

MINUTES OF PROTOCOL COMMITTEE MEETING OF WEXFORD BOROUGH COUNCIL HELD AT 4.00 P.M. ON WEDNESDAY 8TH JANUARY, 1997 IN THE COUNCIL CHAMBER, MUNICIPAL BUILDINGS, WEXFORD.

Presiding:- His Worship the Mayor, Cllr. D.M. Kiernan.

Aldermen:- P. Reck, G. Byrne.

Councillors:- J. O'Flaherty, P. Roche.

In Attendance:- Mr. D.F. Curtin, Town Clerk.

Conferences.

The attached list of conferences was then considered and it was agreed to recommend that His Worship the Mayor and one delegate would attend at Conference No. 1 and that two delegates would attend at Conference No. 2.

On the proposal of Cllr. Roche seconded by Ald. Reck it was unanimously agreed that a contribution would be made to the A.M.A.I. to cover the cost of His Worship the Mayor and the two A.M.A.I. representatives to attend the Seminar and for all members to attend the seminar sessions and for members and spouses to attend at the dinner.

FREEDOM OF BOROUGH.

His Worship the Mayor outlined arrangements for the ceremony which were agreed on the proposal of Ald. Reck seconded by Cllr. Roche. The guest list as submitted to the meeting was then considered and agreed.

It was further agreed that His Worship the Mayor and Town Clerk would arrange a parade from the Municipal Buildings to St. Iberius Church.

THIS CONCLUDED THE BUSINESS OF THE MEETING.

SIGNED THIS 13th DAY OF Jan 1997.


MAYOR OF WEXFORD.

List of Conferences/Seminars for meeting of Protocol Committee to
be held on 8th January, 1997.

1. General Council of County Councils Seminar.

Venue:- Westport.

Dates:- 24/25th January, 1997.

Conference Fee:- £75.00 Expenses:- £526

2. L.A.M.A. Annual Conference.

Venue:- Kenmare.

Dates:- 3/4th April, 1997.

Conference Fee:- £180.00 Expenses:- £450.

3. Annual Seminar - A.M.A.I.

Venue:- Talbot Hotel, Wexford.

Dates:- 14th/15th February, 1997.

Conference Fee:- £130.00 Expenses:- £146.

MINUTES OF MONTHLY MEETING OF WEXFORD BOROUGH COUNCIL HELD AT 7.30 P.M. ON MONDAY 13TH JANUARY, 1997 IN THE COUNCIL CHAMBER. MUNICIPAL BUILDINGS. WEXFORD.

Presiding:- His Worship the Mayor, Cllr. D.M. Kiernan.

Aldermen:- P. Reck, A. Fenlon, T. Howlin, G. Byrne.

Councillors:- P. Nolan, N. Kavanagh, E. O'Connor, M. Furlong,
P. Roche.

Apologies from Cllrs. Enright and O'Flaherty for their inability to attend the meeting were noted.

In Attendance:- Mr. J. Hutchinson, Manager.
Mr. D.F. Curtin, Town Clerk.
Mr. T. Fahey, Borough Engineer.

At the outset of the meeting His Worship the Mayor wished the members and staff a happy and fruitful new year.

VOTES OF SYMPATHY.

On the proposal of His Worship the Mayor votes of sympathy were extended to the following:-

Cllr. J. O'Flaherty on the death of his Brother-in-Law, Mr. N. Leahy, R.I.P., and to Mrs. Leahy and family.

Mr. V. Byrne, former Mayor of Wexford on the death of his Father, Mr. P. Byrne, R.I.P., and to the Byrne Family.

The family of the late Ms. Kitty Hayes, R.I.P.

The votes of sympathy were passed in silence, all standing. The Manager on behalf of the staff associated with the expressions of sympathy.

Footpaths - Hantoon Road.

Cllr. P. Nolan informed the meeting that the footpaths in Hantoon Road were smashed in bits and it was agreed that the Borough Engineer would investigate same.

Meetings.

On the proposal of Cllr. Roche seconded by Ald. Byrne it was agreed that the following meetings would be held:-

1. G.P. Meeting - 7.30 p.m. on 10th February, 1997.
2. Traffic Management Meeting - 7.30 p.m. on 24th February, 1997.

MINUTES.

The minutes of the Monthly Meeting held on 9th December, 1996, copies of which had previously been circulated were confirmed and signed on the proposal of Cllr. Nolan seconded by Ald. Reck.

The minutes of the following Committee Meetings and the recommendations contained therein, copies of which had previously been circulated were unanimously adopted on the proposal of Cllr. O'Connor seconded by Cllr. Nolan:-

- a) Adjourned Statutory Estimates Meeting held on 12/12/96.
- b) Adjourned Statutory Estimates Meeting held on 15/12/96.
- c) Protocol Committee Meeting held on 8/1/97.

Conferences.

The attached list of Conferences was then considered and it was agreed that the following delegates would attend:-

Conference No. 1 - His Worship the Mayor and Ald. Reck on the proposal of Cllr. Roche seconded by Ald. Byrne.

Conference No. 2 - Cllr. O'Connor on the proposal of Ald. Howlin seconded by Ald. Reck. Cllr. Nolan on the proposal of Cllr. Roche seconded by Ald. Byrne.

Conference No. 3 - Arrangements for attendance at the A.M.A.I. seminar as recommended by the Protocol Committee were noted and agreed on the proposal of Cllr. Roche seconded by Ald. Byrne.

Remuneration of Clerical/Administrative Grades.

On the proposal of Cllr. Nolan seconded by Ald. Byrne it was unanimously agreed to authorise remuneration of

Clerical/Administrative Grades in accordance with Circular Letter EL 18/96 dated 5th December, 1996.

Revision of Remuneration.

On the proposal of Cllr. Nolan seconded by Ald. Howlin it was unanimously agreed to authorise revision of remuneration - 28th Pay Round Phase V, in accordance with Circular Letter EL 19/96 dated 18th December, 1996.

MOTIONS

Gratings/Drain Covers.

The following motion was proposed by Cllr. Roche seconded by Cllr. Nolan and following discussion unanimously agreed:-

"That the Contractor on Main Drainage Scheme be requested to relocate gratings/drain covers on footpaths between Faythe School and Fisher's Row which were installed without consultation with the residents".

John Street Flats.

The following motion was proposed by Ald. Reck seconded by Cllr. Furlong and following discussion unanimously agreed:-

"That this Borough Council in co-operation with the Gardai and Wexford Community Services Council devise a new security system for John Street Flats".

During discussion on the motion it was agreed that the Mayor, Town Clerk and Borough Engineer would meet with Gardai and residents to discuss a solution.

Parking Facilities.

The following motion was proposed by Ald. Reck seconded by Ald. Byrne and following discussion unanimously adopted:-

"That this Borough Council in co-operation with the traders of the town investigate ways and means to improve parking facilities for the general public".

During discussion on the motion the Town Clerk informed the meeting that there were over 3,000 spaces per day available in the centre town area. He also stated that the Main Drainage works and general building work throughout the town were causing restrictions to same. Following further discussion it was agreed to defer the matter to the next meeting of the Traffic Management Committee.

Questions.

Mulgannon Link Road.

In reply to Ald. Reck the Borough Engineer stated that a one-way traffic system/road widening of the Link Road were being considered at present and a report would be submitted to the next meeting of Traffic Management Committee.

Emergency Access- Talbot Green:

In reply to Ald. Reck the Borough Engineer stated that a submission was currently with the Department of the Environment regarding same.

THIS CONCLUDED THE BUSINESS OF THE MEETING.

SIGNED THIS 3rd DAY OF Feb. 1997.



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Presiding:- His Worship the Mayor, Cllr. D.M. Kiernan.

Aldermen:- P. Reck, A. Fenlon, T. Howlin.

Councillors:- M. Enright, P. Nolan, N. Kavanagh, E. O'Connor,
P. Roche, J. O'Flaherty.

At the outset His Worship the Mayor stated that he had received an invitation to visit Limavaddy from a guest of Bishop Willoughby who is a Councillor in the Borough of Limavaddy and it was unanimously agreed on the proposal of Cllr. Roche seconded by Ald. Howlin that His Worship the Mayor would visit Limavaddy at a date and time to be arranged.

Following discussion all members paid tribute to His Worship the Mayor and all concerned with the organisation of the Freedom of Borough Ceremony on Bishop Noel Willoughby.

MINUTES

The minutes of the Monthly Meeting held on 13th January, 1997, copies of which had previously been circulated were confirmed and signed on the proposal of Cllr. O'Flaherty seconded by Ald. Howlin.

DISPOSAL OF FEE SIMPLE.

On the proposal of Cllr. O'Flaherty seconded by Cllr. Nolan it was unanimously agreed to authorise disposal of fee simple of property known as "Carmel", St. Johns Road, Wexford, to Ms. Elizabeth Considine pursuant to the terms of Section 141 of the Municipal Corporation's (Ireland) Act 1840, in accordance with notice dated 22nd January, 1997.

SEMINAR - "BETTER LOCAL GOVERNMENT".

Ferrycarrig Hotel - 10th February, 1997.

It was agreed that the following members would attend at this Seminar:-

Ald. Howlin

Cllr. O'Connor

Ald. Reck

Cllr. Kavanagh

Ald. Fenlon

Cllr. O'Flaherty

His Worship the Mayor

CIVIC RECEPTION - A.M.A.I.

It was agreed that a Civic Reception would be afforded to the A.M.A.I. on Thursday 13th February, 1997 in the Council Chamber, Municipal Buildings, Wexford.

MOTIONS

It was agreed to allow, on the proposal of Cllr. Roche seconded by Ald. Howlin the following emergency motion:-

Wexford Town V.E.C.

The following motion was proposed by Cllr. O'Flaherty seconded by Cllr. Nolan and following discussion unanimously adopted:-

"That we the members of Wexford Corporation support the calls of the I.V.E.A. on the Minister for Education to stay her hand and not to abolish Wexford Town V.E.C., as is proposed".

Resurfacing - Emmet Place.

The following motion was proposed by Cllr. Roche seconded by Cllr. Nolan and following discussion unanimously adopted:-

"That resurfacing of roadway at Emmet Place be carried out as a matter of urgency".

Fencing at St. Aidan's Crescent.

The following motion was proposed by Cllr. Roche seconded by Cllr. Nolan:-

"That a proper fencing be erected between Nos. 43 and 44, St. Aidan's Crescent, for two of our long term tenants, both of whom are old age pensioners".

Following discussion it was agreed that the Housing Officer would meet the tenants involved.

QUESTIONS

Tenant Purchase Scheme (Flats).

In reply to Cllr. Roche the Town Clerk stated that under the Tenant Purchase Scheme, the following cannot be offered for sale:-

- (a) Houses provided for and occupied by elderly persons,
- (b) Flats, or
- (c) Houses that, in the opinion of the Housing Authority, ought not be sold for reasons of good estate management or on account of their structural condition, or ought not be sold for the time being on account of any proposals the authority may have to carry out works of improvement to the houses.

He further stated that at the Housing Committee meeting held on 14th June, 1995, the members of the Borough Council listed the particular estates to be included in the scheme and those to be excluded. In general, all one and two-bedroomed houses outside the Borough were to be offered for sale while those inside the Borough were to be excluded. The Department of the Environment has specifically stated that the flats should not be offered for sale under the scheme.

Maritime Dome.

In reply to Cllr. Roche the Town Clerk stated that draft proposals have been prepared and the committee will be meeting in the near future to consider same.

Tenant Purchase Applications.

In reply to Cllr. Roche the Town Clerk stated that all applications under the Tenant Purchase scheme have been dealt with. All applicants have been notified of their market values and discounts and any applicants who were in a position to proceed with the purchase have paid the purchase money and signed their Transfer Orders.

THIS CONCLUDED THE BUSINESS OF THE MEETING.

SIGNED THIS 28th DAY OF 3rd 1997.



MAYOR OF WEXFORD.

MINUTES OF PROTOCOL COMMITTEE MEETING OF WEXFORD
BOROUGH COUNCIL HELD AT 7.00 P.M. ON MONDAY 10TH
FEBRUARY, 1997 IN THE COUNCIL CHAMBER, MUNICIPAL
BUILDINGS, WEXFORD.

Presiding:- His Worship the Mayor, Cllr. D.M. Kiernan.

Aldermen:- P. Reck, G. Byrne.

Councillors:- P. Roche, J. O'Flaherty.

In attendance:- Mr. D.F. Curtin, Town Clerk.

Invitation to visit Bray U.D.C.

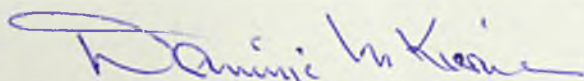
His Worship the Mayor informed the meeting that he had received a letter from Bray U.D.C. thanking Wexford Corporation for the courtesy they received on their recent visit to Wexford and inviting the Borough Council to visit Bray U.D.C. Following discussion it was agreed to recommend that the visit take place on 24th March, 1997.

Conferences/Seminars.

The attached list of conferences/seminars was then considered and it was agreed to recommend that two delegates attend at Nos. 2 and 3.

THIS CONCLUDED THE BUSINESS OF THE MEETING.

SIGNED THIS 3rd DAY OF March 1997.



MAYOR OF WEXFORD.

List of Conferences/Seminars for meeting of Protocol Committee to be held on 10th February, 1997.

1. Conference:- The Europeanisation of Local Enterprise to the year 2000.
Dates:- 27th-28th February, 1997.
Venue:- Great Northern Hotel, Bundoran.
Conference Fee:- £65.00 Expenses:- £550.00
2. 8th Colmcille Winter School.
Dates:- 28th February - 2nd March, 1997.
Venue:- Colmcille Heritage Centre, Gartan.
Conference Fee:- £100.00 Expenses:- £627.00
3. Information Technology Conference.
Dates:- 17th-19th April, 1997.
Venue:- Ballina, County Mayo.
Conference Fee:- £145.00 Expenses:- £511.00
4. BURA's International Conference "The Future of Cities".
Dates:- 21st/22nd April, 1997.
Venue:- Belfast Waterfront Hall.
Conference Fee:- £250.00 + V.A.T. Expenses:- £493.00
5. Irish Museums Association Spring Seminar.
Dates:- 21st February - 23rd February, 1997.
Venue:- Carrickdale Hotel, Co. Louth.
Conference Fee:- £25.00 Expenses:- £382.00

MINUTES OF GENERAL PURPOSES COMMITTEE MEETING OF
WEXFORD BOROUGH COUNCIL HELD AT 7.30 P.M. ON MONDAY
10TH FEBRUARY, 1997 IN THE COUNCIL CHAMBER, MUNICIPAL
BUILDINGS, WEXFORD.

Presiding:- His Worship the Mayor Cllr. D.M. Kiernan.

Aldermen:- P. Reck, A. Fenlon, T. Howlin, G. Byrne.

Councillors:- M. Enright, P. Nolan, N. Kavanagh, E. O'Connor,
M. Furlong, P. Roche, J. O'Flaherty.

In Attendance:- Mr. S. Dooley, County Manager.

Mr. J. Hutchinson, Assistant Co. Manager.

Mr. D.F. Curtin, Town Clerk.

Mr. T. Fahey, Borough Engineer.

Housing Committee Meeting.

It was agreed that the above meeting would be held at 7.30 p.m. on Monday 17th February, 1997.

County Manager's Report.

The attached report from the County Manager, copies of which had previously been circulated was then considered and a lengthy discussion ensued to which all members contributed. Following discussion the County Manager thanked the Borough Council for their leadership role and reiterated the need to continue this role to ensure the completion of the programme and for future developments.

Borough Boundary Extension.

A discussion ensued on the Borough Boundary Extension following which it was agreed on the proposal of Ald. Howlin seconded by Cllr. Roche that the Borough Boundary Committee would meet with the Wexford County Council District Committees of Wexford and Enniscorthy districts. It was further agreed that the District Committee Chairman would arrange the meeting.

Traffic flow/pedestrianisation - Spawell Road/Redmond Road.

The Town Clerk informed the meeting that a detailed proposal was presently being finalised and would be considered at the next Traffic Management Committee meeting. He further stated that prior to this meeting, consultations would be held with the residents of Spawell Road.

Draft Bye-Laws for St. Ibar's Cemetery.

The attached Bye-Laws, copies of which had previously been circulated were then considered. Following discussion it was agreed on the proposal of Cllr. Nolan seconded by Cllr. O'Flaherty to adopt the Bye-Laws and to reword Article 35 to limit application of the article to construction work. It was further agreed that a copy of the Bye-Laws be circulated with each sale of grave space.

Draft Bye-Laws regulating Skips.

A letter from Wexford Plant Hire regarding the above, copies of which had previously been circulated was then considered and noted. Following discussion the Draft Bye-Laws as attached, were unanimously adopted on the proposal of Cllr. Roche seconded by Cllr. O'Flaherty.

Local Authority House Building.

It was agreed to defer this item to a future Housing Committee Meeting.

Ferndale/Coolcotts Wall.

The attached report, copies of which had previously been circulated was then considered. Following discussion it was proposed on the proposal of Ald. Reck seconded by Cllr. Furlong to approve the wall as proposed. A vote was taken which resulted as follows:-

In Favour:- Ald. Reck, Fenlon, Howlin, Byrne.
Cllrs. Nolan, Kavanagh, O'Connor, Furlong, Roche,
O'Flaherty, Kiernan (11).

Against:- Cllr. Enright.

SUMMARY OF CORRESPONDENCE.

The summary of correspondence, copies of which had previously been circulated was then considered and noted.

In relation to Item 1 it was agreed on the proposal of Cllr. O'Flaherty seconded by Ald. Byrne to refer same to the Protocol Committee for consideration and report back to the Borough Council.

In relation to Items 6, 8 and 15 regarding Ely House, it was agreed on the proposal of Cllr. Nolan seconded by Cllr. Roche to write to the Minister for Health stating that this is a matter of urgency.

Planning.

Planning applications received since the previous G.P. Meeting, copies of which had previously been circulated were then considered and noted. Queries raised were answered by officials in attendance.

REPORTS.

Security.

The attached report from the Borough Engineer, copies of which had previously been circulated was then considered and unanimously adopted.

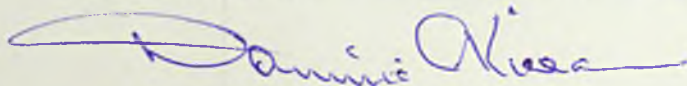
Conferences/Seminars.

The attached list of conferences/seminars was then considered and it was agreed on the recommendation of the Protocol Committee that two delegates would attend at Nos. 2 and 3.

On the proposal of Ald. Howlin seconded by Ald. Byrne it was agreed that Cllrs. O'Connor & Nolan would attend at No. 2 and Cllr. Roche & Ald. Reck would attend at No. 3.

THIS CONCLUDED THE BUSINESS OF THE MEETING.

SIGNED THIS 3rd DAY OF March 1997.



MAYOR OF WEXFORD.

BARDAS LOCH GARDMAN



COUNTY MANAGER'S REPORT

TO

WEXFORD BOROUGH COUNCIL

10th February, 1997

WEXFORD CORPORATION

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Town Clerk : D. F. Curtin

AL/JR

10th February, 1997.

TO EACH MEMBER OF WEXFORD BOROUGH COUNCIL:-

Dear Member,

I refer to my report of 12th July, 1994 circulated that the first meeting of this Borough Council which set out the agenda and development programme for the life of this Council. With the first half of your term in office completed, I feel it appropriate to review the achievements to date and to focus on the programme for the remainder of your term.

Housing

Since July, 1994 the Corporation's housing programme has included the following:-

- * The final phase of 30 houses at Coolcotts (Completed November, 1994)
- * 5 Local Authority units at Well Lane (Completed August, 1994)
- * 31 Local Authority houses at Walnut Grove, Phase 2 (Completed December, 1995 / January, 1996.)
- * 36 Local Authority houses at Walnut Grove, Phase 3 are currently nearing completion.
- * The 1st phase comprising 30 Private Sites at Coolcotts have been developed and sales are proceeding.
- * Local Authority units at King Street Upper have just commenced.

