

5th January 1976.

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

The members present were :-

His Worship the Mayor Councillor Kevin C. Morris presiding.

Aldermen : James Mahoney, Philip Corish, 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. T.F. Broe, County Manager, Mr. Kevin T. Conway, Borough Engineer, Mr. Sean Nolan, Acting Borough Accountant, Mr. R. Lynn, Acting Town Clerk.

#### MINUTES

On the proposition of Councillor Carr, seconded by Alderman Byrne, the Minutes of Statutory Meeting of 1st December 1975, of the Traffic and Parking Bye Laws Sub Committee of 9th December 1975, of the Special Meeting of the 9th December 1975, having been circulated, were taken as read, adopted unanimously and signed by His Worship the Mayor.

#### PLAYING PITCHES

It was proposed by Alderman Roche, seconded by Councillor Carr, and unanimously resolved "that this Council again requests that some of the land in the Council's possession and designated for housing in the future, be leased to Sports Clubs and organisations in need of playing facilities until such time as the land is required for housing".

In introducing the motion Alderman Roche referred to a previous decision of the Borough Council to facilitate as far as possible Sporting Clubs by allowing them the use of land prior to construction works. He referred to a recent advertisement placed by Wexford Corporation inviting tenders for "grazing purposes"

and felt that some of this land could be designated for sports purposes.

It was unanimously agreed to re-advertise any parts of land held by Wexford Corporation and suitable for playing purposes and advise the governing body of the County G.A.A. and the County Soccer Federation.

#### RELIGIOUS SEGREGATION IN THE EDUCATIONAL SYSTEM

It was proposed by Councillor J. Roche, seconded by Alderman Roche, and unanimously resolved "that this Council calls on the Minister for Education to remove official religious segregation in the educational system in this State".

In introducing the motion Councillor Roche felt that the introduction of multi denominational schools could only lead to more harmonious relations within the community at large and remove distrust between the various religious denominations.

#### ADJUSTMENT OF SOCIAL WELFARE PAYMENTS

It was proposed by Councillor J. Roche, seconded by Councillor T. F. Byrne and unanimously resolved "that this Council calls on the Government to ensure that in the coming budget Social Welfare payments keep pace with the cost of living".

In introducing this motion Councillor Roche referred to recent Government statements to the effect that 1976 could show a deterioration in living standards and that the coming budget would be very severe. He therefore urged that the Government show preference to Social Welfare recipients who were already suffering enough.

#### REINSTATEMENT OF TALBOT STREET

On the proposition of Councillor Carr, seconded by Councillor J. Roche, it was unanimously resolved "that this Council demands that Talbot Street be reinstated immediately".

The Borough Surveyor advised the Council that reinstatement works had already commenced and should be complete in a very short period.

#### ACKNOWLEDGMENTS OF RESOLUTIONS PASSED AT PREVIOUS MEETINGS

(a) Redmond Memorial Park :

Letter of 16th December, 1975 from the Department of Local Government concerning Council's resolution requesting a grant towards the provision of Childrens Swings etc., was read to the Meeting. The Department of Local Government indicated that there is no fund available from which grants could be made.

(b) Pedestrian Crossing - Mercy Convent School, Whitemill :

A report from the Borough Surveyor of 5th January 1976 was read to the Meeting in which was outlined the details of the survey taken which indicated that a pedestrian crossing was not warranted at the Mercy Convent School, Whitemill. However the report added that should the

Council wish to provide a pedestrian crossing the estimated cost was now £800 for crossing and appropriate barrier. On the proposition of Councillor Carr, seconded by Alderman Corish, it was unanimously agreed to adjourn consideration of the provision of pedestrian crossing until after the joint traffic speed limit meeting being held on Thursday 8th January, 1976. In the meantime the Acting Town Clerk would look into the provision of Junior Traffic Wardens at the appropriate schools.

(c) Heating Charges - Lower John Street and John's Gate Street Flats :

The Council were circulated with reply from An Tanaiste of 5th December 1975 and were advised by the Acting Town Clerk that application had in fact been made to the South Eastern Health Board for the provision of Home Assistance for the tenants of the Lower John Street and John's Gate Street development. It was anticipated that a reply would be available for the next Meeting of the Wexford Borough Council and it was unanimously agreed to defer further consideration to that Meeting.

(d) Wexford Surgical Hospital :

A letter of thanks of 5th December 1975 from An Tanaiste Mr. Brendan Corish T.D. for a resolution of the Wexford Borough Council congratulating him on retaining the Wexford Surgical Hospital.

(e) Hospital Road :

Letter of 17th December 1975 from the County Secretary was read to the Meeting. It was noted that the provision of extra lights would be included for consideration in the Public Lighting Priority List 1976 currently being drawn up.

Regarding the improvement of the entrance to the road it was noted that it was decided to defer consideration of this. On the proposition of Alderman Byrne, seconded by Councillor Byrne, it was unanimously resolved to refer back this matter for further consideration by Wexford County Council.

(f) Animal Welfare in County Wexford :

The Acting Town Clerk advised the Council that application had been made from the County Wexford Society for the prevention of cruelty to animals for a grant in the sum of £700. On the proposition of Councillor Byrne, seconded by Alderman Byrne, it was unanimously agreed to mark their application read.

(g) Amenity Awards Scheme :

Letter of 17th December 1975 addressed to His Worship the Mayor inviting the Wexford Corporation to associate with the awarding of amenity prizes for Wexford town. On the proposition of Councillor Byrne, seconded by Councillor Roche, it was unanimously agreed to allow Wexford Amenity Study Group to use the Wexford Crest on the Award Plaques and it was further unanimously agreed to associate with the Scheme.

REVISION OF WATER CHARGES FROM 1st JANUARY 1976

The Memo of 31st December 1975 from the Borough Surveyor was circulated to the members. On the proposition of Councillor T.F. Byrne, seconded by His Worship the Mayor, it was unanimously decided to adopt the recommendation of the Borough Surveyor as contained in his memo.

PROVISION OF A POUND

On the recommendation of Alderman Roche, seconded by Councillor J. Roche, it was unanimously decided to defer consideration of this to the next Meeting of the Wexford Borough Council.

DISPOSAL OF DWELLINGHOUSES.

On the recommendation of Councillor Carr, seconded by Alderman Byrne, it was unanimously resolved that in accordance with the terms as set out in Notices dated 22nd December, 1975 the following dwellinghouses be disposed of to the tenants thereof as follows :-

No. 52 Corish Park	:	Mr. T.K. Morris	:	£1,672.
No. 54 Corish Park	:	Mr. John Sinnott	:	£1,672.
No. 44 Davitt Rd. North	:	Mr. Andrew D, Moran	:	£1,568.
No. 16 Trinity Street	:	Mr. Murtagh Marshall	:	£172.
No. 60 Upper John St/ Mannix Place	:	Mr. Patrick Fortune	:	£1,575.
No. 62 Upper John St/ Mannix Place	:	Mr. Nicholas Tennant	:	£1,575.
No. 64 Upper John St/ Mannix Place	:	Mr. Seamus Seery	:	£1,575.
No. 72 Upper John St/ Mannix Place	:	Mr. John F. Hall	:	£1,575.
No. 3 Mannix Place	:	Mr. Kieran O'Keefe	:	£1,575.
No. 4 Mannix Place	:	Mr. Thomas Saunders	:	£1,575.
No. 11 Mannix Place	:	Mr. John White	:	£1,575.
No. 14 Mannix Place	:	Mr. Kevin Roche	:	£1,575.
No. 20 Mannix Place	:	Mr. William Carroll	:	£1,575.
No. 21 Mannix Place	:	Mr. Richard Furlong	:	£1,575.
No. 22 Mannix Place	:	Mr. John Mahoney	:	£1,575.
No. 23 Mannix Place	:	Mr. James Howlin	:	£1,575.
No. 26 Mannix Place	:	Mr. Denis O'Brien	:	£1,575.

QUESTIONS

In reply to questions Alderman Roche was informed :

That no percentage increase was applied to other consumers in the Ard Carmain Housing Estate - a base charge of £10.00 was in fact applied.

In reply to questions Councillor John Roche was informed :

- (i) That the Borough Surveyor understood that the County Council were presently carrying out work in William Street and the Quay Wexford and he understood that thereafter they were to complete repairs to the footpaths at School Street. The matter would however be again brought to their attention.

- (ii) The number existing on the Housing List was 100 and a further 120 applications had been made since that List was drawn up.

In reply to questions Alderman James Mahoney was informed :

- (i) That repairs to No. 87 Bishopswater were placed No. 16 on the priority repair list and would be attended to in accordance with that list. Investigations would be made into complaints of No. 81 Bishopswater.
- (ii) That the back door to No. 24 Bishopswater will be replaced in approximately two months.

In reply to questions Alderman Philip Corish was informed :

That no definite date was available for the commencement of the Abbey Street/Mount George Stage I Housing Scheme but that the final date for receipt of tenders was during the month of January and thereafter it depended upon allocation to carry out this Housing Development.

In reply to questions Councillor Carr was informed :

- (i) That an extra light had been ordered from the Electricity Supply Board for erection at College View.
- (ii) That warning bells are installed in John's Gate Street and Lower John Street.
- (iii) That the planned layout for the Crescent Quay car park would be to provide the minimum loss of car park spaces in relation to the delivery requirements of Firms backing into the Car Park.

#### ANCO TRAINING CENTRE WEXFORD

His Worship the Mayor advised the Meeting that it had come to his attention that a decision had now been made to close the ANCO Training Centre at the Industrial Estate, Wexford, within the next fortnight or so and this despite recent representations made.

On the proposition of His Worship the Mayor, seconded by Councillor Roche, it was unanimously decided to request the Minister for Labour to defer the decision to close the ANCO Training Centre until he received a deputation from Wexford Corporation. The members of the deputation as follows :-

His Worship the Mayor, Councillors J. Jenkins,  
J. Roche, J. Flaherty, T.F. Byrne,

It was also decided to invite the 3 No. T.D.'s for the County Wexford and to keep An Tanaiste advised.

On the proposition of Councillor Furlong, seconded by His Worship the Mayor, it was unanimously decided to send a telegram immediately to the Minister for Labour and follow same up by correspondence. It was further decided to keep the Chamber of Commerce and the Wexford Trades Council advised of the outcome.

ACCEPTANCE OF TENDERS FOR THE ABBEY STREET HOUSING SCHEME

His Worship the Mayor raised the matter that a Wexford Building Firm had not been invited to tender for the construction work of Stage I Development Abbey Street.

The Council were advised by the Acting Town Clerk that the same procedure had been followed for Stage I Abbey Street as had been adopted for Lower John Street and John's Gate Street Development, i.e. that in a small construction development contract it was now normal to waive the provision of a Bill of Quantities as it was deemed there was a greater saving from not employing a Quantity Surveyor than from open tendering. The 3 No. Firms invited to tender was a Managerial function on the recommendation of the Consulting Engineers. On the proposition of Councillor Roche, seconded by Alderman Roche, it was unanimously decided to hold a Special Meeting to discuss the matter in connection with new Contracts.

On the proposition of Councillor Carr, seconded by Councillor T.F. Byrne, it was unanimously resolved that the Abbey Street Stage I Development should proceed and not be delayed by the discussions.

VOTE OF SYMPATHY

On the proposition of His Worship the Mayor, seconded by Councillor T.F. Byrne, a vote of sympathy to the families of those people killed arising out of the C.I.E. train accident at Clough Bridge, Gorey, Co. Wexford, was unanimously passed. In particular sympathy was expressed to the family and to Alderman Roche on the death of Mr. Peter Roche, Carrigeen Street, Wexford. The County Manager on his own behalf and on behalf of the staff associated with the vote of sympathy.

On the proposition of Alderman Byrne, seconded by His Worship the Mayor a vote of sympathy was unanimously passed with Councillor Flaherty on the death of his brother-in-law Mr. Conway.

VOTE OF GOODWILL

On the proposition of His Worship the Mayor, seconded by Councillor T.F. Byrne, a unanimous vote of goodwill was passed to all those injured in the train crash at Clough Bridge, Gorey, Co. Wexford, especially to Mr. Sean Browne T.D.

ARRANGEMENT FOR THE CONFERRING OF THE FREEDOM OF THE BOROUGH OF WEXFORD ON DR. THOMAS J. WALSH

The Acting Town Clerk advised the Meeting that Dr. Walsh was greatly appreciative of the offer of the Freedom of the Borough from the Wexford Borough Council. He had requested that if at all possible that the Ceremony might take place before 29th January 1976.

The Acting Town Clerk advised the Meeting that he had investigated the prices for supply of Silver Cylinder similar to the one presented to the late President Eamon De Valera. This would now be priced at £400 plus.

After a brief discussion and on the proposition of Councillor Carr, seconded by Councillor Furlong, it was agreed to present Dr. Walsh with an engraved solid silver footed salver to be supplied by the firm of M/s Louis Kerr & Co., Wexford.

It was further agreed to hold a reception in the Wexford Arts Centre, Cornmarket on January 23rd 1976.

The Meeting then concluded.

*Kevin T. M. arr*

5th January, 1976.

An Old Age Pension's Committee Meeting of the Wexford Borough Council was held this day at the conclusion of the Quarterly Meeting.

The members present were :-

His Worship the Mayor Councillor Kevin C. Morris presiding.

Aldermen : James Mahoney, Philip Corish,  
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. Sean Nolan,  
Acting Borough Accountant,  
Mr. R. Lynn,  
Acting Town Clerk.

On the proposition of Alderman Roche, seconded by His Worship the Mayor, it was unanimously resolved that "for all future Old Age Pension Meetings a list of the cases to be put before the Meeting be issued to members at least three days prior to such Meeting".

The Meeting then concluded.

*Kevin C. Morris*

2nd February, 1976.

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 and Fergus Byrne.

Councillors : John Roche, Mrs. Avril Doyle, Joseph Furlong, Thomas Carr, James Jenkins, Thomas F. Byrne and John O'Flaherty.

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.

#### VOTE OF SYMPATHY

On the proposition of His Worship the Mayor and seconded by Councillor T.F. Byrne, a vote of sympathy was unanimously passed with His Lordship the Bishop and to the relatives of the late Father Ned Murphy who died during the week.

#### MINUTES

On the proposition of Councillor T.F. Byrne, seconded by Alderman F. Byrne, the Minutes of Quarterly Meeting of 5th January 1976 and of the Old Age Pension Committee of 5th January 1976, having been circulated, were taken as read, adopted unanimously and signed by His Worship the Mayor.

On the proposition of Councillor J. O'Flaherty, seconded by Councillor T. Carr, the Minutes of Special Meeting of 30th December 1975, having been circulated, were taken as read, adopted unanimously and signed by His Worship the Mayor.

#### PURCHASE OF FOREIGN GOODS - IRISH LIFE ASSURANCE COMPANY

Councillor John Roche withdrew his motion in favour of the following which was proposed by Councillor Mrs. A. Doyle and seconded by Councillor J. Jenkins, "that this Council condemns the Irish Life Assurance Company and all other concerns for decisions to purchase goods from foreign sources when similar goods are available in Ireland".

On the proposition of Councillor J. Furlong, seconded by Alderman P. Roche, the following addendum was proposed to the above motion, "..... and calls on the Irish Life Assurance Board to resign".

The amended motion was put to the Meeting and on

a show of hands those voting for :-

His Worship the Mayor, Alderman Mahoney, Roche,  
Byrne, Councillors Roche, Furlong, Carr, Byrne,  
O'Flaherty .. .. (9)

Those against :-

Councillors Doyle, Jenkins .. (2)

The amendment was declared carried by  
His Worship the Mayor.

FOOTPATH FROM CORISH PARK/LIAM MELLOWS PARK TO THE NEW CHURCH IN CLONARD

It was proposed by Alderman F. Byrne and seconded by Councillor J. Roche "that this Corporation surface the footpath from Corish Park/Liam Mellows to the new Church in Clonard".

The Acting Town Clerk advised the Council that arising out of its Meeting of November 1975 a letter had been received from Rev. Fr. J. Curtis on behalf of the Clonard Community Centre Committee to the effect that there were no funds available to that Committee from which a contribution could be made towards the cost of a footpath from the street to the Church boundary.

The Borough Surveyor advised the Council that the area involved was approximately 60 metres and the estimate for putting bitmac surface thereon was £200.

On the proposition of Alderman F. Byrne, seconded by His Worship the Mayor it was unanimously decided to request that this item be included in the 1976 scheme to be drawn up by the Borough Surveyor.

ANCO TRAINING CENTRE

Alderman James Mahoney agreed the following amendment to his motion on the agenda paper, "that this Council extend appreciation to The Tanaiste Mr. Brendan Corish T.D., Mr. John G. Esmonde T.D., Mr. Sean Browne T.D., Mr. Lorcan Allen T.D., and Mr. William Ringwood for their efforts in having the ANCO Training Centre retained and further that a deputation of interested bodies be formed to meet the Minister for Labour to ensure the permanency of the ANCO Training Centre".

The motion was seconded by Councillor T.F. Byrne and it was agreed to with Councillor J. Roche dissenting.

TRAFFIC - HILL ST. WEXFORD

It was proposed by Alderman J. Mahoney and seconded by Councillor J. O'Flaherty, "that this Council put a stop to all heavy traffic using the Hill Street route as same is breaking the road and putting expense on the ratepayers of Wexford and endangering the lives of the people in that area".

The County Manager advised the Council that he had made enquiries through the County Engineer and had been advised that a decision on re-classification of Hill Street as a national primary route was being made by the Department of Local Government and same should issue shortly. This would in fact mean that the Wexford County Council would be responsible for the reconstruction of Hill Street.

It was unanimously decided to defer this motion until the decision on re-classification was made.

During the discussion reference was made to the dangerous junction at the top of Hill Street and the lack of road signs.

On the proposition of Councillor J. Jenkins, seconded by Councillor J. Furlong, it was unanimously decided to request the Wexford County Council to give urgent attention to the provision of road signs on the approach roads.

#### ABBAY STREET HOUSING SCHEME

It was proposed by Councillor T. Carr, seconded by Councillor T.F. Byrne and unanimously agreed :-"that this Council as a matter of urgency insist that the Abbey Street Scheme commence as quickly as possible".

In introducing the motion Councillor Carr stressed the urgent need for additional houses in Wexford and requested that this Scheme commence without any delay.

#### CLONARD/COOLCOTTS HOUSING SCHEME

It was proposed by Councillor T.F. Byrne, seconded by Councillor J. Furlong and unanimously agreed :-"that this Council calls on The National Building Agency to start the Clonard/Coolcotts Housing Scheme as soon as possible as a matter of urgency".

In introducing the motion Councillor Byrne stated that he had been informed by the N.B.A. that the sewer line to service the Housing Development had not as of yet been completed and that this might delay the Housing Scheme.

The County Manager advised the Council that the Coolcotts sewerage scheme being carried out by Wexford County Council was on schedule and that in his opinion there was no reason why this Housing Development could not commence as the sewerage scheme would be well finished to allow proper servicing to the Townparks Scheme.

#### URBAN FOOTPATHS

It was proposed by Councillor T.F. Byrne, seconded by Councillor J. Roche and unanimously agreed :-"that immediate steps be taken to expedite the repairs to footpaths in the urban area under urban allocation".

#### OLD PEOPLE'S HOME AT GROGAN'S ROAD

It was proposed by Councillor J. Furlong, seconded by Councillor T. Carr and unanimously agreed :-"that this Council ask The South Eastern Health Board to expedite the building of the Old People's Home at Grogan's Road".

In introducing the motion Councillor Furlong advised the meeting that the Minister for Health had confirmed C.P.O. on land at Grogan's Road which had been ear marked by South Eastern Health Board for the Old People's Home. Councillor Furlong read a letter received from South Eastern Health Board which indicated that they awaited allocation for 1976 to finalise their Capital Programme.

MAKING OF RATE 1976.

On the proposition of Councillor T. Carr, seconded by Councillor J. Furlong it was unanimously agreed that the Special Meeting for the making of the rate for 1976 would be held on 23rd February 1976 and that a Finance Committee Meeting would commence thereafter to consider the Waiver of Rates Scheme 1976.

ACKNOWLEDGMENTS OF RESOLUTIONS PASSED AT PREVIOUS MEETINGS

1. Social Welfare Payments :

A letter of 23rd January 1976 received from An Tanaiste in connection with motion from the Borough Council on Social Welfare payments.

2. A letter of 26th January 1976 from Doctor T.J. Walsh thanking the Mayor and Members of the Corporation for bestowing the Freedom of the Borough on him and the magnificent gift of the silver salver.

3. Heating Charges - Old People's Flats:

The Acting Town Clerk advised the Meeting that no decision as of yet had been made by South Eastern Health Board in this connection. He had been advised that their Finance Officer was in contact with the Department of Social Welfare and a decision should issue soon.

4. Housing Welfare Officer :

A letter of 9th January 1976 E.L.85/66 from the Department of Local Government (copies circulated to the members) informing the Council that the salary for the Housing Welfare Officer would be subsidisable in proportion to the time spent by the Officer on subsidisable housing operations. It added however that in the present constraints it was unlikely that finance would be available for the creation of a new post in 1976.

5. Croke Avenue Houses :

A letter from the Department of Local Government of 6th January 1976 (copies circulated to the members) informed the Council that as Section 106 of the Housing Act 1966 could not be complied with no sale scheme can be offered for Croke Avenue.

6. A letter of 30th December 1975 from the Department of Justice in connection with a motion from the Borough Council concerning the level of Gardai in Wexford was circulated to the meeting.

7. Letter of 19th January 1976 from the Department of Education acknowledging the Borough Council's resolution calling for the removal of official religious segregation in the educational system in this State.

BANK OVERDRAFT

"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 March 1976 as follows :-

Revenue Account	.. ..	£80,000
Housing Construction Account	.. ..	£50,000.

PROVISION OF A POUND

The Acting Town Clerk advised the meeting that the Department of Justice had once again requested a decision from the Borough Council regarding the provision of a Pound in Wexford town and further advised the meeting that some years ago it had been mentioned that a part of the Municipal Tiphead could be cordoned off for the use of a Pound. However that area was now ready to be converted into playing pitches etc.

On the proposition of His Worship the Mayor, seconded by Councillor J. O'Flaherty, it was unanimously agreed to ascertain whether arrangements could be made with the County Council for the use of their new Pound at Taghmon.

WEXFORD TRAFFIC

- (a) Amendment to Bye-Laws of 1973.
- (b) Local Authority's (Traffic Wardens) Act 1975.

On the proposition of Councillor J. Roche, seconded by Alderman F. Byrne, it was unanimously agreed to defer consideration of this to a G.P. Meeting to be held on Monday next 9th February, 1976.

RESTRICTIVE PRACTICES COMMISSION - ROADSIDE AND CERTAIN OTHER TYPES OF TRADING

The Circular attached to a letter of 19th January 1976 from the Restrictive Practices Commission had been circulated to the Borough Council and it advised the members that the Restrictive Practices Commission were carrying out a study under Section 12 of the Restrictive Practices Act 1972 on Roadside and certain other types of trading.

On the question raised at Item 6 (2) "what action do you consider should be taken to deal with this problem", various suggestions were put forward by the members but consensus was not arrived at.

On the proposition of Councillor J. Jenkins, seconded by His Worship the Mayor, it was unanimously agreed that the Acting Town Clerk would reply to the questionnaire and would advise the Restrictive Practices Commission that further comments would be forwarded in relation to Item 6(2).

RESTRICTED METHODS OF INVITATION OF BUILDING TENDERS

Letter of 29th January 1976 from the Department of Local Government ref. N.85/2/40 was circulated to the Meeting. The final paragraph on this letter advised "that the Construction Industry Federation has made representations to the Department about the public advertisement of large contracts by local authorities ....." and the Acting Town Clerk advised the Meeting that in telephone conversation with an official of the Department he had been advised that a number of local authorities, on smaller schemes, had successfully invited more than 3 No. tenders without employing a Quantity Surveyor.

After some discussion it was proposed by Councillor J. Roche and seconded by Councillor T. Carr to defer further consideration of this matter to the G.P. Committee Meeting to be held on 9th February, 1976.

#### REVIEW OF HOUSING PRIORITY LIST

The Acting Town Clerk read an extract of letter received from the Department of Local Government in which the Minister for Local Government had requested that priority lists be reviewed at regular intervals not in excess of eighteen months.

It was unanimously agreed to defer further consideration of this matter to the G.P. Committee Meeting of 9th February 1976.

#### INTRODUCTION OF BYE-LAWS FOR RENTED ACCOMMODATION UNDER SECTION 70 OF THE HOUSING ACT 1966

It was unanimously agreed to defer further consideration of this to the G.P. Committee Meeting of 9th February 1976.

#### DISPOSAL OF DWELLINGHOUSES

On the proposition of Councillor T. Carr, seconded by Alderman P. Roche, it was unanimously resolved that in accordance with the terms as set out in Notices dated 21st January 1976 the following dwellinghouses be disposed of to the tenants thereof as follows :-

No. 20 Antelope Road	:	Mrs. Margaret Keeling	:	£815.
No. 13 Hantoon Road	:	Mr. John Layne	:	£465.
No. 37 Hantoon Road	:	Mrs. Mary English	:	£465.
No. 2 Edenvale Avenue	:	Mr. William O'Neill	:	£360.
No. 3 Edenvale Avenue	:	Mr. Thomas Murphy	:	£360.
No. 98 Kennedy Park	:	Mrs. Lorna Molloy	:	£3,204.
No. 6 Bernadette Place	:	Mr. Oliver Foley	:	£2,225.
No. 80 Wolfe Tone Vls.	:	Mr. Denis Farrell	:	£434.
No. 10 Distillery Road	:	Mr. Peter Dempsey	:	£402.
No. 14 Distillery Road	:	Mrs. Mary Walsh	:	£402.
No. 10 Casement Terrace	:	Mr. Thomas Beaver	:	£1,987.

#### QUESTIONS

In reply to questions Councillor J. Roche was informed :-

- (i) That it is intended to appoint a part-time Caretaker from amongst the tenants at the John Street flats.
- (ii) That the official position in connection with Mr. W. Cullimore's house at Talbot Street is that the Corporation has failed to agree with Mr. Cullimore for the disposal of his house in order that the Talbot Street Scheme can be completed but that it was hoped to re-open negotiations at an early date as possible.

In reply to questions Alderman J. Mahoney was informed :-

- (i) That repairs to No. 35 Wolfe Tone Villas had been completed.
- (ii) That repairs to No. 67 Corish Park were on the repairs priority list and that repairs to No. 80 Corish Park had been completed.
- (iii) That work was in progress in repairing houses Nos. 71 Wolfe Tone Villas and 49 Bishopswater respectively.

In reply to questions Councillor Carr was informed :-

That some of the residents of Talbot Street had been compensated and the Corporation awaited the submission of legal documents on other cases before making payment.

In reply to questions Councillor T.F. Byrne was informed :-

That the County Council were not as of yet in a position to indicate whether pedestrian crossings would be provided in Wexford during 1976.

In reply to questions Councillor Furlong was informed :-

That St. Aidan's Crescent would be extensively repaired in the very near future.

INCREASE IN MAYOR'S SALARY

On the proposition of Councillor T.F. Byrne, seconded by Alderman F. Byrne, it was unanimously agreed to increase the Mayor's Salary in the sum of £351.41.

The Meeting then concluded.

*Kevin G. Morris*

2nd February 1976

A Housing Committee Meeting of the Wexford Borough Council was held at the conclusion of the Statutory Meeting.

The members present were :-

His Worship the Mayor Councillor Kevin C. Morris presiding.

Aldermen : James Mahoney, Peter Roche and Fergus Byrne.

Councillors : John Roche, Mrs. Avril Doyle, Joseph Furlong, Thomas Carr, James Jenkins, Thomas F. Byrne, and John O'Flaherty.

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.

MRS. JULIA LACEY - SHOP AT TALBOT STREET WEXFORD

The position of Mrs. Julia Lacey was discussed at length and the members were advised of the up-to-date position. The Acting Town Clerk advised the members that the County Manager had authorised the offer of a Tenant Purchase Scheme over ten years for the net balance to Mrs. Julia Lacey and that in discussion with her Solicitor Mr. Brennan of M/s Huggard & Brennan and her Auctioneer Mr. Ray Corish on Friday last it was felt that agreement might be reached on that basis.

ABBEY STREET/MOUNT GEORGE DEVELOPMENT STAGE 2 - MR. CON MACKEN AND M/S WHITE'S HOTEL

Memo from the Acting Town Clerk of 2nd February 1976 was circulated to the members in the above connection. The memo pointed out the difficulties envisaged even if Mr. Macken was agreeable to the present layout of the Housing Development in that there would be 2 No. Architects, 2 No. Contractors involved on the one site. As an alternative it was proposed to offer a site on the East side of Abbey Street at the junction of Abbey Street/Cornmarket currently being used by M/s White's Hotel as a Car Park.

It was unanimously agreed to defer further consideration of this matter to the G.P. Committee Meeting to be held on 9th February 1976 and to invite Mr. Con Macken to address the Council prior to this Meeting.

The Meeting then concluded.

*Kevin C. Morris*

9th February 1976.

A G.P. 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, Thomas Carr, James Jenkins, Thomas F. Byrne, John O'Flaherty.

In attendance : Mr. Kevin T. Conway, Borough Surveyor, Mr. Sean Nolan, Acting Borough Accountant, Mr. R. Lynn, Acting Town Clerk.

