a result of accident - the balance of the damage was inevitable because of the nature of the work being carried out and accordingly would not be covered by the terms of the relevant Insurance Policies. From an early stage this argument has not been accepted by the Corporation and in accordance with the terms of the Policies the Insurance Corporation of Ireland were put under Notice that in the event of their refusing to meet all claims in full the Corporation would refer the matter to arbitration. Initially the Contractors did not join with the Corporation in the service of such a Notice on the Insurers but one of the terms of the proposed agreement referred to above is that the Contractors would now join with the Corporation in its dispute at arbitration with the

Insurance Corporation of Ireland. I might add that a total of thirty-two plenary High Court summons have been served on the Corporation on behalf of residents of Parnell Street and these cannot be finalised until such time as the liability of the Insurance Corporation of Ireland has been clearly established. The arbitration referred to will take place shortly before Mr. Francis D. Murphy, Senior Counsel. In the event of the Corporation and the Contractor failing in this arbitration against the Insurance Corporation of Ireland the Corporation will be holding the Contractor liable for the damage caused under the Conditions of Contract.

Summary :

I have considered all the circumstances of this matter very carefully and I am of the opinion that it would be in the interest of the Corporation to accept the advice of Mr. Ronan Keane, Senior Counsel regarding settlement of the Duffy claim in the sum of £176,500 and I recommend same to the Borough Council. Should the Borough Council agree with me in this matter a further loan will have to be raised in the sum of £27,000 in order to complete the financing of the Main Drainage Scheme. I might add that one of the conditions that I would be insisting on is that M/s Duffy Ltd., would produce a Guarantee Bond from a reputable Insurance Company covering the Corporation in the event of M/s J.V. Duffy Ltd., not being in a position to discharge whatever liabilities may accrue to them regarding the repairs of houses at Parnell Street. A Guarantee Bond in the sum of £25,000 already exists from the Contract itself and I am requiring M/s Duffy to secure a further Bond in the sum of £40,000 in order to safeguard the interest of the Corporation.

The Council raised no objection to the proposal of the County Manager to accept the advice of Senior Counsel regarding the making of a settlement with M/s J.V. Duffy Ltd., and providing for a Final Account figure of £176,500.

On the proposition of Councillor 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 £27,000 from the Commissioners of Public Works in Ireland for the completion of the Wexford Main Drainage Scheme.

HOUSING PRIORITY LIST

The Council considered a report from the Chief Medical Officer regarding the housing need of a Mr. Patrick Atkins who had originally been recommended for inclusion on the Corporation's Priority List but had been removed because he had been allocated a County Council house at Rosslare Harbour. The report indicated that it would be most desirable that Mr. Atkins should be re-housed in Wexford town rather than in Rosslare Harbour and the County Manager indicated that provided the Borough Council have no objection he would be prepared to accept the report.

The Council agreed to the acceptance of Mr. Atkins for rehousing in Wexford town - Councillors Byrne and Roche dissenting.

PAGEANT

The Council agreed in principle to co-operate with the promoters of a Pageant to be held in Wexford each Thursday evening from 6th June to 28th August 1975 particularly regarding the use of public Car Parks at Back Street and Lower Abbey Street.

TALBOT STREET/GREEN STREET HOUSING SCHEME

The Town Clerk indicated that a further fifteen houses have now been handed over in the Talbot Street/Green Street Scheme but they could not be occupied for some weeks yet because of the delay in having a supply of electricity installed. This delay has been occasioned by the inability, so far, of the Corporation to re-locate one family living in Talbot Street.

The Town Clerk further pointed out that the following persons would be appointed to these fifteen houses, viz :-

Miss Margaret Keating and Mr. Denis Carroll of Talbot Street; M/s Anthony Lawlor and Joseph Bergin who are being granted transfers and Nos. 5 - 15 inclusive on the Corporation's Priority List.

SPECIAL AND COMMITTEE MEETINGS

It was agreed to hold a Special Meeting of the Council on Monday 14th April 1975 to deal with Items Nos. 8 - 14 inclusive on the Agenda - this to be followed by a Meeting of the Housing Committee to consider the Priority List for Old Persons Bungalows/Flats.

It was also agreed to hold a Meeting of the Finance Committee on Tuesday 22nd April 1975 to consider applications for Relief from Rates 1975.

QUESTIONS

In reply to questions Councillor Roche was informed :-

- (a) The Corporation has a statutory duty under the Housing Act 1966 which sets out procedures for dealing with the former accommodation of persons provided with housing by the Corporation and these procedures are followed by the Corporation.
- (b) No reply has been received from the Department of Local Government on the Corporation's submissions re. house prices at Corish Park and Thomas Clarke Place.
- (c) Rent Collectors have a duty to report any neglect or abuse of Corporation houses and in addition checks on individual houses are carried out on information received.

In reply to questions Alderman Roche was informed :-

- (a) The Borough Engineer is at present examining with the Electricity Supply Board the provision of an additional light opposite the County Hall - three lights already exist in that area.
- (b) Damage to footpath outside Old Pound House would be repaired as quickly as possible.

In reply to questions Alderman Corish was informed :-

Repairs will be carried out at No. 85 Wolfe Tone Villas within the next month or so.

The Meeting then terminated.

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James Mahony

14th April 1975

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 Alderman James Mahoney in the Chair.

Aldermen : Philip Corish and Peter Roche.

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

Councillors : Kevin Morris, John Roche, Mrs. Avril Doyle, Thomas Carr.

Apologies for inability to attend were received from Councillors Joseph Furlong, James Jenkins and Thomas Francis Byrne.

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.

ABSTRACT OF ACCOUNTS- FINANCIAL YEAR ENDED 31st DECEMBER 1974

The Council considered the Abstract of Accounts for the local financial year ended 31st December, 1974 and report of the Borough Accountant on same which had been circulated. The Council noted the reduction in the debit balance on Revenue Account at 31st December 1974 from £66,533 to £26,759 and also the debit balance on Capital Account which stood at £91,179 at 31st December 1974. Particular concern was expressed at the low level of rent collection and it was pointed out that this was primarily due to the difficulty which the Corporation is experiencing in collecting arrears of rent which accumulated during the Rent Strike. It was pointed out however that apart from a small nucleus of tenants arrangements have now been made with most tenants for the payment of these arrears by weekly instalments and while the collection of these arrears would be a slow process at least progress was now being made in reducing the amount outstanding.

FINANCE - LOANS FOR ACQUISITION AND ERECTION OF HOUSES

On the proposition of Councillor Morris, seconded by Alderman Corish, it was unanimously resolved that application be made to the Minister for Local Government for sanction to the raising of a loan of £100,000 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 His Worship the Mayor, seconded by Alderman Corish, 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

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Works in Ireland for the purpose of making grants under Sections 26 and 29 of the Housing Act, 1966.

WATER CHARGES

No objection was raised to the proposal of the County Manager to apply the following revised charges for water with effect as from 1st October, 1974 viz :-

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|-----|---|----|----|--|
| (1) | Domestic Consumers outside the Borough | .. | .. | £10.00 per house. |
| (2) | Metered Commercial Users within the Borough | .. | .. | 20p per 1,000 gallons. |
| (3) | Metered Commercial Users outside the Borough excluding large industrial consumers ; | | | |
| (a) | consumption not exceeding $\frac{1}{2}$ m. gls. per annum | .. | .. | 30p per 1,000 gallons. |
| (b) | consumption in excess of $\frac{1}{2}$ m. gls. per annum but not exceeding 1 m gls. per annum | .. | .. | 20p per 1,000 gallons. |
| (4) | Large Industrial Consumers both inside and outside the Borough ; | | | |
| (a) | consumption not exceeding 5 m. gls. per annum | .. | .. | 20p per 1,000 gallons. |
| (b) | consumption in excess of 5 m. gls. per annum but not exceeding 10 m. gls. per annum | .. | .. | 16p per 1,000 gallons. |
| (c) | consumption in excess of 10 m. gls. per annum | .. | .. | 13p per 1,000 gallons. |
| (5) | Commercial Users within Borough e.g. licenced premises, hairdressers chemists etc., | .. | .. | £10.00 per annum or as at 3 above where meter installed. |

On the proposition of Councillor Morris, seconded by Alderman Roche, it was unanimously resolved to approve of the proposed new scale of charges.

Regarding charges for hotels, it was unanimously resolved to seek legal advice as to whether or not the Corporation would be entitled to charge those premises for water used for domestic purposes taking into account that the hotels derive a profit from such domestic activity.

AUGMENTATION OF WATER SUPPLY IMPROVEMENT SCHEME

The Council considered a report from the Borough Engineer concerning the sharp rise in water consumption during the last five years. The report indicated that consumption has doubled in those years mainly due to Industrial and Housing Development. Present consumption at 1.6 million gallons per day will peak at or above 2 million gallons during the coming summer. The basic design capacity for the new plant is already ~~exceeded~~ and output of a high quality effluent is maintained only through resilience of the design and the skill of the Plant Operator. The estimated cost of uprating the plant to meet demand in the next three to four years is £20,000 and the report recommended that this work be undertaken as a matter of some urgency. In addition it will be necessary to mount an all out campaign to curb wastage and the report suggested an additional allocation of £5,000 for this purpose.

The report was adopted unanimously.

On the proposition of Alderman Roche, 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 £25,000 from the Commissioners of Public Works in Ireland for the uprating of the Wexford Water Supply Scheme and the carrying out of a campaign to curb wastage of water.

DOMESTIC SCAVANGING-ENVIRONS OF WEXFORD

On the proposition of His Worship the Mayor, seconded by Councillor Roche, it was unanimously resolved that Corporation officials negotiate with Wexford County Council for the carrying out of domestic refuse collection by Wexford Corporation for Wexford County Council in the environs of Wexford at an annual cost of £8.00 per house collected.

The Borough Engineer was asked to examine the possibility of providing a more frequent domestic refuse collection on Wexford Quays.

AMENITY GRANTS SCHEME

The Council considered a letter from the Department of Local Government concerning the suspension of the Amenity Grants Scheme for 1975. The letter pointed out that since no funds are available to the Department it would not be possible to make an allocation towards the cost of Schemes which Wexford Corporation had hoped to carry out with Amenity Grant assistance in 1975. It also stated that because of the necessity to make increased provision for key priority services such as housing, sanitary services and the phasing out of the cost to ratepayers of the health services and housing subsidies it will not be possible to make any new grant allocations under the Amenity Grants Scheme for the current financial year. The letter concluded that it is not possible to give any indication as to whether grant allocations can be made in subsequent years. The contents of the letter were noted by the Council.

The Council referred to recent Press statements regarding the failure of Wexford Corporation to provide playing pitches for various sporting organisations in the town and the members pointed out that over the years the Corporation had always been most co-operative

with such Bodies and that any land which the Corporation had in its possession and which was not being used had been made available for use as temporary playing pitches. It was further pointed out that should the Corporation decide to purchase land specifically for this purpose the capital cost would be quite heavy and consequently the rent that would have to be charged would also be very high. It was suggested that the various clubs in each Association should get together and devolve some sort of a plan for the provision of shared facilities between the Clubs and that this could then be discussed with the Corporation.

AMENITY AWARDS SCHEME

The Council considered a further request from the Amenity Study Group regarding the implementation of the Amenity Awards Scheme in 1975. The Group suggested that the Scheme could proceed in 1975 on a non-financial basis of certificate awards if the members of the Council so agreed - this would mean that there would be no financial commitment required from the Corporation during 1975. The members approved of the suggestion of the Amenity Study Group for the implementation of the Scheme in 1975.

WEXFORD TRAFFIC AND PARKING BYE-LAWS

The Council unanimously agreed that the Special Committee to be set up to monitor the Wexford Traffic and Parking Bye-Laws 1973 should consist of all the members of Wexford Borough Council, four representatives of Wexford Chamber of Commerce, four representatives of Wexford Trades Council and Garda representatives.

TIDY TOWNS COMPETITION 1975

On the proposition of Councillor Morris, seconded by Alderman Corish, it was unanimously resolved that Wexford be entered for the Tidy Towns Competition 1975.

Regarding Liam Mellows Park the Borough Engineer was requested, on the suggestion of Councillor Roche, to inspect the area and particularly the small grassed areas which are allegedly being made dangerous with broken glass. He was also requested to have the tree guards removed from the grass areas at Liam Mellows Park since the trees have now been destroyed and removed.

ROAD IMPROVEMENTS - FAYTHE TO WYGRAM

The Council considered proposals of Wexford County Council for some improvements in the road between The Faythe and Wygram as follows :-

- (1) Bride Street/Joseph Street junction - easing of both corners by acquisition of land from Christian Brothers and Bride Street Church and provision of island at this junction. The Borough Engineer reported that the proposal is acceptable subject to detail regarding levels paths and new boundary walls/rails/fences being agreed before work commences and also agreement of the clerical owners of the properties on the southern side of the junction. The Principal of the Christian Brothers has no objection to alterations and this matter is in any case covered in a condition to a planning permission for the school.

- (2) Realignment of Mill Road/The Faythe - stretch between Distillery Road and Swan View. The Borough Engineer pointed out that this outline draft plan involves acquisition of land and demolition of at least habitable dwellings. It would effect an improvement of traffic flow at the location and since the distributor road has effectively been abandoned this could form part of a piecemeal alternative scheme at a lower level of service than that intended for the Western Distributor Road. Detailed plans showing levels, drainage, junction treatment and boundaries should be submitted for approval of the Council if the scheme is to proceed. There may of course be considerable problems in acquisition of the road reserve and the County Council should be asked to state the type of time scale anticipated in implementation of this proposal.

On the proposition of Alderman Corish, seconded by Councillor Roche, the Council unanimously approved of the proposals of the County Council subject to the points raised in his report by the Borough Engineer.

STREET TRADING

The Council considered objections raised by a number of traders adjoining the Bull Ring to the escalation in street trading which is now carried on in that area. The Town Clerk pointed out that while the Street Trading Act 1926 has been adopted by Wexford Borough Council, Section 2 of the Act excluded from its provisions "a person who sells goods or offers exposes or carries goods for sale in any lawful public market or fair". Since under the Market Bye-laws made by Wexford Borough Council in 1878 The Bull Ring (amongst other streets) was constituted a market. This meant that the Bull Ring area was exempt from the provisions of the Street Trading Act and street trading could be carried on there without having to comply with the requirements of the Act concerning the provision of a Street Traders Certificate from the Garda Siochana and a Street Stall Traders Licence from the Corporation. This matter has been examined a number of times by the Corporation and in 1948 Mr. Lavery Senior Counsel had advised the Corporation of the limitation on its powers under the Street Trading Act because of the existence of the Market Bye-laws. In order to bring the Bull Ring area within the ambit of the Street Trading Act it would be necessary to amend or repeal the existing Market Bye-laws. It was agreed to investigate this possibility.

The Council however felt that the Garda authorities would have a function in the matter since a number of these street traders were causing obstruction to traffic and on the proposition of Councillor Roche, seconded by Alderman Roche, it was unanimously resolved to refer the matter to the Superintendent Garda Siochana with a request that he use his powers under the Road Traffic Acts to ensure that such obstruction would not go unpunished.

LOCAL GOVERNMENT (PLANNING AND DEVELOPMENT) ACT 1963

Proposed Motel At Ferrybank :

The Council were informed that an application has been made to Wexford County Council for planning permission to establish a Motel at Ban-a-Boo Ferrybank and the County Council has intimated that permission will not be forthcoming for an entrance/exit onto the Main Road. As an alternative the developer

has asked permission to provide his entrance/exit onto Corporation property at Ferrybank and the Borough Engineer having examined the proposition has no objection to the granting of permission subject to :-

- (i) the proposed entrance be sited a minimum of 30 meters east of the boundary wall with the public roadway.
- (ii) details of entrance showing siting proposed, pavement construction and siting distances are submitted for approval.
- (iii) the sum of £200 is to be paid by the developer to Wexford Corporation as a contribution to the cost of the Amenity Complex access road.
- (iv) it is recommended that the applicant discuss detail location for entrance with the Borough Surveyor's office before submission to the Council for planning permission.

In addition the County Manager has intimated that he would be requiring the developer to enter into a formal agreement in the matter with the Corporation in order to protect the Corporations' interests in the area and to prevent the establishment by the developer of any rights which the Corporation does not intend to convey.

On the proposition of Councillor Morris, seconded by Councillor Roche, no objection was raised by the Council to the granting of the permission as outlined above.

Abattoir at Gibson Street :

Councillor Morris raised the question of a planning permission which has been lodged for the improvement of an existing abattoir at Gibson Street and was informed that this matter has already been dealt with by the County Manager and that in fact permission for the development has been refused. Councillor Morris pointed out that the members had had no opportunity to discuss this matter and was informed by the Town Clerk that the granting of planning permissions or refusals was entirely a matter for the County Manager. It was agreed that Councillor Morris would raise the matter at a subsequent meeting when the County Manager is in attendance.

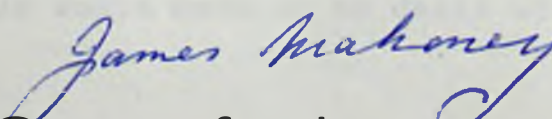
Notification of Refusals :

It was unanimously agreed that the County Manager notify the members of the Borough Council of all his decisions to refuse planning permissions.

HILL STREET TRAFFIC

His Worship the Mayor referred to a petition which had been lodged with him from the residents of the Hill Street area objecting to the use of that area by juggernauts and suggesting that all such traffic should be re-routed through Ferrycarrig. It was agreed that the matter would be discussed at the Special Meeting with Wexford District Committee of Wexford County Council to be held on Wednesday next.

The meeting then terminated.


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14th April 1975.

A Meeting of the Housing Committee of Wexford Borough Council was held this day in the Council Chamber, Municipal Buildings, Wexford at the conclusion of the Special Meeting.

The members present were :-

His Worship the Mayor Alderman James Mahoney in the Chair.

Aldermen : Philip Corish and Peter Roche.

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

Councillors : Kevin Morris, John Roche, Mrs. Avril Doyle, Thomas Carr.

Apologies for inability to attend were received from Councillors Joseph Furlong, James Jenkins and Thomas Francis Byrne.

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.

HOUSING PRIORITY LIST - FAMILY TYPE HOUSES

The Council considered a further letter received from the Chief Medical Officer concerning the housing need of Mr. and Mrs. Quirke, 42 High Street. The letter indicated that the Chief Medical Officer has had an important medical report on this family and he asked the Borough Council to re-consider the case. It was proposed by Alderman Corish and seconded by His Worship the Mayor that the recommendation of the Chief Medical Officer be accepted and that the Quirke family be treated as an emergency case having top priority for rehousing. On a vote for Alderman Corish's proposal :-

His Worship the Mayor, Alderman Corish and
Councillor Carr .. (3)

Against : Alderman Roche and Councillors Morris, Roche
and Doyle .. (4)

His Worship the Mayor declared Alderman Corish's proposal defeated by 4 votes to 3.

The Council also considered the case of Mr. Michael Farrell, 23 Wolfe Tone Villas who is placed No. 53 on the Corporation's Priority List. Mr. Farrell it appears has been forced to leave his present accommodation and is at present living temporarily with a Mr. Mann at Liam Mellows Park, but he will also be required to leave this house within the next few days. On the proposition of Councillor Roche, seconded by Councillor Carr it was unanimously resolved to take no action in the matter.

HOUSING PRIORITY LIST - OLD PERSONS BUNGALOWS/FLATS

The Council considered the recommendations of the Chief Medical Officer for the Housing Priority List for Old Persons Bungalows/Flats and it was pointed out that the existing Priority List still comprised 22 names and these would have to be dealt with before the new applicants

could be accommodated. The recommendations were examined in detail by the Council following which the matter was adjourned to the next Meeting of the Borough Council in order to enable the Town Clerk to investigate some queries regarding some of the applicants which had been raised.

The Meeting then terminated.

James Mahoney

16th April, 1975

A Meeting of the Wexford District Committee of Wexford County Council was held this day in the Council Chamber, Municipal Buildings, Wexford.

The members present were :-

Councillor L. Carty presiding.

Also Councillors M. Ryan, P. Howlin, J. Mahoney,
P. Corish and Mrs. A. Doyle.

In attendance : Mr. J. O'Connor County Engineer,
M/s B. Fitzgerald and F. Harewood,
Chief Assistant County Engineers, and
Mr. C. Daly, Assistant County Engineer.

WEXFORD TRAFFIC PROBLEMS

The Meeting was attended by members and officials of Wexford Corporation to discuss with the District Committee County Council proposals to alleviate Wexford traffic problems. The Corporation representatives were informed that the major proposal which the County Council had was the provision of a relief road from Ballykillane cross via Piercestown, Redmondstown, Hayestown, Clonard, Newtown Road to a New Bridge to be constructed at Ferrycarrig. It is estimated that this road can be provided within the next five years and from it a number of avenues will lead directly into town, e.g. Duncannon Line, Clonard Road, Newtown Road. This proposal has been approved in principle by Wexford County Council and will be financed by way of Road Fund Grants and it is estimated that about one third of the traffic from Rosslare will be diverted away from Wexford via this relief road including of course the heavy traffic. The provision of the relief road is considered the most practical solution since the cost of improving roads through the town would be much greater and would cause much damage to the fabric of the town. In addition certain piecemeal improvements particularly in the road from The Faythe to Wygram would be carried out - in 1974 £8,000 had been spent on improvements at Maudlintown, Redmond Place, Wygram and School Street and in 1975 further £25,000 would be spent on the route from The Faythe to Wygram. Regarding the Wexford Quays it was pointed out that surveys had shown that if parking was removed from the Quays there would be sufficient to take the anticipated increase in traffic up 1980.

While conceding the long term necessity for the relief road the Corporation representatives stressed the necessity to carry out, in the short term, much needed improvements on Wexford Quays including the widening of the Quays and the building of a bridge straight across the Crescent. It was pointed out that a traffic survey carried out on behalf of the Corporation a few years ago indicated that only 8% of traffic coming into Wexford was through traffic and even allowing for an increase in that percentage in the meantime the vast bulk of the traffic is still Wexford bound. The people and traders of Wexford are against the idea of providing the relief road without first of all utilising Wexford Quays to the fullest possible extent. In addition the Corporation representatives pointed out that while improvements in the route between The Faythe and Wygram would be most welcome this

route would never constitute an alternative to Wexford Quays and the County Council was urged to look again at this matter with a view to improving the Quays. It was proposed by Councillor Jenkins, seconded by Councillor Byrne, and unanimously agreed by the Corporation members that Wexford County Council be requested to arrange in conjunction with C.I.E. for the preparation of an up-to-date practical plan for the building of a bridge over the Crescent. The County Engineer pointed out that the County Council had no objection to the building of such a bridge if the necessary funds are made available and also that no great difficulty was foreseen in the widening of the Quays provided the Corporation arranged for the introduction of Bye-laws prohibiting parking on the Quays.

On the proposition of the Chairman, seconded by Councillor Doyle, it was unanimously agreed that a recommendation be made to the County Council that in conjunction with C.I.E. an up to date practical plan be prepared for a bridge over the Crescent.

MAINTENANCE OF MAIN ROADS IN BOROUGH

The Corporation members complained about the condition of some of the main roads within Wexford Borough and alleged that Wexford County Council was not providing adequate maintenance on these roads. The Committee agreed to ask the County Engineer to look into this matter and to give sympathetic consideration to the request of the Corporation representatives.

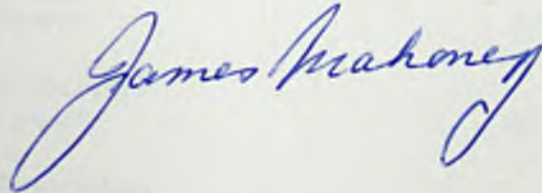
ST. VOGUES CHURCH AND GRAVEYARD

On the proposition of Councillor Howlin, seconded by Councillor Doyle it was recommended that permission be given to the Electricity Supply Board to enter St. Vogues Church and Graveyard for the purpose of carrying out an archaeological survey in connection with the Carnsore Point Station site.

CONCLUSION

On the proposition of His Worship the Mayor, seconded by Councillor Byrne, the Corporation representatives thanked the members of the District Committee for having received them and for having listened to their point of view. The Chairman thanked the Corporation representatives for having attended and suggested that a similar meeting might be held in the near future in order to discuss mutual problems.

The meeting terminated at 9.10 p.m.



22ND April, 1975.

A Meeting of the Finance Committee of 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 James Mahoney presiding.

Aldermen : Philip Corish and Fergus Byrne.

An apology for inability to attend was received from Alderman Peter Roche.

Councillors : Kevin Morris, John Roche, Mrs. Avril Doyle, Joseph Furlong, Thomas Carr and Thomas Francis Byrne.

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

In attendance : Mr. K.T. Conway, Borough Engineer,
Mr. R. Lynn, Borough Accountant,
Mr. D.T. Wixted, Town Clerk.