For the 1997 programme of local authority housing starts a centre town site is currently being acquired which will accomodate approx. 30 houses. Full details of this proposal will be considered at an early meeting of the Corporation.

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Remedial Schemes

The upgrading of Corporation dwellings under the Remedial Works Schemes is now nearing completion.

- * Talbot Green, Phase 5 (Final Phase).
37 houses completed 1996.
- * Wolfe Tone Villas, Phase 6 (Final Phase).
54 houses almost completed.
- * Maudlintown, Phase 5
42 houses completed 1996.
- * Maudlintown, Phase 6 (Final Phase)
67 houses - going to tender within 2 weeks.

In conjunction with the above, plans for Environmental Schemes, to be implemented in each of the three areas, have been submitted to the Department of the Environment and are presently awaiting approval.

Housing Policy Statement

Wexford Corporation is continuing to implement the aspirations outlined in it's Housing Policy Statement in relation to it's housing stock.

Roads

An audit of the existing road and footpath surfaces has been undertaken and a priority programme of road and footpath restoration has been prepared. The first phase of this programme is currently being implemented by Roadstone Provinces Ltd. at an estimated cost of £750,000. The remainder of the programme has been submitted to the Department of the Environment for funding approval.

The presentation of the pedestrian areas on Main Street is an integral part of the overall roads programme. The first phase of the pedestrianisation has been completed on the section between Rowe Street and The Bullring. An extension of the programme in 1997 will include The Bullring, Keyser's Lane (East and West) and a section of South Main Street. It is appropriate to consider extending the pedestrian zone in the long-term on the basis of the present operation (i.e. during core business hours) to incorporate the Main Street for its entire length and Selskar Street. A detailed programme will be agreed with the Traffic Management Committee over the coming months.

The new link road from Spawell Road to Redmond Road is being completed at present. Proposals for a new square in front of the County Hall will be discussed in the near future. I suggest it would be important to incorporate the commemoration of 1798 in the naming of the new link road (e.g. '98 street) and to incorporate a millennium project into the new square to be created outside the County Hall. This proposal will be presented to the Members in due course.

Wexford Corporation publicly advertised in December, 1996 seeking proposals for the design, finance, construction and operation of Multi-Storey Car Park in Wexford Town. A number of submissions have been received and are being considered at present. A full report and recommendation on the implementation of this project will be discussed in the near future.

The £0.5m Public Lighting Improvement Programme for the upgrading and improvement of all public lighting in the town and environs has been prepared and adopted by the Public Lighting Committee. Tender documents have been prepared and tenders will be sought this week.

The circulation of people in the town centre area, as proposed in the Circulation 2000 strategy, is currently being included in a study being undertaken by a group of ^{post-grad} students from U.C.D. who are carrying out an evaluation of the town from a development point of view. This study will incorporate the assimilation of base data for strategy purposes and will be completed in April.

Water and Sewerage

Water Supply

a) Fardystown Water Supply Scheme

Wexford Town water system provides c.2m gallons per day to users at present. 1.4m gallons is sourced from Edenvale and 0.6m gallons is supplied from the reservoir at Coolree. The latter element is not reliable insofar that dry weather conditions (which we have not had for the past two years) reduce this volume of water and rationing of supplies is required (and has been in the past). This is an undesirable situation in a major tourism centre but in addition, limits the potential for expansion of the town in the social and economic fields.

Augmentation of the supply is proposed as part of the Fardystown Regional Water Supply Scheme which will provide an extra 1m gallons of water supply to the town within 18 months approx.

b) Water Conservation Strategy

The Department of the Environment required each Local Authority to submit a programme to conserve water in their areas. This basically means reducing wastage such as leaks and closely monitoring flows and pressures within the system with the aid of computer technology.

The Preliminary Report was submitted to the Department 12 months ago. Consultants are preparing the final report at this time.

Sewerage

The pipeline contract of the Wexford Main Drainage Scheme is proceeding with approximately 60% of pipelines completed at 1st February, 1997. Despite the difficulties presented due to the original Contractor going into Receivership the Contractor would expect to complete the contract within the original Contract period i.e., July / August, 1997. The Quay Extension Contract is also proceeding satisfactorily and 1998 will see the construction of the Sewage Treatment Plant at Kerlogue.

Planning and Development

The study currently being undertaken by ^{post-grad} students of U.C.D. as mentioned previously, will make available the type of information which is required to develop an up-to-date and modern development strategy for Wexford Town. May I congratulate the Members of this Borough Council on the long-term strategies adopted in the development of the Town which have paid obvious dividends in the appropriate blend of the old and the new. During the second half of your term in office this new development plan strategy will be further developed to prepare Wexford well for the new millennium.

The 1987 Urban Renewal Programme undertaken by the Corporation was a major success in the promotion of high quality developments. To further enhance this programme and to build on achievements to date, the 2nd phase of Wexford's renaissance is well under way. A number of new developments have been completed under the 1994 Programme and a number of other proposals are about to commence. The recent extension of the current Scheme to July, 1998 will ensure the successful completion of developments on the designated sites. A key area for the future consideration of this Council will be the development of living / work space above ground floor level in centre town premises. This may require future assistance under the designation process.

Environmental Protection

The wheelie-bin system of refuse collection introduced in 1995 has received wide-spread welcome and acceptance. The Corporation's recycling project under the Life Programme has been established with 5 centres at Maudlintown, Wellington Place, Church Lane, Wygram and Swan View. The provision of a comprehensive recycling civic amenity site will need to be given priority. This major recycling facility will service a large portion of the county and would be a valuable addition to the 'greening' image of Wexford.

Recreation / Amenity

Proposals for the upgrading of the swimming pool and caravan park complex at Ferrybank are currently being considered by the Department of the Environment. It is hoped that a funding allocation will be forthcoming in the current year. The Corporation has, through the Development Fund, made provision for the local contribution required and in so doing has increased the chances of the realisation of this much needed project.

Other Amenities: The current year's budget provided additional funding through the Development Fund to upgrade and improve amenities. This Development Fund provision will provide capital injection in the order of £60,000 and it is intended that facilities at Redmond Park, Trespan Rocks, Ferrybank and Westgate can be upgraded utilising this fund. Specific proposals will be considered by the Borough Council in the coming months.

The local Residents Associations are to be commended on the maintenance and development of open spaces in the Corporation's housing schemes. It is intended that our support and assistance in this area will be continued and enhanced where possible.

The sensitive treatment of the Quay Extension linking maritime, commercial and urban influences has already been ^{planned} ~~undertaken~~ and over the next 2 years this will put into effect. The finished product will give added emphasis to the focus of the Town on the sea.

Corporate Structures and Facilities

The recent publication by the Minister for the Environment entitled "Better Local Government - A Programme for Change" outlines a whole new programme for local authorities. The present system, which hasn't changed for many years, was in need of review. The present programme offers an exciting challenge for all of us in the provision of core services and to be a vehicle for the development of a better quality of life in our communities.

It is necessary during the latter half of this Corporation's cycle to address the long-standing issue of the upgrading and improvement of the civic offices. The reasons for the improvements are evident and it is essential that the financial issues involved be addressed during the current year.

The 200th Anniversary of the 1798 rebellion has been mentioned earlier and a major county-wide commemoration programme is planned. I have already outlined proposals for the naming of the new link road and the development of a new square at Spawell Road. It is also intended that the area around The Bullring be upgraded and the pedestrianisation programme will be a major feature of the improvement works planned. Other projects will include the upgrading of St. Patrick's graveyard and the re-dedication of the Volattin Monument.

Wexford Twinning Associations with Coeron and Annapolis are enjoying continued cultural success and the annual John Barry commemoration in 1996 was also hugely successful. In addition, the further development of resources at Westgate / Selsar Abbey will need to be addressed. Proposals for the development of a boat building / Maritime Interpretation Centre on the Quay front are also being progressed at present.

GENERAL

All of the foregoing is an indication of the development thrust and leadership shown by Wexford Borough Council to the betterment of this Town. Wexford Corporation has been very much to the forefront in creating employment and providing quality services in it's area. Much has been accomplished and much remains to be done. However, I am confident we are on the right road.

Yours faithfully,

**S. DOOLEY,
COUNTY MANAGER.**

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TO EACH MEMBER OF WEXFORD BOROUGH COUNCIL.

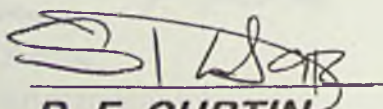
**REPORT TO G. P. MEETING ON MONDAY, 10TH
FEBRUARY, 1997.**

**RE: DRAFT BYE-LAWS FOR MANAGEMENT OF ST.
IBAR'S CEMETERY, CROSSTOWN.**

Dear Member,

Further to the above I would advise that the notice of Bye-Laws was published in the People Newspapers on 23rd May, 1996 (copy attached). No submissions were received from the public on foot of this advertisement.

I attach herein a copy of the Bye-Laws and a copy of the letter from the Chief Superintendent of the Garda Síochána, received 1st October, 1996 confirming his agreement to the Bye-Laws in accordance with the procedure for making Bye-Laws (Local Government Act 1994) the Bye-Laws may now be considered for adoption by Wexford Borough Council.


**D. F. CURTIN,
TOWN CLERK.**

4TH FEBRUARY, 1997

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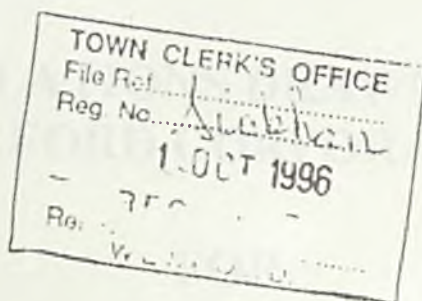


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Yours Ref: SD/ED.

Our Ref: WE:1462/96.

Mr. D.F.Curtin,
Town Clerk,
Wexford Corporation,
Municipal Buildings,
Wexford.



RE:

BYE LAWS FOR THE MANAGEMENT OF ST. IBAR'S CEMETERY
CROSTOWN, WEXFORD.

Dear Sir,

In response to yours dated 24/6/'96 in above connection, I am to report that the proposed Bye-Laws for the Management of St. Ibar's Cemetery, Crosstown, Wexford are agreeable to the Gardai.

It will be noted that the issue of Car Parking Regulations at the Cemetery are to be formulated at a future date.

Yours faithfully,

J.P.Kehoe,
Superintendent for
Chief Superintendent.
30th September, 1996.

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**REGULATIONS DRAWN UP BY
WEXFORD CORPORATION**

FOR

**THE MANAGEMENT OF ST. IBARS
CEMETERY CROSSTOWN**

AND

**ANY OTHER CEMETERIES
WITH THE JURISDICTION OF
WEXFORD CORPORATION**

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FOR
THE MANAGEMENT OF ST. IBARS CEMETERY
AND
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WEXFORD CORPORATION.

DEFINITIONS:-

In these Bye-Laws, unless the context otherwise requires “the Corporation” means His Worship the Mayor, Aldermen and Burgesses of the Corporation of Wexford.

“Burial Ground” will be as defined in Section 44 of the Local Government (Sanitary Services) Act, 1948.

“Officer of the Corporation” shall include every Superintendent, Supervising Officer, Employee and other person employed by and duly authorised by the Corporation to administer and enforce these Bye-Laws.

LAYOUT OF CEMETERY:-

- 1) Small groves of trees or groups of shrubs are more pleasing than geometric rows. Blocks of grave spaces exceeding one acre should be separated by planting preferably to form irregular groves or groups of shrubs.
- 2) A 3 metre wide margin should be allowed inside the boundary walls. This area may also be planted.
- 3) Main access road should be 3.5 to 4.0 metres wide with a 1 metre grass margin. It should be possible for a hearse to turn within the grounds and facilities for turning should be provided.
- 4) Secondary paths should be 1.2 to 1.8 metres wide with similar grass margins.
- 5) The layout should be arranged to give access to each grave. A passageway of 1 metre should be left between each double row of grave spaces.
- 6) A space of 2.75 x 1.25 metres should be allowed to each grave space and every group of grave spaces should be numbered and permanently marked in the ground.

- 7) Boundary fences should be 1.4 to 1.7 metres high and should be adequate to prevent trespass by animals. Fences may be masonry, mass concrete, concrete block, or other maintenance-free material and cognisance shall be taken of the impact of the material selected on the local landscape. With blockwork only the road face should be plastered. A simple coping should be provided for all works.
- 8) The approach and entrance should be arranged to eliminate traffic hazards. A wicket gate should be provided in addition to the pair of entrance gates.
- 9) Consideration should be given to the elimination of grave kerbstones, at least near the entrance, and graves finished level for ease of grass cutting.

BURIAL PLOTS

- 1) The "Right of Burial" in every plot must be purchased before any interment can be permitted.
- 2) The dimension of all Single Plots in the Cemetery is 9'0" x 4'0".
- 3) Plots are constructed in range, and are disposed of in consecutive order and no selection is permitted. All plots must be adjacent to some previously occupied plot and except under special circumstances, no plot in a isolated position will be sold.
- 4) A limitation will apply on the number of plots that any individual/organisation shall be allowed to purchase at any one time. No one individual shall be allowed to purchase any more than 2 adjoining plots, i.e. a double plot. Exceptions may be made in the case of a religious order (e.g. Christian Brothers) who may require a multiple plot to accommodate future interments of members of the order, where the normal practice would be to inter members of that order together.
- 5) No plot is, under any pretext, to be opened for the interment of any person other than the owner, except by the express authority of such owner.

- 6) No plot is, under any circumstances, to be registered in the name of more than one person, and such person only can be recognised by the Wexford Corporation as the owner for the time being. In cases where the purchase of any plot is conjointly effected by several persons, one person only, to be decided upon by the purchasers, shall be entered on the Register and shall be deemed the owner of such plot and whose authority for re-opening the same, etc., only shall be recognised by the Wexford Corporation.
- 7) No information is, on any account, to be given to anyone respecting any plot other than the owner, his or her "Representative or duly authorised agent".
- 8) No general permission for the interment of the members of a family in any plot can be entertained. For each interment there must be a distinct and separate order from the owner.
- 9) No plot will be sold nor will any undistinguished plot be reopened unless arrangements are made at time of purchase, or burial, as the case may be, to distinguish same. In the case of a second or subsequent burial the onus will be on the owner of the plot (or his/her representative) to produce documentary evidence of ownership, in the event of any dispute arising regarding identification of the plot.
- 10) The burial capacity of each plot so entirely depends on the size of coffins, which are sometimes of inordinate dimensions, that no fixed rule can be laid down; nor any guarantee whatever be given as to the number of interments that can be effected in any plot in the Cemetery. As a general guideline, it shall be understood that on average a single plot will accommodate the interment of 3 adult persons.

FUNERALS

- 11) All orders for burials must be given, booked, and the necessary information furnished preferably 2 days prior to the interment, but not later than 11 a.m. on the day proceeding interment. Where an interment is to take place following a weekend, same must be booked not later than 4.00 p.m. on the previous Friday. The undertaker booking the burial is obliged to notify (a) The Graves Section, Wexford Corporation and (b) The Caretaker, St. Ibars Cemetery.

- 12)The following particulars are required when giving notice of an interment:-Name and Age of deceased, Sex, occupation or rank in life of the deceased, together with his or her last place of residence, and condition as to "whether married" or "single", "widower" or "widow" or "the child of A.B., ofetc.," and date of Death: date and hour of arrival of funeral, size of coffin, and name of Undertaker: whether there is monument or covering, etc., on the grave. Notice must be given by the undertaker handling the interment.
- 13)The arrival of all funerals must be regulated as not to interfere with previous engagements and no funeral is to be booked to arrive at the gate after 2 p.m. unless in the case of special arrangements.
- 14)Funerals inside the Cemetery are conducted under the immediate personal control and management of the Caretaker, who is alone authorised to give orders to the attendants and labourers appointed for this duty, and from whom they are to take directions.
- 15)Remains for interment in an ordinary plot or grave must be enclosed in a coffin of wood only.

MONUMENTS

- 16)No monumental structure of any kind is permitted on or in any grave, etc., unless the "Right of Burial" has been purchased.
- 17)No building or monumental work of any description shall under any circumstances, be permitted on any plot or grave in the Cemetery that could interfere with the future use of capacity of such plot, or adjoining plot, as a place of burial.
- 18)No inscription is on any account to be cut, altered, or erased, or any foundation built, or any headstone or monument etc., erected, renovated, altered or removed, except by the authority of the owner of the plot.
- 19)No hewing dressing or fitting of stones is permitted in the grounds. All rough work of this nature must be executed at the quarries or workshops, and the material only brought to the Cemetery for erection when all is completed, including inscription and number of the plot.
- 20)All monumental jobs are to be carried on continuously, and are to be completed with reasonable expedition. Intermittent labour on any monumental work cannot be permitted.

- 21) No monumental material will be admitted during funeral hours. Lorries or trucks which may have been admitted are stringently prohibited from remaining longer in the Cemetery than is absolutely necessary, for unloading on the main walk nearest to the site of erection, and under no circumstances are such lorries or trucks to be taken on the grass or over the graves.
- 22) All tombs, covers, kerbs, railings etc., must cover the allotted space of each plot or grave upon which they may be erected, and under no circumstances is such space to be exceeded. The kerbs on all double, treble or larger plots must be numbered from left to right so as to indicate the relative position of each grave.
- 23) Tombs and covering stones are disallowed. These structures are dangerous and entail the additional cost of extra foundation, and also extra cost to remove and re-set after each interment. They are also liable to displacement, consequent on the subsidence of the ground, and to fracture and deterioration from the weather. No tombstone supported by balls, blocks or pedestals will be allowed in the Cemetery.
- 24) The erection of iron railings, chains or metal structures, where permitted, must not exceed one foot in height from foundation flag and must be so constructed that they can be disconnected and removed when the plot is required to be re-opened. All iron railings must be set on a kerbing of stone, and cannot be erected unless upon a head and foot foundation.
- 25) Copper or brass clamps only are permitted to be used in the erection of monuments, tablets etc.
- 26) Monuments of perishable material are not permitted. The erection of wooden pailings, edging boards, posts, chains, wooden rails or wooden structures of any kind, brick or crockery borders etc., will not be permitted.
- 27) No covering, kerbing or tombstones etc., are to be reset on any plot or grave within eight weeks after any interment. Old headstones having no support cannot be reset until a foundation is built.
- 28) The erection of monuments, iron railings etc., is permitted under the express condition that they be kept in good repair by their owners. All monuments and railings etc., which have been allowed to fall into decay and present a dilapidated appearance, will be removed by the caretaker to a place set apart for their reception and cannot be replaced until properly repaired.

- 29) Under no circumstances can the Wexford Corporation guarantee the preservation of any monument, nor can they undertake any responsibility in regard to any damage or accident thereto resulting from natural causes or circumstances beyond their control.
- 30) Prior to executing any monumental work, the plan and elevations - which must be drawn to the uniform scale of inch to the Foot Specification of the materials and the draft inscription together with the name and address of the owner of the plot must be submitted to the Town Clerk, Wexford Corporation. Any alteration it may subsequently be desired to make in any design which has been approved must again be submitted. The Registered Number of the plot to be engraved must be stated on the design. All monuments must be in the solid.
- 31) No foundation shall be built until the design of the monument it is intended to erect has been submitted to Wexford Corporation.
- 32) Every inscription must contain the name, date of death or burial of the deceased and if interred elsewhere the place of such interment. The date of death must in all cases coincide with the entry in the Register of Deaths.
- 33) No headstone or cross will be allowed to be erected which is less than 2 ¹/₂" in thickness, and no kerb should be less than 3" x 6" depth.
- 34) Monuments shall be constructed to the following maximum dimensions 1'4" depth x 3' width x 4' height - suitable foundation shall be constructed to take the size and weight of the monument and shall be laid below existing ground level.
- 35) Any company, contractor or other individual executing monumental or other works within the cemetery is required to have and maintain in force a Public Liability Insurance Policy in the amount of at least £2m, or such greater amount as may be required by Wexford Corporation. A copy of the Insurance Policy indemnifying Wexford Corporation will be submitted on the request of the Corporation.