ABBAY STREET/MOUNT GEORGE HOUSING DEVELOPMENT STAGE 2 - CON MACKEN

Mr. Con Macken and his architect Mr. Cathal O'Dunlaing of M/s Lennon O'Dunlaing were received by the Borough Council prior to the Meeting.

Mr. Macken thanked the Borough Council for receiving him to put his point of view across in relation to the area as allocated on the adopted plan for Stage 2 Development. Mr. Macken referred to the fact that he had 2,400 sq. ft. of property in the area which he was prepared to swap with Wexford Corporation and he was looking for, in return, sufficient space to provide Bar, Lounge, toilet space, boiler, store. In the area as per plan only 1,139 sq. ft. have been allocated and Mr. Macken stated that it was physically impossible to erect the premises on this area. He mentioned that it was not feasible to have a Lounge upstairs as other publicans in town had not been successful in this venture.

Mr. O'Dunlaing, on behalf of Mr. Macken, stated that it was proposed to erect a Lounge Bar, Ladies and Gents toilet, office, stores, boilerhouse and that in his opinion the area allocated would not be sufficient. He mentioned that the minimum requirement would be 2,029 sq. ft. and he felt this would take in house No. 6.

In reply to questions put to M/s Macken/O'Dunlaing answered as follows :-

If a cellar was incorporated in the development only the boilerhouse and store could be sited therein, the toilets due to levels would have to be at least on ground floor level.

An alternative site providing sufficient area would be acceptable.

1,600 to 1,700 sq. ft. of ground floor with space at the back for boilerhouse would probably meet the requirements.

He felt that toilets should be situated on the ground floor and not upstairs.

In conclusion Mr. Macken again thanked the Borough Council for receiving him and again stated that he was prepared to meet the Council in any way he could.

When Mr. Macken and Mr. O'Dunlaing had withdrawn and on the proposition of Councillor Mrs. Avril Doyle, seconded by Councillor T.F. Byrne, it was unanimously agreed to recommend for investigation the provision of an extra 12 feet in width to the existing plan.

#### WEXFORD TRAFFIC

- (a) Amendments to Bye-Laws 1973.
- (b) Local Authorities (Traffic Wardens) Act 1975.

The memo of 29th January 1976 having been circulated which advised the members that the Wexford Traffic and Parking Bye-Laws 1973 needed amendment to remedy the position in Gibson Street and Church Lane. The memo further advised that at the meeting of 16th April 1975 it had been agreed in principle that when the Crescent Quay Car Park was operational that parking would be prohibited on the East side of the Wexford Quays and which would allow the Wexford County Council to extend the Quays Eastwards.

After a debate, on the proposition of Councillor T. Carr, seconded by Councillor T.F. Byrne, it was agreed to recommend that the Bye-Laws 1973 be amended to prohibit parking on the East side. Councillor J. Jenkins dissented.

On the proposition of Councillor J. Jenkins, seconded by Alderman Roche, it was unanimously agreed to recommend that the Traffic Bye-Laws be amended to provide for one way traffic at Church Lane/Main Street in a West to East direction.

On the proposition of Councillor J. Roche, seconded by Councillor J. O'Flaherty, it was unanimously agreed to recommend that the Traffic Bye-Laws be amended to provide for two way traffic along Gibson Street.

On the proposition of His Worship the Mayor, seconded by Councillor J. O'Flaherty, it was unanimously agreed to recommend that the Traffic Bye-Laws be amended to provide for Monck Street to be one way street, traffic running from West to East only.

On the proposition of Councillor Mrs. Avril Doyle, seconded by Alderman J. Mahoney, it was unanimously agreed to recommend that the Traffic Bye-Laws be amended to provide for one hour parking on the East side of the Main Street running from Cinema Palace Lane to King Street corner with double yellow lines at the Bride Street junction as necessary.

On the proposition of Alderman J. Mahoney, seconded by Councillor T. Carr, it was unanimously agreed to prohibit parking on the North side of King Street between the Main Street junction and Ropewalk Yard.

On the proposition of Councillor Mrs. Avril Doyle, seconded by Councillor J. O'Flaherty, it was unanimously agreed that a double yellow line be provided opposite Doctor Curtis's premises at Waterloo Road, Wexford.

The following matters also arose.

1. On the proposition of Councillor T. Carr, seconded by Alderman J. Mahoney, it was unanimously agreed to invite the County Engineer and representatives from Wexford County Council to discuss the provision of a bridge to cross the Crescent.
2. On the proposition of Alderman P. Roche, seconded by Councillor J. Roche, it was unanimously agreed to provide car park signs by M/s Levingstone at Common Quay Street.
3. On the proposition of Councillor T. Carr, seconded by His Worship the Mayor, it was unanimously agreed to provide a white line and yield right-of-way sign from Common Quay to The Bull Ring and entering the Main Street.
4. On the proposition of Councillor J. Jenkins, seconded by Councillor T. Carr, it was unanimously agreed to draw the attention of the Gardai to the non-observance of the double yellow lines along John Street.

#### LOCAL AUTHORITIES (TRAFFIC WARDENS) ACT 1975

The memo of 29th January 1976 from the Acting Town Clerk advised the members of the implication of the above Act.

On the proposition of Councillor T.F. Byrne, seconded by Councillor J. Jenkins, it was unanimously agreed to note that the Borough Council were in favour of the introduction of Traffic Wardens in principle but would adjourn the introduction of same for twelve months.

#### RESTRICTIVE PRACTICES COMMISSION - ROADSIDE AND CERTAIN OTHER TYPES OF TRADING.

Councillor J. Jenkins read a submission prepared by the National Federation of Drapers and Allied Traders which covered all points requested by the Restrictive Practices Commission.

On the recommendation of Councillor J. Jenkins, seconded by Councillor J. O'Flaherty, it was unanimously agreed that the Acting Town Clerk would pick out the pertinent points of the Federation's submission and submit same on behalf of Wexford Corporation.

#### RESTRICTED METHODS OF INVITATION OF BUILDING TENDERS

On the proposition of His Worship the Mayor, seconded by Councillor T. Carr, it was unanimously agreed that in future all Wexford Corporation Building Contract would be filled from an open tender base.

#### REVIEW OF THE HOUSING PRIORITY LIST

On the proposition of Councillor J. Roche, seconded by Alderman P. Roche, it was unanimously agreed to adjourn consideration of this to the next Housing Committee Meeting.

INTRODUCTION OF BYE-LAWS FOR RENTED ACCOMMODATION UNDER SECTION 70  
OF THE HOUSING ACT, 1966

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On the proposition of Councillor J. Roche, seconded by Alderman P. Roche, it was unanimously agreed to adjourn further consideration of this to the next Housing Committee Meeting.

MRS. JULIA LACEY - TALBOT STREET HOUSING SCHEME

The Acting Town Clerk advised the Committee that agreement had now been reached with Mrs. Julia Lacey, subject to the approval of the Borough Council and the Minister's sanction, and the agreement provided as follows :- the gross price for erecting a shop at Talbot Street amounted to £8,010. The amount of compensation for Mrs. Lacey's total interest in the existing shop amounted to £4,000, leaving a nett balance for the purchase of the shop at £4,010. The County Manager offered the tenant purchase base to repay the £4,010 over ten years at 12½% on a weekly collection which amounted to £13.73 per week. The Acting Town Clerk advised the Committee that it will be necessary for formal notice under Section 83 of the Local Government Act 1946 as amended by Section 90 of the Housing Act 1966 but in the meantime approval in principle was now sought from the Borough Council to this disposal.

On the proposition of Councillor T.F. Byrne, seconded by Councillor T. Carr, it was unanimously agreed that the County Manager's proposal be accepted in principle.

LAND AT TRESPAN ROCK - N. KELLY

The Acting Town Clerk advised the Committee that the Corporation had purchased Mr. N. Kelly's land at Trespan Rock, Wexford for the sum of £16,000.

On the proposition of Councillor T. Carr, seconded by Councillor T.F. Byrne, it was unanimously agreed to invite representatives of St. Francis Schoolboys Football Club to the next Meeting of the Borough Council.

The meeting then concluded.

*Kevin G. M. Byrne*

23rd February 1976.

A Finance Committee Meeting of the Wexford Borough Council was held this evening at the conclusion of the Special Meeting.

The members present were :-

His Worship the Mayor Councillor Kevin C, Morris presiding.

Aldermen : James Mahoney, Peter Roche.

Councillors : John Roche, Joseph Furlong,  
Thomas Carr, James Jenkins,  
Thomas F. Byrne.

In attendance : Mr. Sean Nolan,  
Acting Borough Accountant,  
Mr. R. Lynn, Acting Town Clerk.

WAIVER OF RATES 1976

The Council considered applications for Relief from Rates for 1976 and it was unanimously agreed that any relief to be granted should be adjusted if the weekly income to the household improved during the year.

On the proposition of Councillor T.F. Byrne, seconded by His Worship the Mayor, the following recommendations for the granting of relief were unanimously agreed for submission to the County Manager.

<u>NAME AND ADDRESS:</u>	<u>RATES 1976:</u>	<u>AMOUNT WAIVED:</u>	<u>AMOUNT PAYABLE PER ANNUM:</u>	<u>AMOUNT PAYABLE PER WEEK:</u>
	£	£	£	£
Curran, Mrs. Ellen 38 Abbey Street.	80.10	28.10	52.00	1.00
Doyle, Mrs. Kathleen 11 Barrack Street.	33.38	20.38	13.00	0.25
Duffin, Mrs. Mary 19 Barrack Street.	33.38	7.38	26.00	0.50
Cousins, Walter 2 Bernadette Place.	75.65	23.65	52.00	1.00
O'Neill, Michael 10 Bernadette Pl.	75.65	23.65	52.00	1.00
Morris, James 20 Bernadette Pl.	75.65	62.65	13.00	0.25
Nolan, Mary K. 33 Bishopswater	75.65	49.65	26.00	0.50
Murphy, Mary E. 48 Bishopswater	75.65	10.65	65.00	1.25
Kells, James 60 Bishopswater	75.65	49.65	26.00	0.50
Bennett, Mrs. Alice 69 Bishopswater	75.65	62.65	13.00	0.25
Malone, Mary E. 76 Bishopswater	75.65	62.65	13.00	0.25

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	£	£	£	£
Mernagh, John 91 Bishopswater	75.65	36.65	39.00	0.75
Walsh, Laurence 98 Bishopswater	75.65	36.65	39.00	0.75
Murphy, Kathleen 102 Bishopswater	75.65	62.65	13.00	0.25
Roche, Mary Bdg. 108 Bishopswater	75.65	62.65	13.00	0.25
McGuire, Robert 118 Bishopswater	75.65	49.65	26.00	0.50
Roche, Mrs. Marie 2A Carrigeen Street	48.95	35.95	13.00	0.25
Foley, Mary 4 Carrigeen Street	15.58	2.58	13.00	0.25
Dempsey, James 5 Clifford Street	35.60	22.60	13.00	0.25
Cullen, John 1 College View	31.15	5.15	26.00	0.50
Swords, Miss Josephine 3 College View	31.15	5.15	26.00	0.50
Ryan, Miss Margaret 2 College View	31.15	5.15	26.00	0.50
Byrne, Mrs. Alice 7 College View	31.15	18.15	13.00	0.25
O'Brien, Nora 10 College View	31.15	18.15	13.00	0.25
Duggan, Catherine 11 Columba Villas	48.95	35.95	13.00	0.25
Wildes Mrs. E. 13 Columba Villas	48.95	35.95	13.00	0.25
James, Joseph 5 Corish Park	75.65	36.65	39.00	0.75
Bolger, Francis 17 Corish Park	75.65	49.65	26.00	0.50
Boyce, John 20 Corish Park	75.65	49.65	26.00	0.50
Walsh, Mrs. Mgt. 41 Corish Park	75.65	49.65	26.00	0.50
Hughes, Mary E. 51 Corish Park	75.65	62.65	13.00	0.25
O'Neill, Mary 126 Corish Park	75.65	62.65	13.00	0.25
Mahon, Alphonsus 10 Davitt Road North	44.50	5.50	39.00	0.75
Rossiter, Bridget 22 Davitt Road North	44.50	18.50	26.00	0.50
McGrath, Mrs. Kath. 24 Davitt Road North	44.50	31.50	13.00	0.25

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		£	£	£	£
Morris, Daniel	5 Davitt Rd. Sth.	44.50	5.50	39.00	0.75
Dempsey, Mrs. Ann	20 " " "	75.65	62.65	13.00	0.25
Hayes, James	24 " " "	75.65	36.65	39.00	0.75
Furlong, Patk.	26 " " "	75.65	23.65	52.00	1.00
Dwyer, Mrs. Alice	45 " " "	75.65	62.65	13.00	0.25
Kinsella, Helena	9 Dempsey's Tce.	44.50	5.50	39.00	0.75
Walsh, Mrs. Mary	14 Distillery Road	35.60	9.60	26.00	0.50
Kearns, Mrs. Sally	21 " "	35.60	22.60	13.00	0.25
Murphy, Patk.	11 Casa Rio	124.60	72.60	52.00	1.00
Forde, Mrs. Ann	16 Devereux Villas	44.50	5.50	39.00	0.75
Howlin, Mrs. Mgt.	14 Emmet Place	24.48	11.48	13.00	0.25
Larkin, Stella	6 Fisher's Row	75.65	62.65	13.00	0.25
Fennell, Misses J & D.	11 Lr. George St.	146.85	68.85	78.00	1.50
Frozelle, Violet	80 Upr. " "	142.40	77.40	65.00	1.25
Reynolds, Mrs. J.	25 High Street	62.30	49.30	13.00	0.25
Roice, Anna	29 Hill Street	24.48	11.48	13.00	0.25
Nolan, Anna	31 " "	24.48	11.48	13.00	0.25
Cullimore, Mrs. E.	35 Lr. John Street	20.03	7.03	13.00	0.25
Doyle, Mrs. Mgt.	88 Upr. " "	31.15	18.15	13.00	0.25
Cunningham, Mrs. Mgt.	21 Lr. John St. Flats	44.50	18.50	26.00	0.50
Browne, Mgt.	20 " " "	44.50	18.50	26.00	0.50
Sheridan, Mrs. Mary	3 Joseph Street	31.15	18.15	13.00	0.25
White, Kathleen	4 Kevin Barry St.	35.60	22.60	13.00	0.25
Sinnott Mary	36 Kevin Barry St.	44.50	18.50	26.00	0.50
Morris, Mary	9 King Street	66.75	66.75	-	-
O'Leary, Mrs. Cath.	56 " "	26.70	13.70	13.00	0.25
Hayes, Thomas	10 Mannix Place	75.65	23.65	52.00	1.00
O'Neill, Thomas	13 " "	75.65	36.65	39.00	0.75
Leader, Mrs. Mary	5 Marian Row	44.50	31.50	13.00	0.25
Blacke, Anne	Maudlintown	82.33	69.33	13.00	0.25
Connolly, Elizabeth	7 Maudlintown	17.80	4.80	13.00	0.25
O'Brien, James	29 Gulbar Road	40.05	27.05	13.00	0.25
English, Mrs. Mary	37 Hantoon Road	40.05	14.05	26.00	0.50
Doyle, Mrs. Mary A.	47 Hantoon Road	40.05	27.05	13.00	0.25
Carroll, Mary	9 Harbour View	40.05	14.05	26.00	0.50
Tottenham, John	9 Saltee Avenue	35.60	9.60	26.00	0.50
Pitman, Mrs. Eliz.	10 " "	35.60	9.60	26.00	0.50
Lynch, Mrs. M.	20 Michael Street	33.38	20.38	13.00	0.25
Meyler, Miss Annie	2A Monck Street	97.90	84.90	13.00	0.25

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Mahon, Margaret	4 O'Connell Ave.	44.50	18.50	26.00	0.50
Keating, Francis	8 " "	44.50	5.50	39.00	0.75
Firman, Clare	11 " "	44.50	44.50	-	-
Burke, Sarah	9 Parnell Street	75.65	49.65	26.00	0.50
Delaney, Margaret	32 " "	26.70	13.70	13.00	0.25
Higginbotham, Mary	37 " "	48.95	9.95	39.00	0.75
Healy, Margaret A.	8 Roche's Terrace	31.15	18.15	13.00	0.25
Byrne, Veronica	11 Sapfield Ave.	80.10	67.10	13.00	0.25
Gallagher, Ita	11 St. Aidan's Cres.	75.65	62.65	13.00	0.25
Scallan, Josie	50 " " "	75.65	62.65	13.00	0.25
Furlong, Johanna	66 " " "	75.65	49.65	26.00	0.50
Kelly, Robert	73 " " "	75.65	23.65	52.00	1.00
Kehoe, Gertrude	74 " " "	75.65	36.65	39.00	0.75
Leacy, Patrick	6 St. Ibar's Villas	71.20	32.20	39.00	0.75
Whitney, Mrs. M.	12 " " "	62.30	36.30	26.00	0.50
Redmond, Nls.	2 St. John's Ave.	46.73	20.73	26.00	0.50
Gunning, James	5 " " "	46.73	20.73	26.00	0.50
Carton, Mrs. Breda	St. John's Road	102.35	50.35	52.00	1.00
Clancy, John	14 St. Magdalen's T	44.50	5.50	39.00	0.75
Cullimore, Miss S.	6 Talbot Street	35.60	22.60	13.00	0.25
Meade, Mrs. Mary	3 The Faythe	40.05	27.05	13.00	0.25
Kehoe, Catherine	10 " "	35.60	9.60	26.00	0.50
Browne, Bridget	29 " "	22.25	9.25	13.00	0.25
Kavanagh, Annie	32 " "	35.60	22.60	13.00	0.25
Crosbie, Margaret	118 " "	75.65	62.65	13.00	0.25
Brady, Marie	140 " "	17.80	4.80	13.00	0.25
Lacey, Mrs. Mgt.	154 " "	57.85	18.85	39.00	0.75
Molloy, Miss Anna	167 " "	35.60	22.60	13.00	0.25
Carley, Walter	11 Thomas Clarke Pl	75.65	36.65	39.00	0.75
Murphy, Miss Sheila	12 " " "	75.65	62.65	13.00	0.25
Flusk, Sheila	5 Trinity Street	26.70	13.70	13.00	0.25
Lucking, Marie	10 Tuskar View	75.65	36.65	39.00	0.75
Marlowe, Annie	14 " "	75.65	62.65	13.00	0.25
Bierney, Patk.	2 Whiterock View	44.50	18.50	26.00	0.50
Roche, Kevin	6 " "	44.50	5.50	39.00	0.75
Doyle, Mrs. Mary	34 " "	44.50	31.50	13.00	0.25
Reck, John	42 " "	44.50	5.50	39.00	0.75
Murphy, Thomas	45 " "	44.50	5.50	39.00	0.75

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Murphy, Elizabeth	50 Whiterock View	44.50	31.50	13.00	0.25
Saunders, Michael	57 " "	48.95	22.95	26.00	0.50
Grannell, Catherine	William Street	80.10	67.10	13.00	0.25
O'Neill, Josephine	22 William Street	35.60	9.60	26.00	0.50
Harpur, Mrs. Kath.	26 " "	28.93	15.93	13.00	0.25
Byrne, Joseph	27 " "	37.83	11.83	26.00	0.50
Heron, Mary	45 " "	35.60	22.60	13.00	0.25
Walsh, John J.	47 " "	42.28	3.28	39.00	0.75
Higginbotham, S.	48 " "	35.60	22.60	13.00	0.25
Byrne, Miss Josie	52 " "	35.60	22.60	13.00	0.25
Duggan, Eillen	60 " "	35.60	9.60	26.00	0.50
O'Leary, Miss Mgt.	72 " "	35.60	22.60	13.00	0.25
Murphy, Ann	81 Whitemill Rd.	44.50	31.50	13.00	0.25
Kells, Mrs. Mary	27 Wolfe Tone Vls.	40.05	27.05	13.00	0.25
Dolan, Mrs. Mary A.	Wygram Place	35.60	9.60	26.00	0.50
Phillips, May	Wygram Place	71.20	58.20	13.00	0.25
Byrne, Anna	30 Wygram Place	31.15	18.15	13.00	0.25

The Meeting then terminated.

*Remi. b. m. erris*

23rd February, 1976.

A Special 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, Joseph Furlong,  
Thomas Carr, James Jenkins,  
Thomas F. Byrne.

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.

#### MAKING OF MUNICIPAL RATE

The Making of the Municipal Rate of £8.90 in the £ for the service of the local financial year ending 31st December 1976 was proposed by Councillor T.F. Byrne and seconded by His Worship the Mayor and unanimously resolved.

#### HOUSING MATTERS

The members had been circulated by memo of 18th February 1976 that the County Manager intended to authorise the following tenancies.

1. Hynes family, 25 Carrigeen Street, Wexford, to No. 80 Liam Mellows Park, Wexford. This was on the recommendation of the Chief Medical Officer who had stated that the Hynes family should be allocated the next house becoming vacant.
2. Mrs. Donohue and Mr. Richard Donohue, 27 Maudlintown, to No. 25 Carrigeen Street, Wexford, when vacant. The members had been advised that the Donohues were living in a dangerous house and that it was necessary that rehousing be offered them.
3. The Brennan family, C/O Meyler's Car Park, Wexford, to be offered the next vacant house in Wolfe Tone Villas.

On the proposition of Alderman Mahoney, seconded by His Worship the Mayor, it was unanimously agreed that the Council had no objection to the above.

#### MR. DANIEL KELLY, 5 HARBOUR VIEW, WEXFORD.

On the proposition of Alderman P. Roche, seconded by Councillor T. Carr, it was unanimously agreed that Mr. Kelly's case be referred to the Chief Medical Officer for further investigation and recommendation.

The Meeting then concluded.

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1st March 1976

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,  
Fergus Byrne.

Councillors : John Roche, Joseph Furlong,  
Thomas Carr, James Jenkins,  
Thomas F. Byrne, John O'Flaherty.

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

#### DEPUTATION

A deputation from St. Francis Schoolboys Football Club was received by the Borough Council prior to the meeting. The members of the deputation were :-

M/s P. Murphy, D. Stafford, W. Morris and T. Brennan.

Mr. Brennan introducing the case for St. Francis stated that they needed better facilities in that they were one of the biggest clubs in the country catering for the 10 - 16 year old schoolboys. Presently they were using St. Michael's Carrigeen but due to lack of facilities they could not accept new membership. They now made application to the Corporation for a lease on the land being made available at the Municipal Tiphead for recreational purposes and should they be granted a lease it was their intention to provide a football pitch and a running track on the perimeter. It was further intended to provide dressing room facilities and showers and that they would comply with any conditions that the Corporation might lay down.

In reply to questions the deputation stated that they were agreeable to allow other organisations to use this ground. In fact they envisaged that the Community Games and especially the athletic section would be catered for there. The present membership was 150 approximately and that this could increase to 250 given proper facilities. That the Club would develop the tiphead itself and that as more land became available at the tiphead they would be prepared to develop same.

The deputation then thanked the Mayor and members for receiving them and withdrew.

On the proposition of Councillor J. Jenkins, seconded by Alderman F. Byrne, it was unanimously agreed that the Borough Surveyor would report at the next meeting of the Borough Council on the feasibility of granting a lease to the St. Francis Schoolboys Football Club, would recommend conditions to be contained in the lease and further that the position regarding granting of the lease would be clarified.

RESIGNATION OF MR. KEVIN T. CONWAY, BOROUGH SURVEYOR:

The County Manager advised the meeting that he was in receipt of the resignation of Mr. Kevin T. Conway, Borough Surveyor who intended terminating his duty with Wexford Corporation on 31st March, 1976. The County Manager congratulated Mr. Conway on gaining promotion to position of Chief Assistant County Engineer with Dublin County Council and thanked him for his very good service with Wexford Corporation with whom he had served since March 1970.

On the proposition of Councillor T.F. Byrne, seconded by Councillor T. Carr, a vote of congratulations was unanimously passed to Mr. Conway on his promotion and all members and officials present expressed their best wishes to Mr. Conway in his future career.

Mr. Kevin T. Conway suitably replied.

APPOINTMENT OF TOWN CLERK

The County Manager advised the Council that on the recommendation of The Local Appointments Commission Mr. F.W.Kavanagh had been appointed Town Clerk Wexford and would take up duty as and from 1st April 1976.

MINUTES

On the proposition of Councillor J. Roche, seconded by Alderman F. Byrne, the minutes of the Statutory Meeting of 2nd February 1976, the Housing Committee Meeting of 2nd February 1976, the G.P. Committee Meeting of 9th February 1976, Special Meeting of the 23rd February 1976 and of the Finance Committee Meeting of 23rd February, 1976, having been circulated, were taken as read, adopted unanimously and signed by His Worship the Mayor.

MATTERS ARISING OUT OF THE MINUTES

Councillor T.F. Byrne raised the position that he had further information regarding Waiver of Rates that he wished to be dealt with at a later meeting.

After some discussion it was proposed by Councillor J. Roche and seconded by Councillor J. Jenkins, that a Finance Committee meeting be convened after the Statutory Meeting to deal with this matter.

Those voting for :-

His Worship the Mayor, Aldermen Peter Roche, Fergus Byrne,  
Councillors John Roche, James Jenkins, John O'Flaherty (6)

Those against :-

Alderman J. Mahoney, Councillors Joseph Furlong, Thomas Carr and Thomas F. Byrne .. (4).

His Worship the Mayor declared the motion carried.

LOCATION OF OIL REFINERY IN WEXFORD

On the proposition of Councillor T. Carr, seconded by Councillor T.F. Byrne, it was unanimously agreed "that this Council calls on the Minister for Industry and Commerce to seriously consider a location in Wexford for the siting of an Oil Refinery".

In introducing the motion Councillor T. Carr referred to a recent publication showing suitable sites for future oil refineries off the Irish coast. It was noted that Wexford had not featured very prominently and he felt that had a better investigation been carried out suitable sites could have been found off the Wexford coast.

MEAT PROCESSING INDUSTRY - WEXFORD

It was proposed by Alderman P. Roche and seconded by Councillor T.F. Byrne "that this Council views with concern recent announcements re. the situation of the Beef Industry in this country particularly in view of the numbers employed in the meat processing industry here in Wexford".

In introducing the motion Alderman P. Roche referred to the prospective job losses and redundancy facing Wexford factories due to the fact that too many cattle were exported during 1975 and that factories were experiencing a shortage of animals for slaughter.

EXTENSION OF FISHING LIMITS

It was proposed by Alderman P. Roche and seconded by Councillor J. Roche "that this Council being aware of the number of Wexfordmen who earn a livelihood as fishermen, call for action by the Minister for Defence in conjunction with the Minister for Justice to both extend our fishing limits to 50 miles and impose a minimum £100,000 fine on all foreign trawlers apprehended inside Irish territorial waters".

Councillor J. Jenkins proposed the following addendum to the above motion "....."and that the Department of Agriculture and Fisheries start planning for fish farming around the Irish coast". The addendum was seconded by Alderman F. Byrne and unanimously agreed.

In introducing his motion Alderman P. Roche stated that the existing twelve mile limit was unduly small and that there is a great danger that the fishing stocks would be depleted by the large factory ships and very large trawlers fishing off the Irish coast. He referred to the situation in France and Italy when they encountered problems, their lamb and wine trade respectively and that they had taken action to deal with same.

In proposing the addendum Councillor Jenkins, whilst agreeing wholeheartedly with Alderman Roche's motion, felt that it was now an opportune time for the Government to recognise the future importance of fish farming and that planning for same should commence immediately.

UNEMPLOYMENT PROTEST PARADE

It was proposed by Councillor J. Roche and seconded by Alderman F. Byrne "that the members of this Council march as a Body in the unemployment protest parade to be held on 16th March 1976".

In introducing the motion Councillor Roche referred to the high level of unemployment now obtaining in Wexford town which was causing great concern. He mentioned that due to action taken in relation to Fine Wool Fabrics the firm of M/s Listers had been encouraged to re-open the factory and were currently employing 90 workers. He assured the members that the march was non-political and he hoped that all members would be present.

After some debate the Mayor put the motion to the meeting and those voting for :-

His Worship the Mayor, Alderman F. Byrne and Councillor J. Roche .. .. (3)

Voting against :-

Aldermen James Mahoney, Peter Roche, Councillors Joseph Furlong, Thomas Carr, James Jenkins, Thomas F. Byrne, John O'Flaherty.. .. (7)

His Worship the Mayor declared the motion defeated.

THOMAS CLARKE PLACE

On the proposition of Councillor J. Roche, seconded by Alderman P. Roche, it was unanimously agreed "that this Council requests that the entrance to Thomas Clarke Place be properly surfaced".

DENTAL TREATMENT

On the proposition of Alderman J. Mahoney, seconded by Councillor J. Roche, it was unanimously agreed "that this Council calls on the Government and South Eastern Health Board to provide free dental treatment for children up to the age of 16 and that the staff of the local clinic be increased".

In introducing the motion Alderman Mahoney referred to the difficult position parents found themselves in when schoolgoing children were not catered for in the free dental treatment scheme.

ST. AIDAN'S CRESCENT

It was proposed by Alderman J. Mahoney and seconded by Councillor J. Roche, "that this Council requests the the roadway be widened and a footpath laid at St. Aidan's Crescent Car Park". It was unanimously <sup>agreed</sup> that the Borough Surveyor would prepare a report and estimate for carrying out the said work to the next meeting of the Borough Council.

