

MINUTES OF STATUTORY MEETING OF BOROUGH COUNCIL HELD IN  
COUNCIL CHAMBER, MUNICIPAL BUILDINGS, WEXFORD, ON MONDAY 9th  
JANUARY, 1978 at 7.30 p.m.

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The members present were :-

His Worship the Mayor, Alderman J. Mahoney presiding.

Aldermen : Peter Roche, Fergus Byrne.

Councillors : K. Morris, John Roche, Mrs. A. Doyle,  
J. Furlong, T. Carr, T.F. Byrne and  
John O'Flaherty.

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

In attendance : Mr. S. O'Sullivan, Borough Surveyor,  
Mr. J. Kennedy, Borough Accountant,  
Mr. Frank Kavanagh, Town Clerk.

ADOPTION OF MINUTES

On the proposal of Councillor T. Carr and seconded by  
Councillor T.F. Byrne, the minutes of the Statutory Borough Council  
Meeting held on 5th December, 1977 ; Special Meeting of Borough Council  
held on 12th December, 1977 ; Special Meeting of Borough Council held on  
15th December, 1977 ; Estimates Committee Meeting held on 19th December,  
1977 and Statutory Estimates Meeting held on 21st December, 1977, were  
adopted.

VOTE OF GOOD WISHES

On the proposal of The Mayor, Alderman J. Mahoney and seconded  
by Alderman Peter Roche, the members of the Borough Council expressed  
good wishes to Councillor K. Morris on his recovery from his recent  
illness and welcomed him back to the meetings.

FILLING OF CASUAL VACANCY ON THE VOCATIONAL  
EDUCATION COMMITTEE FOLLOWING THE RESIGNATION OF CLR. J. FURLONG  
VOCATIONAL EDUCATION ACT 1930 - SECTION 12

Letter dated 2nd December, 1977 from the Secretary of the  
Wexford Branch of the Teachers Union of Ireland had been circulated  
with the Agenda. The following nominations were proposed -

Proposed by Councillor J. Roche

Seconded by Councillor J. Furlong : Mr. B. Mackey (T.U.I. Representative)

Proposed by Councillor T.F. Byrne

Seconded by Councillor K. Morris : Canon Edward F. Grant

The result of the voting was as follows :-

6 Votes for Mr. B. Mackey : Ald. J. Mahoney, Ald. P. Roche,  
Cllrs. J. Roche, J. Furlong, T. Carr,  
J. O'Flaherty

3 Votes for Canon Edward F. Grant : Cllrs. K. Morris, Mrs. A. Doyle,  
T.F. Byrne.

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The Mayor formally declared Mr. B. Mackey to be the co-opted member of the Town of Wexford Vocational Education Committee.

#### BOROUGH EXTENSIONS

The following motion proposed by Alderman P. Roche and seconded by Councillor John Roche was adopted.

"That this Council request the Minister for the Environment to introduce legislation in the near future to enable Borough Extensions to be considered and made possible without the present legal and financial burden being placed on Councils whose boundaries require extension".

#### RENEWAL OF TOWN DRAINAGE SYSTEM

The following motion proposed by Alderman P. Roche and seconded by Councillor J. Flaherty was adopted.

"That in view of the new rating system for local authorities and possible restrictions it might place on planned works by the Council, the Council request a major contribution from Central Funds to start a programme of renewal on the antiquated sewerage system in the town".

#### VOTE OF CONGRATULATIONS TO HOLY FAMILY CONFRATERNITY BAND

On the proposal of Councillor J. Flaherty and seconded by Councillor T.F. Byrne the members passed a vote of congratulations to the Holy Family Confraternity Band on their Golden Jubilee and on the receipt of their well merited Papal award. The members also paid tribute to the pleasure and satisfaction which the band had given to the people of Wexford and thanked them for their co-operation on civic and other public occasions both in the past and at present.

#### DEPUTATION TO THE MINISTER FOR THE ENVIRONMENT

The Town Clerk informed the members that the Minister for the Environment had agreed to receive a deputation on the 17th January 1978 at 4 p.m. on the previous policy of the Corporation of not reviewing the rents of tenants who had applied to purchase.

It would also be the intention of the members of the deputation to discuss the Talbot Green Housing Scheme and the Minister would be informed accordingly.

The following members of the deputation were nominated :-

The Mayor, Alderman James Mahoney,

Alderman F. Byrne - Councillor J. Roche - Councillor T.F. Byrne - Councillor K. Morris.

It was also agreed that a representative of the Tenants Association should be a member of the deputation.

Notwithstanding the reception of the deputation by the Minister it was also agreed that the holding of an enquiry by the Minister should be pursued.



The Town Clerk explained to the members that the rents of local authority dwellings were now applied (since 1st January, 1976) towards the maintenance programme of local authority dwellings and that a continuation or an extension of the present rent strike in Talbot Green would affect both the maintenance programme and the continuing employment of men.

In view of the foregoing the members called on the Talbot Green Tenants Association to call off the present rent strike and that the Corporation would continue to pursue the remedying of the alleged defects.

It was also agreed that the Tenants Association should be informed of the proposed deputation to the Minister.

The Town Clerk also informed the members that he had received a letter dated 20th December, 1977 from the Minister for the Environment on the Talbot Green Scheme. The Minister had stated that the procedure in regard to the remedying of defects in the houses arising out of the contract for the building of the houses must be in accordance with the contract documents and must be decided between the parties to the contract in accordance with contract law. Since the contract procedures have not been fully exhausted in this case intervention by the Minister by way of an enquiry would not be appropriate.

With regard to the suggestion for major works of improvement the Minister stated that the question of the carrying out and the financing of improvement works to local authority dwellings was at present under examination in the Department. A circular letter on the matter would issue to Housing Authorities in due course informing them of the outcome of the examination. In this connection the Council would appreciate that there were many Local Authority houses throughout the country in need of improvements. It is not feasible to deal with the Talbot Green Scheme independently of a decision on a national basis, regarding the execution and financing of improvement works to local authority dwellings generally.

The foregoing was noted by the members.

#### CHEAP FUEL SCHEME

The Town Clerk informed the members that the Department of the Environment had indicated by letter dated 21st December, 1977 that the Social Welfare (Miscellaneous Provisions) Act 1957 empowers an urban authority to transport timber or turf for the purposes of a Cheap Fuel Scheme made by the authority and approved by the Minister for Social Welfare. The exercise of this power did not appear to require the specific sanction of the Minister. A decision on whether to subsidise the cost of delivering fuel provided under an approved Cheap Fuel Scheme would therefore be a matter for the Corporation itself.

The members noted the foregoing.

#### ROSSLARE HARBOUR DEVELOPMENT

The Town Clerk informed the members that the Minister for Tourism and Transport had by letter dated 22nd December, 1977 indicated that the Rosslare Harbour development proposals were at an advanced stage and that he expected to be in a position to announce a decision at a fairly early date. He therefore saw no need at this stage for him to discuss the proposals with the Rosslare Harbour Development Committee or any other body.

The members noted the foregoing.



INCREASE IN RATES - 11% LIMITATION

The Town Clerk informed the members that by letter dated 4th January 1978 the Minister for the Environment had noted the resolution passed by the Borough Council concerning the 11% limitation on increases in rates imposed by him.

SCHEME TO RELIEVE FLOODING AT BISHOPSWATER  
AND CULVERT UNDER PIERCE'S FACTORY

The Town Clerk informed the members that the Minister for the Environment had by letter dated 9th December, 1977 noted the contents of the recent resolution passed by the members.

HOUSING SCHEMES - WOLFE TONE VILLAS -  
MAUDLINTOWN - CROKE AVENUE

The Town Clerk informed the members that by letter dated 9th December, 1977 the Minister for the Environment had noted the resolution of the Corporation calling on the Minister to introduce a special low rent scheme for the foregoing housing schemes.

RETENTION OF ANCO TRAINING CENTRE

The Town Clerk informed the members that the Minister for the Environment had by letter dated 9th December, 1977 acknowledged the resolution of the members requesting the reception of a deputation and indicated that a further letter would be sent as soon as possible.

RAISING OF TEMPORARY LOAN OF £100,000 FROM WEXFORD  
COUNTY COUNCIL

On the proposal of Councillor J. Roche and seconded by Councillor T.F. Byrne, it was agreed that a temporary loan of £100,000 be raised from Wexford County Council.

INCREASE IN SALARY OF MAYOR

On the proposal of Councillor T.F. Byrne and seconded by Councillor T. Carr, it was agreed that the salary of the Mayor be increased from £1,000 to £1,200 with effect from 1st January, 1978.

WEXFORD TRAFFIC AND PARKING BYE LAWS

The Town Clerk informed the members that he had received an enquiry from the Deputy Commissioner of the Garda Siochana as to why the amendments to the Bye Laws had not been implemented.

The amendments provided for :-

- 1. No parking on the North side of King Street Upper from South Main Street to opposite Eastern gate pier of entrance to Ropewalk Yard.
2. No parking on Quays on East side as follows :-

Paul Quay	:	From Northern boundary of Talbot Hotel Car Park to Crescent Quay.
Crescent Quay	:	From Paul Quay to Custom House Quay.
Custom House Quay	:	From Crescent Quay to Commercial Quay.
Wellington Place	:	From a point opposite the Northern boundary of C.I.E. goods shed yard to Redmond Place.

- Redmond Place : From Wellington Place to a point 35 yards south of the Southern gate pier leading to platform of C.I.E. Station.
3. Monck Street : One way from Main Street to Quay.
4. Church Lane : One way from Main Street to Car Park.
5. Peter Street : Two way traffic.

On the proposal of Councillor J. Roche and seconded by Councillor T.F. Byrne, it was agreed that the foregoing amendments to the Bye Laws be implemented.

The Town Clerk informed the members that an overall traffic management plan for the Borough was being considered and would be submitted to the members as soon as possible.

#### PROPOSED VISIT TO N.B.A. HOUSING SCHEMES

It was agreed that the Town Clerk would arrange a proposed visit to N.B.A. Housing Schemes on a Saturday in the near future.

#### 1976 ESTIMATES - OVEREXPENDITURE

The Town Clerk explained to the members that the overexpenditure in 1976 under the various headings was more than off set by under-expenditure on other headings and did not therefore adversely affect the Corporation's overall financial position.

On the proposal of Councillor T.F. Byrne and seconded by Alderman F. Byrne, it was agreed that over-expenditure in the sum of £49,418 be approved.

#### SOUTH EASTERN REGIONAL TOURISM ORGANISATION LTD. - NOMINATION OF A DIRECTOR

The Town Clerk informed the members that he had received a letter from the South Eastern Regional Tourism Organisation Ltd., to the effect that a Director must be nominated annually.

Alderman Peter Roche had been nominated at the Borough Council Meeting on 7th March, 1977.

On the proposal of Councillor J. Roche and seconded by Councillor T.F. Byrne, it was unanimously agreed that Alderman Peter Roche be nominated as the Corporation's Director on the Board of the S.E.R.T.O. Ltd. for the year commencing after the next Annual General Meeting of the Board.



#### NEW NATIONAL DIFFERENTIAL RENT SCHEME

The members noted the terms of the new National Differential Rent Scheme which had been circulated with the Agenda.

#### 1978 TENANT PURCHASE SCHEME FOR LOCAL AUTHORITY HOUSES

The members noted the terms of the new scheme which had been circulated with the Agenda.

#### DERELICT PROPERTY AT 23/24 SKEFFINGTON ST. WEXFORD

The Town Clerk informed the members that the Corporation had acquired this property. The alternative proposals were :-

1. Sell Site for house/shop.
2. Provide one house.
3. Demolish and provide car parking spaces.
4. Demolish and provide 2 flats for elderly persons.

The Town Clerk recommended to the members that 2 flats for elderly persons be provided.

On the proposal of Councillor T.F. Byrne and seconded by Alderman Peter Roche, it was agreed that the Corporation provide two flats for elderly persons.

#### NEW SCHEME OF HOUSE IMPROVEMENT GRANTS

The Town Clerk informed the members that the former schemes of reconstruction and water and sewerage grants had been terminated. Reconstruction grants under the new system would be payable in respect of works the estimated cost of which was at least £100 and there would be no rateable valuation limits.

The new maximum grant for reconstruction works including the provision of an extension would be £600 or two-thirds of the estimated cost of the work, whichever is the less. Grants for the provision of water and sewerage facilities would be increased to two-thirds of the estimated cost of the work, or £200 in respect of the installation of a single private water supply and £150 for an individual sewerage installation.

No provision was made under the new scheme of House Improvement Grants involving the payment of supplementary grants by local housing authorities.

The maximum reconstruction loan which could be issued was £2,500 and an income limit of £3,500 per annum would apply.

#### TRAVELLING EXPENSES AND SUBSISTENCE ALLOWANCES OF MEMBERS OF LOCAL AUTHORITIES - CIRCULAR G. 8/77 DATED 15/12/1977.

The Town Clerk informed the members of the terms of the Circular.

On the proposal of Councillor T.F. Byrne and seconded by Councillor J. Roche, it was resolved that the terms of paragraph 5

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of circular letter G. 21/74 of 3rd December, 1974 as revised by paragraph 5 of circular letter G. 8/77 of 15th December, 1977 be applied where applicable to the members of the Corporation for the statutory monthly and other meetings of the Corporation and that the necessary over-expenditure be approved.

It was noted that the foregoing resolution would apply to the case of any member of the Corporation whose official residence was less than 5 miles by any route from the place of the meeting of the local authority to pay an inclusive travelling and subsistence allowance not exceeding £5.65 to any member who attends a meeting of the Corporation at a place less than 5 miles by any route from his official residence and who was obliged by reason of such attendance to remain away from his home for a continuous period of not less than 3 hours.

REVIEW OF DEVELOPMENT PLAN - LOCAL GOVERNMENT  
(PLANNING & DEVELOPMENT) ACT 1963 - SECTION 20  
LOCAL GOVERNMENT (PLANNING & DEVELOPMENT) ACT 1976 - SECTION 34

The Town Clerk informed the members that at the Statutory Meeting on 7th June, 1977 the members resolved that the Minister for Local Government be requested to extend the statutory date for the review of the Development Plan from November, 1977 to November, 1978.

The Minister for the Environment had by Order dated 18th December, 1977 extended until 27th November, 1978 the period for the review of the Corporation Development Plan.

The foregoing report was noted with approval by the members.

ST. IBARS CINE CLUB, WEXFORD

It was agreed that the Town Clerk would arrange with the Secretary of the Club for the showing of their film "Riders to the Sea" on a Wednesday night.

FIXING OF DATE FOR HOUSING COMMITTEE MEETING

On the proposal of Alderman Peter Roche and seconded by Councillor John Roche, it was agreed that the Housing Committee Meeting be held on Wednesday, 18th January, 1978.

It was further agreed that the new Housing Priority List be circulated at that meeting.

HOUSING SCHEMES -  
LIAM MELLOWS PARK - TALBOT GREEN - LR. JOHN ST. & JOHN'S GATE ST.

In reply to question Alderman Peter Roche was informed as follows :-

	TENDER	DATE OF ACCEPTANCE OF TENDER	ALL-IN-COST £
LIAM MELLOWS PARK	375,500	1st Feb. 1970	511,027
TALBOT GREEN	433,358	7th Sept. 1973	743,700
LR. JOHN STREET	95,000	30th Nov. 1973	247,700
JOHN'S GATE ST.	65,118	25th July. 1973	



SCHEME TO RELIEVE FLOODING AT BISHOPSWATER AND  
CULVERT UNDER PIERCE'S FACTORY

In reply to question Alderman Peter Roche was informed :-

That no further communication had been received from the Department on the foregoing Scheme.

RATE DEMAND NOTES

In reply to question Alderman Peter Roche was informed :-

That 8 Demand Notes had been issued inadvertently.

RECEPTION OF DEPUTATION FROM TALBOT GREEN

The members of the deputation consisted of :-

Mrs. Nolan and M/s Murphy, McGuire, Broaders, Thomas, and White.

The members of the deputation expressed dissatisfaction with the progress on the lack of effective action to remedy the alleged defects and did not agree that the present proposed remedial works would prove effective.

The members of the Corporation explained that a deputation was being received by the Minister for the Environment on the 17th January 1978 to discuss the scheme and that the Corporation were endeavouring to remedy the alleged defects. The Corporation would continue also to request the Minister to hold an enquiry into the scheme. In the circumstances therefore the members would appreciate if the rent strike could be called off in view of the efforts being made by the Corporation.

The members of the deputation explained that they would consider the request to call off the rent strike.

On the proposal of Clr. J. Furlong and seconded by Alderman Peter Roche, it was agreed that the members of the Corporation would meet at the Talbot Green Housing Scheme on Saturday, 14th January, 1978 at 11 o'clock to see the complaints.

It was noted that Mr. N. White would be available to point out the complaints.

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

The meeting then terminated.

*James Mahoney*



MINUTES OF HOUSING COMMITTEE MEETING OF WEXFORD BOROUGH COUNCIL  
HELD IN THE COUNCIL CHAMBER, MUNICIPAL BUILDINGS, WEXFORD ON  
WEDNESDAY, 18th JANUARY 1978

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The members present were :-

His Worship the Mayor, Alderman J. Mahoney presiding.

Aldermen : Philip Corish, Peter Roche, Fergus Byrne.

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

In attendance : Mr. M.N. Dillon, County Manager,  
Mr. M. Redmond, Staff Officer,  
Mr. G. McDermott, Health Inspector  
Mr. F.W. Kavanagh, Town Clerk.

DEPUTATION TO MR. S. BARRETT T.D. MINISTER FOR THE ENVIRONMENT  
TALBOT GREEN HOUSING SCHEME

NON-APPLICATION OF ANNUAL REVIEW OF RENTS TO TENANT PURCHASE APPLICATIONS

The Town Clerk informed the members that the Minister for the Environment, Mr. S. Barrett T.D. received a deputation on the 17th January 1978 from Wexford Corporation relating to the Talbot Green Housing Scheme and rents payable by certain tenants who applied in recent years to purchase their houses.

The Minister said that he would have the scheme inspected by one of his Inspectors for the purpose of informing him in detail of the present condition of the houses. It was emphasised by the Minister and accepted by the deputation that this inspection would be without prejudice to the operation of normal contract procedures for which legal responsibility rested with the parties to the contract.

As far as rents are concerned it is the general practice for tenants who apply to purchase their houses to continue to pay rents on the same basis as other tenants until the purchase becomes effective. This practice was not followed in Wexford before November 1976 because of exceptional circumstances in the area.

In view of the representations made by the deputation the Minister acceded to their request to waive increases in rents that should have been applied in the cases in question.

The members noted the foregoing report with approval and on the proposal of Councillor T. Carr and seconded by The Mayor, Alderman J. Mahoney it was resolved that the appreciation of the Corporation be extended to the Minister for his favourable consideration of the submissions made by the deputation and of the courteous manner in which he had received them.

CONSIDERATION OF REPRESENTATIONS ON PROPOSED  
NEW HOUSING PRIORITY LIST

The Town Clerk informed the members that the following report and schedules had been prepared to assist the members in making recommendations.

- Report dated 18th January, 1978 (which was read by the Town Clerk).
- Schedule of proposed applicants for family type accommodation.
- Schedule of applicants for family type accommodation not being recommended for reasons stated.
- Schedule of proposed applicants for old folk accommodation.
- Schedule of applicants for old folk accommodation not being recommended for reasons stated.
- Schedule of proposed applicants being recommended for transfer to family type accommodation.
- Schedule of proposed applicants being recommended for transfer to old folk type accommodation.
- Schedule of family transfer applications not included for reasons stated.

The Manager informed the members that the schedules at this stage were tentative and that he would consider representations made by Councillors.

It was agreed that the 7 cases not recommended for rehousing be re-considered further and in particular that the case of Mr. Patrick Kelly, 15 Distillery Road, be given serious re-consideration.

The members considered the proposed schedule of applicants for family type accommodation. It was agreed that further information be submitted on the following cases.

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| Mr. M. Kehoe, 85 Bishopswater  | - Proposed No. 10 |
| Mr. James Goggins, 51 Whiterock View   | - Proposed No. 22 |
| Mr. Brendan O'Brien, Wilmot Lodge, Castlebridge (was at 53 St. Aidan's Crescent)     | - Proposed No. 27 |
| Mr. Anthony McGuire, 15 Antelope Rd.   | - Proposed No. 28 |
| Mr. John Doyle, 50 Wolfe Tone Vls.   | - Proposed No. 51 |
| Mr. Patrick Walsh, 18 Monck Street   | - Proposed No. 54 |
| Mr. William Carty, 107 Bishopswater (now in Emmet Place)                             | - Proposed No. 88 |
| Mr. John Cooke, 78 Davitt Road North (now in Gas Co. Flat and may not be interested) | - Proposed No. 93 |



It was recommended that the following cases be re-considered for higher priority on the proposed list.

Mr. David Clancy, 107 Bishopswater	- Proposed No. 43
Mr. Peter Conway, 64 St. Aidans Cres.	- Proposed No. 57
Mr. Aidan Gilbert, 8 Dolphin Road	- Proposed No. 59
Mr. Aidan Gordon, 5 Green Street	- Proposed No. 80
Mr. Brian Alexander, 20 King Street	- Proposed No. 85

It was recommended that Mr. John Fenlon formerly of 82 Whitemill Road and now in illegal occupation of No. 90 Talbot Street be struck off list.

It was recommended that Mr. Joseph Tyghe, 20 Croke Avenue be placed further down the list having regard to the fact that Mr. Patrick Bradshaw, 20 Croke Avenue is being rehoused.

It was recommended that Mr. John Cullen, 18 Hantoon Road be placed further down the list.