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

RELIEF FROM RATES 1975

The Council considered applications for Relief from Rates for 1975 and on the proposition of Councillor Roche, seconded by Councillor Morris, the following recommendations for the granting of Relief were agreed for submission to the County Manager, viz :-

<u>NAME AND ADDRESS :</u>	<u>RATES 1975:</u>	<u>AMOUNT WAIVED:</u>	<u>AMOUNT PAYABLE:</u>
Mrs. Mary B. Rutledge 14 William Street	£22.00	£14.50	£7.50
Josephine O'Neill 22 William Street	£32.00	£22.00	£10.00
Mrs. Kathleen Harpur 26 William Street	£26.00	£16.00	£10.00
Mrs. Nellie Sheridan 43 William Street	£44.00	£24.00	£20.00
Mrs. Mary M. Heron 45 William Street	£32.00	£22.00	£10.00
John Joseph Walsh 47 William Street	£38.00	£23.00	£15.00
Sarah Higginbotham 48 William Street	£32.00	£22.00	£10.00

<u>NAME AND ADDRESS :</u>	<u>RATES</u> <u>1975:</u>	<u>AMOUNT</u> <u>WAIVED:</u>	<u>AMOUNT</u> <u>PAYABLE:</u>
Mrs. Catherine Grannell 49 William Street	£72.00	£72.00	-
Miss Josie Byrne 52 William Street	£32.00	£22.00	£10.00
Mrs. Mary Murphy 5 Bishopswater	£68.00	£48.00	£20.00
Mrs. Mary E. Murphy 8 Bishopswater	£68.00	-	£68.00
Mrs. Mary K. Nolan 33 Bishopswater	£68.00	£58.00	£10.00
Mrs. Mary Ann Keeling 54 Bishopswater	£68.00	£48.00	£20.00
Daniel Murphy, 30 Rd 55 Bishopswater	£68.00	£48.00	£20.00
Mrs. Alice Bennett 69 Bishopswater	£68.00	£58.00	£10.00
John Bolger 72 Bishopswater	£68.00	£48.00	£20.00
John Mernagh 91 Bishopswater	£68.00	£53.00	£15.00
Laurence Walsh 98 Bishopswater	£68.00	£53.00	£15.00
Kathleen Murphy 102 Bishopswater	£68.00	£68.00	-
Robert Maguire 118 Bishopswater	£68.00	£58.00	£10.00
Joseph James 5 Corish Park	£68.00	£53.00	£15.00
Francis Bolger 17 Corish Park	£68.00	£53.00	£15.00
John Boyce 20 Corish Park	£68.00	£58.00	£10.00
Mrs. Margaret Walsh 41 Corish Park	£68.00	£58.00	£10.00
Mary E. Hughes 51 Corish Park	£68.00	£58.00	£10.00
Mrs. Elizabeth Barnes 76 Corish Park	£68.00	-	£68.00
Matthew Grannell 119 Corish Park	£68.00	-	£68.00
Mrs. Mary O'Neill 126 Corish Park	£68.00	£68.00	-

<u>NAME AND ADDRESS :</u>	<u>RATES</u> <u>1975:</u>	<u>AMOUNT</u> <u>WAIVED:</u>	<u>AMOUNT</u> <u>PAYABLE:</u>
Stephen Murphy 12 Antelope Road	£36.00	£21.00	£15.00
Mrs. Margaret Keeling 20 Antelope Road	£36.00	£36.00	-
Mrs. Elizabeth McCabe 32 Antelope Road	£36.00	£16.00	£20.00
Mrs. Mary Ann Murphy 1 Gulbar Road	£36.00	£31.00	£5.00
John Rossiter 23 Gulbar Road	£36.00	-	£36.00
James O'Brien 29 Gulbar Road	£36.00	£31.00	£5.00
Mrs. Bridget Byrne 31 Gulbar Road	£36.00	£18.00	£18.00
George Murphy 7 Dolphin Road	£32.00	£22.00	£10.00
Bridget Daly 24 Dolphin Road	£32.00	£22.00	£10.00
Mrs. Mary English 37 Hantoon Road	£36.00	£36.00	-
Mrs. Mary Ann Doyle 47 Hantoon Road	£36.00	£26.00	£10.00
Mrs. Ita Gallagher 11 St. Aidan's Crescent	£68.00	£58.00	£10.00
Mrs. Johanna Furlong 66 St. Aidan's Crescent	£68.00	£58.00	£10.00
Mrs. Alice Edwards 69 St. Aidan's Crescent	£68.00	£58.00	£10.00
Mrs. Catherine Kehoe 10 The Faythe	£32.00	£22.00	£10.00
Mrs. Annie Kavanagh 32 The Faythe	£32.00	£32.00	-
Mrs. Mary M. Nolan 45 The Faythe	£12.00	-	£12.00
Mr. Thomas Harpur 72 The Faythe	£52.00	£42.00	£10.00
John Furlong 81 The Faythe	£22.00	£12.00	£10.00
James Kehoe 83 The Faythe	£18.00	£8.00	£10.00

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Walter Ffrench 96 The Faythe	£22.00	£7.00	£15.00
Miss Elizabeth Marlowe 107 The Faythe	£24.00	-	£24.00
Patrick O'Donnell 113 The Faythe	£24.00	-	£24.00
Mrs. Maragret Crosbie 118 The Faythe	£68.00	£68.00	-
Miss Johanna Sinnott 133 The Faythe	£10.00	£5.00	£5.00
Peter Dempsey 144 The Faythe	£56.00	-	£56.00
Mrs. Kathleen Page 7 Whiterock View	£36.00	£16.00	£20.00
John Murphy 9 Whiterock View	£36.00	-	£36.00
Mrs. Mary Jones 15 Whiterock View	£36.00	£26.00	£10.00
Patrick Bierney 2 Whiterock View	£40.00	£25.00	£15.00
Mrs. Mary O'Brien 41 Whiterock View	£36.00	£21.00	£15.00
Edward Carroll 40 Whiterock View	£40.00	£25.00	£15.00
Mrs. Mary Doyle 34 Whiterock View	£40.00	£30.00	£10.00
Thomas Murphy 45 Whiterock View	£36.00	£21.00	£15.00
Margaret Bergin 3 Roche's Terrace	£28.00	-	£28.00
Mrs. Margaret Healy 8 Roche's Terrace	£28.00	£28.00	-
Mrs. Margaret Jordan 7 Roche's Terrace	£28.00	£28.00	-
Mrs. Margaret Holman 10 Roche's Terrace	£28.00	£18.00	£10.00
Mrs. Margaret Cleary 4 Roche's Terrace	£28.00	£28.00	-
Thomas White 11 Roche's Terrace	£28.00	-	£28.00

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Mrs. Margaret Moran 6 Roche's Terrace	£28.00	£13.00	£15.00
Bridge & Josephine Harpur 9 Roche's Terrace	£28.00	£13.00	£15.00
Desmond O'Leary 28 Hill Street	£32.00	-	£32.00
Mrs. Ann Roice 29 Hill Street	£22.00	£22.00	-
Laurence Roche 12 Hill Street	£32.00	-	£32.00
Francis A. Keating 8 O'Connell Avenue	£40.00	£20.00	£20.00
Mrs. Mary Barnes 24 Devereux Villas	£40.00	£40.00	-
Mrs. Bridget Rossiter 22 Davitt Road North	£40.00	£30.00	£10.00
Mrs. Kathleen McGrath 24 Davitt Road North	£40.00	£30.00	£10.00
Alphonsus Mahon 10 Davitt Road North	£40.00	£25.00	£15.00
Miss Annie Howlin 32 Davitt Road North	£40.00	£25.00	£15.00
Mr. Patrick Furlong 26 Davitt Road South	£68.00	£53.00	£15.00
Daniel Morris 5 Davitt Road South	£40.00	-	£40.00
Nicholas Roche 12 Davitt Road South	£40.00	£15.00	£25.00
Mrs. Josephine C. Roche 6 Davitt Road South	£40.00	£40.00	-
Mrs. Mary Walsh 14 Distillery Road	£32.00	£22.00	£10.00
Mrs. Ann Kavanagh 3 Distillery Road	£32.00	£22.00	£10.00
Thomas McEvoy 19 Distillery Road	£32.00	£22.00	£10.00
Patrick Harpur 4 Distillery Road	£32.00	-	£32.00

<u>NAME AND ADDRESS:</u>	<u>RATES 1975:</u>	<u>AMOUNT WAIVED:</u>	<u>AMOUNT PAYABLE:</u>
Mrs. Sarah Kearns 21 Distillery Road	£32.00	£22.00	£10.00
Mrs. Mary E. Wilde 13 Columba Villas	£44.00	£34.00	£10.00
Mrs. Annie Marlowe 14 Tuskar View	£68.00	£58.00	£10.00
Mrs. Christina Kavanagh "St. Anne's" 45 School Street	£56.00	£36.00	£20.00
Elizabeth Doyle & K. Doyle 41 School Street	£88.00	£44.00	£44.00
Patrick Murphy 11 Casa Rio Distillery Road	£112.00	£37.00	£75.00
George Allen 9 Casa Rio Distillery Road	£112.00	£75.00	£37.00
Mrs. Mary Meade 3 Swan View	£36.00	£26.00	£10.00
Mrs. Mary O'Connor 3 Lower Bride Street	£24.00	-	£24.00
Mrs. Catherine Lewis 7B Lower Bride Street	£18.00	£8.00	£10.00
Patrick Foley 9 Lower Bride Street	£34.00	£17.00	£17.00
Mrs. Bridget Carty 6 Upper Bride Street	£18.00	£8.00	£10.00
James Brennan 4 Bride Place	£24.00	£9.00	£15.00
Mrs. Mary O'Keefe 6 Bride Place	£28.00	£18.00	£10.00
Mrs. Catherine O'Leary 56 King Street	£24.00	£14.00	£10.00
William King 48 King Street	£24.00	£9.00	£15.00
Mrs. Mary Morris 9 King Street	£60.00	£50.00	£10.00
Mrs. C. Bailey 14 Parnell Street	£24.00	£14.00	£10.00
Mrs. Mary Higginbotham 37 Parnell Street	£44.00	£44.00	-

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Mrs. Sarah Burke 9 Parnell Street	£68.00	£58.00	£10.00
John O'Rourke 14A Parnell Street	£24.00	£14.00	£10.00
Mrs. Stella McGrath Parnell Street	£48.00	-	£48.00
Henry J. Dunphy 16 Parnell Street	£36.00	-	£36.00
Thomas Hogan 5 Parnell Street	£44.00	£24.00	£20.00
Richard Codd 34 Parnell Street	£24.00	£14.00	£10.00
Mrs. Anna Byrne 30 Parnell Street	£40.00	£30.00	£10.00
Mrs. Eileen Cullimore 35 Lower John Street	£18.00	£8.00	£10.00
Mrs. Annie F. Roche 59 Lower John Street	£18.00	£18.00	-
Mrs. Anastatia Devereux "Alverna" St. John's Road	£56.00	-	£56.00
Patrick O'Leary 8 St. John's Road	£52.00	-	£52.00
Mrs. Eileen Edwards 11 St. John's Avenue	£42.00	£32.00	£10.00
Nicholas Redmond 2 St. John's Avenue	£42.00	£32.00	£10.00
Mrs. Josephine Byrne St. John's Drive	£112.00	-	£112.00
Mrs. Mary Kate Murphy 2 O'Connell Avenue St. John's Road	£40.00	£40.00	-
Mrs. Frances E. Downey 5 Tuskar View	£68.00	£58.00	£10.00
John Duggan 22 Tuskar View	£68.00	£48.00	£20.00
Mrs. Marie Carroll 3 Tuskar View	£68.00	£48.00	£20.00
Thomas J. Lacey 3 Colbert Street	£42.00	£27.00	£15.00

<u>NAME AND ADDRESS:</u>	<u>RATES 1975:</u>	<u>AMOUNT WAIVED:</u>	<u>AMOUNT PAYABLE:</u>
Mrs. Mary Ellen Curran 38 Abbey Street	£72.00	£57.00	£15.00
Miss Annie Meyler 2A McDonagh Street	£88.00	£88.00	-
Garret Doyle Batt Street	£28.00	-	£28.00
William Layne 10 Emmet Place	£22.00	£7.00	£15.00
Mrs. Margaret Howlin 14 Emmet Place	£22.00	£12.00	£10.00
Mrs. Bridget Williams 7 Thomas Street	£24.00	£14.00	£10.00
Mrs. Mary Sheil 7 Menapia Avenue	£42.00	£42.00	-
Mrs. Catherine Mernagh 4 Joseph Street	£28.00	£18.00	£10.00
James Dempsey 5 Clifford Street	£32.00	£32.00	-
Mrs. Margaret Golden 42 Wygram Place	£24.00	-	£24.00
Mary Alice Dolan 6 Wygram Place	£32.00	£22.00	£10.00
Mrs. Ann Byrne 30 Wygram Place	£28.00	£18.00	£10.00
Miss Mary Phillips Wygram Place	£64.00	£64.00	-
Mrs. Margaret O'Leary 5 Maudlintown	£18.00	-	£18.00
Mrs. Elizabeth Connolly 7 Maudlintown	£16.00	£6.00	£10.00
Mrs. Ann Blake Maudlintown	£74.00	£64.00	£10.00
Christopher Bannon 8 Parklands	£52.80	-	£52.80
Mrs. Elizabeth Salmon 9 Mary Street	£22.00	£12.00	£10.00
Mrs. Annie Teresa O'Leary 4 Upper Mary Street	£26.00	£16.00	£10.00

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John S. Byrne 9 Talbot Street	£32.00	£17.00	£15.00
Margaret McLaughlin Talbot Street	£24.00	£14.00	£10.00
Kevin O'Connor 5 Allen Street	£48.00	£38.00	£10.00
Misses Jennie & Doris Fennell 11 Lower George Street	£132.00	£92.00	£40.00
Michael J. Doyle 5 Upper George Street	£44.00	-	£44.00
Mrs. Bridie Benson 16 Upper George Street	£128.00	£64.00	£64.00
Mrs. Elizabeth Robinson 6 Carrigeen Street	£14.00	-	£14.00
Matthew Murphy 5 Carrigeen Street	£16.00	£1.00	£15.00
Mrs. Mary Conway 1 Carrigeen Street	£32.00	£22.00	£10.00
Mrs. Mary Carroll 9 Harbour View	£36.00	£26.00	£10.00
Mrs. Joan Sinnott 1 Grattan Terrace	£44.00	£19.00	£25.00
George Crosbie 6 Saltee Avenue	£32.00	£32.00	-
Mrs. Elizabeth Pitman 10 Saltee Avenue	£32.00	£22.00	£10.00
Sheila Flusk 5 Trinity Street	£24.00	£24.00	-
Mrs. Ellen Roche 8 Trinity Street	£24.00	£9.00	£15.00
Mary Josephine Allen 2 Slaney Street	£48.00	£33.00	£15.00
Johanna Larkin 3 St. Enda's Terrace	£36.00	-	£36.00
Patrick Browne 41 McDermott Terrace	£72.00	£57.00	£15.00
Mrs. Annie Duggan 1 College View	£28.00	£28.00	-
Miss Mary Kate Sinnott 2 College View	£28.00	£28.00	-

<u>NAME AND ADDRESS:</u>	<u>RATES 1975:</u>	<u>AMOUNT WAIVED:</u>	<u>AMOUNT PAYABLE:</u>
Miss Josephine Swords 3 College View	£28.00	£18.00	£10.00
Mrs. Mary Corish 4 College View	£28.00	£18.00	£10.00
James Whelan 5 College View	£28.00	£13.00	£15.00
Mrs. Anastatia Sinnott 6 College View	£28.00	£28.00	-
Mrs. Alice Byrne 7 College View	£28.00	£28.00	-
Mrs. Mary O'Brien 8 College View	£28.00	-	£28.00
John Lacey 9 College View	£28.00	-	£28.00
Miss Nora O'Brien 10 College View	£28.00	£28.00	-
Miss Bridget O'Leary 11 College View	£28.00	£28.00	-
Mrs. Ellen Scanlon 12 College View	£28.00	£23.00	£5.00
Mrs. Ann Kehoe 16 Mannix Place	£68.00	£58.00	£10.00
Thomas O'Neill 13 Mannix Place	£68.00	£53.00	£15.00
Mrs. Margaret Ryan 9 Mannix Place	£68.00	£58.00	£10.00
Mrs. Mary Leader 5 Marian Row	£40.00	£30.00	£10.00
Mrs. Sheila Roche 10 Marian Row	£40.00	£20.00	£20.00
Mrs. Margaret Barnwell 13 Thomas Clarke Villas	£68.00	-	£68.00
Miss Sheila Murphy 12 Thomas Clarke Villas	£68.00	£68.00	-
Mrs. Anna Murphy 81 Whitmill Road	£40.00	£30.00	£10.00
Mrs. Stella Larkin 6 Fisher's Row	£68.00	£58.00	£10.00
Mrs. Veronica Byrne 11 Spafield Avenue	£72.00	£62.00	£10.00

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John Clancy 14 Magdalen Terrace	£40.00	£25.00	£15.00
Michael O'Neill 10 Bernadette Place	£68.00	£53.00	£15.00
John Wade 17 Bernadette Place	£68.00	£53.00	£15.00
Walter Cousins 2 Bernadette Place	£68.00	£53.00	£15.00
James Morris 20 Bernadette Place	£68.00	£58.00	£10.00
Lewison G. Crother 4 Glens Terrace	£176.00	-	£176.00
Miss Mary Moran 45 Commercial Quay	£96.00	£96.00	-
Mrs. Margaret Mary O'Leary 72 William Street	£32.00	£32.00	-
Simon Quirke 5 Mary's Lane	£18.00	£3.00	£15.00
John Stafford 84 South Main Street	£56.00	£41.00	£15.00
Mrs. Kathleen White 4 Castlehill Street	£32.00	£32.00	-
Mrs. Kathleen Doyle 11 Barrack Street	£30.00	£30.00	-
Mrs. Anna O'Neill 25 Barrack Street	£42.00	£32.00	£10.00
Mrs. C. Bent "St. Anne's" Waterloo Road	£60.00	£60.00	-
Patrick Lacey 6 St. Ibar's Villas	£64.00	£49.00	£15.00
Eithne B. Leahy 4 St. Ibar's Villas	£68.00	£43.00	£25.00
Albert T. Whitney 12 St. Ibar's Villas	£56.00	£36.00	£20.00
Mrs. Catherine O'Brien 6 Mary Street	£24.00	£14.00	£10.00

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Mrs. Bridget Rowe 3 Spafield Avenue	£52.00	-	£52.00
Michael White 11 High Street	£48.00	£38.00	£10.00
Miss Helena Kinsella 9 Dempsey's Terrace	£40.00	£30.00	£10.00
Mrs. Elizabeth E. Doris 3 Glens Terrace	£176.00	-	£176.00
Mrs. Mary K. Savage Mibhael Street	£30.00	-	£30.00
John Doyle, Colbert Street	£88.00	-	£88.00

It was pointed out that the above recommendations would involve a total expenditure of £5,864.50 as against the sum of £3,500 allowed in the Estimates for 1975 and that the balance would have to be met by way of a supplementary estimate.

Consideration of a number of other applications was adjourned for further investigation and it was decided to deal with these applications at the next Statutory Meeting of the Borough Council.

HOUSING

Family Type Priority List :

The members were informed that Mr. Thomas Tierney 7 Custom House Quay at present placed No. 182 on the Priority List has been served with Notice to Quit by his landlord. The matter had been considered by the County Manager who however was not prepared to waive the normal Corporation rule that a person could not be regarded as being homeless until such time as his landlord secured a Court Order for possession against him. The Council approved of the County Manager's decision.

The members were informed that Mr. Ronald Ennis 30 Croke Avenue at present placed No. 119 on the Priority List together with his wife were being evicted from Mrs. Ennis's mother's house and that the County Manager had considered the matter but had decided to make no change in Mr. Ennis's position on the Priority List. The Council approved of the County Manager's decision.

Transfer List :

The Town Clerk pointed out that when the recommendations of the Chief Medical Officer were being considered for the Transfer List he had omitted to point out to the Council that an existing List prepared in July 1972 by the Chief Medical Officer still contained two names, viz :- Mr. Walter Lambert, 24 Antelope Road and Mr. Robert Cosgrave, 9 Hantoon Road. In his new List the Chief Medical Officer had placed these two applicants at Nos. 26 and 27 in his recommendations and they

now appeared at these numbers on the Priority List. On the proposition of Alderman Byrne, seconded by Councillor Byrne it was unanimously resolved that these two applicants should have got first priority and that they be accommodated as soon as possible at Talbot Street/Green Street.

WEXFORD COAT OF ARMS

On the proposition of Councillor Byrne, seconded by Alderman Byrne it was unanimously resolved that permission be granted to the Wexford Teachers' Centre to incorporate the Wexford Coat of Arms on their Headed Paper, etc.

The Meeting then terminated.

James Mahoney

5th May 1975.

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 James Mahoney in the chair.

Aldermen : Philip Corish and Peter Roche.

Councillors : Kevin Morris, John Roche, Mrs. Avril Doyle, Joseph Furlong, Thomas Carr, James Jenkins and Thomas Francis Byrne.

In attendance : Mr. T.F. Broe, County Manager,
Mr. R. Lynn, Borough Accountant,
Mr. D.T. Wixted, Town Clerk.

MINUTES

On the proposition of Councillor Byrne, seconded by Councillor Morris, the Minutes of Quarterly Meeting of 7th April, 1975 and of Special Meeting of 14th April, 1975, having been circulated, were taken as read, adopted unanimously and signed by His Worship the Mayor.

REPORT OF HOUSING COMMITTEE

On the proposition of Councillor Byrne, seconded by Councillor Morris, the report of Housing Committee Meeting of 14th April, 1975, having been circulated, was taken as read, adopted unanimously and the Minutes of the Meeting were signed by His Worship the Mayor.

REPORT OF FINANCE COMMITTEE

On the proposition of Councillor Byrne, seconded by Councillor Morris, the report of Finance Committee Meeting of 22nd April, 1975, having been circulated, was taken as read, adopted unanimously and the Minutes of the Meeting were signed by His Worship the Mayor.

REPORT OF MEETING WITH WEXFORD DISTRICT COMMITTEE

On the proposition of Councillor Byrne, seconded by Councillor Morris, the report of joint meeting with Wexford District Committee of Wexford County Council of 16th April 1975, having been circulated, was taken as read, adopted unanimously and the Minutes of the Meeting were signed by His Worship the Mayor.

DEPUTATION - PARNELL STREET HOUSE OWNERS

The Council received a deputation representing the Parnell Street Area House Owners Protection Group. The deputation consisted of M/s Cashman, Beakey, Codd and Kehoe and at the outset Mr. Cashman presented the Council with a written statement concerning their problem as follows "In your capacity as Sanitary Authority you decided to construct a culvert which necessitated excavation in Parnell Street and adjoining area. During construction major damage was done

in several houses and minor damage to others, whilst all residents suffered much annoyance which could only result in mental torture. In order to protect our interest we engaged a Solicitor who in turn engaged a Barrister and an Engineer. These gentlemen processed our case which is in the High Court now we are informed however that it may not be heard until March of next year 1976. A delay until then is full of danger for the people in damaged houses in the area. We do not wish to cause alarm but our duty is abundantly clear. It is that these houses must be put in order immediately to restore and safeguard our house value and to remove once and for all the danger of damage to our minds which is inevitable under such terrible conditions. Mr. Mayor with full appreciation of the problem we must ask the Corporation to make arrangements to have the repairs immediately commenced".

In support of the written statement M/s Cashman and Beakey exhorted the members of the Borough Council to take immediate action to have the necessary repairs carried out to the damaged houses. In addition Mr. Beakey drew the Councils attention to some faulty repair work which has been carried out to footpaths in his area and also to the general state of the footpath at Lambert Place. The deputation then withdrew having thanked His Worship the Mayor and the members of the Council for their courtesy in receiving them.

Following the withdrawal of the deputation it was agreed on the proposition of Councillor Jenkins, seconded by Councillor Morris to discuss the matter in committee since High Court proceedings are pending against both the Corporation and the Contractors M/s Duffy Ltd., in respect of damage to houses in the area. The County Manager pointed out that since the matter was now subjudice and proceedings were pending against the Corporation it would be, in his opinion, injudicious for the Corporation to now carry out any works since this in effect could be taken as an admission of liability on the part of the Corporation. He pointed out that an arbitration was pending between the Insurers, The Insurance Corporation of Ireland and the Corporation and M/s Duffy to determine where liability for the repair of damage lay and until such time as this liability has been determined he could not advise the Corporation to enter into any commitment in the area.

Several of the members of the Council felt that because of the extreme hardship imposed on the residents of Parnell Street and the fact that this matter has now been dragging on for a number of years it was imperative that some immediate action be taken and it was agreed that the advice of the Corporation's Solicitor be sought as to how the Corporation would be compromised should it now decide to carry any work in the area. It was also decided to endeavour to arrange a Special Meeting of the Council for next week to which the Corporation's Solicitor would be invited in order to discuss this matter fully.

On the proposition of Alderman Roche, seconded by Councillor Carr the County Manager was asked to consider granting Rate Relief to owners of houses damaged in Parnell Street under the Hardship Clause in the Relief from Rates Scheme 1975.

PREPARATION OF HOUSING PRIORITY LISTS

It was proposed by Councillor Roche, seconded by Councillor Byrne and unanimously resolved "that the Town Clerk be asked to issue a statement to the Press to explain in full as to how the present system of drawing up housing lists operates so as to familiarise the public with the situation".

SECTION 57 OF THE LOCAL GOVERNMENT ACT 1941

It was proposed by Councillor Roche and seconded by Councillor Furlong "that this Council call on the Minister for Local Government to change Section 57 of the 1941 Local Government Act (which is the Section that disqualifies Councillors for non-payment of Rates etc)"

On a vote for Councillor Roche's motion :-

His Worship the Mayor, Alderman Roche and Councillors Roche
and Furlong .. (4)

Against : Alderman Corish and Councillors Morris,
Doyle, Carr, Jenkins and Byrne .. (6)

His Worship the Mayor declared Councillor Roche's motion defeated by six votes to four.

FENCE AT RERE OF MARIAN ROW

It was proposed by Councillor Carr, seconded by Councillor Byrne and unanimously resolved "that immediate steps be taken to repair the fence at the back of Marian Row as the gardens are now being used as a commons".

DUMPING AT RERE OF COLLEGE VIEW

It was proposed by Councillor Carr, seconded by Councillor Byrne and unanimously resolved "that steps be taken to prevent dumping at the rere of College View".

A report on this matter was requested by the Council.

INCOME LIMITS - MEDICAL CARDS

It was proposed by His Worship the Mayor, seconded by Councillor Byrne and unanimously resolved "that owing to the percentage cost of living wage increases many workers who had previously enjoyed free medical services have now been deprived of them, this Council calls on the South Eastern Health Board to revise immediately the existing qualifying allowances as follows :-

Husband and Wife from £24.50 to £28.00
Each Child from £2.25 to £3.00."

It was agreed that the motion would also be forwarded to the Department of Health.

ESTABLISHMENT OF OLD PEOPLES WELFARE HOME

It was proposed by Councillor Furlong, seconded by Councillor Doyle and unanimously resolved "that this Council again appeal to the South Eastern Health Board to establish an Old Peoples Welfare Home in Wexford".

ATTENDANCE OF PUBLIC AT BOROUGH COUNCIL MEETINGS

It was proposed by Councillor Furlong and seconded by Alderman Roche "that the public be permitted to attend Statutory Meetings of the Corporation".

On a vote for Councillor Furlong's motion :-

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His Worship the Mayor, Alderman Roche and Councillor Furlong (3)

Against : Alderman Corish and Councillors Morris, Doyle,
Carr, Jenkins and Byrne .. (6)

His Worship the Mayor declared Councillor Furlong's motion defeated by six votes to three.

EMPLOYER TRADE UNION NATIONAL AGREEMENT 1975

On the proposition of Councillor Byrne, seconded by Councillor Carr approval was unanimously given to the proposal of the County Manager to implement the Employer Trade Union National Agreement 1975 in so far as officers and servants of Wexford Corporation are concerned. The members were informed that the Agreement is for a period of twelve months and commences as far as maintenance staff are concerned from 1st April 1975 and for the balance of the Corporation staff 1st June 1975. The Agreement provides for the granting of four pay increases at quarterly intervals as follows, viz :-

- First Phase : 8% ;
- Second Phase : 4% to 5% depending on cost of living index as at May, 1975;
- Third Phase : 4% to 5% depending on cost of living index as at August, 1975;
- Fourth Phase : 4% to 5% but negotiable as between employers and Unions up to 8% depending on cost of living index.

The Agreement would expire for maintenance people on 31st March, 1976 and for other staffs on 31st May, 1976.

It was pointed out that the additional cost to the Corporation of implementing the Agreement would amount to £2,100 approximately but it is not intended to seek additional funds at this stage - the position would be reviewed towards the end of the year in the light of any savings which may accrue.

INCREASE IN COST OF SOCIAL INSURANCE

The members were informed that recent increases in cost of Social Insurance would cost the Corporation an additional £1,750 during the current financial year while a further predicted increase in October next would cost an additional £500 for 1975. It was pointed out that it was not intended to seek additional funds at this stage - the position would be reviewed towards the end of the year in the light of any savings that may accrue.

EQUAL PAY FOR UNMARRIED CLERICAL OFFICERS

The members were informed that the Minister for Local Government has agreed to the implementation of identical salary scales for both married and unmarried Clerical Officers - up till now married Clerical Officers are entitled to additional increments on marriage. The cost to the Corporation of phasing in the Minister's proposal in this matter for 1975 would amount to £533 but it is not intended at this stage to seek additional funds - the position will be reviewed again towards the end of the current year in the light of any savings that may accrue.

On the proposition of Councillor Byrne, seconded by Councillor Carr, approval was unanimously given to the proposal of the County Manager to apply the principal of equal pay for both married and unmarried Clerical Officers as set out in Circular E.L.23/75 from the Department of Local Government.

GRANT TO IRISH WATER SAFETY ASSOCIATION

Provision having already been made in the Estimates for 1975, it was proposed by Councillor Byrne, seconded by Councillor Furlong and unanimously resolved that a grant of £200 be made to The Irish Water Safety Association for the local financial year ending 31st December, 1975.

GRANTS TO LOCAL BANDS

Provision having already been made in the Estimates for 1975, it was proposed by Councillor Byrne, seconded by Councillor Furlong and unanimously resolved that a grant of £30 be made to each of the four Local Bands for 1975 on fulfilment by each Band of the usual conditions, viz :- the giving of three public performances during the year.

ANNUAL CONTRIBUTION - ASSOCIATION OF MUNICIPAL AUTHORITIES OF IRELAND

Provision having already been made in the Estimates for 1975, it was proposed by Councillor Byrne, seconded by Councillor Furlong and unanimously resolved that the annual contribution of £20 be paid to the Association of Municipal Authorities of Ireland.

CONTRIBUTION - SOUTH EAST TOURISM

It was proposed by Councillor Morris and seconded by Councillor Doyle that, provision having already been made in the Estimates for 1975, a contribution of £450 be made to South East Tourism for the local financial year ending 31st December, 1975. It was proposed by Councillor Byrne and seconded by Alderman Roche that no contribution be made and on a vote for Councillor Morris's proposal : His Worship the Mayor, Alderman Corish and Councillors Morris, Doyle, Furlong, Carr and Jenkins .. (7)

Against : Alderman Roche and Councillor Byrne .. (2)

His Worship the Mayor declared Councillor Morris's proposal carried by seven votes to two and approval accordingly given to the making of the contribution.

SALE OF BUILDING SITE AT WHITEMILL

On the proposition of Councillor Morris, seconded by Councillor Carr approval was unanimously given to the proposal of the County Manager to dispose of a building site comprising approximately 22.25 sq. perches at Whitemill South, Wexford to Mr. Peter Gaddren on which the Purchaser proposes to erect a dwellinghouse and on the terms as set out in Notice dated 23rd April, 1975 and circulated to each member of Wexford Borough Council, viz, for the sum of £800.

SALE OF BUILDING SITE AT WHITEMILL

On the proposition of Councillor Morris, seconded by Councillor Carr approval was unanimously given to the proposal of the County Manager to dispose of a building site comprising approximately 29 sq. perches at Whitemill South, Wexford to Mr. James Gerald Tyrrell on which the Purchaser proposes to erect a dwellinghouse and on the terms as set out in Notice dated 23rd April, 1975 and circulated to each member of Wexford Borough Council, viz, for the sum of £800.