ACKNOWLEDGEMENTS OF RESOLUTIONS PASSED AT PREVIOUS MEETINGS

The following acknowledgements were read to the Borough Council.

1. From His Lordship the Bishop on the vote of sympathy with the late Father Murphy.
2. From the family of the late Anthony O'Brien with whom the Council passed a <sup>note</sup> of sympathy.

3. From the Minister for Labour concerning the proposed deputation regarding the ANCO Training Centre.
4. From the Minister for Finance regarding the motion calling on the Board of the Irish Life Assurance Company to resign.
5. From Deputy Sean Browne replying to the vote of congratulations and the vote of goodwill.

6. Correspondence.

St. Patrick's Day Parade.

A letter from the Secretary of the St. Patrick's Day Parade Committee inviting the Mayor and members of Wexford Corporation to participate in this year's Parade was read to the members.

On the proposition of His Worship the Mayor, seconded by Councillor T.F. Byrne, it was unanimously agreed that the Borough Council would participate in the Parade.

SUPPLEMENTARY LOAN - WEXFORD MAIN DRAINAGE SCHEME:

On the proposition of Alderman F. Byrne, seconded by Councillor J. O'Flaherty, it was unanimously agreed that a supplementary loan in the sum of £16,500 be raised from the Office of Public Works for the purposes of completing the Wexford Main Drainage Scheme.

HOUSING LOANS AND GRANTS - INITIAL ALLOCATION FOR 1976

Per memo of 1st March 1976 the Acting Town Clerk advised the Council that the initial capital allocation for the six months ending 30th June 1976 amounted to £50,000. However it was pointed out that a part of the allocation was to be funded by transferring 25% of all tenant purchase payments during 1976 to the Housing Loans and Grants account. The memo pointed out that it has always been the policy of this Corporation to utilise the capital receipts from Corporation houses towards the provision of future Corporation houses. The County Manager recommended that a departure be sought from the Department to continue to use the capital tenant purchase payments to offset the debit balance now existing on the land purchase account.

On the proposition of Alderman P. Roche, seconded by Alderman F. Byrne, the Manager's recommendation was unanimously adopted.

LOCAL AUTHORITY HOUSING CONSTRUCTION 1976 - CAPITAL ALLOCATION

Per memo of 1st March 1976 it was pointed out to the Council that the 1976 allocation amounted to £415,000 of which £346,000 would be made available from the Local Loans Fund and £69,000 would have to be met by overdraft. The memo pointed out that the allocation included the sum of £125,000 in respect of expenditure by the N.B.A. but in fact their estimated needs in 1976 was £500,000. The memo further pointed out that taking the existing commitments into account the sum of only £56,500 remained to commence Stage I Abbey Street Housing Development which was estimated at £135,000 for 1976. The implication of the allocation was that the Townparks Housing Scheme and the Abbey Street Housing Scheme could not commence until the latter half of 1976 and therefore no new houses would be completed during 1976 for Wexford Corporation.

After a lengthy debate and on the proposition of Councillor J. O'Flaherty, seconded by Councillor T. Carr, it was unanimously agreed that a deputation of the Council would meet the Minister for Local Government to impress upon him the inadequacy of the allocation in relation to the housing needs in Wexford and to request that he increase the allocation to allow both schemes to go ahead immediately.

It was agreed that the following members would form the deputation :-

His Worship the Mayor, Councillor Kevin C. Morris,  
Aldermen J. Mahoney, F. Byrne and Councillor T.F. Byrne.

LOCAL AUTHORITY HOUSING SUBSIDY - REVENUE ACCOUNT

The members had been circulated with circular H.4/76 of 20th February 1976 from the Department of Local Government and their attention was drawn to paragraph 6 (a) of same which indicated that expenditure on maintenance and management in 1976 should not be increased by more than 75% over the actual expenditure on the purpose in 1973/74.

The Acting Town Clerk advised the Council that the housing maintenance expenditure 1973/74 amounted to £13,400 and adding 75% to this a sum of £23,400 was arrived at. The Estimates 1976 provided for a sum of £44,000 and therefore the result of this deficiency would mean that the services of 2 No. carpenters and at least 1 No. casual labourer would have to be terminated with effect from 12th March 1976 and that the amount and number of repairs to be carried out in 1976 would drop by approximately 50%.

On the proposition of Councillor T.F. Byrne, seconded by Councillor T. Carr, it was unanimously agreed that this matter also be taken up with the Minister for Local Government by the deputation, and that the meeting with the Minister should be arranged at an early date as possible.

ROAD FUND GRANTS 1976

Per memo of 1st March 1976 the Borough Surveyor advised the Council that the Road Fund Grants 1976 totalled £20,060 and that he recommended that this be split £15,000 towards Traffic Management and £5,060 towards the Urban Road Improvement Grant.

Programme Urban Road Improvement Grant - Reconstruction of Concrete Roads:

(a)	Thomas Street	..	..	£1,000
(a)	Green Street	..	..	£2,000
(c)	St. Aidan's Crescent/Whitemill Rd			£2,060
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APPOINTMENT OF NOMINEE TO SOUTH EAST TOURISM ORGANISATION LTD

On the proposition of Alderman J. Mahoney, seconded by Councillor J. Roche, it was unanimously agreed that Alderman P. Roche be appointed the representative of Wexford Corporation to South East Tourism Organisation.

SUSPENSION OF STANDING ORDERS

On the proposition of Alderman P. Roche, seconded by Councillor J. Roche, it was unanimously agreed to suspend standing orders in order that the agenda might be completed.

FIXING DATE FOR HOUSING COMMITTEE MEETING

On the proposition of Councillor J. Roche, seconded by Alderman F. Byrne, it was unanimously agreed to hold a Housing Committee Meeting on next Monday 8th March, 1976.

SALE OF PLOT OF LAND AT WHITEMILL NORTH WEXFORD  
TO M/S CASTLEMAHON CO-OPERATIVE POULTRY PRODUCTS LTD

On the proposition of Alderman F. Byrne, seconded by Councillor T.F. Byrne, it was unanimously resolved that in accordance with the terms as set out in Notices dated 18th February 1976 a plot of land at Whitemill North, Wexford, containing 0.370 acres approx. be disposed of to M/s Castlemahon Co-Operative Poultry Products Ltd for the sum of £1,110.

DISPOSAL OF DWELLINGHOUSES

On the proposition of Alderman F. Byrne, seconded by Councillor T.F. Byrne, it was unanimously resolved that in accordance with the terms as set out in Notices dated 18th February 1976 the following dwellinghouses be disposed of to the tenants thereof as follows :-

No. 28 Antelope Road :	Mr. Matthew Morris :	£465
No. 25 Bernadette Place :	Mr. William Whitmore :	£1,575
No. 33 Corish Park :	Mr. William Maher :	£2,277
No. 124 Corish Park :	Mr. Richard Mahoney :	£1,995
No. 129 Corish Park :	Mr. Matthew Carty :	£1,995
No. 72 Davitt Road North :	Mr. John Hore :	£1,568
No. 29 Davitt Road South :	Mrs. Marie Edwards :	£1,435
No. 31 Davitt Road South :	Mr. J. Goodison :	£1,435
No. 47 Davitt Road South :	Mr. James Bridges :	£1,435
No. 55 Davitt Road South :	Mr. John Moore :	£1,435
No. 36 Davitt Road North :	Mrs. B. Lucking :	£1,568
No. 76 Davitt Road North :	Mr. Stephen Martin :	£1,568
No. 116 The Faythe :	Mr. William Roche :	£1,834
No. 7 Fisher's Row :	Mr. Thos. Heffernan :	£1,666
No. 26 Hill Street :	Mr. A. Morrissey :	£556
No. 68 Upr. John Street :	Mr. Wm. Passfield :	£2,105
No. 12 Trinity Street :	Mrs. Mgt. Furlong :	£100
No. 16 Tuskar View :	Mrs. Annie Molloy :	£1,557
No. 20 Tuskar View :	Mr. J.K. Carley :	£1,557
No. 24 Tuskar View :	Mr. A. Scott :	£1,557
No. 87 Wolfe Tone Villas :	Mr. B. Underwood :	£434.

QUESTIONS

In reply to questions Councillor T. Carr was informed :-

That the inspection of The Faythe Upper Housing Scheme for the purpose of allowing Tenant Purchase has been carried out and the necessary repairs completed.

In reply to questions Alderman P. Roche was informed :-

- (i) That work was 90% completed in the King Street Avenue area, and that the remainder would be carried out shortly.
- (ii) That at the moment the main door in the Old Persons flats at Lower John Street was left open but it was expected that the keys for each resident which had been ordered from M/s Brooks Thomas should be available within the next fortnight.
- (iii) That the Corporation was unaware that any written agreement existed for the use of land purchased from Mr. Nicholas Kelly and that the contract had mentioned vacant possession. However should a written agreement exist there was no objection to allowing it to run.

In reply to questions Councillor J. Roche was informed :-

- (i) That the matter of dampness at the back section of houses in the Talbot Street/Green Street scheme had been taken up with the Consultants and that remedial action was being taken.
- (ii) That the Town Clerk would contact the Department of Finance requesting a grant of £700 to be made available to the Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Animals.
- (iii) That the public lighting system at Talbot Street/Green Street was under discussion with the E.S.B. and it was hoped that any faults would be rectified within the coming weeks.

In reply to questions Alderman J. Mahoney was informed :-

- (i) That the back of the fireplace at No. 24 Bernadette Place will be installed in approximately 2 weeks.
- (ii) That inspection and repairs as necessary would be carried out to No. 52 Whiterock View.
- (iii) That work was in progress in repairing the footpaths at Wolfe Tone Villas.

HOUSING - ALLOCATION OF NEXT VACANT HOUSE

The Acting Town Clerk advised the Council that a recommendation had now been received from the Chief Medical Officer regarding Mr. Daniel Kelly of 5 Harbour View, Wexford, in which it was indicated that the family should be offered the next house available. Taking the minute of the Special Meeting of 23rd February 1976 into account, the County Manager had accepted the recommendation of the Chief Medical Officer and it was intended to offer the next vacant house to Mr. Kelly. This was unanimously agreed to.

The meeting then terminated.

*John B. M. Morris*

1st March 1976.

A Finance Committee Meeting of the Wexford Borough Council was held at the conclusion 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, Joseph Furlong, Thomas Carr, James Jenkins, Thomas F. Byrne, John O'Flaherty.

In attendance : Mr. S. Nolan, Acting Borough Accountant, Mr. R. Lynn, Acting Town Clerk.

This meeting was convened to further examine Waiver of Rates Scheme.

After some clarification on a number of the applications there was but one No. on which further information was requested i.e. Miss Annie Molloy, 167 The Faythe, Wexford.

The meeting then terminated.

*Kevin C. Morris*

8th March 1976

A Housing Committee Meeting of the Wexford Borough Council was held in the Council Chamber, Municipal Buildings, Wexford, at half past seven o'clock this evening.

The members present were :-

His Worship the Mayor Councillor Kevin C. Morris presiding.

Aldermen : Philip Corish, Peter Roche.

Councillors : John Roche, Thomas Carr, Thomas F. Byrne.

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

In attendance : Mr. T.F. Broe, County Manager,  
Mr. S. Nolan, Acting Borough Accountant,  
Mr. R. Lynn, Acting Town Clerk.

BYE-LAWS FOR RENTED ACCOMMODATION UNDER SECTION 70  
OF THE HOUSING ACT, 1966.

A copy of the Bye-Laws as adopted by Wexford County Council had been circulated to all members of the Borough Council and the Acting Town Clerk pointed out that the Bye-Laws adopted by that Council were similar to the model Bye-Laws issued by the Department of Local Government.

On the proposition of Alderman P. Roche, seconded by His Worship the Mayor, it was unanimously decided to adopt similar Bye-Laws as had been adopted by Wexford County Council.

REVIEW OF THE HOUSING PRIORITY LIST

The Acting Town Clerk pointed out that per letter of 5th August, 1975 the Minister for Local Government had requested that consideration be given to a revision of the Priority List at regular intervals not in excess of 18 months which would permit changing circumstances to be taken into account. The Acting Town Clerk pointed out that the current policy of the Council was to exhaust existing lists before offering houses from supplementary lists.

This matter was debated at some length and on the proposition of Councillor J. Roche, seconded by Alderman P. Corish it was unanimously agreed to continue with the existing policy of the Council but that the existing list would be reviewed in the light of changed circumstances. The Committee then proceeded to review the Housing Priority List issued at 1st January 1976 and the following action was recommended.

No. 13. Murray B. 13 O'Connell Avenue :

It was thought that Mr. Murray may have bought a dwellinghouse recently - the position to be clarified.

No. 14. Kearney L. 14 Wolfe Tone Villas :

Thought not to be residing there.

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- No. 16. Brennan Liam 66 Bishopswater :  
Thought not to be residing there.
- No. 18. Kelly Daniel 5 Harbour View :  
See further minute.
- No. 19. Nolan Laurence 19 Gulbar Road :  
See further minute.
- No. 37. Whitty Michael 65 Corish Park :  
Thought to be living away - position to be clarified.
- No. 41. Rennicks Stephen c/o Phoenix Bar :  
Delete from Housing Priority List as his family is the only occupier of a house in Green Street.
- No. 42. Cosgrave Patrick 1 Saltee Avenue :  
Understood to have bought his own house in The Faythe.
- No. 48. Pitan William 9 Monck Street :  
Check if still in residence there.
- No. 49. Duggan Brendan 9 Monck Street :  
Check if still in residence there.
- No. 53. Roche William 38 Davitt Road South :  
Request that he re-submit application from his present accommodation.
- No. 54. Conway Owen 125 Corish Park :  
Delete from Housing List - bought Guard Daly's house at The Faythe.
- No. 59. Cullen Ann 2 Tuskar View :  
Delete from Housing List - bought house in Maudlintown.
- No. 62. Furlong Sean 13 Hill Street :  
Delete from Housing List - his family the only residents of this dwellinghouse.
- No. 70. Murphy Patrick 52 Bishopswater :  
Delete from Housing List - rehoused No. 54 Talbot Street.
- No. 71. Roice James 18 King Street:  
Delete from Housing List - not now resident in Wexford.
- No. 72. Doyle B. 9 Upper John Street :  
Ascertain if still resident in Wexford.
- No. 88. Daly William 5 Lr. Bride Street :  
Delete from Housing List - his family the only ones resident in this dwellinghouse.
- No. 91. Murphy Patrick 1 High Street :  
Ascertain if still in residence.

No. 94. Gallery Denis c/o Cullimore's North Main Street :

Delete from Housing List - his family the only ones residing in this dwellinghouse.

No. 95. Doyle Sean 1 Devereux Villas :

Delete from Housing List - his family the only ones residing in this dwellinghouse.

No. 99. Hamilton Victor 16 Carrigeen Street :

Delete from Housing List - his family the only ones residing in this dwellinghouse.

No. 100. Harpur Nicholas 1 High Street :

Delete from Housing List - single person.

This concluded the review of the existing Housing Priority List and it was agreed that when the necessary investigations had been finalised that revised lists will issue to each member of the Council.

NOLAN, LAURENCE, 19 GULBAR ROAD AND NOLAN, JAMES, 115 KENNEDY PARK

The Committee was advised that after the rehousing of Daniel Kelly of 5 Harbour View Wexford to No. 80 St. Aidan's Crescent Mr. Laurence Nolan of 19 Gulbar Road now appeared at No. 1 on the Housing Priority Maudlintown List. However arising out of meeting of 1st March 1976 the Borough Council had requested that consideration be given to the transfer of Mr. James Nolan, 115 Kennedy Park to the next vacant house in Maudlintown. It was understood that a vacancy would shortly arise in the Maudlintown area and the County Manager therefore proposed to offer a transfer to Mr. James Nolan of 115 Kennedy Park to the next house becoming vacant in Maudlintown subject to Mr. Laurence Nolan accepting the tenancy of No. 115 Kennedy Park.

This was unanimously agreed to.

ABBEY STREET REDEVELOPMENT - M/S WHITE'S HOTEL

The Acting Town Clerk advised the Committee that as no development was now ear-marked for the property on the Eastern side of Abbey Street the County Manager had again considered the application from M/s White's Hotel for the purchase and disposal of properties between White's Hotel and Wexford Corporation. The Committee's attention was drawn to resolution of 2nd December 1968 by the Wexford Borough Council in which it was then agreed that various properties on the Eastern side of Abbey Street would be disposed of and acquired from M/s White's Hotel. The Committee had before it a copy of the proposal by White's Hotel to Wexford Corporation of 24th February 1976 which took into consideration the revised layout for the area and which followed discussion between White's Hotel and Corporation officials.=

The County Manager recommended the following to the Committee.

1. White's Hotel would convey to Wexford Corporation their property to the West of the new road line - the width of the new roadway and footpaths to be 11 metres.

2. Wexford Corporation would convey to White's Hotel Ltd., its property to the East of the road line - the actual road line to be drawn by the Borough Engineer.

The above disposal and requisition to be subject to :-

- (a) M/s White's Hotel giving to the Wexford Corporation parking rights for the public in normal business hours over 50% of its general car park area in Abbey Street.
- (b) M/s White's Hotel Ltd., to carry out appropriate landscaping on the perimeter of their property in consultation with Corporation advisors.
- (c) M/s White's Hotel Ltd., agreeing to pay to the Wexford Corporation the sum of £1,200 in consideration of the additional property now being conveyed to them.
- (d) Wexford Corporation agreeing to pay the sum of £700 towards the cost of the acquisition of the Moran property on Abbey Street and also the sum of £300 to the cost of the demolition of buildings on the former Moran property in Abbey Street.
- (e) M/s White's Hotel to be entitled to build a boundary wall between the revised building line and the new road line in consultation with Corporation advisors.

On the proposition of His Worship the Mayor, seconded by Councillor T.F. Byrne, the recommendation of the County Manager was unanimously agreed to.

WEXFORD FESTIVAL OPERA

The Acting Town Clerk advised the Committee that per letter of 3rd March 1976 the Wexford Festival Opera made application for permission to use the Wexford Coat of Arms in connection with the 25th Wexford Festival Opera.

On the proposition of Councillor J. Roche, seconded by His Worship the Mayor, this was unanimously agreed to.

The meeting then concluded.

*Kevin C. M. Morris*

5th April 1976

A Quarterly Meeting of the Wexford Borough Council was held this day in the Council Chamber, Municipal Buildings, Wexford at 7.30 p.m.

The members present were :-

His Worship the Mayor Councillor Kevin C. Morris presiding.

Aldermen : Philip Corish, Peter Roche and Fergus Byrne.

Councillors : John Roche, Thomas Carr, James Jenkins, Thomas F. Byrne, John O'Flaherty.

An apology for inability to attend was received from Alderman James Mahoney and Councillor Mrs. Avril Doyle.

In attendance : Mr. T.F. Broe, County Manager,  
Mr. C. Costello, Acting Borough Engineer,  
Mr. R. Lynn, Borough Accountant,  
Mr. F.W. Kavanagh, Town Clerk.

#### VOTE OF SYMPATHY

On the proposal of Councillor Carr, seconded by Alderman P. Roche, a vote of sympathy was passed with Alderman Mahoney on the death of his Mother.

All the members and staff present wished to be associated with the vote of sympathy.

#### TOWN CLERK

The members welcomed the new Town Clerk and expressed their appreciation of the excellent work done by the Acting Town Clerk Mr. R. Lynn.

#### WEXFORD AMENITY AWARD

His Worship the Mayor informed the members that the John's Gate Street dwellings had won an amenity award and that he had received a plaque which would be erected in a suitable location adjacent to the dwellings.

#### MINUTES

On the proposal of Alderman P. Roche, seconded by Councillor J. Roche, the minutes of Meeting of the Borough Council held on 1st March 1976; the Finance Committee Meeting held on 1st March 1976 and the Housing Committee Meeting held on 8th March 1976, which had been circulated with the Agenda were adopted.

Arising out of the Minutes of the monthly meeting on 1st March 1976 the Town Clerk informed the members that the tiphead at Carcur was held under agreement (licence) dated 4th March 1946 from the Wexford County Council and under a 99 year lease dated 8th November 1954 from the Minister for Industry and Commerce and that a further area not subject to the existing lease had already been encroached on by the Corporation. Therefore before consideration could be given to either the change of use or the granting of a licence to the St. Francis Schoolboys Football Club the title in the property would have to vest in the Corporation and permission for change of use would also be necessary. It was agreed, on the proposition of Alderman P. Roche, seconded by Councillor J. Roche, that the Corporation endeavour to acquire satisfactory title and/or change of use as appropriate.

Arising further out of the Minutes the Town Clerk informed the members that the estimated cost to widen the roadway and lay a footpath at St. Aidan's Crescent car park would be £4,620, and that no provision had been made in the current year's estimate.

It was agreed, on the proposal of Alderman P. Roche, seconded by Councillor J. Roche, to defer the matter to the next Estimates Committee Meeting.

#### REGIONAL HEALTH BOARDS

The following motion in the name of Alderman P. Roche, and seconded by Councillor J. Roche, was adopted :-

"That this Council is totally opposed to the Regional Health Board's system of administering health services in this Country and would prefer a return to the system of the services being administered by the various County Councils as health authorities in their own areas".

#### FAMILY TYPE DWELLINGS OCCUPIED BY ELDERLY PERSONS

The following motion in the name of Alderman P. Roche, and seconded by Councillor J. Roche, was agreed in principle :-

"That in drawing up of a Priority List for the next Scheme of Old Folk dwellings to be built this Council adopt a policy of encouraging elderly people who are living in family type Council dwellings to apply for a transfer to these Old Folk dwellings thereby leaving family type accommodation available for people on the Housing List".

#### INDUSTRIAL DEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY - ATTRACTION OF NEW INDUSTRIES TO THIS COUNTRY

The following motion in the name of Councillor J. Roche, and seconded by Alderman F. Byrne, was moved :-

"That this Council call on the Government and Industrial Development Authority to be more open in their dealings regarding the question of attracting new industries to this Country".

An amendment was proposed by Alderman P. Corish and seconded by Councillor T. Carr, that the motion be amended to read :-

"That this Council call on the Government and Industrial Development Authority to be more open in their dealings where it is considered that publicity would not be harmful to the attraction of new industries to this Country".

The amendment was agreed.

The original motion on being put as a substantive motion was agreed.

- (A) NO. 130 LIAM MELLOWS PARK
- (B) TALBOT STREET HOUSES.

The following motion in the name of Councillor J. Roche and seconded by Councillor T. Carr, was considered :-

"That this Council request the Borough Engineer to have a proper fence erected around the back garden of No. 130 Liam Mellows Park, and also to investigate the question of having a block wall erected between the Talbot Street houses on the back of St. Aidan's Shopping Centre".

The Acting Borough Surveyor informed the members that a fence already existed around the back of No. 130 Liam Mellows Park and that the cost of erecting an 8 ft. wall between the Talbot Street houses on the back of St. Aidan's Shopping Centre would be approximately £3,500; a chain link fence would cost £1,500 approximately.

It was agreed to refer the proposed erection of wall to the next Estimates Committee Meeting.

#### ACKNOWLEDGEMENTS OF RESOLUTIONS PASSED

##### (a) Location of Oil Refineries in Wexford :

The members were advised that by letter dated 24th March 1976 the Minister for Industry and Commerce had stated that the present position regarding the location of oil refineries is that the selection of particular locations is a matter for commercial interest subject to compliance with the planning laws.

##### (b) Meat Processing Industry - Wexford :

The members were advised that by letter dated 23rd March 1976 the Minister for Agriculture and Fisheries had stated "that although fat cattle are in short supply at present there is a seasonal pattern in availability of cattle for slaughter each year. The present is the normal valley period of supply and leaving aside the quiet exceptional years of 1974 and 1975 the numbers of cattle slaughtered to date this year compare favourably with performance in this period of past years.

As to the future present indications are that slaughtering of cattle for this year as a whole are likely to be around the level of 1974 which was the highest then recorded (although surpassed in turn by factory through-put last year)".

Alderman P. Roche again expressed concern at the level of live cattle exports and it was agreed that the Corporation would reiterate its request to the Minister for Agriculture and Fisheries to ensure that sufficient cattle were available to the meat processing factories for slaughter.

(c) Capital Allocation and Housing Subsidy 1976 :

The members were informed that Mr. Sean Browne T.D. had by letter dated 7th March 1976 and Mr. Lorcan Allen T.D. by letter dated 10th March 1976 indicated that they would be in communication with the Minister for Local Government regarding the Housing Capital Allocation and the level of Housing Subsidy for 1976.

(d) ANCO Training Centre :

The members were informed that an acknowledgement had been received from the Private Secretary to the Minister for Local Government that the terms of motion adopted at Borough Council meeting on 2nd February 1976 would be brought to the Minister's attention, as soon as possible.

The motion referred to the formation of a deputation of interested bodies to meet the Minister for Local Government to ensure the permanency of the ANCO Training Centre.

(e) Dental Treatment :

The members were informed that an acknowledgement had been received from the Department of Health to the motion requesting the provision of free dental treatment for children up to the age of 16 and that the staff of the local clinic be increased.

CORRESPONDENCE

(a) Provision of Pound :

The members were informed that the County Secretary by letter dated 24th March 1976 had stated that the Wexford District Committee of the Council had agreed that consideration should be given to the request of the Corporation for the use of the new Pound at Taghmon when the County Council had finalised arrangements with the County Wexford Marts Limited.

(b) Heating Cost - Old Person's Flats :

The members were informed that by letter dated 27th February 1976 from Doctor B. Barry, Programme Manager, Community Care, South Eastern Health Board, that the only way in which the Board could help the occupants of these flats would be by way of Home Assistance and that this would be based on assessment of individual needs in each case and that Doctor Barry had arranged for the Superintendent Assistance Officer in Wexford to interview the persons which were listed as occupiers of these flats and that a decision regarding financial help would be made.

(c) Easter Sunday Commemoration Ceremonies :

The members were informed that a letter dated 11th March 1976 had been received from The Secretary of the National Graves Association inviting His Worship the Mayor, members and officials of the Corporation to the Easter Sunday Commemoration

Ceremonies which would consist, as in former years, of offering of Mass in The Church of the Immaculate Conception, Rowe Street, at 11.30 a.m. on Easter Sunday morning and the Parade in the afternoon to the Republican Plot, St. Ibar's Cemetery where prayers etc., would be said and that seats would be reserved for the Mayor, members and officials at the Mass.

On the proposal of His Worship the Mayor, seconded by Alderman P. Roche, it was agreed that the practice as in former years would be adopted, and that the Corporation as a Body would attend at the Mass and that it would be a matter for each individual member to take part in the Parade if he so wished.

#### BANK OVERDRAFT

On the proposal of Alderman P. Roche, seconded by Alderman F. Byrne, the Council agreed to overdraft facilities of £80,000 on Revenue Account and £50,000 on Capital Account for the quarter to the 30th June 1976.

#### ASSOCIATION OF MUNICIPAL AUTHORITIES

On the proposal of His Worship the Mayor it was unanimously agreed that the contribution to the Association be increased from £10.00 to £30.00 for 1976.

#### PROPOSED BOUNDARY EXTENSION

The members were informed that this item had been placed on the Agenda to initiate discussion on the principle of extending the boundary line and on the proposed new boundary line.

On the proposal of Alderman P. Roche and seconded by Alderman F. Byrne, it was agreed that maps of the proposed new boundary line be circulated to each member and that this item be placed on the Agenda for the next meeting of the Borough Council.

#### BYE-LAWS FOR RENTED ACCOMMODATION UNDER SECTION 70 OF THE HOUSING ACT 1966

On the proposal of Alderman P. Roche and seconded by Councillor J. Roche, it was unanimously decided to adopt the Bye-Laws for rented accommodation made under Section 70 of the Housing Act 1966 and which had been considered at the Housing Committee Meeting on the 8th March 1976.

#### HOUSING PRIORITY LIST AS AT 1st APRIL 1976

The Town Clerk informed the members that the Housing Committee at Meeting on 8th March 1976 had reviewed the existing priority list in the light of changed circumstances and that the list was now before the Council for noting.

On the proposal of Councillor J. Roche and seconded by Alderman P. Roche, it was agreed that the list as circulated with the Agenda and dated 1st April 1976 be noted.

It was also agreed that the Manager would have the cases of Mr. K. Carley and Mr. Thomas Michael both of 3A St. Patrick's Square reviewed.

SALE OF CORPORATION DWELLING

On the proposal of Alderman Peter Roche, seconded by Councillor John Roche, it was unanimously resolved that in accordance with the terms as set out in Notice dated 25th March 1976 the dwellinghouse at No. 8 Dolphin Road be sold to Mr. Laurence Doyle for the sum of £360.

SALE OF PLOT OF LAND AT WHITEMILL NORTH WEXFORD  
TO M/S ALMAC ENGINEERING LTD.

On the proposal of Councillor John Roche, seconded by Councillor J. Jenkins, it was unanimously resolved that in accordance with the terms as set out in Notice dated 25th March 1976 a plot of land at Whitemill North, Wexford, containing 0.930 acres be disposed of to M/s Almac Engineering Ltd., for the sum of £2,790.