GENERAL

- 36) No order for interment, purchase of ground, etc. can be entertained without prepayment of the established fees and charges. Payment for any fees, charges or accounts by instalments cannot be entertained, except in cases of extreme financial hardship to be decided by the Town Clerk.

- 37) After an Order for Burial has been booked, and arrangements made for the funeral, no fees will be refunded nor can Wexford Corporation entertain an application for the surrender of ground, the Right of Burial in which has been purchased.
- 38) No work of any description will be permitted to interrupt the funeral processions or burial services, the orderly management and solemnity of which must be maintained to the exclusion of every other consideration.
- 39) No vehicle, other than a Hearse, will be admitted beyond the official car parking area during funeral hours. Cars are restricted to the main roadways within the cemetery and parking is permitted in the authorised car parks only. Wexford Corporation reserves the right to restrict access to all traffic, beyond the official car parking area at any time and particularly at such times as the Caretaker is not on duty in the cemetery.
- 40) Children under 10 years are not admitted, unless accompanied by an adult.
- 41) Dogs are not admitted except on a lead.
- 42) Wexford Corporation will not be responsible for the care or safety of any Wreaths, Glass Shades, or other fragile mementoes that may be placed on any grave in the Cemetery. All broken shades, wreaths, etc. shall be immediately removed.
- 43) All persons planting flowers, etc. are required to take notice that same must be confined strictly to the superficial limits of the grave. Dwarf shrubs, moss and flowers only are allowed to be planted. No shrub, ivy, or other creeper will be allowed to grow so as to obscure the inscription on any monument or headstone in the Cemetery. All trees, or coarse growing shrubs, that have been planted by any person on any grave, shall be removed.
- 44) No plants, shrubs, or flowers are allowed to be removed from the Cemetery by anyone unless authorised by the Caretaker.
- 45) No interment shall be permitted in any grave which will not admit of four feet of earth between the top of the coffin last interred and the surface of the ground.



46) GENERAL INFORMATION - Persons requiring information relative to the purchase of graves, the erection of monuments or headstones, foundations, etc. are particularly requested to apply personally to:-

1. The Caretaker, St. Ibars Cemetery Crosstown.
2. The Graves Section, Wexford Corporation.
3. By writing to the Town Clerk, Wexford Corporation, Municipal Buildings.

Yours faithfully,

TOWN CLERK

BÁRDAS LOCH GARMAN

Wexford Corporation,
Municipal Buildings,
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Town Clerk : D. F. Curtin

31st January, 1997.

**TO EACH MEMBER OF
WEXFORD BOROUGH COUNCIL:-**

Re: Bye-Laws Regulating the use of skips.

Dear Member,

I refer to the above which was discussed at G.P. Meeting held on 23rd September, 1996.

Public Notice of the proposal to make the above Bye-Laws under Section 72 of the Roads Act, 1993 was published in The People newspaper on 9th October, 1996.

I attach herewith copy submission dated 22nd November, 1996 received from Wexford Plant Hire, in response to the above Public Notice, the contents of which must be considered by this Borough Council prior to the adoption of the new Bye-Laws.

Yours faithfully,

**D.F. CURTIN,
TOWN CLERK.**

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22 November 1996

Mr D F Curtin
Town Clerk
Municipal Buildings
Wexford

Dear Sir

Further to Wexford Corporation's Notice of Bye-Laws to Control Use of Rubbish Skips which appeared in the People Newspaper 9th October 1996 we would be grateful if you would consider the following written submissions in relation to same:

Bye-Laws:

1. Wexford Plant Hire could expect to put between five to ten skips per day out in the Borough of Wexford and unfortunately cannot always predict at what time of day these orders will be placed and how urgently they will be required. We would consider it a major convenience if the actual hirer of the skip could obtain the skip licence directly from Wexford Corporation in the name of Wexford Plant Hire. We would inform the customer when ordering the skip that a licence must first be obtained from Wexford Corporation and what this entailed. We could then confirm with Wexford Corporation that a licence had been obtained before delivering the skip to the customer and also the duration for which the licence is valid. This would ensure (a) no skips were delivered without a licence having first been purchased (b) that Wexford Corporation was paid in advance for licences for all skips on public roads in the Borough of Wexford and (c) that skips remained on public roads only for the period of validity of the licence. If however you require Wexford Plant Hire to obtain each skip licence we would be grateful if you would consider operating a system whereby we could telephone each request for a licence during working hours and pay for same at commencement of business the following day. This would help prevent a scenario where a customer changed their mind about ordering a skip and we had already paid for the licence.

However if this actually occurred would Wexford Plant Hire be entitled to a refund or if a licence was purchased and not then needed for the period of time indicated could a refund be claimed? Another point about which we are concerned is the delivery of skips on Saturdays i.e. how will a licence be obtained in this case? We hope you will consider these administrative difficulties which we would have if we had to travel to the Municipal Buildings each time a skip licence was required.

4. It is difficult to see how Wexford Plant Hire can be expected to adhere to Bye-Law 4 other than to impress upon each customer the need to keep the area surrounding the skip clear of litter and debris and possibly to get them to sign a docket stating that they have been informed of the requirements of Bye-Law 4 and agree to abide by same.
5. As per point 4. above.
6. We have used lighting at night in the past and have found it to be ineffective in that it is very easy for such lighting to be disturbed, stolen, broken or removed. It has been our experience that proper reflective marking given regular maintenance has proven to be far more effective as regards visibility and durability.
9. The main difficulty we would foresee with Bye-Law 3 is in relation to builders who are involved with a long term contract of no definite duration. Would this mean that a licence would need to be purchased for say 6 months and if the contract exceeded this period of time then an extension to the licence would be purchased? If for example the builder's contract finished within the validity of the licence would a refund be due?

These are the problems/issues which having read the draft Bye-Laws, we see arising from same. We hope you will take these into consideration before finalising and introducing these Bye-Laws.

Yours sincerely

p.p. Wexford Plant Hire

WEXFORD CORPORATION

BYE-LAWS WITH RESPECT TO THE CONTROL OF RUBBISH SKIPS ON PUBLIC ROADS.

The Mayor, Aldermen and Burgesses of the Borough of Wexford (hereinafter referred to as "the Corporation") in exercise of the powers conferred on them by Section 72(1) of the Roads Act 1993, hereby make the following Bye-Laws with respect to the control of skips on public roads:-

Definitions:-

1. In these Bye-Laws-
"skip" means a container used for the storage or removal of builders materials rubble, waste, rubbish or other materials and which is designed to be transported by means of a mechanically propelled vehicle (as defined in the Road Traffic Act of 1961).
2. "Public Road" has the same meaning as defined in Section 2 of the Roads Act, 1993
3. "authorised person" means
(a) a person authorised in writing by a road authority for the purposes of Section 72 of the Roads Act, 1993;
(b) a member of the Garda Síochána.

Bye-Laws:-

1. The placing of rubbish skips on public roads will be subject to a licence from Wexford Corporation.
2. The skip should be safely placed so as to cause the minimum interference to public traffic.
3. The licensee shall have and maintain throughout the period of validity of the licence and for any extended period required to complete the removal of the skips, an approved public liability insurance, indemnifying the Corporation and the Licensee against all claims arising from the placing, maintenance or removal of the skip.

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4. The licensee shall keep the area surrounding a skip free from litter or debris at all times.
5. The skip should be free from foul or offensive odours at all times so as not to cause a public nuisance or be injurious to public health.
6. The skip shall bear adequate lighting at night and be affixed with reflective markings for the purpose of making them readily visible to road users.
7. The skip shall be of neat solid construction appropriately painted and kept clear of fly posting.
8. Every precaution shall be taken in the care and disposal of the contents of the skip, to prevent litter and traffic hazards.
9. Skips may be left on a public road only for the length of time indicated on the licence and must be removed immediately they are full.
10. The skip must be clearly marked with the name, address and telephone number of the owner or provider.
11. The fee for a skip licence shall be £10 per week or part thereof.
12. An Authorised person may remove a skip which contravenes these Bye-Laws or which presents an immediate and serious hazard to persons using a public road.
13. An authorised person may store, or procure the storage of, a skip removed by him under Bye-Law 12.
14. Wexford Corporation or the Gardai Sióchana may serve a notice on the owner of a skip removed under Bye-Law 12, advising him/her that it has been removed and stored and that it should be claimed and recovered within one month of the serving of the Notice, and that if it is not claimed Wexford Corporation or the Gardai Sióchana can dispose of it.
15. The person claiming the skip shall make a written statement stating that he/she is the owner or that he/she is recovering it on the Authority of the owner.
16. Any costs incurred by Wexford Corporation or the Gardai in the removal storage of a skip may be payable by the owner before being able to recover it.

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BARTAS LOCH GARMAN

- 17. If after one month of serving the notice in accordance with Bye-Law 14 above the person on whom the notice was served has not claimed the skip, Wexford Corporation or the Garda Commissioner may dispose of the skip.
- 18. Any person who contravenes these Bye-Laws shall be guilty of an offence.

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WEXFORD BOROUGH COUNCIL

BY SIGNATURE OF THE CHAIRMAN OF THE COUNCIL

Dear Member,

I am pleased to inform you that the Council has agreed to the proposed amendments to the Bye-Laws of the Council.

The amendments are designed to ensure that the Council's Bye-Laws are up to date and reflect the current needs of the Council.

The amendments will be adopted at the next meeting of the Council and will be in force from the date of adoption.

I am sure that you will be pleased to hear that the Council has agreed to the proposed amendments to the Bye-Laws of the Council.

Yours faithfully,

[Signature]

Chairman of the Council

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4TH NOVEMBER, 1996

TO EACH MEMBER OF
WEXFORD BOROUGH COUNCIL.

RE/ SUGGESTED LINE FOR FERNDALÉ/COOLCOTTS WALL.

Dear Member,

At the last G.P. Meeting, it was put to the meeting that the residents of the "Private Sites" wished to erect a wall bounding their development and Ferndale.

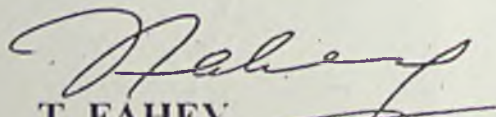
For the purpose of discussion, I undertook to draw up a line, which would provide for the necessary 10% of open space attaching to the "Private Sites" and accommodating a soccer pitch on the balance of the site.

The attached map shows such a line, but the fit for the proposed soccer pitch is extremely tight, allowing for a 6 m wide strip around the playing area. The line of the wall allows for a pedestrian way between Ferndale and Coolcotts.

The length of the wall would be 145 m approx. costing of the order of £14,000. This cost is to be met, I understand, by the residents of the 30 "Private Sites" from their own resources and/or sources other than the Corporation. The wall would require planning permission.

I understand that the residents are considering this line for the wall.

Yours faithfully,

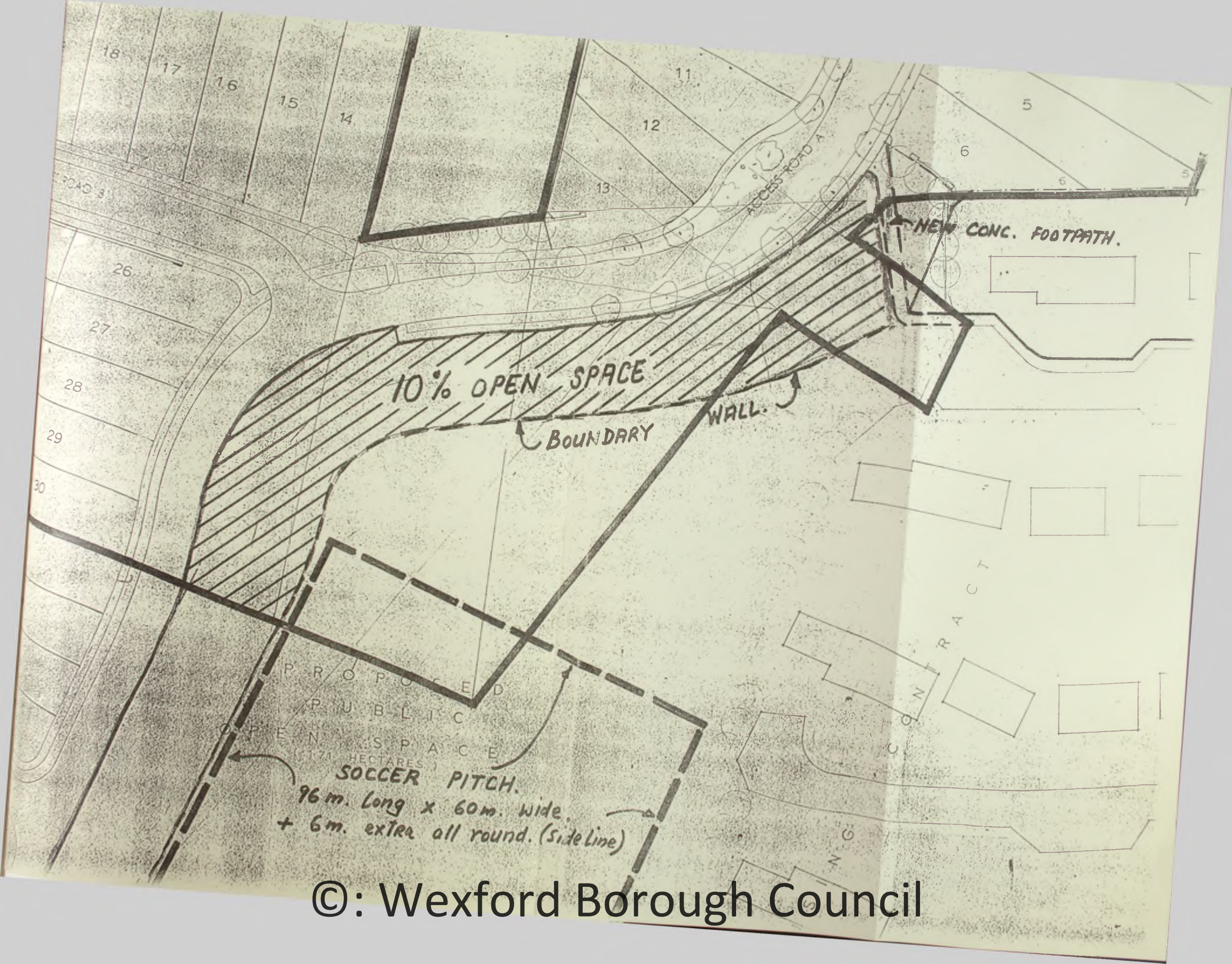

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Town Clerk : D. F. Curtin
10th February, 1997.

REPORT ON JOHN STREET FLATS

SECURITY:

Having investigated the various options to secure the building from unauthorised access I am recommending a door bell - communications - door opening system controlled from each flat. I contacted the N.B.A. to recommend a supplier. They recommend NATCOM Ireland Ltd., Kenilworth House, Kenilworth Road, Dublin 6, who have also provided such installations for Dublin Corporation.

I have had a NETCOM representative on site. He has left with me, samples of the equipment for inspection, in my office. The system will require considerable wiring up and installation and electrical trunking. I have sought prices for this work.

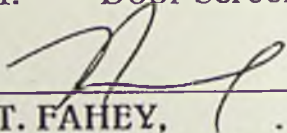
I am also recommending that the entrance porch be closed off with a glazed screen, the door of which will be controlled by the communication door bell system.

The fire escape door on the northern gable is a major weakness in the Security of the building as it opens onto a public area. This door is regularly left open. I recommend bringing the existing gate forward of this door, securing it from the public area.

The Mayor and I met with tenants last week. The above proposals were welcomed. However, the proposals addressed only security problems originating from outside the building. They suggested the appointment of a caretaker to deal with disturbances originating within the building.

Recommendations have been made on the appointment of redecoration and flooring contractors. There will be four contracts to be controlled in sequence:

1. Electrical
2. Decoration
3. Floor covering
4. Door Screen, Relocation of gate etc. (Direct Labour).


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List of Conferences/Seminars for meeting of Protocol Committee to be held on 10th February, 1997.

1. Conference:- The Europeanisation of Local Enterprise to the year 2000.
Dates:- 27th-28th February, 1997.
Venue:- Great Northern Hotel, Bundoran.
Conference Fee:- £65.00 Expenses:- £550.00
2. 8th Colmcille Winter School.
Dates:- 28th February - 2nd March, 1997.
Venue:- Colmcille Heritage Centre, Gartan.
Conference Fee:- £100.00 Expenses:- £627.00
3. Information Technology Conference.
Dates:- 17th-19th April, 1997.
Venue:- Ballina, County Mayo.
Conference Fee:- £145.00 Expenses:- £511.00
4. BURA's International Conference "The Future of Cities".
Dates:- 21st/22nd April, 1997.
Venue:- Belfast Waterfront Hall.
Conference Fee:- £250.00 + V.A.T. Expenses:- £493.00
5. Irish Museums Association Spring Seminar.
Dates:- 21st February - 23rd February, 1997.
Venue:- Carrickdale Hotel, Co. Louth.
Conference Fee:- £25.00 Expenses:- £382.00

**MINUTES OF HOUSING COMMITTEE MEETING OF
WEXFORD BOROUGH COUNCIL HELD IN THE COUNCIL
CHAMBER, MUNICIPAL BUILDINGS, WEXFORD ON
MONDAY, 17TH FEBRUARY, 1997 AT 7.30 P.M.**

Presiding:- His Worship the Mayor, Councillor D. Kiernan.

Aldermen:- P. Reck, A. Fenlon, G. Byrne.

Councillors:- M. Enright, P. Nolan, N. Kavanagh, E. O'Connor,
M. Furlong, P. Roche, J. O'Flaherty.

In Attendance:- Mr. D. F. Curtin, Town Clerk.
Ms. A. Ringwood, Staff Officer.
Mr. M. Grogan, Principal Environmental
Health Officer, S.E.H.B.

A.M.A.I. CONFERENCE

The members discussed the statment issued by the Mayor in relation to the press report on expenses paid to local councillors attending the conference. The members outlined the benefits of the conference to Wexford and complimented the two A.M.A.I. delegates, Ald. G. Byrne and Cllr. P. Roche on their efforts in bringing the conference to Wexford in 1997 and again for 1998.

It was proposed by Cllr. P. Nolan and seconded by Ald. P. Reck that the Town Clerk also issue a public statement on the matter. The vote was as follows:

For: P. Reck, A. Fenlon, T. Howlin, G. Byrne, M. Enright, P.
Nolan, N. Kavanagh, E. O'Connor, P. Roche, J. O'Flaherty.
D. Kiernan.

Abstaining: M. Furlong.

HOUSING REVIEW

The members expressed serious concern at the delay in carrying out assessments, in view of the fact that there were 16 houses vacant at present and that the 36 new houses at Walnut Grove would be available for letting in mid-March. Mr. M. Grogan, Principal E.H.O. stated that the

S.E.H.B. had staffing difficulties, but that every effort was being made to have the reports finalised as soon as possible.

A list of the applicants who were not being considered for housing was circulated. It was agreed that any member who knew of anyone on the list who should still be included in the review should contact the Housing Officer by Friday, 22nd February, 1997.

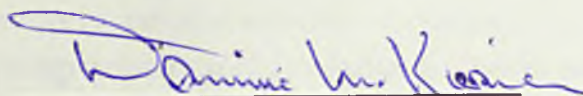
It was agreed that the next Housing Committee meeting would be held on Wednesday, 5th March, 1997.

Town Clerk outlined that proposed housing programme for 1997 and stated that he was awaiting notification from the D.O.E. of the number of new starts and the capital allocation for the year.

In reply to Ald. G. Byrne, the Housing Officer stated that the sign for Westgate Park estate was ready and that the Builder was to contact the National Building Agency about a suitable location.

That concluded the business of the meeting.

Signed this 3rd day of March, 1997.



MAYOR OF WEXFORD

MINUTES OF MEETING OF TRAFFIC MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE
HELD AT 7.30 P.M. ON MONDAY 24TH FEBRUARY, 1997 IN THE
COUNCIL CHAMBER, MUNICIPAL BUILDINGS, WEXFORD.