As the following cases were not within the first 91 proposed applicants it was recommended that further serious consideration be given to their applications.

Mr. George Ryan, 73 Wolfe Tone Vls.	- Proposed No. 94
Mr. B. Murray, 5 Edenvale Avenue	- Proposed No. 130

At this stage it was proposed by Councillor J. Furlong and seconded by Councillor J. Roche that the applicants longest waiting be now re-considered.

An amendment proposed by Alderman Philip Corish and seconded by Councillor Carr that the remaining applicants up to No. 100 be considered and then consideration be given to the longest waiting applicants was defeated by 10 votes against and 2 for.

The original motion on being put was carried by 10 votes for - 2 against.

It was recommended that serious review be given to the following cases.

Mr. Patrick Reville, 32 Wolfe Tone Vls.	- Proposed No. 138
Mr. William Pitman, 9 Monck Street	- Proposed No. 139
Mr. Joseph Doyle, 19 Hantoon Road	- Proposed No. 155
Mr. Donal Sinnott, 10 Commercial Quay	- Proposed No. 156
Mr. B. Doyle, 9 Upr. John Street	- Proposed No. 157
Mr. John O'Rourke, Quay Hse. Commercial Q.	- Proposed No. 97
Mr. Derek Bergin, 4 Lr. Georges Street (also reconsider for higher priority on the List).	- Proposed No. 99
Mr. P. O'Brien, Old Rectory, Spawell Road	- Proposed No. 116
Mr. John Walsh, 85 Kennedy Park (this applicant is now at 15 Bay Mollons Park and should be considered for upgrading.)	- Proposed No. 117

Mr. James Hanley, 13 Distillery Road	- Proposed No. 125
Mr. Owen Murphy, 3 Roches Terrace	- Proposed No. 126
Mr. Richard Byrne, c/o Macken's Bull Ring	- Proposed No. 131
Mrs. A. Bartlett, 19 North Main Street	- Proposed No. 149
Mr. Patrick Furlong, 20 Lr. George's St.	- Proposed No. 166
Mr. A. Mahon, 15 Selskar Street	- Proposed No. 178
Mr. Victor Hamilton, 16 Carrigeen St.	- Proposed No. 181
Mr. H. Hillis, 135 The Faythe	- Proposed No. 187
Mr. Anthony Murphy, 36 Parnell Street	- Proposed No. 121

#### TRANSFER PRIORITY LIST

It was agreed on the proposal of Councillor J. Furlong and seconded by The Mayor, Alderman J. Mahoney that the existing policy of the Corporation in regard to transfers be adhered to.

The existing policy provides for including one transfer case in every 10 allocations of new applicants.

It was proposed by Councillor T. Carr and seconded by Councillor T.F. Byrne that the first 10 applications on the schedule (other than that of Mrs. Jacob Greene) be allocated the 9 old folk dwellings.

An amendment proposed by Councillor K. Morris and seconded by Councillor J. Flaherty that the proposed old folk list be examined and recommendations of the members considered by the Manager was carried.

On being put as a substantive motion was also carried. It was recommended that Mrs. Jacob Greene be offered a proposed vacant house at 11 O'Connell Avenue or similar suitable accommodation.

It was agreed that the following cases be re-considered.

Patrick Murphy, 33 Skeffington Street

Kathleen Moran, 15 High Street

Henry Roberts, 3 Lower King Street

#### ALLOCATION OF 34 HOUSES AT TOWNPARKS

The members agreed with the suggestion of the Manager that the first 34 houses (for which keys were available) be allocated to the longest waiting applicants within the first 91 of the family type schedule.

The Meeting then terminated at 10.50 p.m.

*James Mahoney*

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HELD IN THE COUNCIL CHAMBER, MUNICIPAL BUILDINGS, WEXFORD  
ON MONDAY 6th FEBRUARY, 1978.

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The members present were :-

His Worship the Mayor, Alderman J. Mahoney presiding.

Aldermen : Peter Roche, Fergus Byrne.

Councillors : K. Morris, John Roche, Mrs. A. Doyle,  
J. Furlong, Thomas Carr, T.F. Byrne.

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

In attendance : Mr. M.N. Dillon, County Manager  
Mr. S. O'Sullivan, Borough Surveyor  
Mr. J. Kennedy, Borough Accountant  
Miss Judith Walpole, Planning Assistant  
Wexford Co. Council  
Mr. Frank Kavanagh, Town Clerk.

ADOPTION OF MINUTES

On the proposal of Alderman F. Byrne and seconded by  
Councillor T. Carr, the minutes of the Statutory Meeting of the  
Borough Council held on 9th January 1978 and the Housing Committee  
Meeting held on 18th January 1978 were adopted.

VOTE OF SYMPATHY

On the proposal of The Mayor, Alderman J. Mahoney and  
seconded by Councillor T.F. Byrne the members passed a vote of  
sympathy with Councillor T. Carr and the wife and relatives of  
the late Mr. John Coughlan and paid tribute to his many fine qualities.

HOUSING RECONSTRUCTION GRANTS

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

"That while this Council welcomes the increase  
in the Housing Reconstruction Grants it calls  
for a general speed up in their payment".

It was also agreed on the proposal of The Mayor and seconded  
by Councillor K. Morris, that the Minister be requested to transfer  
the payment of these grants to the local authorities as it was considered  
that this would expedite payments.

#### OLD FOLK HOUSES - SCHEME FOR CHILDLESS COUPLES

The following motion proposed by Alderman Peter Roche and seconded by Councillor J. Roche was adopted.

"That this Council request as a matter of urgency the drawing up of plans for the building of more old folk houses and also a scheme suitable for childless couples who have been on the Housing List for some years".

It was also agreed that the 15 old folk house scheme for Talbot Green be reconsidered and that the tenants be requested to withdraw their previous objection.

The Town Clerk informed the members that it was intended to build 17 old folk dwellings during 1978 but that progress on this work would depend on the capital allocation for 1978.

On the proposal of Councillor T.F. Byrne and seconded by Alderman F. Byrne it was agreed that the Minister for the Environment be requested to provide sufficient capital allocation for the Corporation's housing schemes for 1978.

#### STANDING ORDERS

The following motion proposed by Councillor J. Roche and seconded by Councillor J. Furlong was adopted.

"That Standing Order No. 9 of this Council be amended to stipulate that the times of meetings be from 7.30 p.m. to 10 p.m. so as to allow more time to deal with the increased volume of business".

#### OLD FOLK DWELLINGS - SPECIAL RENT ALLOWANCE

The following motion proposed by Councillor John Roche and seconded by Councillor T. Carr was considered.

"That this Council introduce a system whereby tenants of old folk dwellings who would normally qualify for the Cheap Fuel Scheme be given a special rent allowance for the length of time that the Fuel Scheme operates".

Councillor J. Roche considered that the Hardship Clause of the National Differential Rent Scheme could be used in these cases.

The Manager considered that there was no statutory authority in Local Government Law for a special rent allowance of this nature but that statutory authority for assisting people on low incomes was embodied in the Social Welfare Supplementary Allowances Act 1977.

It was agreed that the Health Board be again requested to consider granting a weekly allowance having regard in particular to the fact that the weekly outgoings of the tenants of the centrally heated flats was £2.60.



HOUSING SCHEMES -  
MAUDLINTOWN - WOLFE TONE VILLAS - CROKE AVENUE

The following motion proposed by Councillor T. Carr and seconded by Councillor T.F. Byrne was adopted.

"That this Council request the Minister for the Environment to introduce a scheme whereby special consideration would be given to the tenants of Maudlintown, Wolfe Tone Villas and Croke Avenue who are obliged to pay a high rent for sub-standard houses and that a special capital allocation be granted to carry out an improvement scheme".

LIGHTING SYSTEM IN MAUDLINTOWN ESTATE

The following motion proposed by Councillor T. Carr and seconded by Councillor T.F. Byrne was considered.

"That this Council consider the updating of the lighting system in Maudlintown Estate which at present is completely inadequate and outdated".

On the suggestion of the Manager it was agreed that a survey be carried out and a further report submitted.

CHUTES ON THE MAIN STREET

The following motion proposed by Alderman F. Byrne and seconded by Councillor K. Morris was adopted.

"That the Corporation request the Borough Engineer and Foreman to carry out a survey of blocked and overflowing chutes on the Main Street and along the Quays".

CENTRAL HEATING OF OLD FOLK FLATS

The following motion proposed by The Mayor, Alderman J. Mahoney and seconded by Councillor Mrs. Avril Doyle was considered.

"That the hours for central heating of the flats at Lower John Street and John's Gate Street be reviewed".

It was agreed that a report be submitted to the next meeting of the Borough Council.

FLOODING AT TALBOT GREEN

The following motion proposed by The Mayor, Alderman J. Mahoney and seconded by Councillor T. Carr was adopted.

"That this Corporation have the flooding at Talbot Green alleviated".

BRITISH OCCUPATION AND STRASBOURG TORTURE TRIAL

The following motion proposed by Councillor J. Furlong and seconded by Councillor J. Roche was adopted.

"That Wexford Corporation call on our Government to press Britain for an immediate declaration of intent to withdraw British forces from Irish soil and that we condemn the findings of the Strasbourg Torture Trial. This motion to be circulated to other Councils requesting their support".

### GENERAL MEDICAL SERVICE

The following motion proposed by Councillor J. Furlong and seconded by Councillor J. Roche was adopted.

"That Wexford Corporation call for the implementation of a free general medical service and for the replacement of private practice by salaried payment".

### ACKNOWLEDGEMENTS OF RESOLUTIONS PASSED AT PREVIOUS MEETINGS

#### BOROUGH BOUNDARY EXTENSIONS

The Town Clerk informed the members that he had received an acknowledgement from the Minister for the Environment to the effect that legislation to simplify the procedure for revising Borough Boundaries would be considered by the Minister in the context of general Local Government legislation when the next suitable opportunity arises.

#### DRAINAGE SYSTEM IN BOROUGH

The Town Clerk informed the members that he had received an acknowledgement from the Minister for the Environment to the resolution of the Council requesting the provision of funds to facilitate the renewal of the sewerage system in the town.

### CORRESPONDENCE

#### ABBEY STREET WIDENING - CORNMARKEET TO SELSKAR

The Town Clerk informed the members that the Minister for the Environment had allocated a special grant of £20,000 for the further widening of Abbey Street.

#### ROAD GRANTS 1978

The Town Clerk informed the members that the Corporation had received a Block Grant of £8,500 for road improvement schemes for 1978, and that this was an increase of 17% approximately on the 1977 allocation of £7,275.

It was agreed that a survey of roads in the Borough be carried out with a view to making a submission to the Minister for increased Road Fund Grants.

#### CHILDER'S RECREATION CENTRE

The Town Clerk informed the members that it was desirable that a Manager of the Childer's Recreation Centre be appointed in lieu of the present post of Caretaker of the Swimming Pool and that provision had been made in the current Estimates accordingly.

The new post would have responsibility for overall management and promotion of the Swimming Pool, Caravan Park and other amenities.

On the proposal of Councillor J. Roche and seconded by Alderman F. Byrne, it was agreed that an overall Manager for the Childer's Recreation Centre be appointed in lieu of the present post of Caretaker of the Swimming Pool.



CITY AND COUNTY MANAGEMENT (AMENDMENT) ACT 1955 -  
SECTION 6 and 11.

The Town Clerk informed the members that circular letter REM44/1 dated December 1977 provided for a revised salary scale for the offices of Draughtsmen and Civil Engineering Technician on the basis recommended by the arbitrator with effect from 1st June, 1976.

The total cost for implementing the revised scale for the post of Technician was £327 (that is £194 arrears and £133 for 1978).

On the proposal of Councillor J. Roche and seconded by Councillor T. Carr it was agreed that the revised scale for the post of Technician be approved and that the necessary over-expenditure be authorised.

PRODUCTIVITY AGREEMENT - CRAFTSMEN & CRAFTSMEN'S MATES

The Town Clerk informed the members that a productivity agreement was being entered into on a joint basis for the local authorities in the County including Wexford Corporation.

The productivity agreement was based on revised rates for craftsmen and craftsmen's mates. The cost of implementing the agreement for 1977 was £1,883 and for the full year of 1978 was £3,566. The total cost therefore was £5,449.

On the proposal of Councillor J. Roche and seconded by Alderman F. Byrne, it was agreed that the revised rates for craftsmen and craftsmen's mates be approved and that the necessary overexpenditure be authorised.

CENTRAL HEATING CHARGES FOR OLD FOLK DWELLINGS

The Town Clerk informed the members that it was desirable to review annually the central heating charges. It was proposed therefore to increase the weekly central heating charge by 25p.

On the proposal of Councillor J. Roche and seconded by Councillor T. Carr, it was recommended that the heating cost be not increased.

The Manager informed the members that he would look at each case individually.

WEXFORD FESTIVAL SINGERS

The Town Clerk informed the members that he had received a letter of thanks addressed to the members for the recent grant of £200 to the Wexford Festival Singers.

WEXFORD FESTIVAL OPERA

The Town Clerk informed the members that he had received a letter of thanks addressed to the members from the Chairman of the Wexford Festival Opera for the recent grant.

SOUTH EAST TOURISM

The Town Clerk informed the members that he had received a synopsis of the activities of South East Tourism for 1977. It was agreed that the synopsis be circulated to the members.

OVERDRAFT ACCOMMODATION  
FOR THE QUARTER TO THE 30th JUNE 1978

On the proposal of Councillor T.F. Byrne and seconded by Alderman F. Byrne, it was agreed that the overdraft accommodation of £130,000 for quarter to the 30th June, 1978 be approved.

KING ST., AVENUE

In reply to question Alderman Peter Roche was informed :-

That King Street Avenue was a private Avenue and that there was no statutory authority to expend money on the surfacing of the Avenue.

FOOTPATHS IN THE MAUDLINTOWN AREA

In reply to question Alderman Peter Roche was informed :-

That the Borough Surveyor was aware of the conditions of some of the footpaths in the Maudlintown area and that serious consideration was being given to the allocation of the Road Fund Grants for 1978 to this area.

NO PARKING SIGN AT ENTRANCE TO  
CRESCENT QUAY CAR PARK

In reply to question Alderman Peter Roche was informed :-

That the No Parking sign was a private sign related to the car park of the Bank of Ireland. However the Borough Surveyor had discussed the sign with the Manager of the Bank and he agreed to its removal.

SURFACING OF PATH BETWEEN LIAM MELLOWS AND  
CHURCH AT CLONARD

In reply to question Councillor John Roche was informed :-

That an order had issued to Roadstone Ltd., for the surfacing of the pathway.

OLD FOLK FLATS - CONVECTOR HEATERS

In reply to question Councillor John Roche was informed :-

That 20 convector heaters had been issued.



SURFACE DRESSING IN THE AREA ADJACENT TO THE  
LOWER JOHN STREET FLATS

In reply to question The Mayor Alderman J. Mahoney was informed :-

That the surface dressing in this area was proceeding at present.

ACTION AREA PLAN FOR URBAN ENVIRONS

The Manager explained to the members that the action area plan for the environs had been adopted by Wexford County Council as the planning authority for the area. The plan provided for the overall planning strategy for the area and was based on the concept of neighbourhood centres (that is where church, schools, housing etc., were provided in a defined location). The overall plan would facilitate the economic use of resources in the provision of infrastructural services. The plan was placed before the members for their information as it would be integrated into the town plan which was present being reviewed.

Miss Judith Walpole of the Planning Staff of Wexford County Council explained the details of the plan to the members and referred in particular to the population growth projection of 22,000 persons by 1991 on which the plan was based. The location of the areas for schools, neighbourhood shops, residential, industrial, open space and recreational facilities was outlined to the members. The plan would provide a positive approach to land use and development and would help to promote development.

On the proposal of Alderman Peter Roche and seconded by Councillor T.F. Byrne, the members complimented Miss Walpole for the excellent manner in which she had explained the details of the plan.

It was agreed that the written statement of the proposed action area plan be circulated to the members.

The meeting then terminated.

*James Mahoney*

MINUTES OF SPECIAL HOUSING COMMITTEE MEETING HELD IN THE  
COUNCIL CHAMBER, MUNICIPAL BUILDINGS, WEXFORD, ON TUESDAY  
14th MARCH, 1978 at 7.30 p.m.

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The members present were :-

His Worship the Mayor, Alderman J. Mahoney presiding.

Aldermen : Philip Corish, Peter Roche, Fergus Byrne.

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

In attendance : Mr. M. Redmond, Staff Officer, Housing & Planning,  
Mr. G. McDermott, Health Inspector,  
Mr. Frank Kavanagh, Town Clerk.

HOUSING PRIORITY LIST - FAMILY TYPE - AS AT 17th FEBRUARY 1978

The Town Clerk explained to the members the case of Mr. Patrick Berry formerly of No. 120 Bishopswater. It was recommended that Mr. Berry be not offered a new house but possibly a house which would be difficult to allocate.

It was agreed that Mr. Noel Murphy, 39 Kennedy Park, be offered the tenancy of a house in Liam Mellows Park.

On the proposal of Councillor T. Carr and seconded by Councillor J. Furlong, it was agreed that the housing list be again considered.

It was recommended that the following cases be re-considered for the next 103 housing scheme at Townparks.

Brendan O'Brien, Wilmot Lodge, Castlebridge  
(Was at 53 St. Aidan's Crescent)

James McEneaney, 21 St. Aidan's Crescent

Joseph Tyghe, 20 Croke Avenue

Bernard Stafford, Caravan, Killinick  
(Was at Seaview, Maudlintown)

It was noted that Mr. Thomas Harpur, 65 St. Aidan's Crescent was placed at the end of the list in view of his present Letting Agreement for this house.

It was also noted that Mr. Patrick Furlong, 20 Lower George Street would be placed No. 51 on the new priority list and Mr. Nicholas Pender, 86 Bishopswater, No. 56.



It was agreed that an updated schedule be prepared and following the allocation of the houses a further housing committee meeting would be held to consider the remaining applicants for future new housing schemes.

#### SCHEDULE OF FAMILY TYPE TRANSFERS

The members considered the schedule and recommended that Mr. P. Holden, 55 Talbot Street be not included on the schedule and that very careful consideration be given should it be decided to transfer Mrs. Claire Firman, 11 O'Connell Avenue.

#### SCHEDULE - OLD FOLK LIST

The members noted with approval the first 10 names on the List.

#### ALLOCATION OF HOUSES

It was recommended that the allocation of the houses be in accordance with the following sequence.

1. A maximum of 9 transfers to be allocated new houses.
2. The names on the Family Type List to be allocated new houses in the order of priority as shown.
3. The vacant houses as a result of transfers to be allocated to the next in order of priority - 2 above having been completed first.

It was further agreed that if it was found difficult to allocate certain houses (as a result of transfers) the Town Clerk would offer these houses to the applicants in the order of priority on the total list and that if members were aware of names of those who would accept these houses they would submit them to the Town Clerk.

The Meeting then terminated.

*James Mahoney*

MINUTES OF QUARTERLY MEETING OF WEXFORD BOROUGH COUNCIL  
HELD IN THE COUNCIL CHAMBER, MUNICIPAL BUILDINGS, WEXFORD,  
ON MONDAY 6th MARCH, 1978

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The members present were :-

His Worship the Mayor, Alderman J. Mahoney presiding.

Aldermen : Philip Corish, Peter Roche, Fergus Byrne

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

In attendance : Mr. Michael N. Dillon, County Manager;  
Mr. S. O'Sullivan, Borough Surveyor;  
Mr. J. Kennedy, Borough Accountant;  
Mr. Frank Kavanagh, Town Clerk

VOTE OF SYMPATHY

On the proposal of Councillor T.F. Byrne and seconded by His Worship the Mayor, Alderman J. Mahoney, the members passed a vote of sympathy with Dr. T. Walsh of Lower George Street, Wexford, on the death of his wife.

TRAVELLING EXPENSES AND SUBSISTENCE ALLOWANCES OF MEMBERS OF  
LOCAL AUTHORITIES

Councillor J. Jenkins informed the meeting that as he considered members should give of their time freely he would not be accepting payment therefor.

He also dissented from the amendment to Standing Orders contained in Minutes of 6th February, 1978.

VOTE OF WELCOME

The members welcomed Mr. M. Moore, People Newspaper Representative, to the meeting.

REDUNDANCY PAYMENTS -- FORMER EMPLOYEES OF PIERCES  
FOUNDRY

On the proposal of Councillor J. Roche and seconded by Aldermen Peter Roche, it was agreed that the Department of Labour be requested to ensure immediate resolution and payment of redundancy payments to the 59 former employees of Pierces Factory Wexford.



### ADOPTION OF MINUTES

On the Councillor T.F. Byrne and seconded by Alderman F. Byrne, the minutes of the Statutory Meeting of the Borough Council held on the 6th February, 1978, were adopted.

### DIRECTIONAL SIGNS ON THE QUAY

On the proposal of Councillor J. Jenkins and seconded by Councillor Mrs. Avril Doyle, the following motion was unanimously adopted :-

"That Wexford Corporation erect directional signs on the Quays pointing to Car Parks on the West of the Main Street".

### PLAYGROUND FACILITIES AT MAUDLINTOWN GREEN

On the proposal of Aldermen Peter Roche and seconded by Councillor T.F. Byrne, the following motion was considered :-

"That in view of the need to maintain and improve the existing playground facilities provided voluntarily at Maudlintown Green, the £1,000 designated in the Estimates for use at the area known as "The Rocks" be used instead in conjunction with Maudlintown Sports Committee to carry out the necessary improvements to the ground and equipment at Maudlintown Green".