SALE OF BUILDING SITE AT WHITEMILL

On the proposition of Councillor Morris, seconded by Councillor Carr approval was unanimously given to the proposal of the County Manager to dispose of a building site comprising approximately 22.50 sq. perches at Whitemill South, Wexford to Mr. Christopher Hayes on which the Purchaser proposes to erect a dwellinghouse and on the terms as set out in Notice dated 23rd April, 1975 and circulated to each member of Wexford Borough Council, viz, for the sum of £800.

SALE OF BUILDING SITE AT WHITEMILL

On the proposition of Councillor Morris, seconded by Councillor Carr approval was unanimously given to the proposal of the County Manager to dispose of a building site comprising approximately 21.25 sq. perches at Whitemill South, Wexford to Mr. Tomas O Murcu on which the Purchaser proposes to erect a dwellinghouse and on the terms as set out in Notice dated 23rd April, 1975 and circulated to each member of Wexford Borough Council, viz, for the sum of £800.

CIVIC AWARD 1975

The Council considered literature in connection with the Civic Award 1975 which is being run in conjunction with the Tidy Towns Competition and which is open to groups in towns with a population over 3,000. It was agreed that through the medium of the local Press the attention of local groups would be drawn to the existence of the Award - interested Groups could then apply for inclusion in the Competition through the Corporation.

TRAFFIC MANAGEMENT

The members were informed that in recent weeks discussions have taken place with officials of the Department of Local Government concerning Traffic Management Grants for Wexford. Proposals which had been submitted over the past number of years have been re-examined and surplus monies have been re-allocated. The result of the examination showed that a total of approximately £21,000 is available for re-allocation from grants allocated by the Department up to 31st December, 1974. In addition the Department has again been requested to make additional funds available in 1975 for the purpose of carrying out much needed work in the field of Traffic Management particularly the provision of additional off-street car parking facilities.

The approval of the Department has now been received to the re-allocation of funds as follows :-

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| (1) | Payment of balance of fees to Traffic Consultant | .. | £4,000. |
| (2) | Development of Nunn's Yard at Crescent Quay as a Car Park | | £8,000. |

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| (3) | Development of extension to Car Park at Church Lane | .. | £2,500. |
| (4) | Purchase of property at Abbey Street for future road widening | | £3,000. |
| (5) | Road markings and signs provided in connection with the Traffic and Parking Bye-laws | .. | £3,000. |

It was pointed out that the County Manager is making immediate arrangements to have proposal No. 2 i.e. the development of Nunn's Yard at Crescent Quay as a Car Park carried out with as little delay as possible.

In addition to the above proposals the Corporation has submitted proposals for further works as follows, viz :-

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| (1) | Purchase and development of property at Bride Street as Car Park | | £8,500. |
| (2) | Purchase and development of Wilson's Yard at Selskar as Car Park | | £23,500. |

No indication has yet been received from the Department as to whether funds will be available to carry out these latter two Schemes in 1975 but the Department has been requested in the event of funds not being available during the current year to ensure that funds would be available for these works in 1976.

NOMINATION FOR ELECTION AS DIRECTOR - SOUTH EAST TOURISM

On the proposition of Councillor Byrne, seconded by Alderman Roche the Borough Council's representative Aldermen Philip Corish was unanimously selected as a candidate for election as a Director of South East Tourism from among local authorities who have agreed to subscribe sums of less than £500 to South East Tourism in the current year.

RESIGNATION OF COUNCILLOR CULLIMORE

The members were informed that Councillor James Cullimore has tendered his resignation as a member of Wexford Borough Council and that the resignation took effect as from 2nd May, 1975. The vacancy will be filled by co-option by the Borough Council after the expiration of fourteen days from the date of the resignation and on the giving of three days notice to each member of the Borough Council. It was agreed that the co-option would take place at the June Statutory Meeting of the Council to be held on Monday 9th June, 1975 and in this connection the Town Clerk pointed out that no person would be eligible to be proposed for co-option to the Borough Council unless, prior to such proposal, an indication has been received by the Town Clerk from the candidate in writing that, if elected, he would be willing to act as a member of the Borough Council.

On the proposition of Alderman Roche, seconded by Councillor Morris, the appreciation of the Borough Council was expressed for Mr. Cullimore's efforts during his short period as a member of the Council and also best wishes for his success in his future career.

QUESTIONS

In reply to questions Councillor Carr was informed :-

It is hoped that the additional public light will be provided at College View very shortly.

In reply to questions Alderman Corish was informed :-

The question as to whether the tenants of Fire Brigade houses at Davitt Road North would be afforded the opportunity of purchasing their houses is at present the subject of correspondence with Wexford County Council and it is hoped that discussions in the matter will commence very shortly. The Council will be informed of developments.

The meeting then terminated.

James Mahoney

5th May 1975.

A Meeting of the Housing Committee of Wexford Borough Council was held this day in the Council Chamber, Municipal Buildings, Wexford at the conclusion of the Statutory Meeting.

The members present were :-

His Worship the Mayor Alderman James Mahoney in the chair.

Aldermen : Philip Corish and Peter Roche.

Councillors : Kevin Morris, Mrs. Avril Doyle,
Joseph Furlong, Thomas Carr,
James Jenkins and Thomas Francis Byrne.

In attendance : Mr. R. Lynn, Borough Accountant,
Mr. D.T. Wixted, Town Clerk.

PRIORITY LIST - OLD PERSONS BUNGALOWS/FLATS.

It was agreed that consideration of the recommendations of the Chief Medical Officer for Priority List for Old Persons Bungalows/Flats would be deferred pending further investigation of some of the recommendations. It was also agreed that the members would be provided with a list of applicants who have not been recommended by the Chief Medical Officer for inclusion on the List.

HOUSING PRIORITY LIST - FAMILY TYPE

It was proposed by Councillor Byrne, seconded by Councillor Morris and unanimously resolved that Miss Bridget Meyler 20 William Street at present No. 1 on the Priority List but who has previously expressed preference for rehousing in the William Street area, be now recommended to the County Manager for rehousing at Talbot Street/Green Street - Miss Meyler has now expressed a wish to be rehoused in that area.

The Meeting then terminated.

James Mahoney

5th May 1975.

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

The members present were :-

His Worship the Mayor Alderman James Mahoney in the chair.

Aldermen : Philip Corish and Peter Roche.

Councillors : Kevin Morris, Mrs. Avril Doyle, Joseph Furlong, Thomas Carr, James Jenkins and Thomas Francis Byrne.

In attendance : Mr. R. Lynn, Borough Accountant, Mr. D.T. Wixted, Town Clerk.

RELIEF FROM RATES 1975.

The Council considered further applications for Relief from Rates for 1975 and the following recommendations for the granting of Relief for submission to the County Manager were agreed, viz :-

<u>NAME AND ADDRESS:</u>	<u>RATES 1975:</u>	<u>AMOUNT WAIVED:</u>	<u>AMOUNT PAYABLE:</u>
	£	£	£
Mrs. Florrie Duggan 43 The Faythe	12.00	2.00	10.00
Miss K. Ryan 3 Barrack Street	12.00	2.00	10.00
Mrs. Mary Bergin 8 Gibson Street	44.00	44.00	-
Mrs. Mary Doyle Fisher's Row	12.00	2.00	10.00
Mrs. Elizabeth Murphy 50 Whiterock View	40.00	30.00	10.00
William Watkins 1 Spafield Avenue	52.00	27.00	25.00
Mrs. Jane Ryan 25 Bishopswater	68.00	-	68.00
Mrs. Mary Smyth 6 Thomas Street	24.00	24.00	-
Patrick Browne 29 The Faythe	20.00	5.00	15.00
Patrick Walsh 8 Upper Barrack Street	36.00	26.00	10.00
Miss Margaret J. Donohoe 5 William Street	36.00	-	36.00
Annie & John Cosgrave 7 St. Ibar's Villas	72.00	57.00	15.00
Mrs. Breda Carton Maryville St. John's Road	92.00	82.00	10.00

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<u>NAME AND ADDRESS:</u>	<u>RATES</u> <u>1975:</u>	<u>AMOUNT</u> <u>WAIVED:</u>	<u>AMOUNT</u> <u>PAYABLE:</u>
	£	£	£
Thomas Doyle 9 St. John's Avenue	42.00	-	42.00
Margaret M. Scallan 9 Clifford Street	32.00	-	32.00
Michael Cosgrave 1 Saltee Avenue	32.00	-	32.00
Miss Eileen O'Leary 6 St. Magdalen's Terrace	40.00	40.00	-
Mrs. Kathleen O'Brien 45 Kevin Barry Street	24.00	-	24.00
Rev. Nicholas F. Lambert 12 Lr. John Street	76.00	-	76.00
Margaret Vaughey 6 St. Peter's Square	46.00	31.00	15.00
Elizabeth P. Salmon 8 St. Peter's Square	46.00	36.00	10.00
Mary Wade 33 The Faythe	18.00	3.00	15.00
Michael Roche 9 Emmet Place	22.00	7.00	15.00
Thomas Doyle 10A Green Street	40.00	25.00	15.00.

It was agreed that the application of Stephen Foley 18 St. Aidan's Crescent be referred back for further investigation - on the result of such investigation the appropriate Relief, if any, to be granted. It was also agreed that the following amendments be made in recommendations issuing from Finance Committee Meeting of 22nd April 1975, viz, Mr. George Allen, 9 Casa Rio - No Relief recommended in the light of additional information; Patrick Murphy, 11 Casa Rio - Relief in the sum of £75.00 recommended.

The Meeting then terminated.

James Mahoney

9th June, 1975.

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 James Mahoney in the chair.

Aldermen : Philip Corish and Fergus Byrne.

An apology for inability to attend was received from Alderman Peter Roche.

Councillors : Kevin Morris, John Roche, Mrs. Avril Doyle, Joseph Furlong, Thomas Carr, James Jenkins and Thomas Francis Byrne.

In attendance : Mr. T.F. Bree, County Manager,
Mr. K. T. Conway, Borough Engineer,
Mr. R. Lynn, Borough Accountant,
Mr. D.T. Wixted, Town Clerk.

SYMPATHY

On the proposition of His Worship the Mayor, seconded by Councillor Byrne, the sympathy of the Council was extended to His Lordship the Bishop and the Clergy of the Dioceses and to his relatives on the recent death of Father Patrick Curtis.

On the proposition of Councillor Carr, seconded by His Worship the Mayor, the sympathy of the Council was extended to the Franciscan Community Wexford on the recent death of Brother Leonard White.

On the proposition of His Worship the Mayor, seconded by Councillor Roche, the sympathy of the Council was extended to Mr. Thomas O'Leary on the recent death of his sister and to Mr. William Duggan on the recent death of his mother.

CONGRATULATIONS

On the proposition of Alderman Byrne, seconded by Councillor Carr, the congratulations of the Council were extended to the house owners on the route of the recent Eucharistic Procession for the excellent manner in which they presented their premises and decorated the processional route.

MINUTES

On the proposition of Councillor Byrne, seconded by Councillor Carr, the minutes of Statutory Meeting of 5th May 1975 having been circulated, were taken as read, adopted unanimously and signed by His Worship the Mayor.

REPORTS OF COMMITTEE MEETINGS

On the proposition of Councillor Morris, seconded by Councillor Byrne, the reports of Finance Committee Meeting and Housing Committee Meeting of 5th May 1975, having been circulated, were taken as read, adopted unanimously and signed by His Worship the Mayor.

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PLAYING FACILITIES AT REDMOND MEMORIAL PARK

It was proposed by Councillor Roche, seconded by His Worship the Mayor and unanimously resolved "that this Council request the Borough Engineer to ensure that proper playing facilities for children be provided in the Redmond Memorial Park".

While conceding that the condition of the Park has improved considerably since the Corporation took it over the members still felt that further improvements in the facilities could be brought about and in particular that some play equipment such as tubular swings etc., might be provided there. The Borough Engineer undertook to examine the position in the light of the funds made available for the Park in the current financial year.

It was also decided that local firms etc., might be requested to sponsor the provision of some play equipment such as swings etc.

STREET TRADING ETC.

It was proposed by Councillor Roche, seconded by Alderman Corish, and unanimously resolved "that this Council place on record its opposition to outside traders operating in Wexford town as they, by their methods, endanger the jobs of many workers engaged in the distributive trades".

TALBOT STREET/GREEN STREET HOUSING SCHEME

It was proposed by Councillor Jenkins, seconded by Councillor Roche and unanimously resolved "that an up-to-date statement be given by the Town Clerk on the progress of the Talbot Street Housing Scheme. Was the Scheme completely implemented and in particular was the Grogan's Road side of the Scheme completed".

In reply the Town Clerk pointed out that the original Scheme envisaged the provision of 98 houses and two shops but that, on the instructions of the Borough Council, the Scheme was subsequently revised and the revised Scheme provides for the provision of 92 houses and one shop. To date a total of 47 houses have been completed and allocated while a further 32 houses and one shop are at an advanced stage of construction and should be ready for handing over to the Corporation in a few months time. A total of 13 houses on the Grogan's Road end of the Scheme have not yet been commenced and the delay in commencing these houses was due to the fact that difficulties had arisen regarding the acquisition of the land in that area. However discussions have been taking place with the owner of the property and as a result of the latest discussions which took place on today (Monday) it is hoped that agreement has now been reached and that the Corporation will be in a position to hand over this site to the Builder in about two weeks time.

PEDESTRIAN CROSSING - CONVENT OF MERCY SCHOOL LIAM MELLOWS PARK

It was proposed by Councillor Carr, seconded by Councillor Furlong and unanimously resolved "that Wexford Corporation take immediate steps to provide a pedestrian crossing outside the Convent of Mercy School at Liam Mellows Park particularly in view of a number of recent accidents in the area".

It was pointed out that a similar motion was adopted by the Council in April 1975 and the Borough Engineer informed the members that he hoped to be in a position very soon and possibly at the next meeting of the Council to submit his report and estimate in the matter.

INCOME LIMIT - HOUSE PURCHASE LOANS

It was proposed by Alderman Byrne, seconded by Councillor Doyle and unanimously resolved "that this Corporation again ask the Minister for Local Government to raise the income limit of £2,350 to a more realistic figure for house purchase loans".

During the discussion it was agreed that an income limit of £3,000 would be much more realistic in these present inflationary times.

REMOVAL OF MARRIAGE BAN

It was proposed by Councillor Furlong and seconded by Councillor Byrne "that in view of the critical unemployment situation which will be further aggravated in a few weeks time by tens of thousands of school leavers this Council calls for the temporary re-introduction of the marriage ban in State and Semi-State employment".

Several members spoke against the motion and on a vote
FOR Councillor Furlong's Motion : His Worship the Mayor and Councillors
Morris, Furlong and Byrne (4)

AGAINST : Aldermen Corish, and Byrne and
Councillors Roche, Doyle, Carr and
Jenkins (6)

His Worship the Mayor declared Councillor Furlong's motion defeated by 6 votes to 4.

REFUSE COLLECTION

It was proposed by Alderman Corish and seconded by Councillor Carr "that this Corporation requests that the refuse for collection on Monday morning not be left out over the weekend i.e. Saturday and Sunday".

During a discussion on the motion it was pointed out that because of the timing of the collection in the Main Street area i.e. before the business premises are opened it is not possible for bins to be put out on Monday mornings and it was unanimously agreed that the Borough Engineer be requested, on a trial basis, to arrange for the collection in the Main Street area to take place after 9 a.m. in the morning.

INCOME LIMITS - MEDICAL CARDS

The Council considered a letter from the Department of Health in reply to a resolution of the Council calling for a revision in the qualifying limits for medical cards. The letter pointed out that the present limits were introduced by the Chief Executive Officers of the Health Boards with effect as from 1st January last and are being kept under review. The next review will take place before the end of June 1975. The letter further added that the contents of the resolution have been noted and the Chief Executive Officers have also been informed.

HEATING OF SCHOOLS

A letter was considered from the Department of Education concerning a resolution relating to the heating of schools adopted by the Borough Council at its April meeting. The letter pointed out that as far as Primary Schools are concerned, under a scheme which the Minister announced in October last, substantially increased State grants will be paid in the present year towards the operating costs of National Schools which will have established committees of management, on a basis approved by the Minister, by October of this year. The Minister does not however propose to abandon the principle of the community which the school serves being responsible for the provision of a local contribution towards the operating costs of the school and the new basis for grants is for a contribution of £6.00 per pupil per annum from State funds in the case of ordinary National Schools and £12.00 per pupil in the case of Special Schools i.e. schools for mentally, physically and socially handicapped children, subject to a local contribution amounting to £1.50 per pupil being provided by the community. Under the new scheme State grants for the operating costs of National Schools in the current calendar year will be of the order of £3.23 million pounds, against £997,500 in respect of the twelve-month period to 31st March 1975. As to Post-Primary schools, heating and other operational costs are met fully from public funds in the case of schools under Vocational Education Committees, portion of whose funds come from local rates. In the case of Secondary Schools which are privately owned, such costs are borne by their general financial resources of which a part is provided by the State. The question of increasing the States assistance to these schools is at present under consideration.

PLANNING CONTROL

The Council considered a circular from the Department of Local Government expressing the concern of the Minister at the position in regard to Planning Control and especially the high number of appeals. The circular pointed out that the Minister wishes to stress again his view that the elected members of planning authorities should be given an opportunity to become involved to a greater extent at the early stages in the Planning Control process. It is the Minister's belief that the members knowledge of local conditions and planning and development needs could, at least in some cases, assist in ironing out problems and difficulties and consequently reduce the number of decisions which give rise to appeals. The circular suggested that the Minister feels that arrangements for the involvement of members in the Planning process might be revised particularly in cases where the level of appeals is high.

In view of the relatively small number of refusals issuing each year the members of the Council felt that the necessity to set up a special committee did not arise but the Council renewed its request that in cases where the County Manager intends to refuse an application that the members of the Council be informed beforehand.

AMENITY GRANT - PLAYGROUND AT CORISH PARK

The Town Clerk informed the members that the Borough Engineer has now certified for payment a substantial portion of the Amenity Grant allocated to the Wexford Corporation Tenants and Residents Association for improvements at the playground at Corish Park but difficulty has arisen as to whom the grants should be paid because of the existence of another organisation in the Corish Park area who have also involved themselves in this matter. The Council agreed that the Town Clerk should consult with both parties with a view to reaching a solution.

OVERDRAFT ACCOMMODATION

On the proposition of Councillor Byrne, 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 Corporation's Treasurer, The Bank of Ireland Ltd., Custom House Quay, Wexford, for the quarter ending 30th September, 1975 as follows :-

Capital Account £100,000.

AUTHORISATION OF EXCESS EXPENDITURE

It was proposed by Alderman Byrne, seconded by Councillor Jenkins and unanimously resolved, that expenditure in excess of that provided in the Estimates of Expenditure and Receipts for 1975 in the sum of £1,360 be allowed in respect of improvement of Public Lighting at North Main Street and South Main Street.

SALARY ADJUSTMENT - RATE AND RENT COLLECTORS

On the proposition of Councillor Byrne, seconded by Alderman Byrne, approval was unanimously given to the proposal of the County Manager to grant a salary increase of £105 to Rent and Rate Collectors employed by Wexford Corporation with effect as from 1st April 1972 - this increase to be subject to percentage increases as per National Wage Agreements subsequent to that date.

FILLING OF CASUAL VACANCY IN THE COUNCIL CAUSED BY THE RESIGNATION OF COUNCILLOR JAMES CULLIMORE.

On the proposition of Councillor Morris, seconded by Alderman Byrne, it was unanimously decided that the vacant seat on the Council caused by the resignation of Councillor James Cullimore be filled by co-opting Mr. John O'Flaherty, 37 McDermott Terrace, Wexford. The Town Clerk advised the meeting that Mr. O'Flaherty had signified his intention in writing of acceptance, if co-opted.

DATE OF JULY QUARTERLY MEETING

It was unanimously resolved that the July Quarterly Meeting at which the Mayor for the ensuing year will be elected will be held on Wednesday 9th July 1975 at 7.30 p.m. The Town Clerk advised that in all probability the meeting would be held in the Old Town Hall Cornmarket as usual.

RECRUITMENT OF ENGINEERING STAFF

The County Manager again reminded the Council of the difficulty which is being experienced in recruiting sufficient engineering staff and pointed out that the Local Appointments Commission have once again failed to make a recommendation regarding the appointment of an Assistant Borough Engineer. He reminded the Council of the decision arrived at in October 1974 to approve of his proposal to create a new post of Chief Assistant Borough Engineer and pointed out that the Minister for Local Government has now intimated that he is not prepared to sanction the creation of this post. In signifying his refusal the Minister has pointed out that it is not accepted that the creation of an additional office of Chief Assistant Borough Engineer level in Wexford would be justified having regard to the level, volume and complexity etc., of engineering work in the Borough, and in the circumstances the Minister

could not accept that recruitment considerations are sufficient justification for grading the office at the level proposed. Apart from this a further difficulty is that the salary for the office of Chief Assistant Borough Engineer is the same as that appropriate to the Borough Engineer and the staff structure resulting from the introduction of an office of Chief Assistant Borough Engineer i.e. with two senior engineering posts carrying the same salary would be undesirable. The Minister further pointed out that with a view however to the solution of the difficulties being experienced by Wexford Corporation in providing engineering services, he would suggest that consideration be given by the County Manager to the question of whether assistance in providing engineering services for the town of Wexford could be given by Wexford County Council. With a view to the provision of such assistance the possibility of creating an additional office of Assistant County Engineer or Chief Assistant County Engineer level under the County Council to strengthen the County Council staff and give assistance in the Borough might be considered. The Minister also suggested that consideration be given by the local authority to the creation of an office of Civil Engineering Technician who could assist in the provision of routine engineering services.

The County Manager pointed out that he had discussed the matter with the Borough Engineer who had expressed his opposition to the idea of Wexford County Council providing Engineering services for Wexford Corporation and in view of this he had made no decision in the matter and had not discussed the suggestion with the County Council.

On the proposition of Councillor Carr, seconded by Councillor Byrne, it was unanimously resolved that the Department's suggestion concerning the provision of services for the Corporation by Wexford County Council be rejected and that the Minister be again asked to consider sanctioning the County Manager's proposal to create an office of Chief Assistant Borough Engineer and that if necessary the Minister be requested to receive a deputation from the Corporation to discuss the matter with him. It was agreed that in referring the matter back to the Minister, the level of capital investment by the Corporation in the last few years and currently, be pointed out.

APPOINTMENT OF CIVIL ENGINEERING TECHNICIAN

On the proposition of Alderman Byrne, seconded by Councillor Carr, it was unanimously resolved that, subject to the sanction of the Minister for Local Government, approval be given to the proposal of the County Manager to increase the number of permanent offices under Wexford Corporation by one by the appointment of a Civil Engineering Technician.

TRAFFIC AND PARKING BYE-LAWS SUB-COMMITTEE

It was agreed that a meeting of the Traffic and Parking Bye-laws Sub-Committee be held in the Council Chamber, Municipal Buildings on Tuesday 17th June, 1975 at 8 p.m. in order to consider the working of the new Traffic and Parking Bye-laws.

SALE OF BUILDING SITE AT WHITEMILL

On the proposition of Councillor Morris, seconded by Councillor Roche, approval was unanimously given to the proposal of the County Manager to dispose of a building site comprising approximately 18.24 sq. perches at Whitemill South Wexford to Mr. Patrick Hayes on which the Purchaser proposes to erect a dwellinghouse and on the terms as set out in Notice dated 28th May 1975 and circulated to each member of Wexford Borough Council, viz, for the sum of £800.

SALE OF BUILDING SITE AT WHITEMILL

On the proposition of Councillor Morris, seconded by Councillor Roche, approval was unanimously given to the proposal of the County Manager to dispose of a building site comprising approximately 19.20 sq. perches at Whitemill South Wexford to Mr. Anthony Hayes on which the Purchaser proposes to erect a dwellinghouse and on the terms as set out in Notice dated 28th May 1975 and circulated to each member of Wexford Borough Council, viz, for the sum of £800.

HOUSING COMMITTEE MEETING

It was unanimously resolved to hold a meeting of the Housing Committee on Wednesday 11th June 1975 at 8 p.m. to consider the Abbey Street/Mount George Development Stages I and II and to finalise the Priority List for Old Persons Bungalows/Flats.

QUESTIONS

In reply to questions Alderman Byrne was informed :-

Tenders have now been received for the supply of a suitable Public Address System and enquiries were being made from other local authorities as to the efficiency or otherwise of various systems for which quotations have been received.

In reply to questions Alderman Corish was informed :-

- (a) The approval of the Minister for Local Government has now been received to the following revised House Purchase prices, viz :-

Corish Park : 40 House Scheme, all-in-cost reduced from £1,733 per house to £1,620 per house.

36 House Scheme, all-in-cost reduced from £2,056 per house to £1,900 per house;

Thomas Clarke Place :

All-in-cost reduced from £4,648 per house to £4,400 per house and sale price accordingly reduced from £6,030 per house to £5,700 per house.

- (b) The Borough Surveyor is aware of the dumping taking place into the G.A.A. Park on the Corish Park side but he pointed out that since the Park was outside the Borough any action would be a matter for Wexford County Council; however the house owners and tenants in the area would be again requested to desist from such dumping.

In reply to questions Councillor Roche was informed :-

- (a) The work on the piece of ground outside No. 49 Kennedy Park is to be carried out by the residents of the area and the Borough Engineer is still awaiting details from them.

- (b) Outline Planning Permission has now been granted to Mr. S. Maloney, Allen Street; Mr. Maloney will now have to submit detailed drawings etc., for approval for the erection of his bungalow.
- (c) The Planning Application for the former Mineral Water Company at St. Peter's Square has not yet been finalised; The developer has been asked to provide further information and has intimated that he is in fact employing an alternative architect to provide the information requested.

The meeting then terminated.

Ami. C. Morris

11th June, 1975.

A Meeting of the Housing Committee of 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 Alderman James Mahoney in the chair.

Aldermen : Philip Corish and Fergus Byrne.

An apology for inability to attend was received from Alderman Peter Roche.

Councillors : Kevin Morris, John Roche, Mrs. Avril Doyle, Joseph Furlong, Thomas Carr and Thomas Francis Byrne.

In attendance : Mr. K.T. Conway, Borough Engineer,
Mr. R. Lynn, Borough Accountant,
Mr. D.T. Wixted, Town Clerk.

PRIORITY LIST - OLD PERSON'S BUNGALOWS/FLATS

The Committee considered the recommendations of the Chief Medical Officer for the Priority List for Old Persons Bungalows/Flats and the following recommendations for the drawing up of the List were submitted to the County Manager, viz :-

1. Mrs. Sarah Hynes, 4A Lower Bride Street
2. Mrs. Elizabeth Conway, 5 Monck Street
3. Mrs. Kate Lewis, 7B Bride Street - contingent on Mrs. Lewis's family not owning her present accommodation.
4. Joseph Dodd, Selskar Avenue
5. Catherine O'Leary, 56 King Street
6. Annie Blake, 4 Henrietta Street
7. Catherine Doyle, 7 Slaney Street
8. Mrs. Ellen Harpur, 1 High Street
9. Helena King, 2 Rose Rock
10. Mrs. Margaret Stapleton, 89 North Main Street
11. Miss Ellen McDonald, 42 The Faythe
12. Lily Coughlan, 3 Parnell Street - recommended for upstairs flat.
13. Christina Moran, 21 Hantoon Road
14. John Canning, 84 Liam Mellows Park
15. Mrs. P. Carthy, 58 King Street - contingent on Mrs. Carthy not owning her present accommodation.
16. Bridie Delaney, 3 Lower King Street
17. Margaret Browne, 3 Joseph Street
18. John Cullen, Grogan's Road - to be offered tenancy of bungalow at College View.
19. Mary O'Brien, 36 Selskar Street
20. Miss Reck, Carney's Lane off John Street
21. Mrs. Josephine Codd, 34 William Street - if still at William St.
22. Miss Mary Grannell, 11 Mary Street
23. Patrick Redmond, 1 Cinema Lane
24. Mrs. Tierney, 10 Rose Rock
25. Miss Mary Cowman, c/o Dr. O'Brien, Inistiogue
26. Miss Sarah Walsh, 26 North Main Street

27. Miss Mary Sinnott, c/o 5 College View
28. Mr. & Mrs. Cribbin, 30 Parnell Street
29. Miss Ann O'Neill, 25 Barrack Street
30. Mr. & Mrs. Andrew Scallan, 22 Barrack Street
31. Mr. & Mrs. J. Murphy, 121 Bishopswater
32. Miss Martha Carroll, 31 Bernadette Place
33. Mrs. Kilbane, Monck Street
34. Mr. & Mrs. Joseph Smith, 138 The Faythe
35. Miss Eva Ross, 8 Lower Bride Street
36. Mary Butler, 16 Francis Street
37. Mrs. Reville, 21 Antelope Road
38. Mrs. Hannah Tormey, 93 Whitemill Road
39. Miss Bridget Harpur, 9 Clifford Street
40. Miss Elizabeth Kinsella, 98 King Street
41. John Morris, 96 Kennedy Park
42. Frank O'Neill, 2 Grattan Terrace
43. John Savage, 2 Lower King Street
44. Peter Rowe, 2 Joseph Street
45. Mrs. Ann Daly, 76 The Faythe - contingent on Mrs. Daly not owning her present accommodation.
46. Mary Kate O'Neill, 29 School Street
47. Mr. & Mrs. Michael Murphy, 3 William Street
48. Elizabeth Taylor, 5 High Street
49. P. Breen, Clarence House
50. Mrs. Margaret Cunningham, 32 Maudlintown
51. Edward Kehoe, 6 Barrack Street
52. Martin & Sarah O'Brien, 9 Carcur Cottages
53. Mrs. Kate O'Neill, 34 High Street
54. Patrick Murphy, 7 Upper George Street
55. Miss Bridget Harris, 64 Wolfe Tone Villas
56. Miss Jane Smith, 136 The Faythe
57. Mrs. Grace, c/o St. John's Hospital, Enniscorthy
58. John McNulty, 44 Davitt Road South
59. William Murphy, 33 Skeffington Street.