Presiding:- His Worship the Mayor, Cllr. D.M. Kiernan.

Aldermen:- P. Reek, A. Fenlon, G. Byrne.

Councillors:- M. Enright, P. Nolan, N. Kavanagh, E. O'Connor,
M. Furlong, P. Roche, J. O'Flaherty.

In Attendance:- Mr. J. Hutchinson, Manager.
Mr. D.F. Curtin, Town Clerk.
Mr. T. Fahey, Borough Engineer.
Sgt. D. Redmond, Gardai.
Mr. T. Cleere, W. C.T.U.

Apologies from Ald. Howlin and Ms. R. Doyle for their inability to attend the meeting were noted.

DEPUTATION - RESIDENTS OF REDMOND ROAD.

His Worship the Mayor welcomed the members of the deputation and outlined Standing Orders governing deputations. The deputation consisted of Mr. James Cunningham, Mr. Andrew Halligan and Mrs. Monaghan.

The deputation then addressed the meeting and circulated the attached statement. Questions raised by members were answered by the deputation following which His Worship the Mayor thanked the deputation who then withdrew from the meeting.

The attached proposal from the Borough Engineer was then considered. A lengthy discussion ensued to which all members contributed following which it was agreed on the proposal of Cllr. Roche seconded by Cllr. Nolan that roadway between Redmond Square and Dunnes Car Park entrance, car parking to be restricted on both sides. From Dunnes Car Park entrance to the roundabout would have disc parking fronting Auburn Terrace, with restriction continued on the far side (railway or north side). From the roundabout to G.P.S. there would be disc parking on the railway (north) side and parking restrictions on the south side. All of the parking restrictions to be double yellow lines, i.e., no parking at any time.

Because the traffic flows resulting from the Link Road under construction and a possible pedestrian link across Slaney Street, may not

be as anticipated, the members reserved the right to review the above following a study of the de-facto flows following completion of the works.

Arising out of discussion Cllr. O'Connor stated that the Davitt Road North/South/Johns Road junction was in need of urgent white-lining and it was agreed that the Borough Engineer would arrange same.

Cllr. Nolan stated that the traffic lights at Maudlintown were in need of sound warnings and it was agreed that the Borough Engineer would investigate same.

In reply to Cllr. Enright the Town Clerk stated that it was expected that temporary access to the temporary berthing would be provided within the next 3-4 weeks from the date of the meeting and the traffic congestion caused by the present loading and unloading would be restricted from the Quay front upon the completion of the temporary berthing.

In further reply to Cllr. Enright the Town Clerk stated that the O.P.W. had been requested to make available a section of the Crescent Quay Car Park presently reserved for workers in the O.P.W. offices at Anne Street. He further stated that the new car park in conjunction with the housing scheme at King Street was presently delayed because of the delay in the appointment of a Contractor for the scheme, however, it was expected that it would be completed within 3-4 weeks at which time the entire car park at the Crescent would again be open to the public.

Parking Facilities.

It was agreed to defer this item to the next meeting of the Traffic Management Committee.

Arising out of discussion the Town Clerk informed the meeting that 11 submissions had been received in connection with the Multi-Storey Car Park proposal which were presently being considered.

Mulgannon Link Road.

The Borough Engineer informed the meeting that at a meeting with the County Engineer it was agreed that the upper end of Mulgannon Road from the junction with the Golf Club entrance would be resurfaced by the County Council in the Spring. He further stated that as a result of the Cromwellsfort development most of the road fronting the development would be widened to 7m approx. The remainder to Mulgannon Road/Mill Road junction was not being considered for widening at this.

time. A one-way system up towards the Link Road was open to consideration and traffic lights had been installed at the junction into the Cromwellsfort Development.

Following discussion it was agreed on the proposal of Ald. Reck seconded by Cllr. Kavanagh to create a one-way system up Mulgannon to link road. It was further agreed that the Borough Engineer would investigate and discuss the matter with the County Engineer and report to the next meeting.

Mini-Roundabouts on Quay.

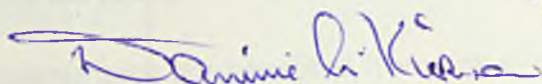
The attached report from the Borough Engineer, copies of which had previously been circulated was then considered and noted.

Pedestrianisation.

The attached letter from Ms. Anne Lambert, copy of which had previously been circulated was then considered. Following discussion it was agreed to consider the provision of disabled car parking spaces as close as possible to pedestrian routes in any future proposals for pedestrianisation. It was further agreed that the Borough Engineer would investigate and report to the next meeting.

THIS CONCLUDED THE BUSINESS OF THE MEETING.

SIGNED THIS 3rd DAY OF March 1997.



MAYOR OF WEXFORD.

Town Clerk and Members of the Traffic Management Committee.

I wish to draw your attention to the chaos and disruption caused to the people who live on Redmond Road, where I have lived since 1942.

This nice quiet area, was designated as residential in the town plan.

Since development started, we cannot park outside our houses, as there is no space. We have difficulty getting in and out our gates, because of cars parked too near the gates or across the gateway.

On going into town, there is a roundabout and two sets of pedestrian lights, all in a distance of 500 yards, (and also another roundabout proposed, at the new road).

Buses, setting down, and picking up passengers, stop on the roundabout, which causes a build up of traffic from Redmond Road, Slaney Hill, and the Quays. Also, it is impossible to pick up any passenger, from the bus or the Train Station, because of the build-up of traffic on the roundabout, which by design, is supposed to improve the flow of traffic, and keep it moving freely.

On a wet afternoon last Summer, it took me 15 minutes to travel, by car, from my house to the garage at Carcur, due to single lane traffic, caused by cars parked on both sides of the road, in places, and the general volume of traffic on the road. This is a distance of approx. 1/2 to 3/4 mile.

I would like to ask the committee, what the position would be, if it was necessary for the emergency services, such as the Ambulance, and the Firebrigade, to be called to any of the houses on the road?

The residents have not benefited from any of the recent developments and urgent action is long overdue.

The following points should be noted:-

- Disruption.
- Parking too near and across gateways.
- Quiet residential area before development.
- Residents having to live with constant chaos, at no gain to themselves.
- AMBULANCE AND FIRE SERVICES.
- No parking on yellow lines, outside of Dunne's Stores, on the roundabout, is ignored on a Sunday. This would also happen outside our houses due to Dunne's and Cinema traffic on a Sunday, if yellow lines were used on our road.
- Abuse received from people parking on the road, when they are asked, by residents, not to park their cars across the gateways.
- Residents are forced on numerous occasions to call the Gardai to deal with parkers, which takes up their valuable time.

CO. WEXFORD TRAFFIC & PARKING BYE-LAWS 1986

S.I. 201/86

Section 5 (g)

“A vehicle shall not at any time be parked on a public road, in any place, position or manner that will result in the vehicle obstructing an entrance for vehicles to premises, except where the occupier of such premises consents.”

Section 5 (I)

“A vehicle shall not be parked at anytime on a road either wholly or partly on a footway, a grass margin or a median strip.”

POSSIBLE SOLUTIONS

The erection of pillars/bollards, as are currently at all access points to the pedestrian areas on the Main St., and as have recently been erected on Anne St., to prevent the parking of cars in that area.

A clearway zone. Are people familiar with this method of parking restriction?


Double yellow lines on the same side as the houses, and a single yellow line on the opposite side of the road. Would this be enforced by the Traffic Wardens/Gardai?


Single yellow lines on the same side as the houses, and the extension of the Parking Disc Area on the opposite side of the road, ensuring that the area would be covered by the Traffic Wardens.

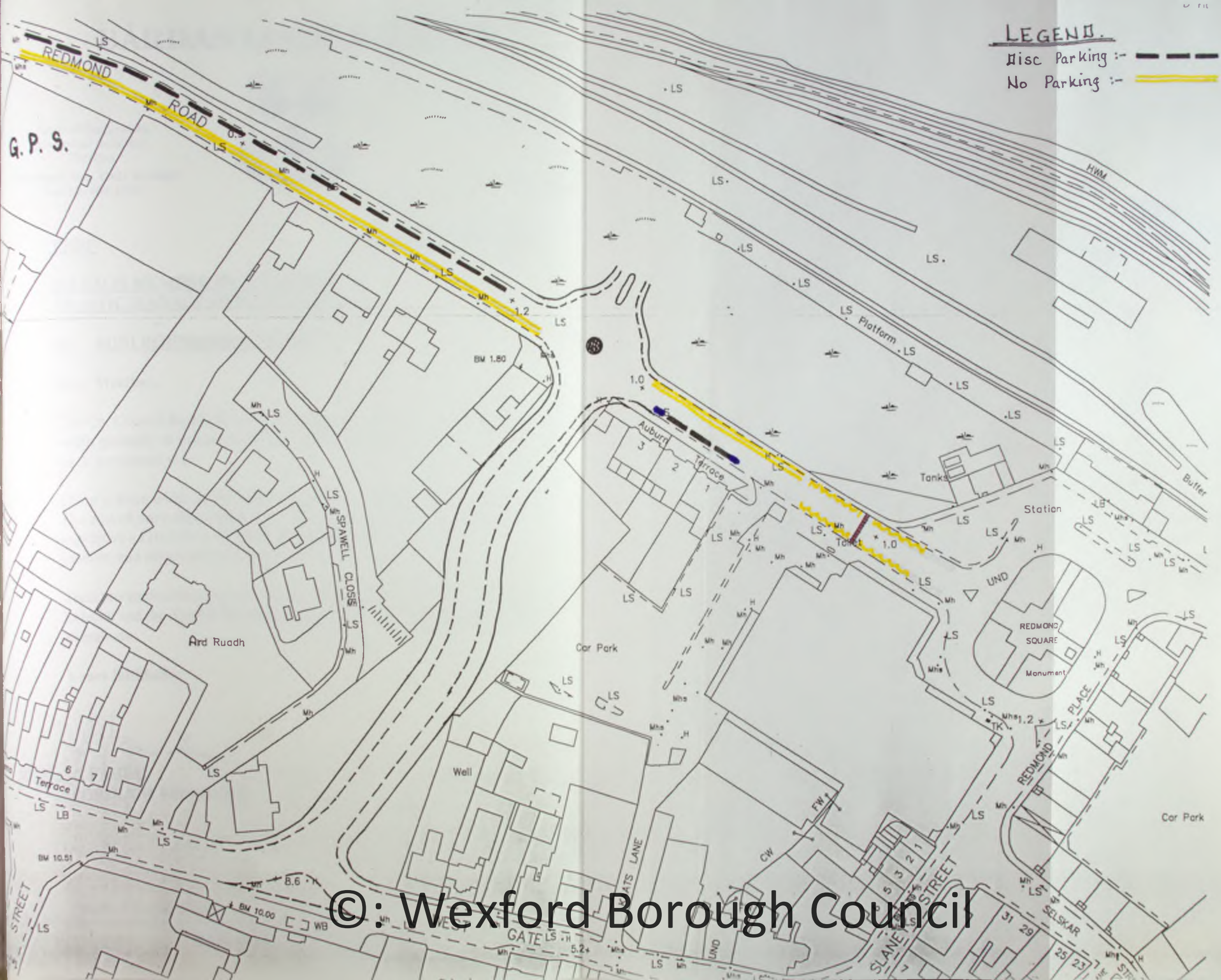
As above with double yellow lines, but are single or double yellow lines respected by drivers?

The Corporation must give immediate consideration to the building of a multi-storey car-park within the town area.

LEGEND.

Disc Parking :- 

No Parking :- 



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Town Clerk : D. F. Curtin

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24TH FEBRUARY, 1997

TO EACH MEMBER OF WEXFORD
TRAFFIC MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE.

RE/ MINI ROUNDABOUTS/QUAYS.

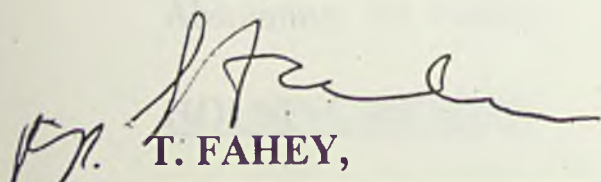
Dear Member,

The Co. Council Roads Section have advised that there is insufficient width generally at junctions along the Quays, allowing for the rail way track permanent way.

There is extra width at the Church Lane Car Park junction with the Quay. The cost of providing a mini-roundabout at this location would be very expensive - £10,000 to £15,000, providing traffic calming before the junction and relocating telephone kiosks etc.

Their recommendation is to await the completion of the Main Drainage Scheme and the Traffic Management Study before investing in structural alterations.

Yours faithfully,


T. FAHEY,
BOROUGH ENGINEER.

Wexford Corporation — Your Environment Friendly Local Authority

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• MINUTES OF MONTHLY MEETING OF WEXFORD BOROUGH COUNCIL HELD AT 7.30 P.M. ON MONDAY 3RD MARCH, 1997 IN THE COUNCIL CHAMBER, MUNICIPAL BUILDINGS, WEXFORD.

Presiding:- His Worship the Mayor, Cllr. D.M. Kiernan.

Aldermen:- P. Reck, A. Fenlon, T. Howlin.

Councillors:- M. Enright, N. Kavanagh, E. O'Connor, M. Furlong,
P. Roche.

Apologies from Ald. Byrne, Cllr. O'Flaherty and Councillor Nolan for their inability to attend the meeting were noted.

In Attendance:-

Mr. J. Hutchinson, Manager.

Mr. D.F. Curtin, Town Clerk.

Mr. T. Fahey, Borough Engineer.

Mr. P. Collins, Borough Accountant.

VOTE OF SYMPATHY.

On the proposal of His Worship the Mayor seconded by Cllr. Roche a unanimous vote of sympathy was extended to Cllr. P. Nolan and family on the death of his Wife, Mrs. Martha Nolan, R.I.P. The Manager and Town Clerk on their own behalf and on behalf of the staff associated with the expression of sympathy. The vote was passed in silence, all standing.

His Worship the Mayor referred to the launch by the American Ambassador of employment initiative of 18 jobs in Brodie Mountain for 9 young people from Wexford and 9 from Derry and congratulated the Keelogue Institute for arranging same. Following discussion the members paid tribute to His Worship the Mayor for his part in the jobs initiative.

Housing Meeting.

It was agreed to defer the Housing Meeting to 6.30 p.m. on Thursday 6th March, 1997.

Minutes.

The minutes of the Monthly Meeting held on 3rd February, 1997, copies of which had previously been circulated were confirmed and signed on the proposal of Ald. Howlin seconded by Cllr. O'Connor.

The minutes of the following Committee Meetings and the recommendations contained therein, copies of which had previously been circulated were unanimously adopted on the proposal of Cllr. O'Connor seconded by Ald. Howlin:-

- a. G.P. Meeting held on 10th February, 1997.
- b. Protocol Committee Meeting held on 10th February, 1997.
- c. Housing Committee Meeting held on 17th February, 1997.
- d. Traffic Management Committee Meeting held on 24/2/1997.

Audit of Accounts 1995.

The attached report from the Borough Accountant was then considered and unanimously adopted on the proposal of Ald. Reck seconded by Cllr. Roche.

Following discussion the Borough Accountant stated that further improvements in the handling of waivers for elderly persons was currently being examined.

MOTIONS

Footpaths at Wolfe Tone Villas.

The following motion was proposed by Cllr. Roche seconded by Ald. Howlin and following discussion unanimously adopted:-

"That restoration work on the footpaths at Wolfe Tone Villas be carried out as a matter of priority".

Natural Gas Pipeline.

The following motion was proposed by Cllr. Roche:-

"That seeing the Natural Gas Pipeline is being extended by Bord Gais, this Council calls on the relevant Minister and Bord Gais to undertake an immediate study for a spur to carry natural gas to Wexford which would be a boost to industry and offer a further source of heating and cooking to domestic consumers".

Following discussion the following amendment was proposed by Cllr. Roche seconded by Ald. Howlin and unanimously adopted:-

"That seeing the Natural Gas Pipeline is being extended by Bord Gais this Council calls on the relevant Minister to receive a deputation from the Borough Council to establish the need of Wexford for a natural gas supply and calls on Bord Gais to undertake an immediate study for a spur to carry natural gas to Wexford which would be a boost to industry and offer a further source of heating and cooking to domestic consumers".

It was agreed that the deputation would consist of the following Members:-

His Worship the Mayor, Cllr. Enright, Cllr. Roche, Cllr. Kavanagh, Ald. Reck and Cllr. O'Connor.

Wexford Heritage.

The following motion was proposed by Cllr. Enright seconded by Cllr. Roche and following discussion unanimously adopted:-

"That this Borough Council resolves to devise and implement a plan to promote Wexford's rich heritage for the benefit of townspeople and visitors alike".

During discussion on the motion it was suggested that a report on the possibility of a Civic Trust in Wexford would be circulated.

His Worship the Mayor informed the meeting that a visit to Bray U.D.C. had been arranged for 24th March, 1997 to discuss and view their projects in this area.

Bus Shelters.

The following motion was proposed by Cllr. Enright seconded by Ald. Howlin and following discussion unanimously adopted:-

"This Borough Council calls on Bus Eireann to provide Bus Shelters for its customers at Redmond Square".

Mount George.

The following motion was proposed by Ald. Fenlon seconded by Cllr. Roche and following discussion unanimously adopted:-

"I hereby call on this Borough Council to make a submission to the Department of the Environment calling on them to give grant aid towards

the cost of replacing defective windows and doors to our housing stock in Mount George".

It was further agreed that the Borough Engineer would investigate the matter.

Tourism Area - Wicklow/Wexford.

The following motion was proposed by His Worship the Mayor seconded by Cllr. Enright and following discussion unanimously adopted:-

"That this Borough Council seriously consider requesting the Directors of Bord Failte and any other relevant authorities to set up a new Tourism Area of Wicklow/Wexford so that we can develop our Tourism potential as it should be developed".

Tourism Office - Rosslare/Kilrane.

The following motion was proposed by His Worship the Mayor seconded by Cllr. Roche and following discussion unanimously adopted:-

"That this Borough Council condemn the attitude of the Directors of S.E.R.T.O. in closing the Tourism Office between Rosslare & Kilrane and that we resolve to find some method to keep it open year round".

QUESTIONS.

The following question in the name of Cllr. Nolan was deferred to the next Monthly Meeting:-

Did Iarnrod Eireann apply for planning permission to erect a fence all along the bank in front of Harbour View?".

Fishers Row - Footpath Reinstatement.

In reply to Cllr. Roche the Borough Engineer stated that Fisher's Row would form part of second traunch of submission to Department for permanent road reinstatement.

Gratings at The Faythe.

In reply to Cllr. Roche the Borough Engineer stated that the Project Engineer, Mr. P. Wilson, had met with residents and is redesigning the

layout of gullies in footpaths. This design will be discussed by him with concerned residents.

Ramps at Ferndale Park/Ashfield Drive/Belvedere Grove.

In reply to Cllr. Roche the Borough Engineer stated that to his knowledge these roads are primarily in the County Council charge. He further stated that studies were likely to have been done prior to their installing rumble strips on main roads.

Wexford Bridge.

In reply to Cllr. Enright the Borough Engineer stated that the County Council had informed him that plans for Wexford Bridge have already been on public display in Castlebridge, County Hall and Talbot Hotel and that further display is planned after the signing of the contract for the work.

Urban Renewal - Commercial Rates.

In reply to Cllr. Enright the Town Clerk stated that properties in the current designated area programme which have been upgraded are already being rated because of the operation of the 'sliding scale' principle. The properties upgraded under the 1987 designated area programme will have commercial rates imposed on upgraded properties as follows:-

15% in 2001
58% in 2002
15% in 2004
12% in 2006

THIS CONCLUDED THE BUSINESS OF THE MEETING

SIGNED THIS 7th DAY OF April 1997



MAYOR OF WEXFORD.

Our Ref: PC/ED

3rd March, 1997

TO EACH MEMBER OF WEXFORD BOROUGH COUNCIL.

The Audit of Accounts for 1995 is now nearing completion. The following is the overall position.