The priority improvements needed were referred to as the concrete surrounds at the base of the playground equipment and improvements to the footpaths.

The Manager informed the members of the preliminary report he had received on the future development of the land at Maudlintown from the Conservation and Amenity Advisory Service of An Foras Forbartha and that if the members wished he would have a synopsis of this prepared and circulated, and that if the Maudlintown Committee submitted a report on their proposals for the open space the members could consider both and make a final decision.

Following further discussion it was agreed that as the open space at Maudlintown Green was urgent the £1,000 be reallocated and that the Borough Surveyor discuss with the Secretary of the Committee proposals for expending this money.

### AUTOMATIC MANUAL EXCHANGE AT WEXFORD POST OFFICE

On the proposal by Alderman P. Roche and seconded by Councillor J. Furlong, the following motion was adopted :-

" That this Council mindful of the excellent service provided by the Telephonists of Wexford Post Office to the public, industrial and tourist interest and

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emergency services and also mindful of Wexford's position in the unemployment league, protest in the strongest possible manner to the Taoiseach on the proposed closure of the automatic manual exchange at Wexford Post Office and the subsequent loss of 15 jobs".

#### MAUDLINTOWN - SEWERAGE PROBLEM

The following motion proposed by Councillor J. Roche and seconded by Alderman Philip Corish was considered:-

"That this Council call for the clarification of the situation regarding the sewerage problem at Maudlintown"

Reference was made to the deputation which had been received from the Maudlintown Residents Association regarding the alleged sea pollution at Maudlintown and the preliminary report which had been prepared by Wexford County Council.

The Manager informed the members that the South Eastern Health Board had stated that no health hazard existed and that a Consultant had been commissioned to submit a preliminary report on the future drainage needs of Wexford Town.

It was agreed that the Consultant be requested to expedite the preliminary report and that priority be given in the report to the Maudlintown area.

#### URBAN REDEVELOPMENT - PURCHASE OF PROPERTY

The following motion proposed by Councillor John Roche and seconded by Alderman Peter Roche, was defeated on a show of hands by two votes for and seven against :-

"That this Council call for special conditions for those people who through no fault of their own find themselves removed from their own homes and brought under the Differential Rent System".

#### TOWNPARKS HOUSING ESTATE - NEW PUBLIC TELEPHONE

The following motion proposed by Councillor J. Flaherty and seconded by Councillor T.F. Byrne was adopted :-

"That this Corporation request the Department of Posts and Telegraphs to erect a new public telephone in the new Corporation Housing Estate at Townparks".

The Mayor, Alderman J. Mahoney congratulated the National Building Agency and officials on the new housing scheme at Townparks - the overall lay-out and house design were of an extremely high standard.



ACKNOWLEDGEMENTS OF RESOLUTIONS PASSED AT PREVIOUS MEETINGS

PAYMENT OF RECONSTRUCTION GRANTS

The Town Clerk informed the members that he had received an acknowledgement from the Minister for the Environment regarding the recent resolution requesting that the payment of reconstruction grants be expedited and that the payment thereof be transferred to the local authorities.

SPECIAL RENT SCHEME FOR MAUDLINTOWN, WOLFE TONE VILLAS  
AND CROKE AVENUE HOUSES

The Town Clerk informed the members that he had received an acknowledgement from the Minister for the Environment regarding the recent resolution calling for the introduction of a special rent scheme for the tenants in the Maudlintown, Wolfe Tone Villas and Croke Avenue houses.

GENERAL MEDICAL SERVICE

The Town Clerk informed the members that he had received an acknowledgement from the Minister for Health to the recent resolution calling for the implementation of a free general medical service and for the replacement of private practice by salary payment.

BRITISH OCCUPATION AND STRASBOURG TORTURE TRIALS

The Town Clerk informed the members that he had received a letter of acknowledgement from the Office of the Minister for Justice to the recent resolution of the Borough Council.

CORRESPONDENCE

HOUSING CAPITAL ALLOCATION FOR EXISTING COMMITMENTS

The Town Clerk informed the members that an initial capital allocation of £620,000 had been received for existing housing commitments.

HOUSING LOANS & SUPPLEMENTARY GRANTS - INITIAL ALLOCATION  
FOR 1978

The Town Clerk informed the members that he had received notification of an initial capital allocation of £58,000 for housing loans and supplementary grants.

SANITARY SERVICES CAPITAL ALLOCATION 1978

The Town Clerk informed the members that he had received notification of a capital allocation for sanitary services works of £25,000. This allocation was for the extension of the treatment works at Newtown and other ancillary works.

No allocation had been received for the scheme which had been submitted to the Department to relieve flooding

at Bishopswater and to provide a culvert under Pierces Factory. No allocation had been received for this scheme during 1977 also.

On the proposal of Councillor J. Roche and seconded by Councillor T. Carr it was agreed that the Department be requested to provide a capital allocation for this scheme as a matter of urgency.

#### SMALL WATER & SEWERAGE SCHEMES - 1978 PROGRAMME

The Town Clerk informed the members that he had received notification of a capital allocation of £5,000 for the provision of guard rails and access stairway at Newtown Treatment Works.

#### ST. PATRICK'S DAY PARADE 1978

The members agreed to take part in the parade which is to commence at Swan View at 11.30 a.m.

#### NATIONAL GRAVES ASSOCIATION- WEXFORD BRANCH

The members agreed that participation in the Easter Commemoration would be as in former years.

#### WEXFORD FESTIVAL - FRINGE EVENTS COMMITTEE

The Town Clerk informed the members that the Committee had invited the Corporation to participate by the nomination of a member to the Committee.

On the proposal of Councillor T.F. Byrne and seconded by Alderman Peter Roche, Councillor Mrs. Avril Doyle was nominated as the Corporation's representative on the Committee.

#### IRISH PUBLIC BODIES MUTUAL INSURANCES LIMITED - ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

It was agreed that Councillor T.F. Byrne would attend the meeting on behalf of the Corporation.

#### WEXFORD FESTIVAL SINGERS

The Town Clerk informed the members that he had received a letter from the Hon. Secretary to inform the members of the fact that the choir would be relaying a half hour television programme on R.T.E. at 11.05 p.m. on Tuesday the 14th March, 1978. The letter further stated that the singers would not have been able to rise to such a standard without the very generous assistance which the members had granted.

#### STUDY TOUR - E.E.C. HEADQUARTERS IN BRUSSELS

The Manager informed the meeting that the S.E.R.D.O. had arranged a study tour and that in nominating a member it was suggested that regard be had to the number of attendances of the members of the Board of S.E.R.D.O. at their meetings. On this basis Councillor T.F. Byrne would be the nominee. On the proposal of Alderman P. Roche and seconded by Councillor J. Flaherty it was agreed that Councillor T.F. Byrne represent the Corporation on the study tour and that the necessary over-expenditure involved be authorised.



SOUTH EASTERN REGIONAL TOURISM ORGANISATION LIMITED - TOURISM  
PLAN FOR THE PERIOD 1978 to 1982

The Town Clerk informed the members that copies of the plan were available for perusal.

STANDARD OF RENT COLLECTION - 1977

The Town Clerk informed the members that the standard of collection reached for 1977 was 96.74% and compared favourably with the collection of 93.08% for 1976.

On the proposal of Alderman Peter Roche and seconded by Councillor T. Carr it was agreed that the Rent Collectors be complimented on the satisfactory standard of performance.

PROVISION OF WORKSHOP AT THE MUNICIPAL BUILDINGS

The Town Clerk informed the members of the necessity to provide a new workshop to ensure a satisfactory standard of housing and repair maintenance. A plan had been prepared of the proposed workshop the estimated cost of which was £12,500.

On the proposal of Councillor J. Roche and seconded by Councillor T. Carr, it was agreed that a loan of £12,500 be raised for this work.

DRAFT LETTING PRIORITIES SCHEME

On the proposal of Alderman P. Roche and seconded by Councillor J. Roche, it was agreed that this scheme be deferred to the next meeting of the Borough Council.

ROAD FUND GRANT ALLOCATION 1978

The Town Clerk informed the members that the Borough Surveyor had recommended that the £8,500 grant be utilised on the roads and footpaths in the Maudlintown area.

PROPOSED DRAFT LAY-OUT FOR HOUSING SCHEME AT  
TEMPERANCE ROW/ SELSKAR

The Town Clerk informed the members that he had received a preliminary report from the Consulting Architect on the proposed plans for the Temperance Row/Selskar Street area.

The proposals provided for two alternatives.

SCHEME NO.1 - continuation of the 24ft. carriageway from Abbey Street involving the demolition of the house on the corner of George Street/Abbey Street and resulting in the provision of a lesser number of houses/flats. In addition the very important sequence of spaces and views along Abbey Street towards St. Selskar Abbey would be lost forever.

SCHEME No.2 - The retention of the narrow road and only the

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would be improved. The house on the corner of George Street/Abbey Street would be demolished and rebuilt. The narrow space of the street would be retained to dramatically show off St. Selskar Abbey. This proposal would also result in the provision of a greater number of houses/flats.

The Manager referred to both schemes and the possibility of introducing a Traffic Management Plan in conjunction with Scheme No. 2. The Department allocated £20,000 for the improvement of Temperance Row and it would be necessary to clarify with the Department if this money could be utilised for other road work schemes in the Borough should Scheme 2 be finally decided on.

It was agreed that a decision in principle would be deferred to enable the members to consider the matter and for the submission of more detailed proposals.

DISPOSAL OF LAND - LOCAL GOVERNMENT ACT 1946 (SECTION 83)  
AS AMENDED BY SECTION 88(3) OF HOUSING ACT 1966

On the proposal of Councillor John Roche and seconded by Alderman F. Byrne it was agreed that following land be disposed of in accordance with Notices dated 23rd February, 1978.

- (a) Disposal of 180.5 sq. ft. approximately at Thomas Clarke Place to Mrs. Margaret Cullen, 4 Rose Terrace, Wexford,
- (b) 421 sq. ft. approximately at Thomas Clarke Place to Mrs. C. Murphy, 18 Francis Street, Wexford.
- (c) 1 Acre of land at Whitemill North Industrial Estate to Almac Engineering Ltd., Industrial Estate, Wexford
- (d) Dedication of 5 sq. perches at Killeens, Wexford, to Wexford County Council for road widening.
- (e) The disposal of ground rent to Miss Annie O'Sullivan "Derrynane" St. John's Road, Wexford.

PROPOSED DISPOSAL OF HOUSES - TENANT  
PURCHASE SCHEME

On the proposal of Alderman Peter Roche and seconded by Councillor T.F. Byrne it was resolved that in accordance with the terms as set out in the notice dated 22nd February, 1978, the following dwellings be disposed of to the tenants thereof as follows:

<u>Dwelling</u>	<u>Tenant</u>	<u>Price</u>
10 Carrigeen Street	Josephine Brennan	£374.
112 Liam Mellows Park	Thomas Doyle	£3,434
139 Liam Mellows Park	George Monahan	£2,532
26 Tuskar View	Mrs. Ann O'Leary	£1,610

HOUSING CAPITAL ALLOCATION - 1978

In reply to question Alderman Peter Roche was informed that no communication had been received from the Department regarding the Capital Allocation for 1978.



STAGE 11 - TOWNPARKS

In reply to question Alderman Peter Roche was informed :-

That it was assumed that the work would commence on part of Stage 11 at least in May 1978.

RENEWAL OF FOOTPATHS IN MAUDLINTOWN

HOUSING ESTATE

In reply to question Alderman Peter Roche was informed :-

Reinstatement was carried out by the statutory undertakers who originally opened the roads and footpaths.

In reply to question Councillor John Roche was also informed of the foregoing.

WATER SUPPLY TO SOUTH END OF WEXFORD TOWN

In reply to question Councillor John Roche was informed:-

That Wexford County Council proposed to erect a reservoir at Coolcotts which would serve the high areas of the town and the booster pump at Wygram would probably then not be required. It was considered that the pressure on the water supply would then improve but the Borough Surveyor was also investigating the provision of a booster pump to ensure adequate water pressure to the entire town.

MAUDLINTOWN - NO DUMPING

In reply to question Councillor John Roche was informed :-

That a No Dumping sign would be placed on the banks at Maudlintown (overlooking the railway bank).

WALL AT END OF GARDEN OF NO. 10 HANTOON ROAD

In reply to question the Mayor, Aldermen J. Mahoney was informed :-

That this wall was a private wall and if necessary appropriate statutory notices would be served.

HOUSING COMMITTEE MEETING

It was agreed that a Special Housing Committee Meeting would be held on Tuesday 14th March, 1978, to further consider the Housing Priority List.

The meeting then terminated.

*James Mahoney*

MINUTES OF STATUTORY MEETING OF WEXFORD BOROUGH COUNCIL  
HELD IN THE COUNCIL CHAMBER, MUNICIPAL BUILDINGS, WEXFORD  
ON MONDAY, 3rd APRIL, 1978.

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The members present were :-

His Worship the Mayor, Alderman J. Mahoney presiding.

Aldermen : Philip Corish, Peter Roche.

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

An apology for inability to attend was received from  
Alderman F. Byrne, Councillor Mrs. Avril Doyle, Councillor  
J. Jenkins.

In attendance : Mr. Michael N. Dillon, County Manager,  
Mr. S. O'Sullivan, Borough Engineer,  
Mr. John Kennedy, Borough Accountant,  
Mr. Frank Kavanagh, Town Clerk.

ADOPTION OF MINUTES

On the proposal of Councillor J. Flaherty and seconded by  
Councillor J. Roche, the minutes of the Statutory Rates Meeting  
held on 6th March, 1978 ; Quarterly Meeting held on 6th March, 1978 ;  
Special Housing Committee Meeting held on 14th March, 1978, were adopted.

VOTE OF CONGRATULATIONS TO ORGANISERS OF SLOGADH FESTIVAL

On the proposal of Councillor J. Roche and seconded by Councillor  
T. Carr, the members congratulated the organisers of Slogadh Festival  
for the excellent manner in which the youthful attendance had conducted  
themselves during the week.

DEPUTATION FROM THE RESIDENTS OF BERNADETTE PLACE AND  
FAYTHE AREA REGARDING WATER SUPPLY.

The deputation consisted of :-

M/s McGuire, Carley, Winters, Reville and Mrs. Kelly, Mrs. Kearney  
and Mrs. Tobin.

The members of the deputation expressed grave concern at the lack of  
an adequate water supply to the areas of Bernadette Place and the Faythe  
area generally with the consequent lack of a most essential modern amenity  
and inconvenience which was intolerable in modern times. The lack of an  
adequate water supply also affected the lighting of fires as back boilers  
were provided in most local authority houses.



The members of the deputation having answered questions from the members thanked the members for receiving them and withdrew.

The Borough Surveyor informed the members that the supply at Newtown was adequate but that the problem was related to the distribution system in the Faythe area generally and this arose as a result of the original design capacity of Wexford Creamery of 200,000 gallons per day being now increased to 400,000 and possibly 500,000 gallons per day. The interim solution would require a compromise between the needs of Wexford Creamery to ensure that both production and employment was maintained at the existing level and the convenience of the residents of the area. The longer term solution would be provided with the completion of the County Council reservoir at Coolcots which would augment the distribution system and supply the higher areas of the town and consequently leave more water available for the distribution system in the Faythe area.

The Manager referred to the fact that Wexford was a growing town and that water needs were increasing. The design capacity for Wexford Creamery was met and having regard to the present needs of the factory and the residents a compromise solution would be sought. It should be appreciated that the long term solution was under way with the provision of a reservoir at Coolcots and the Coolballow group water supply scheme. An onus lay on Wexford Creamery to ensure that the storage capacity was adequate and that it was proposed that the supply to the creamery would be monitored.

The members referred to the necessity to ensure that every action possible be taken in the short term to ensure that an adequate supply was maintained for the residents and that the needs of the Creamery be considered. It was agreed that the officials would meet with representatives of the Creamery to discuss the matter further and that the supply to the Creamery would be strictly monitored, having regard to the original design request and the agreement that Wexford Creamery should only draw off water between 10.00 a.m. and 2.00 p.m.

DRAFT LAYOUT FOR HOUSING SCHEME AT  
TEMPERANCE ROW/SELSKAR.

The proposed scheme was explained to the members by means of slides by Mr. N. Hyde, Consulting Architect. The alternatives were :-

- (a) To continue 24 ft. carriageway from Abbey Street. As a result sites for 10 houses (or 1 house and 18 flats for old folk) would be lost. The back gardens and backs of houses along Lower George Street would be exposed to view and would take away further from the appearance of the area. In addition the very important sequence of spaces and views along Abbey Street towards St. Selskar Abbey would be lost forever. At present moving along Abbey Street towards the corner of George's Street only glimpses of St. Selskar are visible. The sequence of spaces and views is made very dramatic where Abbey Street narrows down for a short length before the full view of the Abbey is suddenly apparent. If the 24 ft. wide road were to continue through (by demolishing and not re-building the house on the corner of George's Street and Abbey Street) then the Abbey would be visible for the full length of Abbey Street and the entire townscape effect would have been totally dissipated.



- (b) The alternative proposal for the area with the narrow road retained and only the bad corner, right at the Abbey, improved. In this proposal the houses on the corner of George's Street and Abbey Street (which is derelict) is demolished and re-built. The narrow space of the street is retained and in order to dramatically show off St. Selskar Abbey (and improve the bad corner) 8 new houses would be built along here with the last four being set back from the edge of the road. This proposal, in addition to providing eight new houses and two or three new flats (or a total of eighteen or nineteen new flats) will considerably enhance the townscape quality in this part of the Selskar area.

The members thanked Mr. N. Hyde for the clarity of the manner in which he had presented his proposal. Mr. Hyde then withdrew from the meeting.

On the proposal of Councillor John Flaherty and seconded by Councillor K. Morris, it was agreed that the proposal outlined at Scheme (b) above be adopted.

#### SOCIAL WELFARE SUPPLEMENTARY ALLOWANCES ACT, 1977

The provisions in the Act were explained to the members by Mr. M. O'Connor, Superintendent Welfare Officer. Relevant statistics re. cost and usage of scheme were also given.

It was particularly noted that the regulations provided that supplementary payments could be made in the following cases.

1. Where rent was in excess of £1.50 per week.
2. Where excessive heating was required and this was so medically certified.
3. Special diet cases.

On the proposal of Councillor J. Roche and seconded by Councillor T. Carr, the members requested Mr. O'Connor to re-investigate the circumstances of the applicants in John's Gate Street and Lower John Street flats having regard to the foregoing criteria.

The members thanked Mr. O'Connor for attending the meeting and Mr. O'Connor withdrew.

#### IMPLEMENTATION OF LAWS DEALING WITH CRIMES OF VANDALISM, ASSAULT, ROBBERY ETC.

On the proposal of Councillor J. Roche and seconded by Councillor T. Carr, the following motion was adopted :-

"That this Council call for tougher implementation of the present laws to deal with those found guilty of crimes such as vandalism, assault, robbery etc.".



#### GRASS CUTTING

The following motion proposed by Councillor J. Roche and seconded by Alderman Peter Roche, was adopted :-

"Now that Wexford Corporation have a good grass cutting mower this Council ensure that a policy of constant upkeep of open spaces within the Borough be adopted".

#### SOCIAL WELFARE APPEAL BOARDS

The following motion proposed by The Mayor, Alderman J. Mahoney and seconded by Councillor T.F. Byrne, was adopted :-

"That this Corporation call on the Trades Council to have a representative on all Appeal Boards concerning national benefit in the Wexford Employment Exchange".

#### BUS SHELTER AT PARNELL STREET

The following motion proposed by The Mayor, Alderman J. Mahoney and seconded by Alderman Peter Roche, was adopted :-

"That this Corporation call on C.I.E. to erect a bus stop at Parnell Street to facilitate people from the South end of Wexford who use the morning bus to Rosslare".

#### ACKNOWLEDGEMENTS OF RESOLUTIONS PASSED AT PREVIOUS MEETING.

#### REDUNDANCY PAYMENTS - PIERCE'S FACTORY, WEXFORD.

The Town Clerk informed the members that by letter dated 22nd March, 1978 the office of the Minister for Labour had informed that the payments which were due had been forwarded to the individuals entitled to receive them.

#### CLOSURE OF AUTOMATIC MANUAL EXCHANGE AT WEXFORD POST OFFICE

The Town Clerk informed the members that he had received an acknowledgement from the Department of the Taoiseach to the recent resolution of the Borough Council.

#### CAPITAL ALLOCATION FOR CULVERT UNDER PIERCE'S FACTORY AND SCHEME TO RELIEVE FLOODING AT BISHOPSWATER

The Town Clerk informed the members that he had received an acknowledgement to the recent resolution requesting capital allocation for this scheme from the office of the Minister for the Environment.

#### CORRESPONDENCE

#### REPORT ON WEXFORD INDUSTRIAL ESTATE

The Town Clerk circulated to the members present the report of the County Development Officer on the Wexford Industrial Estate which was taken as read.

### WEXFORD MAIN DRAINAGE - PRE-INVESTMENT REPORT

The Town Clerk informed the members that he had received on the 3rd March, 1978 a pre-investment report from the Corporation's Consulting Engineer and that a report thereon would be submitted to the next meeting of the Borough Council.

### TRAFFIC MANAGEMENT SUB-COMMITTEE

The Town Clerk informed the members that he was anxious that the members nominate at least two members to the Traffic Management Sub-Committee.

The members nominated Councillor John Roche and Councillor T.F. Byrne.

It was also agreed that a representative of the Wexford Chamber and the Trades Council be invited to nominate a representative.

### STREET TRADING IN BULL RING, WEXFORD

The Town Clerk informed the members that he had received Senior Counsel Opinion to the effect that court proceedings would probably succeed but that the maximum fine was £5.00.