The following recommendations for transfers from family type houses to Old Person's houses were also agreed, viz :-

1. Mrs. Mary Black, 3 Whiterock View
2. Mr. & Mrs. Doyle, 34 Kennedy Park
3. Miss Margaret Ryan, 9 Mannix Place
4. Mrs. Bennett, 69 Bishopswater.

Regarding transfers it was unanimously agreed that the same policy be adopted as that adopted for the letting of family type houses, viz, that one in ten lettings be offered to transfer applicants.

The following further decisions were also agreed, viz :-

On the proposition of Councillor Furlong, seconded by Councillor Doyle, it was unanimously resolved to recommend that Mr. Thomas Byrne, Junior, 10 Columba Villas be given the tenancy of one of the flats at John's Gate Street; it was agreed in principle that, should the Corporation succeed in purchasing his existing house by agreement, Mr. James Furlong, Abbey Street would be considered for the tenancy of one of the flats - this matter to be again discussed with the Committee or the Borough Council when negotiations for the purchase of Mr. Furlong's property are completed.

HOUSING PRIORITY LIST - FAMILY TYPE HOUSES

It was unanimously agreed not to take any action on further reports regarding the following applicants for family type houses submitted by the Chief Medical Officer, viz :-

Mr. George P. Reville, 25 Tuskar View, Mr. Liam Duffin, 23 Carrigeen St., Mr. Daniel Kelly, 5 Harbour View.

The Committee was informed that a Court Order for possession of his present accommodation has been obtained against Mr. Patrick Carberry, 54 North Main Street Wexford and in line with Corporation policy this man can now be regarded as a homeless person and would rank for priority treatment irrespective of his position on the Priority List. The Town Clerk pointed out that the County Manager has requested the owners of Mr. Carberry's present accommodation to put a stay of a few months on the warrant for possession until such time as the Corporation will be in a position to offer Mr. Carberry a house. No objection was raised by the Committee to the course of action determined by the County Manager.

ABBEY STREET/MOUNT GEROGE DEVELOPMENT STAGE I

The Committee considered working drawings etc., for the Abbey Street/Mount George Development Stage I and a Report from the Borough Engineer in the matter. The Report reminded the Council of the instructions issued to the Architect for the provision of an additional bedroom in the Old Person's dwellings and for the provision of four bedrooms in the three storeyed houses. Because of this request there was a reduction in the number of units being provided and the new plans now provided for 17 No. 3 Storeyed 4 Bedroomed houses - loss of one house and 9 No. Single Storeyed 2 Bedroomed Old Person's Dwellings - loss of two houses. The Report of the Borough Engineer also suggested that this development could be very much enhanced if the old St. John's Burial Ground was landscaped and incorporated as an amenity park for the development.

On the proposition of Councillor Carr, seconded by Councillor Byrne, the Committee unanimously approved of the amended layout and house plans submitted.

ABBEY STREET/MOUNT GEORGE DEVELOPMENT STAGE II

The Committee considered sketch Design Drawings for the Abbey Street/Mount George Development Stage II and it was pointed out that this Scheme had now been re-designed in accordance with the instructions issued by the Borough Council. The area to be developed lies between the surgery of Doctors Doyle/Dwyer and the Old Town Hall and a Scheme now submitted provides for 5 three-storeyed dwellings fronting onto Abbey Street, a public house and a further dwelling on the return to the Old Town Wall. In addition provision is made for land scaped open space and car parking.

In a report the Borough Engineer indicated that the Scheme is adequate within the confines of the final brief given to the Architect. The buildings proposed are very fine and well in character with what Old Wexford's Abbey Street was. The Borough Engineer confirmed that as pointed out by the Architect the aesthetic blending of the detailed design for the pub will require very close co-ordination with the housing development if a satisfactory result is to be achieved.

The approximate estimated building costs for the three-storeyed units amounts to £8,312 and the Borough Engineer reported

that considering the standard intended and present day prices this price appeared fairly in line with the type of price that could be expected.

It was proposed by Alderman Byrne, seconded by Councillor Morris and unanimously resolved that, the Scheme as presented be approved for submission for the sanction of the Minister for Local Government.

CIVIC AWARD

The Town Clerk informed the members that one entry has been submitted through the Corporation for the new Civic Award being organised by Bord Failte in conjunction with the Tidy Towns Competition. The entry had been submitted by a Theresa Byrne, "Erin Cottage" St. Peter's Square, Wexford, and provided for the improvement of the open space at St. Peter's Square.

The Report and Sketch Plan submitted with the application had been considered by the Borough Engineer who reported that the proposals would be very acceptable in principle but at the loss in car parking resulting therefrom could not be accepted.

In the light of the Borough Engineer's report concerning the loss in car parking the Committee unanimously agreed that the proposal could not be accepted.

The meeting then terminated.

Theresa Byrne

23rd June 1975.

A Meeting of the Wexford Borough Council Traffic and Parking Bye Laws Sub Committee 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 Alderman James Mahoney in the chair.

Wexford Borough Council :

Aldermen : Philip Corish and Peter Roche.

Councillors : Kevin Morris, John Roche, Joseph Furlong,
John Flaherty, James Jenkins and Thomas
Francis Byrne.

An apology for inability to attend was received from
Councillor Mrs. Avril Doyle.

Wexford Chamber of Commerce :

M/s T. O'Rourke, P. O'Connor, B.J. Kerr and P. Hore.

Wexford Trades Council :

M/s Joseph Thomas, James Thomas and M. Bright.

Garda Siochana :

Inspector J. Gurhy.

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

WEXFORD TRAFFIC AND PARKING BYE-LAWS 1973

The Committee considered the operation of the Wexford Traffic and Parking Bye Laws 1973 which came into operation on 24th April 1975 and the effect which the Bye Laws have had on the business and shopping interests in the town.

At the outset the Town Clerk pointed out that the function of the Committee was to consider the operation of the Bye Laws and to recommend any necessary amendments to the Wexford Borough Council. In turn the Borough Council would consider the recommendations of the Committee and consult with the Garda Authorities as to what changes if any are necessary.

Mr. O'Rourke told the meeting that following a survey which the Chamber of Commerce had carried out it was evident that the vast majority of traders on Wexford Main Street are opposed to the new Bye Laws and would wish a return to the old system of one hour parking.

Mr. Joseph Thomas pointed out that as far as the Trades Council is concerned they are still in favour of complete pedestrianisation on the Main Street and he felt that after a lapse of two months it would not be possible to properly judge the effect of the new Bye Laws.

Mr. O'Connor informed the meeting that he represented a special sub committee of the Chamber of Commerce which had been set up to deal with traffic problems in the town and had recommended the following, viz :- traffic between the Main Street and the Church Lane Car Park should be one way from West to East - not East to West as at present; his committee is concerned at the excessive driving speeds on the Main Street particularly since the introduction of the new Bye Laws; clarification is needed as to the rights, if any, of traffic coming onto the Main Street from the Cornmarket direction and wishing to proceed to Common Quay Street; one hour parking should be introduced on portion of the Main Street as follows :- from George Street to Y.M.C.A., from Cristelle's to the Bull Ring, from Mr. Tommy Roche's to Church Lane and from Cinema Lane to King Street in the South Main Street - in addition the necessity to provide some loading bays was stressed and consideration might be given to the employment of traffic wardens; his committee accepted the idea of No Parking on the Main Street from Rowe Street to Cinema Lane; consideration should be given to the provision of more one way streets off the Main Street with one side parking allowed on these streets; the double yellow lines should be on the East side of the Main Street; because of the very poor sight lines consideration might be given to the provision of some type of mirror at the top of Henrietta Street; a sign should be provided at Common Quay Street indicating the new entrance to the Church Lane Car Park; Wygram junction will need further treatment such as the provision of a lighted bollard or a larger sign approaching the junction from the New Ross side indicating the rights of persons wishing to proceed down John Street; the No Entry sign to Henrietta Street at Crescent Quay should be visible from Crescent Quay. In addition Mr. O'Connor lodged a plan for the redevelopment of the Market Place in the Bull Ring which would allow for the provision of shopping facilities together with additional car parking.

Other members of the Committee also spoke in the matter and in reply Inspector Gurhy stated that he agreed personally with most of the suggestions that had been made. He could not agree however with the re-introduction of one hour parking since such a restriction is in effect unenforceable by the Gardai. If some parking was to be re-introduced in the South Main Street - and he agreed that there were stretches there where parking could be allowed - it would have to be on an unlimited basis. Regarding a suggestion that Peter Street should be a one way street from West to East he suggested that it might be possible to make this street a two way street altogether.

Following a lengthy discussion it was proposed by Councillor Furlong and seconded by Councillor Byrne, that the Bye Laws had not yet been enforced long enough in order to allow a fair trial and that a trial period of six months should be allowed. This was agreed to by the Committee - the Bye Laws to be again reviewed at the expiration of six months from their introduction i.e. late September or early October 1975.

The Meeting then concluded.

Rev. L. M. O'Connell

23rd June 1975.

A Special Meeting of the Wexford Borough Council was held this day in the Council Chamber, Municipal Buildings, Wexford, at the expiration of the Traffic and Parking Sub Committee Meeting.

His Worship the Mayor Alderman James Mahoney in the chair.

Aldermen : Philip Corish and Peter Roche.

Councillors : Kevin Morris, John Roche, Joseph Furlong, John Flaherty, James Jenkins and Thomas Francis Byrne.

An apology for inability to attend was received from Councillor Mrs. Avril Doyle.

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

FILMING OF JULY QUARTERLY MEETING

It was unanimously agreed to accede to the request of the Wexford Cine Club and to grant the Club permission to film the proceedings at the July Quarterly Meeting of the Borough Council at which the Mayor for the coming year will be elected.

VACANCY - TOWN OF WEXFORD VOCATIONAL EDUCATION COMMITTEE

The members were informed that a vacancy exists in the Town of Wexford Vocational Education Committee following the resignation of Councillor Mrs. Doyle and it was agreed to fill this vacancy at the next Meeting of the Borough Council.

JULY MEETING

It was unanimously agreed that since no ordinary business will be transacted at Quarterly Meeting of 9th July next to hold a Special Meeting on Monday 14th July for the transaction of ordinary business.

HOUSING PRIORITY LIST

The Council considered a letter from the Senior Social Worker regarding the housing conditions of Mr. Patrick Murphy previously c/o 52 Bishopswater Wexford who was originally placed No. 156 on the Housing Priority List and it was agreed on the proposition of Councillor Jenkins, seconded by Councillor Roche to ask the Chief Medical Officer for a report in the matter - the case to be again considered by the Borough Council following receipt of such report.

NO. 106 BISHOPSWATER

The Town Clerk informed the members that the tenant of No. 106 Bishopswater had purchased a house and had left his house at Bishopswater back in September/October 1974. A brother of his a Mr. Anthony O'Neill who appears on the Housing Priority List at No. 80 from an address at 12 Harbour View had moved into the house

in Bishopswater at that time and he and his family had been in occupation of this house since then. The matter had only come to light within the last week or so and even the Rent Collector for the area had been deceived - he had always been under the impression that the O'Neill in residence was in fact the tenant Mr. Noel O'Neill. The matter has now been considered by the County Manager and while in normal circumstances this type of deception could not be tolerated and ejectment proceedings would be taken against Mr. Anthony O'Neill, the County Manager considered that because of the lengthy time lapse it would now be more appropriate to regularise the matter by appointing Mr. Anthony O'Neill tenant of this house.

On the proposition of Councillor Morris, seconded by His Worship the Mayor no objection was raised by the Council to the proposal of the County Manager but the Council wished to place on record its strong objection to such tactics being used by people to obtain a Corporation house and to emphasise that it is only because of the exceptional circumstances in this case that it agrees with the County Manager's proposal, - Councillor Byrne dissenting.

HOUSING PRIORITY LIST - OLD PERSON'S BUNGALOWS/FLATS

On the proposition of Councillor Morris, seconded by Councillor Furlong the Council adopted a Priority List for Old Person's Bungalows/Flats for recommendation to the County Manager with the proviso that the case of Mrs. Kathleen Moran, 15 High Street should again be referred to the Chief Medical Officer and depending on his report that Mrs. Moran be inserted in her appropriate place on the List. The list of recommendations adopted was as follows :-

1. Mrs. Sarah Hynes, 4A Lower Bride Street
2. Mrs. Elizabeth Conway, 5 Monck Street
3. Joseph Dodd, Selskar Avenue
4. Catherine O'Leary, 56 King Street
5. Annie Blake, 4 Henrietta Street
6. Catherine Doyle, 7 Slaney Street
7. Mrs. Ellen Harpur, 1 High Street
8. Helena King, 2 Rose Rock
9. Mrs. Margaret Stapleton, 89 North Main Street
10. Miss Ellen McDonald, 42 The Faythe
11. Lily Cochlan, 3 Parnell Street
12. Christina Moran, 21 Hantoon Road
13. John Canning, 5 St. Magdalen's Terrace
14. Thomas Byrne (J) 12 St. Columba Villas
15. Miss Reck, Kearney's Lane off John Street
16. Bridie Delaney, 3 Lower King Street
17. Margaret Browne, 3 Joseph Street
18. Mary O'Brien, 36 Selskar Street
19. Miss Mary Grannell, 11 Mary Street
20. Patrick Redmond, 1 Cinema Lane
21. Mrs. Tierney, 10 Rose Rock
22. Miss Mary Cowman, 26 Lower George Street
(Now c/o Dr. O'Brien, Inistiogue)
23. Miss Sarah Walsh, 26 North Main Street
24. Miss Mary Sinnott, c/o 5 College View
25. Mr. & Mrs. Cribben, 30 Parnell Street
26. Miss Am O'Neill, 25 Barrack Street
27. Mr. & Mrs. Andrew Scallan, 22 Barrack Street
28. Mr. & Mrs. J. Murphy, 121 Bishopswater
29. Miss Martha Carroll, 31 Bernadette Place
30. Mrs. Kilbaine, Monck Street
31. Mr. & Mrs. Joseph Smith, 138 The Faythe
32. Miss Eva Ross, 8 Lower Bride Street
33. Mary Butler, 16 Francis Street

34. Mrs. Reville, 21 Antelope Road
35. Mrs. Hannah Tormey, 93 Whitemill Road
36. Miss Brigid Harpur, 9 Clifford Street
37. Miss Elizabeth Kinsella, 98 King Street
38. John Morris, 96 Kennedy Park
39. Frank O'Neill, 2 Grattan Terrace
40. John Savage, 2 Lower King Street
41. Peter Rowe, 2 Joseph Street
42. Mrs. Anne Daly, 76 The Faythe
43. Mary Kate O'Neill, 29 School Street or 87 Corish Park
44. Mr. & Mrs. Michael Murphy, 3 William Street
45. Elizabeth Taylor, 5 High Street
46. P. Breen, Clarence House
47. Mrs. Margaret Cunningham, 32 Maudlintown
48. Edward Kehoe, 6 Barrack Street
49. Martin & Sarah O'Brien, 9 Carcur Cottages
50. Mrs. Kate O'Neill, 34 High Street
51. Patrick Murphy, 7 Upper George Street
52. Miss Brigid Harris, 64 Wolfe Tone Villas
53. Miss Jane Smith, 136 The Faythe
54. Mrs. Grace, c/o St. John's Hospital, Enniscorthy
55. John McNulty, 44 Davitt Road South
56. William Murphy, 33 Skeffington Street.

The following are recommended for transfers from family type houses, viz :-

1. Mrs. Mary Black, 3 Whiterock View
2. Mr. & Mrs. Doyle, 34 Kennedy Park
3. Miss Margaret Ryan, 9 Mannix Place
4. Mrs. Bennett, 69 Bishopswater.

The meeting then terminated.

Rev. C. M. O'Connell

9th July, 1975.

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 Alderman James Mahoney in the chair.

Aldermen : Philip Corish, Peter Roche and Fergus Byrne.

Councillors : Kevin Morris, John Roche, Mrs. Avril Doyle, Joseph Furlong, Thomas Carr, James Jenkins, Thomas Francis Byrne and John O'Flaherty.

In attendance : Mr. Kevin T. Conway, Borough Engineer,
Mr. Richard Lynn, Borough Accountant,
Mr. Fintan M. O'Connor, Corporation Solicitor,
Mr. Desmond T. Wixted, Town Clerk.

ELECTION OF MAYOR

The first business of the Quarterly Meeting was the election of a Mayor who would hold office until Quarterly Meeting to be held not more than 14 days before or after 28th June, 1976 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 :-

Alderman Philip Corish - proposed by Councillor Byrne and seconded by Councillor Carr.

Councillor Kevin Morris - proposed by Alderman Byrne and seconded by Councillor Doyle.

Councillor John Roche - proposed by His Worship the Mayor and seconded by Alderman Peter Roche.

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

For Alderman Corish - Alderman Corish and Councillors Furlong, Carr and Byrne (4)

For Councillor Morris - Alderman Byrne and Councillors Morris, Doyle, Jenkins and O'Flaherty (5)

For Councillor Roche - His Worship the Mayor, Alderman Roche, and Councillor Roche (3).

No candidate having secured an absolute majority of the members present the candidate receiving the lowest number of votes viz Councillor Roche was eliminated and a further poll as between Alderman Corish and Councillor Morris was taken and resulted, viz :-

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| For Alderman Corish | - | His Worship the Mayor, Alderman Corish and Councillors Furlong, Carr, and Byrne | (5) |
| For Councillor Morris | - | Aldermen Roche and Byrne and Councillors Morris, Roche, Doyle, Jenkins and O'Flaherty | (7). |

There being only two remaining 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 required by the Municipal Corporations (Ireland) Act, 1840 and the Local Government Act 1941. Before leaving the chair the outgoing Mayor Alderman Mahoney thanked all those who had helped him during his term of office.

Alderman Mahoney 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 his opponents and also congratulated the outgoing Mayor on the excellent manner in which he had carried out his duties during his terms of office. He promised to uphold the dignity of the high office which had been bestowed on him for the sixth time and to strive for the advancement of Wexford during the coming year and in particular the elimination of unemployment.

The other members then congratulated Councillor Morris on his election and Alderman Mahoney on the excellence with which he had discharged his duties.

The Meeting then terminated.

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14th July, 1975.

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 Kevin Morris in the chair.

Aldermen : James Mahoney, Peter Roche, and Fergus Byrne.

Councillors : John Roche, Mrs. Avril Doyle, Joseph Furlong, Thomas Carr, James Jenkins and Thomas Francis Byrne.

An apology for inability to attend was received from Councillor John O'Flaherty.

In attendance : Mr. T.F. Broe, County Manager
Mr. C. Costello, Acting Borough Engineer
Mr. Sean Nolan, Acting Borough Accountant
Mr. R. Lynn, Acting Town Clerk.

CONGRATULATIONS - D.T. WIXTED TOWN CLERK

On the proposition of Councillor Carr, seconded by Councillor T.F. Byrne, the congratulations of the Council were extended to Mr. D.T. Wixted, Town Clerk, on his appointment as Town Clerk Drogheda. The Council recorded a vote of thanks to the work carried out by Mr. Wixted during his term of office as Town Clerk Wexford and extended the very best wishes to the Town Clerk and family and wished him every success in his new job.

The County Manager, on behalf of the staff and on his own behalf, joined in the vote of congratulations and best wishes to Mr. Wixted on taking up his new position as Town Clerk Drogheda.

MINUTES

On the proposition of Councillor Byrne, seconded by Alderman Byrne, the Minutes of Statutory Meeting of 9th June, 1975, of Special Meeting of 23rd June, 1975 and of Quarterly Meeting of 9th July, 1975, having been circulated, were taken as read, adopted unanimously and signed by His Worship the Mayor.

REPORTS OF COMMITTEE MEETINGS

On the proposition of Councillor Byrne, seconded by Councillor Carr, the reports of the Housing Committee Meeting of 11th June, 1975 and Traffic and Parking Sub-Committee Meeting of 23rd June, 1975, having been circulated, were taken as read, adopted unanimously and signed by His Worship the Mayor.

BARRACK STREET SEWER

It was proposed by Alderman Roche, seconded by Alderman Mahoney and unanimously resolved "that this Council express their alarm at the possibility of an outbreak of sickness in the Barrack Street area seeing that no outlet has as yet been provided for the raw sewage from the houses there".

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The members expressed their great concern on the continuing danger of an outbreak of sickness due to the non provision of an outlet or a sewerage in the Barrack Street area. They expressed concern that work had not as yet commenced and during the recent long drought there was increased danger to the health of the people in that area. They have requested that work be immediately put in hand to rectify the position.

In reply the Acting Borough Surveyor advised the Council that the whole channel was cleaned and flushed quite recently and that negotiations towards the acceptance of a contract to carry out the necessary remedial work were in progress and it was anticipated that agreement would be reached in the coming week. It was intended that work would commence immediately to relieve this hazard.

DELAY IN FINALISING HOUSE PURCHASES

It was proposed by Alderman Roche, seconded by Councillor Carr and unanimously resolved "that a full statement be given to the Council outlining the reasons for the delay in completing applications for house purchase from Corporation tenants and that immediate steps be taken to complete all outstanding applications".

In reply the Acting Town Clerk pointed out that the delays in dealing with sales was due to :-

(2) the staffing shortage in the mapping department and a shortage in engineering personnel in general to prepare schedule of repairs and reporting thereon. It was pointed out that the County Council had loaned a Draftsman Grade I to the Wexford Corporation and this officer had been employed over the past year. However due to the shortage of an Assistant Engineer the Draftsman was required to carry out duties related to that office and the deficiency in the mapping department therefore continued. Recently Mr. C. Costello had been appointed as Temporary Assistant Borough Engineer and this relieved the Draftsman to concentrate on the preparation of maps etc. The Acting Town Clerk pointed out that another problem had arisen recently in so far as that the Land Registry had returned a number of sales agreements and advised that the maps attached thereto were not acceptable as they could not be related to the Ordnance Survey Maps. It was pointed out that the last Ordnance Survey was carried out in Wexford in 1940 and therefore all development since then were not contained in the said maps. It was pointed out that quotations for an aerial survey had been requested by the Borough Engineer and these were under consideration at the present time. When the aerial survey had been carried out proper maps on the whole of the area would be available and the delays in mapping would therefore be eliminated.

After a general discussion the County Manager agreed to investigate the possibility of allowing a tenant to commence payment for purchase from the date he indicates he wishes to purchase and to report back to the Council thereon. The Council also requested that an official Ordnance Survey be carried out in Wexford.

RESURFACING WILLIAM STREET/TRINITY STREET

It was proposed by Councillor Roche, seconded by Councillor Doyle and unanimously resolved "that this Council request its members who are also members of Wexford County Council to bring pressure to bear on that Body to have William Street/Trinity Street resurfaced".

Alderman Mahoney and Councillor Doyle both indicated their willingness to propose a similar motion to the Wexford District Committee Meeting and promised that they would impress on the Council the urgency

of this matter.

TALBOT STREET/GREEN STREET HOUSING SCHEME

It was proposed by Councillor Roche, seconded by Councillor Carr and unanimously resolved "that the Borough Engineer ensure that the houses in Green Street/Talbot Street are all in proper condition before any final settlement is made with the Contractor".

ROADSIDE TRADERS

It was proposed by His Worship the Mayor, seconded by Alderman Byrne and unanimously resolved "that Wexford County Council be requested to take immediate steps to have the roadside traders removed from their present location on the main Wexford/Dublin road at Ardavan".

The members were perturbed at the traffic hazard occasioned by these traders and also the loss of business being incurred by rate payers and tax payers caused by these roadside traders.

The County Manager advised the Council that current legislation was found to be deficient in dealing with this matter and the Council therefore unanimously resolved to call upon the Minister for Industry and Commerce to introduce proper legislation.

PEDESTRIAN CROSSING - MERCY CONVENT SCHOOL WHITEMILL

The Council considered a report from the Borough Engineer in reply to resolution of the Council calling for the investigation into the provision of a pedestrian crossing outside the Mercy Convent School Whitemill Wexford. The Borough Engineer in his report pointed out that from a survey taken the minimum criteria of vehicle park pedestrian density did not exist to justify provision of pedestrian crossing on the basis of the recommendation of the Foras Forbartha Publication on Traffic Wardens and Pedestrian Crossing facilities. He further pointed out that if the Council wished to proceed in the provision of a pedestrian crossing that same would be valueless without a pedestrian barrier along the road edge to channel children to the crossing. The estimate for the provision of the barrier and the crossing was £750.

The members did not accept that a pedestrian crossing was not necessary and requested a report on the date the survey was taken and an outline of what the minimum criteria should be. It was further agreed to request the Garda to pay particular attention to this area regarding the observation of speed limits.

MRS. KATHLEEN MORAN, 15 HIGH ST WEXFORD.

A letter from the Chief Medical Officer was considered arising out of a resolution requesting that Mrs. Moran's position be re-considered for rehousing in the Old Person's Bungalows/Flats. In his reply Doctor Finucane pointed out that he was satisfied that her conditions are not sufficiently bad to merit inclusion on the Priority List.

ACKNOWLEDGMENT - VOTES OF SYMPATHY

A letter dated 19th June 1975 from the Rev. James B. Curtis thanking the Council on a vote of sympathy on the death of his brother was read to the Council.

TIDY TOWNS/ANTI LITTER WEEK 1975

A circular from Bord Failte Eireann advising that Bord Failte was again forming an Anti Litter Week from 23rd - 31st August 1975 and requesting the co-operation of all tidy towns committees in this regard. It was pointed out that brochures, posters and sponsorship booklets will be available within the next three weeks. The Council agreed to help in every way possible towards the success of the Anti Litter Week.

AUDITOR'S REPORT FOR LOCAL FINANCIAL YEARS ENDED 31st MARCH 1972 AND 31st MARCH 1973

The report of the Local Government Auditor Mr. Joseph P. McCarthy was considered by the Borough Council. Points raised by members of the Council included :-

- (1) The current position on the arrears of rent occasioned by the Rent Strike.
- (2) The fact that stocktaking has not been carried out for a number of years.
- (3) The Prize Bonds Certificate of £20.00 was not available for inspection.
- (4) The recommendation from the Auditor on the provision of strong room facilities.

In reply the Acting Town Clerk advised the Council that :-

- (1) The arrears of rent arising out of the Rent Strike now amounted to £14,000 approximately but that undertakings had been accepted from the vast majority of tenants who are meeting their arrears position in a constructive manner. It was pointed out that the matter of arrears of rent was investigated at very frequent intervals and that the position was improving.
- (2) The Acting Town Clerk advised that stocktaking would be held as soon as possible and that stocktakings would be carried out in accordance with the Public Bodies Order 1946 in future.
- (3) The non availability of the Prize Bonds Certificates were still being investigated and that a duplicate certificate would be obtained if found necessary.
- (4) Due to the employment of carpenters the room set aside for the provision of strong room was now occupied but the Borough Surveyor would be requested to look into the matter.

The Auditor's Report was adopted on the proposition of Councillor Byrne and seconded by Councillor Roche.