QUESTIONS

In reply to questions Alderman P. Roche was informed :-

- (a) That the open space in Maudlintown was vested in the Residents Association and as such the maintenance was a matter for the Association.
- (b) That the question of the all-in cost of the houses in St. Aidan's Crescent was with the Department of Local Government for consideration and that a decision thereon from the Department was expected within one week.
- (c)
- |            | <u>April 1975 :</u> | <u>March 1974 :</u> |
|------------|---------------------|---------------------|
|            | Tradesmen : 7 No.   | 7 No.               |
| Apprentice | Tradesmen : 2 No.   | 1 No.               |
|            | Labourers : 33 No.  | 28 No.              |
|            | Storesman : 1 No.   | 1 No.               |
|            | Foreman : 1 No.     | 1 No.               |

In reply to questions Councillor J. Roche was informed :-

- (a) That the land or passageway at the back of Parnell Street was a private lane and that the only action the Corporation could take was in relation to a public health nuisance should such a nuisance arise.
- (b)(i) That the drainage system at Parnell Street is inspected weekly at grid at back of Pierces and at entrance in Bishopswater at Golf Course and cleaned.
- (ii) Yes, the system is proving satisfactory.
- (c) That there are no plans to increase the height of the walls at the passageway running from opposite Kennedy Park School to the avenue of Liam Mellows Park.

In reply to questions Alderman F. Byrne was informed :-

- (a) That by letter dated 2nd April 1976 the County Secretary had stated that arrangements are being made to provide a sign of the type used on national routes (white letters on green background) at an appropriate location at the junction of Wygram Place/Hill Street/John Street, and that the new sign would probably be erected by the Summer.
- (b) The County Secretary by letter dated 2nd April 1976 had stated that the County Council did not intend to improve the Hospital Road and it had not been included in the priority list for county road reconstruction for 1976. Neither had the provision of a public light been included in the public lighting priority list for 1976.

The meeting then terminated.

3rd May 1976.

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, Joseph Furlong,  
Thomas Carr, James Jenkins  
John O'Flaherty.

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

In attendance : Mr. T.F. Broe, County Manager,  
Mr. R. Lynn, Borough Accountant,  
Mr. F.W. Kavanagh, Town Clerk.

VOTE OF CONDOLENCE

His Worship the Mayor Councillor K.C. Morris expressed his sympathy with the wife and relatives of the late Mr. Charles Costello, Acting Borough Engineer.

The members present also associated themselves with the vote of sympathy and paid tribute to the pleasant and co-operative manner in which the late Mr. Costello had performed his duties.

The Manager Mr. T.F. Broe and staff present also wished to be associated with the vote of sympathy.

On the proposition of Councillor T. Carr and seconded by Councillor J. Jenkins, the meeting was adjourned to Monday 10th May 1976 at 7.30 p.m.

The meeting then terminated.

*Kevin C. Morris*

10th May, 1976.

Minutes of adjourned Statutory Meeting of the Wexford Borough Council held in the Council Chamber, Municipal Buildings, Wexford, at 7.30 p.m. on 10th May, 1976.

The members present were :-

His Worship the Mayor Councillor K. C. Morris presiding.

Aldermen : James Mahoney, Peter Roche.

Councillors : John Roche, Mrs. Avril Doyle,  
Joseph Furlong, Thomas Carr,  
James Jenkins, John O'Flaherty.

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

In attendance : Mr. T.F. Broe, County Manager,  
Mr. E. Lacey, Acting Borough  
Engineer,  
Mr. R. Lynn, Borough Accountant,  
Mr. F.W. Kavanagh, Town Clerk.

#### MINUTES

On the proposition of Councillor J. Jenkins, seconded by Councillor J. Roche, the minutes of the adjourned Statutory Meeting on 3rd May, 1976 and Statutory Meeting on 10th May, 1976 of the Borough Council which had been circulated with the agenda were adopted.

#### CAR PARK AT CRESCENT QUAY

The following motion in the name of Alderman P. Roche and seconded by Councillor T. Carr was adopted :-

"That proper sign posting be erected at Car Park at Crescent Quay and also that proper surfacing be laid at same".

The Town Clerk informed the members that quotations had been invited for the surfacing of the car park and that consideration would be given to proper sign posting.

#### CARAVAN PARK AND SWIMMING POOL AT FERRYBANK

The following motion in the name of Alderman P. Roche and seconded by Councillor J. Jenkins was adopted :-

"That proper surfacing be laid at entrance to Caravan Park and Swimming Pool at Ferrybank as there were numerous complaints about the condition of this Park at Easter holiday period".

The Town Clerk informed the members that the surfacing of the entrance to the car park was part of Stage 3 of the development of the Childers Recreation Centre and that tentative proposals had been submitted to Bord Failte for consideration. No provision had been made in the 1976 Estimates for surfacing at the Caravan Park.

It was agreed, on the proposition of Councillor J. Jenkins and seconded by Councillor Mrs. Avril Doyle, that the Acting Borough Surveyor would examine pot holes in the area and those which he considered to be dangerous attended to. It was also agreed that this matter be raised with S.E.R.T.O.

#### CONTROL OF FOOD PRICES

The following motion in the name of Councillor J. Roche and seconded by Councillor J. Furlong was considered.

"That this Council call on the Government to take steps to control food prices now".

Following discussion an amendment was proposed by Councillor Mrs. Avril Doyle and seconded by Councillor J. Jenkins.

"That this Council call on the Government through the Prices and Income Commission to take further steps to control food prices where possible".

The amendment on being put to the meeting was carried by five votes for and three votes against.

On being put as a substantive motion the Mayor declared the amendment carried.

#### FREE RAIL TRAVEL TO LOW INCOME FAMILIES

The following motion in the name of Alderman J. O'Mahoney and seconded by Councillor J. Roche was unanimously adopted.

"That this Council call on the South Eastern Health Board to give free rail travel to one of the parents when any member of the family is in a Dublin Hospital or in a hospital outside the County provided that the income of the parents do not exceed more than £30 a week".

#### REPAIRS AT NO. 85 BISHOPSWATER

It was agreed that the following motion in the name of Alderman O'Mahoney and seconded by Councillor J. Roche would be examined.

"That this Council ensure that the dangerous stairs at No. 85 Bishopswater be replaced".

FOUNTAIN PUMP DONATED TO THE PEOPLE OF WEXFORD  
BY M/S A.B.S. PUMPS LTD.

The following motion in the name of Councillor T. Carr and seconded by Councillor J. Furlong was adopted.

"That this Corporation again ask the Junior Chamber of Commerce to give a commitment as to their plans for the erection of the fountain pump donated to the people of Wexford by M/s A.B.S. Pumps Ltd."

It was also agreed that the Junior Chamber of Commerce be requested to keep the Corporation fully informed of progress in this matter.

BEACH AT FERRYBANK

The following motion in the name of Councillor T. Carr and seconded by Alderman O'Mahoney was unanimously adopted.

"That this Corporation request the Wexford County Council to clean up the beach at Ferrybank as the tourist season draws near".

EMPLOYMENT IN WEXFORD

The following motion in the name of Councillor J. Furlong and seconded by Alderman P. Roche was adopted.

"That a meeting of the four T.D.'s, the Wexford Corporation and the Industrial Development Association to discuss the employment situation be held and that regular quarterly meetings be held thereafter".

TOURISM PLANS OF S.E.R.T.O. FOR WEXFORD AREA

The following motion in the name of Councillor J. Furlong and seconded by Councillor Mrs. Avril Doyle was adopted.

"That this Corporation invite Mr. Walsh Director of S.E.R.T.O. to meet the members to discuss the Organisations plans for tourism in the Wexford area in the forthcoming season".

ACKNOWLEDGMENTS OF RESOLUTIONS PASSED AT  
PREVIOUS MEETINGS

The Deputation to Minister for Local Government on  
Housing Capital Allocation:

The members were informed that the Minister for Local Government would meet the deputation on Thursday 13th May 1976 at 11.30 a.m. in offices at Kildare Street as His Worship the Mayor Councillor K.C. Morris and Alderman

F. Byrne, members of the original deputation would be unable to attend. The members agreed that Alderman J. O'Mahoney, Councillors T. Byrne and T. Carr would represent the members on the deputation.

#### PROVISION OF FREE DENTAL TREATMENT FOR CHILDREN

The members were informed that the Department of Health per letter dated 9th April 1976 acknowledged the Borough Council's resolution on the provision of free dental treatment for children up to the age of 16.

The Department had further stated the dental service available at present to pupils of National Schools and to pre school children referred for dental treatment under the Child Health Service was not considered to be generally adequate so far. Until the present service had been brought up to a reasonably adequate level it was not proposed to extend the service to pupils of post primary schools. Regrettably the financial resources which could be made available at present for further development of the dental service provided by the Health Boards are extremely limited. It was not possible to say when it would be feasible to extend the child dental service to post primary school children. However the feasibility of of improving dental services especially for school children was being kept under review.

#### ADMINISTRATION OF HEALTH SERVICES

The members were informed that by letter dated 15th April 1976 the Private Secretary to An Tanaiste and Minister for Health, Mr. Brendan Corish, had acknowledged receipt of resolution of Borough Council regarding the administration of the health services.

#### SHORTAGE OF CATTLE FOR PROCESSING AT MEAT PLANTS

The members were informed that the Department of Agriculture and Fisheries had by letter dated 23rd April 1976 stated that exports of live cattle by sea in the January/March quarter of 1976 totalled only 67,000 head as compared with 95,000 head in the same period of 1975.

#### INDUSTRIAL DEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY - ATTRACTION OF NEW INDUSTRIES TO THIS COUNTRY

The members were informed that the Private Secretary to the Minister for Industry and Commerce had by letter dated 30th April 1976 and the Secretary of the Industrial Development Authority by letter dated 14th April 1976 acknowledged receipt of the Council's resolution requesting the Government and the Industrial Development Authority to be more open in their dealings regarding the question of attracting new industries to this country.

#### CITY AND COUNTY MANAGEMENT (AMENDMENT) ACT 1955 - SECTION 6

#### REVISED WAGE SCALE FOR RECEPTIONIST/TELEPHONIST

On the proposition of Councillor J. O'Flaherty, and seconded by Councillor J. Roche, the Council agreed to the following revised wage scale for the grade of Telephonist/ Receptionist employed by the Corporation

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1st Oct. 1974	£25.70 x 71p - £29.25 x 76p - £30.01 per week.
1st Dec. 1974	£27.94 x 75p (five times) x 77p (once) - £32.46.
1st March 1975	£30.73 x 83p (six times) - £35.71.
1st June 1975	£33.80 x 90p (twice) x 91 (once) x 90p (three times) - £39.21.
1st Sept. 1975	£35.49 x 95p (once) x 94p (once) x 96p (once) x 94p (once) x 95p (once) x 94p (once) - £41.17.
1st Dec. 1975	£36.10 x 95p (twice) x 97p (once) x 94p (once) x 96p (once) x 95p (once) - £41.82.
1st March 1976	2.8% on scale as applicable as at 1st December 1975.

#### CORRESPONDENCE

##### ABBAY STREET/MOUNT GEORGE DEVELOPMENT - STAGE I

The members were informed that sanction had been received to the acceptance of tender of M/s Redmond Bros., Ltd., for the erection of 26 dwellings at Abbey Street/Mount George Stage 1.

##### ASSESSMENT OF HOUSING APPLICANTS NEEDS BY SOUTH EASTERN HEALTH BOARD

The members were informed that the New Ross Urban District Council had by letter dated 22nd April 1976 expressed dissatisfaction with the service of the South Eastern Health Board in regard to the assessment and determination of housing priorities.

It was further suggested by the New Ross Urban District Council that a meeting of all the local authorities in the area should take place in Enniscorthy as soon as possible to consider the present service being offered by the South Eastern Health Board regarding the assessment of housing priorities and any possible future changes.

It was also agreed that a member of the South Eastern Health Board staff be requested to attend the meeting.

The members nominated to attend the meeting were :

His Worship the Mayor Councillor K.C. Morris, Alderman J. O'Mahoney, Councillors T. Carr and Mrs. Avril Doyle.

EUROPEAN ARCHITECTURAL HERITAGE YEAR FILM -  
"PLACES FOR PEOPLE"

The members were informed that the Department of Local Government by letter dated 29th April 1976 had stated that copies of a film entitled "Places for People" was available for hire from The National Film Institute of Ireland, 65 Harcourt Street, Dublin.

The members agreed that the Chamber of Commerce be informed of the availability of this film.

PROPOSED CONFERENCE - "STREETS FOR LIVING"

The members were informed that a Conference would be held in Dublin on 25th and 26th May to consider the problems of the impact of roads in residential areas in functional, visual, environmental and social terms.

The members decided not to nominate any members to attend as it was considered that the proposed Conference was more orientated towards technical staff.

LOAN FOR STAGE I - ABBEY STREET/MOUNT GEORGE  
HOUSING DEVELOPMENT

On the proposal of Councillor J. O'Flaherty and seconded by Councillor T. Carr, the members agreed to raise a loan of £236,000 for the Stage I Abbey Street/Mount George Housing Development.

WEXFORD ARTS CENTRE

On the proposition of Councillor J. Roche, and seconded by Alderman P. Roche, the members agreed to defer consideration of letters dated 13th April 1976 from the Wexford Arts Centre and 28th April 1976 from The Arts Council and 28th April 1976 from The Crafts Council of Ireland on the request from the Arts Centre for permission to open a retail outlet and to act as selling agents on behalf of craftsmen in the County of Wexford.

QUESTIONS

In reply to questions Alderman P. Roche was informed :-

- (i) The completion of the car park at Lower Bride Street was dependent on the Corporation being in a position to rehouse the Meehan family who occupied a house which had been acquired by the Corporation for the completion of the car park.
- (ii) The Town Clerk informed the members that he had already written to the Council regarding the dangerous condition of gully trap on roadside at Lower King Street and on the proper cleaning of roadside in Distillery Road/Casa Rio and Bishopswater area.

- (iii) The Town Clerk informed the members that the original all-in-cost of the houses at St. Aidan's Crescent had been under-stated by £400 per house and that the effect of this was to increase the sale price from £850 to £1,686 per house. The maximum tenancy discount of 30% where applicable would however apply to this new sale price.

It was proposed now to inform the tenants who had applied to purchase under the 1973 Sale Scheme of the new price and that it would be a matter for the tenants to decide if they wished to purchase.

In regard to the tenants who were at present buying their houses under the 1973 Sale Scheme it was doubtful if at this stage the sale price could be revised. This matter however would be considered further.

In reply to questions Councillor J. Roche was informed :-

- (i) There was no provision in the present Development Plan for the eventual provision and construction of a sewerage treatment plant for Wexford town. However a Consulting Engineer had been requested to examine the future drainage needs of the town and on receipt of his report the question of sewerage treatment plant could then be considered.
- (ii) It was not considered that the £8,000 spent on the purchase of the mechanical road sweeper was money wasted as this machine was utilised as much as possible and had in fact been used on the Main Street the previous Thursday. It was proposed in future to use the road sweeper on the Main Street on subsequent Thursdays and in any other areas where considered feasible.
- (iii) The question of beginning work on the pathway linking Corish Park and Liam Mellows Park with Clonard Church would be considered.

In reply to questions Alderman J. O'Mahoney was informed :-

- (i) The back doors of No. 41 Bernadette Place and No. 78 St. Aidan's Crescent would be replaced when reached on the order of priority on the repair list.
- (ii) The cracked wall at No. 4 St. Aidan's Crescent would be rectified when reached on the order of priority on the repair list.
- (iii) The back of the fireplace at No. 24 Bernadette Place would be examined and if considered necessary would be placed on the housing repair priority list.

In reply to questions Councillor T. Carr was informed :-

- (i) The reinstatement of the surface of School Street as a result of the laying of Corporation water pipes would be examined in the light of the contract for this scheme.
- (ii) The painting of fluorescent marking on the kerb at Swan View would be examined.
- (iii) The provision of a public toilet at St. Ibar's Cemetery was included as part of the extension proposals which had been submitted to the Department. The Corporation were awaiting sanction to a loan of £25,000 for this scheme.

In reply to questions Councillor J. Furlong was informed :-

- (i) The question of the provision of the Yield Right of Way sign at the apex of the traffic triangle at Swan View would be examined.
- (ii) At the Arbitration Hearing in December and subsequent agreement signed on the 2nd January 1976 the Corporation paid £7,500 to the Insurance Corporation of Ireland in full and final settlement of its alleged liability to the residents of Parnell Street. It was now a matter for the individual residents to communicate with The Insurance Corporation of Ireland. The residents were already aware of this.
- (iii) An up-to-date housing list would be requested from the Chief Medical Officer approximately six months before houses became available for letting.

MR. T.F. BROE, COUNTY MANAGER - LAST MEETING

His Worship the Mayor informed the members that this was the Managers last meeting. The Mayor wished the Manager every happiness and health in his retirement and thanked him for his pleasant and efficient administration.

The Town Clerk on behalf of the staff also joined in the good wishes to Mr. Broe.

Mr. Broe thanked the Mayor for his good wishes and expressed the desire that the Borough would continue to prosper.

The meeting then terminated.

*Kenneth G. M. Jones*

10th May 1976.

Minutes of Housing Meeting of the Wexford Borough Council held subsequent to the Statutory Meeting on 10th May 1976, at Municipal Buildings, Wexford.

The members present were :-

His Worship the Mayor Councillor K.C. Morris presiding.

Aldermen : James Mahoney, Peter Roche.

Councillors : John Roche, Mrs. Avril Doyle, Joseph Furlong, Thomas Carr, James Jenkins, John O'Flaherty.

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

In attendance : Mr. T.F. Broe, County Manager, Mr. E. Lacey, Acting Borough Engineer, Mr. R. Lynn, Borough Accountant, Mr. F.W. Kavanagh, Town Clerk.

The members were informed that an application for rehousing had been received from Mrs. Patricia Costello, 6 Beechlawn Estate, Wexford, widow of the late Mr. C. Costello, Acting Borough Surveyor. Having considered the matter the County Manager proposed to place Mrs. Costello on the priority list at No. 1 for single person accommodation.

On the proposition of Councillor J. Roche, seconded by His Worship the Mayor, the members unanimously agreed to this proposal.

MRS. J. MCCABE, 18 MONCK STREET, WEXFORD

The members were informed that the Manager proposed to place the name of Mrs. J. McCabe on the priority list for old folk accommodation and that the County Medical Officer would be requested to indicate at what point on the priority list Mrs. McCabe's name should be placed. The members agreed to the Manager's proposals.

JAMES TIERNEY, 24 WHITEROCK VIEW, WEXFORD

The members were informed that the County Sheriff proposed to execute the Ejectment Decree on Wednesday 12th May 1976.

The Manager proposed to offer the tenancy of No. 71 Green Street to Mr. Tierney on the understanding that if he refused this accommodation he would not be offered alternative accommodation again by the Corporation.

The members agreed to this proposal.

PATRICK BERRY, FORMERLY 120 BISHOPSWATER, WEXFORD.

The members were informed that Mr. Patrick Berry had until recently lived at 120 Bishopswater, Wexford, with his son and daughter-in-law and their five children.

Mr. Berry was obliged to leave this address and to obtain Bed and Breakfast. He could now be regarded as homeless and therefore the Manager proposed to place his name at No. 2 on the old folk priority list.

The members agreed to this proposal.

MR. K. CARLEY, NO. 18 ON PRIORITY LIST

MR. MICHAEL THOMAS, NO. 77 ON PRIORITY LIST

The members were informed that the Manager had investigated both these cases and that having regard to the fact that they had signed decrees by consent it was not proposed to offer them immediate alternative accommodation if evicted. The names would of course remain at the respective positions on the priority list.

MR. SEAN FURLONG, 13 HILL ST., WEXFORD

The members were informed that this man's name had been removed from the priority list on the understanding that he and his family were the sole occupants of 13 Hill Street and on that basis the accommodation was deemed adequate for their needs.

On investigation however it had been established that furniture belonging to the tenant of the house a Mrs. Whelan was stored in one bedroom and in the greater part of the sittingroom.

It was proposed therefore to replace the name of Mr. Sean Furlong on the priority list at the original position.

The meeting then terminated.

*Kevin G. Morris*

Minutes of the Housing Committee Meeting of the Wexford Borough Council held on 25th May 1976 at Municipal Buildings, Wexford.

The members present were :-

His Worship the Mayor, Councillor K.C. Morris presiding.

Alderman : Peter Roche.

Councillors : John Roche, Joseph Furlong,  
Thomas Carr, James Jenkins,  
Thomas F. Byrne, John O'Flaherty.

In attendance : Mr. W.P. Creedon, Deputy Co. Manager  
Mr. E. Lacey, Acting Borough Engineer  
Mr. F.W. Kavanagh, Town Clerk.

REPORT ON DEPUTATION TO MR. J. TULLY, MINISTER FOR  
LOCAL GOVERNMENT ON THURSDAY 13th MAY 1976

The Deputation consisted of :-

Alderman J. O'Mahoney,  
Councillors T. Byrne and T. Carr  
Town Clerk.

The Deputation explained to the Minister that the Capital Allocation of £415,000 was insufficient to the extent of £117,500 on the basis of the projected expenditure on Abbey Street Stage I and Townparks Stage I between June and December 1976.

The expenditure required on the foregoing two schemes was £329,000. A further £203,500 was required for debit balances on Talbot Street and Lower John Street and John's Gate Street flats. Accordingly the shortfall as reiterated to the Minister would be £117,500.

*Kevin G. Morris*

The present housing needs were also explained to the Minister as follows :-

i.e. On current Priority List	86	
On Old Folk " "	11	97
	<u>          </u>	
On Waiting List :-		
General (awaiting processing)	163	
Old Folk	5	168
	<u>          </u>	<u>          </u>
TOTAL .. ..		265
		<u>          </u>
		<u>          </u>

The effect of the completion of current schemes on the foregoing needs would be

Townparks ..	72	
Abbey St. Stage I ..	26	
17 family type dwellings		
9 Old Folk "		98
	<u>          </u>	<u>          </u>
SHORTFALL ..		167
		<u>          </u>
		<u>          </u>

The need for an increase in the Capital Allocation having regard to the housing needs was impressed on the Minister.

The Minister replied to the effect that the allocation would be increased provided the Corporation would be in a position to spend its existing allocation.

The Deputation thanked the Minister for receiving them and for his favourable consideration to the Corporation's housing problem.

Councillor T. Byrne who was spokesman for the Deputation agreed with the foregoing report and explained to the members that the Deputation had been favourably received.

Councillor T. Carr agreed that the Minister was prepared to increase the allocation and also expressed satisfaction with the result of the Deputation.

It was generally agreed by the members that the result of the Deputation was favourable and expressed appreciation to the members of the Deputation.

- (a) ABBEY STREET STAGE I
- (b) TOWNPARKS SCHEME

(a) The Town Clerk informed the members that the successful tenderer was endeavouring to obtain a bond and that he had requested the Consulting Architects to put a time limit of two weeks on the satisfactory completion of the bond documents.

The members agreed that the bond should be finalised without further delay and that the Consulting Architects should be informed that the members expressed anxiety at the delay in the completion of the bond and that the time limit of two weeks for the satisfactory completion of the bond documents should be the maximum to be allowed.

(b) As regards the Townparks Scheme the members were informed that there were two appellants to the planning permission being granted by Wexford County Council to the Corporation. These two appellants had been interviewed by the Town Clerk and were prepared to withdraw their appeals provided in one case certain conditions were fulfilled. The Town Clerk proposed to continue these negotiations and he was reasonably confident that the two appellants would withdraw their appeals.

The difficulty of access to the site was also explained to the members and it was proposed to continue negotiations in this regard.

It was agreed by the members that negotiations should continue and that every endeavour be made to have these two schemes started as soon as possible.

#### PROPOSED COMPULSORY PURCHASE ORDER

The members were informed that because of possible title difficulties and other aspects of the matter it was proposed to acquire compulsorily the following properties.

1. Atkin and Mayler Estate
2. Mr. T. Cullimore, Talbot Street
3. Mr. C. Macken, Abbey Street
4. Mr. P. Larkin, Abbey Street.

The members generally agreed of the desirability of proceeding with compulsory acquisition in the foregoing cases to ensure that any title difficulties would be satisfactorily resolved. However it was further agreed that Mr. T. Cullimore should be informed of the proposal, and the position fully explained to him.

#### NEW HOUSING PRIORITY LIST

The members were informed that applications received since February 1975 had not been processed. The total applications since that date were 163 for family type houses and 5 for Old Folk houses. It had not been the policy of the Corporation to create a priority list for these applicants as no houses would be available in the immediate future for letting.

The members generally agreed of the desirability at least of the applicants knowing that their application had been received and the date of receipt. The Town Clerk was requested to give further consideration to this matter and if possible to have prepared a list showing name and address of applicant and date application received.

The meeting then terminated.

*Mrs. C. M. [Signature]*

Minutes of the Statutory Meeting of the Wexford Borough Council held in the Council Chamber, Municipal Buildings, Wexford, at 7.30 p.m. on 14th June, 1976.

The members present were :-

His Worship the Mayor, Councillor Kevin C. Morris presiding.

Aldermen : Philip Corish, Peter Roche,  
Fergus Byrne.

Councillors : John Roche, J. Furlong, T. Carr,  
T.F. Byrne and John O'Flaherty.

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

In attendance : Mr. M.N. Dillon, County Manager  
Mr. E. Lacey, Acting Borough Engineer  
Mr. F.W. Kavanagh, Town Clerk.

#### VOTE OF SYMPATHY

On the proposition of His Worship the Mayor a vote of sympathy was passed with the relatives of the late John O'Connor.

#### COUNTY MANAGER

His Worship the Mayor Councillor K.C. Morris introduced the new County Manager Mr. M.N. Dillon to the members and on their behalf extended a warm welcome to him and assured him of their full co-operation during his term as County Manager.

The members also joined in the welcome to Mr. Dillon.

Mr. Dillon thanked the members for their kind words of welcome and assured them of his full co-operation and dedication to the job. He was privileged to be Manager of the ancient and historic town of Wexford and he hoped that together they would endeavour to ensure that the Borough would prosper and be a pleasant place in which to live.

#### SOUTH EAST REGIONAL TOURISM ORGANISATION - ATTENDANCE OF MR. W. WALSH, DIRECTOR.

The members expressed dissatisfaction with the running of the Tourist Office in Wexford town during 1975 and at the loss of the Tourism Officer who had made very successful efforts in promoting conferences to the town. It was felt that the attractions of the town and adjacent beaches were not adequately publicised. Every effort should be made to promote overnight stays. The lack of available literature promoting the area was also referred to.

Mr. Walsh replied to the effect that statistics did not substantiate the ascertions made. He did agree that last year, because of lack of training for the staff that there had been a staff problem at the local office. He explained the available literature and emphasised that the apparent lack of interest in the South Eastern Regional Tourism Organisation Board by the non contributions of various bodies and associations was attributable to the fact that the emphasis was now on getting these local groups to promote their own particular activity and thus expend money in this way rather than contribute to his Board. He explained the difficulty in attracting overseas tourist to overstay at night but every effort would be made in this regard. His Organisation had opened offices in Fishguard and Le Havre. The main marketing attraction was entertainment and this would be appropriately and had been appropriately publicised. His Organisation had supported the development at Rosslare Harbour.

The County Manager referred to the reference in the Tourism Development Plan 1976/1980 to the untreated sewerage in Wexford town and the pre-condition that before any development monies are made available in zone 5 that the Local Authorities in that area take effective steps to remedy the obvious shortcomings in environmental protection. He explained that he would have preferred pre-discussion before a statement of this nature was referred to in a report of this importance and that the Local Authority would be conscious of development works needed to alleviate any potential problem. A survey was being undertaken by Consultants on the future development of drainage in the Borough and environs and on receipt of this report and depending on the availability of capital monies every effort would be made to implement any necessary action.

Mr. Walsh stated that the reference in the report was to draw attention to the problem and that the County Manager's explanation was acceptable as far as the availability of development monies in zone 5 was concerned.

The Town Clerk explained that the Development Plans for Stage 3 development at Ferrybank had been forwarded to the South Eastern Regional Tourism Organisation for observation and that it was proposed to ensure that an agreed plan was formulated as soon as possible.

#### QUARTERLY MEETING FOR ELECTION OF MAYOR

It was agreed that the Quarterly Meeting would be held on 5th July 1976 at 7.30 p.m.

#### MINUTES

On the proposition of Councillor J. Furlong, seconded by Councillor John Roche, the minutes of the monthly meeting of the Wexford Borough Council held on 10th May 1976, Housing Committee meetings on 10th May 1976 and 25th May 1976, which had been circulated with the Agenda were adopted.

#### HOUSING MAINTENANCE

The following motion in the name of Alderman Peter Roche, and seconded by Councillor John Roche was adopted :-

"That this Council in view of the decision of the Minister for Local Government to authorise the necessary finance for house building renew its call to the Minister to give the utmost consideration to an increase in the amount allocated for housing maintenance".

#### ROAD SIGNS

The following motion in the name of Alderman Peter Roche, and seconded by Alderman Fergus Byrne was adopted :-

"That this Council request that GO SLOW Signs and WARNING CHILDREN CROSSING Signs be erected at either end of road from Clonard Church to Ard Carman and in the opposite direction, as a fatal accident is likely in this area".

#### OPEN SPACES

The following motion in the name of Councillor John Roche, and seconded by Alderman Philip Corish was adopted :-

"That this Council request the engineering staff to ensure that all open spaces be properly maintained and supervised".

The Acting Borough Surveyor explained that there was 30 acres of open space in the Borough to be maintained and that every effort would be made to maintain these open spaces in a satisfactory manner having regard to the available resources.