It was also noted that the garda authorities were taking proceedings for traffic obstruction and that the Minister for the Environment had recently announced that he proposed to update the present law on Roadside Trading.

Having regard to the foregoing the members accepted the Town Clerk's recommendation that proceedings under the Street Trading Act be held in abeyance.

### OPEN SPACE AT MAUDLINTOWN

The Town Clerk informed the members that he had met Mr. M. Carty and Mr. P. Nolan of the Maudlintown Residents Association. It was generally agreed that the following works were needed.

1. Main pathway in the open space to be repaired.
2. Provision of 4 concrete seats.
3. Concrete at the base of 8 swings.
4. Concrete for 3 roundabouts.
5. Cement on the sides of 2 slides with sand in the front.
6. Erect 2 "No Dumping" signs.

The members agreed with the Town Clerk's recommendation that the Corporation provide material worth £500 and that the members of the Tenants Association would provide the voluntary labour. On this basis it would then be possible to spend £500 on the open space at Trespan Rock in conjunction with the new environmental schemes programme.

The question of indemnity under the Public Liability Policy would be examined in the meantime.

### ENVIRONMENTAL SCHEMES PROGRAMME

The Manager informed the members that £116,000 had been allocated on a county at large basis under this programme.

It was proposed to carry out the following works in the Wexford Town and immediate environs.

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1.	John Street graveyard	-	£1,000
2.	Development at Trespan Rock	-	£2,000
3.	Footpaths at Corish Park	-	£1,000
4.	St. Patrick's Graveyard	-	£1,000
5.	Development of Redmond Park	-	£2,000
6.	Further development of Ferrybank	-	£2,000
7.	Coastal walk at Ardavan	-	£1,000.

The foregoing proposals of the Manager were unanimously agreed , and it was also agreed that Wexford Co. Council would carry out these works on behalf of the Corporation. ANNUAL REPORT OF S.E.R.T.O.

The Town Clerk informed the members that the Annual Report was available for inspection.

Arising out of the Annual Report Alderman Peter Roche referred to the adverse reference to the public dumps and to the fact that in the Holiday Guide to Wexford the Wexford Corporation Caravan Park area had been omitted.

The Town Clerk informed the members of the proposals under Stage 3 development and that the South Eastern Regional Tourism Organisation were well aware of these proposals and that further plans were being prepared for a shower block unit to further enhance the area. The expenditure to date on the Third Stage was £20,351 of which S.E.R.T.O. had only contributed £3,000 to date from their total commitment of £10,000.

The Manager referred to the efforts which Wexford County Council had made in regard to the operation of the dumps in the County and in particular to the maintenance of dumps on a County at large basis - the closure of the New Ross dump and the provision of an alternative dump - the operation of the new dump at Killurin. Tremendous progress had been made and apparently S.E.R.T.O. were not aware of these improvements.

On the proposal of Councillor J. Furlong and seconded by Councillor J. Roche, the members resolved that S.E.R.T.O. be informed of the recent improvements in the maintenance of dumps and the further proposals for the completion of Stage 3 Caravan Park.

#### LOCAL GOVERNMENT WATER POLLUTION ACT 1977

The Manager informed the members that the Act required that the sanitary authorities would licence trade effluent (other than domestic effluent) into the sewers of the sanitary authority. The Corporation would be the licensing authority for Wexford town and the Wexford County Council for the County area.

The County Council would also be required to license trade effluent (other than domestic) into any water course. In view of the desirability of having uniform standards and the availability of staff at County level he was recommending to the members that Wexford County Council carry out the licensing function on behalf of Wexford Corporation under the provisions of Section 59 of the Local Government Act, 1955.

On the proposal of Councillor J. Furlong and seconded by Councillor J. Roche the members agreed that Wexford County Council would be the licensing authority for the Wexford Corporation area for the purposes of the Local Government Water Pollution Act, 1977, and in accordance with the provisions of Section 59 of the Local Government Act, 1955.



#### RECOMMENDATIONS OF SWIMMING POOL SUB-COMMITTEE

The Town Clerk informed the members that the provision in the Estimates for 2 saunas was £1,600 but that the recent quotation received was for £2,426. On this basis the over-expenditure involved would be £826.

Notwithstanding the limitation of the 11% on the rate poundage for 1978 it was recommended that the over-expenditure be approved as the saunas would be self financing in due course.

On the proposal of Councillor T.F. Byrne and seconded by Councillor J. Flaherty, the over-expenditure of £826 was approved.

#### APPLICATION FROM WEXFORD SWIMMING CLUB FOR USE OF THE POOL ON AN ANNUAL CHARGE BASIS.

The Town Clerk informed the members that an application had been received from the Wexford Swimming Club that the annual charge for 1978 be £1,000 in lieu of the proposed £1,356 on a usage basis. In considering the application the members should appreciate that the hourly charge was already subsidised.

On the proposal of Alderman Peter Roche and seconded by Councillor John Roche, it was agreed that favourable consideration be given to the application, the final figure to be determined by the Manager.

#### PROGRESS REPORT ON TENANT PURCHASE APPLICATIONS

The Town Clerk informed the members that of the pre 1976 Sale Schemes 82 applications remained to be finalised. The following was an analysis of these 82.

- 20 - now ready to commence weekly repayments.
- 36 - repairs to be completed and houses to be certified as being in good structural condition.
- 26 - doubtful cases - constantly in arrears.

The number of applications received under the 1976 Sale Scheme (which expired in June, 1977) was 110 and these were being processed at present.

The members noted the foregoing report.

#### USE OF BOROUGH COAT OF ARMS

The Town Clerk informed the members that an application had been received from the Unit Leader, 7th Wexford Unit of Catholic Boys Scouts for permission to use the Coat of Arms on their headed notepaper.

The members agreed that no objection be raised to this request.

#### NUCLEAR SAFETY ASSOCIATION

The Town Clerk informed the members that a meeting would be held in the Talbot Hotel on Thursday 6th April, 1978 at 8 p.m. and that the Nuclear Safety Association had invited the members to attend this public meeting.



FERNS DIOCESAN YOUTH SERVICE

The Town Clerk informed the members that a request had been received for a grant towards the renovation of the Mechanics Institute.

The members agreed that this application be further considered at the next Estimates Committee Meeting.

ST. IBARS CINE CLUB, WEXFORD

The Town Clerk informed the members that a letter of thanks had been received from the Secretary to the Club for the recent grant which had been allocated by the Corporation.

PROPOSED 4 OLD FOLK FLATS AT SKEFFINGTON STREET

The plans for the proposed development of these flats were tabled for the information of the members.

On the proposal of Councillor J. Flaherty and seconded by Councillor T.F. Byrne, the plans were noted with approval.

ABSTRACT OF ACCOUNTS 1977

The Abstract of Accounts had been tabled for the information of the members. The Town Clerk informed the members that the credit balance on Revenue Account had improved from approximately £47,000 to £72,000 in 1977. The debit capital balance was approximately £340,000 of which the housing schemes at Townparks and Abbey Street accounted for £256,000 approximately. A further £20,000 was allocated to the Wexford Main Drainage Scheme and another £20,000 to the Swimming Pool.

On the proposal of Councillor T.F. Byrne and seconded by Councillor T. Carr, the members noted the Abstract of Accounts.

OVER-EXPENDITURE 1977

The Town Clerk explained to the members that the over-expenditure in 1977 under the various headings was more than off-set by under-expenditure on other headings and did not therefore adversely affect the Corporation's overall financial position.

On the proposal of Councillor J. Flaherty and seconded by Councillor T. Carr, it was agreed that over-expenditure in the sum of £43,144 be approved.

PROPOSED DISPOSAL OF HOUSES -  
TENANT PURCHASE SCHEME

On the proposal of Councillor T.F. Byrne and seconded by Councillor T. Carr, it was resolved that in accordance with the terms as set out in the Notice dated 23rd March, 1978, the following dwellings be disposed of to the tenants thereof as follows :-

<u>Dwelling :</u>	<u>Tenant :</u>	<u>Price :</u>
47 Bishopswater	James Dwyer	£1,548
21 Hill Street	Thomas O'Brien	£385
130 Liam Mellows Park	William O'Connor	£2,532
22 Tuskar View	John Duggan	£1,557

LOCAL GOVERNMENT (PLANNING & DEVELOPMENT) ACT 1963 & 1976

In reply to question Councillor John Roche was informed by the Manager of the functions reserved to the members under the Planning legislation.

It was agreed that a list of the functions be circulated for the information of the members.

MALICIOUS DAMAGE

In reply to question Councillor John Roche was informed that the number of applications in 1978 was 40 and that the total cost thereof was £5,530.

PEDESTRIAN CROSSING OPPOSITE ST. AIDAN'S SHOPPING CENTRE

In reply to question Councillor T. Carr was informed that the proposed provision of a pedestrian crossing would be considered by the Traffic Management Sub-Committee.

FORMER MAYOR COUNCILLOR JAMES J. MORRIS

It was agreed on the proposal of Councillor J. Flaherty and seconded by Councillor T.F. Byrne, that the Corporation accept a picture of the late Councillor James J. Morris, a former Mayor of Wexford, and that it be erected at a suitable location in the Municipal Buildings.

The meeting then terminated.

*James Mahoney*



MINUTES OF STATUTORY MEETING OF WEXFORD BOROUGH COUNCIL  
HELD IN THE COUNCIL CHAMBER, MUNICIPAL BUILDINGS, WEXFORD,  
ON TUESDAY, 2nd MAY, 1978.

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The members present were :-

His Worship the Mayor, Alderman J. Mahoney presiding.

Aldermen : Philip Corish, Peter Roche, Fergus Byrne.

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

An apology for inability to attend was received from  
Councillor Mrs. A. Doyle and Councillor T. Carr.

In attendance : Mr. Michael N. Dillon, County Manager  
Mr. S. O'Sullivan, Borough Engineer  
Mr. John Kennedy, Borough Accountant  
Mr. Frank Kavanagh, Town Clerk.

\*ADOPTION OF MINUTES

On the proposal of Councillor J. Flaherty and seconded by  
Councillor J. Roche, the Minutes of the Statutory Meeting of the  
Borough Council held on 3rd April, 1978 were adopted.

On the proposal of Councillor J. Furlong and seconded by  
Councillor T.F. Byrne, it was agreed that £500 be re-allocated for  
the development of the open space at Maudlintown in lieu of the  
open space at Trespan Rock. It was noted therefore that £1,000 would  
be allocated for the development of the Maudlintown open space.

VOTE OF CONGRATULATIONS

A vote of congratulations was passed to Mr. J. Fenlon, Wolfe Tone  
Villas, on his winning the Welterweight National Senior Boxing Title  
and also to Mr. W. Walsh, Wolfe Tone Villas, on winning the 7 stone  
Schoolboys Juvenile Boxing Title.

Having regard to the achievement of the foregoing it was agreed  
on the proposal of Councillor J. Furlong and seconded by Alderman Peter  
Roche that a civic reception be given to mark the occasion.

LOUGHAN HOUSE DETENTION CENTRE

On the proposal of Councillor J. Roche and seconded by Alderman  
Peter Roche the following motion was adopted :-

"That this Council pledge its full support to  
the Government's plan for the setting up of the  
detention centre for young offenders at Loughan House".



### NATIONAL DIFFERENTIAL RENT SCHEME

On the proposal of Councillor J. Roche and seconded by Alderman Peter Roche, the following motion was adopted :-

"That this Council seek immediate clarification of the situation regarding the maximum increases on Differential Rents".

### PROPOSED ERECTION OF CRASH BARRIERS

On the proposal of Alderman F. Byrne and seconded by The Mayor Alderman J. Mahoney, the following motion was adopted :-

"That this Corporation erect crash barriers at the end of walk from Clonard Church to Corish Park and end of walk from Liam Mellows Park opposite Kennedy Park School".

### ACKNOWLEDGEMENTS OF RESOLUTIONS PASSED AT PREVIOUS MEETINGS

#### BUS STOP AT PARNELL STREET

The Town Clerk informed the members that he had received an acknowledgement from the Area Manager, C.I.E. to the resolution requesting the erection of a bus stop at Parnell Street, Wexford.

The members also agreed that C.I.E. be requested to provide for stopping of expressway at suitable locations within the Borough.

#### IMPLEMENTATION OF LAWS DEALING WITH CRIMES OF VANDALISM, ASSAULT, ROBBERY ETC.

The Town Clerk informed the members that he had received an acknowledgement from the Office of the Minister for Justice to the recent resolution.

#### CLOSURE OF AUTOMATIC MANUAL EXCHANGE AT WEXFORD POST OFFICE

The Town Clerk informed the members that he had received a reply from the Minister of State at the Department of Posts & Telegraphs.

It was agreed that the reply would be circulated to the members.

#### CORRESPONDENCE

#### TALBOT GREEN HOUSING SCHEME

The Town Clerk informed the members that he had been notified by the Department of the Environment that an Inspector had recently carried out an inspection of the scheme and that it was hoped that a report would be submitted in the near future.

The members noted the foregoing.



### PROPOSED OLD FOLK SCHEME AT TALBOT GREEN

The Town Clerk informed the members that the tenants of Talbot Green from No. 1 to No. 23 had voted against the erection of the bungalows, with one exception.

The members expressed concern at the objection of the residents and on the proposal of Councillor J. Furlong and seconded by Councillor J. Roche it was agreed that the residents would be invited to the next meeting of the Borough Council where full details of the scheme would be explained to them

### ROADS IN BOROUGH

The Town Clerk informed the members that it was desirable that a Roads Programme for the improvement of roads in the Borough be adopted. The maintenance provision in the Estimates was £25,400 of which £15,400 was spent on open space maintenance. Consequently the Estimates provision for maintenance was minimal.

The following roads need improvement :-

- |                    |   |                |          |
|--------------------|---|----------------|----------|
| 1. Grogan's Road   | - | Estimated Cost | £22,500  |
| 2. Summerhill Road | - | " "            | £24,600  |
| 3. Belvedere Road  | - | " "            | £40,000. |

The Department of the Environment had not to date indicated their approval to the use of the £20,000 grant originally allocated for the continuation of the improvement of Abbey Street to other roads in the Borough.

On the proposal of Councillor J. Roche and seconded by Councillor J. Furlong, it was agreed that the Department be requested to re-allocate the £20,000 grant for the improvement of Grogan's Road.

The Manager informed the members that with the proposed improvement of the Quays and John Street by Wexford County Council it might be desirable in the near future to consider borrowing for the improvement of urban roads in order to bring the roads up to acceptable standards. Accordingly he was arranging for the Borough Surveyor and County Engineer to carry out a survey to identify the roads in the Borough and within the Borough environs to identify necessary road improvement schemes. He would report back to the members further on the matter.

### WATER SUPPLY - FAYTHE AREA & MAUDLINTOWN AREA

The Town Clerk informed the members that following a meeting with residents from the area on the 18th April, 1978, it was agreed that for certain periods of the day residents would be given absolute priority as regards water supply. Consequently the water supply to the Cheese Factory would be cut off completely for two periods each day, from 8.30 a.m. to 9.30 a.m. and from 5 p.m. to 6 p.m. It was agreed at that meeting with the residents that the supply pressure would be reviewed constantly and if not satisfactory a further meeting would be arranged.

A further meeting with the residents was held on 26th April and it was agreed that the supply to the Cheese Factory would be cut off from 8.30 a.m. to 10.30 a.m. and from 5 p.m. to 6 p.m. each day. This arrangement is at present under review and if necessary other measures will be taken.



The following improvements are envisaged :-

1. The current Wexford Creamery demand is 400,000 gallons per day. Wexford County Council expect to be in a position to supply 80,000 gallons per day from June onwards from a new group scheme at Murrintown/Coolballow and it is hoped that this will relieve the problem to a certain extent.
2. The Wexford County Council will have the Coolcotts reservoir operational by Autumn 1979. This reservoir will serve high level areas, industrial estate etc., and make Wygram Place Booster Pump redundant. Consequently supplies throughout the town will improve.
3. Four men are currently engaged checking for all sources of leakage and wastage in the town.

The foregoing report was noted.

#### SITE FOR PRIMARY SCHOOL AT COOLCOTTS

On the proposal of Alderman F. Byrne and seconded by Councillor T.F. Byrne, it was agreed in principle to allocate a  $6\frac{1}{2}$  acres site at Coolcotts to the Parish Priest at Clonard for a new primary school.

#### APPLICATION FROM THE WEXFORD GAS COMPANY FOR THE INSTALLATION OF GAS COOKERS IN THE TOWNPARKS STAGE II SCHEME

The Town Clerk informed the members that he had received an application from the General Manager of the Wexford Gas Company requesting the Corporation to consider the installation of gas cookers in the Townparks Stage II Scheme.

On the proposal of Alderman F. Byrne and seconded by Councillor T.F. Byrne, it was agreed, subject to the sanction of the Minister for the Environment, to instal gas cookers in the houses in the Stage II Scheme at Townparks.

#### DAMAGE TO PUBLIC LIGHTING

The Town Clerk informed the members that £1,100 had been provided in the Estimates for extra public lighting but that it would now be necessary to re-allocate £329 for repairs to 14 damaged light fittings as a result of vandalism.

It was agreed that £329 be re-allocated.

#### SEMINAR FOR ELECTED MEMBERS OF LOCAL AUTHORITIES ON 20th JUNE 1978 at KILKENNY DESIGN CENTRE ON THE LOCAL GOVERNMENT (WATER POLLUTION) ACT, 1977

The Town Clerk informed the members of the proposed seminar and it was agreed that Councillor T.F. Byrne would attend.



### PROPOSED EXHIBITION OF WORKS OF ART

The Town Clerk informed the members that he had received an application from the Administrator of Wexford Arts Centre for a loan of any works of art which the Corporation had for display at a proposed exhibition of works of art.

The members agreed that the application be facilitated, if possible.

### ABBEY STREET/MOUNT GEORGE HOUSING SCHEME

On the proposal of Councillor J. Jenkins and seconded by Councillor J. Roche, it was agreed that the Consulting Architect and builder be complimented on the high standard of workmanship in this scheme.

### HOUSING CAPITAL ALLOCATION FOR NEW WORKS AND HOUSING PROGRAMME FOR 1978

The Town Clerk informed the members that the total housing application for 1978 was £820,000 of which £620,000 was for existing commitments and £200,000 for works commenced before the 31st July, 1978.

It was recommended that of the £200,000 allowed for new works that £34,000 be assigned for the erection of 3 old folk flats at John's Gate Street and a further 4 old folk flats at Skeffington Street. The balance of £126,000 to be assigned for the development of the lands at Townparks for Stage II together with development works for approximately 27 private sites and the commencement of the erection of 49 dwellings.

The Minister for the Environment had been informed that the capital allocation was inadequate having regard to present housing needs. The Minister had replied to the effect that it was not possible to increase the capital allocation having regard to the level of housing capital required at national level. The public capital housing programme was £80.77 million. A general review of expenditure on the housing programme would be carried out during the Summer months and subject to the availability of resources may be possible to allocate additional funds to Wexford Corporation to finance more new starts on local authority dwellings later in the year.

Having regard to the foregoing and to the fact that the National Building Agency Ltd., had advertised inviting tenders for the construction of all development works for 103 houses and approximately 27 private sites together with the erection of a First Phase of 49 dwellings at Townparks the proposed housing programme for 1978 was reasonably satisfactory.

The members noted the foregoing report.

### PRE INVESTMENT REPORT ON WEXFORD TOWN MAIN DRAINAGE

The Town Clerk informed the members that the Consulting Engineer had submitted a pre investment report on Wexford Town Main Drainage and that this report was not a full preliminary report which would ultimately be required.

The existing system originated as a pattern of box drains and channels designed to carry surface water only. With the advent of a pipe water supply the system then had to cope with foul sewage, various additions being made to the system as conditions necessitated. The major problem arising from this unplanned development was that foul sewage was being discharged into the Harbour at 17 locations.



Investigation in 1976/77 indicated that chemical and biological pollution of the Harbour is within acceptable limits. Visual or environmental pollution is evident, particularly at Maudlintown and the Corporation must decide if this is acceptable at all or within limits. If normal standards there is no danger to public health.

It was recommended that the drainage system be divided into three sections -

1. Area above high level interceptor sewer at John Street - a separate foul and surface water system is envisaged here.
2. Area between 1 above and ground level 18 ft. O.D. where a partially separate system is proposed.
3. Area below 18 ft. O.D. where a partially separate/combined system is recommended.

Generally disposal of foul sewage would be by a pumping station at the Quays to an outfall works at Maudlintown. Initially primary treatment would suffice.

The estimated cost of the programme of improvement was £3 million. Unfortunately the present visual pollution at Maudlintown would not be alleviated until expenditure of £2,550,000 had been incurred. To alleviate the Maudlintown problem in isolation would cost about £50,000 and this would usually be abortive expenditure.

It would be necessary before any further design work was undertaken for the Consulting Engineer to carry out further investigations of the river estuary and to prepare up-to-date drawings of all known existing drains and sewers. The estimated cost of these investigations and the preparation of drawings is £7,000. It is possible that as mapping of the existing sewer network proceeds further surveys may become necessary.

Much of the rainwater and sewage carried by the Corporation sewers originates in the County area. Any further County development which increases flows in the Horse River will make the capacity of the culvert under Pierce's Bridge critical and could cause flooding. The scope of any study should therefore encompass the immediate areas of the County and cost should be shared between the Borough and County.