SALARY ADJUSTMENTS - TOWN CLERK, BOROUGH ACCOUNTANT AND STOREKEEPER

The Council was advised that following negotiation between the Local Government and Public Services Union and the Staff Negotiation Board a proposal for the adjustment of salaries for Town Clerk, Borough Accountant and Storekeeper had been agreed. The claims arose in connection with the recent increase granted to the Clerical Officer grade and to analogist grades within the Civil Service.

On the proposition of Alderman Byrne and seconded by Councillor Byrne it was unanimously agreed that the increases be granted.

SELECTION OF PERSON TO FILL VACANCY ON TOWN OF WEXFORD
VOCATIONAL EDUCATIONAL COMMITTEE.

On the proposition of Councillor Jenkins, seconded by Councillor Byrne, it was agreed to defer selection until the next Meeting.

HOUSING DEVELOPMENT AT TOWNPARKS/COOLCOTTS
CONSIDERATION OF HOUSE PLANS FOR FIRST STAGE

The House Plans for the First Stage Development at Townparks/Coolcotts comprising 56 terraced houses and 16 semi detached houses were placed before the Borough Council. In considering the House Plans the Council took account of report from the Borough Surveyor of 2nd July 1975 and on the proposition of Councillor Byrne, seconded by Alderman Byrne, the House Plans were unanimously adopted subject to :-

- (i) a satisfactory and economic detail for party walls where steps occur be obtained and agreed with the Borough Surveyor.
- (ii) the infill panel detail of marine plywood be deleted from the Plan and a suitable alternative be agreed with the Borough Surveyor.

DISPOSAL OF LAND AT WHITEMILL NORTH AND CLONARD
M/S JOHN JACKMAN (ENGINEERING) LTD.

On the proposition of Councillor Roche, seconded by Alderman Roche, approval was unanimously given to the proposal of the County Manager to dispose of approximately 2 acres 88 sq. perches of land at Whitemill North and Clonard to M/s John Jackman (Engineering) Ltd., for the extension to existing factory premises and on the terms as set out in Notice dated 2nd July 1975 and circulated to each member of Wexford Borough Council, viz, for the sum of £4,050.

DISPOSAL OF LAND AT WHITEMILL NORTH TO
THE INDUSTRIAL DEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY

On the proposition of Councillor Roche, seconded by Alderman Roche, approval was unanimously given to the proposal of the County Manager to dispose of approximately 60 and four-fifth sq. perches of land at Whitemill North to The Industrial Development Authority for the extension to existing factory premises and on the terms as set out in Notice dated 2nd July 1975 and circulated to each member of Wexford Borough Council, viz, for the sum of £1,140.

DISPOSAL OF LAND AT WHITEMILL NORTH TO
THE REHABILITATION INSTITUTE

On the proposition of Councillor Byrne, seconded by Alderman Byrne, approval was unanimously given to the proposal of the County Manager to dispose of approximately 131 and one fifth sq. perches of land at Whitemill North to The Rehabilitation Institute on which the Institute propose to erect a workshop for the training of the disabled and on the terms as set out in Notice dated 2nd July 1975 and circulated to each member of Wexford Borough Council, viz for the sum of £2,460.

DISPOSAL OF LAND AT WHITEMILL SOUTH TO MR. FINTAN BRIGHT

On the proposition of Alderman Byrne, seconded by Councillor Byrne, approval was unanimously given to the proposal of the County Manager to dispose of approximately 26.40 sq. perches of land at Whitemill South to Mr. Fintan Bright on which the Purchaser proposes to erect a dwellinghouse and on the terms as set out in Notice dated 26th June, 1975 and circulated to each member of Wexford Borough Council, viz, for the sum of £800.

DISPOSAL OF NO. 12 BERNADETTE PLACE WEXFORD

On the proposition of Alderman Byrne, seconded by Councillor Roche, approval was unanimously given to the proposal of the County Manager to dispose of house No. 12 Bernadette Place Wexford to the tenant thereof, Mr. John Harpur, and on the terms as set out in Notice dated 26th June, 1975 and circulated to each member of Wexford Borough Council, viz, for the sum of £1,575.

DISPOSAL OF NO. 26 THE FAYTHE WEXFORD

On the proposition of Alderman Byrne, seconded by Councillor Roche, 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, and on the terms as set out in Notice dated 26th June, 1975 and circulated to each member of Wexford Borough Council, viz, for the sum of £100.

DISPOSAL OF NO. 62 BISHOPSWATER WEXFORD

On the proposition of Alderman Byrne, seconded by Councillor Roche, approval was unanimously given to the proposal of the County Manager to dispose of house No. 62 Bishopswater, Wexford to the tenant thereof, Mr. David Wright, and on the terms as set out in Notice dated 26th June, 1975 and circulated to each member of Wexford Borough Council, viz, for the sum of £1,540.

DISPOSAL OF NO. 74 ST. AIDAN'S CRESCENT WEXFORD

On the proposition of Alderman Byrne, seconded by Councillor Roche, approval was unanimously given to the proposal of the County Manager to dispose of house No. 74 St. Aidan's Crescent, Wexford to the tenant thereof Mrs. Gertrude Kehoe, and on the terms as set out in Notice dated 26th June, 1975 and circulated to each member of Wexford Borough Council, viz, for the sum of £850.

QUESTIONS

In reply to questions Alderman Roche was informed :-

- (a) That the County Council having recently increased their planning staff the Planning Officer had now advised that an action plan is in the course of preparation for the Coolcotts area which will include amenity areas such as playing pitches.
- (b) That work was currently in progress for the resurfacing of Mill Road (The Folly).
- (b) That no steps have been taken acquiring property at Allen Street by the Corporation for the purported swapping with land owned by a Mr. S. Moloney.

In reply to questions Councillor Jenkins was informed :-

- (a) That a sub committee meeting of the Traffic and Parking Sub Committee had been held on 23rd June, 1975.
- (b) That the official parking area provided at the top of Hill Street/Wygram included spaces for six cars between St. Ibar's Villas and the pumping station and twelve spaces not yet surfaced but already partially in use between Nos. 9 and 21 John Street.
- (c) That the County Engineer was not yet satisfied that extensions of guard rail at Crescent Quay was appropriate but a firm reply would be available for the next Council Meeting.

In reply to questions Councillor Roche was informed :-

- (a) That the later bin collection on Main Street was partially successful. However it was noted that bins were still being left out the previous night and these were mainly attributed to flat dwellers. Attention would be given to this, to improve the situation.
- (b) The resurfacing of Grogan's Road between Grattan Terrace and Dempsey's Terrace would be carried out as soon as possible.
- (c) Legal advice has not yet been received regarding the entitlement to levy water charges on hotels.

The Meeting then terminated.

Revised to omit

14th July 1975.

A Meeting of the Housing Committee of Wexford Borough Council was held this day in the Council Chamber, Municipal Buildings, Wexford at the conclusion of the Statutory Meeting.

The members present were :-

His Worship the Mayor Councillor Kevin Morris in the chair.

Aldermen : James Mahoney, Peter Roche and Fergus Byrne.

Councillors : John Roche, Mrs. Avril Doyle, Joseph Furlong, Thomas Carr, James Jenkins and Thomas Francis Byrne.

An apology for inability to attend was received from Councillor John O'Flaherty.

In attendance : Mr. T.F. Broe, County Manager
Mr. C. Costello, Acting Borough Engineer
Mr. Sean Nolan, Acting Borough Accountant
Mr. R. Lynn, Acting Town Clerk.

HOUSING PRIORITY LIST - FAMILY TYPE

1. The Acting Town Clerk advised the members that Mr. Patrick Carberry of 54 North Main Street, Wexford, on whom a warrent of execution for delivery of possession of premises had been served would be rehoused in the next batch of houses available in Talbot Street.

2. Re. Patrick Murphy, c/o 59 St. Aidan's Crescent Wexford.
The Council considered a report from the Chief Medical Officer on the above person who was still sleeping in the St. Vincent De Paul shelter and thus the family remained divided. On the proposition of Councillor Roche, seconded by Alderman Mahoney it was unanimously resolved that Mr. Murphy and family be rehoused in the next batch of houses available in the Talbot Street/Green Street development.

3. Re. Ronald Browne, 80 Liam Mellows Park Wexford.
The Council considered a report from Dr. P.J. Grace R.M.S. St. Senan's Psychiatric Hospital Enniscorthy on the above. Dr. Grace recommended that Mr. Browne be allowed to transfer from his current three bedroomed dwelling into a Corporation flat. After discussion and on the proposition of His Worship the Mayor Councillor Morris, seconded by Alderman Byrne, it was unanimously agreed to refer the matter to the Chief Medical Officer for recommendation.

The Meeting then terminated.

Kevin B. Morris

14th July, 1975

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

The members present were :-

His Worship the Mayor Councillor Kevin Morris in the chair.

Aldermen : James Mahoney, Peter Roche and Fergus Byrne.

Councillors : John Roche, Mrs. Avril Doyle, Joseph Furlong, Thomas Carr, James Jenkins and Thomas Francis Byrne.

An apology for inability to attend was received from Councillor John O'Flaherty.

In attendance : Mr. T.F. Broe, County Manager
Mr. C. Costello, Acting Borough Engineer
Mr. Sean Nolan, Acting Borough Accountant
Mr. R. Lynn, Acting Town Clerk.

RELIEF FROM RATES 1975

The Council considered further applications for Relief from Rates for 1975 and the following recommendations for the granting of Relief for submission to the County Manager were agreed, viz :-

NAME AND ADDRESS:	RATES 1975: £	AMOUNT WAIVED: £	AMOUNT PAYABLE: £
Mr. Michael Mahon 4 O'Connell Avenue St. John's Road	40.00	15.00	25.00
Mr. John Tottenham 9 Saltee Avenue	36.00	26.00	10.00
Mary E. Murphy 48 Bishopswater	68.00	68.00	-
James Kells 60 Bishopswater	68.00	58.00	10.00
Mary Ellen Malone 76 Bishopswater	68.00	58.00	10.00
Bridget Roche 108 Bishopswater	68.00	68.00	-
Hannah Shiel 87 Corish Park	68.00	58.00	10.00
Christopher Hynes 9 O'Connell Avenue	40.00	30.00	10.00

NAME AND ADDRESS:	RATES 1975: £	AMOUNT WAIVED: £	AMOUNT PAYABLE: £
Clare Collette Firman 11 O'Connell Avenue	40.00	40.00	-
Mrs. Elizabeth Whitty 35 Antelope Road	36.00	16.00	20.00
Mrs. Marie Lucking 10 Tuskar View William Street	68.00	68.00	-

The Meeting then terminated.

Kevin G. Morris

28th July 1975.

A Meeting of the Finance Committee Meeting of 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 Kevin Morris in the chair.

Councillors : John Roche, James Jenkins, Thomas Byrne.

Apologies for inability to attend were received from Alderman Roche, Councillor Doyle and Councillor Carr.

In attendance : Mr. Sean Nolan, Acting Borough Accountant
Mr. Richard Lynn, Acting Town Clerk.

The meeting considered recommendation from the Acting Borough Accountant regarding increased charge for the Ferrybank Swimming Pool and on the recommendation of Councillor Jenkins, seconded by Councillor Byrne it was unanimously decided the following increases be implemented from 1st August, 1975.

Children : 12p; Adults : 30p; School Groups : £6.00
Youth Groups : £7.00; Adult Groups : £10.00.

The meeting also discussed the level of contribution from Wexford County Council for the usage as outlined in memo from the Acting Borough Accountant of 25th July 1975 (circulated at Meeting) and it was unanimously agreed that the County Council be requested to provide by way of grant the produce of 1p each year towards running costs of the Swimming Pool. It was agreed to make a case and forward same to the joint members of Wexford Borough Council and Wexford County Council and request they do all in their power to have the increased amount granted by the County Council.

REGRAIDING FOR CLERICAL AND ADMINISTRATIVE STAFF:

After some discussion on this it was agreed on the proposition of Councillor Jenkins, seconded by Councillor Byrne that the matter be deferred to next meeting of the Wexford Borough Council and that the Acting Town Clerk be requested to acquaint the Council on the regrading proposals. Councillor Roche dissented from this decision.

The meeting then terminated.

Kevin L. Morris

28th July 1975.

A Meeting of the Housing Committee of Wexford Borough Council was held this day in the Council Chamber, Municipal Buildings, Wexford, at the conclusion of the Special Finance Committee Meeting.

The members present were :-

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

Councillors : John Roche, James Jenkins, Thomas Byrne.

Apologies for inability to attend were received from Alderman Roche, Councillor Doyle and Councillor Carr.

In attendance : Mr. Sean Nolan, Acting Borough Accountant
Mr. Richard Lynn, Acting Town Clerk.

EMERGENCY TYPE REHOUSING

The Acting Town Clerk advised the meeting that a further two applications for emergency type rehousing following Court Proceedings for possession had been made during the week. The two applications were on behalf of families which were placed very low down on the current Housing Priority List and after discussing the matter with the County Manager and in the light of the current policy the Borough Council i.e. no departure from the Priority List regarding rehousing, it was now proposed that in future the accommodation to be offered for emergency rehousing would be that accommodation left vacant after transfer from the existing Transfer Priority List which would be in the main the Wolfe Tone/Maudlintown area as seen from that List.

On the proposition of Councillor Jenkins, seconded by Councillor Roche it was unanimously decided that the above be adopted as general policy with the proviso that where such accommodation is provided special consideration be given to an application for transfer, the special consideration be related to the applicant's former position on the Housing Priority List.

TRANSFERS

The Acting Town Clerk advised the meeting that it would not be possible to strictly adhere to the Transfer Housing Priority List in that some applicants enjoyed their current position due to overcrowding and the alternate accommodation as it arises may not alleviate such overcrowding. The County Manager therefore intended to use discretion on this matter and would keep the Council advised where departures were intended.

Councillor Roche mentioned special case of Mr. Christopher Hynes, 4 Croke Avenue numbered 31 on the Transfer Housing Priority List and advised the meeting that due the health condition of Mrs. Hynes it was necessary for her daughter to travel each day from Wolfe Tone area to prepare meals etc. He felt that there is no other case on the said Transfer List more deserving of alternate accommodation close to Wolfe Tone to alleviate the above hardship and mentioned the fact that No. 3 Whiterock View presently tenanted by Mrs. Mary Black was becoming vacant on the transfer of Mrs. Black to John's Gate Street Flats. On the proposition of Councillor Roche, seconded by Councillor Byrne it was unanimously decided to grant a transfer to Mr. Christopher Hynes from 4 Croke Avenue to No. 3 Whiterock View.

The Acting Town Clerk advised the meeting that per memo of 27th January 1975 the Council were advised that the Donohue family at No. 27 Maudlintown will have to be rehoused due to dangerous nature of their present dwelling. In this regard it was noted that Mr. & Mrs. Denis Donohue have already been rehoused out of 27 Maudlintown and it would now appear necessary that Mrs. Anastatia Donohue and Mr. Richard Donohue be also rehoused. On the proposition of Councillor Roche, seconded by Councillor Byrne it was unanimously agreed to offer a transfer to the Donohues when the vacant house at 4 Croke Avenue on transfer of Mr. Christopher Hynes becomes available.

The Meeting then terminated.

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18th August 1975

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

The members present were :-

His Worship the Mayor, Councillor Kevin Morris in the chair.

Aldermen : James Mahoney, Philip Corish, Peter Roche, Fergus Byrne.

Councillors : John Roche, John O'Flaherty

Apologies for inability to attend was received from Councillor Carr.

In attendance : Mr. W. P. Creedon, Deputy County Manager
Mr. C. Costello, Acting Borough Surveyor
Mr. S. Nolan, Acting Borough Accountant
Mr. R. Lynn, Acting Town Clerk

REPAIRS TO CORPORATION DWELLINGS

The Acting Borough Surveyor took note of Councillors complaints regarding repairs to dwellings, a number of which were long outstanding, and advised the meeting that same would be investigated as soon as possible and appropriate action taken.

EMERGENCY TYPE RE-HOUSING

The application of Mr. Thomas Tierney, Custom House Quay, Wexford, for Emergency Type Re-housing was discussed by the Council. Councillor John O'Flaherty advised the meeting that Mr. Tierney had now in fact vacated his flat at Custom House Quay on foot of the Court Order taken out against him at the Wexford District Court.

The Acting Town Clerk advised the meeting that Emergency Type Re-housing had been offered to The Tierney Family to No. 24, Antelope Road, Wexford, when the existing tenant had vacated same on transfer to the Talbot Street Scheme. The Acting Town Clerk pointed out that this was in line with the general policy adopted at the Housing Committee Meeting of 28th July, 1975 and it was anticipated that the transfer could be effected within the next fortnight.

After a lengthy discussion and on the proposition of Councillor John Roche, seconded by Alderman Mahoney, it was unanimously decided that The Tierney Family be offered re-housing to any scheme other than Wolfe Tone Villas and Maudlintown.

The application of Mr. Laurence Nolan, c/o 19, Gulbar Road, Wexford for emergency re-housing was raised by the Mayor, Councillor Kevin C. Morris. He advised the meeting that, in his opinion, the Nolan Family were in a very bad way for housing.

The Acting Town Clerk advised the meeting that the matter had been referred to the Chief Medical Officer on 30th July, 1975, for his recommendation and he hoped to have a reply for the September Meeting.

OLD PERSONS ACCOMMODATION

On the proposition of Alderman Corish, seconded by Alderman Roche, it was unanimously decided to refer back to the C.M.O. for consideration, the cases of Mrs. Josephine McCabe, c/o Murphy's Flat, Monck Street, Wexford and Mrs. Kathleen Moran, 15, High Street, Wexford.

GENERAL

After discussion of the points system for the allocation of tenancies, it was unanimously agreed that the Acting Town Clerk circularise to members the information on this system for the September meeting.

The Meeting then terminated.

Kevin C. Morris

1st September 1975

A Statutory Meeting of the Wexford Borough Council was held this day in the Council Chamber, Municipal Buildings, Wexford at 7.30 p.m.

Members Present were:-

Alderman : James Mahoney, Peter Roche, Fergus Byrne
Councillors : John Roche, Mrs Avril Doyle, Thomas Francis Byrne, John O'Flaherty

Apology His Worship the Mayor, Councillor Kevin Morris

Also in attendance : Mr. T. F. Broe, County Manager
Mr. K. T. Conway, Borough Engineer
Mr. R. Lynn, Acting Town Clerk

In the absence of His Worship the Mayor, and on the proposition of Alderman Roche seconded by Councillor Roche, Alderman Mahoney was elected to the Chair

VOTE OF SYMPATHY TO THE FAMILY OF THE FORMER PRESIDENT OF IRELAND, THE LATE EAMON DE VALERA, FREEMAN OF WEXFORD

On the proposition of the Chairman Alderman Mahoney and seconded by Councillor Byrne, the Council unanimously passed a vote of sympathy to the family of the former President of Ireland, the late Eamon De Valera, a Freeman of Wexford. Appropriate tributes were paid to the memory of the late Mr. De Valera by all the members present.

The County Manager on behalf of all Staff Members and the Staff Members present at the Meeting associated with the vote of sympathy.

ADJOURNMENT OF STATUTORY MEETING

On the proposition of Councillor T. F. Byrne and seconded by Alderman Gus Byrne, it was unanimously decided to adjourn the Statutory Meeting for one week as a mark of respect to the late Mr. Eamon De Valera.

The meeting then terminated.

Kevin T. Morris

8th September, 1975.

The 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 Kevin Morris in the chair.

Aldermen : Philip Corish, Peter Roche, Fergus Byrne.

Councillors : John Roche, Joseph Furlong, Thomas Carr, James Jenkins, Thomas Francis Byrne and John O'Flaherty.

Apology for inability to attend was received from Councillor Mrs. Avril Doyle.

In attendance : Mr. T.F. Broe, County Manager,
Mr. Kevin T. Conway, Borough Engineer,
Mr. Sean Nolan, Acting Borough Accountant,
Mr. R. Lynn, Acting Town Clerk.

SUSPENSION OF STANDING ORDERS

On the proposition of Councillor T. Carr, seconded by Councillor J. Roche, it was unanimously agreed to adjourn Standing Orders to discuss the following motion :-

"That this Council overspend in order to maintain employment of the eleven people who were let go this week, to the end of the current financial year". In proposing this motion Councillor Carr advised the meeting that it was his feeling that in these days of high unemployment it was essential that Wexford Corporation should not add further to the unemployment list. He reminded the Council that the Corporation had been active in attempting to secure re-employment for men laid off work over the past year and felt that this was not an opportune time to add to the unemployment situation.

The County Manager advised the meeting that the impact of maintaining the level of employment as suggested in the motion would be between £7,000 to £8,000 for labour alone which would amount to approximately 20p in the £. He further advised the meeting that those men let go had been employed as casuals and whereas in some cases we have managed to maintain employment for a longer period than normal these men were aware that they were liable to be let go at the end of this summer.

On the proposition of Councillor T.F. Byrne, seconded by His Worship the Mayor, it was unanimously decided to adjourn the matter in order that the Council could be fully advised of the implications and history surrounding employment of casuals and the extension of their service. This meeting to be arranged within the next ten days.

After a full discussion in which the Council voiced their concern with the continuing situation of Parnell Street and the fact that no improvement appeared likely unless steps were now taken, the Council requested to be informed of the up to date position.

The County Manager advised the meeting that in his opinion any discussion with our Legal Advisor on this matter might prejudice the Corporation's case which, as the members were aware, has been stated for hearing at arbitration and in the High Court.

On the proposition of Councillor Carr, seconded by Alderman Corish it was resolved that the matter be deferred to await Manager's report on the up to date position of the various cases.

On a vote for Councillor Carr's motion :-

His Worship the Mayor, Alderman Philip Corish, Fergus Byrne,
Councillors Thomas Carr, James Jenkins, Thomas Francis Byrne,
John O'Flaherty (7)

Against : Alderman Peter Roche, Councillors John Roche,
Joseph Furlong. .. (3)

His Worship the Mayor declared Councillor Carr's motion passed by seven votes to three.

PROPOSED MEETING WITH SPORTING ORGANISATIONS - PLAYING FACILITIES.

On the proposition of Alderman P. Roche, seconded by Councillor T.F. Byrne, it was unanimously resolved "that this Council arrange meetings in the near future with Sporting Organisations who are in need of playing facilities for their members".

The Borough Surveyor referred to previous report and advised the members that he was still awaiting the submission of the County Council plan for Townparks area which would include for open spaces/ playing facilities. It was hoped that the said plan would be available shortly.

REMOVAL OF RUBBLE AT LOWER JOHN STREET

On the proposition of His Worship the Mayor, seconded by Alderman F. Byrne, it was unanimously resolved "that the Borough Council requests that the earth and rubble heap at John Street Lower (opposite Rowe Street Church) be removed forthwith".

REPAIR TO FOOTPATH AT PARNELL STREET

His Worship the Mayor moved the following motion :-
"that this Council requests that the footpath at Parnell Street (Co-Op wall area) be put right immediately", and Alderman F. Byrne seconded.

In reply the Borough Surveyor advised the Council that he was awaiting the rebuilding of the wall which collapsed belonging to M/s Wexford Agricultural Co-Op Limited and he further advised the meeting that he would report on the matter to the next meeting.

It was agreed to defer the matter to the next meeting of the Borough Council.

PROVISION OF ROAD SIGNS AT HILL STREET/WYGRAM PLACE AND AT PARK

On the proposition of Alderman F. Byrne, seconded by Councillor John Roche, it was unanimously resolved "that this Council requests the County Council to provide road signs at Hill Street/Wygram Place (a left swing off sign) and on the back road from Park to the County Hospital (a hospital warning sign) as both these places are dangerous".

AMENDMENT OF NATIONAL DIFFERENTIAL RENT SCHEME

It was proposed by Alderman F. Byrne, seconded by Councillor John Roche "that this Council requests the Minister for Local Government to amend the Differential Rent Scheme so that the tenant is the principal earner and so remove one of the anomalies which has arisen from the recent direction by the Department of Local Government".

After full debate on the matter and on a vote for Alderman Byrne's motion :-

His Worship the Mayor, Aldermen Peter Roche, Fergus Byrne,
Councillors John Roche, John O'Flaherty .. (5)

Against : Alderman Philip Corish,
Councillors Joseph Furlong, Thomas Carr,
James Jenkins, Thomas F. Byrne .. (5).

On the casting vote of His Worship the Mayor the motion was declared passed.

PROPOSED MEETING OF REPRESENTATIVE BODIES IN CONNECTION
WITH DEVELOPMENTS AT ROSSLARE HARBOUR AND ACTIVITY FROM
DISCOVERY OF NATURAL GAS OR OIL

On the proposition of Alderman Corish, seconded by Councillor T.F. Byrne, it was unanimously resolved "that this Council requests the Mayor to convene a meeting of all representative bodies in the Wexford area to consider the proposed developments at Rosslare Harbour as an urgent necessity and further to consider the development of the South East Coast of Wexford should either natural gas or oil be discovered off our Coast".

In introducing the motion Alderman Corish referred to a recent visit to Scotland organised by S.E.R.D.O. in relation to developments resulting from the discovery of oil off the Scottish Coast. It was noted that Rosslare Harbour providing the proposed extension was effected in time could become the major port from which the oil rigs could be serviced and would also form an important link between those Wexford firms engaged in manufacturing/servicing of rigs. During the discussion on the motion it was noted that the plans of M/s C.I.E. for the extension of Rosslare Harbour had still not been sanctioned by the Government and the Council felt that sufficient pressure should now be brought to bear by all representative bodies within the Wexford area to ensure the said extension of the Harbour.

On the proposition of Alderman Corish, seconded by Councillor Byrne, it was unanimously resolved to invite the following bodies to participate in discussions :-

- (a) Wexford County Council ; (b) Wexford Trades Council ;
- (c) Wexford Chamber of Commerce ; (d) S.E.R.D.O. (e) Wexford Harbour Board;
- (f) Rosslare Harbour Development Organisation. Monday 20th October, 1975

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was suggested as a tentative date.

ROUTE SIGNS FOR THE FERRYBANK SWIMMING POOL AND CARAVAN PARK

On the proposition of Alderman Corish, seconded by Alderman F. Byrne, it was unanimously resolved "that this Corporation erect direction and information signs on all main routes into Wexford for the Corporation's Swimming Pool and Caravan Park at Ferrybank".

The Borough Surveyor advised the Council that signs had already been provided and erected.

ACKNOWLEDGMENTS OF RESOLUTIONS PASSED AT PREVIOUS MEETINGS

(a) Eligibility for medical cards :

The Council was advised per letter of 21st July 1975 from the Chief Executive Officer South Eastern Health Board that revised eligibility guide lines had been introduced from 1st July 1975 and same had been published in the local newspaper.

(b) Roadside Trading :

In reply of 24th July 1975 the Department of Industry and Commerce advised that the whole question of Roadside Trading was under examination and the Minister was considering what restrictions, if any, should be introduced.

(c) Fencing at the rere of Marian Row :

The Borough Surveyor's estimate in the sum of £320 for carrying out this work was given to the meeting. The estimate was agreed and it was requested that the work be put in hand, as soon as possible.

(d) Telephone-Ferrybank Caravan Park :

Letter from the Department of Posts & Telegraphs for the provision of coin box line at a connection charge of £41.87 and an annual rental of £28.10 plus 18% was advised to the meeting. It was agreed to provide for this sum in the Estimates.

(e) Sale of Wexford Corporation Dwellings :

The Council were advised that the County Manager had agreed to implement the following procedure where mapping difficulties were anticipated.

1. Purchase money be accepted or payment of annuity to commence after Council approval has been obtained.
2. The Transfer Order to be drawn up with effect from receipt of purchase money or on the first suitable gale day from the payment of first annuity.
3. The Transfer Order be executed by the Purchaser and Wexford Corporation and held here until appropriate map has been attached and in order for transmitting to the Land Registry.

(f) Ordnance Survey Wexford :

The Council requested that the reply of 8th August 1975 from the Ordnance Survey Office Dublin be circularised to the members.

(g) Revision of Water Charges on Public Bars etc. in Hotels:

The Council were informed that per letter of 29th August 1975 Mr. Fintan O'Connor had advised that the application of Water Charges in respect of water supplied to various public bars, hairdressing areas etc., situated within a Hotel and not for the domestic content of water usage in various rooms was allowable under Section 7 of the Local Government (Sanitary Services) Act, 1962.

(h) Correspondence :

(a) Finance Committee Wexford Festival. Letter of 27th August, 1975 at the Finance Committee of Wexford Festival was read to the Council. On the proposition of Alderman Corish, seconded by Councillor John O'Flaherty it was agreed that a deputation from the said Committee be invited to address the next Statutory Meeting of the Wexford Borough Council.