#### NATIONAL DIFFERENTIAL RENT SYSTEM

The following motion in the name of Councillor John Roche, and seconded by Alderman Peter Roche was adopted :-

"That the Town Clerk give a full explanation of the working of the Differential Rent System".

The following report was noted.

The current National Differential Rent Scheme was introduced by the Government effective from 1st July 1973 provide a uniform national structure.

1. The Scheme provided for the establishing of an economic rent which is calculated by updating the all-in-cost to present day values and ascertaining the level of loan charges necessary to repay such a sum. A charge of  $1\frac{1}{2}\%$  is made for administration and insurance purposes. No tenant can be charged any more than the economic rent regardless of income.
2. The Scheme provides that the rent will be assessed on the income of the household making the person in receipt of the greater income as the principal earner and taking  $\frac{1}{7}$  of the income of subsidiary earners of that portion of their assessable income between £4.00 and £11.00 into account. An allowance is made to the principal earner

of 75p for the number of children and P.A.Y.E. and Social Welfare stamp is also allowed to both the principal and subsidiary earners. The principal earner has a particular allowance and rent fraction applied to him in accordance with his income and it is as follows :

<u>Basic Income :</u>	<u>Principal Earner All:</u>	<u>Children's All:</u>	<u>Rent Fraction :</u>
Up to £12.25	£6	75p	1/12
£12.25 - £15.25	£5	75p	1/10
£15.25 - £18.25	£4	75p	1/9
£18.25 - £25.25	£3	75p	1/8
£25.25 and over	£2	75p	1/7.

Where the principal earner or any subsidiary earner is in receipt of Social Welfare payments, 50% only is taken into account.

3. Save as is provided in No. 4 hereunder no income related rent will be increased by more than 35p per week per annum. Where at any annual review a tenants income warranted a lesser increase than 35p the tenants rent may on any subsequent review during the same year be increased by an amount equal to the difference between the lesser and maximum increases.

4. Income related rents will move upwards gradually at 35p per week per annum if warranted to the appropriate rent under the scheme the basic rent being the highest 'working' rent at 1/7/1973 or at such earlier or later date as may be appropriate. Thus a 'basic' rent will attract 35p per annum at each review the rent to be charged at any time being within the limit of basic rent plus increase at 35p per annum from the date basic rent was established to date of latest review.

5. In the case of transfers of existing tenants to other houses of the Housing Authority, whether old or new, the rent to be charged shall be the appropriate figure under the above Scheme, no regard being taken of whether the tenant was previously on a fixed rent or on an income related rent at a lesser figure than that which would be appropriate to the new tenancy. In other words tenants transferring from one house to another are, for rent assessment purposes, to be treated as new tenants.

6. In the case of transfers of tenancy to a member of a household who has been living in the house for at least one year prior to the death of the tenant the rent to be charged to the new tenant shall be assessed under the above scheme with the proviso that the new tenant will not initially be required to pay more than 35p per week per annum increase over that paid by the deceased tenant, the gap between the rent of the deceased tenant and the appropriate rent for the new tenant to be bridged gradually at 35p per annum, if warranted.

7. Where a tenant makes a bona fide application to purchase and has no arrears outstanding no increase will be applied from the date of the next review. Where however an application to purchase is rejected any increase including those frozen due to the application, if warranted, will be applied.

NEW NATIONAL TENANT PURCHASE SCHEME

The following motion in the name of Councillor John O'Flaherty, and seconded by Alderman F. Byrne was adopted :-

"That Wexford Corporation request the Minister for Local Government to introduce a National Tenant Purchase Scheme for Local Authority houses as soon as possible".

CUTTING OF GRASS IN DEVEREUX VILLAS

The following motion in the name of Councillor T. Carr, and seconded by Councillor John Roche was adopted :-

"That the grass in Devereux Villas which is now covering the pathway be cut".

ACKNOWLEDGMENTS OF RESOLUTIONS PASSED AT PREVIOUS MEETINGS

PROMOTION OF NEW INDUSTRY

The members were informed that the Department of Industry and Commerce had replied to the effect that the Industrial Development Authority were very open in their dealings about the attraction of new industries where it was considered that publicity would not be harmful. Information on industrial development strategy and on specific projects was publicised through the I.D.A. News, the I.D.A. Annual Reports etc. In regard to regional industrial planning the I.D.A. regional industrial plans 1973/1977 were publicised widely. The Authority's regional offices had a close liason with local organisations including Local Authorities, County Development Teams and Chambers of Commerce; in particular the I.D.A. were continually involved with the Local Authorities regarding such matters as the purchase of suitable sites for industrial development and the construction of new factories.

The I.D.A. however were not in a position to release any information about negotiations which they were carrying on with local or foreign industrialists until such time as the promoters concerned gave their consent to the publication of any information.

HEATING OF OLD PERSON'S FLATS - JOHN ST., WEXFORD

The members were informed that the Superintendent Assistance Officer had replied to the effect that the cost of assisting the tenants of the flats at Lower John Street and John's Gate Street would amount to £6,000 approximately by the Public Assistance Authority. There was no provision in the Estimates for expenditure of this nature and therefore it was not proposed to recommend the expenditure for payment by the South Eastern Health Board.

It was agreed that a special meeting be held on Tuesday 29th June 1976 at 7.30 p.m. to consider this matter.

CONTROL OF FOOD PRICES

The members were informed that the Office of the Parliamentary Secretary to the Minister for Industry and Commerce had acknowledged the Borough Council's resolution on the desirability of taking further action to control food prices.

ANCO TRAINING CENTRE WEXFORD

The members were informed that the Private Secretary to the Minister for Labour had acknowledged receipt of the Council's request requesting a deputation to discuss the permanent detention of the ANCO Training Centre.

WEXFORD OPERA FESTIVAL

It was agreed that letter dated 13th May 1976 from the Chairman of the Wexford Opera Festival be considered at the Special Borough Council Meeting on 29th June 1976.

CORRESPONDENCE

HOUSING ALLOCATIONS - JOINT MEETING

The members were informed that the joint meeting between the Local Authorities and the County Council to discuss the service being offered by the South Eastern Health Board in the allocation of houses would be held on Monday 28th June 1976 at 8 p.m. in Murphy Flood's, Enniscorthy.

The members had already agreed that the Borough Council representatives would be :

His Worship the Mayor Councillor K.C. Morris  
Alderman J. O'Mahoney  
Councillors T. Carr and Mrs. Avril Doyle.

EMPLOYMENT IN WEXFORD

The Town Clerk explained that as a meeting had already been held with the 4 T.D.'s and the representative from the Industrial Development Authority about the unemployment situation in Wexford, it would not now be appropriate for the Borough Council to hold a similar meeting. The members agreed.

WEXFORD COAT OF ARMS

The members were informed that an application had been received from the 2nd Wexford (St. Columbanus) Troop of Catholic Boy Scouts for permission to use the Wexford Coat of Arms on the troop flag.

It was unanimously agreed that permission be given.

NAMING OF TALBOT STREET/GREEN STREET

The members were informed that a memorial had been received from the vast majority of the tenants of Talbot Street/Green Street that this Estate should be named TALBOT GREEN.

It was agreed that the Housing Scheme at Talbot Street/Green Street be named TALBOT GREEN.

The memorial also requested that the Corporation have proper fencing erected at the front of the houses in these Schemes.

The Town Clerk stated that a scheme would be prepared and submitted to the Department of Local Government for approval. It would be a matter for the Department to agree as this would be entirely a capital charge from the Housing Account.

WEXFORD TRAFFIC AND PARKING BYE-LAWS 1973

The Town Clerk informed the members that the Deputy Commissioner of the Garda Siochana had agreed to the proposed amendment of the 1973 Bye-Laws.

The amendments agreed to were :-

1. Parking be prohibited on the East side of Wexford Quays running from The Talbot Hotel Car Park to the North Station. In this connection it is proposed that Wexford County Council will extend the Quays in an Eastward direction when parking has been prohibited and the Corporation is now in a position to recommend the amendment with the recent opening of the Crescent Quay Car Park.
2. One-Way traffic only at Church Lane/Main Street in a West to East direction.
3. Two-Way traffic be restored along Gibson Street.
4. One-Way traffic along Monck Street in a West to East direction.
5. Parking be prohibited on the North side of King Street between the Main Street junction and Ropewalk Yard.

The Deputy Commissioner did not agree to the following proposals :-

1. One Hour Parking on the East side of the Main Street running from Cinema Palace Lane to King Street corner and the provision of No Parking with double yellow lines at the Bride Street junction as necessary.
2. No parking on the South side of Waterloo Road directly opposite Dr. Curtis's premises.

The Town Clerk further explained that as the Corporation had now adopted Bye-Laws to prohibit parking on the seaward side of the Quay from The Talbot Hotel to

The North Station and had also provided a Car Park at Crescent Quay it would now be a matter for Wexford County Council to widen the Quays on the seaward side and that he had written to the County Council to carry out this work.

#### PROPOSED EXTENSION AT ST. IBAR'S CEMETERY

The Town Clerk explained that the Department had not approved of the provision of a public sanitary convenience as part of the proposal.

It was proposed that a separate submission be made to the Department for the erection of a public sanitary convenience at St. Ibar's Cemetery.

#### TOPS OF THE TOWN SEMI FINALS

The Town Clerk read a letter dated 31st May 1976 from Mr. J. D. Veale addressed to His Worship the Mayor and thanking him for the address of welcome and requesting that he should convey to the members of the Corporation his most sincere thanks for their kindness in presenting him with such a beautiful gift.

#### ANNUAL CONFERENCE OF ASSOCIATION OF MUNICIPAL AUTHORITIES IN IRELAND

The members were informed that the Annual Conference would be held in Buncrana, Co. Donegal on 21st - 23rd September 1976 and that any motions which it was proposed to be submitted for consideration should be received not later than 20th August 1976.

#### RESIGNATIONS OF BOROUGH ACCOUNTANT AND RATE COLLECTOR

The members were informed that Mr. R. Lynn, Borough Accountant had resigned from the office of Borough Accountant and had been promoted to the post of County Accountant. Mr. H. Doyle, Rate Collector had also resigned after 42 years service with the Corporation.

The members expressed appreciation of both officers for their service to the Corporation, and wished both every happiness.

#### CORPUS CHRISTI PROCESSION

The members were informed that an invitation had been received to the Mayor, Members and Officials of the Corporation to take part in this year's Corpus Christi Procession.

The members should meet in Rowe Street Church Grounds at 7.45 p.m. on Thursday 17th June, 1976.

#### POST OF CHIEF ASSISTANT BOROUGH ENGINEER

The members were informed that the Department of Local Government had deferred consideration of the proposed creation of the post of Permanent Chief Assistant Borough Engineer as the post of Assistant Borough Engineer and Technician had been recently filled. Pending the experience in retaining these officers the Department could then renew the position.

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PROPOSED ERECTION OF WATER PUMP ON BALLAST BANK  
BY JUNIOR CHAMBER WEXFORD

The members were informed that the Junior Chamber had requested that the Corporation would drill the trench at the Crescent and lay the cable across the Crescent and that also the Corporation would take over the maintenance of the fountain and cable.

The Town Clerk explained that this request would have to be examined in detail before a recommendation could be made.

LOAN FOR STAGE I - TOWNPARKS

On the proposal of Councillor T. Byrne and seconded by Councillor John O'Flaherty, the Council unanimously approved raising of a loan of £606,000 for Townparks Stage I.

CITY AND COUNTY MANAGEMENT (AMENDMENT) ACT 1955 - SECTION 6 -  
PROPOSED CREATION OF POST OF RATE AND REVENUE COLLECTOR IN LIEU  
OF POST OF RATE COLLECTOR.

The Town Clerk explained that the idea was to have the collection of revenues under the control of one officer and that the new office would be responsible for rate collection, water rent collection, house purchase and repair loan repayments and miscellaneous accounts.

The cost to the Corporation would be practically the same as the same salary scale would apply to the new post as to the former post of rate collector.

On the proposal of Councillor T. Byrne and seconded by Councillor T. Carr, the Council agreed to the proposed creation of the post of Rate and Revenue Collector in lieu of the post of Rate Collector.

REPORT ON DELAY IN PROCESSING TENANT PURCHASE APPLICATIONS

The Town Clerk explained that there was approximately 400 Tenant Purchase applications on hand awaiting processing. The delay in processing these applications arose as a result of non availability of technical staff and also the volume of work created for the administrative staff in dealing with these applications.

It was proposed now to create a post of temporary Clerical Officer to deal with all these applications. The new Assistant Borough Engineer had been assigned to report on pre-structural repairs and an application would be made to the Department of Local Government for sufficient money to enable the Corporation to carry out these repairs during 1976.

On the proposal of Councillor T. Byrne and seconded by Councillor T. Carr, the Council agreed to the proposed creation of the temporary post of Clerical Officer for a sufficient period to deal with the arrears of Tenant Purchase applications on hand.

ABSTRACT OF ACCOUNTS 1975

The Abstract of Accounts for 1975 was tabled for the information of the members.

The Town Clerk drew the attention of the members to the cost of running the Swimming Pool. Mr. T. Byrne also referred to the arrears of rent in one particular district.

The report on the Abstract of Accounts was noted.

HOUSING ACT 1966 - SECTION 90 - HOUSING BYE-LAWS

APPLICATION FOR CONFIRMATION OF BYE-LAWS

The Town Clerk informed the Council that at their meeting on 5th April 1976 they had adopted the Bye-Laws under Section 70 of the Housing Act 1966 (which had previously been approved in draft) and directed that the Seal of the Council be affixed thereto.

Public Notice of the intention to apply for a confirmation of the Bye-Laws was given by newspaper advertisement following which a copy was deposited for inspection for a month.

On the proposal of Councillor John O'Flaherty, seconded by Alderman Philip Corish, it was resolved that the Council apply to the Minister for Local Government for confirmation of the Bye-Laws titled "Bye-Laws in Relation to Houses Let for Rent or other Valuable Consideration made by the Corporation of Wexford under Section 70 of the Housing Act, 1966"

WEXFORD ARTS CENTRE - RETAIL OUTLET

The Town Clerk informed the members that the General Administrator of the Wexford Arts Centre had written to state that it was not proposed to proceed with this particular project at present.

SOUTH EASTERN REGIONAL DEVELOPMENT ORGANISATION -  
REVISED CONSTITUTION

On the proposal of Councillor T. Byrne and seconded by Councillor John O'Flaherty, the Council agreed to adopt the proposed revised constitution.

HOUSING MAINTENANCE

The Town Clerk informed the members that the cost of the erection of a fence at the rere of Marian Row was £584, and in view of the fact that housing maintenance money was limited this year and of the desirability of maintaining employment it was recommended that provision be made in the 1977 Estimates for the erection of this fence.

The members agreed to this proposal.

DISPOSAL OF DWELLINGS

On the proposition of Councillor John O'Flaherty and seconded by Councillor T. Carr, it was unanimously resolved that in accordance with the terms as set out in the Notices dated 3rd June 1976 the following dwellings be disposed of to the tenants thereof, as follows :-

No. 76 Bishopswater	Mrs. Mary E. Malone	..	£1,540
No. 9 Carrigeen Street	Mr. Francis O'Leary	..	£374
No. 16 Davitt Road Sth.	Mr. Patrick Clancy	..	£1,435
No. 11 Fisher's Row	Mr. John Kehoe	..	£1,666
No. 65 Kennedy Park	Mr. James Doyle	..	£2,118
No. 15 Trinity Street	Mr. Edward Anglim	..	£100
No. 19 Thomas Clarke Vls.	Mr. James F. Byrne	..	£3,321
No. 23 Tuskar View	Mr. Nicholas Kavanagh	..	£1,557

DISPOSAL OF LAND AT KAATS STRAND, SPAWELL ROAD, WEXFORD  
TO MR. AIDAN MURPHY

On the proposal of Councillor John O'Flaherty, seconded by Councillor T.F. Byrne, it was unanimously resolved that in accordance with the terms as set out in Notice dated 3rd June 1976 a lease of 31 years be granted to Mr. Aidan Murphy, Distillery Road, Wexford, of premises and land at Kaats Strand, Spawell Road, Wexford, at an annual rent of £200, on the expiration of the existing lease.

QUESTIONS

In reply to questions Alderman Peter Roche was informed :

- (i) That quotations had been invited for the provision of Children's Play Equipment in the Redmond Memorial Park and that the type of equipment to be purchased depended on the money available.
- (ii) An application was received in May 1976 for the installation of two Pool Tables in the Recreational Hall at Ferrybank. The offer was accepted on the basis that the Park was opening within a fortnight and it would also allow the Corporation to assess the potential for this type of recreational activity.  
In future years applications would be invited by public advertisement.
- (iii) The reasons for the delay in processing Tenant Purchase applications had already been dealt with earlier in the Meeting.

In reply to questions Councillor John Roche was informed :

- (i) The erection of No Parking and No Dumping signs at the Green in Corish Park would be examined.
- (ii) The Wexford County Council had commenced resurfacing at William Street.
- (iii) The Acting Borough Surveyor explained the proposed new traffic system at the junction of Green Street/Bride Street/Carrigeen Street/Joseph Street.

In reply to questions Councillor John O'Flaherty was informed :

- (i) That the reasons for the delay in processing Tenant Purchase applications had already been dealt with earlier in the Meeting.

The Meeting then terminated.

*John B. M. O'Flaherty*

Minutes of Special Meeting of the Wexford Borough Council held in the Council Chamber, Municipal Buildings, Wexford, on Tuesday 29th June, 1976.

The members present were :-

His Worship the Mayor, Councillor Kevin C. Morris, presiding.

Aldermen : James Mahoney, Philip Corish, Peter Roche.

Councillors : John Roche, Thomas Carr, Thomas F. Byrne.

Apology for inability to attend was received from Councillor J. Furlong.

In attendance : Mr. Michael N. Dillon, County Manager  
Mr. Eamon Lacey, Acting Borough Surveyor  
Mr. R. Lynn, Acting Town Clerk.

VISIT OF THE PRESIDENT OF IRELAND TO WEXFORD ON 20th  
OCTOBER 1976 IN CONNECTION WITH THE WEXFORD FESTIVAL OPERA

The letter of 13th May 1976 addressed to His Worship the Mayor from the Wexford Festival Opera advising that The President of Ireland had accepted an invitation to open the Wexford Festival on October 20th 1976 had previously been circulated to the members.

On the proposition of His Worship the Mayor, seconded by Alderman P. Roche, it was unanimously agreed to afford The President of Ireland a Civic Reception on the occasion of this visit to Wexford.

CENTRAL HEATING COSTS - OLD FOLK FLATS  
LOWER JOHN ST., AND JOHN'S GATE ST.

The County Manager briefly ran over the history surrounding the central heating of the Old Folk Flats and also advised the members that expenditure on central heating was not admissible for housing subsidy nor could it be provided out of rates without Ministerial sanction. He advised the members that the following was being arranged.

1. The Corporation's Architect, M/s Wilfrid Cantwell would be requested to investigate whether individual control could be established for each flat.
2. He would seek to have included in the Cheap Fuel Scheme 1975/76 the appropriate value of the fuel that the tenants would have enjoyed had they been in a position to participate under that Scheme.

The County Manager further advised the members that the Social Welfare (Supplementary Welfare Allowances) Bill 1975, which transferred the Public Assistance Authority from the County Councils to the Health Boards, provided for granting a supplementary allowance to any person whose weekly income is deemed insufficient to meet that person's needs. When this Bill becomes law the Health Boards would have the statutory authority to meet all or part of charges for central heating for those tenants within the appropriate category.

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On the proposition of His Worship the Mayor, seconded by Councillor John Roche, it was unanimously resolved to call on the South Eastern Health Board to provide in their budget for 1977 the estimated amount needed to assist the appropriate tenants in the Lower John Street and John's Gate Street flats towards central heating and to further call on the Health Board to arrange by supplementary estimate 1976 to meet the said costs this year.

NATIONAL DIFFERENTIAL RENT SCHEME

A copy of Circular H.15/76 of 23rd June 1976 had been circulated to the members along with a memo dated 29th June 1976 from the Acting Town Clerk and which explained various changes being introduced on the review of housing rents under the Differential Rent Scheme effective from 1st July 1976. In particular the Circular dealt with establishing the new economic rent and that the income from Unemployment and Disability Benefits, Pay Related Benefits and Redundancy weekly payments would henceforth be assessed in full for Differential Rent purposes instead of at the former 50% base. It was also pointed out to the members that all interim local arrangements had now been deemed to have come to an end and that the National Differential Rent Scheme would apply in full from 1st July 1976. This in effect meant that the phased increase of 35p per week per annum arranged between the Wexford Corporation and the Wexford Tenants Association had now to cease and the full economic rent or the assessable rent according to income would henceforth apply.

On the proposition of Alderman P. Roche, seconded by Councillor T. Carr, it was unanimously agreed that the Wexford Tenants Association be made aware of the terms of the Circular and be invited to meet the officials of the Corporation to discuss the situation.

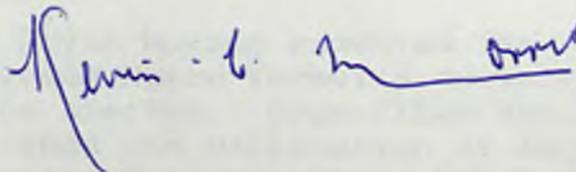
APPROVAL OF SHORT TERM LOAN OF £100,000  
FROM WEXFORD COUNTY COUNCIL.

On the proposition of Councillor T. Byrne, seconded by His Worship the Mayor, it was unanimously agreed that approval be given to the raising, by way of short term loan, the sum of £100,000 from Wexford County Council in lieu of overdraft facility for the quarter ending 30th September 1976.

ARRANGING OF SPECIAL MEETING

On the proposition of Councillor T. Carr, seconded by Councillor T. Byrne, it was unanimously agreed to arrange a Special Meeting of the Wexford Borough Council to be held on Monday 26th July 1976 at 7.30 p.m. in the Municipal Buildings, Wexford.

The Meeting then terminated.



The Quarterly Meeting of the Wexford Borough Council was held in the Old Town Hall, Cornmarket, Wexford, at 7.30 p.m. on 12th July, 1976.

The members present were :-

His Worship the Mayor Councillor K.C. Morris presiding.

Aldermen : James Mahoney, Philip Corish,  
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. Michael N. Dillon, County Manager  
Mr. Fintan M. O'Connor, Solicitor  
Mr. Eamon Lacey, Acting Borough Surveyor  
Mr. Frank Kavanagh, Town Clerk.

#### ELECTION OF MAYOR

The first business of the Quarterly Meeting was the election of a Mayor who would hold office until a Quarterly Meeting to be held not more than 14 days before or after the 28th June 1977 and until his successor had been elected and made a Declaration of Acceptance of Office.

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

Councillor T. F. Byrne

Proposed by Councillor John Roche and  
seconded by Alderman Peter Roche.

Councillor Mrs. Avril Doyle

Proposed by Councillor J. Jenkins and  
seconded by His Worship the Mayor.

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

For Councillor T.F. Byrne :

Alderman Peter Roche, Councillors John Roche  
and T.F. Byrne. (3)

For Councillor Mrs. Avril Doyle :

His Worship the Mayor, Aldermen James Mahoney,  
Philip Corish, Fergus Byrne, Councillors Mrs.  
Avril Doyle, J. Furlong, Thomas Carr, J. Jenkins,  
John O'Flaherty (9)

Councillor Mrs. Avril Doyle having received the greater number of votes the outgoing Mayor formally declared Councillor Mrs. Avril Doyle to be elected. Councillor Mrs. Avril Doyle then made and subscribed the Declaration of Acceptance of Office as required by the Municipal Corporations (Ireland) Act of 1840 and the Local Government Act of 1941. Her Worship the Mayor was then vested with the Robes and Chain of Office and took the Chair.

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The Mayor thanked all those who had voted for her to this office, congratulated the outgoing Mayor on the excellent manner in which he had carried out his duties during his term of office and stated that she would do everything possible to better the Borough of Wexford.

All the other members than congratulated the Mayor on her election.

The Meeting then terminated.

Amie Doyle  
(Mayor)

Minutes of Monthly Meeting of Wexford Borough Council held in the Council Chamber, Municipal Buildings, Wexford, on Monday 26th July, 1976.

The members present were :-

Her Worship the Mayor, Councillor Mrs. Avril Doyle presiding.

Aldermen : James Mahoney, Philip Corish, Fergus Byrne.

Councillors : Kevin Morris, John Roche, James Jenkins, Thomas F. Byrne, John O'Flaherty.

Apologies for inability to attend were received from Alderman Peter Roche, Councillors J. Furlong and T. Carr.

In attendance : Mr. Michael N. Dillon, Co. Manager  
Mr. Eamon Lacey, Acting Borough Surveyor  
Mr. Frank Kavanagh, Town Clerk.

#### MINUTES

On the proposal of Councillor K. Morris, seconded by Councillor T.F. Byrne, the Minutes of the Monthly Meeting of the Wexford Borough Council held on 14th June 1976, Special Meeting held on 29th June 1976 and Quarterly Meeting held on 12th July 1976 having been circulated with the Agenda, were adopted.

#### DEVELOPMENT AT FERRYBANK - THIRD STAGE

The following motion was proposed by Councillor John Roche and seconded by Councillor J. Jenkins.

"That immediate steps be taken to improve the Ferrybank area".

It was also decided to deal with the following motion by Her Worship the Mayor which was seconded by Councillor T.F. Byrne.

"That Stage 3 development at Ferrybank be proceeded with as soon as possible".

Matters relating to the general cleanliness and amenities of the area were discussed and it was agreed that every endeavour be made to remedy these.

It was also agreed that the £1,000 in the current year's Estimates be utilised with whatever resources S.E.R.T.O. might make available for an appropriate phase of the Stage 3 development and in particular for the general improvement of the entrance area.

It was further agreed that in view of the fact that the Amenity Grant Scheme of the Department of Local Government had been terminated that the Corporation would finance Stage 3 development on an equal basis with S.E.R.T.O.

DIFFERENTIAL RENTS

Councillor John Roche requested that the following motion in his name be withdrawn in view of the impending decision of the Minister for Local Government on Differential Rents.

"That this Council request the Minister for Local Government to allow Wexford Corporation continue its present system of increasing rents by degrees".

ROSSLARE HARBOUR/WATERFORD RAIL SERVICE

The following motion in the names of Aldermen Philip Corish and James O'Mahoney and Councillor Thomas Carr was seconded by Councillor T.F. Byrne and adopted :-

"That this Corporation protest to C.I.E. on the threatened closure of the Rosslare Harbour/Waterford services".

It was agreed that the members would join with the members of Wexford County Council in the proposed meeting with the General Manager of C.I.E. and which was being requested by the latter Authority.

Any member who wished to attend that meeting could do so.

It was also agreed that the Rosslare Harbour Development Board be informed of the resolution passed by the Borough Council in reply to its letter of 16th July 1976.

ACKNOWLEDGEMENTS OF RESOLUTIONS PASSED  
AT PREVIOUS MEETINGS

FREE RAIL TRAVEL TO LOW INCOME FAMILIES

The members were informed that the recent scheme adopted by the South Eastern Health Board only provided for free rail travel to parents in the eligible classes and hardship cases of mentally handicapped, mentally ill, physically disabled in long stay institutions and also for parents of children in schools for the deaf and blind. There was also a limit on the number of free travel vouchers issued yearly.

CORRESPONDENCE

It was agreed that all correspondence addressed to the members and in particular to Her Worship the Mayor would be processed by the Town Clerk for inclusion on the Agenda.

Her Worship the Mayor submitted a report which she had received on the Tourist Potential Survey 1976 which had been carried out on behalf of the Wexford Marketing Study Group and which might be of assistance to the Corporation.

Her Worship the Mayor also submitted a letter she had received from the Regional Tourism Manager requesting an increase in the contribution to the South Eastern Regional Tourism Board for 1977.

It was agreed that this matter be considered at the Estimates Meetings and that Mr. Walsh, the Tourism Manager be invited to submit his views on the request for the increased contribution.

ABBATOIR AT PETER STREET, WEXFORD.

Her Worship the Mayor requested the members to take in committee a letter she had received from the Wexford Health Protection Association on the condition of the Abbatoir at Peter Street.

It was proposed by Alderman Philip Corish and seconded by Alderman J. O'Mahoney that the letter be read in committee.

An amendment was proposed by Councillor T.F. Byrne and seconded by Councillor John Roche, that the letter be not read, but agreed that the deputation requested be received at the September Meeting.

The amendment on being put to the Meeting resulted in four votes for and four votes against. Her Worship the Mayor gave her casting vote against the amendment and declared the amendment defeated.

The original motion was then put to the Meeting and resulted in four votes for and four votes against. Her Worship the Mayor gave her casting vote in favour of the motion and declared it carried. Her Worship the Mayor then read the letter which complained about the general condition and the alleged public health nuisance at the Abbatoir.

It was agreed that a deputation be received at the September Meeting and in the meantime the matter be investigated fully.

It was also agreed that a copy of the letter be sent to the members.

HOUSING PRIORITY LIST

The County Manager stated that he proposed to review the existing fixed Priority List in conjunction with the list of applications on hand. This review would take place in about six months time and would be reviewed annually thereafter or if necessary when houses became available for allocation. The present policy of dealing with emergency cases would continue.