The Manager informed the members that the estimated cost of £3 million, notwithstanding the 50% subsidy on loan charges would place an extremely heavy burden on the rates and the present limitation of 11% on the rate of increase, if continued in future years, would not allow the Corporation to operate as a development Corporation. The whole question of financing such a scheme would have to be considered with the Department. At present the Corporation could not legally incur additional expenditure as the full 11% has not been utilised. The Corporation was operating from a weak financial base. In regard to the fact that much of the rainwater and sewage originated in the County area it would be necessary to request Wexford County Council to enter into a sharing of the scheme on a basis to be agreed.

The members noted the foregoing and it was agreed that :-

1. The problem of financing the scheme be discussed with either the Minister or Department officials.
2. Approval to the raising of a loan of £7,000 be sought for the carrying out of further investigations of the river and estuary to prepare up-to-date drawings of all



known and existing drains and sewers.

3. Wexford County Council be requested to join in the sharing of the cost of the scheme.
4. Further details of the proposed scheme to alleviate environmental pollution at Maudlintown be submitted.

OBSERVATIONS ON CERTAIN ASPECTS OF ESTIMATES SPEECH  
OF MINISTER FOR THE ENVIRONMENT

The Manager referred to particular aspects of the Minister's speech on the Estimates for his Department and in particular to the following points.

1. Local Authorities - County Councils, County Boroughs and Urban Authorities will be responsible in 1978 for expenditure of £530,000,000 which is approximately 9% of the estimated gross national product for the year 1978. But another way the services are absorbing almost £9 of every £100 of estimates national output for the year.
2. The Minister has under consideration the question of Local Government Reorganisation and what reforms might be necessary in the structure of Local Government. The examination involved a study of all earlier proposals for reorganisation in the light of developments which have taken place in recent years and in the context of present day conditions.
3. Relief from Rates - In the case of mixed hereditaments one-third of the valuation up to a maximum of £18 would be regarded as domestic and no rates would be payable on this portion of the valuation. Any rate payer who was aggrieved by this apportionment could appeal to the Commissioner of Valuation. Secondary schools and bona vide community halls would also be granted relief and further details would be submitted to the local authorities regarding the operation of the scheme.
4. Compensation for Malicious Injuries - Malicious Injuries associated with the troubles of Northern Ireland would be fully recouped by the Department and other malicious injuries which involved a rate poundage in excess of 20p would also be recouped.

5. LOANS AND GRANTS - MAXIMUM LOANS OF £7,000 AND  
NEW HOUSE GRANTS OF £1,000

- Litter The Minister expressed his concern at the continuing litter problem and graffiti. In this regard an Anti-Litter Campaign had been in operation by the Local Authorities in the County and graffiti had been removed.

PROPOSED SCHEME OF GRANTS TO DEAL WITH THE PROBLEM OF  
STRAY DOGS AND CATS

The Manager informed the members that the Planning Act 1976 gave statutory authority for the introduction of a new scheme of grants which would facilitate either the erection of shelters for stray dogs and cats or the granting of assistance to a society for this purpose. The Manager further suggested to the members that the Corporation take part in this scheme on a County at large basis.

It was agreed in accordance with the provisions of Section 59 of the Local Government Act 1955 that Wexford County Council operate the scheme of grants for stray and unwanted dogs and cats on behalf of the Corporation and that the cost be shared on the basis of a product of

DRAFT LETTING PRIORITY SCHEME

On the proposal of Councillor T.F. Byrne and seconded by Alderman Peter Roche, the Scheme of Letting Priorities as set out in the schedule to the Minutes was adopted subject to the sanction of the Minister for the Environment.

EMPLOYER-TRADE UNION NATIONAL AGREEMENT 1978 -  
CITY AND COUNTY MANAGEMENT (AMENDMENT) ACT 1955 - SECTION 6

On the proposal of Councillor T.F. Byrne and seconded by Alderman Byrne, it was agreed that the terms of the National Wage Agreement 1978 as sanctioned by the Minister for the Environment be applied to the staff of Wexford Corporation.

RAISING OF LOAN FOR HOUSE PURCHASE LOANS

On the proposal of Councillor T.F. Byrne and seconded by Councillor K. Morris, it was agreed that a loan of £80,000 for House Purchase loans be raised.

LOAN FOR SUPPLEMENTARY RECONSTRUCTION GRANTS

On the proposal of Councillor T.F. Byrne and seconded by Councillor K. Morris, it was agreed that a loan of £20,000 for Supplementary Reconstruction grants be raised.

EXTENSION TO NEWTOWN TREATMENT WORKS -  
RAISING OF LOAN OF £25,000

On the proposal of Councillor T.F. Byrne and seconded by Councillor K. Morris, it was agreed that a loan of £25,000 for the extension of the Newtown Treatment Works, Booster Pump at Coolree and scraping of main drains be raised.



SMALL WATER AND SEWERAGE SCHEME PROGRAMME -  
RAISING OF LOAN OF £5,000

On the proposal of Councillor T.F. Byrne and seconded by Councillor K. Morris, it was agreed that a loan of £5,000 for the provision of guard rails at Newtown Treatment Works be raised.

DISPOSAL OF HOUSES UNDER THE TENANT PURCHASE SCHEME

On the proposal of Councillor J. Roche and seconded by Councillor J. Furlong, it was resolved that in accordance with the terms as set out in Notice dated 20th April, 1978 the following dwellings be disposed of to the tenants thereof as follows :-

Dwelling :	Tenant :	Price : £
<hr/>	<hr/>	<hr/>
3 Antelope Road	James P. O'Farrell	465
19 Bishopswater	Matthew Murphy	1,725
27 "	James Corcoran	1,575
87 "	Mrs. Bridget Harpur	1,505
6 Casement Terrace	Michael Reddy	1,869
22 Corish Park	William Howlin	1,627
36 " "	Peter Crowley	1,627
46 " "	John Moloney	3,479
8 Devereux Villas	Mrs. Margaret Murphy	623
17 Devereux Villas	Mrs. Elizabeth Kelly	753
17 Distillery Road	Miss Elizabeth Whelan	402
13 Gulbar Road	Mr. Joseph Bolger	465
18 Hantoon Road	Mrs. Eileen Cullen	360
22 Kennedy Park	Leo Sinnott	1,879
57 " "	Alfred Jones	1,879
108 " "	Sylvester Bailey	1,999
26 Liam Mellows Park	Martin Rowe	2,407
68 " " "	Francis Morris	2,532
77 " " "	William Warren	2,532
137 " " "	Anthony Doyle	2,658
15 Mannix Place	Miss Maureen Kelly	1,575
9 O'Connell Avenue	Christopher Hynes	304
15 Parnell Street	Mrs. Margaret O'Hara	542
1 Roche's Terrace	Benjamin Carroll	100
3 Trinity Street	Peter White	350
5 Wygram Place	Miss Alice Nolan	100
3 Wolfe Tone Villas	Mrs. Catherine Dalton	1,004

Dwelling :	Tenant :	Price : £
Wolfe Tone Villas	Mrs. Jean Jordan	434
" " "	Mrs. Mary O'Neill	787
" " "	Mrs. Mary Ann Kennedy	675
" " "	John Murphy	434
" " "	Mrs. Mary Byrne	434
6 St. Aidan's Crescent	Mrs. Bridget Kenny	1,687

PROPOSED DISPOSAL OF PLOT OF LAND AT RERE OF NO. 81  
THE FAYTHE

On the proposal of Alderman F. Byrne and seconded by Councillor J. Furlong, it was agreed that the plot of land at the rere of No. 81 The Faythe be disposed of in accordance with the terms of Notice dated 20th April, 1978 - for the sum of £50, Mr. Furlong being responsible for all legal fees and cost involved. The plot to be used partly as an extension to Mr. Furlong's yard and also as a garden.

PROPOSED DISPOSAL OF .308 ACRE OF LAND AT  
WHITEMILL NORTH INDUSTRIAL ESTATE TO JOHN JACKMAN ENGINEERING.

On the proposal of Councillor T.F. Byrne and seconded by Alderman F. Byrne, it was agreed that plot of land at Whitemill North Industrial Estate containing .308 acre be disposed of to John Jackman (Engineering) Ltd., for the sum of £650 together with all legal fees and cost involved and in accordance with the terms of Notice dated 20th April, 1978.

CAR PARKING ALONG THE QUAYS

In reply to question Councillor J. Jenkins was informed :-  
That the possibility of acquiring any disused properties adjacent to the Quays would be investigated but that any acquisition would be subject to finance being available from the Department of the Environment.

C.I.E. GOODS YARD

In reply to question Councillor J. Jenkins was informed :-  
That C.I.E. had replied to the effect that it would not be possible to use C.I.E. goods yard as a bus shelter.

FOOTPATHS AT WHITEMILL (OPENED BY THE E.S.B.)

In reply to question Councillor J. Roche was informed :-  
That the E.S.B. would be reinstating the footpaths within the next two weeks.



### GRASSING OF OPEN SPACES AT TOWNPARKS

In reply to question Councillor John Roche was informed :-

That the Contractor was responsible for the grassing of the open spaces at Townparks and that this was taking place as the scheme progressed.

### TALBOT GREEN OPEN SPACE - REMOVAL OF RUBBLE

In reply to question Councillor John Roche was informed :-

That the rubble would be removed.

### HOUSING MATTERS

The Town Clerk informed the members of the difficulty of obtaining reasonably large families for the 17 4 bedroomed houses at Abbey Street. 9 had been allocated to families of 5 or more children and it was proposed to allocate the remaining 8 to the following cases.

1. Mr. R. Fortune, 58 St. Aidan's Crescent.
2. Mr. Patrick Meyler, 20 Kennedy Park.
3. Mr. Stephen Byrne, 64 Talbot Green.
4. Mr. James Redmond, 91 Corish Park.
5. Mr. Peter Dempsey, 30 Kennedy Park.

These cases were not on the approved transfer list but all had families of 5 or more children and would be leaving accommodation which would be suitable for re-letting.

6. Mr. Aidan Murphy, 58 Wolfe Tone Villas - who was on the approved transfer list.
7. Mr. James O'Rourke, 85 Whitemill Road.
8. Mr. Denis Roche, 7 Upper John Street.

These two cases were on the approved family type list and had 4 children each.

The members noted with approval the proposed allocations.

The Town Clerk also explained to the members the cases of Mr. John Fenlon who had been in illegal occupation of No. 90 Talbot Green and of Mr. John Doyle who was in illegal occupation of No. 70 Wolfe Tone Villas. Having regard to the fact that both of these cases were on the original approved list for Townparks and would have possibly been allocated a new house in that scheme, it was recommended that both cases be rehoused in Wolfe Tone Villas in due course.

The members noted with approval the proposed recommendation.

VOTE OF SYMPATHY

On the proposal of Councillor T.F. Byrne and seconded by Alderman P. Roche, the members passed a vote of sympathy to His Lordship the Bishop of Ferns and the Clergy of the Diocese on the death of Very Rev. Fr. J. Devereux P.P. Piercestown.

The meeting then terminated.



MINUTES OF STATUTORY MEETING OF WEXFORD BOROUGH COUNCIL  
HELD IN THE COUNCIL CHAMBER, MUNICIPAL BUILDINGS, WEXFORD  
ON MONDAY 12th JUNE, 1978

The members present were :-

His Worship the Mayor, Alderman J. Mahoney presiding.

Aldermen : Philip Corish, Peter Roche

Councillors : K. Morris, John Roche, J. Furlong, J. Jenkins,  
T.F. Byrne, Mrs. Avril Doyle, T. Carr.

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

In attendance:-

Mr. Michael N. Dillon, County Manager;  
Mr. Sean O'Sullivan, Borough Surveyor;  
Mr. John Kennedy, Borough Accountant;  
Mr. Frank Kavanagh, Town Clerk;  
Mr. Eddie Breen, Acting Town Clerk;  
Mr. Myles Redmond, Staff Officer;  
Mr. S. Jordan, Chief Assistant Planning, Wexford Co. Council  
Miss Judith Walpole, Planning Assistant, " " "  
Miss Claire Caffrey, Planning Assistant, " " "  
Mr. J. Dixon, Draughtsman, Wexford County Council.

DRAFT DEVELOPMENT PLAN

It was decided to discuss the statutory review of the Development Plan as the first business of the meeting. The County Manager explained that the draft development plan before the members contained the proposals for the development of Wexford Borough and Environs for the next five years. In outlining the principal aspects of the plan the Manager referred to the unique town centre and narrow streets, the need for greater pedestrianisation, improvement of traffic flow, development of the backlands, and urban renewal. He specifically mentioned the widening of the quays on the seaward side with car park promenade and bandstand as one of the highlights of the plan.

At the request of the Manager Miss Judith Walpole then explained the proposals in greater detail with the aid of maps displayed in the Chamber for this purpose. Following this presentation of the draft plan Councillor T. Carr proposed that a special meeting be held on Monday 26th June, 1978 at 7.30 p.m. to consider the adoption of the draft plan. This was seconded by Councillor J. Roche.

TALBOT GREEN HOUSING SCHEME - DEPUTATION

The members enquired about the proposed deputation from Talbot Green Residents which was to be received at the meeting. The Town Clerk explained that arrangements had been made with the Secretary of the Residents Association for a deputation to attend the meeting. He had later been told that the residents would require seven days notice before attending a meeting. Aldermen P. Roche proposed that in future

the terms of standing orders dealing with deputations be strictly implemented. This was seconded by Councillor J. Roche.

#### ADOPTION OF MINUTES

On the proposal of Councillor T. Carr seconded by Councillor K. Morris the minutes of the Statutory Meeting of the Borough Council held on 2nd May, 1978, were adopted.

#### VOTE OF SYMPATHY

On the proposal of Councillor J. Roche seconded by Councillor T. Carr the sympathy of the Council was extended to the relations of the late Christopher Hynes a former employee of Wexford Corporation.

#### CORPORATION LANDS

On the proposal of Councillor J. Roche seconded by Councillor T. Carr the following motion was adopted :

"That this Council seek an assurance that all land in the Corporations hands be utilised to the full for house building etc., ".

#### PARKING FACILITIES

On the proposal of Councillor J. Jenkins seconded by Councillor Mrs. Avril Doyle the following motion was adopted :

" That Wexford Corporation desire a meeting between Corporation Officials and C.I.E. and representatives of Corporation members to discuss joint action to improve parking facilities at the North end of the town".

#### FREE FUEL

Councillor T. Carr withdrew his motion on inferior quality peat in view of information he had received from Bord na Mona.

#### ORDER OF BUSINESS FOR MEETINGS OF BOROUGH COUNCIL

On the proposal of Councillor T. Carr seconded by Councillor Mrs. Avril Doyle the following motion was adopted :

" That a report be prepared and submitted to the next meeting of the Borough Council on the order of business on the agenda for Council Meetings and that motions directly related to Corporation affairs be given priority over other motions".

#### MILK AND DAIRIES ACT 1935

Councillor Mrs. Avril Doyle agreed to defer motion on Special Designation Order under Milk & Dairies Act 1935 pending a report from the County Medical Officer.



ACKNOWLEDGEMENTS OF RESOLUTIONS PASSED  
AT PREVIOUS MEETINGS

The Town Clerk informed the members that he had received a reply from the Minister for Justice on resolution passed regarding Loughan House Detention Centre. It was agreed to circulate the reply to the members.

CORRESPONDENCE

C.I.E. BUSTOPS

Letter dated 16th May, 1978, from C.I.E. regarding Expressway bustop at William Street was read and noted.

VANDALISM

Letter dated 10th May, 1978, from Minister for Justice regarding vandalism and malicious injury to property was read and noted.

STREET TRADING IN BULLRING

The Town Clerk informed the members that the Gardai had prosecuted traders who had caused traffic obstruction in the Bullring.

RECRUITMENT OF TRADESMEN

The Town Clerk informed the members that he had been advised by the National Manpower Service that no masons were available for employment by Wexford Corporation.

DATE OF ANNUAL MEETING

On the proposal of Councillor J. Roche seconded by Councillor T. Carr it was decided to hold the annual meeting for the election of Mayor on Monday 10th July, 1978, at 7.30 p.m.

RESIGNATION OF TOWN CLERK

The Mayor and other members took the opportunity of congratulating Mr. F. Kavanagh, Town Clerk, on his promotion to Drogheda Corporation. Many tributes were paid to Mr. Kavanagh for the dedication, dilligence and gentlemanly manner in which he performed his duties as Town Clerk. On behalf of the staff the County Manager wished Mr. Kavanagh well in his new career and thanked him for his outstanding contribution to the administration of Wexford during his term as Town Clerk. Mr. Kavanagh thanked the members and Manager for their good wishes and stated his appreciation of the help and co-operation given to him in his role as Town Clerk.

The Mayor Alderman J. Mahoney then made a presentation to Mr. Kavanagh on behalf of the members of the Borough Council.

HOUSING MATTERS DISCUSSED IN COMMITTEE

The Town Clerk informed the members that 5 new houses at Abbey Street/Mount George were available for allocation together with vacant houses at 91 Corish Park and 124 Kennedy Park. It was agreed that the allocation of the houses to the seven applicants be decided by lot. As draw was then made the result of which was as follows :

<u>House No.</u>	<u>Applicant</u>
124 Kennedy Park	Derek Bergin, 4 Lower George Street, Wexford
91 Corish Park	John O'Rourke, Quay House, Commercial Quay, Wexford
2 Abbey Street/Mt. George	George Ryan, 72 Wolfe Tone Villas, Wexford
4 do.	Anthony Murphy, 36 Parnell Street, Wexford
7 do.	James Newport, 28 Hantoon Road, Wexford
10 do.	James Doyle, 35 Parnell Street, Wexford
12 do.	Joseph Carroll, 10 Roserock, Wexford

OVERDRAFT ACCOMMODATION FOR QUARTER ENDED 30/9/1978

On the proposal of Councillor K. Morris and seconded by Councillor T. Carr, it was agreed that overdraft accommodation of £130,000 for the quarter to 30th September, 1978, be approved subject to the sanction of the Minister for the Environment.



MAYOR OF WEXFORD

Dated this 4<sup>th</sup> day of Sept. 1978



MINUTES OF ADJOURNED SPECIAL MEETING OF WEXFORD BOROUGH  
COUNCIL HELD IN THE COUNCIL CHAMBER, MUNICIPAL BUILDINGS,  
WEXFORD, ON FRIDAY, 30th JUNE, 1978.

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The members present were :-

Aldermen : Peter Roche, Philip Corish, Fergus Byrne.

Councillors : J. Roche, J. O'Flaherty, K. Morris, J. Jenkins,  
J. Furlong, Mrs. Avril Doyle, T. Carr and  
T. F. Byrne.

In attendance: Mr. Michael N. Dillon, County Manager.  
Mr. S. O'Sullivan, Borough Surveyor.  
Mr. J. Kennedy, Borough Accountant.  
Mr. M. Redmond, Staff Officer.  
Mr. E. Breen, Acting Town Clerk.  
Mr. S. Jordan, Chief Assistant Planning, Wexford  
County Council.  
Miss Judith Walpole, Planning Assistant, Wexford  
County Council.

In the absence of the Mayor, Alderman J. Mahoney, Councillor  
J. O'Flaherty was nominated to take the chair on the proposal of  
Councillor J. Roche, seconded by Councillor T. Carr.

DRAFT DEVELOPMENT PLAN

The members resumed consideration of the Draft Development  
Plan. Arising out of the discussion the following amendments were  
agreed:

Amenities:

It was proposed by Councillor J. Jenkins, seconded by Councillor  
T. Carr and resolved: that C.I.E. be requested to improve lands on  
the North side of the North Station.

Conservation:

Alderman P. Corish proposed that all buildings scheduled for  
conservation in the old plan be included as a specific objective of  
a new plan. This was seconded by Councillor T.F. Byrne.

Councillor J. Jenkins proposed the amendment that only the  
Town Wall, Keyser's Lane and the convent of Perpetual Adoration be  
preserved. This was seconded by Alderman F. Byrne.

A vote was then taken which resulted as follows:  
For the amendment - 6 votes; For the motion - 5 votes.

The amendment was carried.

Viking Lanes:

On the proposal of Councillor Mrs. Avril Doyle, seconded by Councillor J. Jenkins, it was decided to include a specific objective for the preservation of all Viking Lanes within the town.

ADOPTION OF DRAFT DEVELOPMENT PLAN, 1978.

It was proposed by Alderman P. Corish, seconded by Councillor T. F. Byrne and resolved: that in pursuance of the provisions of the Local Government(Planning and Development) Act, 1963 to 1976, that a Draft Development Plan for the Borough of Wexford be adopted.

The meeting then ended.



MAYOR

Dated this 4th day of Sept. 1978.



MINUTES OF QUARTERLY MEETING OF WEXFORD BOROUGH COUNCIL  
HELD IN THE OLD TOWN HALL, CORNMARKEt, WEXFORD, AT  
7.30 p.m. ON MONDAY, 10th JULY, 1978.

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The members present were : -

His Worship the Mayor, Alderman James Mahoney, presiding.

Aldermen : Philip Corish, Peter Roche, Fergus Byrne.

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

In attendance : Mr. M. N. Dillon, County Manager,  
Mr. Fintan M. O'Connor, Solicitor,  
Mr. J. Kennedy, Borough Accountant,  
Mr. E. Breen, Acting Town Clerk.

ELECTION OF MAYOR

The first business of the Quarterly Meeting was the election of Mayor. His Worship the Mayor, Alderman J. Mahoney, called for nominations for the office of Mayor and the following were nominated:-

1. Alderman Peter Roche - Proposed by Councillor J. Roche,  
Seconded by His Worship, Alderman  
James Mahoney, Mayor.
2. Councillor T. Carr - Proposed by Councillor T. F. Byrne,  
Seconded by Alderman P. Corish.
3. Councillor John O'Flaherty - Proposed by Councillor K. C Morris,  
Seconded by Alderman F. Byrne.