(b) Housing Development Coolcotts :

A letter from N.B.A. of 23rd July 1975 advising that the revisions as requested by the Wexford Borough Council are being incorporated in the plans now being drawn up and that same will be forwarded as soon as they are ready.

(c) Junior Chamber Wexford :

A letter of 8th August 1975 from Wexford Junior Chamber requesting that in accordance with normal practice that Wexford Corporation provide a Civic Reception for the National Executive of Junior Chamber of Ireland at its forthcoming National Convention to be held 2nd - 5th October 1975. On the proposition of Councillor T.F. Byrne, seconded by His Worship the Mayor it was unanimously agreed to hold the Civic Reception as requested.

SUPPLEMENTARY LOAN - TALBOT STREET/GREEN STREET
HOUSING DEVELOPMENT

On the proposition of Councillor T.F. Byrne, seconded by Alderman F. Byrne, it was unanimously resolved that application be made to the Minister for Local Government for sanction to the raising of a supplementary loan of £157,000 from the Commissioners of Public Works in Ireland for the erection of the Housing Scheme at Talbot Street/Green Street Wexford.

NEW GRADING STRUCTURE - CLERICAL AND ADMINISTRATIVE STAFF

From the report of the Wexford County Manager of 27th August, 1975 the Council were advised that the present staff structure of Wexford Corporation affected by the grading proposals was as follows :-
1 No. Borough Accountant, 4 No. Clerical Officers, 2 No. Clerk Typists,
1 No. Receptionist.

It was intended that the new grading structure for Wexford Corporation would be as follows :-

1 No. Grade 6 , 1 No. Grade 5, 3 No. Grade 3, and 3 No. Grade 2.

On the proposition of Councillor T.F. Byrne, seconded by Alderman P. Roche, it was unanimously decided to adopt the County Manager's proposals in relation to the new grading structure for clerical and administrative staff. On the proposition of Councillor T.F. Byrne, seconded by Alderman P. Roche, it was unanimously decided that the position of Borough Accountant and 1 No. Clerical Officer be abolished and that they be replaced by 1 No. Grade 6 and 1 No. Grade 5 respectively. On the proposition of Councillor T.F. Byrne, seconded by Alderman P. Roche it was unanimously resolved that the number of permanent offices of Wexford Corporation be increased by one.

By changing the status of Receptionist from servant to officer and applying a Grade 2 position to this office.

ALLOCATION OF TENANCIES - POINTS SYSTEM

On the proposition of Councillor T.F. Byrne, seconded by Alderman F. Byrne, it was unanimously agreed to defer consideration of this until the next Housing Committee Meeting.

VACANCY - TOWN OF WEXFORD VOCATIONAL EDUCATION COMMITTEE

The following proposals were made to the meeting :-

- Mr. Kevin Kehoe - proposed Councillor T.F. Byrne, seconded by Councillor T. Carr.
- Mr. Nick Kavanagh - proposed Councillor J. Jenkins, seconded by His Worship the Mayor.
- Mr. P. Kelly - proposed Councillor J. Roche, seconded by Alderman P. Roche.

The first ballot gave the following result :-

- FOR KEHOE : Alderman Corish, Councillors Joseph Furlong, Thomas Carr, Thomas F. Byrne. .. (4)
- FOR KAVANAGH : His Worship the Mayor, Alderman F. Byrne, Councillors J. Jenkins, J. O'Flaherty. (4)
- FOR KELLY : Alderman P. Roche, Councillor John Roche.(2).

Mr. Philip Kelly was eliminated and the second ballot resulted in the following :-

- FOR KEHOE : Alderman Corish, Councillors John Roche, Joseph Furlong, Thomas Carr, Thomas F. Byrne (5)
- FOR KAVANAGH : His Worship the Mayor, Aldermen P. Roche F. Byrne, Councillors J. Jenkins, John O'Flaherty (5)

On the casting vote of His Worship the Mayor Mr. Nicholas Kavanagh of Tuskar View, Wexford was selected to fill the vacancy on the Town of Wexford Vocational Education Committee.

NATIONAL DIFFERENTIAL RENT SCHEME - APPLICATION OF
INCREASE OF 35p PER WEEK PER ANNUM.

A report on the implementation of this was read to the Meeting by the Acting Town Clerk. It was agreed that the report be circulated to the members.

ANTI-LITTER FILM

On the proposition of Councillor J. Roche, seconded by Alderman P. Roche, it was unanimously agreed to invite Mr. H. Dunphy of Wexford Junior Chamber to show the Chamber's Anti-Litter Film on Wednesday 17th September, 1975 at 7.30 p.m.

DISPOSAL OF DWELLINGHOUSES

On the proposition of Councillor T.F. Byrne, seconded by Alderman F. Byrne, it was unanimously resolved that in accordance with the terms as set out in the Notices dated 19th August, 1975 the following houses be disposed to the tenants thereof as follows :-

No. 42 Davitt Road North	:	Mr. John Furlong	:	£1,568.
No. 46 Davitt Road North	:	Mr. James Whitmore	:	£1,568.
No. 54 Davitt Road North	:	Mrs. Anna Smith	:	£1,568
No. 56 Davitt Road North	:	Mr. Stephen Wilde	:	£1,568.
No. 60 Davitt Road North	:	Mr. James Hayes	:	£1,779.
No. 62 Davitt Road North	:	Mr. Patrick Roche	:	£1,568.
No. 66 Davitt Road North	:	Mr. Matthew Stafford	:	£1,568.
No. 14A Davitt Road South	:	Mr. William Dodd	:	£2,007.
No. 18 Davitt Road South	:	Mr. Michael McGrath	:	£1,435.
No. 30 Davitt Road South	:	Mrs. Mary Parle	:	£1,835.
No. 32 Davitt Road South	:	Mr. James Whelan	:	£1,435.
No. 36 Davitt Road South	:	Mr. John Healy	:	£1,435.
No. 50 Davitt Road South	:	Mr. Michael Curran	:	£2,007.
No. 51 Davitt Road South	:	Mr. Michael O'Brien	:	£1,535.
No. 52 Davitt Road South	:	Mr. James P. Gaul	:	£2,007.
No. 53 Davitt Road South	:	Mr. Francis Goodison	:	£1,535.
No. 57 Davitt Road South	:	Mrs. Mary K O'Byrne	:	£1,535.
No. 3 Fisher's Row	:	Mr. Edward Wheeler	:	£1,666.
No. 22 Distillery Road	:	Mr. William Murphy	:	£737.
No. 60 Kennedy Park	:	Mrs. Margaret Gittins	:	£2,118.
No. 58 Upper John Street	:	Mr. John Sinnott	:	£1,575.
No. 77 Wolfe Tone Villas	:	Mrs. Mary K. O'Connor	:	£434.

QUESTIONS

In reply to questions Councillor John Roche was informed :-

- (a) The Corporation had no proposal to acquire the piece of ground between Henrietta Street and Cinema Lane at present.
- (b) It was a matter for Wexford County Council to erect direction signs at New Ross road at the junction of Hill Street/Wygram/Newtown Road. The Borough Surveyor advised that he would take the matter up directly with the Wexford County Council.
- (c) It is necessary that £3.15 fee be paid each time an application for a Corporation loan is made.

In reply to questions Alderman Roche was informed :-

- (a) The application of accepting half pension in the Differential Rent Scheme was set out by Departmental Circular and only provided for Social Welfare Pensions.
- (b) The Borough Surveyor would take up the matter of condition of roadway at Green Street with the Consultants.
- (c) No retaining fee is paid to our Legal Advisor, fees for work carried out between January 1972 and December 1974 was with the Taxation Master and the amount of same was not available at present, legal fees including stamp duty in the sum of £3,845 for the above period was paid in connection with the purchase of land.

In reply to questions His Worship the Mayor was informed :-

- (a) The site at Lower Bride Street on which overgrown trees and briars are situate belong to the Clergy and that the Borough Surveyor would take the matter up for cleaning of same with them.

In reply to questions Alderman F. Byrne was informed :-

- (a) A Few problems had arisen in connection with cookers in College View and it was therefore not warranted that all of them should be investigated.

The Meeting then terminated.

Rev. G. M. O'Connell
6/10/75

22nd September, 1975.

A Special Meeting of the Wexford Borough Council was held this evening at 7.30 p.m. at the Municipal Buildings, Wexford.

The members present were :-

His Worship the Mayor, Councillor Kevin C. Morris presiding.

Aldermen : James Mahoney, Philip Corish, Peter Roche.

Councillors : John Roche, Mrs. Avril Doyle, Joseph Furlong, Thomas Carr, Thomas F. Byrne, John O'Flaherty.

Apology for inability to attend was received from Alderman Fergus Byrne.

In attendance : Mr. Kevin T. Conway, Borough Engineer
Mr. R. Lynn, Acting Town Clerk.

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

EMPLOYMENT OF CASUALS

Councillor T. Carr proposed "that where casual workers were again being re-employed by Wexford Corporation the eleven number workmen who had their service terminated on 5th September 1975 be the first to be offered re-employment and that re-employment be offered in accordance with seniority of service within that eleven number". Councillor T.F. Byrne seconded.

Councillor Mrs. Avril Doyle proposed an amendment as follows :- "that seniority be considered for casual employment from former employees who have given service over the past five years". His Worship the Mayor seconded. After discussion the amendment was put to the meeting. Those voting in favour were :-

His Worship the Mayor,	Alderman Philip Corish	
Councillors Mrs. Avril Doyle,	Joseph Furlong,	
John O'Flaherty	..	.. (5)
AGAINST		

Aldermen James Mahoney, Peter Roche
Councillors John Roche, Thomas Carr, Thomas F. Byrne (5)

On the casting vote of His Worship the Mayor the amendment was declared carried.

Councillor T. Carr proposed "that this Council overspend in order to offer re-employment to the eleven number workers, whose service was terminated on 5th September 1975, for the period to the end of the current financial year". Alderman Peter Roche seconded.

The Council had before it a report of 16th September 1975 from the Acting Town Clerk setting out the impact of re-offering employment to these eleven number which was estimated in sum of £8,700 or 22p in the £ for the period to the end of the current financial year.

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After full discussion in which the bad level of unemployment was mentioned the proposal was put to the meeting and resulted in voting as follows :-

Those in favour : Alderman James Mahoney, Philip Corish, Peter Roche, Councillors John Roche, Joseph Furlong, Thomas Carr, John O'Flaherty

AGAINST

His Worship the Mayor, Councillor Mrs. Avril Doyle, Councillor T.F. Byrne.

The motion was declared carried.

The meeting then terminated.

Kenn. G. M. Morris.
6/10/75

22nd September, 1975.

A Housing Committee Meeting of the Wexford Borough Council was held this evening at the termination of the Special Meeting.

The members present were :-

His Worship the Mayor, Councillor Kevin C. Morris presiding.

Aldermen : James Mahoney, Philip Corish, Peter Roche.

Councillors : John Roche, Mrs. Avril Doyle, Joseph Furlong,
Thomas Carr, Thomas F. Byrne, John O'Flaherty.

In attendance : Mr. Kevin T. Conway, Borough Engineer
Mr. R. Lynn, Acting Town Clerk.

ALTERATION OF PRIORITY LIST

The Acting Town Clerk advised the meeting that per letter of 25th August, 1975 Doctor Finucane, Chief Medical Officer had informed him as follows :-

"The Corporation received my List for Wexford housing and decided that it would not be changed. Therefore I see no point in investigating this case further. Furthermore it would be quite out of the question that Health Inspectors, whose work load is extremely severe could now re-investigate the List".

The Acting Town Clerk pointed out that it was the existing policy of the Council to exhaust the current Priority Housing List before the next list of applicants would be considered for rehousing. As the current Housing List was so extensive, the meeting was advised that it would be quite some time before any new applicant would be considered.

It was agreed to discuss this matter more fully at the next Housing Committee Meeting.

TRANSFER

Alderman Peter Roche advised the meeting that within the lifetime of the last Borough Council he had a proposition adopted by that Council to agree to a transfer for a Mr. & Mrs. Byrne of 26 Kennedy Park to the North-End of the town. He further advised that on allocation to the Lower John Street flat development a house in Mannix Place would become vacant and he now proposed that the transfer be offered to the Byrne family to this house. Councillor John Roche seconded the motion, and it was unanimously agreed.

The meeting then terminated.

Kevin C. Morris
6/9/75

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6th October, 1975.

The 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 Kevin Morris presiding.

Aldermen: James Mahoney, Philip Corish, Peter Roche, Fergus Byrne

Councillors: John Roche, Joseph Furlong, Thomas Carr, Thomas Francis Byrne, John O'Flaherty,

Apologies: Councillor Mrs. Avril Doyle

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

VOTES OF SYMPATHY

On the proposition of Councillor T.F. Byrne seconded by Councillor Carr a vote of sympathy was unanimously passed to Mr. Eddie O'Keefe, Reporter, People Newspaper, on the death of his Sister, Mrs. Eileen Power.

On the proposition of Councillor T.F. Byrne, seconded by Councillor T. Carr a vote of sympathy was unanimously passed to Mrs. M. Sinnott, Grattan Terrace, on the death of her husband, a former County Footballer and ^{an} Old I.R.A. veteran.

LOCH GARMAN SILVER BAND

A deputation from the Loch Garman Silver Band consisting of Mr. Thomas Murphy, Chairman, Mr. K. Roche, Treasurer, Mr. F. Tobin, Committee Member and Mr. B. Coughlan, Secretary, was received by the Wexford Borough Council for the purpose of making a presentation by the Loch Garman Silver Band of a plaque to mark their appreciation of the granting the use of the Town Crest on their bands uniform.

His Worship the Mayor accepted the presentation on behalf of the Council and recorded the thanks of the Council to this very fine gesture.

FINANCE COMMITTEE - WEXFORD FESTIVAL

A deputation consisting of Mr. F. Butler and Mrs. B. Wallace from the above Committee was received by the Wexford Borough Council in connection with the Committee's application for a grant from Wexford Corporation towards the running costs of Wexford Festival.

Mr. Butler in his introduction referred to their application of last year and whereas they accepted in full that the Wexford Corporation were not in a position to make a grant then they once again appealed to the members of the Wexford Borough Council for their support and requested that they make a nominal amount of grant this year. Mr. Butler referred to the continuing increasing costs for staging a festival of the calibre enjoyed by Wexford and the very great need of broadening the scope of the finance resources.

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Mrs. Wallace thanked the Borough Council for the co-operation given in the past but advised that in her experience of raising resources of finance the invariable question was how much of a grant was made by the Local Authority. She referred to the fact that the Cork County Council and Cork Corporation made a grant towards the Cork Choral Festival and that Kilkenny Corporation had voted a grant of £800. towards the Art Festival there. She appealed for the continuing support and co-operation from the members of the Wexford Borough Council and requested that they favourably consider their application for a grant this year.

In reply to questions put by the members the Council was advised :-

1. The appointment of the Art Director was borne between Wexford Festival and M/s Wexford Arts Centre Limited and the amount provided for his salary by Wexford Festival was offset by former administrative costs.
2. Since the Festival started in 1951 one full-time administrator had been appointed plus the addition of half the services of the Art Director.
3. The admission charges were increased on a regular basis and are at the rate of £6. this year.
4. Mrs. Wallace advised that approximately 5,000 people attended Wexford Festival in 1974 and these would have a stay of approx. 3 - 4^{day}/period in Wexford.
5. The sources of finance were as follows:-

Box Office	-	40%
Main Sponsors	-	40 - 50%
Individual Sponsors	-	Balance
6. The deputation confirmed that they would like to see an annual grant made by Wexford Corporation.
The deputation then withdrew.

On the proposition of Councillor J. Roche, seconded by Aldermen P. Corish, it was unanimously agreed to adjourn consideration of the application from Wexford Festival to the Estimates Meeting and on the proposition of Councillor T.F. Byrne, seconded by His Worship the Mayor it was unanimously agreed to include a sum in the said Estimates.

MINUTES

On the proposition of Alderman P. Corish, seconded by Alderman F. Byrne, the minutes of the adjourned Statutory Meeting of 8th September, 1975, and of the Special Meeting of 22nd September, 1975, and the Report of the Housing Committee Meeting of 22nd September, 1975, having been circulated were taken as read and adopted unanimously and signed by His Worship the Mayor.

MATTERS ARISING OUT OF MINUTES

The Council was advised that the minutes of the Special Meeting of 22nd September, 1975, were given on request to a member of the Press Staff People Newspapers Ltd.,

On the proposition of Alderman Corish, seconded by Alderman P. Roche, it was unanimously agreed that a copy of any Press Release be forwarded to the members of the Borough Council in future.

TALBOT STREET HOUSING SCHEME

It was proposed by Alderman James Mahoney "that the Wexford Borough Council provide a small brick wall between the footpath and gardens

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on the Talbot Street/Green Street Housing Scheme". Councillor T. Carr seconded the motion. In his introduction Alderman Mahoney referred to the fact that the Estate was becoming litter strewn and he felt that the provision of small brick walls as mentioned in the motion would enhance the Housing Scheme. It was mentioned that this question was raised at a previous meeting of the Borough Council.

The Acting Town Clerk advised the meeting that the matter had in fact been raised with our Consultants but no report had as yet been submitted by them. The County Manager advised the meeting that he would endeavour to have a report and estimate for the next meeting of the Borough Council.

It was unanimously agreed to defer this motion pending the report of the County Manager.

SUCTION SWEEPER

It was proposed by Alderman Mahoney seconded by Councillor Carr "that the suction sweeper be utilised to greater effect in the matter of cleansing shores and gutters". In introducing this motion Alderman Mahoney referred to the successful demonstrations which were carried out prior to the purchase of the suction sweeper but he felt that the machine had not been utilised to its greatest advantage in cleansing and shores and gutters.

The motion was unanimously agreed to by the Council.

DUSTBINS

It was proposed by Alderman P. Roche, seconded by Alderman Corish, and unanimously resolved by the Council "that this Council requests that a Public Notice be put in the Local Newspaper giving the specifications and type of dustbin to be used by the people of the town when leaving out rubbish for collection by the Corporation Cleansing Staff".

MAIN DRAINAGE SCHEME

It was proposed by Alderman P. Roche and seconded by Councillor T.F. Byrne and unanimously resolved by the Council "that once again this Council requests the Main Drainage Scheme Contractor, M/s Duffy to reinstate properly the many defects they have left behind them in the Michael Street/Barrack Street/King Street Avenue areas". In introducing this motion Alderman P. Roche referred to damage occasioned to the gable end of house at King Street Avenue, various pipings left uncovered and the fact/^{that} the gardens had not been reinstated properly.

The County Manager advised the meeting that he would have the matter taken up with our Consultants M/s T.J. O'Connor & Associates, and would hope to have a reply for the next meeting of the Borough Council.

CORISH PARK - DEVELOPMENT OF THE AREA

It was proposed by Councillor John Roche, seconded by Councillor T. Carr and unanimously resolved by the Council "that this Council have no parking and no dumping signs erected at the green in Corish Park as the Local Tenants Association feel that this is a necessary advance step for the next stage of their development of the area". The Borough Surveyor promised to have a look at this area and have the signs erected as soon as possible.

PLANNING PERMISSION - MR. JOHN LACEY, DISTILLERY ROAD

It was proposed by Councillor John Roche and seconded by Alderman P. Roche " that this Council requests the Borough Engineer to give favourable consideration to any further application for planning permission from Mr. John Lacey, Distillery Road, for the erection of a retail shop (for the sale of welding equipment) at Distillery Road, Wexford, as the reasons for refusing the original application lodged in February 1975 (Reg. No. 1154) are not relevant".

The Council was advised that planning permission had been granted for the erection of a dwellinghouse on the site in question. The Council was further advised that planning permission was refused for the erection of retail shop dealing in welding equipment for the following reasons:-

1. The development would constitute a material contravention of Wexford Borough Council's Development Plan; area in which it is sited is zoned residential services on the Plan and the use proposed is not amongst the permitted use classes.
2. The site due its physical limitations between road and river is unsuitable for such development and permission for its proposed use would detract from amenity enjoyed by adjoining premises and could cause traffic hazard on the public road adjoining due its general unsuitability for business premises.

The County Manager pointed out that the decision was made on 9th April, 1975, and no appeal against same was made by Mr. John Lacey in accordance with the Local Government (Planning & Development) Act, 1963.

On the proposition of Councillor T.F. Byrne, seconded by Alderman Corish, it was agreed that should Mr. Lacey re-apply for planning permission and be again refused that he should make an appeal to the Minister for Local Government in accordance with Local Government (Planning and Development) Act, 1963.

DEVELOPMENT OF FLATS

It was proposed by Alderman Philip Corish and seconded by Councillor T.F. Byrne and unanimously resolved by the Council "that the Chief Fire Officer be asked to ensure that all private dwellings converted into flats have adequate fire prevention equipment such as fire escapes and that the County Medical Officer be asked to ensure that proper sanitary facilities are provided in these dwellings". In introducing this motion Alderman Corish referred to the increase in conversion of existing dwellings into flats without proper fire safety precautions or proper sanitary facilities being provided and he felt that a very high risk now existed in relation to this type of development in Wexford.

In the course of discussion the Acting Town Clerk pointed out that the conversion of an existing dwelling into two or more dwellings would require planning permission and that every planning application regarding the provision of flats was referred to the Chief Fire Officer for his observations. The matter of the sanitary facilities for such development would be a matter for Wexford Corporation itself and planning conditions relating to fire precautions and provision of sanitary facilities were provided in each planning permission granted. It was pointed out, however, that due to lack of inspectorate staff the enforcement of planning conditions was not being followed up in a manner which would comply with the terms of the resolution. The Acting Town Clerk further advised the meeting that in every case of rehousing by Wexford Corporation the applicant's former accommodation was inspected and reported on by the Chief Medical Officer and the Borough Surveyor and appropriate action was taken in all cases, viz., repairs notice, closing order, demolition order or overcrowding notice.

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Again, however, we depended on the Town Sergeant to make the necessary investigation to ensure the compliance with the various Notices and this, of course, was not the most suitable way of dealing with the matter.

Alderman P. Roche referred to previous Council discussion regarding the appointment of a Housing Inspector whose functions would be to investigate the various matters under discussion and the County Manager promised to look into ^{the} appointment and advise the Council of the outcome.

ACKNOWLEDGMENTS OF RESOLUTIONS PASSED

(a) National Differential Rent Scheme:

The Council was advised per letter of 30th September, 1975, that the Minister has confirmed that the "principal earner is that person normally resident in the household who is in receipt of the highest income".

(b) Local Authority House Purchase Loans :

The Council was advised that per letter of 29th September, 1975, the Minister for Local Government noted the text of a resolution of the Wexford Borough Council requesting that the income limit of £2,350 be raised for Local Authority House Purchase Loans.

(c) Cheap Fuel Scheme:

The Council was advised that per letter of 22nd September, 1975, the Minister for Social Welfare had advised that no change or extension of the existing Fuel Scheme was at present contemplated.

(d) Prize Bonds:

The Council was advised that duplicate Prize Bonds had now been obtained for those found to be missing during the recent Audit.

CORRESPONDENCE

A letter from the Wexford Community Services Council of 3rd October, 1975, which had been circulated to the members, in connection with their application for financial help towards their proposed extension of St. Bridget's Centre, Clifford Street, was considered at the meeting. The Acting Town Clerk pointed out that there is no Statutory Authority for making a grant towards this type of development.

A letter from M/s Wexford Arts Centre addressed to His Worship the Mayor of 26th September, 1975, regarding their application for a grant towards the running costs of M/s Arts Centre was considered by the Council. On the proposition of Alderman Corish, seconded by His Worship the Mayor, it was unanimously agreed to invite a deputation from M/s Wexford Arts Centre to the next meeting of the Wexford Borough Council.

JOHN BARRY COMMEMORATION CEREMONY 26th OCTOBER. 1975

The Council was advised that at a meeting of 2nd December, 1974, it had taken the decision to have only local bodies participating in the John Barry Statue Commemoration Ceremony.

On the proposition of Councillor T.F. Byrne, seconded by Councillor J. Roche, it was proposed that the Commemoration Ceremony be carried on as heretofore and that a Minister of State be invited to officiate at the Ceremony.

This motion was put to the meeting and those voting in favour were :- His Worship the Mayor, Aldermen James Mahoney, Fergus Byrne Councillors John Roche, Thomas Carr, Thomas F. Byrne, J. O'Flaherty (7 No.) and those voting against :- Aldermen Patrick Corish, Peter Roche, Councillor

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J. Furlong. The Mayor declared the motion carried. On the proposition of Councillor J. Roche, seconded by Councillor T.F. Byrne, it was unanimously agreed to invite Mr. T. O'Donnell T.D. Minister for the Gaeltacht to officiate at the Ceremony and it was further agreed to invite Mr. Sean Browne, T.D. to lay the wreath at the Maritime Memorial.

INCREASE IN MAYOR'S SALARY

On the proposition of Councillor T.F. Byrne, seconded by Alderman F. Byrne, it was unanimously agreed to authorise over expenditure towards increasing the Mayor's salary in the sum of £59.

OVERDRAFT ACCOMMODATION FOR THE QUARTER ENDING 31st DECEMBER, 1975

On the proposition of Councillor T.F. Byrne, seconded by Alderman 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 31st December, 1975, as follows:

Revenue Account ... £80,000

HEATING COSTS - OLD PERSONS FLATS AT JOHN'S GATE STREET, WEXFORD

The Council had before it a Report of 2nd October, 1975, from the Acting Town Clerk advising that the annual cost for provision of heating and hot water at the flats at John's Gate Street, Wexford, was estimated in the sum of £2,500 or £2.40 per flat per week. It was pointed out in this report that representations had been made to the South Eastern Health Board for a grant towards the heating cost but the Board now advised that they had no Statutory Authority for making same. It was further pointed out that the heating costs were not subsidisable for housing development and, therefore, would have to be met either directly from the tenants or from the rates. The Council was advised, however, that each individual tenant could make application to the Public Assistance Authority for help in the form of assistance towards meeting the heating costs and that after the Social Welfare (Supplementary Welfare Allowances) Bill, 1975, which was presently before Dail Eireann became law, a new scheme administered by the South Eastern Health Board to cater for such subsidy would be introduced.

The Council was concerned at the very high cost which would be payable for each flat and felt that it would not be opportune to apply the heating costs until all avenues for subsidy had been explored.

On the proposition of Alderman P. Roched, seconded by Councillor T. Carr, it was unanimously resolved "that Wexford Corporation meet in full the heating costs to the Old Persons Flats at John's Gate Street Wexford until the matter regarding subsidy has been finalised".

REPORT ON THE FIRE SERVICE

The Council had already received a summary of the main recommendations on "The Report on the Fire Service" and was advised that the Council could forward comments and recommendations out of this Report to the Minister for Local Government. It was unanimously agreed to adjourn consideration of this matter.

LOAN OF £3,000 - BARRACK STREET SEWER

At the request of the Acting Town Clerk it was unanimously agreed to defer consideration of this to the next meeting of the Wexford Borough Council.

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SELECTION OF DELEGATES - ROSSLARE HARBOUR DEVELOPMENT ETC.,

On the proposition of Councillor T.F. Byrne, seconded by Councillor Carr, it was unanimously agreed that the 12 No. members of the Wexford Borough Council be delegates to the forthcoming meeting to discuss the Rosslare Harbour Development and development arising out of the discovery of oil or gas off the Wexford Coast which is to be held on 20th October, 1975.

DISPOSAL OF DWELLINGHOUSES

On the proposition of Aldermen Fergus Byrne, seconded by Councillor T. Carr, it was unanimously resolved that in accordance with the terms as set out in the Notices dated 24th September, 1975, the following houses be disposed to the tenants thereof as follows:-

No. 34 Antelope Road	:	Mr. Nicholas Rossiter	£465.
No. 54 Bishopswater	:	Mrs. Mary Ann Kelly	£1,540.
No. 12 Carrigeen St., (West)	:	Mrs. Mary O'Connor	£374.
No. 12 Columba Villas	:	Mr. Thomas F. Byrne	£1,074.
No. 48 Davitt Road South	:	Mr. Dominick Kiernan	£1,435.
No. 19 Fishers Row	:	Mr. Patrick Brady	£1,666.
No. 26 Fishers Row	:	Mr. Patrick Hynes	£1,802.
No. 6 St. Magdalen's Terrace	:	Miss Ellen O'Leary	£126.