An established fixed Priority List over a long period and not having regard to applications on hand did not, in his view, have regard to the overall housing needs and the proper allocation of houses at a particular point in time. His policy would be in future to have only one list which would be prepared and submitted to the members for any observations they might wish to make. He would then establish the list having regard to all known factors and he would hope that such a list would have had regard to all the housing and social needs of the applicants.

Councillor John Roche proposed, and Councillor T.F. Byrne seconded :-

"That the present policy of rehousing first those applications on the fixed Priority List, on the Old Folk Priority List, on the Maudlintown and Wolfe Tone Transfer List be continued and that the Manager's proposal be agreed to thereafter"

An amendment was proposed by Councillor J. Jenkins and seconded by Councillor K. Morris :-

"That the Manager's proposal be agreed to."

Her Worship the Mayor, with the consent of the members added the following addendum to the amendment :-

"And that the reviewed list would commence at No. 3".

The amendment on being put to the Meeting was carried by six votes for and two against.

On being put to the Meeting as a substantive motion was passed on the same voting.

Councillor T.F. Byrne requested to be recorded as dissenting from the adopted motion.

The County Manager also stated that he would give due consideration to transfer applications having regard both to the housing and social needs of the applicants and good estate management.

DISPOSAL OF DWELLINGS

On the proposition of Councillor T.F. Byrne and seconded by Councillor K. Morris, it was unanimously resolved that in accordance with the terms as set out in the Notices dated 1st July and 15th July 1976 the following dwellings be disposed of to the tenants thereof as follows :-

14 Davitt Road South	..	John O'Leary	..	£1,435
43 " " "	..	Mrs. Margaret Hillis	..	£1,435
21 Bernadette Place	..	Raymond Byrne	..	£1,575
2 Corish Park	..	John Kenny	..	£1,680
7 Corish Park	..	Charles Doyle	..	£1,627
48 Corish Park	..	Nicholas Furlong	..	£1,673
49 Corish Park	..	Kevin Tierney	..	£1,673
77 Corish Park	..	John Dempsey	..	£1,673
118 The Faythe	..	Mrs. Margaret Crosbie	..	£1,834
127 " "	..	Mrs. Elizabeth Roche	..	£1,673
129 " "	..	John Malone	..	£1,673
148 " "	..	Mrs. Claire Hanton	..	£1,673
150 " "	..	Mrs. J. Furlong	..	£1,673
166 " "	..	Paul Kennedy	..	£1,673
168 " "	..	Richard Broaders	..	£1,673

7 Bernadette Place	..	Liam Dalton	..	£1,575
1 Fisher's Row	..	George O'Mahoney	..	£1,666
2 " "	..	Thomas O'Mahoney	..	£2,216
4 " "	..	John Roche	..	£1,666
5 " "	..	Kevin Rutledge	..	£1,666
6 " "	..	Mrs. Stella Larkin	..	£1,666
8 " "	..	John Crowley	..	£1,666
9 " "	..	Seamus Swan	..	£1,666
10 " "	..	Daniel Fitzpatrick	..	£1,666
12 " "	..	Richard Hennessy	..	£1,666
13 " "	..	John Roche	..	£1,666
14 " "	..	Francis P. Beaver	..	£1,666
17 " "	..	Michael McCleane	..	£1,666
20 " "	..	Harry Keyes	..	£1,666
21 " "	..	Patrick Grey	..	£1,666
22 " "	..	Mrs. Margaret Byrne..		£1,666
23 " "	..	Mrs. Teresa Murphy	..	£1,802
(otherwise 71 Faythe)				
8 Tuskar View	..	Patrick Hayes	..	£1,557
15 " "	..	James Power	..	£1,557
17 " "	..	Eugene O'Sullivan	..	£1,557
18 " "	..	John Lacey	..	£1,557
51 Corish Park	..	Mrs. Mary Hughes	..	£1,673
19 Thomas Clarke Villas	..	James F. Byrne	..	£3,007

#### QUESTIONS

In reply to questions Councillor John Roche was informed :-

- (a) Pedestrian crossings were not provided outside the schools because of the need to provide supervision.
- (b) At the Arbitration Hearing in December and subsequent agreement signed on 2nd January 1976 the Corporation paid £7,500 to the Insurance Corporation of Ireland in full and final settlement of its alleged liability to the residents of Parnell Street. It was now a matter for the individual residents to communicate with the Insurance Corporation of Ireland. The residents were already aware of this.
- (c) The delay in paying of building grants was due to staff changes in both the technical and accounting area.

In reply to question Alderman Philip Corish was informed :-

The Consulting Architect has been asked to investigate the repairs necessary to the emergency bells/lights in the John's Gate Street flats.

HOUSING MATTERS

The members then dealt with the following housing matters in committee.

It was noted that no action would be taken on the proposed eviction on the 29th July 1976 of Mr. K. Carley and Mr. Michael Thomas from 3A St. Patrick's Square.

It was noted that it was not proposed to take any further action on the rehousing of Aidan Gordon who is No. 7 on the existing Priority List. The members agreed that Mr. Patrick Berry formerly of 120 Bishopswater had been residing in the Borough for at least twelve months or more.

It was noted that consideration was being given to the transfer of the occupants of No. 6 College View to No. 7 Marian Row.

The Meeting then terminated.

Ann Doyle  
(Mayor)

4th August, 1976

Minutes of Special Meeting of Wexford Borough Council held on the 4th August, 1976, in the Council Chamber, Municipal Buildings, Wexford.

The members present were :-

Her Worship the Mayor, Councillor Mrs. Avril Doyle

Aldermen : James Mahoney, Philip Corish, Peter Roche.

Councillors : John Roche, Joseph Furlong, Thomas F. Byrne

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

In attendance : Mr. W.P. Creedon, Deputy County Manager;  
Mr. F.W. Kavanagh, Town Clerk.

HOUSING APPLICATIONS:

- (1) Mr. K. Carley
  - (2) Mr. Michael Thomas both formerly of  
3 A St. Patricks Square, Wexford
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The members considered at length the housing applications of the above named.

On the proposal of Aldermen Peter Roche and seconded by Councillor John Roche the Council recommended that the Chief Medical Officer be requested to place in order of priority the following three housing applications:-

- 1. Patrick Black, 28 Wolfe Tone Villas
- 2. K. Carley, Bernadette Place
- 3. Michael Thomas, Hill Street

and that these three applications be placed first in order of priority as recommended by the Chief Medical Officer on the existing fixed Priority Housing List.

It was further agreed that the eviction "policy" of the Corporation be clarified and that the Town Clerk inform the Council of legal procedure in the case of evictions.

The meeting then terminated.

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*Avril Doyle*  
(Mayor)

Minutes of Monthly Meeting of Wexford Borough Council held in the Council Chamber, Municipal Buildings, Wexford, on Monday 6th September, 1976.

The Members present were:-

Her Worship the Mayor, Councillor Mrs. Avril Doyle presiding.

Alderman : Philip Corish, Peter Roche, Fergus Byrne

Councillors : Kevin Morris, John Roche, Joe Furlong,  
Thomas Carr, James Jenkins, Thomas F. Byrne,  
John O'Flaherty.

Apology for inability to attend was received from Alderman James Mahoney.

In attendance : Mr. Michael N. Dillon, County Manager;  
Mr. Eamonn Lacey, Acting Borough Surveyor;  
Mr. Fergus Dillon, Assistant Borough Surveyor;  
Mr. Frank Kavanagh, Town Clerk.

NOTICE DATED 30th JULY, 1976, UNDER SECTION 4 OF THE CITY AND COUNTY MANAGEMENT  
(AMENDMENT) ACT, 1955 - HOUSING PRIORITY LIST

The movers of the motion generally explained that they were anxious to have ample opportunity to discuss any proposed change in housing policy and that their concern was related to the fact that the applicants on the Priority List first adopted in February, 1975, and reviewed in April 1976, were aware of their respective positions on the List, which List had also been published in the Local Press and on the Notice Board in the Municipal Buildings. Accordingly they were anxious to ensure that these applicants would be rehoused prior to considering applications received subsequent to February 1975, and that one amalgamated list would not be compiled. There would be no objection to considering emergency cases and cases in urgent need of rehousing in conjunction with the List adopted in February 1975, as this had been Corporation policy in the past and provision had been made for such cases in the Scheme of Letting Priorities.

The County Manager explained that he was statutory obliged to rehouse applicants in accordance with need as determined by the Scheme of Letting Priorities adopted by the Borough Council. His concern was to ensure that those applicants in greater need who had applied for housing since February 1975 would be considered in conjunction with those applicants on the fixed Priority List. He appreciated the Members point of view and indeed both he and the Members were endeavouring to ensure an equitable housing policy which would be in the best interest of all the applicants.

Following further discussion it was agreed that the applications received since February 1975, would be processed and those which the Manager wished to be considered in conjunction with the fixed Priority List would be submitted to the Council for further discussion.

MINUTES

On the proposal of Alderman Philip Corish and seconded by Councillor Thomas F. Byrne the Minutes of the Quarterly Meeting of the Wexford Borough Council held in the Old Town Hall, Cornmarket on 12th July, 1976, Monthly Meeting of Borough Council held on 26th July, 1976, Special Meeting of Borough Council held on 4th August, 1976, having been circulated with the Agenda, were adopted.

RECEPTION OF DEPUTATION - WEXFORD HEALTH  
PROTECTION ASSOCIATION

Her Worship the Mayor, Councillor Mrs. Avril Doyle, welcomed the following members of the deputation:-

Mrs. Isobel Lowney, Hon. Secretary;  
Mr. John Wallace, Chairman;  
Mr. Brian Byrne, Public Relations Officer;  
Mr. Patrick Byrne, Committee Member.

The members of the deputation explained that they were anxious to ensure that the abattoir at Peter Street, Wexford, did not create a Public Health nuisance. They expressed concern on the manner of storing and removing of offal, effluent to public sewerage system and related water traps, frequency of cleaning, foul smell, accumulation of flies, appearance of rats in the vicinity, and the effect of the foregoing on trade and employment in the area. They hoped that the Statutory Authorities responsible for supervision will take appropriate remedial action.

Having thanked the members for receiving them they then withdrew.

The Town Clerk outlined the action taken by the Corporation to date and it was agreed to await a further report.

ACKNOWLEDGEMENTS OF RESOLUTIONS PASSED AT PREVIOUS MEETINGS

SWIMMING JETTY AT FERRYBANK

The members were informed that the County Council by letter dated 20th August, 1976, were prepared to consider the erection of the jetty during the Spring of 1977. The erection of the jetty had been discontinued over the past few summers when the Swimming Pool at Ferrybank became operational.

LIFEBELTS AT FERRYBANK

The members were informed that the County Council had confirmed that there were now two lifebelts at Ferrybank one at each end of the promenade approximately 300 yards apart.

CORRESPONDENCE

The Town Clerk informed the members that a request for a deputation had been received from the Secretary, Maudlintown Residents Anti-Pollution Action Committee.

It was agreed that the deputation would be received at the adjourned Borough Council Meeting on 13th September, 1976.

REDMOND MEMORIAL HALL

The members were informed that the Trustees of the Redmond Memorial Hall had offered the Hall to the Corporation subject to the Corporation paying the legal cost of transfer.

The Town Clerk explained to the members that the Hall could be used for commercial/light industrial purposes and that the estimated cost of renovating the hall for these purposes would be approximately £3,000. The County Development Officer was confident that a viable commercial proposition would be forthcoming for this hall.

It was agreed that the Corporation would take a legal transfer of the hall from the Trustees and that no conditions should be attached to the proposed use of the hall. It was also agreed that the Corporation thank the Trustees for their generous offer.

ERECTION OF ENTRANCE GATE TO REDMOND MEMORIAL PARK

It was agreed that the Corporation would erect a gate at the second entrance to the Park at an estimated cost of approx. £100.

BALLAST BANK PROJECT - JUNIOR CHAMBER OF COMMERCE

The Town Clerk informed the members that a request had been received from the Junior Chamber of Commerce enquiring if the Corporation would drill a trench at Crescent Quay to facilitate the laying of an E.S.B. cable. The Junior Chamber also requested confirmation that the Corporation would take over the maintenance of the pump when erected.

This request was under consideration and a further report would be submitted to the members.

LIMERICK JUNCTION - ROSSLARE HARBOUR RAILWAY LINE

The Town Clerk informed the members that the South Eastern Regional Development Organisation was arranging a deputation to the Minister for Transport and Power on the proposed discontinuence of the passenger service on the Limerick Junction/Rosslare Railway Line and requested to know if the Corporation would be interested in joining the deputation.

It was agreed that the intention of C.I.E. in this matter be clarified prior to the nomination of a deputation.

Her Worship the Mayor informed the members that the members of the Wexford County Council would be meeting the area manager of C.I.E. in Co. Hall, Wexford, at 2 p.m. on Monday 13th September, 1976.

It was agreed that any member who wished to attend could do so.

PERSONAL ACCIDENT INSURANCE - COUNCIL MEMBERS

The Town Clerk informed the members that the Irish Public Bodies Mutual Insurances Ltd., had arranged a scheme of personal accident insurance to provide benefits to members of local authorities attending meetings and that the premium for each member was £1. per annum. It would be a matter for each individual member to decide if he wished to join in the scheme and the premium would be pay<sup>able</sup> by the members as individuals.

It was agreed that any member who wished to join in the scheme would process his application through the Town Clerk.

STREET NAMES - JUNIOR CHAMBER WEXFORD

The Town Clerk informed the members that the Junior Chamber Wexford by letter dated 1st September, 1976, requested approval to conduct a survey among the residents of the streets where dual names were causing a certain amount of confusion.

It was agreed that no objection would be raised to the carrying out of the survey, the results of which should be reported back to the Corporation.

IRISH FISHING INDUSTRY - 50 MILE LIMIT

The members had received a circular letter dated 31st August, 1976, from the Chairman of the Irish Fishermen's Organisation Ltd., requesting the support of the Corporation to the extension of the fishing limit to an exclusive 50 mile radius.

It was agreed that the Organisation be informed of the recent resolution of the Borough Council passed at meeting on 1st March, 1976, to the effect that this Council being aware of the number of Wexfordmen who earn a livelihood as fishermen call for action by the Minister for Defence in conjunction with the Minister for Justice to both extend our fishing limits to 50 miles and impose a minimum £100,000 fine on all foreign trawlers apprehended inside Irish territorial waters.

LOCAL GOVERNMENT (PLANNING & DEVELOPMENT) ACT, 1976

The Town Clerk informed the members that certain provisions of the Act became operative on 1st August, 1976, and that he would circulate a synopsis of these provisions to the members.

SPECIAL MEETING ON MONDAY 13th SEPTEMBER, 1976, AT MUNICIPAL BUILDINGS  
AT 7.30 p.m.

It was agreed that the motions and questions on the agenda for the meeting of 6th September, 1976, would be considered at Special Meeting to be held on 13th September, 1976. It was also agreed that the following items be considered :-

- Reception of deputation from Maudlintown Anti-Pollution Action Committee
- Report on Ballast Bank Project
- Any other urgent business

DISPOSAL OF DWELLINGS

On the proposal of Alderman Philip Corish and seconded by Councillor Thomas F. Byrne, it was unanimously resolved that in accordance with the terms as set out in the notice dated 25th August, 1976, the following dwellings be disposed of to the tenants thereof as follows, subject to the figure for the disposal of 62 Kennedy Park to Mr. Richard Conway to read £2,603 in lieu of £1,879

No. 7 Liam Mellows Park	Matthew Roche	2,658
No. 14 " " "	Cecil Stafford	2,658
No. 15 " " "	Murtagh Whelan	2,658
No. 19 " " "	Edward Fowler	2,909
No. 25 " " "	John Godkin	2,658
No. 26 " " "	Martin Rowe	2,658
No. 30 " " "	Con O'Rourke	2,658
No. 47 " " "	John Waters	2,658
No. 49 " " "	Gerald Howlin	2,658
No. 50 " " "	Edward Tennant	2,658
No. 51 " " "	James Howlin	2,658
No. 53 " " "	Philip Rochford	2,658
No. 61 " " "	Syl Carley	2,658
No. 63 " " "	Gabriel Stafford	2,658

No. 69 Liam Mellows Park	Robert Hillis	2,658
No. 71 " " "	Patrick O'Connell	2,658
No. 74 " " "	William Burke	2,658
No. 79 " " "	Patrick Sheil	2,658
No. 82 " " "	Noel Carroll	2,658
No. 88 " " "	Gregory Kehoe	2,658
No. 91 " " "	Joseph Moran	2,658
No. 93 " " "	Donal Bierney	2,658
No. 98 " " "	Sean Furlong	2,658
No. 117 " " "	Michael Lacey	2,658
No. 118 " " "	Sean Saunders	2,658
No. 119 " " "	Richard Kelly	2,658
No. 122 " " "	James Robinson	2,658
No. 135 " " "	Mrs. Nuala Malone	2,658
No. 144 " " "	James C. Delaney	2,658
No. 11 " " "	John Cousins	2,658
No. 16 " " "	Liam Butler	2,658
No. 33 " " "	Patrick Dodd	2,658
No. 48 " " "	Denis O'Mahoney	2,658
No. 57 " " "	Patrick Nolan	2,658
No. 67 " " "	William Bolger	2,658
No. 70 " " "	James F. Warren	2,658
No. 73 " " "	Thomas Doyle	2,658
No. 83 " " "	Sean Duggan	2,658
No. 89 " " "	Michael Dodd	2,658
No. 95 " " "	James Furlong	2,658
No. 97 " " "	John Carthy	3,592
No. 107 " " "	Edward Black	3,592
No. 113 " " "	William J. Whitty	2,658
No. 131 " " "	William Murphy	2,658
No. 132 " " "	Patrick Malone	2,658
No. 138 " " "	Michael D. Cullen	3,592
12 Tuskar View	Miss Lena Meyler	1,557
159 The Faythe	Francis Tobin	1,825
161 " "	Richard L. McGuire	1,825
16 Fishers Row	Seamus Bergin	1,666
25 " "	Anthony Walsh	1,802
28 Bernadette Place	Michael Lacey	1,575
3 Gulbar Road	William Carley	465
9 Hantoon Road	Patrick Nolan	1,366
14 Hantoon Road	Michael Lane	360
28 Hantoon Road	William Newport	360
2 Saltee Avenue	Peter Doyle	360

79 Wolfe Tone Villas	Patrick Goggins	434
84 Wolfe Tone Villas	Mrs. Mary Whitty	434
85 " " "	Joseph Bergin	434
4 Casement Terrace	Kevin McEvoy	1,869
8 " "	Patrick Power	1,869
15 Emmet Place	Mrs. Mary K. Carthy	122
2 Trinity Street	Andrew Black	350
6 " "	Mrs. Catherine Goodison	100
11 " "	Mrs. Margaret Dempsey	100
36 Davitt Road North	Sean & Mary Lucking	1,568
2 Devereux Villas	Laurence Connolly	623
12 Devereux Villas	Mrs. Mary Murphy	1,025
7 Roches Terrace	Mrs. Margaret Jordan	100
13 " "	Leonard Whitty	100
3 Green Street	George Murphy	1,014
10 Columba Villas	Patrick Dodd	661
13 Parnell Street	Mrs. Margaret Redmond	542
5 Alvina Brook	John Gaddren	1,575
3 St. Magdalens Terrace	Nicholas Scott	378
3 Kennedy Park	Michael Cosgrave	1,879
7 " "	Matthew Canavan	1,879
12 " "	Thomas Byrne	1,998
13 " "	John Saunders	1,998
14 " "	Thomas Carroll	1,998
18 " "	James Byrne	1,998
29 " "	Daniel Murphy	1,998
33 " "	Michael Forde	1,998
43 " "	James Brennan	1,998
52 " "	Timothy Roche	1,879
55 " "	Mrs. Elizabeth Scallan	1,879
56 " "	Mrs. Mary E. Bolger	1,879
62 " "	Richard Conway	1,879
84 " "	Patrick Cleary	2,237
86 " "	Harry Hore	2,237
123 " "	Francis Malone	2,904
22 Whiterock View	Mrs. Bridget Clowery	574
26 " "	Miss Joy Stafford	574
2 St. Aidans Crescent	Thomas O'Brien	1,687
17 " " "	Mrs. Mary O'Neill	1,687

(An affirmative decision in the case of these four houses will rescind a previous resolution, due to an increase in purchase price, as sanctioned by the Minister for Local Government).

STAGE 3 DEVELOPMENT AT FERRYBANK

The Town Clerk informed the members that the South Eastern Regional Tourism Organisation Limited had confirmed by letter dated 19th August, 1976, that their contribution of 50 per cent of the estimated cost of the 3rd Stage development would be forthcoming.

The Organisation would give a maximum of £4,000 during 1976 and a further maximum of £6,000 during 1977, the 1977 grant entirely depended on monies being available for tourism development in 1977.

It was agreed that the £4,000 grant together with the £1,000 provision in the Estimates be expended prior to 31st December, 1976, and that a scheme for the surface dressing of the front area be commenced as soon as possible. Further consideration to be given to <sup>the</sup>expending the balance of the money during 1976.

HURLING FINAL 1976

On the proposal of Aldermen Peter Roche it was unanimously agreed that congratulations be extended to the Senior Hurling Team on winning the Leinster Final and for their magnificent performance in the All Ireland Final.

The meeting then terminated.

*James Larkin*

Minutes of the Adjourned Statutory Meeting of the Wexford Borough Council held in the Council Chamber, Municipal Buildings, Wexford, at 7.30 p.m. on 14th September, 1976.

The members present were :-

Her Worship the Mayor, Councillor Mrs. Avril Doyle, presiding.

Aldermen : Philip Corish, Peter Roche, Fergus Byrne.

Councillors : Kevin Morris, John Roche, J. Furlong, Thomas Carr, J. Jenkins, T.F. Byrne, John O'Flaherty.

Apology for inability to attend was received from Alderman J. Mahoney.

In attendance : Mr. F. Dillon, Acting Borough Surveyor, Mr. F. W. Kavanagh, Town Clerk.

Apology for inability to attend was received from Mr. M.N. Dillon, County Manager, who was attending the Statutory Monthly Meeting of the Gorey Town Commissioners.

#### CORRESPONDENCE

##### Abattoir at Peter Street, Wexford.

The Town Clerk informed the members that the Minister for Local Government had by Order dated 1st September, 1976 decided to grant planning permission to Wexford Fresh Meats Ltd., 28 North Main Street, Wexford, for alterations and extensions to their abattoir at Peter Street, Wexford, in accordance with plans and particulars submitted, subject to one condition, namely,

The drainage system serving the development should be equipped with a sedimentation tank and screens.

The above decision was made following an appeal by Wexford Fresh Meats Ltd., against the decision of the planning authority on 23rd October 1975 to refuse to grant permission for the said alterations and extensions.

The Town Clerk also explained that to revoke the Minister's decision the members would have to resolve that there has been a change in the Planning and Development objectives for the area in the first instance. This was a new provision contained in the Planning Act 1976 and the foregoing provision became operative on 1st August 1976.

It was also explained that the Chief Medical Officer had recommended that the Bye-Laws be enforced.

On the proposal of Her Worship the Mayor, Mrs. Avril Doyle and seconded by Councillor John Roche, it was requested that the legal technicalities regarding the revocation of the Minister's decision be clarified and a meeting be arranged between the owners of the abattoir, the Wexford Health Protection Association and the Corporation members as soon as possible. In the meantime the Bye-Laws should be complied with and that Wexford Fresh Meats Ltd., be requested

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not to take any action on the Minister's decision.

Deputation from Maudlintown Residents Anti Pollution  
Action Committee.

The Deputation consisted of M/s Brady, Nolan and Murphy.

The members of the Deputation expressed concern at :-

- (i) The discharge of untreated sewage by the Corporation into the Harbour and particularly into the area adjacent to the Maudlintown houses.
- (ii) The volume of the discharge of industrial effluents into the same area.

The situation was particularly aggravated by the fact that the area in question was frequented by children playing and swimming during the summer months and also by the adjacency of the houses.

As a short term measure the Corporation should immediately extend the sewer to the south breakwater wall and in the long term consider a proper sewage treatment plant for the entire Harbour area to treat both domestic and industrial effluents.

The members of the Deputation thanked the members for receiving them and withdrew.

The following motions were discussed :-

- (i) In the name of Her Worship the Mayor, Mrs. Avril Doyle:

"That an immediate investigation be carried out into alleged pollution from sewage and industrial effluent of the Harbour particularly from South Station to area at rear of Wexford Creamery and that a report be submitted as soon as possible".

- (ii) In the names of Alderman Philip Corish and Councillor Joe Furlong:

"That this Corporation extend the open sewer at Maudlintown 200 yards out to sea, that plans for a treatment plant be drawn up and a full report be laid before the Corporation within the next three months, outlining the extent and seriousness of the pollution problem in Wexford Harbour".

The movers of both motions referred to the industrial development which had taken place in the area since the original open sewers were laid and expressed concern at the apparent aggravating situation. Not alone would the alleged pollution affect the amenities and public health of the residents of the area but also would adversely affect tourism and the local fishing industry.

The Town Clerk stated that the County Manager had arranged for the officials of Wexford County Council to carry out a preliminary survey of the entire Harbour and thereby enabling the members to consider the matter further at a subsequent meeting.

It was agreed that :-

- (i) A special and immediate report be submitted on the Maudlintown area particularly in regard to the feasibility of extending the existing sewers.
- (ii) An overall general report on the extent and effect of the discharge of both domestic and industrial effluent into the entire Harbour be submitted, if possible within the next three months.

It was further agreed, on the proposal of Councillor Carr and seconded by Alderman Corish, that on receipt of the foregoing reports a deputation be sent to the Minister for Local Government to seek finance for whatever remedial action may be necessary.

NATIONAL DIFFERENTIAL RENT SCHEME - EFFECTIVE FROM  
JULY 1976

The report of the Town Clerk on the new National Differential Rent Scheme dated 8th September, 1976, was noted.

The following motion, in the name of Councillor John Roche and seconded by Alderman Peter Roche was discussed.

"That this Council request the Minister for Local Government to allow Wexford Corporation continue its present system of increasing rents by degrees".

An amendment was proposed by Her Worship the Mayor.

"That the original motion should read as follows":-

"That this Council request the Minister for Local Government to allow Wexford Corporation continue, with discretion, its present system of increasing rents by degrees for hardship cases".

The amendment was seconded by Councillor J. Jenkins.

The amendment, on being put to the Meeting, resulted in five votes for and five against.

Her Worship the Mayor gave her casting vote in favour of the motion.

On being put as a substantive motion the voting resulted in five for and five against. Her Worship the Mayor gave her casting vote in favour and declared it carried.

ERECTION OF PUMP ON BALLAST BANK BY JUNIOR CHAMBER  
WEXFORD.

The Town Clerk reported that he had not completed his investigations on the extent of the liability which the Corporation would be taking should it decide to take in charge the entire operation.

It was agreed that the matter be adjourned until the investigations were complete.

LIMERICK JUNCTION - ROSSLARE HARBOUR RAILWAY LINE

It was agreed that the request from S.E.R.D.O. to nominate a member for the proposed deputation to the Minister for Transport and Power be deferred.

130 LIAM MELLOWS PARK, WEXFORD

The following motion was proposed by Alderman Peter Roche and seconded by Councillor T. Carr.

"That some action be taken by this Corporation to stop the garden of No. 130 Liam Mellows Park becoming a permanent right-of-way".

The Town Clerk stated that the original fence was apparently broken down and that no provision had been made in the current year's Estimates to erect a fence, the cost thereof £400 approximately.

It was agreed that provision be made in the 1977 Estimates.

The following motion in the names of Alderman Peter Roche and Councillor John Roche, was adopted.

"That this Council appeal to the Minister for Local Government to grant same concessions to people purchasing their dwellings at St. Aidan's Crescent as granted to those who have already purchased or who are purchasing through the tenant purchase agreement".

KEYSERS LAND AND SLEGGS LANE

The following motion in the name of Her Worship the Mayor and seconded by Councillor K. Morris, was adopted.

"That the Corporation carry out the necessary cleaning of Keysers Lane and Sleggs Lane"

CORPORATION LANDS AT MAUDLINTOWN - 20 ACRES APPROXIMATELY

The following motion was moved by Councillor J. Furlong and seconded by Alderman Peter Roche.

"That the Rocks Maudlintown be preserved as an amenity area and that the pathway from Maudlintown to the Rocks be tarmacadamed".

The Town Clerk explained that as the Corporation owned these lands it was a matter for the Corporation to decide on the use thereof. There was no provision in the current year's Estimates to carry out development works.

It was agreed that provision be made in the 1977 Estimates for the provision of a surface pathway from Maudlintown to the Rocks.

CARAVAN AND CAMPING FACILITIES IN CURRACLOE

The following motion in the name of Alderman Fergus Byrne and seconded by Her Worship the Mayor was adopted.

"That this Corporation request the County Council to urgently consider providing Caravan and Camping facilities in Curracloe."

QUESTIONS

In reply to questions Councillor John Roche was informed :-

- (a) Public Advertisement requesting an extension of the existing area of the lease from the Minister for Transport and Power will appear in the local paper for weeks ending 17th and 24th September, 1976. When the extended lease has been granted by the Minister consideration could then be given to the request of the St. Francis Football Club.
- (b) The presence of rats in the Talbot/Green Street Housing Estate had been investigated and a contract had been entered into with Rentokil Ltd., for the treatment of the source of the infestation.
- (c) The grass at Talbot/Green Street Housing Scheme had not been cut because this Scheme had not yet been taken in charge.