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

For Alderman Peter Roche :

Aldermen : James Mahoney, Peter Roche.

Councillors : John Roche, J. Furlong.

4 votes.

For Councillor T. Carr:

Alderman : Philip Corish.

Councillors: Thomas Carr, T. F. Byrne.

3 votes.

For Councillor John O'Flaherty:

Alderman : Fergus Byrne.

Councillors: Kevin Morris, Mrs. Avril Doyle, J. Jenkins,  
John O'Flaherty.

5 votes

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As no candidate received the votes of a majority of the members present, the candidate receiving the least number of votes, Councillor Thomas Carr was eliminated and a further poll was taken, the result of which was as follows:

For Alderman Peter Roche :

Aldermen : James Mahoney, Philip Corish, Peter Roche.

Councillors : John Roche, Joseph Furlong, Thomas Carr.

6 votes.

For Councillor John O'Flaherty :

Alderman : Fergus Byrne.

Councillors : Kevin Morris, Mrs. Avril Doyle, J. Jenkins,  
T. F. Byrne, John O'Flaherty.

6 votes.

As an equality of votes has been given to the two candidates, the candidate to be elected by decided by lot.

On the drawing of lots, Alderman Peter Roche was elected Mayor.

His Worship the Mayor was then vested with the Robes and Chain of Office and took the Chair.

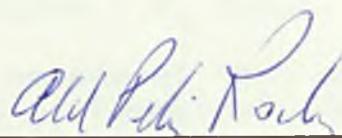
The Mayor thanked his proposer and seconder and the other members who had voted for him and congratulated the outgoing Mayor on the excellent job he had done in the previous twelve months. He also paid tribute to the other candidate, Councillor John O'Flaherty.

The other members present and the County Manager, on behalf of the staff, congratulated the Mayor on his election.

SPECIAL MEETING 24th JULY, 1978.

On the proposal of Councillor John Roche, seconded by Councillor Thomas Carr, it was decided to hold a Special Meeting of the Borough Council on 24th July, 1978 at 7.30 p.m. to discuss housing policy.

The meeting then ended.



MAYOR

Dated this 4th day of Sept. 1978



MINUTES OF SPECIAL MEETING OF WEXFORD BOROUGH COUNCIL  
HELD IN THE COUNCIL CHAMBER, MUNICIPAL BUILDINGS, WEXFORD,  
ON MONDAY, 24th JULY, 1978, AT 7.30 p.m.

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The members present were :-

His Worship the Mayor, Alderman Peter Roche presiding.

Aldermen : Fergus Byrne, James Mahoney.

Councillors : Kevin C. Morris, John O'Flaherty, John Roche,  
James Jenkins, Joseph Furlong, Thomas Carr.

Apologies were received from Councillor Mrs. Avril Doyle, Alderman Philip Corish and Councillor Thomas F. Byrne.

In attendance : Mr. Michael N. Dillon, County Manager.  
Mr. S. O'Sullivan, Borough Surveyor.  
Mr. E. Breen, Acting Town Clerk.  
Mr. M. Redmond, Staff Officer.

VOTE OF SYMPATHY

On the proposal of his Worship the Mayor, Alderman Peter Roche, seconded by Councillor Thomas Carr, the sympathy of the Council was extended to Mr. Sean Browne, T.D., Leas Ceann Comhairle, on the death of his brother.

MESSAGE OF GOODWILL

On the proposal of Councillor J. Roche, seconded by Alderman James Mahoney, the Council wished Mr. Eddie Carney a speedy recovery to health.

HOUSING POLICY 1978 - 1981

The members considered a report prepared by the County Manager on Housing Policy, 1978 - 1981. The report outlined the position with regard to the existing housing stock, housing need, building programme and capital allocation. All aspects of housing for the period was discussed at length with special emphasis on the following points :

Housing need:

The members noted that 226 houses were needed immediately to cater for the immediate need in town, this included 58 Old Persons dwellings.

Building Programme:

The progress on the Corporation's building programme was noted. Townparks Stage 2 with 49 houses and a number of private sites was ready to commence. A further 54 houses was at tender stage. Tenders had also been received for 4 old persons flats at Skeffington Street.

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## AMENDMENT OF LETTING PRIORITY SCHEME

The County Manager informed the meeting that the Letting Priority Scheme which has been amended by the members was with the Department of the Environment for sanction. When sanction was received a full review of all remaining persons on the letting priority list together with applications received would take place.

## HOUSING DEVELOPMENT AT COOLCOTTS

On the proposal of His Worship the Mayor, Alderman Peter Roche, seconded by Councillor Thomas Carr, the Council requested the County Manager to arrange for the preparation of a lay-out plan for a further 280 houses at Coolcotts and 50 houses for old persons on a suitable site in town.

## PAY OF EMPLOYEES

On the proposal of Councillor J. Flaherty, seconded by Councillor J. Furlong it was resolved "that the allowance payable by Wexford Corporation in respect of dirty money be increased from £1.00 to £2.00 per week subject to the sanction of the Minister for the Environment.

On the proposal of Councillor J. Flaherty, seconded by Councillor J. Furlong, it was resolved "that in accordance with the recommendation of the Labour Court ( No. 4706) an increase of £3.50 per week be paid to members of Wexford Corporation outdoor staff (excluding craftsmen, craftsmens mates and craftsmen supervisors) with effect from 1st March, 1978."

## ANNUAL CONFERENCE OF ASSOCIATION OF MUNICIPAL AUTHORITIES OF IRELAND

It was decided to forward the following motions to the Association of Municipal Authorities of Ireland for consideration at the Annual Conference :

### Local Authority Expenditure:

Proposed by Councillor J. Roche and seconded by Councillor T. Carr

"that Wexford Borough Council calls on the Minister for the Environment to ensure that expenditure on provision of local authority housing will not be reduced".

### Road Grants:

Proposed by Councillor J. Roche and seconded by Councillor T. Carr

" that Wexford Borough Council calls on the Minister for the Environment to increase the grants made to local authorities for improvement of urban roads".

### Nuclear Energy:

Proposed by Councillor J. Furlong and seconded by Councillor F. Byrne

" that a National inquiry be held before proceedings with proposals for a nuclear power plant in Ireland".

Councillor Kevin Morris dissented from this motion.



PICTURES OF FORMER MAYORS OF WEXFORD

The appreciation of the Council is extended to the Trustees of / National Club for presenting them with pictures of former Mayors which had recently been restored by the Borough Surveyor.

HOUSING MATTERS DISCUSSED IN COMMITTEE

Allocation of 5 houses at Abbey Street:

The members drew the house numbers for applicants who had been allocated the five remaining houses at Abbey Street:

<u>House No.</u>	<u>Name of Applicant</u>
20 Abbey Street.	Nicholas Pender, 86 Bishopswater.
22 Abbey Street.	Michael Kehoe, 85 Bishopswater.
24 Abbey Street.	Patrick Furlong, 20 Lr. George Street.
26 Abbey Street.	Richard Byrne, c/o Mackens, Bullring.
28 Abbey Street.	Richard Fortune, 58 St. Aidan's Crescent.

Housing - Casual vacancies:

The Town Clerk informed the meeting that three casual vacancies had arisen in the Corporations housing stock. It was noted that the houses would be offered to the next persons on the letting priority list as follows:

<u>House at</u>	<u>Name of Applicant</u>
15 Davitt Road North.	John Cullen, 18 Hantoon Road.
81 Bishopswater.	Marie Flood, Ballyhoe, Taghmon.
36 Whiterock View.	Philip McQuire, 14A Parnell Street.

The meeting then ended.



MAYOR

Dated this 4th day of Sept 1978

MINUTES OF SPECIAL COMMITTEE MEETING OF WEXFORD BOROUGH  
COUNCIL HELD ON MONDAY 14th AUGUST, 1978, IN THE COUNCIL  
CHAMBER, MUNICIPAL BUILDINGS, WEXFORD AT 7.30 p.m.

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The members present were: -

Alderman Peter Roche, Mayor, presiding.

Aldermen : Fergus Byrne, James Mahoney, Philip Corish

Councillors: Thomas F. Byrne, Thomas Carr, Mrs. Avril  
Doyle, John O'Flaherty, Kevin Morris,  
Joseph Furlong, John Roche.

In attendance: Mr. W.P. Creedon, Deputy County Manager;  
Mr. S. O'Sullivan, Borough Engineer;  
Mr. J. Kennedy, Borough Accountant;  
Mr. E. Breen, Acting Town Clerk.

TALBOT GREEN HOUSING SCHEME

Alderman Peter Roche, Mayor, explained that the purpose of the meeting was to consider a report dated 27th July, 1978, from the Department of the Environment on 92 house scheme at Talbot Green.

The main points covered by the report were as follows :

Water Penetration :

It was pointed out in the report that rainwater was penetrating through the panel joints but remedial work recently carried out by the Contractor should solve this problem. It was also suggested that mastic sealing be added to the vertical edge joints to prevent ingress of water at this point.

Plywood Panels :

With regard to the panels the report draws attention to the fact that in the kitchen and bathrooms under cill panels consisted of single sheets of plywood. Double skinning and insulation of these panels is recommended. The report also recommends a high level of maintenance on these panels.

Fuel Stores:

It was indicated in the report that the provision of a door between the kitchen and fuel store to be charged against the capital cost of the scheme would be accepted in principle provided that the Corporation ensures the proper ventilation of the fuel stores.



Electrical Wiring:

A general check of the wiring systems was suggested because of the location of fuse boards and complaints discovered in house No. 70.

The Acting Town Clerk informed the meeting that the Consulting Architect had arranged for an inspection of the vertical edge joints and double skinning of under cill panels by the contractor arising out of the recommendations contained in the report. Electrical faults in house No. 70 had also been attended to. It was decided to request a report on the vertical edge joints for the September meeting.

The members then discussed the matter at length.

On the proposal of Councillor Thomas Carr seconded by Councillor John Roche it was unanimously decided to reject the recommendations contained in the report regarding mastic sealing of vertical edge joints and double skinning of under cill panels. The Council decided to call on the Department of the Environment to authorise the replacement of infill panels with concrete blocks together with full insulation of fuel stores.

RAISING OF LOAN - JOHN'S GATE STREET FLATS

On the proposal of Councillor K. Morris seconded by Councillor J. O'Flaherty the Council authorised the borrowing of £36,000 to finance the erection of flats at John's Gate Street subject to the sanction of the Minister for the Environment.

MURAL AT ART CENTRE

On the proposal of Councillor K. Morris seconded by Councillor T.F. Byrne the Council accepted in principle the proposal of Wexford Art Centre for mural at Cornmarket.

REMUNERATION OF CRAFTSMEN

On the proposal of Councillor J. Roche seconded by Councillor F. Byrne the Council approved the revised scale for craftsmen with effect from 1st March, 1978, as follows :

On recruitment	£62.77
After $\frac{1}{2}$ year	£62.77
" $1\frac{1}{2}$ years	£63.07
" $2\frac{1}{2}$ "	£63.94
" $3\frac{1}{2}$ "	£64.76
" $4\frac{1}{2}$ "	£65.20
" $5\frac{1}{2}$ "	£65.60
" $6\frac{1}{2}$ "	£66.04
" $7\frac{1}{2}$ "	£66.45
" $8\frac{1}{2}$ "	£66.82
" $9\frac{1}{2}$ "	£67.25
" $10\frac{1}{2}$ "	£68.08
" $11\frac{1}{2}$ "	£68.94

The meeting then concluded.

MAYOR

*Alfred Peter Roche*

MINUTES OF STATUTORY MEETING OF WEXFORD BOROUGH  
COUNCIL HELD IN THE COUNCIL CHAMBER, MUNICIPAL  
BUILDINGS, WEXFORD, ON MONDAY, 4th SEPTEMBER,  
1978 AT 7.30 p.m.

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The members present were:-

His Worship the Mayor, Alderman Peter Roche presiding.

Aldermen Fergus Byrne, James Mahoney.

Councillors: K. Morris, John Roche, Mrs. Avril Doyle,  
Joseph Furlong, Thomas Carr, James Jenkins,  
T. F. Byrne, John O'Flaherty.

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

In attendance: Mr. M. N. Dillon, County Manager.  
Mr. E. Breen, Acting Town Clerk.  
Mr. J. Kennedy, Borough Accountant.

#### VOTE OF SYMPATHY

On the proposal of Councillor T. F. Byrne, seconded by  
Councillor T. Carr, the sympathy of the Council was extended  
to Alderman Peter Roche, Mayor, on the death of his father.

#### ASSOCIATION OF MUNICIPAL AUTHORITIES OF IRELAND - ANNUAL CONFERENCE.

On the proposal of Alderman Peter Roche, Mayor,  
seconded by Alderman J. Mahoney, Councillor Kevin Morris  
was nominated as substitute delegate to the annual conference  
of the Association of Municipal Authorities of Ireland, 1978  
to replace Alderman J. Mahoney who was unable to attend.

#### SUBSIDISED BUTTER

On the proposal of Councillor J. Roche, seconded by  
Councillor T. Carr, the following resolution was passed:

"That this Council calls on the Minister for  
Agriculture to ensure fair distribution of  
subsidised butter".

#### ADOPTION OF MINUTES

On the proposal of Councillor K. Morris, seconded by  
Councillor T. F. Byrne, the minutes of the following meetings  
of the Borough Council were adopted: 1978

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Statutory Meeting of 12th June, 1978;  
Special Meeting of 26th June, 1978;  
Adjourned Special Meeting of 30th June, 1978;  
Quarterly Meeting of 10th July, 1978;  
Special Meeting of 24th July, 1978;  
Special Meeting of 3rd August, 1978;  
Special Meeting of 14th August, 1978.

FREEDOM OF BOROUGH - DR. T. WALSH

On the proposal of Alderman Peter Roche, Mayor, seconded by Councillor J. O'Flaherty, the following resolution was passed:

"That, by virtue of the Municipal Privilege Act, Ireland, 1876, the Honorary Freedom of this the Ancient Borough of Wexford, be conferred on Doctor Thomas Walsh, as a token of our regard for his outstanding contribution to Irish Agriculture, his achievements as an international scientist, his work in the field of higher education and his invaluable efforts in establishing the soil testing Centre at Johnstown Castle, Wexford".

It was decided to set up a Committee of the Council formed by Alderman P. Roche, Mayor, Councillor J. O'Flaherty, Councillor T. F. Byrne and the Acting Town Clerk to make the necessary arrangements.

CLEANING OF WINDOWS

It was proposed by Councillor T. Carr, seconded by Councillor K. Morris and resolved:

"That the Corporation undertakes to clean the first floor windows of the Old Folks Flats in Lower John Street and John's Gate Street".

FAIR RENTS TRIBUNALS

It was proposed by Councillor T. Carr, seconded by Councillor K. Morris and resolved:

"That this Corporation calls on the Government to establish Fair Rents Tribunals under the control of Local Authorities".

### TRADERS

It was proposed by Councillor J. Jenkins, seconded by Councillor J. Roche and resolved:

"That Wexford Corporation instruct its legal adviser to draw up new bye-laws, without delay to

- (a) direct visiting traders in non foodstuffs inside the official Market Place;
- (b) to impose realistic fines on those non food merchants trading in the Bull Ring obstructing traffic, obstructing entrance to ratepayers premises and littering the area".

### REPAIRS TO REDMOND VAULT

It was proposed by Councillor J. Jenkins, seconded by Councillor Mrs. Avril Doyle and resolved:

"That Wexford Corporation undertake to carry out without delay any repairs needed to put the Redmond Vault in a fit state as the Christian Burial Place of an illustrious Wexford family".

### HOME FOR THE AGED

It was proposed by Councillor J. Furlong, seconded by Councillor T. Carr and resolved:

"That a home for the aged be established in Wexford Town".

On the proposal of Councillor Mrs. Avril Doyle, seconded by Councillor T. F. Byrne, it was also decided to request the Department of Social Welfare to introduce grants to families who look after the aged in their own homes.

### DISPOSAL OF LAND

On the proposal of Councillor J. Roche, seconded by Councillor J. O'Flaherty, the Council approved the disposal of the following land in accordance with the terms of Notice circulated, pursuant to the provisions of Section 83 of the Local Government Act, 1946 as amended:

- 1) Disposal of 150 sq. yds. of land at Antelope Road to Mr. Matthew Morris, 28 Antelope Road, Wexford for the sale price of £20.00. Mr. Morris to be responsible for all legal fees and costs involved.
- 2) Disposal of 11 perches of land at Whiterock South to Wexford Golf Club for the sale price of £50.00. Wexford Golf Club to be responsible for all legal fees and costs involved. The Club to keep clean all drains whether open or piped. The Corporation to retain the right to enter on the land and carry out any works whatsoever without liability for compensation to the Club.



- 3) Disposal of 0.45 acres of land at Whitemill North Industrial Estate to Fashion Slacks Ltd., Industrial Estate, Wexford for the sale price of £2,340. Fashion Slacks to be responsible for all legal fees and costs involved.

FIRE PREVENTION DUTIES  
AGREEMENT WITH WEXFORD CO. COUNCIL

On the proposal of Councillor J. O'Flaherty, seconded by Alderman F. Byrne, it was resolved:

"That Wexford Borough Council, being of opinion that it would be more convenient that certain of their powers, functions and duties under the Fire Brigades Act, 1940, should be exercised on their behalf by the Wexford County Council hereby resolve that Wexford County Council be requested to exercise all the powers and functions of the Wexford Corporation under the Fire Brigades Act, 1940, except those under Section 2 (2) (b), (Provision of Water Supply), and those covered by any agreement made between the two Councils under Section 3 of the Act and that the expenses of the Wexford County Council under the Fire Brigades Act, 1940, be apportioned in the same way as County at Large charges are apportioned".

TOWN OF WEXFORD VOCATIONAL EDUCATION  
COMMITTEE

It was proposed by Alderman F. Byrne, seconded by Councillor T. F. Byrne and resolved:

"That the annual local contribution demanded by Town of Wexford Vocational Education Committee for financial year ended 31st December, 1979 being greater than the previous year by an amount in excess of the produce of one penny in the pound, that excess (£246) is hereby authorised".

CHAMBER OF COMMERCE

A letter dated 21st August, 1978 from the Wexford Chamber of Commerce regarding reception for Irish Travel Agents Association, was read and noted.

On the proposal of Councillor J. O'Flaherty, seconded by Councillor T. F. Byrne, it was decided to hold the reception as requested and if possible that sponsorship be sought.

WEXFORD ARTS CENTRE  
PAINTINGS ON LOAN

Letter dated 18th August, 1978 from Wexford Arts Centre regarding exhibition from the National Gallery was read.

On the proposal of Councillor J. Roche, seconded by Alderman F. Byrne, it was decided to accept the paintings from

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the National Gallery subject to the usual conditions.

OVERDRAFT ACCOMMODATION

On the proposal of Councillor T. Carr, seconded by Councillor J. Furlong, overdraft accommodation of £173,000 for quarter ended 31st December, 1978 was approved subject to the sanction of the Minister for the Environment.

MAYOR'S ALLOWANCE

On the proposal of Councillor J. Roche, seconded by Councillor T. Carr, it was unanimously agreed to increase the Mayor's Allowance by £84.70 to finance civic reception for local boxers.

FUEL VOUCHERS

In reply to a question from Councillor J. Furlong, the Borough Accountant informed the meeting that fuel vouchers will be issued in the first week of October to pensioners and other applicants could get application forms from the Municipal Buildings.

BARRY COMMERATION CEREMONY

On the proposal of Councillor J. Roche, seconded by Councillor T. F. Byrne, it was decided to hold the John Barry Commeration Ceremony on Sunday, 29th October, 1978.



HOUSING MATTERS DISCUSSED IN COMMITTEE

Old Persons Dwellings:

On the proposal of Alderman Peter Roche, Mayor, seconded by Councillor J. Roche, it was decided to consider an application for an Old Persons dwelling from Mrs. Donnelly, Kerlogue, in view of imminent legal proceedings to have her evicted from her existing accommodation.

Old Persons Dwellings at Talbot Green:

On the proposal of Councillor J. Roche, seconded by Councillor T. F. Byrne, it was decided to proceed with the erection of 15 Old Persons Dwellings at Talbot Green.

Casual Vacancies:

The Council noted that casual vacancies in the Corporation housing stock will be allocated as follows:

Old Persons Dwellings:

- |                       |   |  |
|-----------------------|---|--|
| 21 Mount George       | - | John & Mary Savage<br>(in 13 Lr. John Street)  |
| 13 Lr. John Street    | - | Misses Dunne (next on list)  |
| 10 John's Gate Street | - | Mrs. Black (19 Johns Gate St.)   |
| 19 John's Gate Street | - | Pat & Hannah Murphy (next on list)   |
| 7 John's Gate Street  | - | Mrs. Helena King (next on list) <u>or</u><br>if refuses to Patrick Kehoe, next<br>after Mrs. King. |

Family Type:

- |                      |   |                               |
|----------------------|---|-------------------------------|
| 84 Liam Mellows Park | - | Kathleen Byrne (next on list) |
| 90 Talbot Green      | - | Liam McGuire (next on list)   |

Private Sites:

The Council noted that the estimated cost of 20 private sites at Townparks will be approximately £4,000. It was decided to notify the applicants accordingly.

Mr. Michael Furlong, 29 Parnell Street:

On the proposal of Councillor J. Roche, seconded by Alderman F. Byrne, it was decided to have this case re-examined by the Chief Medical Officer and if the circumstances warranted it to offer them No. 15 Antelope Road provided Mr. Gregory Browne, who was originally allocated the house, refuses to accept the tenancy.