	Expenditure 1995	Income 1995	Position 01/01/95	Position 31/12/95
Capital Account	£6,541,646.48	£5,755,974.11	£1,913,966.36 CR.	£1,128,293.99 CR.
Revenue Account	£3,907,597.83	£3,882,703.37	£ 73,426.55 CR.	£ 48,532.09 CR.

Within each programme group the variation between the actual expenditure and income and the amounts estimated are as follows:-

	Expenditure		Income		Net Variation	
Programme Group	Over	Under	Over	Under	Under	Over
1. Housing & Building	£55,136		£126,878		£71,742	
2. Roads Transportation		£33,683	£66,869.86		£100,552.86	
3. Water Supply & Sewerage		£79,498		£97,229.49		£17,731.49
4. Development Incentives & Controls	£6,349		£17,887.48		£11,528.48	
5. Environmental Protection	£24,813			£78,547.99		£103,360.99
6. Recreation & Amenity	£8,783			£13,904.59		£22,687.59
7. Agriculture Education etc.	£30,258		£26,980.05			£3,277.95
8. Miscellesouns	£82,247		£25,692.70			£56,554.30
Rates				£5,105.48		£5,105.48
Total	£207,586	£113,181	£264,298.09	£194,787.55	£183,823.34	£208,717.80

The overall variation is £24,894.46 which is 0.64% of the total revenue expenditure.

OVER/.....

The outcome on the years activities is satisfactory. The improved collection procedures and other structural arrangements with the accounting process worked well and further improvements in performance are expected in 1996 and subsequent years.

The outcome in other areas, such as the methodology for charging stores to particular jobs shows a need for detailed analysis of the cost structures and this will be addressed in the current year.

The formal approval of the Borough Council, in accordance with Section 11 of the City & County Management (Amendment) Act 1955 of the foregoing variations in the Estimate is recommended.

Pat Collins,
Borough Accountant.

**MINUTES OF HOUSING COMMITTEE MEETING OF
WEXFORD BOROUGH COUNCIL HELD IN THE COUNCIL
CHAMBER, MUNICIPAL BUILDINGS, WEXFORD ON
THURSDAY, 6TH MARCH, 1997 AT 6.30 P.M.**

Presiding:- His Worship the Mayor, Councillor D. Kiernan.

Aldermen:- P. Reck, A. Fenlon, T. Howlin, G. Byrne.

Councillors:- M. Enright, N. Kavanagh, E. O'Connor,
M. Furlong, P. Roche.

In Attendance:- Mr. J. Hutchinson, Assistant County Manager.
Mr. D. F. Curtin, Town Clerk.
Ms. A. Ringwood, Staff Officer.
Mr. M. Grogan, Principal Environmental
Health Officer, S.E.H.B.

HOUSING LISTS

Draft housing lists were circulated to the Members.

It was agreed that the one-bedroomed units in the centre of town, particularly those on the ground floor, be reserved for elderly people.

It was agreed that the people remaining on the old one-bedroomed list be included at the top of the new list.

It was agreed that the numbers to be included on the new lists would be as follows:

One-bedroomed list - 20

Two-bedroomed list - 28

It was proposed by Ald. P. Reck and seconded by Cllr. M. Furlong that 35 names be included on the family-type list.

It was proposed by Ald. T. Howlin and seconded by Cllr. E. O'Connor that 21 names be included on the list.

The amendment was put to the meeting and the vote was as follows:

For: A. Fenlon, T. Howlin, G. Byrne, M. Enright, N. Kavanagh,
E. O'Connor, P. Roche, D. Kiernan.

Against: P. Reck, M. Furlong.

The members listed a number of applicants which they wished to have re-assessed before the lists would be finalised.

It was agreed that the next Housing Committee meeting would be held on Thursday, 20th March, 1997.

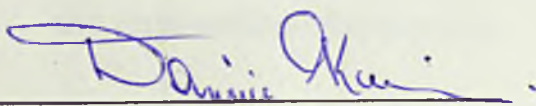
The members expressed concern at the situation regarding a former tenant who had allegedly been forced to leave her accommodation at Westlands by Respond and was now effectively homeless. It was agreed that the responsibility for her present situation rested firmly with Respond and that the Mental Health Association should be contacted as it was considered that she may also require psychiatric help.

ST. PATRICK'S DAY PARADE

It was agreed that the members would not march in the Parade but would attend the Mass and then proceed directly to the reviewing stand. _

That concluded the business of the meeting.

Signed this 9th day of April, 1997.



MAYOR OF WEXFORD

**MINUTES OF HOUSING COMMITTEE MEETING OF
WEXFORD BOROUGH COUNCIL HELD IN THE COUNCIL
CHAMBER, MUNICIPAL BUILDINGS, WEXFORD ON
THURSDAY, 20TH MARCH, 1997 AT 7.30 P.M.**

Presiding:- His Worship the Mayor, Councillor D. Kiernan.

Aldermen:- P. Reck, A. Fenlon, T. Howlin, G. Byrne.

Councillors:- M. Enright, N. Kavanagh, E. O'Connor,
M. Furlong.

In Attendance:- Mr. J. Hutchinson, Assistant County Manager.
Mr. D. F. Curtin, Town Clerk.
Ms. A. Ringwood, Staff Officer.
Mr. M. Grogan, Principal Environmental
Health Officer, S.E.H.B.

HOMELESS PERSONS

The members of the Corporation expressed serious concern at the disturbance caused to staff and members of the public at the Corporation building by the people who had been made homeless as a result of a fire in High Street and who had been provided with emergency accommodation. It was agreed that any recurrence of this conduct should be notified immediately to the Gardai.

HOUSING LISTS

Some members expressed concern at the manner in which the details of the draft housing lists circulated at the last housing committee meeting had been made known to housing applicants.

Town Clerk stated that 44 applicants had been re-assessed and the revised housing lists were circulated to the Members. The Town Clerk also gave details of the numbers to be included on the priority lists and the number of houses which were currently vacant.

It was proposed by Ald. P. Reck, seconded by Cllr. M. Furlong and agreed that Barbara Hammond, who had been on the old two-bedroomed

priority list should be included at the top of the new list. It was also agreed that the new houses at Walnut Grove should be offered first to the people at the top of the new lists.

Town Clerk informed the Members that he would be re-examining the transfer lists. It was agreed that a total of five new houses at Walnut Grove be reserved for transfer applicants.

Queries from the members regarding individual housing applicants were answered by Mr. Grogan.

It was agreed that people included on the priority lists be notified and the vacant houses allocated as soon as possible. It was also agreed that the other applicants who had been approved for housing be listed in alphabetical order and the list circulated to the members.

That concluded the business of the meeting.

Signed this 7th day of April, 1997.



MAYOR OF WEXFORD

MINUTES OF MONTHLY MEETING OF WEXFORD BOROUGH COUNCIL HELD AT 7.30 P.M. ON MONDAY 7TH APRIL, 1997 IN THE COUNCIL CHAMBER, MUNICIPAL BUILDINGS, WEXFORD.

Presiding:- His Worship the Mayor, Cllr. D.M. Kiernan.

Aldermen:- P. Reck, A. Fenlon, T. Howlin.

Councillors:- M. Enright, P. Nolan, N. Kavanagh, E. O'Connor,
M. Furlong, P. Roche, J. O'Flaherty, D.M. Kiernan.

In Attendance:- Mr. J. Hutchinson, Manager.
Mr. D.F. Curtin, Town Clerk.
Mr. T. Fahey, Borough Engineer.
Mr. P. Collins, Borough Accountant.

VOTES OF SYMPATHY.

On the proposal of His Worship the Mayor seconded by Cllr. O'Flaherty a unanimous vote of sympathy was extended to Ald. G. Byrne on the death of his Brother, Mr. Leonard Byrne, R.I.P.

On the proposal of His Worship the Mayor seconded by Cllr. O'Flaherty a unanimous vote of sympathy was extended to Ms. Louise O'Rourke on the death of her Grandfather, Mr. Sam O'Rourke, R.I.P.

On the proposal of His Worship the Mayor seconded by Cllr. Enright a unanimous vote of sympathy was extended to Mr. Wynne Jones, Chairman, Wexford District League on the death of his Mother.

On the proposal of His Worship the Mayor a unanimous vote of sympathy was extended to the family of the late Mr. Terry Carty, R.I.P.

The Manager on his own behalf and on behalf of the staff associated with the expressions of sympathy. The votes were passed in silence, all standing.

OTHER BUSINESS

His Worship the Mayor referred to the response of Mr. Joe Palmer, South East Tourism, to recent resolutions from the Borough Council and it was agreed to receive Mr. Palmer at the next General Purposes Committee Meeting.

His Worship the Mayor stated that a meeting would be held in the near future with the Regional Manager of C.I.E. regarding shelter and invited any member who wishes to attend to do so.

His Worship the Mayor referred to meeting with group from Cassis, Southern France and stated that same will be discussed at the next meeting of the Protocol Committee.

His Worship the Mayor reported to the meeting on vandals damaging a house in Whitemill Road occupied by the elderly and expressed his concern regarding same.

MINUTES.

The minutes of the Monthly Meeting held on 3rd March, 1997, copies of which had previously been circulated were confirmed and signed on the proposal of Ald. Howlin seconded by Ald. Reck.

The minutes of the following Committee Meetings and the recommendations contained therein, copies of which had previously been circulated were unanimously adopted on the proposal of Cllr. Nolan seconded by Cllr. O'Flaherty:-

- a. Housing Committee Meeting held on 5th March, 1997.
- b. Housing Committee Meeting held on 20th March, 1997.

In response to questions the Town Clerk stated that the list of all applicants for transfers would be circulated to all members on day after meeting and it was agreed to convene a Housing Committee Meeting. It was further agreed that any member who wished to do so could submit their observations.

Disposal of Land.

On the proposal of Cllr. O'Flaherty seconded by Ald. Reck it was agreed to authorise disposal of land at Anne Street, Wexford, to the Office of Public Works pursuant to the terms of Section 83 of the Local Government Act, 1946, as amended by Section 88(3) of the Housing Act, 1996 in accordance with notice dated 25th March, 1997.

MOTIONS.

Recycling Depots.

The following motion was proposed by Cllr. Roche seconded by Cllr. O'Connor:-

"That a full report be given to this Council on recycling material collection depots and bins, particularly in the Swan View area, Wexford".

During discussion on the motion the report of the Borough Accountant was noted following which the motion was unanimously adopted.

William Street/Trinity Street.

The following motion was proposed by Cllr. Roche seconded by Cllr. O'Connor and following discussion unanimously adopted:-

"That this Council notes with concern the condition of William Street/Trinity Street and the failure of the relevant authorities/contractors to keep the area clean".

Junction at Davitt Road North/South.

The following motion was proposed by Ald. Reck seconded by Cllr. O'Flaherty and following discussion unanimously adopted:-

"That Wexford Corporation takes immediate steps to improve the dangerous junction between Davitt Road North and South where both streets meet in Johns Road".

It was further agreed that the Borough Engineer would report to the next G.P. Meeting on this and other areas of the town.

Main Drainage Scheme.

The following motion was proposed by Ald. Reck seconded by Cllr. Roche:-

"That a clear directive be given to people who sought compensation for damage done during the duration of Main Drainage works so that they know exactly where they stand".

In reply to the motion the Town Clerk stated that if damage was caused arising out of work authorised under any contract between Wexford Corporation and any contractor, a claim may be made against Wexford Corporation. It is a matter for the Corporation to bring into effect the indemnity insurance clause in the Contract under which the contractor would take over all responsibility for dealing with the claim. Following further discussion the motion was unanimously adopted.

Private Rented Accommodation.

The following motion was proposed by Cllr. Enright seconded by Ald. Reck:-

"That this Borough Council resolves to fully utilise its powers in relation to the standard of private rented accommodation in Wexford".

Following lengthy discussion to which all members contributed it was agreed that the motion would be further considered at the next Housing Committee Meeting including list of properties registered/unregistered at present and list of owners of same.

High Street.

The following motion was proposed by Cllr. Enright seconded by Ald. Howlin:-

"That this Borough Council resolves to upgrade High Street to an acceptable standard".

During discussion on the motion the Town Clerk stated that he would report to the next G.P. meeting regarding next phase of pedestrian presentation. Following further discussion the motion was unanimously adopted.

QUESTIONS.

In reply to Cllr. Nolan the Borough Engineer stated that Iarnrod Eireann did not apply for planning permission to erect a fence all along the bank in front of Harbour View".

RE/- Public Lighting Programme.

In reply to Ald. Reck the Borough Engineer stated that due to difficulties of co-ordinating with existing E.S.B. networks it was necessary to extend the tender period until 9th May, 1997. Tenders will then be analysed and a recommendation made to the G.P. Meeting.

RE/- Boundaries - Infill Scheme in St. Aidan's Crescent.

In reply to Ald. Reck the Town Clerk stated that this matter was currently in the hands of the Corporation's Legal Advisors.

MEETINGS.

It was agreed that the following meetings would be held:-

- a) Housing Committee Meeting - 7.00 p.m. on 14th May, 1997.
- b) G.P. Meeting - 8.00 p.m. on 14th May, 1997.

COUERON.

It was agreed that the following members would travel to Coueron:-

Ald. Howlin on the proposal of Cllr. Roche seconded by Cllr. Nolan.
Cllr. Kavanagh on the proposal of Ald. Reck seconded by Cllr. Nolan.
His Worship the Mayor on the proposal of Ald. Reck seconded by Cllr. Nolan.

Following discussion all members paid tribute to the gardening staff for their work.

THIS CONCLUDED THE BUSINESS OF THE MEETING.

SIGNED THIS 12th DAY OF May, 1997.



MAYOR OF WEXFORD.

MINUTES OF MONTHLY MEETING OF WEXFORD BOROUGH COUNCIL HELD AT 7.30 P.M. ON MONDAY 12TH MAY, 1997 IN THE COUNCIL CHAMBER, MUNICIPAL BUILDINGS, WEXFORD.

Presiding:- His Worship the Mayor, Cllr. D.M. Kiernan.

Aldermen:- P Reck, A. Fenlon, T. Howlin.

Councillors:- M. Enright, P. Nolan, N. Kavanagh, E. O'Connor,
P. Roche, J. O'Flaherty.

Apologies from Cllr. Furlong and Ald. Byrne for their inability to attend the meeting were noted.

In Attendance:- Mr. J. Hutchinson, Manager.

Mr. D.F. Curtin, Town Clerk.

Mr. T. Fahey, Borough Engineer.

Mr. P. Collins, Borough Accountant.

Vote of Sympathy.

On the proposal of His Worship the Mayor seconded by Ald. Reck a unanimous vote of sympathy was extended to the wife and family of the Polish Circus Worker recently tragically killed in an accident. The Manager on his own behalf and on behalf the staff associated with the expression of sympathy. The vote was passed in silence, all standing.

Meetings.

It was agreed to hold a Protocol Committee Meeting following the June Monthly Meeting.

Minutes.

The minutes of the Monthly Meeting held on 7th April, 1997, copies of which has previously been circulated were confirmed and signed on the proposal of Cllr. O'Flaherty seconded by Cllr. Nolan.

Granting of Leases.

On the proposal of Cllr. O'Flaherty seconded by Ald. Howlin it was agreed to authorise granting of lease of property at Bride Street, Wexford, to the Trustees of St. Patrick's Fife & Drum Band pursuant to the terms of Section 83 of the Local Government Act, 1946 as amended by Section 88(3) of the Housing Act 1966 (Notice dated 7th April, 1997 refers).

On the proposal of Cllr. Nolan seconded by Cllr. O'Flaherty it was agreed to authorise granting of lease of property at Westlands, St. John's Drive, Wexford, to Wexford Sculpture Workshop Ltd., pursuant to the terms of Section 83 of the Local Government Act, 1946 as amended by Section 88(3) of the Housing Act, 1966 (Notice dated 5th April, 1997 refers).

Request for deputation.

A request from Selskar & North End Residents Association for a deputation was then considered and it was agreed on the proposal of Cllr. Nolan seconded by Cllr. Roche to receive a deputation at the June General Purposes Committee Meeting.

REPORTS.

Information Age Town.

The Borough Accountant reported to the meeting on the Information Age Town Competition. Following discussion it was agreed to proceed accordingly and the Borough Council expressed their confidence in the Committee.

Rosslare Harbour Development Committee.

His Worship the Mayor expressed his concern regarding the Rosslare Harbour Development Committee and stated that he believed that a lot of work was still to be done. Following discussion a general consensus was expressed that the Committee should remain in existence.

MOTIONS.

Town Wall.

The following motion was proposed by Ald. Reck seconded by Cllr. Enright and following discussion unanimously adopted:-

"That this Borough Council endeavours to acquire the necessary finance to keep the Town Wall in reasonable repair".

During discussion on the motion the Town Clerk stated that virtually all sections of the Town Wall at Westgate and Rowe Street were now restored and all these sections were in public ownership. The remainder is in private ownership and even if grants were available they would not be

100%. Following further discussion it was agreed to write to the Heritage Council to ascertain if they were prepared to make funds available and to consider same at Estimates

Public Convenience.

The following motion was proposed by Cllr. Roche seconded by Ald. Reck:-

"That plans for a Public Convenience in the South End of the town be presented to this Council as soon as possible for immediate implementation".

Following discussion to which all members contributed it was agreed to consider the motion with next Estimates.

Planning application lists.

The following motion was proposed by Cllr. Roche seconded by Cllr. Nolan:-

"That all planning applications received be notified to the members on a weekly basis".

During discussion on the motion the Town Clerk stated that weekly planning lists are published in the foyer of the Municipal Buildings and at the Library. He further stated that there would be no difficulty in circulating same to the members on a weekly basis and would so arrange. Following further discussion the motion was agreed.

QUESTIONS.

In reply to Cllr. Roche, His Worship the Mayor stated that the next meeting with the Gardai would be held at 7.00 p.m. on 20th May, 1997.

In reply to Cllr. Roche the Borough Accountant stated that the Waiver Scheme would continue to operate in relation to Domestic Refuse Charges.

THIS CONCLUDED THE BUSINESS OF THE MEETING.

SIGNED THIS 9th DAY OF JUNE, 1997.


MAYOR OF WEXFORD.

**MINUTES OF HOUSING COMMITTEE MEETING OF
WEXFORD BOROUGH COUNCIL HELD IN THE COUNCIL
CHAMBER, MUNICIPAL BUILDINGS, WEXFORD ON
WEDNESDAY, 14TH MAY, 1997 AT 7.00 P.M.**

- Presiding:- His Worship the Mayor, Councillor D. Kiernan.
- Aldermen:- P. Reck, A. Fenlon, T. Howlin, G. Byrne.
- Councillors:- M. Enright, P. Nolan, N. Kavanagh, E. O'Connor,
M. Furlong, J. O'Flaherty.
- Apology:- Councillor P. Roche.
- In Attendance:- Mr. J. Hutchinson, Assistant County Manager.
Mr. D. F. Curtin, Town Clerk.
Ms. A. Ringwood, Staff Officer.
Mr. M. Grogan, Principal Environmental
Health Officer, S.E.H.B.

TRANSFER OF TENANCIES

Town Clerk explained the method used in drawing up the transfer lists, as notified to the members in a letter dated 8th April, 1997.

A report was circulated to the members, together with priority lists for transfers and a list of houses which were presently vacant.

Ald. P. Reck queried the number of points allocated to Jim Wilson, 102 Belvedere Grove, particularly the points allocated for medical conditions and overcrowding and requested that his circumstances be re-examined. He also expressed dissatisfaction with the criteria used in deciding the transfers and the fact that no waiting points were included.

Following lengthy discussion to which all members contributed, it was proposed by Cllr. P. Nolan, seconded by Cllr. M. Furlong and unanimously agreed that the transfer lists be adopted, subject to Mr. Wilson's circumstances being re-examined.

It was proposed by Cllr. P. Nolan, seconded by Cllr. D. Kiernan and agreed that a Housing Committee meeting be held every three to four months.

Town Clerk pointed out that the remainder of the applicants on the lists would not be offered transfers in the foreseeable future, but would be re-assessed as part of the next housing review. As their priority on the lists was no longer relevant, he asked that the lists be handed back at the end of the meeting.