In reply to questions Alderman Peter Roche was informed :-

- (a) There were 296 Corporation dwellings without bathroom facilities.
- (b) It was proposed to carry out repairs to footpaths in the near future and the condition of the footpath at Peter Street would be considered in order of priority.
- (c) The total acreage of land acquired for the building of Talbot Street/Green Street houses was  $7\frac{3}{4}$  acres of which  $2\frac{1}{4}$  acres was laid out as open space.

In reply to questions Alderman Philip Corish was informed :-

- (a) The area of building land available to the Corporation was as follows :-

Coolcotts .. .. 60 acres.

Of this 60 acres Stage I development would use 7½ acres and Stage II 18 acres.

Carriglawn .. .. 25 acres.

Industrial Estate .. 37 acres.

Mulgannon .. .. 29 acres (first option from N.B.A.)

- (b) The mileage of roads swept manually within the Borough every week was 43 miles and by the mechanical sweeper 12 miles. The manual staff of 4 sweepers was the same 20 years ago.

- (c) The Corporation is responsible for cutting the grass at Maudlintown playground.

In reply to question Councillor J. Furlong was informed :-

The estimated cost of providing a pedestrian crossing would depend on the location, the width of the roads, availability of electricity and could range from £200 to £500.

In reply to question Alderman Fergus Byrne was informed :-

A loan of £10,000 had been recently approved for the extension of the graveyard at Crosstown and development plans were being drawn up to utilise this money.

In reply to question Councillor John O'Flaherty was informed :-

No reply had been received from the Minister for Local Government requesting the introduction of a Tenant Purchase Scheme for 1976.

The Meeting then terminated.

*James Larkin*

Minutes of Special Committee Meeting of Borough Council held in the Municipal Buildings at 7.30 p.m. on 22nd September, 1976.

The members present were :-

Her Worship the Mayor, Councillor Mrs. Avril Doyle, presiding.

Aldermen : Philip Corish, Peter Roche.

Councillors : Kevin Morris, John Roche,  
Joseph Furlong, John O'Flaherty.

Apologies for inability to attend were received from Aldermen James Mahoney and Fergus Byrne, Councillors T. Carr, J. Jenkins and T.F. Byrne.

In attendance : Mr. Michael N. Dillon, County Manager  
Mr. Fergus Dillon, Acting Borough Surveyor  
Mr. Frank Kavanagh, Town Clerk.

Members of Wexford Health Protection Association

Mrs. I. Lowney, Mrs. I. Wallace, M/s P. Byrne,  
D. Byrne, H. Dunphy, Dr. Kierans and J. Flavin.

Representatives of Wexford Fresh Meats Ltd.

M/s D. Fortune and D. Asple.

ABATTOIR AT PETER STREET

The County Manager outlined the position regarding the planning applications in the County area and for which planning permission had been refused. The site at Newtown for which two planning applications had been received was refused for public health reasons and the site at Ballyboggan was refused because the new line for the Ferrycarrig road had not then been determined. The Wexford County Council had now made a Bridge Order which would be submitted to the Minister for Local Government for approval and if and when approved the new road line would then be determined and it would then be possible to re-consider the planning application for the Ballyboggan site. He assured the meeting that he appreciated the position fully and that he would give every consideration and assistance to the owners of the Abattoir should a revised planning application be submitted by them. He would always, of course, have to have regard to the proper planning and development of the area and to the reports submitted by the technical advisers.

He did confirm that, should the extension at Peter Street be proceeded with, the Bye-Laws would have to be strictly observed.

A discussion followed and it was agreed that a meeting should take place between the representatives of Wexford Fresh Meats Ltd., and the County Manager with a view to re-considering the planning application for the Ballyboggan site which would, apart

from the proper planning and development of the area be subject to confirmation by the Minister of the Bridge Order. It was also agreed that the Corporation investigate the possibility of selling land to Wexford Fresh Meats Ltd., adjacent to the entrance gate at Peter Street to facilitate easy access for lorries to the yard of the premises.

Her Worship the Mayor thanked all those for attending.

The meeting then terminated.

James Larkin

Minutes of the Quarterly Meeting of the Wexford Borough Council held in the Council Chamber, Municipal Buildings, Wexford, on Monday 4th October, 1976.

The members present were :-

The Deputy Mayor, Councillor J. Jenkins, presiding.

Aldermen : James Mahoney, Philip Corish, Peter Roche, Fergus Byrne.

Councillors : K. Morris, John Roche, J. Furlong, Thomas Carr, J. Jenkins, T.F. Byrne, John O'Flaherty.

Apologies for inability to attend were received from Her Worship the Mayor, Mrs. Avril Doyle.

In attendance : Mr. Michael N. Dillon, County Manager  
Mr. Eamon Lacey, Acting Borough Surveyor  
Mr. Frank Kavanagh, Town Clerk.

#### TAKING OF CHAIR

On the proposal of Alderman Philip Corish and seconded by Councillor John O'Flaherty, it was agreed that Councillor J. Jenkins would take the chair.

#### MINUTES

On the proposal of Alderman Philip Corish and seconded by Alderman Fergus Byrne, the Minutes of the Statutory Meeting of Borough Council held on 6th September 1976; Adjourned Statutory Meeting held on 14th September 1976 and Special Meeting held on 22nd September 1976, having been circulated with the Agenda were adopted.

Arising out of the Minutes of the Adjourned Meeting held on 14th September, 1976 - National Differential Rent Scheme - Councillor John Roche queried the accuracy of the Minute whereby it was recorded that five members voted for and five against the following amendment,

"That this Council request the Minister for Local Government to allow Wexford Corporation continue, with discretion, its present system of increasing rents by degrees for hardship cases".

as there were eleven members present at the Meeting.

The Town Clerk explained that on a show of hands the record of the Minute clearly showed that five members voted for and five against the amendment and that Her Worship the Mayor, Mrs. Avril Doyle, gave her casting vote in favour of the amendment. It was not the practice to record the dissensions from voting unless specifically requested to do so.

The members accepted this clarification.

PROVISION OF LAY-BY AT LOWER JOHN STREET

The following motion was proposed by Alderman Fergus Byrne and seconded by Councillor Kevin Morris and adopted :-

"That this Corporation ask the Wexford County Council to provide a proper lay-by at Lower John Street opposite the new scheme of flats pending the completion of a road improvement scheme".

During the discussion it was agreed that the surfacing of the area between Lower John Street and Thomas Clarke Place be considered at the Estimates Meeting for 1977.

CAR PARKS

The following motion proposed by Councillor John Roche and seconded by Alderman Peter Roche was adopted :-

"That Wexford Corporation ensure that in future the Car Parks in the town be put to proper use".

Councillor Roche referred in particular to the unauthorised use of the Temperance Row Car Park.

IMPROVEMENT SCHEMES TO CORPORATION HOUSES

The following motion proposed by Alderman Philip Corish and seconded by Councillor T. Carr was adopted :-

"That Wexford Corporation request the Department of Local Government to undertake a series of improvement schemes which the Corporation will arrange in order of priority".

MAUDLINTOWN PLAYGROUND

The following motion proposed by Alderman Philip Corish and seconded by Alderman Fergus Byrne was agreed :-

"That the grass in Maudlintown Playground be cut".

PEDESTRIAN CROSSINGS IN BOROUGH

The following motion proposed by Councillor J. Furlong and seconded by Councillor T. Carr was agreed :-

"That serious consideration be given in the Estimates Meeting to providing two pedestrian crossings per year".

On a point of information the County Manager explained that the provision of pedestrian crossings were financed from the Traffic Management Grants and were based on surveys which determined the need for them.

NATIONAL DIFFERENTIAL RENT SCHEME

The following motion was proposed by Alderman James Mahoney and seconded by Alderman Peter Roche :-

"That this Council call on the Minister for Local Government to withdraw the heavy increases on tenants of Corporation dwellings that are under the Differential Rents".

An addendum was proposed by Councillor T. Carr and seconded by Alderman Philip Corish :-

"That a deputation of nominated members and a representative from the Tenants Association meet the Minister for Local Government to put forward the special case which is particularly relevant to Wexford Corporation".

The motion and addendum thereto were agreed to unanimously.

On a point of clarification the Manager explained that the circular from the Department (ref. H.23/76 dated 3rd September, 1976) stated that the Minister had introduced a new scheme which would supercede all existing schemes and would be reviewed annually.

The scheme would apply uniformly throughout the country with effect from the commencement of the rent week immediately following 1st July 1976, apart from the change in the manner of assessment of income from short term benefits for rent purposes and the proposed increases in maximum rents which would operate from the commencement of the rent week immediately following 17th September, 1976.

PATHWAY FROM CORISH PARK TO NEW CHURCH AT CLONARD

The following motion proposed by Alderman James Mahoney and seconded by Councillor T. Carr was considered :-

"That this Council have a pathway laid from Corish Park to join a pathway leading to the new Church at Clonard"

It was agreed that this motion be considered during the Estimates for 1977.

ACKNOWLEDGMENTS OF RESOLUTIONS PASSED AT PREVIOUS MEETINGS

The Town Clerk informed the members that there were no acknowledgments.

CORRESPONDENCE

WEXFORD MALE VOICE CHOIR

The Town Clerk informed the members that he had received a letter dated 1st September, 1976, from the Hon. Secretary of the Wexford Male Voice Choir requesting a grant of £350 towards the provision by the Choir of uniforms.

It was agreed that this matter be considered at Estimates Meeting for 1977.

TOWNPARKS SCHEME

The Town Clerk informed the members that the National Building Agency had instructed the Contractor on the 22nd September 1976 to commence building operations on the site.

ROSSLARE HARBOUR DEVELOPMENT

The Town Clerk informed the members that he had received a reply dated 22nd September, 1976 from the General Manager of C.I.E. that the working model being prepared by the Wallingford Research Station was now almost complete. Tests would then be carried out and the Research Stations report was expected in about two months.

NEWTOWN WATER TREATMENT WORKS

The Town Clerk informed the members that a loan of £25,000 had been sanctioned for the improvement of the Treatment Works.

OLD TOWN WALL AT ABBEY STREET/MOUNT GEORGE

The Town Clerk informed the members that he had received a letter dated 30th September, 1976 from the Assistant Keeper, Irish Antiquities Division, National Museum of Ireland, stating that the wall at the point where it had recently been breached by the Corporation's Contractors was not in fact the Old Town Wall but a replacement on the line of the ancient fortification .

The letter thanked the Corporation for the co-operation and assistance which it had received.

TRAVELLING AND SUBSISTENCE ALLOWANCES FOR MEMBERS OF LOCAL AUTHORITIES

The Town Clerk informed the members that he had received a Circular from the Department (ref. G.8/76 dated 14th September, 1976) informing of revised rates of travelling and subsistence payable to members.

COMMODORE JOHN BARRY COMMEMORATION CEREMONY

On the proposal of Councillor John Roche, and seconded by Councillor T. Byrne, it was agreed that the Ceremony take place as heretofore, on 24th October, 1976, and that the Minister for the Gaeltacht Mr. T. O'Donnell T.D. be invited to officiate at the Ceremony.

In the event of the Minister being unable to attend it was agreed that An Tanaiste, Mr. Brendan Corish T.D. be invited to officiate.

It was further agreed, on the proposal of Councillor T. Byrne and seconded by Alderman Fergus Byrne, that Deputy Lorcan Allen be invited to lay the Wreath at the Maritime Memorial.

NAVAL SERVICE

It was agreed that a vote of congratulations be sent to the Office in Command Naval Service on the recent achievement of the Service in protecting Irish territorial waters from fishing by Foreign trawlers.

OVERDRAFT ACCOMMODATION FOR QUARTER TO 31/12/1976

On the proposal of Alderman Peter Roche and seconded by Alderman Fergus Byrne, it was agreed that overdraft accommodation for the quarter to 31st December, 1976, to the extent of £50,000 for Capital purposes and £80,000 for Revenue purposes, be provided.

INTERIM NATIONAL WAGE AGREEMENT 1976

The Town Clerk explained that the Interim National Wage Agreement provided for 3% of basic pay plus £2.00 per week subject to a maximum of £5.00 per week or £3.00 per week whichever is the greater. The duration of the Agreement was for five months. Provision had been made in the Estimates for the National Wage Agreement.

On the proposal of Councillor T. Carr and seconded by Alderman Fergus Byrne, it was unanimously agreed that the terms of the Interim National Wage Agreement 1976 be applied to the staff of the Corporation.

ESTIMATES 1976 - OVER EXPENDITURE

The Town Clerk explained that consequent on the retirement of the Rate Collector for which no provision had been made in the Estimates it was likely that the provision in the 1976 Estimates for administration would be exceeded and that a further report would be submitted during the discussion on the Estimates for 1977.

HOUSING SUBSIDY ACCOUNT 1976

The Town Clerk explained to the members that the Corporation had now virtually expended the allowed provision for Housing Maintenance for 1976 and that maintenance would have to cease shortly if the Department was not prepared to increase the allocation.

In view of the seriousness of the matter it was agreed that the proposed deputation to the Minister on the Differential Rents should also explain to the Minister the effect on employment of the permanent establishment if the allocation was not increased immediately.

On the proposal of the Deputy Mayor, Councillor J. Jenkins and seconded by Alderman Peter Roche, the following resolution was adopted unanimously :-

"That this Corporation view with extreme concern the failure of the Minister to increase the Housing Maintenance and Management Allocation and that as a result it would now be necessary to cease Housing Maintenance in the very near future with consequent loss of employment in the permanent establishment".

DISPOSAL AND EXCHANGE OF LANDS BETWEEN THE CORPORATION AND WHITE'S HOTEL LIMITED.

In compliance with the provisions of Section 83 of the Local Government Act 1946 and subject to the sanction of the Minister for Local Government, it was proposed by Alderman Philip Corish and seconded by Councillor T. Byrne that a disposal and exchange of lands between the Corporation and White's Hotel Ltd., be agreed to on the following terms and conditions. The Statutory Notice having been circulated to the members on 23rd September, 1976.

1. The land was acquired by the Corporation from the Moran Estate, Killeen Estate and McGoldrick Estate.
2. White's Hotel Ltd., will convey to Wexford Corporation their property to the West of the new road line and containing approximately 493 sq. metres (i.e. from new building line to centre of existing road). The width of the new roadway and footpaths to be 11 metres approximately.
3. Wexford Corporation will convey to White's Hotel Ltd., its property to the East of the new road line and containing approximately 614 sq. metres.

The foregoing exchange of lands is subject to :-

- (a) White's Hotel Ltd., giving to the Wexford Corporation parking rights for the public in normal business hours over 50% of its general car park area in Abbey Street.
- (b) White's Hotel Ltd., to carry out appropriate landscaping on the perimeter of their property in consultation with Corporation advisors.
- (c) White's Hotel Ltd., agreeing to pay to the Wexford Corporation the sum of £1,200 in consideration of the additional property now being conveyed to them.
- (d) Wexford Corporation agreeing to pay the sum of £700 towards the cost of the acquisition of the Moran property on Abbey Street and also the sum of £300 to the cost of the demolition of buildings on the former Moran property in Abbey Street.
- (e) White's Hotel Ltd., to be entitled to build a boundary wall between the revised building line and the new road line in consultation with Corporation advisors.

PROPOSED ROAD WIDENING AND IMPROVEMENT AT ABBEY ST.

The proposed exchange of lands in the foregoing minute would facilitate, subject to additional acquisitions, any proposed widening scheme at Abbey Street from Cornmarket to Selskar.

The County Manager explained to the members his desirability of evolving a policy decision on the question of the retention of the old urban character in conjunction with the desirable re-development. This particular area of the town had historic significance and a certain character. He felt it desirable, if at all possible, to recapture the old town character and to re-vitalise the area with new housing. A road widening scheme would encourage cars to use Abbey Street instead

of The Quays and John Street. The County Manager suggested that he would like the agreement of the Council to pursue the idea.

Councillor Jenkins referred to the desirability of improving the road in the interest of the commercial life of the area and the difficulty caused to commercial traffic in using the area.

Following discussion it was agreed that the Manager would submit the proposed plans suggested by him and that any property in the ownership of the Corporation would be retained pending a final decision on the re-development.

PROPOSED DISPOSAL AND EXCHANGE OF LANDS BETWEEN  
THE CORPORATION AND MR. C. MACKEN.

Statutory Notice dated 23rd September, 1976 having been circulated to the members in accordance with the provisions of Section 83 of the Local Government Act, 1946 as amended by Section 88 (3) of the Housing Act, 1966, it was proposed by Alderman Philip Corish and seconded by Councillor T. Byrne, that the disposal be carried out in accordance with the terms of the Statutory Notice as follows :-

1. Lands in the ownership of the Corporation and acquired from the Walker Estate containing approximately 138 sq. metres to Mr. C. Macken.
2. Mr. Macken in consideration of (1) above to convey to the Corporation 175 sq. metres approximately (of Mr. Macken's entire site of 218 sq. metres he will be retaining 43 sq. metres (approx.) adjacent to the site which the Corporation proposes to dispose to him at (1) above.)

DISPOSAL OF HOUSE AT NO. 53 TALBOT STREET  
TO MRS. JULIA LACEY

Statutory Notice dated 23rd September, 1976 having been circulated to the members in accordance with Section 83 of the Local Government Act 1946 as amended by Section 88(3) of the Housing Act 1966, it was agreed on the proposal of Alderman Philip Corish and seconded by Councillor T. Byrne, that the disposal be carried out in accordance with the terms of the Notice as follows :-

1. Purchase price - £8,010 for freehold interest.
2. The Corporation to offset £4,000 from the purchase price which is the agreed compensation for Mrs. Lacey's total interest in her existing shop.
3. The balance of the purchase price (i.e. £4,010) to be repaid over a period of 10 years at 12½% (i.e. by weekly repayments of £13.73).

It was noted that the Corporation owned the land which is the subject of a leasehold interest to the Atkin and Meyler Estate and for the acquisition of which a Compulsory Purchase Order was being prepared. If and when the Compulsory Purchase Order was confirmed and when the balance of the purchase price had been repaid, it was proposed to dispose of the fee simple interest in the land to Mrs. Lacey. The foregoing observations were noted with approval.

DISPOSAL OF DWELLINGS

On the proposition of Alderman Corish and seconded by Councillor T. Byrne, it was unanimously resolved that in accordance with the terms as set out in the Notice dated 23rd September, 1976, the following dwellings be disposed of to the tenants thereof as follows :-

<u>COLUMN 1 :</u>	<u>COLUMN 2 :</u>	<u>COLUMN 3 :</u>
		£
5 Kennedy Park	Michael O'Leary	1,879
6 " "	Philip Whitty	1,879
11 " "	James Murphy	1,999
28 " "	Alphonsus Moran	1,999
32 " "	Brendan Cullimore	1,999
47 " "	William Murphy	1,999
48 " "	John Ryan	1,999
49 " "	George Lawlor	1,879
50 " "	Miss Sarah Hopkins	1,879
51 " "	Patrick Browne	2,603
64 " "	Dermot Kelly	2,236
71 " "	Fintan Newport	2,118
72 " "	Nicholas P. Doran	2,118
73 " "	Francis Thomas	2,118
75 " "	Anthony Hearne	2,118
85 " "	John Dempsey	2,236
89 " "	Joseph Murphy	2,236
99 " "	William Bierney	2,594
100 " "	Stan Kelly	2,236
109 " "	Edward Roche	2,236
114 " "	John Tobin	2,118
119 " "	Edward Ryan	2,118
7 Bishopswater	Mrs. Eliz. Mahon	1,610
12 "	Desmond Redmond	1,725
28 "	Robert Cullen	1,725
31 "	Mrs. Mgt. Carthy	1,610
40 "	Charles Cosgrave	1,610
44 "	John Sharkey	1,610
71 "	Mrs. Eliz. Lawlor	1,540
78 "	Mrs. J. Lacey	1,505
90 "	James K. Doran	1,505
107 "	Mrs. Cath. Sweeney	1,505
111 "	William Byrne	1,505
116 "	Michael Lynch	1,725

<u>COLUMN 1 :</u>	<u>COLUMN 2 :</u>	<u>COLUMN 3 :</u>
43 Bernadette Place	Thomas Barry	£ 2,627
44 " "	William Kehoe	2,359
49 " "	Mrs. Mary O'Brien	2,225
24 Liam Mellows Park	John T. McCann	2,658
38 " " "	Martin F. Hamilton	2,658
60 " " "	Thomas Donovan	2,658
86 " " "	James Dempsey	2,658
143 " " "	Brendan Benson	2,658
5 St. Aidan's Crescent	Patrick Donovan	1,687
70 " " "	Michael Lynch	1,687
9 Hill Street	Mrs. Mary Redmond	100
131 Corish Park	Mrs. Stella Burke	1,995
33 Corish Park	William Maher	2,168
9 Hantoon Road	Patrick Nolan	1,403

QUESTIONS

In reply to questions Councillor John Roche was informed :

- (a) The new National Differential Rent Scheme applied from the Rent Week immediately following the 1st July, 1976. (that is 5th July, 1976) apart from the change in the manner of assessment of income from short term benefits for rent purposes and the proposed increases in maximum rents which would operate from the commencement of the Rent Week immediately following the 17th September, 1976.
- (b) The Commodore John Barry Commemoration will be held, as agreed at this meeting, on 24th October, 1976.
- (c) Mr. Michael Thomas is placed No. 2 on the fixed Priority List and Mr. K. Carley's position will be considered in the light of the review of the urgent cases which are not on the fixed Priority List.

In reply to questions Alderman Philip Corish was informed :

- (a) The question of the liability for the restoration of the footpath at Parnell Street as between the Corporation and The Insurance Corporation of Ireland was not yet determined. As soon as a determination of liability was made it is hoped that the footpath would be restored.
- (b) (i) Number of Corporation tenants - at 1/10/1976 .. 1,009  
(ii) Number on fixed rents - 388  
(iii) Number on Differential Rents who have applied to purchase - 106

(iv) Number where rent had been increased under the new National Differential Rent Scheme by :-

- (a) £5.00 or more - 6
- (b) £4.00 or more - 16
- (c) £3.00 or more - 36
- (d) £2.00 or more - 61
- (e) Less than £2.00 - 129.

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The Meeting then terminated.

*Ann Doyle*

Minutes of Committee Meeting held at close  
of Statutory Meeting on 4th October, 1976.

RATES WAIVER 1976:

The Town Clerk explained that 20 late applications for Rates Waiver had been received and that a policy decision on whether to allow a waiver for these cases was necessary.

Following discussion it was agreed that as the fixed sum provided in the Estimates 1976 had been expended and as the Scheme had been advertised, late applications would not now be considered but recommended that the County Manager consider these sympathetically at the end of the year if the rates had not been paid in the meantime.

It was also agreed that the Town Clerk would consider the two previous different schemes for allowing waiver and submit a further report to the Borough Council.

The Meeting then terminated.

*Amie Doyle*

MINUTES OF MONTHLY MEETING OF THE WEXFORD BOROUGH  
COUNCIL HELD IN THE COUNCIL CHAMBER MUNICIPAL BUILDINGS  
WEXFORD ON TUESDAY 2nd NOVEMBER 1976  
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The members present were :-

Her Worship the Mayor, Councillor Mrs. Avril Doyle,  
presiding.

Aldermen : James Mahoney, Peter Roche, Fergus Byrne.

Councillors : K. Morris, John Roche, J. Furlong,  
T.F. Byrne, and John O'Flaherty.

An apology for inability to attend was received from  
Alderman Corish, Councillors T. Carr and J. Jenkins.

In attendance : Mr. Michael N. Dillon, County Manager,  
Mr. Eamon Lacey, Acting Borough Surveyor,  
Mr. Frank Kavanagh, Town Clerk.

MINUTES

On the proposal of Councillor K. Morris and seconded  
by Councillor John Roche, the Minutes of the Quarterly Meeting  
of the Borough Council held on 4th October, 1976 and the Committee  
Meeting of the Borough Council held on 4th October, 1976, having  
been circulated with the Agenda, were adopted.

ITEMS APPEARING ON THE AGENDA

The Mayor, Mrs. Avril Doyle, requested that a discussion  
take place on the general question of items appearing on the Agenda  
which were not directly related to the administration and affairs of  
the Borough.

Following discussion it was apparent that the members were  
of the opinion that as public representatives all matters of public  
interest should appear on the agenda and that it was a matter for  
the Mayor to rule motions/questions out of order if it was deemed  
necessary to do so having regard to Standing Orders and the general  
wishes of the Council.

The County Manager stated that the only business a member  
has an actual legal right to set down is a motion/question related  
to the business concerned with the powers, duties, purposes of the  
local authority as conferred or imposed by law.

The only notice of motion/question which the Town Clerk  
is obliged to accept is a motion relating to a matter in respect  
of which a member has an actual legal right to set down. The legal  
entitlement of a member to set down a particular motion is important  
having regard to the law of defamation as qualified privilege would  
then possibly apply subject to absence of malice. The County Manager

expressed the wish that members would have regard to these factors in submitting motions/questions and subsequently of course in discussion at meetings.

DERELICT DANGEROUS SITES IN THE BOROUGH

On the proposal of Councillor John Roche and seconded by Alderman Peter Roche, the following motion was unanimously adopted :-

"That this Council request that all derelict or dangerous sites in this town be removed".

RECENT EMERGENCY LEGISLATION

The following motion was proposed by Councillor John Roche and seconded by Alderman Peter Roche :-

"That this Council express its objections to the emergency legislation passed recently by Dail Eireann".

An amendment was proposed by the Mayor, Mrs. Avril Doyle and seconded by Councillor T. Byrne :-

"That this Council express its objections to the circumstances that exist in this country which necessitated this legislation".

The amendment, on being put to the meeting, resulted in two votes for and accordingly the Mayor declared the amendment defeated.

The original motion on being put to the meeting was declared carried by the Mayor by seven votes for and two against.

LIAM MELLOWS PARK HOUSING SCHEME

The following motion proposed by Alderman Peter Roche and seconded by Councillor T. Byrne, was adopted :-

"That this Council request a technical report on the Housing Scheme at Liam Mellows Park in view of the numerous complaints regarding sewerage, cracks in walls, warped doors etc."

FREE FUEL SCHEME

The following motion proposed by Alderman Peter Roche and seconded by Councillor John Roche, was adopted :-

"That a full report be prepared for this Council on the workings of the free fuel scheme regarding issue of vouchers etc."

The Town Clerk stated that a report had been placed on the table for the meeting. Notwithstanding the report Alderman Peter Roche expressed his concern with the operation of the scheme particularly regarding applicants in the non-fixed income category and the policy of monthly verification of income.

The Town Clerk undertook to re-examine the operation of the scheme generally and in particular having regard to specific cases which would be submitted by any member.

REPAIRS PRIOR TO RE-LETTING OF HOUSES

The following motion proposed by Alderman James Mahoney and seconded by the Mayor, Mrs. Avril Doyle, was adopted :-

"That all necessary repairs be carried out before houses are re-let following vacancy".

The Town Clerk explained that this was the policy of the Corporation and Alderman Mahoney undertook to submit two particular cases which, in his opinion, repairs had not been carried out.

NEW CORPORATION HOUSING SCHEMES

The following motion, proposed by Alderman James Mahoney and seconded by the Mayor, Mrs. Avril Doyle, was adopted :-

"That future Corporation Housing Schemes include a number of houses for old age pensioners and people living in retirement".

EXTENSION OF BOROUGH BOUNDARY

The following motion, proposed by the Mayor, Mrs. Avril Doyle, and seconded by Councillor T.F. Byrne, was adopted :-

"To ask the Minister for Local Government if there is any provision in the present Local Government Bill to facilitate Borough Boundary extension, and if so, when is it expected to become Law".

It was also agreed that the motion be sent to the 4 T.D's for the County with a request for their support in any proposed future boundary extension.

ACKNOWLEDGMENTS OF RESOLUTIONS PASSED AT PREVIOUS MEETINGS

PROPOSED DEPUTATION TO MINISTER FOR LOCAL GOVERNMENT

The Town Clerk informed the members that he had received confirmation that the Minister for Local Government, Mr. J. Tully, had acceded to their request to receive a deputation of members and a representative of the Tenants Association.

The following members were nominated :-

Aldermen J. O'Mahoney and F. Byrne  
Councillors J. Roche and T.F. Byrne.

It was agreed that the Tenants Association be requested to nominate a member.

It was further agreed that the deputation would go to the Minister on Wednesday, 10th November, 1976; that the Town Clerk would request that the recent circular on Housing (i.e. H.32/76 of 29/10/1976) be also placed on the agenda for discussion; that a special meeting of the Borough Council be held on 11th November 1976 to consider the report of the deputation and that the members of the deputation should meet to discuss the special case of Wexford to be made to the Minister.

GOVERNMENT DECISION IN REGARD TO HOUSING  
(CIRCULAR H. 32/76 DATED 29th OCTOBER 1976)

The Town Clerk stated that he had received, on 2nd November, 1976, a circular letter dated 29th October, 1976 ref. H.32/76 on the recent Government decision in regard to Housing.

The Government had decided to give Local Authorities the primary responsibility for determining the level of their maintenance and management operations.

It was intended therefore that in 1977 the exchequer will meet in full the loan charges in respect of Local Authorities rented houses. The Local Authorities will retain all rents and miscellaneous receipts and 60% of the 1977 proceeds of the sales of their dwellings and will be responsible for meeting the cost of maintaining and managing their Housing Estates.