The meeting then ended.



MAYOR

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Dated this          day of

1978.

MINUTES OF SPECIAL MEETING OF WEXFORD BOROUGH COUNCIL  
HELD IN THE COUNCIL CHAMBER, MUNICIPAL BUILDINGS, WEXFORD,  
ON THURSDAY, 21st SEPTEMBER, 1978.

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The members present were:

Aldermen : James Mahoney, Fergus Byrne.  
Councillors : John Roche, Joseph Furlong, James Jenkins.  
In attendance : Mr. M. N. Dillon, County Manager.  
Mr. E. Breen, Acting Town Clerk.

Apologies for inability to attend were received from Alderman Peter Roche, Mayor, Councillor Mrs. Avril Doyle and Councillor Thomas Carr.

In the absence of the Mayor, Councillor J. Roche presided on the proposal of Councillor J. Furlong, seconded by Alderman F. Byrne.

TALBOT GREEN HOUSING SCHEME

At the request of Councillor J. Roche, the Acting Town Clerk read a letter dated 1st September, 1978 from the Department of the Environment regarding repairs necessary to the Talbot Green Housing Scheme. The letter indicated that the Department would not be in a position to approve the replacement of plywood panels with concrete blocks in the houses.

Councillor J. Jenkins asked if the verticle edge joints had been examined as suggested in the Department's original report on the scheme. The Acting Town Clerk read a letter from the Consulting Architect which stated that an inspection of the verticle edge joints had shown that this was not the cause of water penetration.

On the proposal of Councillor J. Roche, seconded by Councillor J. Jenkins, it was decided to request the Minister for the Environment to meet a deputation from the Borough Council and to visit the housing scheme during his visit to Wexford on 29th - 30th October, 1978. The deputation would be formed by Alderman Peter Roche, Mayor, Alderman J. Mahoney, Councillor J. Roche, Councillor J. Furlong and a representative of the Tenants Association.

In reply to Alderman J. Mahoney, the County Manager explained that he would await the final decision of the Minister in relation to replacing of panels with concrete blocks but that if this was not favourable he would arrange for double skinning and installation of the plywood panels as recommended by the Department.



"SPORT FOR ALL" DAY

The County Manager drew the attention of the members to a Sport for All day on 1st October, 1978. He outlined his proposals which will include the opening of the Swimming Pool free of charge on that evening and the commencement of jogging twice weekly at the Childers Recreational Centre.

The meeting then ended.



MAYOR

Dated this                      day of                      1978.

MINUTES OF STATUTORY MEETING OF WEXFORD BOROUGH  
COUNCIL HELD IN THE COUNCIL CHAMBER, MUNICIPAL  
BUILDINGS, WEXFORD, ON MONDAY, 2nd OCTOBER, 1978  
AT 7.30 p.m.

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The members present were:-

His Worship the Mayor, Alderman Peter Roche presiding.

Aldermen: James Mahoney, Philip Corish, Fergus Byrne.

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

Apologies for inability to attend were received from  
Councillor Mrs. Avril Doyle and Councillor J. Jenkins.

In attendance: Mr. M. N. Dillon, County Manager.  
Mr. S. O'Sullivan, Borough Engineer.  
Mr. J. Kennedy, Borough Accountant.  
Mr. E. Breen, Town Clerk.

ADOPTION OF MINUTES

On the proposal of Councillor T.F. Byrne, seconded by  
Councillor T. Carr, the minutes of the Statutory Meeting of  
4th September, 1978 and minutes of Special Meeting of 21st  
September, 1978 were adopted.

RECOMMENDATIONS OF TRAFFIC COMMITTEE

On the proposal of Councillor T.F. Byrne, seconded by  
Councillor K. Morris, the recommendations of the Traffic  
Committee were adopted by the Council as follows:

1. Pedestrianisation of Main Street: Not feasible at present.
2. Amendments to Parking Bye-laws (No Parking on Quays, one-way streets, etc.) : Traffic Committee to consider and report.
3. Pedestrian Crossings: Provide pedestrian crossings at:  
(a) King Street; (b) Improve location of Maudlintown;  
(c) St. Aidan's Shopping Centre; (d) Wygram.
4. One-Way System at Folly: Implement one-way system from  
King Street to the Faythe; and Michael Street towards Barrack  
Street. Consider one way system for side streets off Main St.
5. Traffic lights: Provide traffic lights at: (a) bridge;  
(b) King Street/Main Street; (c) Pierces Foundry;  
(d) Grogan's Road/Summerhill.
6. Parking: Introduce one-hour parking on streets within  
shopping area. Consider hourly charge for car parking in  
public car parks on Quay.



7. General: (i) Implement more restrictive parking at King Street junction. (ii) Guard rails at St. Aidan's Shopping Centre. (iii) Better traffic management at Talbot Green and Davitt Road South. (iv) Investigate Box Junctions at car park on Quay, Anne Street, Churchlane Carpark, Common Quay Street.

SEAT AT MAUDLINTOWN FOR  
OLD AGE PENSIONERS.

It was proposed by Alderman Peter Roche, seconded by Councillor T. Carr and resolved:

"That provision be made in the Estimates for an extra seat at Maudlintown for Old Age Pensioners".

Councillor J. Roche suggested that this seat be provided out of the grant recently allocated to the Play Ground Committee at Maudlintown and this was agreed.

WIDENING OF ROAD WAY AT  
CORISH PARK

It was proposed by Alderman Peter Roche, seconded by Councillor J. Roche and resolved:

"That serious consideration be given to a widening of the road way at Corish Park as it is unsuitable for present day traffic".

PEDESTRIANISATION OF MAIN ST.

It was proposed by Councillor J. Flaherty, seconded by Alderman Philip Corish and resolved:

"That Wexford Corporation ask the Town Clerk to call together interested parties with a view to a trial of Main Street pedestrianisation at weekends (e.g. The Gardai, Traffic Authorities, Chamber of Commerce, Trades Council, Main St. Traders Association)".

Councillor J. Roche explained that the Traffic Sub Committee had recently considered this matter and had decided that it was not feasible at present. However, it was agreed that the Committee consider this question again at their next meeting.

SWEEPING OF MAIN STREET

It was proposed by Councillor J. Flaherty, seconded by Councillor T. Carr and resolved:

"That a definite commitment of sufficient finances in the 1979 Estimates be made to keep Main Street properly swept during July/August, 1979".

CARAVAN PARK

It was proposed by Councillor J. Roche, seconded by Alderman J. Mahoney and resolved:

"That this Council give its support - financial and otherwise - to further improvements at Ferrybank".

On the proposal of Alderman P. Roche, seconded by Alderman F. Byrne, it was decided to call on the South Eastern Regional Tourism Organisation to provide a grant of 50% of the cost for improvement work at the Caravan Park.

HEATING COSTS OLD FOLK FLATS

It was proposed by Councillor J. Roche, seconded by Alderman J. Mahoney and resolved:

"That this Council seek immediate clarification of the present situation regarding aid towards the heating costs of the Old Folks Flats".

NAMING OF TOWNPARKS

It was proposed by Councillor J. Furlong, seconded by Councillor J. O'Flaherty and resolved:

"That names for the Townparks and Abbey Street Housing estates be officially chosen in consultation with residents".

ACKNOWLEDGEMENTS OF RESOLUTIONS PASSED  
AT PREVIOUS MEETINGS

An acknowledgement was received from the Private Secretary to the Minister for the Environment to the Council's request for the Minister to receive a deputation regarding the Talbot Green housing scheme.

An acknowledgement was received from the Department of the Environment to the Council's resolution regarding the establishment of Fair Rents tribunals.

An acknowledgement was received from R.T.E. regarding the Council's resolution for more Irish programmes on television.

CASUAL VACANCY - V.E.C.

On the proposal of Councillor J. Furlong, seconded by Councillor T. Carr, it was unanimously decided that Rev. Bro. Screenan, Superior C.S.B., be elected to fill the casual vacancy on the Town of Wexford Vocational Education Committee caused by the resignation of Rev. Bro. Denis Burke.



REPORT ON ORDER OF BUSINESS

On the proposal of Councillor K. Morris, seconded by Councillor J. Roche, the following Order of Business for Council meetings was adopted:

1. Confirmation of Minutes.
2. Business expressly required by Statute.
3. Urgent Correspondence.
4. Motions relating to Corporation affairs.
5. Policy Discussion.
6. Correspondence.
7. Other Motions.
8. Questions.

CORRESPONDENCE

INDUSTRIAL PARADE

A letter was received from the Wexford Festival Fringe Events Committee notifying the Council that the Industrial Parade will be held on 29th October, this year. The Committee asked that the date of the John Barry Commemoration Ceremony, which had been fixed for that day, be changed. The Council decided that the Barry Memorial Ceremony would proceed on 29th October as arranged and that perhaps the time of the Industrial Parade could be altered to suit.

A resolution received from Sligo County Council regarding a grant paid to Macra na Tuaithe was adopted on the proposal of Councillor T.F. Byrne, seconded by Councillor J. Roche.

APPOINTMENT OF TOWN CLERK

The County Manager informed the members that he had received a letter from the Local Appointments Commission recommending Mr. Edward Breen be appointed as Town Clerk with Wexford Corporation.

HOUSING MATTERS DISCUSSED IN COMMITTEE

Flat No. 13 Lower John Street.

The Council noted that a vacant old persons flat at 13 Lower John Street has been offered to Mrs. Pitt, 3 Dolphin Road, Wexford, who was the first person on the Old Folk Priority List of transfers.

Flat No. 10 John's Gate Street.

The Council noted that the vacant old persons flat at No. 10 John's Gate Street had been refused by Mr. & Mrs. P. Murphy, 7 Upper George Street, because of medical problems. The flat has now been offered to Mrs. E. Roche, 16 North Main Street, who was the next applicant on the Priority List.

7 John's Gate Street.

The Council noted that the vacant old persons flat at No. 7 John's Gate Street, had been refused by Mrs. King and has now been offered to Mr. & Mrs. Patrick Kehoe, 13 Lower John Street, Wexford.

81 Bishopswater.

The Council were notified that Mr. & Mrs. Flood, who were the next applicants on the Priority List, had accepted the tenancy of No. 81 Bishopswater and had then arranged for a transfer with the tenants of No. 104 Liam Mellows Park.

3 Dolphin Road.

On the proposal of Councillor J. Roche, seconded by Alderman Peter Roche, it was decided to offer Mr. M. Furlong, 29 Parnell Street, the house at 3 Dolphin Road when it becomes vacant subject to the recommendation of the Chief Medical Officer.

Other Cases:

At the request of Alderman Peter Roche, the Council decided to request the Chief Medical Officer to have an urgent look at the case of Mr. Goggins, 51 Whiterock View, Wexford.

It was also agreed, on the request of Councillor J. Furlong, to look at the position of Mrs. Grace who is currently a patient in St. John's Hospital and is in need of rehousing.

The meeting then ended.



MAYOR

Dated this 6 day of November 1978.



MINUTES OF STATUTORY MEETING OF WEXFORD BOROUGH  
COUNCIL HELD IN THE COUNCIL CHAMBER, MUNICIPAL  
BUILDINGS, WEXFORD, ON MONDAY, 6th NOVEMBER, 1978  
AT 7.30 p.m.

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The members present were:-

His Worship the Mayor, Alderman Peter Roche, presiding.

Aldermen: James Mahoney, Fergus Byrne.

Councillors: K. Morris, John Roche, Thomas Carr, T.F. Byrne,  
Mrs. Avril Doyle, James Jenkins, John O'Flaherty.

Apologies for inability to attend were received from Councillor  
J. Furlong and Alderman Philip Corish.

In attendance: Mr. M. N. Dillon, County Manager.  
Mr. S. O'Sullivan, Borough Surveyor.  
Mr. J. Kennedy, Borough Accountant.  
Mr. E. Breen, Town Clerk.

VOTES OF SYMPATHY

On the proposal of Alderman Peter Roche, Mayor, seconded by  
Councillor T. Byrne, the sympathy of the Council was extended to  
Alderman James Mahoney on the death of his brother. All the members  
and officials present joined with the Mayor in sympathising with  
Alderman Mahoney on his bereavement.

The sympathy of the Council was also extended to Mr. Austin  
Channing on the death of his wife and to the relatives of Sr. Philip  
who died recently.

MESSAGE OF GOODWILL

On the proposal of Alderman Peter Roche, Mayor, seconded by  
Councillor T. Carr, the Council wished Mr. Paddy Whitty a speedy  
recovery to health and early return to work. The County Manager and  
other members of the staff joined with the Mayor in this message of  
goodwill.

ADOPTION OF MINUTES

On the proposal of Councillor T. Carr, seconded by Councillor  
T.F. Byrne, the minutes of meeting held on 2nd October, 1978 were  
adopted.

DISPOSAL OF LAND TO I.D.A.

The Mayor, Alderman Peter Roche, gave a brief account of his  
visit to the United States accompanied by the County Manager to access,  
from the planning viewpoint, the proposal from M/s. Lifesavers Ltd. to  
establish a factory on Wexford Industrial Estate.

On the proposal of Alderman James Mahoney, seconded by Councillor  
John O'Flaherty, the Council unanimously endorsed the initiative shown  
by the Mayor and County Manager in undertaking this visit the fruits of  
which would be of tremendous benefit to Wexford.

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On the proposal of Councillor T.F. Byrne, seconded by Alderman F. Byrne, the Council authorised the disposal of a site on Wexford Industrial Estate (20 acres approx. in area) to the Industrial Development Authority in accordance with the terms of Notice circulated pursuant to the provisions of Section 83 of the Local Government Act, 1946.

#### URGENT CORRESPONDENCE

##### Talbot Green Housing Scheme:

The Town Clerk read a letter dated 13th October, 1978 from the Private Secretary to the Minister for the Environment dealing with the alleged defects at Talbot Green Housing Scheme. The letter stated that the Minister would not be in a position to authorise finance for additional improvements to the houses over and above those already agreed.

On the proposal of Councillor John Roche, seconded by Alderman Peter Roche, Mayor, the Council unanimously decided to again request the Minister to receive a deputation from the Council to discuss this matter.

##### Circular letter H.37/78 - Housing Matters:

The Council considered the terms of Circular letter No. 37/78 dated 31st August, 1978 from the Department of the Environment dealing with housing matters. Councillor T. Carr referred to paragraphs in the letter which suggested that housing applicants be vetted on means grounds before the allocation of houses.

Following a further discussion during which all points in the letter were considered, Councillor T. Carr proposed the motion,

"That Wexford Corporation reject the terms of the letter and call on the Minister for the Environment to provide more finance for the erection of local authority houses on Corporation property".

This was seconded by Councillor J. Roche.

Councillor K. Morris proposed the amendment,

"That the implications of the Circular letter to Wexford Corporation be examined further before making any decision on the matter".

This was seconded by Councillor J. Flaherty.

A vote was then taken, the result of which was as follows:

For the amendment: Councillor K. Morris, Councillor J. Flaherty, Alderman F. Byrne - 3 votes.

Against the amendment: Councillor T. Carr, Councillor J. Roche, Alderman P. Roche, Councillor T.F. Byrne, Councillor Mrs. Avril Doyle, Councillor J. Jenkins, Alderman James Mahoney - 7 votes.

The amendment was therefore declared defeated.

The voting for the motion had the same result and the motion was therefore declared carried.

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### MOTIONS

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

"That this Council take steps to ensure that in future persons dumping refuse at the entrance to the Municipal tiphead be prosecuted".

Councillor Mrs. Avril Doyle proposed the amendment that

"This Council take steps to ensure that in future persons dumping refuse indiscriminately at the entrance to the Municipal tiphead be prosecuted".

This was seconded by Councillor J. Jenkins.

A vote was then taken the result of which is as follows:

For the amendment: Councillor Mrs. Avril Doyle, Councillor James Jenkins, Alderman Fergus Byrne, Councillor K. Morris - 4 votes.

Against the Amendment: Alderman Peter Roche, Mayor, Councillor T. F. Byrne, Councillor T. Carr, Alderman James Mahoney, Councillor J. Roche, Councillor John Flaherty - 6 votes.

The amendment was therefore declared defeated.

The voting for the motion had the same result and the motion was therefore declared carried.

### POST OF ASSISTANT COUNTY MANAGER

The County Manager explained to the members that sanction had recently been received from the Minister for the Environment to the creation of the post of Assistant County Manager for Wexford County Council. The members had already been circulated with the list of duties which the County Manager intended to delegate to the Assistant County Manager. The Manager drew attention to the fact that he was delegating the management of the Urban authorities including Wexford Corporation but that he intended to retain overall strategic planning. The members expressed their appreciation of the need to create the post having regard to the heavy burden of duties and responsibilities on the County Manager and adopted the Manager's proposals on the proposal of Councillor T. Byrne seconded by Councillor T. Carr.

### CORRESPONDENCE

#### Social Butter Scheme:

Letter dated 10th October, 1978 from the Department of Agriculture regarding Social Butter scheme was noted.

#### Wexford Community Services Council:

A letter was received from Wexford Community Services Council requesting that a deputation be received to discuss local matters

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with the Borough Council.

On the proposal of Alderman Peter Roche, Mayor, seconded by Councillor T. Byrne, it was unanimously decided to receive the deputation at the next meeting of the Council.

Wexford Health Protection Association:

The members noted letter dated 13th October, 1978 from the Secretary, Wexford Health Protection Association requesting that a deputation be received by the Borough Council.

On the proposal of Councillor J. Roche, seconded by Alderman F. Byrne, it was unanimously decided to receive a deputation at the next meeting of the Council.

NATIONAL PRIMARY ROUTE -  
AGREEMENT WITH WEXFORD CO. COUNCIL

On the proposal of Councillor T. Byrne, seconded by Councillor J. Roche, the following resolution was passed:

"That Wexford Corporation formally requests Wexford Co. Council to enter into an agreement under Section 59 of the Local Government Act, 1955, to carry out the Corporation's function of maintaining National Primary Road from Redmond Monument via Slaney Street, Spawell Road and Hill Street."

INCREASE IN MAYOR'S ALLOWANCE

On the proposal of Alderman F. Byrne, seconded by Councillor J. Flaherty it was decided to authorise an increase of £294.69 in the Mayoral allowance to finance the Barry Memorial celebrations.

REGIONAL TECHNICAL COLLEGE

It was proposed by Alderman Peter Roche, Mayor, seconded by Councillor T. Byrne and resolved:

"That this Council feels a Regional Technical College located in Wexford town is necessary for the advancement of the area".

TELEPHONE SYSTEM

It was proposed by Alderman Peter Roche, Mayor, seconded by Councillor J. Roche and resolved:

"That this Council condemns our antiquated telephone system and calls for action on its updating".



INDEPENDENT COMPLAINTS COMMISSION

It was proposed by Councillor John Roche, seconded by Councillor T. Carr and resolved:

"That this Council calls on the Government to set up an independent commission based on Local Authority districts to investigate complaints against Landlords - public and private - from occupiers of rented dwellings".

The meeting then ended.



Mayor

Dated this                      day of                      1978.

MINUTES OF SPECIAL MEETING OF WEXFORD BOROUGH  
COUNCIL HELD IN THE COUNCIL CHAMBER, MUNICIPAL  
BUILDINGS, WEXFORD, ON TUESDAY, 14th NOVEMBER, 1978  
AT 7.30 p.m.

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The members present were:

His Worship the Mayor, Alderman Peter Roche, presiding.

Alderman: Fergus Byrne.

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

Apologies for inability to attend were received from Alderman James Mahoney, Alderman Philip Corish and Councillor James Jenkins.

In attendance: Mr. M. N. Dillon, County Manager.  
Mr. S. O'Sullivan, Borough Surveyor.  
Mr. E. Breen, Town Clerk.  
Mr. M. Redmond, Staff Officer.

DEVELOPMENT PLAN

The purpose of the Special meeting was to consider the adoption of Development Plan for the Borough of Wexford for the following five years. At the request of the Mayor, the County Manager outlined the ways in which the draft plan had been displayed for public inspection during the previous three months with particular emphasis on the public display in the Wexford Arts Centre and the public meeting which was held.

The members then considered the objections which had been received to proposals contained in the plan details of which had been circulated. Following a lengthy discussion the following amendments were made to the draft plan:

Access from Crescent Quay car-park to Anne Street (Page 25, Map reference T.34):

Having considered an objection from A. J. & J. P. Sinnott, County Hotel, Wexford dated 7th July, 1978, the Council decided to delete the proposal to provide access from Crescent Quay car-park to Anne Street, on the proposal of Councillor T.F. Byrne, seconded by Alderman Peter Roche, Mayor.

Widening of Quays (Page 27, Map reference A.12):

On the proposal of Alderman Peter Roche, Mayor, seconded by Councillor T.F. Byrne, it was decided to delete the proposed widening of the Quay front for an amenity promenade and provision of car-park until further investigation of this proposal had been completed.



Land at rere of Hollyville - College View (Page 26, map ref. C.2):

On the proposal of Councillor J. Roche, seconded by Alderman F. Byrne, it was decided to amend the proposed land use for open fields at rere of Hollyville House/College View from eight class Primary School and recreational facilities to housing.

Open space at rere of Abbey Cinema, George St. (Page 24, map ref. T.13):

On the proposal of Councillor T.F. Byrne, seconded by Councillor T. Carr, it was decided to amend the proposed use of land at rere of Abbey Cinema, George Street from car-park to Vocational School.

Buildings for preservation (Appendix A):

On the proposal of Alderman Peter Roche, Mayor, seconded by Councillor J. Roche, it was decided to include the stone mosaic at the entrance to Rowe Street and Bride Street Churches in a list of buildings for total preservation set out in Appendix A of the plan.