It was agreed that the other items on the agenda be deferred to the next Housing Committee meeting.

That concluded the business of the meeting.

Signed this 9th day of June, 1997.

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MAYOR OF WEXFORD

MINUTES OF GENERAL PURPOSES COMMITTEE MEETING OF
WEXFORD BOROUGH COUNCIL HELD AT 8.30 P.M. ON 14TH
MAY, 1997 IN THE COUNCIL CHAMBER, MUNICIPAL BUILDINGS,
WEXFORD.

Presiding:- His Worship the Mayor, Cllr. D.M. Kiernan.

Aldermen:- P Reck, A. Fenlon, T. Howlin, G. Byrne.

Councillors:- M. Enright, P. Nolan, N. Kavanagh, E. O'Connor,
J. O'Flaherty.

Apologies from Cllr. Roche and Cllr. Furlong for their inability to attend the meeting were noted.

In Attendance:- Mr. J. Hutchinson, Manager.
Mr. D.F. Curtin, Town Clerk.
Mr. T. Fahey, Borough Engineer.
Mr. P. Collins, Borough Accountant.
Ms. A. Laffan, Acting Staff Officer.

Vote of Sympathy.

On the proposal of His Worship the Mayor seconded by Ald. Howlin a unanimous vote of sympathy was extended to the family of the late Wally Doyle, R.I.P. The Manager on his own behalf and on behalf of the staff associated with the expression of sympathy. The vote was passed in silence, all standing.

Presentation by Mr. Joe Palmer, Regional Tourism Manager.

At the outset Mr. Palmer outlined the growth of tourism in the Wexford area and the role and activities of S.E.R.T.A.

Mr. Palmer then made the following points:-

- No major demand for European languages brochures.
- S.E.R.T.A. have a number of specific destinations.
- Kilrane Tourist Office opened last Friday and hope to continue to keep it open full-time to service Comoradh '98 and Tour De France
- Upgrading of Wexford Tourist Office necessary - will enter into discussions with all interested parties to try to improve.
- Suggested links could be developed with Wicklow and pointed out present inter-regional co-operation.

Questions raised by members were answered by Mr. Palmer. His Worship the Mayor then thanked Mr. Palmer for his attendance at the meeting and Mr. Palmer departed from the meeting.

Action Against Litter Plan.

The attached report, copies of which had previously been circulated was then considered and following discussion unanimously adopted on the proposal of Cllr. Enright seconded by Ald. Byrne. It was further agreed to discuss the Plan at the September G.P. Meeting when the report of Ms. Angela Laffan, Acting Staff Officer on specific performance criteria will be considered.

Amenity/Cultural/Residents Grants Scheme 1997.

The attached list of applications, copy of which had previously been circulated, was then considered.

On the proposal of Cllr. Nolan seconded by Ald. Howlin it was agreed to increase Wexford Wheelchair Association's allocation by £100.

On the proposal of Ald. Reck seconded by Ald. Byrne it was agreed to increase Wexford Carers Association's allocation by £100.

His Worship the Mayor referred to the Local Garman Silver Band being allocated one of the two remaining Corporation Nights in the Theatre Royal and this was agreed on the proposal of Ald. Byrne seconded by Cllr. Howlin.

Following further discussion the amended Amenity Grants were unanimously adopted on the proposal of Ald. Reck seconded by Ald. Byrne.

SAC Designation Proposal.

Correspondence received regarding the above, copies of which had previously been circulated was noted.

Motions - A.M.A.I. Conference - September 1997.

It was agreed on the proposal of Ald. Reck seconded by Ald. Byrne that members would submit motions to the Town Clerk for the above conference.

Summary of Correspondence.

The summary of correspondence, copies of which had previously been circulated was then considered and noted.

Item 6 - Summary of Correspondence.

The following motion from Kinsale U.D.C. was unanimously adopted on the proposal of Cllr. Kavanagh seconded by Ald. Byrne:-

"That this Council calls on the Minister for Marine (a) to enhance the current status of the Naval Service, the number of ships and crew numbers, (b) to take full cognizance of the recommendations contained in the imminent Price Waterhouse Report on the Naval Service".

Planning.

Planning applications received from the date of the previous G.P. Meeting were then considered and noted. Questions raised were answered by officials in attendance.

Mayoral/Civic Receptions.

His Worship the Mayor proposed the following reception:-

Mayoral Reception - 22.5.97 - Wexford Viking Festival.

On the proposal of Ald. Byrne seconded by Cllr. Nolan it was proposed to afford a Civic Reception to the Loch Garman Silver Band on 23.5.97. A vote was taken which resulted as follows:-

In Favour:- Ald. Reck, Howlin, Byrne.

Cllrs. Enright, Nolan, Kavanagh, O'Connor, O'Flaherty,
Kiernan (9).

Against:- Ald. Fenlon (1).

REPORTS.

Wexford Main Drainage/Permanent Road Reinstatement 1997.

The attached report from the Borough Engineer, copies of which had previously been circulated was then considered and following discussion

unanimously adopted on the proposal of Ald. Byrne seconded by Ald. Howlin.

Improvement of John's Road/Davitt Road Junction.

The attached report from the Borough Engineer, copies of which had previously been circulated was then considered and noted with satisfaction.

Wexford District League.

The attached report from the Borough Engineer, copies of which had previously been circulated was then considered. Following discussion the principle of the disposal was agreed on the proposal of Cllr. Nolan seconded by Ald. Howlin and it was further unanimously agreed that the Town Clerk would discuss the matter further with the Wexford District League.

Pedestrianisation.

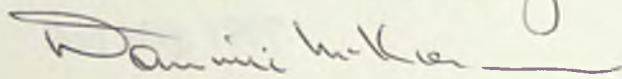
The Town Clerk informed the meeting that the pedestrianisation proposal for the Bullring/Section of South Main Street/High Street was being finalised and tenders were expected to be sought over the Summer and work to be completed in Autumn.

Public Lighting.

The Town Clerk informed the meeting that tenders for the Public Lighting Contract had been received and were being examined. Work was expected to commence over Summer.

THIS CONCLUDED THE BUSINESS OF THE MEETING.

SIGNED THIS 9 DAY OF June 1997.



MAYOR OF WEXFORD.

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Loch Garman.*

Town Clerk : D. F. Curtin

To each member of Wexford Borough Council

RE:- ACTION AGAINST LITTER

Dear Member,

I refer to the "Action Against Litter" guidelines which were previously circulated on 24th April, 1996 and were unanimously adopted on 24th June, 1996.

I enclose herewith for your attention a copy of the draft "Action Against Litter" plan and a copy of a submission received from Wexford Chamber of Industry and Commerce, which has been taken into consideration in the draft plan.

D. F. Curtin,
Town Clerk.

2nd May, 1997.

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DRAFT ACTION PLAN AGAINST LITTER

The main areas to be addressed in the plan for litter abatement are as follows:-

1. Household Refuse
2. Street Litter
3. Litter Bins
4. Recycling
5. Clean Up Campaigns
6. Fly-Posting/On-The-Spot Fines
7. Public Awareness and Education
8. Tidy Towns Competition

1. Household Refuse

Poor presentation of household refuse for collection by Local Authorities is a significant cause of litter. The introduction of the Wheel Bin System in 1995 has improved this situation in Wexford. However many occupants of flats in Wexford do not use Corporation bins, instead they either use plastic bags/sacks or the public bins. The Corporation should write to both the tenants and the landlords advising them to get a wheel bin and explain that they cannot put their household refuse in street bins.

A survey should be carried out of the various blackspots in the town and monitor them regularly. With respect to the ordinary householders they should be encouraged to put out wheel bins on the morning of collection day only and take them in as soon as possible.

The refuse collection programme should be reviewed regularly to make sure that the system is effective and efficient.

2. Street Litter

As with the refuse collection programme street cleansing programmes should be reviewed from time to time to ensure that the service is

sufficient and appropriate to requirements. Again a survey should be carried out to find out what times sweeping should take place to benefit the areas the most and what areas need to be done more than once a week.

Shop owners should be encouraged to keep the area outside their premises litter free especially fast food premises. These places are a major source of street litter in particular at weekends. It is recommended that sweepers operate both morning and evening seven days a week and also over bank holidays on the Main Street and Selskar Street area in particular.

3. Litter Bins

A survey of existing litter bins should be carried out to establish if:-

1. They are placed in the correct location, clearly visible.
2. They are emptied frequently enough, i.e. before they are full.
3. They are big enough.

These bins should also be emptied at weekends both morning and evening especially on the Main Street and Selskar Street area. Individual shopkeepers should be encouraged to provide more sponsored litter bins in front of and around their premises, this should be backed up by more frequent cleaning/emptying of bins by Corporation. The Corporation should try to get the point across to the Commercial sector that this will make their shopfronts look more clean and tidy and enhance their business.

4. Recycling

A bigger emphasis should be placed on recycling as it can help reduce some forms of litter e.g. glass and paper. Again more advertisement encouraging the use of the various recycling bins in the carparks and schools should be put in to the local papers, South East Radio and in with the Refuse bills to householders/commercial premises. More plentiful and more accessible recycling centres are needed along with more frequent collection/emptying of the centres themselves.

Householders should be encouraged to re-use their plastic bags or buy canvas shopping bags. Maybe it could be suggested to the commercial sector to provide incentives for this.

5. Clean Up Campaigns

A local partnership against litter could really be developed if the Corporation could get public support in identifying and tackling litter "blackspots". Wexford Corporation should appoint an officer to liaise with the public, businesses and residents associations etc. Businesses should be contacted directly and encouraged to participate in any clean up campaigns, with the incentive being a clean outdoor environment is good for business.

Residents associations when receiving their grants from the Corporation might also be encouraged or maybe even given more money as an incentive to tackle particular "blackspots". Fast food shops in town should be approached and asked to provide more bins inside and also to cut down on their packaging as much as possible. It would be an idea if they got anti-litter slogans pre-printed on to their packaging also.

6. Fly-Posting/On-The-Spot Fines

In line with the Litter Act 1982, the Corporation has a policy of contacting those responsible for fly-posting, asking that posters be removed immediately and reminding them that it is an offence under the Act. Again the public should be encouraged to report fly-posting to the Local Authority.

On-the-spot fines however have largely been confined to those who have been issued with traffic fines and throw the ticket on the ground. Issuing on-the-spot fines for other types of littering offences is difficult as the offender must give his/her name and address to the Warden.

In cases where a complaint is received about illegal dumping for example, the person who witnessed the illegal dumping must be prepared to give evidence in court:- complaints usually wish to remain anonymous and are reluctant to take the matter further.

The Minister for the Environment intends to publish a new Litter Bill to strengthen enforcement and other provisions relating to litter prevention and control. When this comes into force, the Corporation can re-assess their policy and maybe introduce teams of part-time, clearly identified Litter Wardens for weekends and peak-times especially during the summer months.

7. Public Awareness and Education

Raising public awareness of the effects of litter on the environment is a major objective of "Action Against Litter". The Department of the Environment has already promoted publicity campaigns to focus public attention on the overall problem, but it is essential that a local publicity campaign is organised also.

A flyer could be included with the next domestic/commercial refuse bills giving details of the extent of the local litter problem, how much it costs, what can be done to solve it, how each person has a role to play in the campaign against litter and also a mention about recycling centres around town. The local media both newspapers and radio should also be used to promote the campaign with photographs of areas needing attention to "prick" the conscience of the public in the papers. After a few months another feature could be done showing before and after pictures. This should give encouragement and a sense of local pride to the public.

The Department of the Environment has commissioned the development of schools educational materials for primary and secondary schools. Arrangements should be made for either a member of staff or a Litter Warden to visit the schools and encourage the young people of the town to be "environmentally friendly" and also stress the importance of the recycling centres. A poster competition could be introduced in each of the schools with prizes for the best posters and slogans.

8. Tidy Towns Competition

More emphasis should be placed on the "Tidy Towns" competition. In 1996 the town got a good adjudication but there is still a lot of

improvements to be made. Litter control and tidiness being just two of those aspects.

Major improvements have been achieved in Wexford in the past few years eg. urban renewal, paving of North Main Street, development of openspaces etc. In order to build on these achievements and good adjudication reports from the Tidy Towns competition, a "Tidy Towns" committee should be established with representatives from local authorities, businesses and community groups with the objective of making Wexford a serious contender for the overall prize. Again the general public should be involved with this competition as they are as much responsible for litter and tidiness as the local authority. This would further strengthen the proposed local partnerships against litter.

A competition like that already established by the Corporation between the various residents groups for tidiest and well kept estate, could be established among the business community for best kept shopfront. Again the same idea could be used for individual gardens. This would promote civic pride and the results could be featured in the local paper.

Conclusion

All these objectives should at least be started within six months, with regular progress reports on different aspects of the "Action Against Litter" plan being brought up at monthly meetings and successes being put into the paper.

The "Action Against Litter" plan should be reviewed from time to time to take into account the objectives achieved and those still to be achieved. The main objective is of course that Wexford town should be kept litter free and as tidy as possible.

D. F. Curtin.
Town Clerk.

Date:-

'Litter: Everyone's Issue'

~ A Submission to Wexford
County Council by Wexford
Chamber of Industry and
Commerce

August 1996

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An Anti-Litter Strategy for Wexford

The Wexford Chamber of Industry and Commerce recognizes that the considerable impact of the litter problem on the town of Wexford and its environs, is unsightly, costly and unnecessary.

Litter detracts significantly from any positive external perception of the town, from both the commercial and tourism perspectives. However, it is also a problem with daily consequences for those who live and work in Wexford, and mitigates against attempts to foster civic pride in the citizens of Wexford.

The Chamber believes that the problem of litter can only be tackled effectively if *all* elements of the local community, residents and business people, are involved. A partnership approach is called for between those two communities and Wexford's local authorities in order to adequately combat litter. With that in mind, the Chamber has polled many of its members to assess their opinions on litter, and is pleased to make the following submission to Wexford County Council.

Changing Attitudes to Litter

Feedback from the Chamber's members suggests that a two-pronged, 'carrot-and-stick' approach is needed. Education, publicity and awareness-building are crucial, but must be balanced with strict enforcement of existing litter laws. (Additional local by-laws may also be required).

The Chamber believes that more frequent fines, levied on-the-spot (wherever possible), along with swifter clean-up services by the local authorities, would make people more aware of the consequences of littering. However, building this awareness only comes about if citizens feel 'ashamed' of littering their town. This is where a publicity campaign that defines littering as anti-social, like smoking in certain places, or drink-driving, will come into play.

Furthermore, the Chamber's members question whether children have, indeed, 'got' the anti-litter message, and that it is only adults who need educating. A local campaign that underlines *everyone's* obligation to respect the environment is needed.

Encouragement could be given by featuring photographs of areas needing attention in local papers, and balancing these with pictures of areas where concerted effort has succeeded in

controlling litter. We also suggest a series of incentives for those managing to control litter in their areas, and will develop this idea further in our submission.

Actions To Detect And Penalize Litter

Bugs

As has been stated, the Chamber favours *much* stronger enforcement of litter laws, with on-the-spot fines levied on those who litter. We suggest that Traffic Wardens be given greater powers to serve as Litter Wardens, capable of imposing fines and recording the names and/or car registration number of offenders. More fines levied could also contribute to making these Traffic/Litter Wardens self-financing. Teams of part-time Litter Wardens for weekends and peak-times would also be a bonus, and these should be clearly identified, with bright jackets, etc.

Thought also needs to be given to operating the local authority refuse-collecting system with greater 'productivity' - for example, many occupants of flats in Wexford do not use their own bins, and instead put their rubbish in public bins. Therefore, landlords and managers of multiple-occupancy properties should be accountable for managing and coordinating the refuse systems operated in those properties.

Rubbish bins also need to be emptied at weekends, and we would suggest a review of the time at which this is done, as bins emptied early in the morning are frequently overflowing by evening. Furthermore, the Chamber suggests that street

sweepers operate both morning and evening, seven days a week, and also over bank holidays.

There is a need to lead by example, and involve everyone in keeping public areas cleaner and tidier. Anyone - publicans, shopkeepers, residents - ignoring public areas and using them to store rubbish bins/bags, empty beer kegs, etc, should be compelled to clean the areas, or should be fined under the Litter Act.

Shabby signs and adverts, displayed in such a way that they can be torn off and blow away in the wind, should also be tackled. In addition, we would suggest that punishment for frequent or serious offenders involve some public service element, such as cleaning or tidying the environment.

Public Involvement in Fighting Litter

Street cleaning and litter collection is basically a local authority function, and should remain so, with the exceptions of the areas in front of one's house or business. (Although not part of this submission, we would suggest that this principle also be applied to times of heavy snow falls). However, the Chamber suggests that, to support this local authority function, a series of voluntary Awards Schemes and incentives could be developed to help reduce and/or manage litter in Wexford:

- Individual shopkeepers might be encouraged to provide more sponsored litter bins in front of and around their premises, and this should be backed up by more frequent cleaning/emptying of bins by the local authority. This keeps their main profile clean and tidy, and makes good commercial sense.

- 'Business Block' programmes could be developed, whereby shops and/or commercial premises could be grouped by street or block, possibly with awards or financial incentives to encourage vigilance and competition between different areas. Suitable incentives might include a reduction in commercial rates, more frequent street cleaning in the area, or a reduction in annual rubbish collection charges. A regular 'street audit' by an independent arbiter would ensure that the effort is

consistent and, again, enhanced business would result from better presentation.

- The same 'business blocks', also residents groups, should be encouraged to use the County Council landfill sites at Killurin and Ballykerogue more efficiently and frequently. To achieve this, 'points' could be awarded by voucher for every bag/load delivered to the dump. These points could later be redeemed for public amenity furniture/planting, perhaps to include benches, trees, and/or flower planting, which would be provided *pro bono* by the local authority. The onus would then be on local businesses to assist with the maintenance and upkeep of this public amenity furniture/planting.

The Chamber would be happy to collaborate with Wexford's local authorities in coordinating such a programme, and offers them its full support.

To address some of the specific, present causes of litter in Wexford, we suggest the following actions:

- A voluntary reduction should be sought in the number of plastic bags used by shops in Wexford. This could be done by sourcing strong, roomy, machine-washable canvas 'Shopping Bags', which could be sold, at cost, in a number of Retail outlets in Wexford. They would fold to a small size, and could be used again and again. Furthermore, they could be used to reinforce the anti-litter message,

by bearing a slogan such as '*Wexford, Heart of the County - Let's Keep It Clean!*'. Shopkeepers distributing the bags could be offered an incentive of some sort, and the Chamber could source sponsorship from the commercial sector to underpin the venture. This also has excellent public relations consequences for both the local authority and the business community.

- A local tax could be introduced whereby a small deposit is paid on drink cans at time of purchase, and this would then be refundable by the vendor when the empty can is returned, encouraging recycling of cans. This principal could also be extended to crisps, cigarettes, etc, as needed.

- A challenge should be issued to those businesses whose products make up the bulk of the litter. Feedback from Chamber members identifies the fast food sector as a significant producer of litter in Wexford. We would like to see them make a better effort to impress the anti-litter message on their customers. Could they be compelled to reduce the level of packaging on fast food, provide more bins, and label all packaging 'Use Litter Bin'? The fast food sector should also be called on to look at shared eating areas, like the common 'Food Courts' seen in US Shopping Malls, whereby all fast food producers contribute to the costs of cleaning the area and emptying bins frequently.

- A push for greater recycling of glass, tin and paper, is needed. More plentiful, and more accessible, drop-off/collection points for these materials are needed, along with more frequent collection. Also, awareness-building initiatives such as Wexford County Council's 1996 Calendar, with its recycling message, are to be commended and encouraged.

In conclusion, the Chamber calls for much stronger enforcement of litter legislation, with instant fines against those who violate the law (s). This needs to be balanced by a series of incentives to encourage voluntary collaboration between the public, the business community, and the local authorities.

We offer our full support to Wexford County Council in this regard, and congratulate them on their initiative in seeking submissions from the broader community.