QUESTIONS

In reply to questions Aldermen Peter Roche was informed:-

- (a) It was anticipated that the legal details regarding the sale of sites at Avondale Drive should be completed within the coming week.
- (b) (i) Roadway at Batt Street is swept weekly
(ii) That the white line at the top of Batt Street would be laid before the end of this month
- (c) It was anticipated that both the Abbey Street and Coolcotts Housing Schemes would go to tender during the coming fortnight.

In reply to questions Alderman James Mahoney was informed:-

- (a) That the matter of water running from the pathway into the hallway of No. 20 Francis Street was a matter for the owner.
- (b) That the briars at the back of Brown's Public House had been cut.
- (c) That the frame and door of the coal house at No. 16 Liam Mellows Park had been rectified.

In reply to questions Councillor John Roche was informed:-

- (a) Unemployment figures as follows:-

		<u>Wexford Town</u>	<u>Environs</u>	<u>Total</u>
29/8/1975	Men	438	455	893
	Women	106	58	164
	Totals	<u>544</u>	<u>513</u>	<u>1057</u>
29/8/74	Men	383	278	661
	Women	91	49	140
	Totals	<u>474</u>	<u>327</u>	<u>801</u>

- (b) That the reports submitted by the members concerning the Housing Scheme at Talbot Street/Green Street had been sent to the Consultants M/s C.G. O'Reilly & Co.,
- (c) That the difficulties in the water supply to Bernadette Place recently were occasioned by (a) burst main which has since been rectified and (b) draw-off by a major industrialist of supply during the day without the permission of the Corporation. This matter has since been attended to.

In reply to questions Alderman Philip Corish was informed:-

- (a) That the repairs to No. 85 Whitemill Road would be attended to before the end of the month
- (b) The resurfacing of John's Gate Street would be completed after a section of the pathway had been renewed in that area.

In reply to questions Councillor Thomas Carr was informed:-

- (a) That the name plates would be erected in the Maudlintown area during this month.
- (b) That Junior Chamber was experiencing difficulty in laying the electric cable to the Ballast Bank for the siting of the pump presented by M/s A.B.S. Pumps Ltd., - the difficulty had arisen due to the laying of mussel beds in the area and the danger of grappling hooks catching the said line. They were investigating ways and means of getting around this problem.

VOTE OF CONGRATULATIONS

ALL IRELAND HANDBALLERS & ALL IRELAND CAMOGIE PLAYERS

On the proposition of His Worship the Mayor and seconded by Councillor T.F. Byrne, it was unanimously resolved that votes of congratulations be sent to the Wexford Handballers who had recently won the All Ireland Handball Doubles Championship and also a vote of congratulations be sent to the Team Manager of the Wexford County Camogie Team who had won the All Ireland Camogie Championship/Grade 1975. ^{Senior}

The meeting then terminated.

Envi. to M. O'Connell
3/11/75

6th October, 1975

A Housing Committee Meeting of the Wexford Borough Council was held this evening at the termination of the Quarterly Meeting.

The members present were:-

His Worship the Mayor, Councillor Kevin Morris presiding

Aldermen: James Mahoney, Philip Corish, Peter Roche,
Fergus Byrne

Councillors: John Roche, Joseph Furlong, Thomas Carr,
Thomas Francis Byrne, John O'Flaherty.

Apologies: Councillor Mrs. Avril Doyle

In attendance: Mr. Sean Nolan, Acting Borough Accountant;
Mr. Richard Lynn, Acting Town Clerk.

Re: MRS. HILLIS CORISH PARK

On the proposition of Councillor J. Roche, seconded by Councillor T. Carr it was unanimously resolved to recommend to the County Manager that Mrs. William Hillis, 56 Corish Park, be allocated a tenancy to Talbot Street Housing Scheme and that her present accommodation be substituted for this tenancy - thus the Housing Priority Transfer List would not be interfered with by granting this tenancy to Mrs. Hillis.

The meeting then concluded.

Rev. G. M. Carr
3/11/75

3rd November, 1975.

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 Kevin Morris presiding

Aldermen: James Mahoney, Peter Roche, Fergus Byrne

Councillors: John Roche, Mrs. Avril Doyle, Joseph Furlong, Thomas Carr, James Jenkins, Thomas F. Byrne, John O'Flaherty

In Attendance: Mr. C. Costello, Acting Borough Engineer;
Mr. Sean Nolan, Acting Borough Accountant;
Mr. R. Lynn, Acting Town Clerk;

Apologies: Mr. T.F. Broe, County Manager;

WEXFORD ARTS CENTRE

A deputation from the Wexford Arts Centre consisting of Mr. Sean Clarkin, Director and Mr. Andrew Potter, General Administrator, was received by the Borough Council in connection with their application for a grant from Wexford Corporation towards the running costs of the Wexford Arts Centre.

Mr. Clarkin introduced the deputation's case, thanked the Borough Council for leasing the Old Town Hall to the Wexford Arts Centre which was in itself a very valuable contribution by Wexford Corporation. However he hoped the members would appreciate that the running costs of the Arts Centre were very high and he hoped the Corporation would favourably consider their application for a grant. He then introduced Mr. Andrew Potter, General Administrator.

Mr. Potter outlined the existing use of the Arts Centre and in particular gave a summary of events which had occurred over the Wexford Festival period. These included the exhibition of pictures on loan from the National Gallery and it was estimated that 3,000 No. people had visited the Arts Centre to view this exhibition and 35 No. school parties had also attended and had been given a lecture tour by Miss Paula McCarthy. Arising from this the Arts Centre sponsored an Essay Competition and it was evident from the feedback that great interest was taken by the school parties who visited the exhibition. He further dealt with various dramas, recitals, exhibitions etc., which had also occurred at the Arts Centre over the Festival period.

Mr. Potter then dealt with the future plans of the Arts Centre and stated it was hoped to have play groups during the day time for children at the downstairs level while the mothers could be engaged in any of the various arts activities upstairs. It was the Arts Centres ambition to involve the people of Wexford in the activities of the art and to have as varied and frequent programme as was possible throughout the year. He then dealt with the Development Plan which included the conversion of the ground floor to a multi purpose hall, coffee bar and toilets, and stated that ultimately the elegant first floor would be used for formal events while the ground floor would have a suitable flexible character in order to house the wide range of participating activities. Naturally the running costs and development was very high and whereas they were sponsored by the Arts Council and Bord Failte and enjoyed a turnover from their activities, they now needed extra help and he hoped that the Corporation could make a grant to them.

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In reply to questions put by the members of the Council Mr. Potter advised:-

1. The Arts Centre had a £400. deficit at the end of their financial year i.e., 30th April, 1975.
2. The running costs were approx. £7,500 for 1975/76 to be financed from the Arts Council and Bord Failte, Revenue from events and any other grants.
3. It was not envisaged that the Centre would at any stage make a profit as the nature of the Centre and activities carried on there were not such to generate sufficient income for same.
4. The Arts Centre were quite pleased with the contribution made by the Arts Council and also Bord Failte - the Arts Council made a grant of £4,000 available last year.
5. The Arts Centre was a limited company and its Council was elected each year.

The deputation then withdrew and on the proposition of Councillor T. Carr, seconded by His Worship the Mayor, it was unanimously agreed to adjourn further consideration of this application to the Estimates Meeting.

MINUTES

On the proposition of Councillor T.F. Byrne, seconded by Alderman F. Byrne, the minutes of the Quarterly Meeting of 6th October, 1975, and the Report of the Housing Committee Meeting of 6th October, 1975, having been circulated were taken as read and adopted unanimously and signed by His Worship the Mayor.

PRIORITY REPAIRS LIST

It was proposed by Councillor John Roche and seconded by Councillor T.F. Byrne, "that as from January 1976 repairs to Corporation dwellings be carried out from a Priority Repairs List based on a first come first served basis and that an Official of the Corporation be requested to give a progress report to the Members of the Council at least every three months". In introducing the motion Councillor Roche recommended this new system of approach regarding repairs and felt if same was adopted the tenants would then know and could be advised when repairs would be effected for them.

After some discussion the Acting Borough Surveyor, Mr. C. Costello, advised the meeting that the existing Priority List was based on inspection and reports and was compiled by the Borough Surveyor's Department - emergency cases being taken as priority and normal repairs being carried out due regard being taken to the repairs necessary in any area.

Councillor Mrs. Avril Doyle proposed an amendment as follows:- "that repairs to Corporation dwellings be carried out from a Priority Repairs List, emergency cases being taken firstly and then on the basis of first come first served, and that a progress report on repairs be submitted to the Borough Council every three months". Councillor John Roche withdrew his motion in favour of the amendment and seconded the amendment. This was unanimously carried by the Council.

TALBOT STREET/GREEN STREET HOUSING DEVELOPMENT

On the proposition of Councillor John Roche, seconded by Councillor J. Furlong, it was unanimously agreed "that as an exercise in local democracy the tenants of the new Talbot Street/Green Street Housing Scheme be given the opportunity of choosing a name for their own housing

estate".

WEXFORD SURGICAL HOSPITAL

On the proposition of Councillor J. Furlong and seconded by Councillor T.F. Byrne, it was unanimously resolved "that this Council on behalf of the people of Wexford express appreciation and thanks to the Tanaiste Mr. Brendan Corish T.D. for his achievement in retaining the Wexford Surgical Hospital".

ROADS AND FOOTPATHS - WEXFORD COUNTY COUNCIL

On the proposition of Aldermen Peter Roche, seconded by Alderman James Mahoney, it was unanimously resolved "that this Council once again impress on the Wexford County Council the need to properly maintain the roads and footpaths under their jurisdiction within the Borough and to complete the road widening at Lower John Street Flats Development as soon as possible". Alderman Roche in introducing this motion referred to the bad state of the roads and footpaths which were the responsibility of the Wexford County Council and the continuing need to call on that Body to face its responsibilities. Alderman F. Byrne referred to the need to complete the road widening at the Lower John Street Flat Development as it was vitally necessary that the state of the road there be improved and brought up to a proper standard as soon as possible.

It was unanimously agreed that the terms of this resolution would be forwarded to the Wexford District Committee of the Wexford County Council.

HOSPITAL ROAD

On the proposition of Aldermen F. Byrne, seconded by Alderman James Mahoney, it was unanimously agreed "that this Council calls on Wexford County Council to widen and improve the Hospital Road entrance from Spawell Road as a matter of urgency and further to provide more adequate lighting on the same Hospital Road". In introducing this motion Alderman Byrne referred to the highly dangerous state of the road at the County Hospital and the fact that daily there were near collisions on that road.

PURCHASE SCHEME - CROKE AVENUE, WEXFORD

It was proposed by Alderman James Mahoney "that the Wexford Borough Council requests the County Manager to give option to the tenants at Croke Avenue to purchase their dwellings". This was seconded by Councillor T.F. Byrne. The Acting Town Clerk advised the meeting that the houses at Croke Avenue were structurally deficient and as all sales of Corporation dwellings were now dealt with under the Housing Act, 1966, which provided that structural repairs be carried out prior to sale to bring the dwelling to a decent structural standard, it was therefore not reasonably possible to apply a sales scheme to the Croke Avenue area. The Acting Town Clerk however advised that if any of the tenants submitted an application in writing and confirmed that they were satisfied with the existing condition of the dwellinghouse their application to purchase would be considered in that light.

Councillor Jenkins referred to previous advice given to the Council regarding the 4 No. end houses which would have to be demolished if land at the back of Croke Avenue was being developed as a housing estate. It was unanimously agreed to defer consideration of offering any of these four houses for sale to the next meeting and to request the Borough Surveyor to have a report on same available to the Council.

FOOTPATH - CLONARD CHURCH

It was proposed by Alderman James Mahoney and seconded by Alderman F. Byrne "that the Wexford Borough Council includes in its road

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Programme 1976 for the provision of a footpath leading from Liam Mellows Park to the Clonard Church". During the discussion on this motion Councillor John Roche enquired whether any financial support would be forthcoming from the Community Centre at Clonard towards the cost of this footpath and also whether the land in question was within or without the Borough.

The Acting Borough Surveyor advised the meeting that a portion of the land in question was within the Borough area but led directly on to land owned by the Church Authorities. It was, therefore, necessary to know what plans the Church Authorities had for continuing the footpath over their land before the Corporation's plans on this could be drawn up.

It was unanimously agreed to defer this matter to the next meeting of the Wexford Borough Council in order that the necessary investigations could be carried out.

ACKNOWLEDGMENTS OF RESOLUTIONS PASSED AT PREVIOUS MEETINGS

ROSSLARE HARBOUR DEVELOPMENT

The Acting Town Clerk advised the Council that he was in receipt of letter of 29th October, 1975, from M/s C.I.E. regarding the "15 Year Commitment" and gave the following extract " We have recently obtained certain commitments from both Companies (B.R. and I.C.L) and we are accordingly continuing our efforts to secure the funds". Arising from this letter the Council felt that the proposed deputation to the Minister for Transport & Power regarding the availability of finance should go ahead and, therefore, the meeting to be held on 10th November, 1975, should be convened to prepare the case. The following Members were selected to represent Wexford Corporation at this meeting - His Worship the Mayor, Councillor Kevin C. Morris, Councillor John Roche and Councillor James Jenkins.

WEXFORD MAIN DRAINAGE - KING STREET AVENUE

The Acting Town Clerk read the report prepared by M/s T.J. O'Connor & Associates, Consulting Engineers for Wexford Corporation on the above Contract regarding a recent resolution passed by the Wexford Borough Council. The Report provided as follows:-

1. The accumulation of water in King Street Avenue in some pit holes is not due to the work carried out by M/s J.V. Duffy Limited. This Avenue, as we understand, is a private one and has to be maintained by the owners unless it is taken over by the Corporation.
2. The drain pipe mentioned at the last house of King Steet Avenue used be non existant and this was not connected to the drain pipe running opposite the house. Now it has been installed and should be taken into the drainage system. This pipe carries the rain water from the roofs of the houses in King Street Avenue and thus discharges it on to the road at the moment creating stagnating water. As this part of the scheme was done on day work basis, the work that was not carried out was not paid for. We therefore suggest that it should be done now that the owner of the house have installed a rain water pipe for their gutter.
3. As far as we know, the gardens of the houses in Michael Street have been completely reinstated and the undersigned inspected these at the time of completion. We hope that the above clarifies the situation.

BUILDING INSPECTOR

The Acting Town Clerk advised the Council that arising out of the resolution regarding flat development in Wexford he had communicated with like Boroughs and Towns to ascertain whether building inspectors were

employed by them and if not how the inspection on Closing Orders, Demolition Orders and unauthorised planning was carried out. In no case was a Building Inspector employed and the inspectorate work was generally carried out by the Engineering Department.

Regarding the appointment of a Housing Welfare Officer it was now understood that extra Health Inspectors had been appointed to Chief Medical Officer's Department a part of whose duties would include the housing welfare side. However it was agreed to ascertain whether the Corporation would be successful in getting the salary of a Housing Welfare Officer under the Housing Subsidy.

CORRESPONDENCE

- (a) A letter received 15th October, 1975, from Mr. Eddie O'Keeffe acknowledging the vote of sympathy passed by the Wexford Borough Council.
- (b) Letter of 13th October, 1975, from Junior Chamber Ireland thanking the Wexford Borough Council for the civic reception given them was read to the meeting.
- (c) Letter of 20th October, 1975, from the Transport & General Workers Union requesting the cessation of Sunday Burials at St. Ibar's Cemetery was read to the meeting. The Acting Town Clerk advised that this matter had been dealt with some time back and was postponed at the request of the I.T.G.W.U. However since receipt of this correspondence he had been in communication with Rev. Father Curtis and Rev. Canon Grant - Rev. Curtis stating that their Clergy will be in agreement with whatever outcome the Council arrived at and the Acting Town Clerk advised that he still awaited a reply from Rev. Canon Grant. On the proposition of Councillor T.F. Byrne, seconded by Councillor J. Roche, it was unanimously agreed in principle to cease Sunday burials at St. Ibar's Cemetery.
- (d) The Acting Town Clerk referred to letter of application of 22nd October, 1975, from M/s White's Hotel in connection with the Irish History Students proposed Conference which White's Hotel hoped to attract to Wexford. White's Hotel had enquired whether the Borough Council would accord a Civic Reception to the Committee of the Society of Irish History Students if the Conference was held in Wexford.

On the proposition of Councillor T.F. Byrne, seconded by Alderman F. Byrne, it was unanimously resolved to adjourn consideration of this application

SPECIAL OVERDRAFT ACCOMMODATION FOR THE PERIOD 11th AUGUST 1975 TO 1st FEBRUARY, 1976

The Acting Town Clerk advised the meeting that per Circular N.10/75 the Department of Local Government had indicated that the Wexford Corporation's portion of the 4 million pounds extra for Housing Construction to be met by way of special additional overdraft was £13,000 and that the overdraft charge on same for the above period would be reckonable for subsidy purposes.

On the proposition of Councillor T.F. Byrne, seconded by Alderman 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 period 11th August, 1975, to 1st February, 1976, as follows:-

Special Overdraft on Local Authority Housing ... £13,000

HEATING COSTS - OLD PERSONS FLATS, WEXFORD

The Acting Town Clerk advised the meeting that he had further investigated the application of heating costs to Old Persons Flats and in the case of Wexford Corporation he was advised that

that Authority charged the full cost of heating on their tenants in a like development. The Acting Town Clerk, therefore, advised the meeting that the County Manager had decided to apply the charge of £2.40 per week as and from 10th November, 1975.

After a general discussion in which the Council again expressed its concern of the application of the heating costs and the fact that if such application was to take place in all probability it would be the last time that Wexford Town Gas would be used for heating purposes due to the nonavailability of any allowance whereas under the free electricity allowance scheme provision was made for some reduction if the heating had been by electricity.

On the proposition of Councillor J. Jenkins, seconded by Alderman J. Mahoney, it was unanimously agreed to request the County Manager to defer introducing the charge until a reply was had from the following - " that the Wexford Borough Council calls on the Department of Social Welfare to provide a grant towards the cost of central heating of Old Folks Flats at Lower John Street and John's Gate Street Wexford - due consideration being given that had the heating been electric assistance under the free electricity allowance scheme would have been available, and if open fires had been provided all the tenants would have qualified for participation under the Cheap Fuel Scheme". This motion was unanimously agreed to.

On the proposition of Aldermen P. Roche, seconded by Councillor J. Furlong, it was further agreed to ascertain whether a block grant would be available from the Public Assistance Authority on information to be supplied by Wexford Corporation regarding the provision of heat to the Lower John Street and John's Gate Street Flats.

LOAN OF £3,000 - BARRACK STREET SEWER

At the request of the Acting Town Clerk consideration of this matter was adjourned to the next Statutory Meeting of the Wexford Borough Council.

SUPPLEMENTARY ESTIMATES 1975

- (a) Salaries - The Acting Town Clerk pointed out that during the year a number of awards necessitating increased salaries had been made but due to the change of personnel it had been decided not to seek supplementary estimates under this heading until the overall position had been ascertained. The final estimate for 1975 was now available and a deficiency existed in the housing service and therefore approval was now requested to raise by supplementary estimate the sum of £6,562 chargeable to the housing account on foot of the following awards -
1. National Wage Agreement
 2. Equal Pay - Clerical Officers
 3. Increased Town Clerk, Borough Accountant and Storekeeper Salaries.
 4. Increase for Clerical Officers.
 5. Marriage Gratuity - Miss Martha Murphy

On the proposition of Alderman F. Byrne, seconded by His Worship the Mayor, it was unanimously agreed to raise by supplementary estimate the sum of £6,562.

- (b) Employment of The Acting Town Clerk advised the Council that arising out of a previous decision 2 No. Labourers and a Carpenter were re-employed on 6th October, 1975, and a further Carpenter would be commencing on Monday 10th November, 1975. The estimated increase to cover these four employees to 31st December, 1975, was £3,000. to be split £1,500 housing and £1,500 roads.

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On the proposition of Councillor J. Roche, seconded by Aldermen F. Byrne, it was agreed to raise by supplementary estimate the sum of £3,000 to cover this item.

INCREASE IN MAYOR'S SALARY

On the proposition of Councillor J. Roche, seconded by Councillor T.F. Byrne, it was unanimously resolved to increase the Mayor's Salary by the sum of £123 for the year 1975.

SUSPENSION OF STANDING ORDERS

It now being 9.30 p.m. on the proposition of Councillor J. O'Flaherty, seconded by Councillor T.F. Byrne, it was unanimously resolved to adjourn Standing Orders in order that the Agenda could be completed.

SELECTION OF 2 No. DELEGATES

to a Joint Committee dealing with Priority Programmes on Sanitary Services Works

The following two delegates were selected :-

1. Councillor J. Roche - on the proposition of Aldermen P. Roche and seconded by Councillor J. Furlong.
2. His Worship the Mayor - proposed by Councillor J. Jenkins, and seconded by Councillor T.F. Byrne

ESTIMATES 1976

It was unanimously agreed to hold a Finance Committee Meeting on 18th November, 1975, at 7.30 p.m. to consider the Manager's Estimate for 1976 and that the Estimate Meeting proper would be held on Wednesday 26th November, 1975, at 7.30 p.m.

TIDY TOWNS COMPETITION 1975

On the proposition of His Worship the Mayor, seconded by Alderman F. Byrne, it was unanimously agreed to mark the results noted.

REPORT ON THE FIRE SERVICE

The Acting Town Clerk referred to the above Report and the fact that a limited number of copies existed. The Report called for observations be forwarded to the Minister for Local Government and any of the Council Members who wished to make a submission could obtain a copy of the Report from the Acting Town Clerk. This was agreed to.

MUNICIPAL TIPHEAD

The Acting Town Clerk referred to adverse publicity regarding the Municipal Tiphead at Carcur and said he was in receipt of report from the Borough Surveyor of 24th October, 1975, in which the Borough Surveyor advised that an active search was in progress to obtain a suitable machine for continuous service at the tiphead and meantime clearance was being effected every other week. The report further advised that nine acres of swamp had been reclaimed and a large section of this would be graded, levelled and seeded for projected playing pitches or other Municipal use in the coming Spring. It was uneconomic to transfer to Killurin the Corporation Scavenging Service and in any event that move would result in indiscriminate tipping about the environs by persons and businesses who now visit the tiphead themselves after business hours.

Alderman Peter Roche referred to the case of the butchers who were no longer allowed to dump certain material at the Municipal Tiphead and he indicated he would forward a motion under this heading for the December meeting.

The report of the Borough Surveyor was noted.

DISPOSAL OF SITE AT WHITEMILL

On the proposition of Councillor J. Roche, seconded by Councillor T.F. Byrne, it was unanimously resolved that in accordance with the terms as set out in the Notice dated 22nd October, 1975, a plot of land at Whitemill South containing approximately 25 sq. perches be disposed of to Mr. Thomas Anslow for the sum of £800.

DISPOSAL OF DWELLINGHOUSES

On the proposition of Alderman F. Byrne, seconded by Councillor J. O'Flaherty, it was unanimously resolved that in accordance with the terms as set out in the Notices dated 22nd October, 1975, the following dwellinghouses be disposed of to the tenants thereof as follows:-

No. 26 Bernadette Place	:	Mr. Michael Ryan	£1,575
No. 38 Bernadette Place	:	Mr. John Roche	£1,575
No. 37 Bernadette Place	:	Mr. Daniel Fenlon	£1,575
No. 1 Bernadette Place	:	Mr. Patrick Murphy	£1,575
No. 3 Bernadette Place	:	Mr. James Roche	£1,575
No. 7 Bernadette Place	:	Mr. Liam Dalton	£1,681
No. 34 Bishopswater	:	Mr. Philip McGuire	£1,575
No. 47 Hantoon Road	:	Mrs. Mary A. Doyle	£465
No. 12 Distillery Road	:	Mr. Thomas White	£402
No. 54 Bernadette Place	:	Mrs. Eileen O'Keefe	£1,575
No. 53 Bernadette Place	:	Mr. John Scott	£1,575
No. 42 Bernadette Place	:	Mr. James Black	£1,575
No. 3 St. Magdalen's Tce.,	:	Mr. Nicholas Scott	£126.

QUESTIONS

In reply to a question Councillor Carr was informed:-

That the payment of compensation on the Talbot Street/Green Street House Development will be made when the legal documents etc., have been properly transferred; the disturbance allowance is paid on the transfer of the tenant - some cases yet to be finalised.

In reply to questions Councillor John Roche was informed:-

- (a) That the work on the turret in the Town Wall will be carried out before the end of this year.
- (b) That Wexford Corporation had provided seats, carried out remedial work to the Pond and restored a statue at the Redmond Park and had a man on full time maintenance employed at the Park.
- (c) That the assistance requested by the Wexford Youth Group regarding the 'Clean Up' of the railway line was for tools, transport of refuse, laying of rat poison and the building of high wire fence. Regarding tools and transport these will be provided by the Corporation and the Youth Group are to get in touch with the Acting Town Clerk regarding type and quantity of tools. The rat poison will be laid after the clean up has been accomplished as it would be too dangerous to do so before hand. Regarding the provision of a high wire fence this is being investigated by the Borough Surveyor.

In reply to questions Councillor J. Furlong was informed:-

- (a) That the resurfacing of the Folly would be carried out very soon.
- (b) That no delay was now caused in awaiting maps prior to purchase since the County Manager introduced the current scheme.

In reply to questions Aldermen Peter Roche was informed:-

- (a) That the Council's contribution towards decorative lighting during the Wexford Opera Festival since 1967 was as follows:-

1967	..	£195
1968	..	£199
1969	..	£202
1970	..	£194
1971	..	£189
1972	..	£250
1973	..	£150
1974	..	£197
1975	..	£250

- (b) That the erection of a communal television aerial at Lower John Street/John's Gate Street required a licence from the Department of Posts & Telegraphs and same had been applied for. In the meantime the Borough Surveyor was seeking quotations regarding the erection of same.

In reply to questions Alderman James Mahoney was informed:-

- (a) That the repairs to No. 2 Devereux Villas, Wexford, were on the Priority Repairs List and will be carried out accordingly.
- (b) That the repairs necessary to No. 85 Bishopswater appeared on the Priority Repairs List and would be carried out accordingly.
- (c) That the repairs necessary to No. 66 Bishopswater appeared on the Priority Repairs List and would be carried out accordingly.

VOTE OF APPRECIATION - MR. FRANK MURPHY

On the proposition of Alderman P. Roche and seconded by Councillor T.F. Byrne, it was unanimously resolved that a vote of appreciation be forwarded to Mr. Frank Murphy, former Reporter with the People Newspapers Ltd., Wexford, who had left that employment to continue his studies at University College, Galway. The Council were unanimous in their praise for the work carried out by Mr. Murphy especially his coverage of the Borough Council's Meetings and his involvement in the Social Welfare field.

The meeting then concluded.

Frank B. M. Morris

3rd November, 1975.

A Housing Committee Meeting of the Wexford Borough Council was held this day in the Council Chamber, Municipal Buildings, Wexford, at the close of the Statutory Meeting.

The Members present were:-

His Worship the Mayor, Councillor Kevin C. Morris presiding.

Aldermen: James Mahoney, Peter Roche, Fergus Byrne

Councillors: John Roche, Mrs. Avril Doyle, Joseph Furlong, Thomas Carr, James Jenkins, Thomas F. Byrne, John O'Flaherty.

In attendance: Mr. C. Costello, Assistant Borough Engineer;
Mr. S. Nolan, Acting Borough Accountant;
Mr. R. Lynn, Acting Town Clerk

Apologies: Mr. T.F. Broe, County Manager

1. The Acting Town Clerk advised the Council that Notice to Quit has been served on Mr. James Tierney, 24 Whiterock View, Wexford, and was about to be executed. The County Manager, therefore, proposed to offer rehousing to Mr. Tierney to No. 26 Kennedy Park when the tenant of same vacates the house to take up possession of No. 9 Mannix Place.
2. The Acting Town Clerk advised the meeting that the condition of the Reservoir House at Coolree, currently tenanted by Mr. James McMahon, Pensioner from Wexford Corporation, was such that it was uneconomical to effect any repairs to same. The County Manager, therefore, intended to offer Mr. McMahon rehousing to No. 4 Croke Avenue, Wexford.

The above two reports were agreed to by the Council.

Kevin C. Morris

18th November, 1975.

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

The members present were :-

His Worship the Mayor Councillor Kevin C. Morris presiding.

Aldermen : James Mahoney, Peter Roche.

Councillors : John Roche, Mrs. Avril Doyle, Joseph Furlong, James Jenkins, John O'Flaherty.

Apology for inability to attend was received from Councillor Thomas Carr.

In attendance : Mr. Kevin T. Conway, Borough Surveyor
Mr. Sean Nolan, Acting Borough Accountant
Mr. Richard Lynn, Acting Town Clerk.

Apology for inability to attend was received from the Deputy County Manager, Mr. W.P. Creedon.