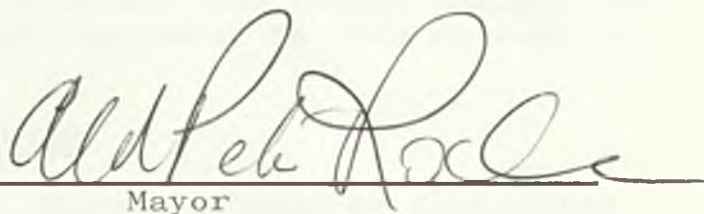
On the proposal of Alderman Peter Roche, Mayor, seconded by Councillor J. Roche, it was decided to delete the church of St. Francis from the list of buildings for conservation (Appendix B) and include this building in the list for total preservation (Appendix A).

ADOPTION OF DEVELOPMENT PLAN

It was proposed by Councillor T.F. Byrne, seconded by Councillor T. Carr and resolved:

"That in accordance with the provisions of Local Government Planning and Development Acts 1963 - 1976, the Development Plan for the Borough of Wexford be adopted".

The meeting then ended.

  
Mayor

Dated this                      day of                      1978.

MINUTES OF STATUTORY MEETING OF WEXFORD BOROUGH  
COUNCIL HELD IN THE COUNCIL CHAMBER, MUNICIPAL  
BUILDINGS, WEXFORD, ON MONDAY, 4th DECEMBER, 1978  
AT 7.30 p.m.

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The members present were:-

His Worship the Mayor, Alderman Peter Roche, presiding.

Alderman: Fergus Byrne.

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

Apologies for inability to attend were received from Aldermen Philip Corish and James Mahoney.

In attendance: Mr. W. P. Creedon, Asst. County Manager.  
Mr. S. O'Sullivan, Borough Surveyor.  
Mr. E. Breen, Town Clerk.

PRESENTATION OF PHOTOGRAPH

Mr. Eugene O'Sullivan, representing An Foras Taluntais, Johnstown Castle, attended the meeting and presented a photograph of the conferring of the Freedom of the Borough on Dr. Tom Walsh to the Mayor. The Mayor thanked an Foras Taluntais for this gesture and also for the help and co-operation which they received in holding the ceremony at Johnstown Castle earlier in the year.

DUPUTATION

WEXFORD COMMUNITY SERVICES COUNCIL

Sergeant Horan and Mr. Pierce representing the Wexford Community Services Council attended the meeting to request the support of the Borough Council in their efforts to have a home established in Wexford for young adults who are mentally retarded, for children placed in care and also a welfare home for old people.

Having outlined the necessity for having homes such as these established in Wexford town, the deputation then withdrew from the meeting.

On the proposal of Councillor Mrs. Avril Doyle, seconded by Alderman Peter Roche, Mayor, the Council unanimously decided to call on the South Eastern Health Board to provide the services requested by the Community Services Council in Wexford town.

ADOPTION OF MINUTES

On the proposal Councillor K. Morris, seconded by Councillor T.F. Byrne, the minutes of statutory meeting held on 6th November, 1978 and minutes of special meeting held on 14th November, 1978 were adopted.



### DISPOSAL OF LAND AT COOLCOTTS

On the proposal of Councillor T.F. Byrne, seconded by Councillor J. Roche the Council unanimously approved of the disposal of a strip of land at Coolcotts measuring 0.21 acres in area to Mrs. Kathleen Morgan for the sum of £1,000 in accordance with the terms of Notice circulated pursuant to the provisions of Section 83 of the Local Government Act, 1946 as amended.

### MUNICIPAL CORPORATIONS (IRELAND) ACT, 1840

#### DISPOSAL OF FEE SIMPLE INTEREST

On the proposal of Alderman F. Byrne, seconded by Councillor K. Morris, the Council unanimously approved of the disposal of the fee simple interest in dwelling house at Coolcotts to Mrs. Doreen Roberts for the sum of £45.00 in accordance with the provisions of the Municipal Corporations (Ireland) Act, 1840 and the Landlord and Tenant (Ground Rents) Act, 1967.

### MOTIONS

The following motion was proposed by Alderman Peter Roche, Mayor, seconded by Councillor T. Carr and resolved:

"That this Council calls on the Department of the Environment to request independent examination of Talbot Green Housing Scheme from the Institute of Industrial Research and Standards and also have copy of contract documents circulated to members".

Following further discussion on the matter, the Town Clerk agreed to have the original set of Contract documents available for inspection by the Council and to have a summary of the principal points of the contract circulated to the members.

### PUBLIC LIGHTING

The following motion was proposed by Councillor John Flaherty, seconded by Alderman Fergus Byrne and resolved:

"That the Corporation direct that extra Public Lighting be provided in the St. John's Road - St. John's Drive area".

Following further discussion on the matter it was also decided to re-activate the Councils public lighting committee to consider the need for additional public lighting in areas throughout the town.

### STREET TRADING

The following motion was proposed by Councillor John Roche, seconded by Alderman Peter Roche, Mayor, and resolved:

"That as from now this Council use all its powers to prohibit trading (other than for agricultural produce) in Wexford's Bull Ring".

The Council also requested the Town Clerk to circulate the up-to-date position in relation to trading in the Bull Ring for the next meeting.

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PROPOSED HOUSING SCHEME AT  
TEMPERANCE ROW

The Town Clerk informed the meeting that revised lay-out plan for the proposed housing scheme at Temperance Row had been received. It was decided to defer discussion on this matter to the special housing meeting.

CORRESPONDENCE

Motions from other Local Authorities:

The Council considered a resolution from Kerry County Council calling for a public inquiry into torture of prisoners in the North.

On the proposal of Alderman Peter Roche, Mayor, seconded by Alderman Fergus Byrne, the motion was adopted.

A letter was received from the Ireland - Chile Solidarity Campaign requesting support for International conference of Solidarity with Chile. On the proposal of Councillor T. Carr, seconded by Alderman F. Byrne, the Council supported the conference.

Heating of John Street Flats:

The Town Clerk read a letter from the South Eastern Health Board dated 28th November, 1978 confirming that the Board will pay contribution to the tenants of John Street and John's Gate Street flats towards the cost of heating each week. The members welcomed the Board's decision in this matter.

ANNUAL ESTIMATES MEETING

On the proposal of Councillor K. Morris, seconded by Councillor T.F. Byrne, the date of the annual estimates meeting was fixed for Monday, 18th December, 1978 at 7.30 p.m.

SPECIAL HOUSING MEETING

On the proposal of Councillor K. Morris, seconded by Councillor T.F. Byrne, the date of special housing meeting to be held in committee was fixed for 11th December, 1978 at 7.30 p.m.

INCREASE IN MAYOR'S ALLOWANCE

On the proposal of Councillor T.F. Byrne, seconded by Alderman F. Byrne, it was decided to authorise an increase of £123.69 in the Mayoral allowance to finance a reception for the Committee of the Irish Travel Agents Association.

BONUS- SOCIAL WELFARE RECIPIENTS

On the proposal of Alderman Peter Roche, Mayor, seconded by Councillor T.F. Byrne, the following motion was unanimously passed:

"That this Council calls on the Government to pay Christmas bonus to Old Age Pensioners, widows and deserted wives and other hardship cases".



### MILITARY BARRACKS

On the proposal of Councillor J. Roche, seconded by Councillor John O'Flaherty, the following motion was passed unanimously:

"That this Council calls on the Department of Defence to fully utilise the Military Barracks in Wexford".

### FOOD SUBSIDIES

The following motion was proposed by Councillor T. Carr, seconded by Councillor T.F. Byrne:

"That this Council condemns any proposal from the Government to remove subsidies from foods."

Councillor K. Morris proposed that the motion be rejected on the grounds that it was premature in the absence of any indication from the Government of their intention to remove food subsidies. This was seconded by Alderman Fergus Byrne.

A vote was then taken the result of which was as follows:

For the motion: Alderman Peter Roche, Mayor, Councillor J. Roche, Councillor Mrs. Avril Doyle, Councillor Joseph Furlong, Councillor Thomas Carr, Councillor James Jenkins, Councillor T. F. Byrne, Councillor John Flaherty - 8 votes.

Against the motion: Councillor Kevin Morris, Alderman Fergus Byrne - 2 votes.

The motion was then declared carried.

### RENT OF SUB-STANDARD LOCAL AUTHORITY HOUSES

The following motion was proposed by Councillor T. Carr, seconded by Councillor J. Roche and resolved:

"That rent of sub-standard local authority houses be fixed at a maximum of £2.00 per week."

### NUCLEAR POWER

The following motion was proposed by Councillor J. Furlong, seconded by Councillor Mrs. Avril Doyle:

"Following the Minister's statement on Nuclear Power, that the Borough Council is gravely concerned at the Governments lack of appreciation of the democratic rights of the people of this land and in particular the people of this constituency.

We hereby call on the Government to grant to the people their right to decide the most serious matter ever to effect this country and to have a full public enquiry and referendum on the issue of Nuclear Power."

Councillor K. Morris proposed that the motion be rejected in view of the Council's earlier determined effort to have the proposed nuclear power station located in Co. Wexford. This was seconded by Councillor J. Jenkins.

A vote was then taken, the result of which was as follows:

For the motion: Alderman P. Roche, Mayor, Alderman F. Byrne, Councillor J. Roche, Councillor Mrs. Avril Doyle, Councillor J. Furlong, Councillor T. Carr, Councillor T.F. Byrne, Councillor John O'Flaherty - 8 votes.

Against the motion: Councillor K. Morris, Councillor J. Jenkins - 2 votes.

The motion was declared carried.

RENAMING OF ABBEY STREET/MOUNT GEORGE  
HOUSING SCHEME

In reply to a question, Councillor J. Furlong was informed by the Town Clerk that the views of the residents in connection with the proposed renaming of Abbey Street/Mount George Housing Scheme were being sought.

ABBATOIR AT PETER STREET

In reply to a question, Councillor J. Furlong was informed that all the relevant information on the abbatoir at Peter Street would be available to the Council when a deputation was received from the residents of the area at a future meeting.

LETTING PRIORITY LIST

In reply to questions submitted by Councillor John Flaherty, the Town Clerk stated that full details of the applications for re-housing on hands together with the current position regarding the housing list would be discussed in full at the special housing committee meeting to be held on 11th December, 1978.

FIRE SERVICE

It was decided to reply in writing to questions submitted by Councillor John Roche in relation to fire prevention in the Borough.

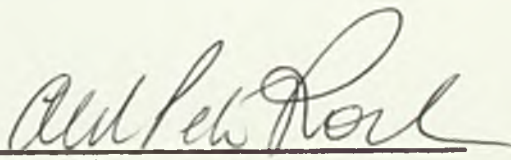
SWIMMING POOL COMMITTEE

On the proposal of Alderman Peter Roche, Mayor, seconded by Councillor K. Morris, the minutes of meeting of swimming pool sub-committee held on 15th November, 1978 were adopted.

WELCOME TO ASST. COUNTY MANAGER

The Council extended a welcome to Mr. William Creedon who had been appointed temporary Asst. County Manager. The Mayor assured him of the Council's co-operation in managing the affairs of Wexford Corporation and wished him every success in the forthcoming competitions for the post. On behalf of the staff, the Town Clerk joined with the members in welcoming Mr. Creedon.

The meeting then ended.

  
Mayor



MINUTES OF SPECIAL MEETING OF WEXFORD BOROUGH COUNCIL  
HELD IN COMMITTEE IN THE COUNCIL CHAMBER, MUNICIPAL  
BUILDINGS, WEXFORD ON MONDAY, 11th DECEMBER, 1978 AT  
7.30 p.m.

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The members present were:

His Worship the Mayor, Alderman Peter Roche, presiding.

Aldermen: Fergus Byrne, Philip Corish.

Councillors: K. Morris, John Roche, Thomas Carr, T. F. Byrne,  
Mrs. Avril Doyle, James Jenkins, John O'Flaherty,  
Joseph Furlong.

Apologies for inability to attend were received from Alderman  
James Mahoney.

In attendance: Mr. W. P. Creedon, Asst. County Manager.  
Mr. S. O'Sullivan, Borough Surveyor.  
Mr. E. Breen, Town Clerk.  
Mr. M. Redmond, Staff Officer.

#### LETTING PRIORITY SCHEME

On the proposal of Councillor J. Roche, seconded by Councillor  
Thomas Carr, the Council amended the draft letting priority scheme  
by deleting clause which provided for additional points for payment  
of rent in excess of rent paying capacity.

#### LETTING PRIORITY LIST

Mr. W. P. Creedon, Asst. Co. Manager explained  
that a new letting priority scheme had been sanctioned and the most  
appropriate time to bring it into effect would be for the allocation  
of the 49 house scheme currently under construction. He added that  
in the meantime the existing list would remain in force until a  
new list had been prepared. Emergency cases would be considered as  
they arise. The Manager also suggested that in future a shorter  
list be prepared catering for the Corporation's immediate need  
having regard to the number of houses available for allocation plus  
50% of that number to cover casual vacancies which arise from time  
to time.

He further suggested that the letting priority list remain  
in operation for a period of 12 months only with an option to extend  
that period for a further 3 months if necessary.

Following a lengthy discussion of these suggestions, it was  
decided that the present system whereby each applicant who applied  
for re-housing and was approved by the County Medical Officer be  
given a place on the housing list in order of priority should  
continue and that the Council should not prepare a list to suit  
the current building programme as suggested by the Manager. However,  
the Council did decide to put a time limit on the housing list of  
12 months with an option to extend this limit for a further 3 months  
if necessary.



## SPECIAL HOUSING CASES

The members were informed that the County Medical Officer had reported on a number of housing applicants some of whom were already on the housing list but whose circumstances had deteriorated since his original recommendation and others which had been brought to his notice because of their acute housing need. The Manager then gave details of the individual cases. The Council commented as follows on the cases discussed:

Mr. James Furlong, 27 Selskar Street.

This case was discussed at length. The Council considered the views of the Manager and the recommendation of the County Medical Officer on the applicants need for re-housing.

On the proposal of Councillor Mrs. Avril Doyle, seconded by Councillor John Roche the Manager was requested not to give any special consideration to this case. Alderman Philip Corish disagreed with this view and requested that the Manager consider this applicant for immediate re-housing. This was seconded by Councillor K. Morris.

A vote was then taken, the result of which was as follows:

In favour of treating this applicant as a special case for re-housing:

Alderman P. Corish, Alderman F. Byrne, Councillor K. Morris,  
Councillor J. Jenkins. - 4 votes

Against: Councillor Mrs. Avril Doyle, Councillor T. Carr, Councillor T.F. Byrne, Councillor J. Flaherty, Councillor J. Furlong, Councillor J. Roche and Alderman Peter Roche, Mayor.  
- 7 votes.

By a majority of votes the Manager was therefore requested not to give any special consideration to this application.

Mrs. Hardy, 19 Distillery Road.

The Manager informed the members that on the recommendation of the County Medical Officer, he intended appointing Mrs. Hardy, 19 Distillery Road as tenant of vacant house at 15 Antelope Road. The Council noted the Manager's decision in this case on the proposal of Alderman Fergus Byrne, seconded by Councillor K. Morris.

Mr. P. Kelly, 7 Distillery Road.

The Manager informed the meeting that on the recommendation of the County Medical Officer, he intended to appoint Mr. P.Kelly, 7 Distillery Road as tenant of vacant Corporation house at 88 Kennedy Park. The Manager's decision in this case was noted on the proposal of Councillor T. F. Byrne, seconded by Councillor T. Carr.

Other cases:

The Manager also stated that he had received recommendations from the County Medical Officer in the following cases but the total number of points awarded by the C.M.O. in each case was not stated in his report. He was arranging to have the files re-submitted to have their priority determined:

- (a) John Duggan, 11 Hantoon Road, Wexford.  
(b) Francis Power, c/o Murphys, 27 Selskar Street, Wexford.  
(c) Patrick Murphy, 100 St. Marys Road, Wexford.  
(d) Martin Duggan, 65 Liam Mellows Park, Wexford.  
(e) Joseph Fallon, 26 North Main Street, Wexford.



On the proposal of Alderman Peter Roche, Mayor, seconded by Councillor T. Carr the Council requested the Manager to re-assess the conditions of the following applicants also:

1. Mrs. Theresa Randall, 53 Hantoon Road, Wexford.
2. Mr. Donal Sinnott, 10 Commercial Quay, Wexford.
3. Mr. Thomas Carley, 28 Antelope Road, Wexford.

On the proposal of Councillor Mrs. Avril Doyle, seconded by Alderman Peter Roche, Mayor, the case of Mr. Daniel Berry, 29 Parnell Street, Wexford, was also added to this list.

TRANSFERRS FOR FAMILY TYPE HOUSES  
AND OLD PERSONS DWELLINGS

The Council considered the ratio which is in operation for transfer cases to family type and old persons dwellings. Following a discussion on the matter, it was decided that the present ratio of one transfer for each ten new tenancies remain unchanged.

The question of providing new cookers on transfer of tenants and also in existing Corporation houses which have become vacant, was also discussed. The Council suggested that when a tenant was transferring from a house that the existing cooker be transferred with them.

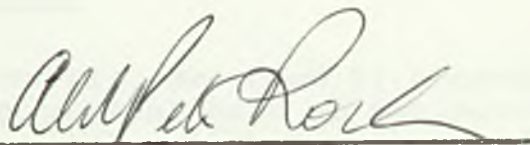
SITES FOR OLD PERSONS DWELLINGS

In reply to Councillor Mrs. Avril Doyle, the Town Clerk informed the meeting that sites for approximately 50 old persons dwellings were looked at throughout the town and it was expected that a report on the various sites would be submitted to the Council shortly.

PROPOSED HOUSING SCHEME AT  
TEMPERANCE ROW

The Council accepted in principle the revised lay-out plan for the proposed housing scheme in Temperance Row incorporating a widening of the road to 18 ft. with 5 ft. footpath on one side and the existing footpath remaining on the other. It was suggested that the possibility of building on the site of the existing house at 26 George Street be examined by the Architects.

The meeting then ended.

  
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Mayor

Dated this                      day of                      1979.

MINUTES OF STATUTORY MEETING OF BOROUGH COUNCIL HELD IN THE  
COUNCIL CHAMBER, MUNICIPAL BUILDINGS, WEXFORD, ON THE 18th  
DECEMBER, 1978.

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The members present were:

His Worship the Mayor, Alderman Peter Roche, presiding.

Alderman: Fergus Byrne.

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

In attendance: Mr. Michael N. Dillon, County Manager.  
Mr. W.P. Creedon, Assistant County Manager.  
Mr. S. O'Sullivan, Borough Surveyor.  
Mr. E. Breen, Town Clerk.  
Mr. J. Kennedy, Borough Accountant.

ESTIMATE OF EXPENSES 1979

Mr. Creedon, Assistant Manager, explained that the documentation and statutory tables which had been circulated to the Members showed that a rate of ~~twelve~~ pounds, twenty nine pence in the pound would be necessary to maintain the services and meet the liabilities of the Corporation for year ending the 31st December, 1979. This represented an increase of eleven per cent over the previous year. Since preparing his report notification had been received from the Department of the Environment stating that the increase in the rate in the pound for 1979 should not exceed ten per cent over the rate in the pound for 1978. He added that amendments would have to be made in the Estimates to comply with the Department guide lines. A report was then circulated to suggest to the Members where these economies could be met.

The members then proceeded to consider the Manager's Report and Explanatory Tables in greater detail.

PROGRAMME GROUP 1 HOUSING AND BUILDING

Maintenance, Repair and Improvement

The Manager informed the Members that a sum of £2,000 had been included under this heading to provide for the cleaning of chimneys in Corporation Housing Estates. This programme had been suggested in an effort to reduce the number of chimney fires occurring in the town as reports had shown that the proportion of such fires in Wexford Town was higher than any other town in the County. It was proposed to make a similar amount available from Wexford County Council to finance this programme. Following a lengthy discussion on the matter it was proposed by Alderman Peter Roche Mayor, seconded by Councillor John Roche:



The Council decided <sup>in</sup>/principle to delete the sum of £2,000 from the Estimates and that the amount provided for maintenance, repair and improvement of local authority housing be reduced accordingly".

PROGRAMME GROUP 2 ROAD TRANSPORTATION AND SAFETY

Minor Urban Roads

The Manager stated that it was intended to carry out improvement work to Grogan's Road as a capital scheme and that provision had been made under loan charges to finance the work. On the proposal of Alderman Peter Roche Mayor, seconded by Councillor John Roche.

It was decided in principle to increase the provision for loan charges by the sum of £2,000 to enable the Council to include the improvement of Summerhill in the Scheme.

PROGRAMME GROUP 3 WATER SUPPLY AND SEWERAGE

Provision Improvement of Drainage Works

The Council noted that the provision under this heading allowed for the improvement of the Culvert under Pierce's Factory. The proposal of Councillor T.F. Byrne, seconded by Councillor Alderman Peter Roche Mayor.

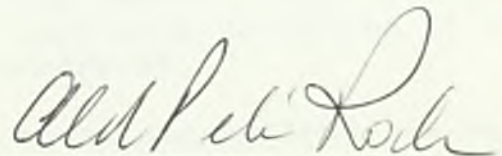
The Council decided in principle to have this work carried out as soon as possible and in the absence of the necessary capital allocation from the Department of the Environment that the work be carried out from revenue account.

ADJOURNMENT OF MEETING

On the proposal of Alderman P. Roche, Mayor seconded by Councillor T. Carr

It was decided to adjourn the Meeting to Wednesday, 3rd January 1979 at 7.30 p.m.

This concluded the business of the Meeting



Mayor

Dated this            day of            1979.