Chamber Submission - Background

The Retail Committee of Wexford Chamber of Industry and Commerce was pleased to coordinate this Submission on Litter to Wexford County Council. The following people were involved in preparing the submission:

Mr Turlough Coffey, T J Coffey
Ms Irene Walker, Selskar Abbey Antiques
Mr Tony Robinson, Spectrum
Mr Dessie Allen, Westgate Guest House
Mr Damian Lynch, Faythe Guest house
Mr Ciaran Culleton, Culleton Insurance
Mr John Roche, Caesar's Palace
Mr John Crean, W B Nunn
Ms Catherine O'Connor, M J O'Connor
Ms Mary Atkinson, Franchesca's Fabrics
Mr John Rath, Shoe Style International
Mr Liam Dwyer, South East Radio
Ms Alison Begas, Wexford Chamber of Industry and Commerce
Mr James O'Connor, Greenacres (Chairman, Retail Committee)
Mr David Wagstaff, Slaney Industries (President, Wexford Chamber of Industry and Commerce)

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2nd May, 1997

**TO EACH MEMBER OF
WEXFORD BOROUGH COUNCIL**

RE:- Amenity/Cultural/Residents Grants Scheme, 1997.

Dear Member,

I attach herewith for your consideration a list of applications received under the above Scheme together with recommended allocations for the current year.

Yours sincerely,

**D. F. Curtin,
Town Clerk.**

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AMENITY/CULTURAL/RESIDENTS ASSOCIATION GRANTS 1997

	NAME OF ORGANISATION	GRANTED 1996	PROPOSED GRANT 1997
	<u>AMENITY GRANTS</u>		
(1)	Ard Aoibhinn Centre	£200.00	£200.00
(2)	Bride St./Rowe St. Community Games	£100.00	£100.00
(3)	C.B.S.I. 13th Wexford Scout Unit	£200.00	£200.00
(4)	Chernobyl Children's Irish Aid Programme	£300.00	£300.00
(5)	Clonard Community Games	£100.00	£100.00
(6)	Clonard Golden Years Club	£50.00	£50.00
(7)	Clonard Majorettes and Drum Corps.	£50.00	£50.00
(8)	Clonard Youth Club	-	£100.00
(9)	D.M.P. Athletic Club	£100.00	£100.00
(10)	Holy Family Confraternity Band	£300.00	£300.00
(11)	Irish Foster Care Assoc.	-	£200.00
(12)	I.S.P.C.C. (Steps Project)	£200.00	£200.00
(13)	Lifestart Wexford	-	£100.00
(14)	Local Defence Force	£50.00	£50.00
(15)	Loch Garman Amateur Boxing Club	£200.00	£200.00
(16)	Loch Garman Silver Band	£300.00	£300.00
(17)	Maudlintown Play Scheme	£300.00	£300.00
(18)	National Graves Assoc. (Wexford Branch)	£100.00	£100.00
(19)	O.N.E.	-	£50.00
(20)	Physically Challenged Irish Youth Team Inc.	-	£200.00
(21)	St. Ibar's/St. Josephs Boxing Club	£100.00	£100.00
(22)	St. John's Volunteers (Bord na N'Og)	-	£100.00
(23)	St. John's Volunteers G.F.C.	£200.00	£250.00
(24)	St. Mary's G.F.C.	£250.00	£250.00
(25)	St. Patrick's Day Parade Committee	£300.00	£300.00
(26)	St. Patrick's Fife and Drum Band	£300.00	£300.00
(27)	Town Celtic F.C.	£150.00	£150.00
(28)	Wexford Acro-Gymnastics Club	£100.00	£100.00
(29)	Wexford Carers Assoc.	£100.00	£100.00
(30)	Wexford C.B.S. Boxing Club	£100.00	£100.00
(31)	2nd Wexford C.B.S.I.	£200.00	£200.00
(32)	Wexford Centre for the Unemployed	£100.00	£100.00

	NAME OF ORGANISATION	GRANTED 1996	PROPOSED GRANT 1997
(33)	Wexford Community Games	£100.00	£100.00
(34)	Wexford Deaf Assoc.	£100.00	£100.00
(35)	Wexford & District Sea Anglers Assoc.	£100.00	£100.00
(36)	Wexford Fly Fishing Assoc.	£50.00	£50.00
(37)	Wexford Friends of the Tall Ships	£200.00	£200.00
(38)	Wexford in Bloom	£200.00	£200.00
(39)	Wexford Ladies Social Club	£100.00	£100.00
(40)	Wexford Life Saving Club	£150.00	£150.00
(41)	Wexford Pantomime Society	£100.00	£100.00
(42)	Wexford Parks Tennis	£200.00	£200.00
(43)	Wexford Swimming Club	£200.00	£200.00
(44)	Wexford Twinning Council	£550.00	£550.00
(45)	Wexford Volunteer Stroke Scheme	£100.00	£100.00
(46)	Wexford Wanderers Cricket Club	£50.00	£50.00
(47)	Wexford Area Water Safety Committee	£150.00	£150.00
(48)	Wexford Wheelchair Assoc.	£100.00	£100.00
(49)	Windmill Therapeutic (Training) Unit	£200.00	£200.00
(50)	Wolfe Tone Villas Community House	£100.00	£100.00
(51)	Wolfe Tone Villas Playscheme	£150.00	£150.00
(52)	Co-Operation North Exchange	-	£150.00
(53)	Wexford Able Disabled Club	£100.00	£100.00
(54)	Sinead Winters	-	£100.00
	<u>RESIDENTS ASSOCIATIONS</u>		
(1)	Bishop's Park Residents Assoc. (3-15)	£400.00	£400.00
(2)	Bishospwater Residents Assoc.	£400.00	£400.00
(3)	Corish Park Residents Assoc.	£400.00	£400.00
(4)	Fishers Row Residents Assoc.	£400.00	£400.00
(5)	Kennedy Park Residents Assoc. (49-64)	£400.00	£400.00
(6)	Maudlintown Residents Assoc.	£400.00	£400.00
(7)	Parklands Residents Assoc.	£400.00	£400.00
(8)	Pineridge Residents Assoc.	£400.00	£400.00
(9)	Wolfe Tone Villas Residents Assoc.	£400.00	£400.00
	<u>CULTURAL GRANTS</u>		
(1)	Bui Bolg	£600.00	£600.00
(2)	Cornmarket Art Group	-	£100.00
(3)	Legend & Laughter Theatre Company	-	£250.00
(4)	Music for Wexford	£150.00	£150.00
(5)	Myriad Dance Foundation	£200.00	£200.00
(6)	Oyster Lane Theatre Group	£250.00	£250.00

	NAME OF ORGANISATION	GRANTED 1996	PROPOSED GRANT 1997
(7)	Wexford Light Opera Society	£150.00	£250.00
(8)	David Rane Writer/Director	-	£100.00
(9)	The Irish Photographic Federation	-	£100.00
(10)	Wexford Arts Centre	£1,400.00	£1,400.00
(11)	Wexford Drama Group	£100.00	£100.00
(12)	Wexford Festival Opera	£2,500.00	£2,500.00
(13)	Wexford Festival Singers	£200.00	£200.00
(14)	Wexford Ladies Choir	£500.00	£500.00
(15)	Wexford Male Voice Choir	£400.00	£400.00
(16)	Wexford Sinfonia	£200.00	£200.00
(17)	Wexford Viking Festival	£300.00	£300.00
(18)	Wexford Womens Literary Group	£50.00	£50.00
(19)	Wolfe Tone Community Arts Group	£100.00	£100.00
(20)	Wexford Youth Theatre	£100.00	£100.00
(21)	Yellow Umbrella Theatre Group	-	£200.00

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14TH MAY. 1997

**TO EACH MEMBER OF
THE WEXFORD BOROUGH COUNCIL.**

**RE/ WEXFORD MAIN DRAINAGE/PERMANENT ROAD
REINSTATEMENT 1997.**

Dear Member,

The Department of the Environment allocation of funding for the above work in 1997 is £365,000. Additional funds from the Urban Road Grant and under the Main Drainage Scheme Contract brings this figure to approximately £550,000.

The attached proposed schedule of roads lists the roads it is estimated will be reached on within this budget.

Note that the total estimated cost of fully resurfacing all of the roads affected by the Main Drainage Scheme, Contract 1, Pipelines is £2.9 million. This figure has been submitted to the Department.

The expenditure at the end of 1997 will be £1.3 m. There is £350,000 available under the Main Drainage Contract for the permanent reinstatement of pipe cuttings in the roads. This leaves a shortfall of £1.26 m approx.

If we are to achieve the standard of road finish comparable with that achieved under the 1996 programme throughout the town, it will be necessary to provide for this level of funding.

Yours faithfully,

**T. FAHEY,
BOROUGH ENGINEER.**

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Wexford Corporation Road Restoration Programme Phase 2

Enclosed are the roads proposed for phase 2 of the above programme

BRIDE ST
ROCHES RD
SCHOOL ST
LWR JOHN ST
UPR JOHN ST
PETERS SQ

GEORGES STREET LWR
GEORGES STREET UPR

FRANCES STREET
WATERLOO RD

GROGENS RD
CARIGEEN ST

FISHERS ROW

WHITEMILL ROAD
KENNEDY PARK 'SCHOOL
CORISH PARK

MULGANNON ROAD
[section within Town Bdy]

DAVITT RD NORTH

NORTH MAIN ST
MONCK ST
HENRIETTA ST

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TO EACH MEMBER OF
WEXFORD BOROUGH COUNCIL.

RE/ IMPROVEMENT OF JOHN'S ROAD/DAVITT ROAD JUNCTION

- ◆ Improving the sight lines at this junction would involve land takes from small front gardens and is not under consideration.
- ◆ Traffic lights were considered some years ago, but were not justified by the volume of traffic. This can be reviewed during the Traffic Management Study.
- ◆ The white yield line has been renewed.
- ◆ Advance Warning Signs on the approach roads will be renewed.
- ◆ The statutory no parking area close to the junction will be yellow lined.

T. FAHEY
BOROUGH ENGINEER.

14TH MAY, 1997.

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14th May, 19

**TO EACH MEMBER OF
WEXFORD BOROUGH COUNCIL.**

**RE/ COMMENTS ON SUBMISSION TO WEXFORD
CORPORATION FOR PURCHASE AND DEVELOPMENT
OF LANDS AT CARRIGLAWN, WEXFORD.**

Dear Member,

My comments on this proposal are, of necessity, brief as the document has only recently come to hand.

The 14 acres of the approx. 23 acres in Corporation ownership is primarily zoned residential in the Development Plan with Specific Objectives of community facilities and Neighbourhood Centre.

There are a number of technical difficulties with the proposed use, e.g., drainage, car parking, access junction with the Regional Road.

The development would be subject to the planning process, at which time both the zoning and technical problems would be properly addressed.

The site can be serviced with water, but not at this time with sewerage, but this is currently under consideration.

I understand that at this time the proposers seek a letter of comfort from Wexford Corporation that, in principle, they would consider the disposal of the 14 acres for the proposed use.

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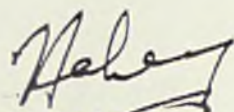
RECOMMENDATION:

The amenity proposed would be of major benefit to the town, but requires major private investment. The Carcur Tiphead site was previously earmarked for a similar development but, to date, has failed to attract the necessary private funds. The proposer has investigated both sites, I assume, and is prepared to invest £400,000 in the Carriglawn site, plus purchase price.

The Members have previously rejected Corporation housing on this site due to its distance from town. That appears to leave the option of putting the site on the open market or taking advantage of this proposal to provide such a recreational amenity.

I recommend that the proposal not be rejected.

Yours faithfully,



**T. FAHEY,
BOROUGH ENGINEER.**



INTRODUCTION

SUBMISSION TO

WEXFORD CORPORATION

FOR PURCHASE

AND DEVELOPMENT

OF LANDS AT

CARRIGLAWN, WEXFORD.



INTRODUCTION

Ladies and gentlemen of the Corporation, the Executive committee of the Wexford & District League are making this submission to you, in the hope that you will allow us to purchase approx. 14 acres of Corporation owned ground in Carriglawn, at a reasonable cost to us, for the purpose of developing two full-size soccer pitches, plus necessary buildings, car parks, etc.

We have been searching fruitlessly for a number of years for a suitable, desirable location for a county ground for soccer in Wexford. In choosing this parcel of land in Wexford town, we are mindful of the need for a central, accessible focal point for all our major activities.

Later in this presentation, we will address the more practical details of our plans. In summary, we have in place a very dedicated, energetic and focussed pitch development committee, who would very much like to bring these plans to fruition. As a consequence, Wexford would have a much needed recreational facility, to be enjoyed in full by present and future generations of players, officials, parents, mentors, etc.



BACKGROUND

Organised soccer became part of Wexford sport in the mid 1950s, with a handful of clubs participating in 'challenge' games. In 1961 the Wexford & District Soccer League was officially formed, thanks to the foresight of a number of people, who initially laid the foundations for what is, today, the biggest single-county league in Ireland (outside Dublin and Cork).

When it began, the league had a small number of teams, competing in one division. At the start of the present season, there were 102 senior teams, 34 youth (u-18) teams, plus approx 135 schoolboy teams participating each week from September through to mid-May, involving approx 5,000 registered players, not to mention the additional number of team mentors, officials, supporters, etc. There are nine senior divisions, four youth divisions, plus the schoolboy leagues catering for under-10, 12, 14 and 16 year olds.

The rapid expansion of the league in recent years, can best be shown by our youth league, which had only 14 teams in 1991 compared to 34 teams in 96-'97 season.

Throughout the thirty-six years, the structure of the organisation has become more and more professional each season. Every year the number of teams wishing to enter, multiplies, requiring more divisions to be formed, and that involves a professional approach from each member of the working committee, which is elected annually by the clubs at the general meeting.



The standard of the game in Wexford has also continually improved and there are several examples to show that this is so. New Ross Celtic are former winners of the Leinster Junior Cup, they reached the final of the F.A.I. Junior Cup in 1994 with a record attendance at that match in Tipperary. North End United regularly get to the last four in Leinster competitions. Bunclody won the provincial section of the Leinster Youth Cup, reached the Leinster Final and also the semi-final of the F.A.I. Youth Cup - all tremendous achievements, in 1995.

Our own county youth team were only ousted on a penalty shoot-out in the All-Ireland semi-final of 1995.

A south-east selection, made up primarily of Wexford youth league players, took on the touring Westfalia regional team from Germany in Arklow in July of 95 and were most unlucky to lose, giving the Germans their toughest test of the entire tour. Last July, when it was Leinster's turn to tour Germany, Wexford had two of their players on the Leinster team, which was further recognition for our standard of play.

In the last couple of seasons also, Wexford has had four under-15 players capped for Ireland at schoolboy international level, with all four boys signing on for professional clubs in Britain, including Glasgow Celtic, Everton and Leeds United.

Clubs too have had to take a look at their own progress, and many have taken the huge steps of purchasing and developing their own grounds: testimony to their belief that the game is going to become even stronger in future years. It is now imperative that the League takes steps to establish its own county ground, and show the way to the rest of its member clubs.



Soccer has become a huge sport in Wexford, with virtually every household involved in one way or another. To ensure that this healthy sporting tradition continues to make progress, we ask for your help in making our plans a reality.

The current Executive Committee of the Wexford League is made up as follows:

Chairman: Sean Millar

Secretary: Danny Kearney

Treasurer: Sean Parker

Vice-Chairman: Pat Loftus

Assistant Secretary: Jim Carthy

Assistant Treasurer: Gwyn Jones

P.R.O. & Fixtures Secretary: Pat Whitty

Registrar: Willie Dempsey

Committee: Brendan Duffin, Pat Moore, Tommy Walsh,

Sean Murphy, Billy McDonald.

Leinster Senior and F.A.I. Junior Council Representative: Pat Whitty

Leinster Junior Council Representative: Sean Parker

Pat Whitty is also one of the nine Leinster Senior Council representatives on F.A.I. Senior Council.



FINANCE

We have, through prudent financial management, accumulated a fund of approx £70,000 toward the cost of buying and developing our own grounds. Last year, the League approached the Minister of Sport, Mr. Allen with details of our plans for the site at Carriglawn and were delighted to be allocated a lottery grant of £50,000, subject to work beginning on-site.

We also have written confirmation from Bank of Ireland, of their willingness to loan us a minimum of £85,000 for pitch development, re-payable over ten years.

Given the huge cost of this type of project, we are conscious of the need to generate more income and we have a sub-committee in place, with a specific brief of raising finance.

We would also, of course be looking to our parent body, the F.A.I. to grant-aid the project. The F.A.I. have a set criteria in place for this type of grant and we will pursue this at the relevant stage of development.



USAGE OF FACILITIES

The ground would be used primarily for the playing of inter-county games at all levels, senior, youth, schoolboys and ladies. It will also be used for all domestic cup semi-finals and finals (traditionally played at neutral venues). We would have the possibility of hosting prestigious representative games, Leinster and F.A.I. Junior Cup matches, Oscar Traynor Trophy games, etc. Organising coaching-summer camp courses involving some high-profile soccer personalities would also be on our agenda. There are six schools, Primary and Post Primary, within a radius of one mile of the proposed site at Carriglawn and not one of these schools have any outdoor sporting facilities, with the exception of St. Peter's College, who do not cater for soccer.

We would envisage creating some indoor facilities along with developing a central office for our administrative requirements. When it is up and running, the centre would be a major boost to all involved as a social and recreational outlet.



THE COST

PHASE I

A. Excavate landscape, retain and compact to form 3 level surfaces and construct 3 drainage pitches and 2 terraces	£110,000.00
B. Entrance, Services and Car Park	£55,000.00
C. Fencing 800 Lineal Mts to enclose ground	£35,000.00

PHASE II

A. Building Complex to include:

(1) 4 Dressing Rooms	
(2) Showers and Toilets	
(3) Referees Room and Boot Room	
(4) Tea Room	
(5) 5-a-side Court	
(6) Function Room	£155,000.00

£355,000.00

Plus V.A.T. @ 12.5% £44,375.00

£399,375.00

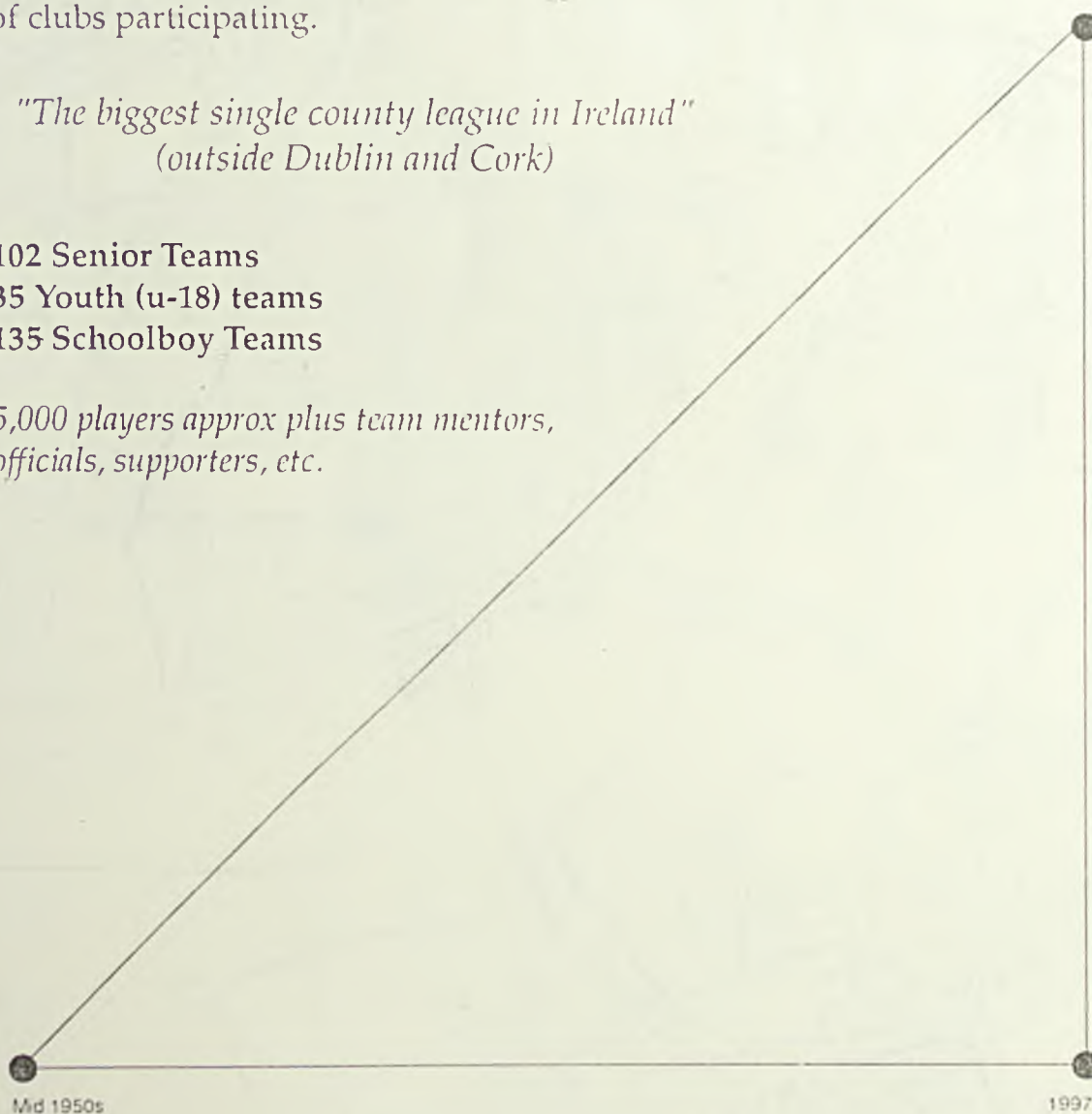


The standard of soccer in Wexford has risen as dramatically as the amount of clubs participating.