ESTIMATE OF EXPENDITURE AND INCOME 1976

The County Manager's Report of 14th November, 1975 was taken as read and noted.

The Acting Town Clerk advised the Meeting that the anticipated grant from Wexford County Council towards the Ferrybank Swimming Pool had been reduced from £4,000 to £1,000 and had the effect of increasing the County Manager's Estimate from £9.06 to £9.14.

The Committee then dealt with the back-up information of the Estimates in detail and the following suggestions were made.

1. Item 215 - Minor Urban Road Upkeep : Reduce by £3,000.
2. Sub Programme 612 - Improvement of Swimming Pool :
The Borough Surveyor to have a further look at the inclusion of £2,500 for emergency lighting. The Committee agreed to defer the provision of safety rails in the sum of £1,000.
3. Sub Programme 632 - Improvement of Ferrybank Caravan Park and Redmond Memorial Park :
The Committee agreed to re-examine the provision of £2,000 for the improvement of Redmond Memorial Park - the improvement to provide for seats, fence and walk surrounding the lake.
4. Swimming Pool Fees :
The Acting Borough Accountant to forward proposals for increased charges to increase revenue and also to include revenue from the letting of the shop at the Swimming Pool.

During the Committee Meeting Councillor Furlong mentioned the fact that the Wexford Trades Council had collected £150 towards the provision of Children's play items for the Redmond Memorial Park and on the proposition of Councillor James Jenkins, seconded by Councillor Joseph Furlong a unanimous vote of thanks was passed to the Wexford Trades Council

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and it was agreed that the erection of swings etc., should be carried out by that Body in agreement with the Borough Surveyor.

It was agreed to defer further consideration of the Estimates to a further Committee Meeting to be held on Tuesday 25th November, 1975, at 7.30 p.m.

The Meeting then terminated.

Kenn. G. M. O'Connell

25th November 1975.

A Finance Committee Meeting of the Wexford Borough Council was held this evening in the Council Chamber, Municipal Buildings, Wexford, at half past seven o'clock p.m. to consider further the Estimate of Expenditure and Income for 1976.

The members present were :-

His Worship the Mayor Councillor Kevin C. Morris presiding.

Alderman : Peter Roche.

Councillors : John Roche, Mrs. Avril Doyle,
Joseph Furlong, James Jenkins,
Thomas F. Byrne, John O'Flaherty.

Apology for inability to attend was received from Councillor Thomas Carr.

In attendance : Mr. Kevin T. Conway, Borough Surveyor;
Mr. Sean Nolan, Acting Borough Accountant;
Mr. Richard Lynn, Acting Town Clerk.

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

The Committee made further investigation into the County Manager's Estimate of Expenditure and Income for 1976 and recommended the following changes.

Sub-Programme 215 :

Minor Urban Maintenance .. Reduced by £3,000.

Sub-Programme 644 :

Other Contributions Reduced Wexford Festival Contribution from £500 to £100.

This was recommended on the casting vote of His Worship the Mayor.
The voting as follows :-

Those for granting £100 : His Worship the Mayor,
Councillors Mrs. Avril Doyle,
James Jenkins, John O'Flaherty.

Those against : Alderman Peter Roche,
Councillors John Roche,
Joseph Furlong, Thomas Byrne.

Sub-Programme 644 :

Other Contributions Reduced County Manager's Estimate of £550 by £100 to £450 - Contribution to S.E.R.T.O.

Sub-Programme 601 :

Swimming Pool Fees Increase Income by £1,500 by changing the Group Fees as follows :-
Schools from £6 to £7; Youth Groups from £7 to £8; Adult Groups from £10 to £12, and also include the sum of £1,000 estimated amount of letting shop at the Swimming Pool.

Sub-Programme 601 :

Caravan Park Increase fees by £385 by amending the charges to £1.30 per night plus 10p per person exceeding four and £9.00 per week plus 70p per person exceeding four.

Sub-Programme 612 :

Deleting from the County Manager's Estimate the provision of safety rail in the sum of £1,000.

Sub-Programme 632 :

Reducing the County Manager's provision of £2,000 to £395 in respect of Special Works at Redmond Park.

The Council had already been advised that the contribution from Wexford County Council to the Swimming Pool had been reduced from £4,000 to £3,000 but the County Council Demand had been amended by reducing the sum by £1,275.

Taking all the above into consideration the original Estimate of the nett amount to be raised in the sum of £358,046 was thereby reduced to £351,781 giving a Rate of £8.90 in the £.

The Committee unanimously recommended the adoption of the £8.90.

The Meeting then concluded.

Kevin L. M. O'Connell

26th November, 1975.

A Finance Committee Meeting of the Wexford Borough Council was held this evening in the Council Chamber, Municipal Buildings, Wexford, at half past seven o'clock p.m. to further consider the Estimate of Expenditure and Income for 1976.

The members present were :-

His Worship the Mayor Councillor Kevin C. Morris presiding.

Aldermen : James Mahoney, Peter Roche,
Fergus Byrne.

Councillors : John Roche, Joseph Furlong,
James Jenkins, Thomas F. Byrne,
John O'Flaherty.

Apologies for inability to attend was received from Councillors Mrs. Avril Doyle and Thomas Carr.

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

The Finance Committee were advised by the County Manager that he had accepted their recommendation from their Meeting of 25th November 1975 and that he would accept the rate of £8.90 in the £. It was noted from the County Manager's Report that the Burial Fees were to be revised as follows :-

Residents of the Borough Area £30.00
(an increase of £5.00)

Non-Residents of the Borough Area £40.00
(an increase of £5.00).

The Meeting then concluded.

Kevin C. Morris

26th November, 1975.

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

The members present were :-

His Worship the Mayor Councillor Kevin C. Morris
presiding

Aldermen : James Mahoney, Peter Roche,
Fergus Byrne.

Councillors : John Roche, Joseph Furlong,
James Jenkins, Thomas F. Byrne,
John O'Flaherty.

Apologies for inability to attend was received
from Councillors Mrs. Avril Doyle and Thomas Carr.

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

It was unanimously agreed to adjourn the Estimates Meeting to allow the Finance Committee to further consider the Estimate of Expenditure and Income for 1976.

At the conclusion of the Finance Committee Meeting the Estimates Meeting was reconvened and on the proposition of His Worship the Mayor, seconded by Councillor T.F. Byrne, the rate in the £ of £8.90 was unanimously adopted for 1976.

His Worship the Mayor in proposing the adoption of £8.90 dealt with the reduction ^{by} the amount of grant included for Wexford Festival from £500 to £100 and stated that it was unfortunate that that grant had to be reduced. He thanked the members of the Borough Council for their diligence in investigating each detail of the Estimate and further complimented the County Manager and staff for the preparation of the Estimates.

Councillor T.F. Byrne in seconding stated that the Council had completed an in-depth investigation into each item of the Estimate and whereas all the members of the Wexford Borough Council were very much in favour of the Wexford Festival, in this year of rising costs and unemployment it was not found possible to include the full amount of grant requested. He felt that the Council had done a good job in limiting the rates to a 90p increase.

Councillor John Roche in agreeing with the new rate referred to the fact that due to the present economic climate it was necessary that for 1976 the Waiver of Rates be limited to 10p in the £ and that each application would have to be dealt with on merit within that sum. This in fact meant that the Waiver of Rates Scheme was cut back by approximately £3,500. He further referred that for Corporation tenants with an £8.50 valuation that their weekly rent

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would increase by only 14p.

Alderman Peter Roche referred to the fact that the new rate barely maintained the services and it was regretted that the County Manager's Estimate on Roads had to be cut by £3,000. Still and all this item in the Roads Programme had been increased by nearly 100% and would be reviewed in that light again next year. He then referred to the amount of grant made by Wexford County Council towards the Swimming Pool and stated that it was now a fact that the Borough Residents were subsidising any rural person using the Pool. He hoped that Wexford County Council would realise their responsibility in this matter and make a realistic ^{grant} in future. He referred to the Festival grant and affirmed that he was all in favour of Wexford Festival but that in a year when the Waiver of Rates had to be cut Road Programme had to be reduced that it was not right to make a grant to Wexford Festival in the circumstances.

Councillor James Jenkins in supporting the new rate of £8.90 stated that a harder look would have to be made in future on the running of the Swimming Pool and he look forward to the day when that Pool pays its own way. He referred to the decrease of the S.E.R.T.O. grant to £450 and felt that this was an indication of the reduced service given by S.E.R.T.O. during 1975. He hoped that service for 1976 would be much improved. He further congratulated the Wexford Trades Council on collecting £150 towards the cost of providing childrens swings etc., for the Redmond Memorial Park. He was glad that the Borough Council had complimented this sum by £395.

Councillor Joseph Furlong in agreeing the new rate complimented the staff on the presentation of the Estimates and felt that the Borough Council has completed a good job. He again referred to the Festival Grant and felt that in a year when the Waiver of Rates amount, Road Programme and Special Works at the Swimming Pool had all to be reduced that this was no time for making a grant to Wexford Festival. However he also wished to be placed on record as being in total support of Wexford Festival.

Alderman James Mahoney stated that both himself and Councillor Mrs. Avril Doyle had done everything possible in the County Council to obtain a grant of £4,000 towards the Ferrybank Swimming Pool. He promised that he would re-double his efforts and attempt to have the grant of £4000 made available.

Alderman Byrne complimented the County Manager and staff and called upon the County Council to look after the roads, footpaths through the Wexford area that they were responsible for. In a year that Wexford Corporation had increased by approximately 100% its sum for the Borough Roads it was necessary that more attention be paid by Wexford County Council.

Councillor J. O'Flaherty in agreeing the sum of £8.90 felt that the Borough Council had done a good job in keeping the rate within an increase of 90p and that with national inflation running at 25% the Council had to act accordingly.

The County Manager in replying complimented the Borough Council on the work they had done in investigating in detail the Estimate presented and felt that the increase was quite reasonable in comparison to other Councils.

The Meeting then terminated.

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1st December 1975

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 Kevin C. Morris,
presiding.

Aldermen : James Mahoney, Peter Roche.

Councillors : John Roche, Mrs. Avril Doyle,
Joseph Furlong, Thomas Carr,
James Jenkins, Thomas F. Byrne,
John O'Flaherty.

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

MINUTES

On the proposition of Councillor T.F. Byrne, seconded by Councillor J. O'Flaherty the Minutes of Statutory Meeting of 3rd November 1975, Housing Committee Meeting of 3rd November 1975, Finance Committee Meetings of 18th November, 25th November, and 26th November 1975, and Minutes of the Statutory Estimates Meeting of 26th November 1975, having been circulated, were taken as read, adopted unanimously and signed by His Worship the Mayor.

REFUSE COLLECTION - BUTCHERS

It was proposed by Alderman Peter Roche and seconded by Councillor T.F. Byrne "that a full explanation be given to the Council on the whole question of what is or what is not to be taken in the garbage bins left out by butchers and also as to why a special section of the dump is not available to the butchers". Alderman Roche in introducing the motion referred to the fact that the town butchers were not allowed the use of the Municipal Tiphead despite the fact that they were paying for the service through their Rates. He had been advised that even floor sweepings had been refused and in that money had been provided in the estimates for the provision of a machine, the Corporation should now be in a position to facilitate the butchers. The motion was agreed.

The Borough Surveyor in giving the explanation advised that the domestic refuse service was carried out in accordance with conditions as adopted by the Wexford Borough Council in 1973. These conditions were liberally interpreted and it was only offensive matter which was refused. The Municipal Tiphead due to the high water table and the fact that it was also tidal was not an appropriate place to dispose of the commercial refuse from butchers etc., due to the fact that such disposal would result in the pollution of the estuary due to the B.O.D. load which would give rise to leaching. The Borough Surveyor

advised however that negotiations were currently going on with the Chief Assistant County Engineer regarding the disposal of such refuse to the Killurin dump which was a more suitable area and it was anticipated that an early decision would be taken by the County Council in this matter. He further advised that in other towns it was usual for the butchers to co-ordinate their disposal of various wastes to recycling plants.

The County Manager drew the Council's attention to the danger of closure of the Municipal Tiphead should the commercial waste from butchers be disposed there as the disposal of same would attract back flies and rats etc., and from complaints made during 1975 by the C.M.O. Matron County Hospital and the County Surgeon County Hospital and also the local residents, it was necessary that nothing further be done to aggravate the situation at the Municipal Tiphead.

It was agreed that the Acting Town Clerk take up the matter of disposal to the Killurin dump with the Wexford County Council and seek to have the facilities of that dump available at an early date as is possible.

REFUSE COLLECTION - MAIN STREET

Arising from the motion of Alderman Peter Roche in connection with the butchers refuse, discussion ensued regarding the timing of the bin collection on the Main Street. It was acknowledged that this had been put back to a later time at the request of the Borough Council on a trial period only and it was now agreed to write to the Chamber of Commerce to ascertain their views before making any change in that situation.

COVERING OF SEWERAGE OUTLET - MAUDLINTOWN

On the proposition of Alderman P. Roche, seconded by Councillor J. Roche, it was unanimously resolved "that this Council be informed as to why the covering of sewerage outlet at Maudlintown was not carried out as money was allocated for this work".

The Borough Surveyor advised the Council that the contract for the above works had been let and he anticipated progress in this matter very soon.

FREEMAN OF THE BOROUGH OF WEXFORD - DR. TOM WALSH

On the proposition of Councillor J. Furlong seconded by Councillor J. Flaherty it was unanimously resolved "that Dr. Tom Walsh founder of the Wexford Festival be made a Freeman of the Borough of Wexford." In moving this motion Councillor Furlong referred to the great work of Dr. Tom Walsh for Wexford and in particular his work in establishing Wexford Festival. Dr. Walsh has been recognised as a leading person in the Opera field and has been honoured by many international operatic organisations. Councillor Furlong referred to the fact that Dr. Walsh had been appointed the official historian of Opera in Monaco and that he was a member of the Arts Council, a Fellow of the Historic Society and that by honouring Dr. Walsh by making him a Freeman of the Borough of Wexford his name would add lustre to the names on that list.

The other members of the Council paid tribute to the work carried out by Dr. Walsh and all agreed that it was fitting that the highest honour that the Wexford Borough Council could bestow should be paid to Dr. Walsh.

JOINT TRAFFIC COMMITTEE

On the proposition of Councillor J. Roche, seconded by Alderman P. Roche, it was unanimously resolved "that another meeting of the joint traffic committee be held before Christmas to forward recommendations to the Borough Council and Gardai on Traffic and Parking situation".

It was unanimously agreed to hold the above meeting on Tuesday next 9th December, 1975.

VANDALISM AND ROAMING HORSES

It was proposed by Councillor J. Roche "that this Council requests the Department of Justice to increase the number of Gardai in Wexford in order that patrols within the urban area can be increased to combat the growing problem of vandalism and roaming horses". Councillor Mrs. Avril Doyle seconded.

Councillor Roche in introducing the motion felt that the situation regarding vandalism, roaming horses and in fact dogs running loose were a great and increasing danger to the citizens of Wexford and that the only way of curtailing same would be by increasing the Garda Force. He referred to the fact that over the past few weeks a number of loose horses were roaming the streets of Wexford and these were a great danger to the children of the various areas.

In considering this motion reference was made by the Council to the increasing vandalism in Wexford and that the Courts were dealing too lightly with the situation. Reference was also made that there was apparently no place that the Courts could send these young offenders and despite the fact that they were brought before the Court there was no effective way of dealing with them.

The Town Clerk pointed out that the provision of a Pound was a matter for the Borough Council and had been placed before them on a number of occasions. He further advised that application had been made by the Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Animals for a grant to that Body to help them look after stray dogs etc.

The motion was unanimously agreed and it was further agreed to draw the Minister for Justice attention of the concern of the Wexford Borough Council to the fact that there is no place for the Courts to send young offenders at the moment, and request him to make such places available.

ACKNOWLEDGMENTS OF RESOLUTIONS PASSED AT PREVIOUS MEETINGS

- (a) Houses at Croke Avenue Wexford:-
The Council had before it a report of 1st December 1975 from the Borough Surveyor in which the Borough Surveyor advised that he could not recommend sale of these houses to the tenants due to their structure as in his opinion their continued usage depended upon frequent investigation and remedial work on the basic structure and he would not be confident that this would be carried out if a sale scheme

was allowed.

The County Manager advised the meeting that he was statutory bound by the Housing Act 1966 to have the houses brought to a certain structural standard and as had been pointed out by the Borough Surveyor it was not possible to meet this standard in the Croke Avenue area. However he would have the matter further investigated and report back to Council.

(b) Heating Costs at Lower John Street/John's Gate Street:

The Acting Town Clerk advised the meeting that per letter of 20th November, 1975 the Department of Social Welfare had replied to the Council's resolution and had advised that "the free electricity allowance scheme administered by the Department together with the E.S.B. is confined to electricity supplied on the domestic two part tariff of the E.S.B. Supplies of electricity for purposes of electrical central heating are subject of a separate tariff and qualified pensioners do not receive allowances in respect of such supplies.

It is open to the Pensioners in question to apply for Home Assistance in connection with the charges in respect of gas central heating as already indicated. Assistance is administered entirely by the Health Board and the Minister is precluded by law from directing the grant of assistance in particular cases"

The Acting Town Clerk also advised the meeting that representations had been made by the Local T.D.'s and that Deputy Lorcan Allen had put down a question to the Minister for the 26th November 1975 to which a similar reply was given. The Acting Town Clerk further advised that the Social Welfare (Supplementary Welfare Allowances) Bill 1975 which was at present before Dail Eireann provided for a scheme of Supplementary Welfare Allowances to replace Home Assistance and has provisions whereby the Health Boards may provide assistance in kind to necessitous persons and when that Bill became law the Health Boards would then be in a position to make a block grant towards central heating of the Old Folk's Flats.

On the advice of the County Manager and on the recommendation of Councillor Byrne, seconded by Alderman P. Roche it was unanimously resolved to request the Minister for Social Welfare to authorise the South Eastern Health Board to make such grant available in anticipation of the legislation currently before Dail Eireann.

(c) Fencing Talbot Street/Green Street Housing Scheme:

The Acting Town Clerk advised the Council that he was in receipt of quotations for the supply of boundary fencing/boundary walls and gates to the above Housing Scheme as follows :-

Provision of Gates	..	..	£3,000
Provision of Timber Fencing	..	..	£5,300
or			
Provision of Brick Wall and Timber Fencing	..	..	£10,000.

He further advised that the recommendations of the Consultants M/s C.G. O'Reilly & Co., and also the Borough Surveyor was that these not be provided at this time in order that the whole scheme could be completed and then viewed from that light.

On the proposition of Councillor James Jenkins, seconded by His Worship the Mayor, it was unanimously agreed to mark the report read.

- (d) The family of the late Eamon De Valera acknowledged the vote of sympathy of the Wexford Borough Council.
- (e) The family of the late Thomas Sinnott acknowledged the vote of sympathy of the Wexford Borough Council.
- (f) Mr. Frank Murphy former Reporter of the Wexford People acknowledged the vote of thanks and appreciation passed by the Wexford Borough Council.

CORRESPONDENCE

The Acting Town Clerk advised that per circular letter ENV 25/75 that the Department of Local Government now required that the submission, if any, on the report of the Fire Service be made.

CAPITAL HOUSING OVERDRAFT TO 31st DECEMBER, 1975

The Acting Town Clerk advised the meeting that the estimated Capital Expenditure for 1975 including the Dr. balance forward at 1st January 1975 was £559,000 and that the anticipated draws from Local Loans Fund was £445,000 which leaves a shortfall of £114,000. He further advised the meeting that per letter of 21st November, 1975 from the Manager Bank of Ireland that a surcharge will apply on bank overdraft where the approved limits are exceeded and it was therefore necessary that all overdraft be provided for in order to prevent the surcharge applying.

On the proposition of Councillor T.F. Byrne, seconded by Councillor J. Jenkins it was unanimously resolved to raise by overdraft from the Manager Bank of Ireland Custom House Quay Wexford the sum of £114,000 for Housing Development to 31st December, 1975 and subject to the sanction of the Minister for Local Government.

LOAN OF £3,000 BARRACK STREET SEWER

On the proposition of Councillor J. Jenkins, seconded by Councillor J. Roche, it was unanimously resolved to raise a loan of £3,000 for sewer works at Barrack Street Wexford over five years at half yearly instalments from The Bank of Ireland Custom House Quay Wexford and subject to the sanction of the Minister for Local Government.

LOAN OF £25,000 - EXTENSION OF ST. IBAR'S CEMETERY CROSSTOWN WEXFORD

On the proposition of Councillor T.F. Byrne, seconded by Councillor J. O'Flaherty, it was unanimously resolved to raise by loan the sum of £25,000 for the extension of St. Ibar's Cemetery Crosstown Wexford in accordance with plans and specification

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prepared by the Borough Surveyor, from The Bank of Ireland, Custom House Quay, Wexford, and subject to the sanction of the Minister for Local Government.

DISPOSAL OF PLOT OF LAND AT WHITEMILL SOUTH TO MR. ANTHONY J. LYNN

On the proposition of Councillor T.F. Byrne, seconded by Councillor J. O'Flaherty, it was unanimously resolved that in accordance with the terms as set out in Notice dated 20th November 1975 a plot of land at Whitemill South containing approximately 29 sq. perches be disposed of to Mr. Anthony J. Lynn for the sum of £800.

DISPOSAL OF DWELLINGHOUSES

On the proposition of Councillor T.F. Byrne, seconded by Councillor T. Carr, it was unanimously resolved that in accordance with the terms as set out in Notices dated 20th November 1975 the following dwellinghouses be disposed of to the tenants thereof as follows :-

No. 39 McDermott Terrace	..	Mr. William Maher	£1,704.
No. 50 Davitt Road South	..	Mr. Michael Curran	£1,897.
No. 51 Davitt Road South	..	Mr. Michael O'Brien	£1,435.
No. 52 Davitt Road South	..	Mr. James P. Gaul	£1,897.
No. 53 Davitt Road South	..	Mr. Francis Goodison	£1,435.
No. 14A Davitt Road South	..	Mr. William Dodd	£1,897.
No. 57 Davitt Road South	..	Mrs. Mary K. O'Byrne	£1,435.
No. 41 Bernadette Place	..	Mr. John Brennan	£1,575.
No. 157 The Faythe	..	Mr. Thomas Bolger	£1,825.

QUESTIONS

In reply to questions Alderman Peter Roche was informed :-

- (a)(i) M/s Duffy had not been paid to carry out reinstatement at King Street Avenue and that the Borough Surveyor was looking after the matter and had agreed remedial work with the householder.
- (ii) The Borough Surveyor is aware of the deficiency in the roadway at the Parnell Street/Michael Street/Kevin Barry Street junction and has advised the matter to the Consultants for appropriate action.
- (b) A White Line has been provided at the top of Batt Street.
- (c) A White Line is not necessary at the exit from the cul-de-sac at Kennedy Park.

In reply to questions Councillor John Roche was informed :-

- (a) There is no proposal for the provision of pedestrian crossing at Kennedy Park School as the Council had already been advised that resulting from survey carried out the provision of a pedestrian crossing was not warranted.
- (b) It was anticipated that the Second Phase at Coolcotts Housing Scheme would commence late 1976 early 1977.
- (c) The "No Parking and No Dumping" signs to be erected at the Green in Corish Park were on order and would be erected when received.

In reply to questions Alderman James Mahoney was informed :-

- (a) The repairs to No. 64 Wolfe Tone Villas would be carried out shortly.
- (b) The alleged damaged to the pillar and wall of the premises owned by Mr. John North, Rose Rock, Wexford, was not done by Wexford Corporation and therefore no remedial work was necessary.

In reply to questions Councillor T. Carr was informed :-

- (a) It was not intended to offer a Purchase Scheme to the tenants of Marian Row as these houses were especially erected for Old People.
- (b) Three No. Jubilee Cookers at Marian Row had been repaired during the week and were now all functioning properly.

REHOUSING OF MRS. BLACK, 30 WOLFE TONE VILLAS

Councillor T. Carr requested permission to raise the matter of rehousing for Mrs. Black arising out of letters from her Doctor and Rev. Fr. Curtis Administrator which had been passed to him.

The Acting Town Clerk advised that Mrs. Black was No. 20 on the Housing Priority Transfer List from which 7 No. had already been catered for. As the Council were aware the policy was to offer one house in ten to the Transfer List. In the meantime it was agreed that the Borough Surveyor would investigate the house and have any necessary repairs carried out.

The Meeting then concluded.

K. T. M. [Signature]
5/1/74

9th December, 1975.

A Special Meeting of the Wexford Borough Council was held this evening after the Wexford Borough Council Traffic and Parking Bye Laws Sub Committee Meeting in the Council Chamber, Municipal Buildings, Wexford.

The members present were : -

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

Aldermen : James Mahoney, Peter Roche and Fergus Byrne.

Councillors : John Roche, Mrs. Avril Doyle, Thomas Carr, James Jenkins and Thomas F. Byrne.

In attendance : Mr. Sean Nolan, Acting Borough Accountant.

Apologies for inability to attend were received from Mr. Kevin T. Conway, Borough Surveyor and Mr. Richard Lynn, Acting Town Clerk.

CLOSURE OF ANCO TRAINING CENTRE

The meeting was informed that the ANCO Training Centre situate at the Industrial Estate had been declared closed at short notice last Friday evening. The members present felt that such action not only caused havoc amongst the trainees but also threatened the potential development of the entire area. They felt it their duty to vehemently oppose the resiting of the Centre to Waterford and on the proposition of Councillor Jenkins, seconded by Councillor Carr, it was unanimously resolved that the Wexford Borough Council urge the Minister for Labour to retain and if possible expand the ANCO Training Centre as this Centre is essential for the future industrial development of Co. Wexford. It was agreed that the support of the four Co. Wexford Dail Deputies be also solicited.

In conclusion it was agreed that the members who were available should attend at the Centre the following day at 11.15 a.m. to ascertain the current position.

The meeting then terminated.

K. C. M. Morris
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9th December 1975.

A Meeting of the Wexford Borough Council Traffic and Parking Bye Law Sub Committee 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 Kevin C. Morris in the chair.

Wexford Borough Council :

Aldermen : James Mahoney, Peter Roche and Fergus Byrne.

Councillors : John Roche, Mrs. Avril Doyle, Thomas Carr, James Jenkins and Thomas F. Byrne.

Wexford Chamber of Commerce :

M/s P. O'Connor, B.J. Kerr, P. Hore and P. Dundon.

Wexford Trades Council :

M/s Joseph Thomas, James Thomas and M. Bright.

Garda Siochana :

Superintendent Loakman and Inspector Gurhy.

In attendance : Mr. Sean Nolan Acting Borough Accountant.

Apologies for inability to attend were received from Mr. Kevin T. Conway, Borough Surveyor and Mr. Richard Lynn, Acting Town Clerk.

PEDESTRIANISATION OF MAIN STREET

The Committee considered the 'pros and cons' of pedestrianising the Main Street to facilitate shoppers during the Christmas rush. The Wexford Trades Council and Wexford Chamber of Commerce were opposed to any change at present in the Traffic Bye Laws and were of the opinion that Christmas time would be a delicate period for such experimentation. This sentiment was echoed by the other speakers and it was felt that if the present regulations were adhered to that through traffic on the Main Street should cause no undue hardship or discomfort to any parties concerned.

Replying Superintendent Loakman informed the Committee that in his opinion pedestrianisation would not be feasible especially at such short notice. The Gardai had made 536 detections for breach of the Traffic Bye Laws in seven months out of which 359 cases were brought to Court. He felt that if the double and single yellow lines were adhered to that it should lead to a free flow of traffic allowing pedestrians to communicate in relative comfort.

Following a lengthy discussion it was proposed by Councillor Byrne and seconded by Councillor Carr and agreed that the Bye Law remain unchanged until the Committee reconvenes to consider any amendments that may be necessary.

The Meeting then concluded.

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30th December, 1975.

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 Kevin C. Morris presiding.

Aldermen : James Mahoney, Peter Roche, Fergus Byrne.

Councillors : John Roche, Thomas Carr, James Jenkins.

In attendance : Mr. Thomas F. Broe, County Manager, Mr. Kevin T. Conway, Borough Surveyor, Mr. R. Lynn, Acting Town Clerk.

WEXFORD MAIN DRAINAGE

The meeting was convened by His Worship the Mayor to consider the County Manager's Report of 30th December 1975 to consider proposals arising out of the Arbitration on the Wexford Main Drainage.

On the proposition of Alderman Byrne, seconded by His Worship the Mayor, it was unanimously decided to adopt the Report of the County Manager.

The Meeting then terminated.

Kevin C. Morris