The circular also introduced a new Tenant Purchase Scheme. Applications to purchase under the scheme could be submitted by tenants up to 30th June, 1977. The basis of sale would be the original all-in-cost of the houses updated to August, 1976 money value tables and the discount of 3% a year for length of tenancy up to a maximum of 30% would continue to apply. There would also be a discount of £900 representing the State and Supplementary new house grants and the capitalised value of a remission of rates over nine years.

The members requested that a copy of the circular be forwarded to each member.

TENANT PURCHASE SCHEME - ST. AIDAN'S CRESCENT

The Town Clerk stated that the Minister for Local Government, by letter dated 18th October, 1976, would not approve of the Council's request that the tenants in St. Aidan's Crescent whose applications to purchase were still on hands be allowed to proceed with the purchase on the same basis as the five applicants originally processed.

The members noted the Minister's decision.

RETENTION OF ANCO TRAINING CENTRE -  
REQUEST FOR RECEPTION OF DEPUTATION

The Town Clerk informed the members that by letter dated 5th October, 1976, the Minister for Labour, Mr. Michael O'Leary, was unable at present to receive the proposed deputation due to the very heavy schedule of appointments and that a further communication would be received from the Minister.

CORRESPONDENCE

HOUSING SCHEME AT TOWNPARKS

The Town Clerk informed the members that he had received an application from the Wexford Gas Consumers Co. Ltd., requesting the provision of gas cookers in the new Housing Scheme at Townparks and that the N.B.A. had confirmed that there were no technical difficulties associated with this request but that the question of the provision and charging of cookers would be the subject of the approval from the Department of Local Government.

The Town Clerk also informed the members that the Kennedy Park and Liam Mellows Park houses were provided with 50% gas cookers and 50% electric cookers but the Green Street/Talbot Street houses were provided with all gas cookers.

The members expressed the view that having regard to the fact that the Gas Company was a local industry employing local labour, that favourable consideration should be given by the Manager to the provision of all gas cookers in the 68 House Scheme at Townparks.

INCREASE IN SALARY OF MAYOR

On the proposal of Councillor John Roche, seconded by Councillor T.F. Byrne, it was agreed that the salary of the Mayor be increased by £154.

PUBLIC LIGHTING - CORRY'S VILLAS

The Town Clerk informed the members that it was proposed to include in the 1977 Estimates provision for an additional public light in Corry's Villas.

WEXFORD ARTS CENTRE - LEASE OF TOWN HALL

The Town Clerk informed the members that he had received a letter dated 7th October, 1976 from the General Administrator requesting the permission of the Corporation to hold public dancing in the Town Hall. The purpose was to enable certain traditional cultural activities such as Irish Music Concerts, Literary Evenings etc., to be followed by a Ceili.

On the proposal of Councillor K. Morris, seconded by Councillor T.F. Byrne, it was agreed that permission be granted.

JUNIOR CHAMBER WEXFORD - BALLAST BANK PROJECT

The Town Clerk informed the members that he had received a request dated 29th October, 1976, from the Secretary of the Junior Chamber Wexford requesting the Corporation to open the road at The Crescent to permit the laying of a cable. The estimated cost would be £75.

It was agreed that a decision on this request be deferred until a final decision was reached on the taking over of the project having regard to the cost thereof and clarification of indemnity required under the Public Liability Policy.

USE OF BOROUGH CREST

It was agreed that the application dated 19th October 1976 from the Wado Ryu Karate School to use the Borough Crest on jackets, be agreed.

SOUTH EAST TOURISM - PURCHASE OF EQUIPMENT FOR FESTIVE OCCASIONS

The Town Clerk informed the members that he had received a request dated 11th October 1976 from South East Tourism that the Corporation contribute 50% of the cost of the proposed purchase of decorations such as flags, plaques to be used on festive occasions.

It was agreed that this matter be deferred pending clarification of cost and for further details.

POST OF BOROUGH ENGINEER

The Town Clerk informed the members that the Local Appointments Commission had notified him of the necessity to re-advertise the Post of Borough Surveyor.

FIXING OF DATES FOR ESTIMATES MEETINGS

It was agreed that an Estimates Committee Meeting be held on 17th November 1976 and the Statutory Estimates Meeting on 23rd November 1976.

RATES INSTALMENTS SCHEME - 1977

On the proposal of Alderman F. Byrne and seconded by Councillor T.F. Byrne, it was agreed to adopt the Rates Instalments Scheme for 1977 as provided for in the Local Government (Rates) (Instalments) Regulations 1970.

QUESTIONS

In reply to questions Councillor John Roche was informed :-

That the footpath at the end of Bride Street to King Street would be examined and if repairs were considered necessary provision would be made in the 1977 Estimates therefor.

In reply to questions Alderman Peter Roche was informed :-

- (i) That the installation of a tank at the Theatre Royal did not require planning permission but that the Corporation had contacted the owners of the premises with a view to rectifying the flooding caused by the overflow.
- (ii) Investigation into the provision of signs/were still in progress with the Garda Siochana and in the meantime the kerbs would be painted. <sup>at Swan View</sup>

In reply to questions Alderman James Mahoney was informed :-

- (i) That the alleged cracks in the dwellings at Nos. 47, 96 and 98 Bishopswater would be investigated and if necessary would be repaired. The carrying out of repairs would depend on the availability of finance and the existing repair priority list.
- (ii) The pramwalk at Bishopswater would be maintained as considered necessary.

The Meeting then terminated.

*Amil Boyle*

MINUTES OF SPECIAL BOROUGH COUNCIL MEETING  
HELD IN THE COUNCIL CHAMBER, MUNICIPAL BUILDINGS,  
WEXFORD, ON THURSDAY 11th NOVEMBER 1976.

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The members present were :-

Her Worship the Mayor, Councillor Mrs. Avril Doyle,  
presiding.

Aldermen : Peter Roche, Fergus Byrne.

Councillor : John Roche.

Apologies for inability to attend were received from  
Aldermen Philip Corish and James Mahoney.

Councillors K. Morris and T.F. Byrne.

In attendance : Mr. Michael N. Dillon, County Manager  
Mr. Eamon Lacey, Acting Borough Surveyor  
Mr. Frank Kavanagh, Town Clerk.

REPORT ON THE RESULTS OF THE DEPUTATION TO  
MR. J. TULLY, MINISTER FOR LOCAL GOVERNMENT  
ON 10th NOVEMBER, 1976.

NATIONAL DIFFERENTIAL RENT SCHEME

The Town Clerk reported that the members of the Deputation having given the Minister a detailed analysis of the problem suggested that the Minister would consider favourably the following proposal.

That the difference between the pre July 1976 Rents (i.e. prior to the Circular of 3/9/1976 ref. H.23/76) and the rents which would be applicable under the new Circular should be applied on a phased basis of not more than 70p per week per annum. The Rent Review in July 1977 would attract the increase warranted by any increase in income (since July 1976) plus another 70p where applicable.

This policy would continue until the difference referred to was eliminated.

The Deputation also requested the Minister to apply the arrears as from gale day following receipt of Circular H.121/13 (i.e. the 13th September, 1976).

The Minister replied to the effect that he appreciated the problem in Wexford but the National Scheme must be applied uniformly throughout the country. The fact that the National Differential Rent Scheme as introduced in July 1973 and reviewed annually had not been applied in Wexford could not now be used as a basis or indeed as extenuating circumstances for continuing the anomaly which now exist.

Notwithstanding the foregoing the Minister would be prepared, subject to Government approval, to limit the increase this year in any individual case to a maximum of £2.00 per week. This would also have the effect of reducing the arrears, and he could not agree to the request that the arrears should apply as from 13th September, 1976 in lieu of 5th July, 1976. The maximum increase of £2.00 per week would include arrears, which were to be paid on a phased basis over a period as agreed with the Corporation.

The Minister reiterated that the foregoing decision was reasonable having regard to the history of the introduction of the National Differential Rent Scheme in Wexford and to the fact that the Government would be further subsidising the consequential loss over the period in question. On the proposal of Alderman Peter Roche and seconded by Councillor John Roche, it was agreed that the Corporation await confirmation in writing of the foregoing decision of the Minister and on receipt thereof the officials should meet a deputation of the Tenants Association to explain the Minister's proposals.

TENANT PURCHASE APPLICATIONS -  
POLICY OF CORPORATION NOT TO APPLY ANY INCREASE IN RENT

The Town Clerk reported that he had written to the Department of Local Government for confirmation and approval to the existing policy of the Corporation whereby the rent was not reviewed in the case of tenants who had applied to purchase. This was necessary as there was no specific approval in the Regulations authorising this procedure.

REFUSE DISPOSAL - COUNTY AT LARGE BASIS

The County Manager reported that Local Authorities were obliged to comply by 18th July, 1977 with an E.E.C. Directive on Waste Disposal. The Directive was to the effect that waste must be disposed of without endangering public health and the environment.

The Department in Circular letter had also stressed the desirability of greater co-operation between the Urban Authorities and the County Council and the desirability of placing waste disposal on a County at large basis.

He proposed therefore, subject to the members approval, in principle, to draw up an agreement with the Wexford County Council and the Wexford Corporation for the joint usage of tiphead sites, the cost to be shared on an equitable basis (i.e. on the basis of a product of 1p).

On the foregoing basis the County Council would use the dump at Carcur, thereby resulting in filling the dump in a shorter period and facilitating the development of a recreational/amenity area.

On the proposal of Councillor J. Roche and seconded by Alderman F. Byrne, the members agreed to the Manager's proposals.

HOUSE PURCHASE LOANS AND GRANTS - LOAN OF £128,000

On the proposal of Alderman P. Roche and seconded by Councillor J. Roche, it was agreed to raise a loan of £128,000 from the Local Loans Fund for House Purchase Loans and Supplementary Grants.

OLD FOLK FLATS AT LOWER JOHN STREET AND JOHN'S GATE STREET -  
COMMUNAL T.V. SYSTEM

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The Town Clerk reported on the difficulties of installing a communal T.V. System for the flats, namely :-

1. The potential usage and resulting cost to the individual tenants.
2. The contract for the system would be with the Corporation and not the individual tenants.

It was agreed that the Town Clerk continue to investigate the matter.

HEATING OF OLD FOLK FLATS AT  
LOWER JOHN STREET AND JOHN'S GATE STREET

The County Manager reported to the members on the progress to date on the question of subsidising the central heating cost of the old folk flats. He had discussed the matter with the Chief Executive Officer, South Eastern Health Board, and had also written to the Department of Social Welfare - Free Fuel Section, the latter having informed him that the Free Fuel Scheme did not apply and that it was a matter for the Public Assistance Authority (i.e. South Eastern Health Board).

He proposed to pursue the matter under the Social Welfare (Supplementary Allowances) Act, 1976 which he considered authorised the South Eastern Health Board to subsidise central heating charges.

The members noted the Manager's report.

The Meeting then terminated.

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MINUTES OF ESTIMATES COMMITTEE MEETING OF

WEXFORD BOROUGH COUNCIL

HELD IN THE COUNCIL CHAMBER, MUNICIPAL BUILDINGS, WEXFORD

ON WEDNESDAY 17th NOVEMBER 1976.

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The members present were :-

Her Worship the Mayor, Councillor Mrs. Avril Doyle, presiding.

Aldermen : James Mahoney, Peter Roche, Fergus Byrne.

Councillors : K. Morris, John Roche, J. Furlong.

An apology for inability to attend was received from Alderman Corish, Councillors T. Carr, J. Jenkins and T.F. Byrne.

In attendance : Mr. Michael N. Dillon, Co. Manager  
Mr. Eamon Lacey, Acting Borough Surveyor  
Mr. S. McLoughlin, Acting Borough Accountant  
Mr. Frank Kavanagh, Town Clerk.

ESTIMATES OF EXPENSES - 1977

The Estimates in statutory form, the explanatory tables and the County Manager's report had been circulated with the Agenda for the Meeting.

The County Manager having read his report, the members considered various aspects and policy issues. In particular reference was made to the operating loss on the Swimming Pool and Burial Ground and it was agreed that a further report be submitted on the latter.

It was noted that it was proposed to increase the expenditure on environmental services by £17,000 and to increase receipts by a corresponding amount.

It was also agreed that the matter of the Wexford Festival Lighting be considered at a further meeting of the Borough Council.

The Committee further recommended that the Manager review the estimates for the Redmond Memorial Park, open spaces, and depreciation on machinery.

CONTRIBUTIONS TO OTHER BODIES

On the proposal of Her Worship the Mayor and seconded by Councillor John Roche, the following contributions were agreed.

S.E.R.T.O.	-	£700
Wexford Festival Committee	-	£200
Wexford Male Voice Choir	-	£200
Water Safety Association	-	£300
Wexford Light Opera Society	-	£100
Miscellaneous		

It was agreed that the miscellaneous sum of £200 included provision for contribution to the Wexford Bands and to the Royal National Life Boat Institution.

DATES FOR STATUTORY ESTIMATES MEETINGS

It was agreed that in addition to the Statutory Estimates Meeting to be held on 23rd November, 1976, a further Statutory Estimates Meeting would be held on 29th November, 1976.

The Meeting then terminated.

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MINUTES OF STATUTORY ESTIMATES MEETING OF BOROUGH COUNCIL  
HELD IN COUNCIL CHAMBER, MUNICIPAL BUILDINGS, WEXFORD  
ON 23rd NOVEMBER 1976.

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The members present were :-

Chairman, Councillor J. Jenkins, presiding.

Alderman : Fergus Byrne

Councillors : John Roche, Thomas Carr,  
J. Jenkins, J. O'Flaherty.

In attendance : Mr. Michael N. Dillon, Co. Manager  
Mr. S. McLoughlin, Acting Borough Accountant  
Mr. F.W. Kavanagh, Town Clerk.

TAKING OF CHAIR

On the proposal of Councillor John Roche and seconded by Councillor John Flaherty, it was agreed that Councillor J. Jenkins would take the chair.

MINUTES

On the proposal of Councillor T. Carr and seconded by Councillor J. Roche, it was agreed that the Statutory Estimates Meeting be adjourned to 7.30 p.m. on Monday, 29th November, 1976.

The Meeting then terminated.

*Amel Doyle*

MINUTES OF THE ADJOURNED STATUTORY ESTIMATES MEETING HELD  
IN THE COUNCIL CHAMBER, MUNICIPAL BUILDINGS, WEXFORD  
ON MONDAY 29th NOVEMBER 1976.

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The members present were :-

Her Worship the Mayor, Councillor Mrs. Avril Doyle presiding.

Aldermen : Peter Roche.

Councillors : K. Morris, John Roche, J. Furlong,  
Thomas Carr, J. Jenkins, T.F. Byrne,  
John O'Flaherty.

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

In attendance : Mr. Michael N. Dillon, County Manager  
Mr. Eamon Lacey, Acting Borough Surveyor  
Mr. S. McLoughlin, Acting Borough Accountant  
Mr. Frank Kavanagh, Town Clerk.

ADJOURNMENT OF STATUTORY ESTIMATES MEETING

On the proposal of The Mayor, Councillor Mrs. Avril Doyle, seconded by Councillor T.F. Byrne, it was agreed that the Statutory Estimates Meeting be adjourned to Monday, 6th December 1976 and that the Council proceed to consider the Estimates in committee.

It was further agreed that the Statutory Monthly Meeting be held at the close of the Adjourned Statutory Estimates Meeting on 6th December 1976.

ESTIMATE OF EXPENSES 1977

The members having considered the explanatory tables which had been circulated with the Statutory Form of Estimates, made the following decisions :-

Sub Programme 5.2.3. - Burial Ground - Loan Charges.

The County Manager informed the members that he proposed to limit the development of the extension to the Burial Ground to a capital expenditure of £10,000, to charge a uniform charge of £25.00 for each new grave space, to increase the burial charges from £30.00 to £35.00 for residents within the Borough and from £40.00 to £50.00 for rural residents.

The effect of the foregoing would be to reduce the estimated increase in the rate poundage by 10p.

The members agreed on the proposal of Councillor John Roche and seconded by The Mayor, Mrs. Avril Doyle, to the Manager's proposals.

Sub-Programme 5.1.3. and 5.1.4. - Depreciation for Machinery Replacement.

The members agreed that the provision in the Estimates for depreciation on Domestic Scavenging truck of £4,400 and depreciation on Suction Sweeper of £2,722 be deleted.

Sub-Programme 1.8.8. - Central Heating Old Folk Flats.

The County Manager stated that the estimated heating cost of the Old Folk Flats for the period 1st July 1976 to 30th June 1977 was :-

Lower John Street	-	£4,400
John's Gate Street	-	£5,200.

and that the nett deficit on the account to the 30th June 1976 was £733.

On this basis and apart from the accumulated arrears the weekly charge would be £4.20.

In view of the exceptionally high cost the Manager proposed to cut off the central heating and hot water heating for the summer months and to examine other economies could be made and to increase the weekly charge of £2.40 to £4.00 and to provide £1,000 to subsidise the Heating Cost. It was hoped that these arrangements would have the effect of balancing the account.

The members agreed that the weekly charge of £2.40 be increased to £2.60 and that the equivalent of an estimated product of 8p be provided in the Estimates to subsidise the Heating Cost.

It was further agreed that the Electricity Supply Board be requested for an estimate of cost to convert the system to electricity and that the Gas Company be requested to review the charges.

Sub-Programme 6.4.4. - Contribution to Outside Bodies.

It was noted that a decision had been taken at the previous Estimates Committee Meeting on the 17th November 1976 to reduce the contribution to outside Bodies from £2,300 to £1,700.

It was agreed that no provision be made for a contribution to the Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Animals.

Sub-Programme 1.1.1. - Housing Repairs.

A proposal by The Mayor, Mrs. Avril Doyle, that the Housing Maintenance figure be reduced by the estimated product of 5p on being put to the meeting was defeated on a show of hands.

It was agreed that the provision of £700 for the erection of a fence at the rere of Marian Row and £500 for the erection of a fence at No. 103 Liam Mellows Park be deleted.

Sub-Programme 2.1.5. - Minor Urban Roads - Lawn Mower.

It was agreed on the proposal of The Mayor, Mrs. Avril Doyle and seconded by Councillor T.F. Byrne that the provision of £1,000 for the purchase of a new Lawn Mower be deleted.

Sub-Programme 2.1.5. - Minor Urban Roads - Grass Cutting.

It was agreed on the proposal of The Mayor, Mrs. Avril Doyle and seconded by Councillor K. Morris that the provision for two extra men for six months for grass cutting be reduced to one extra man.

Sub-Programme 6.3.2. - Parks and Open Spaces - Redmond Memorial Park.

It was agreed that the provision of £800 for equipment in the Redmond Memorial Park be deleted from the Estimates.

Sub-Programme 6.1.9. - Swimming Pool.

It was agreed that the charges be increased as follows :-

Children	-		12p - 15p
Adults	-		30p - 40p
Group Charges	-	Schools	- £7.00 - £8.00
		Youths	- £8.00 - £9.00
		Adults	- £12.00 - £13.00.

Sub-Programme 8.8.4. - Corporate Estate.

On the proposal of Councillor Jenkins and seconded by Councillor T.F. Byrne, it was agreed that the provision of £1,000 for extra storage space at the rear of the Municipal Buildings be deleted from the Estimates.

SUPPORT SERVICES - MAYOR'S SALARY

On the proposal of Councillor J. Roche and seconded by Councillor T.F. Byrne, it was agreed that the Mayor's salary be increased from £600 to £1,000 per annum as from the next Mayoral Election.

CREATION OF POST OF CLERICAL OFFICER

The Town Clerk explained to the members the need for the creation of the new post. On the proposal of Councillor John Roche and seconded by Councillor T.F. Byrne, it was agreed that the additional post of Clerical Officer be created.

The Meeting then terminated.

*Avril Doyle*

MINUTES OF THE MONTHLY MEETING OF THE  
WEXFORD BOROUGH COUNCIL

HELD IN THE COUNCIL CHAMBER MUNICIPAL BUILDINGS WEXFORD  
ON MONDAY 6th DECEMBER, 1976.

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The members present were :-

Her Worship the Mayor, Councillor Mrs. Avril Doyle,  
presiding.

Aldermen : James Mahoney, Peter Roche,  
Fergus Byrne.

Councillors : K. Morris, John Roche, J. Furlong,  
Thomas Carr, J. Jenkins, T.F. Byrne.

In attendance : Mr. Michael N. Dillon, County Manager  
Mr. Eamon Lacey, Acting Borough Surveyor  
Mr. Sean McLoughlin, Acting Borough Accountant  
Mr. Frank Kavanagh, Town Clerk.

DEPUTATION - LIGHT OPERA SOCIETY

REDMOND MEMORIAL HALL

The Deputation consisted of :-

Father J. O'Brien, M/s D. Corish and O. Sinnott.

The members of the deputation expressed the wish that the Corporation would withdraw from the acceptance of the offer of the Redmond Memorial Hall from the trustees of the Hall. The Light Opera Society would be prepared to accept the offer and had received confirmation from the trustees that should the Corporation withdraw, the offer would be made to the Society. The Society had no permanent building and depended on the generosity of the Managers of the Schools. The Society was also prepared to repair the building with voluntary effort and finance and grant the use of the Hall to other Bodies.

The members of the deputation having answered questions from the members thanked the Council for receiving them and withdrew.

The members appreciating the voluntary effort of the well established Light Opera Society and the financial implications for the Corporation, agreed on the suggestion of the County Manager that the Corporation should formally withdraw and express the wish that the Society will grant the use of the Hall to other organisations.

MINUTES

On the proposal of Councillor John Roche and seconded by Councillor T. Carr, the Minutes of the Monthly Meeting held on 2nd November, 1976 and the Special Meeting held on 11th November 1976, having been circulated with the Agenda, were adopted.

TENANT PURCHASE SCHEME

On the proposal of Councillor John Roche and seconded by Alderman F. Byrne, the following motion was adopted :-

"That this Council request the Department of Local Government to allow Wexford Corporation to continue its policy of freezing rents once an application to purchase has been received from the tenant".

On the suggestion of the Mayor and with the approval of the members the following addendum to the motion was agreed and adopted :-

"and where there has been a delay of more than 4 months in processing the application".

Councillor J. Jenkins dissented from the adoption of the motion.

CO-OPERATION BETWEEN THE CORPORATION AND WEXFORD CO COUNCIL

The following motion, proposed by Alderman Peter Roche, and seconded by Alderman F. Byrne, was adopted :-

"That until such time as an extension of the borough boundary is a reality this Council call for greater co-operation between County Council and Corporation particularly in the matter of the provision of essential services".

PEDESTRIAN CROSSING AT UPPER WILLIAM STREET WEXFORD

On the proposal of Alderman Peter Roche, and seconded by Councillor T. Carr, the following motion was adopted :-

"That this Council in conjunction with the County Council and the Garda Authorities consider the resiting of the pedestrian crossing at Upper William Street, Wexford, to the junction of St. Brendans Road/ William Street".

It was noted that the request for resiting would be submitted to the Wexford County Council who were responsible, in conjunction with the Garda Authorities and a further report would be submitted.

ACKNOWLEDGMENTS OF RESOLUTIONS PASSED AT PREVIOUS MEETINGS

BOROUGH BOUNDARY EXTENSION - LEGISLATION

A reply had been received from the Private Secretary to the Minister for Local Government to the effect that legislation to simplify borough boundary extensions was being prepared and that the Minister hoped to introduce the Bill in the Dail shortly, but it was not possible at this stage to say when it is likely to become Law.

CORRESPONDENCE

ROSSLARE HARBOUR/LIMERICK JUNCTION RAILWAY LINE

The members considered letter dated 11th November 1976 from the Area Manager, C.I.E. Waterford inviting observations on the proposal of C.I.E. to withdraw early in 1977 the scheduled passenger train services between Rosslare and Limerick Junction and the freight train services between Rosslare and Waterford and the conversion of the Barrow viaduct to a road bridge.

The Mayor, Mrs. Avril Doyle, stated that the Wexford County Council had decided to send a deputation to Mr. T. Fitzpatrick, Minister for Transport and Power and that the Corporation should join in the deputation.

The members agreed that the following members be nominated to attend :-

Alderman F. Byrne and Councillors J. Jenkins and T.F. Byrne.

On the proposal of Councillor T. Carr and seconded by The Mayor, it was agreed that C.I.E. be informed that this Council, having discussed and examined the situation, considers the closure of the line a disaster for Wexford and therefore strongly objects to the closure, and demands that C.I.E. leave the line open as an absolute necessity.

OVERDRAFT ACCOMMODATION FOR QUARTER TO 31st MARCH 1977

On the proposal of Councillor T.F. Byrne, and seconded by Alderman F. Byrne, it was agreed that overdraft accommodation of £130,000 be approved for quarter to 31st March, 1977.

NEW SALES SCHEME FOR LOCAL AUTHORITY HOUSES

The members noted the report on the New Sales Scheme which had been circulated with the Agenda.

LOCAL AUTHORITY HOUSING SUBSIDY - 1977

The members noted the report which had been circulated with the Agenda on the Local Authority Housing Subsidy arrangements for 1977.

QUESTIONS

In reply to questions Councillor John Roche was informed :-

- (i) The exempted development regulations provided that where the erection of signs are obligatory it is not necessary to obtain planning permission.
- (ii) The alleged dampness in the back sections of the houses at Talbot Green had been referred to the Consulting Architect who reported that condensation was the cause of the dampness. It was proposed to request the Consulting Architect to advise on any remedial work necessary.

In reply to questions Alderman Peter Roche was informed :-

- (i) The Corporation had built 431 houses since 1967.
- (ii) The traffic signs had been erected at Swan View/The Faythe.
- (iii) An advertisement in the local newspaper on 3rd December 1976 invited tenders for the Letting of Land for 1977. Sports Clubs should reply to the advertisement.

The Meeting then terminated.

*Amel Doyle*

MINUTES OF ADJOURNED STATUTORY ESTIMATES MEETING  
OF BOROUGH COUNCIL HELD IN COUNCIL CHAMBER  
MUNICIPAL BUILDINGS, WEXFORD, ON 6th DECEMBER 1976.

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The members present were :-

Her Worship the Mayor, Councillor Mrs. Avril Doyle,  
presiding.

Aldermen : James Mahoney, Peter Roche,  
Fergus Byrne.

Councillors : K. Morris, John Roche, J. Furlong,  
Thomas Carr, J. Jenkins, T.F. Byrne.

In attendance : Mr. Michael N. Dillon, County Manager  
Mr. Eamon Lacey, Acting Borough Surveyor  
Mr. Sean McLoughlin, Acting Borough Accountant  
Mr. Frank Kavanagh, Town Clerk.

ESTIMATE OF EXPENSES - 1977

On the proposal of The Mayor, Councillor Mrs. Avril Doyle,  
and seconded by Councillor T.F. Byrne, the minutes of the :

Estimates Committee Meeting held on 17th November 1976

Statutory Estimates Meeting held on 23rd November 1976

Adjourned Statutory Estimates Meeting held on 29th  
November 1976

were adopted.

LOW RISE MORTGAGE SCHEME - CIRCULAR LETTER H.36/76 OF 22/11/1976.

Details of the Scheme had been forwarded to the members  
with the Agenda. The Town Clerk informed the members that no  
provision had been included in the Estimates for 1977 to subsidise  
loan charges for this Scheme and also that it would be difficult  
to assess the potential demand.

On the proposal of Councillor T.F. Byrne and seconded by  
Councillor John Roche, it was agreed that the Corporation, while  
agreeing in principle with the Scheme, would not make any provision  
in the 1977 Estimates for subsidising the loan charges but would  
assess the potential demand during 1977 and re-consider the matter  
for the 1978 Estimates.

DETERMINATION OF RATE IN THE £ FOR 1977

On the proposal of The Mayor, Councillor Mrs. Avril Doyle,  
seconded by Councillor T.F. Byrne, it was resolved that the  
Council approve the recommendations made at the Estimates Committee  
Meeting held on 17th November, 1976, and adopt the decisions of the  
Council at the Statutory Estimates Meetings on 23rd and 29th November  
1976 and that the draft Estimate of Expenses prepared by the County

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Manager for the year 1977 be and is hereby amended accordingly.

On the proposal of The Mayor, Councillor Mrs. Avril Doyle, seconded by Councillor T.F. Byrne, it was resolved that the Wexford Corporation hereby adopt for the financial ending 31st December 1977 the Estimate of Expenses set out in Tables A and B3 of the prescribed form of Estimate of Expenses prepared in accordance with the Public Bodies (Amendment) Order 1975.

On the proposal of The Mayor, Councillor Mrs. Avril Doyle, seconded by Councillor T.F. Byrne, it was resolved that the Wexford Corporation hereby determine in accordance with the said Estimate the Rate set out in Column 10 of Table B3 to be the Rates in the £ to be levied for that year for the purposes set out in Column 1 of Table B3.

The Estimate of Expenses adopted by the Council provided for a general rate of £9.97.

CENTRAL HEATING - OLD FOLK FLATS

The Town Clerk informed the members that it was proposed in an endeavour to reduce the central heating cost of the old folk flats to instal individual electric heaters and then to economise on the central heating consistent with ensuring adequate and reasonable heat for elderly persons.

The members recommended that adequate heating be maintained and that proper control on the heating temperature be further considered. The question of appointing a caretaker should also be examined.

The Meeting then terminated.