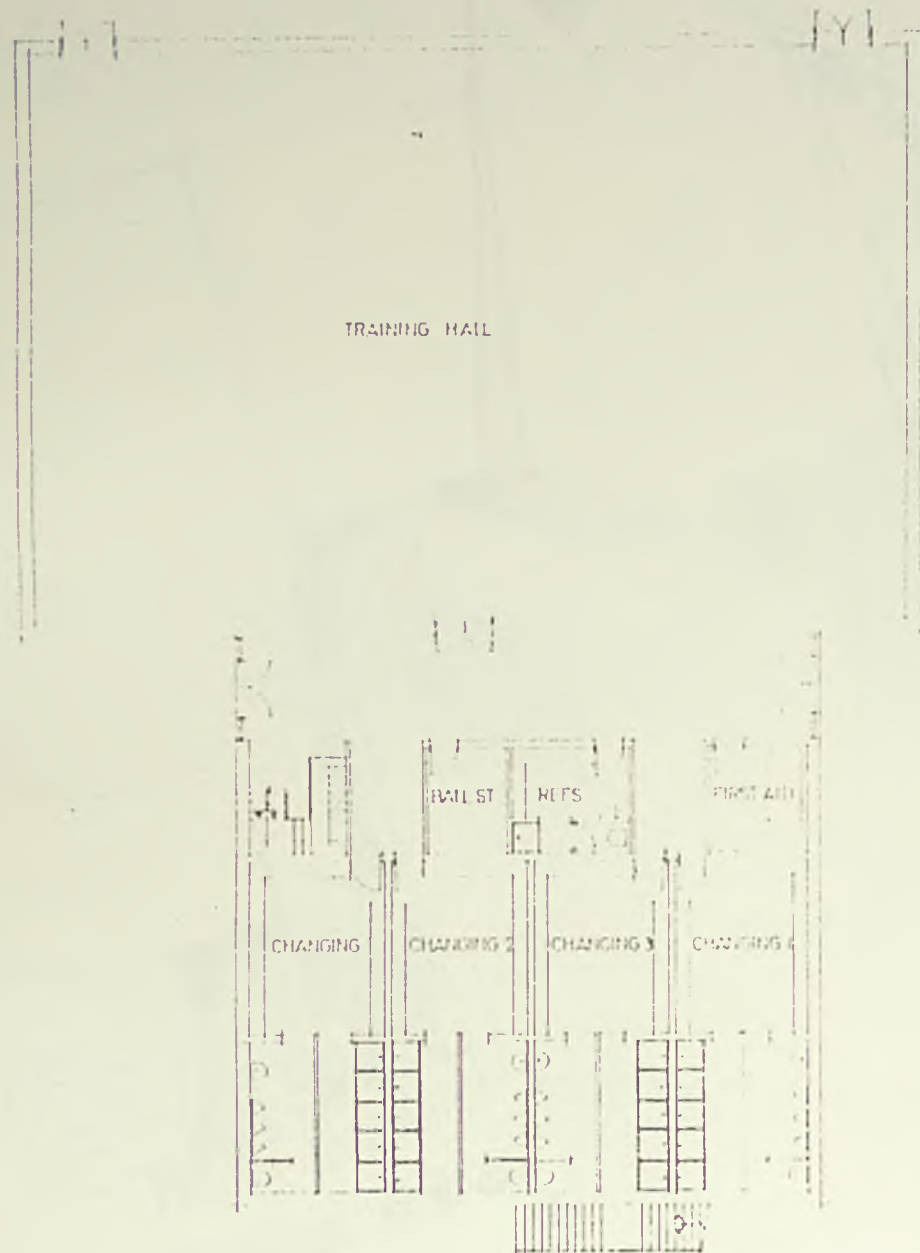
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(outside Dublin and Cork)*

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GROUND FLOOR PLAN

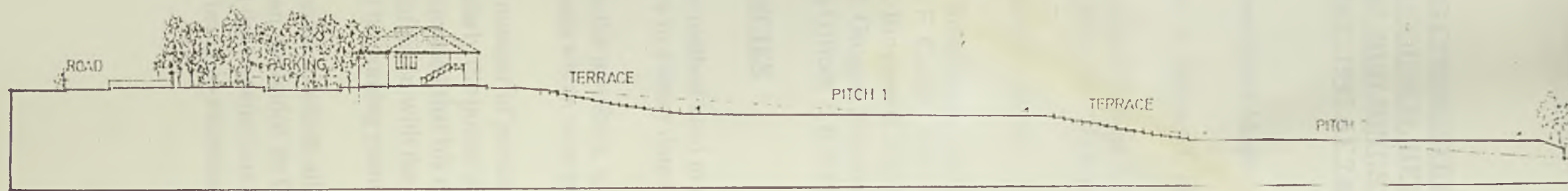


FIRST FLOOR PLAN

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SPECIAL MEETING OF WEXFORD BOROUGH COUNCIL HELD AT
7.30 P.M. ON 20TH MAY, 1997 IN THE COUNCIL CHAMBER,
MUNICIPAL BUILDINGS, WEXFORD.

Presiding:- His Worship the Mayor, Cllr. D.M. Kiernan.

Aldermen:- P. Reck, G. Byrne.

Councillors:- N. Kavanagh, E. O'Connor, M. Furlong.

Apologies from Ald. Howlin, Ald. Fenlon, Cllr. Nolan and Cllr. Roche for their inability to attend the meeting were noted.

In Attendance:- Mr. D.F. Curtin, Town Clerk.
Supt. J. Kehoe.
Inspector T. Sanderson.

At the outset of the meeting His Worship the Mayor welcomed Supt. Kehoe and Inspector Sanderson to the meeting and asked them to give an up-date on the present security/crime position in the town.

Supt. Kehoe thanked the Mayor and Corporation for the invitation to attend the meeting and stated that he considered such a meeting to be invaluable. He then outlined the present scope of Gardai powers.

A lengthy discussion ensued to which all members contributed following which His Worship the Mayor thanked Supt. Kehoe and Inspector Sanderson for their attendance and it was agreed that a further meeting would be held in Sept./October next.

THIS CONCLUDED THE BUSINESS OF THE MEETING.

SIGNED THIS ²⁰ DAY OF JUNE, 1997.



MAYOR OF WEXFORD.

MINUTES OF PROTOCOL COMMITTEE MEETING OF WEXFORD
BOROUGH COUNCIL HELD AT 8.30 P.M. ON MONDAY 9TH JUNE,
1997 IN THE COUNCIL CHAMBER, MUNICIPAL BUILDINGS,
WEXFORD.

Presiding:- His Worship the Mayor, Cllr. D.M. Kiernan.

Aldermen:- P. Reck, G. Byrne.

Councillors:- J. O'Flaherty, P. Roche.

In attendance:- Mr. D. F. Curtin, Town Clerk.

1997 Barry Commemoration Ceremony.

His Worship the Mayor reported to the meeting on arrangements for the 1997 Barry Ceremony. It was agreed that in the absence of the Minister of State, Mrs. A.Doyle, His Worship the Mayor, on this occasion, would lay the wreath at the Maritime Memorial.

His Worship the Mayor also informed the meeting that Congressman Mario Biaggi would attend the Ceremony and it was agreed on the proposal of Ald. Reck seconded by Ald. Byrne that a Civic Reception would be afforded to Congressman Biaggi on 14th June, 1997 at a time to be fixed by His Worship the Mayor.

Conferences.

The attached list of conferences/seminars was then considered and it was agreed to recommend that His Worship the Mayor plus two delegates would attend at Nos. 5, 7 and 10.

Use of Wexford Town Crest.

A list of bodies granted permission to use the Town Crest was then circulated. It was agreed to further consider same at the next Protocol Committee Meeting.

1998 St. Patrick's Day Parade.

A letter from the St. Patrick's Day Parade Committee requesting grant aid for the 1998 Parade was then considered. It was agreed to recommend that the Estimates Committee consider a grant of £2,500 for this special 1998 Parade.

Visit to Cassis.

It was agreed on the proposal of Ald. Reck seconded by Cllr. Roche that His Worship the Mayor, Town Clerk and a representative of the Festival would visit Cassis on the weekend of 21st June, 1997 to develop cultural links with Cassis.

THIS CONCLUDED THE BUSINESS OF THE MEETING.

SIGNED THIS 1 DAY OF Sept 1997.

Eddie O'Connor

MAYOR OF WEXFORD.

LIST OF CONFERENCES/SEMINARS - PROTOCOL COMMITTEE MEETING.

1. Fourth International Conference on Local Government Taxation.
Venue:- Rome.
Dates:- 2nd to 5th June, 1997.

Conference Fee:- £655.00 Expenses:- £475
2. Third National Landscape Forum.
Venue:- St. Patrick's College, Maynooth.
Dates:- 18th/19th June, 1997.

Conference Fee:- £155.00 Expenses:- £217.00
3. 3rd Annual International Conference.
Theme:- "Ireland - A Model for Success in Europe".
Venue:- Jurys Hotel, Ennis Road, Limerick.
Dates:- 19th/20th June, 1997.

Conference Fee:- £100.00 Expenses:- £260.00
4. Conference - "Supporting Small Enterprises".
Venue:- Killeshin Hotel, Portlaoise.
Dates:- 4th/5th September, 1997.

Conference Fee:- £80.00 Expenses:- £190.00
5. Conference:- "Better Local Government - Opportunities for Local Development".
Dates:- 10th/11th October, 1997.
Venue:- Ballina.

Conference Fee:- £90.00 Expenses:- £428.00
6. 1997 La Touche Legacy Seminar - "Has the Computer age passed the Local Councillor by?"
Venue:- La Touche Hotel, Greystones, Co. Wicklow.
Dates:- 3rd - 5th October, 1997.

Conference Fee:- £90.00 Expenses:- £228.00

7. L.A.M.A./National Association of Councillors
Joint North/South Local Authority Conference.
Venue:- Royal Hotel & Leisure Centre, Bray.
Dates:- 10th - 12th October, 1997.

Conference Fee:- £90.00 Expenses:- £260.00

8. Social Study Conference - 45th Annual Summer School.
Venue:- Abbey Hotel, Donegal.
Dates:- 12th - 15th June, 1997.

Conference Fee:- £100.00 Expenses:- £603.00

9. Walled Towns Friendship Circle.
7th International Symposium.
Venue:- Chester, England.
Dates:- 8-10th July, 1997.

Conference Fee:- £185.00 Expenses:- £460.00

10. National Housing & Planning Conference & Exhibition.
Venue:- Bournemouth International Centre.
Dates:- 20th-23rd October, 1997.

Conference Fee:- £399.50 Expenses:- £538.00

MINUTES OF MONTHLY MEETING OF WEXFORD BOROUGH COUNCIL HELD AT 7.30 P.M. ON MONDAY 9TH JUNE, 1997 IN THE COUNCIL CHAMBER, MUNICIPAL BUILDINGS, WEXFORD.

Presiding:- His Worship the Mayor, Cllr. D.M. Kiernan.

Aldermen:- P. Reck, T. Howlin, G. Byrne.

Councillors:- P. Nolan, N. Kavanagh, E. O'Connor, M. Furlong,
P. Roche, J. O'Flaherty.

Apologies from Ald. Fenlon and Cllr. Enright for their inability to attend the meeting were noted.

In Attendance:- Mr. A. Doyle, County Secretary.
Mr. D.F. Curtin, Town Clerk.
Mr. T. Fahey, Borough Engineer.
Mr. P. Collins, Borough Accountant.

VOTE OF SYMPATHY.

On the proposal of His Worship the Mayor seconded by Ald. Byrne a unanimous vote of sympathy was extended to the family and friends of the late Ms. Nellie Walsh, R.I.P. All members and the Town Clerk on his own behalf and on behalf of the staff associated with the expression of sympathy. The vote was passed in silence, all standing.

GENERAL ELECTION 1997.

His Worship the Mayor referred to the recent election and congratulated all successful candidates and commiserated with unsuccessful candidates, particularly Cllr. Enright and former Mayor Avril Doyle.

MINUTES.

The minutes of the Monthly Meeting held on 12th May, 1997, copies of which had previously been circulated were confirmed and signed on the proposal of Cllr. Nolan seconded by Ald. Howlin.

The minutes of the following Committee Meetings and the recommendations contained therein, copies of which had previously been circulated were confirmed and signed on the proposal of Cllr. O'Flaherty seconded by Ald. Byrne:-

- a. Housing Committee Meeting held on 14.5.97.
- b. General Purposes Committee Meeting held on 14.5.97.
- c. Special Meeting held on 20th May, 1997.

DISPOSAL OF LAND.

On the proposal of Ald. Howlin seconded by Ald. Byrne it was unanimously agreed to authorise disposal of land at Coolcotts pursuant to Section 83 of the Local Government Act 1946 and Section 88 of the Housing Act 1966 in accordance with Notice dated 19th May, 1997 as previously circulated.

GRANTING OF LEASE.

On the proposal of Ald. Byrne seconded by Ald. Howlin it was unanimously agreed to authorise granting of lease of property at Belvedere Grove, Wexford, to the E.S.B., pursuant to the terms of Section 83 of the Local Government Act 1946 as amended by Section 88(3) of the Housing Act, 1966 in accordance with Notice dated 21st May, 1997, as previously circulated.

Chimneys at Lee Heights, Walnut Grove.

The following motion was proposed by Cllr. Nolan seconded by Cllr. Roche:-

"That Wexford Borough Council carryout an immediate investigation to determine the reason why all the chimneys in Lee Heights, Walnut Grove are bellowing smoke. The vast majority of the chimneys are in the sittingrooms and some of them are in both sittingrooms and kitchens".

In reply to the motion the Borough Engineer stated that the Architect and Clerk of Works were presently investigating the matter and he was awaiting their report which he expected to have for the next General Purposes Committee Meeting. Following further discussion the motion was unanimously adopted.

Grates at Fisher's Row/The Faythe.

The following motion was proposed by Ald. Byrne seconded by Cllr. Roche:-

"That this Corporation agree to change the grates that are in place outside houses from Fisher's Row to The Faythe School".

In reply to the motion the Borough Engineer stated that a solution was presently being examined and he would report to the next meeting of the General Purposes Committee Meeting.

Wygram Junction.

The following motion was proposed by Ald. Byrne seconded by Ald. Reck:-

"That this Corporation unanimously agree to reconstruct Wygram to ease the traffic hold-ups at the junction to Newtown Road".

Following discussion on the motion it was agreed to amend the motion as follows:-

"That this Corporation unanimously agree to request Wexford County Council, who are the appropriate road authority, to reconstruct Wygram to ease the traffic hold-ups at the junction to Newtown Road.

Following further discussion the amended motion was unanimously adopted. It was further agreed that the Borough Engineer would arrange to have the pedestrian lights at this junction repaired.

Traffic Ramps at Bishopswater.

The following motion was proposed by Cllr. Roche seconded by Ald. Howlin:-

"That this Council's officials examine the possibility of erecting ramps for traffic in Bishopswater area".

During discussion on the motion it was agreed to consider report from the Borough Engineer at the next Traffic Management Committee Meeting.

Housing.

The following motion was proposed by Cllr. Roche seconded by Ald. Howlin:-

"That it be policy of this Council that there be no boarded up houses while there are people in need of rehousing and that where repairs are needed on vacant dwellings, these repairs be carried out as a matter of top priority.

A lengthy discussion ensued to which all members contributed. In reply to questions the Town Clerk stated that when housing lists are available houses are allocated immediately in accordance with the priority on the lists. The recent once-off problem in not having current housing lists had now been resolved as the members were aware and all available houses had been allocated in accordance with the priority lists. Unfortunately this procedure, whilst correct from the point of view of transparency, in the system of allocating houses from time to time cause delays (e.g. in the case of a refusal by an applicant of particular houses offered) in the allocation of houses and because of potential vandalism, the experience of which is growing in recent years, it was necessary in some instances to secure vacant houses. In addition there was a particular problem in allocating houses in some of the housing estates in town and he suggested that the next housing meeting would address this problem. At present a Draft Estate Management Programme is being prepared by the Housing Officer and this will include provisions for involvement of resident groups in securing and keeping safe vacant houses when they arise. This Draft Programme would be considered at a future housing meeting later in the year.

MEETINGS.

It was agreed that the following meetings would be held:-

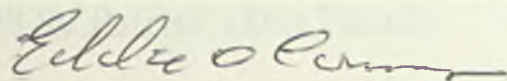
On the proposal of Cllr. Nolan seconded by Ald. Byrne it was agreed that the Annual Meeting would be held at 7.30 p.m. on 2nd July, 1997 in the Arts Centre.

General Purposes Committee Meeting - 8.00 p.m. on 24th June, 1997.

Housing Meeting - 7.00 p.m. on 24th June, 1997.

THIS CONCLUDED THE BUSINESS OF THE MEETING.

SIGNED THIS 1st DAY OF Sept. 1997.



MAYOR OF WEXFORD.

MINUTES OF ANNUAL MEETING OF WEXFORD BOROUGH
COUNCIL HELD AT 7.30 P.M. ON WEDNESDAY 2ND JULY, 1997 IN
THE ARTS CENTRE, CORNMARKEt, WEXFORD.

Presiding:- His Worship the Mayor, Cllr. D.M. Kiernan.

Aldermen:- P. Reck, A. Fenlon, T. Howlin, G. Byrne.

Councillors:- M. Enright, P. Nolan, N. Kavanagh, E. O'Connor,
M. Furlong, P. Roche, J. O'Flaherty.

In Attendance:- Mr. S. Dooley, County Manager.
Mr. D.F. Curtin, Town Clerk.
Mr. P. Collins, Borough Accountant.
Mr. J. J. O'Connor, Solicitor.

At the outset of the meeting His Worship the Mayor welcomed all members of the public to the meeting. He paid tribute to all who had assisted in making his term as Mayor such a success and reviewed major projects undertaken and planned during his year of office. He also thanked the Council, press, general public and staff of the Corporation for their help and co-operation during his year of office.

His Worship the Mayor then called for nominations for the office of Mayor who would hold office until the 1st meeting due to be held on a day not being more than 14 days before or after the anniversary of the present meeting.

Councillor E. O'Connor was proposed by Cllr. Roche seconded by Ald. Howlin.

Councillor Enright was proposed by Cllr. Furlong seconded by Cllr. Enright.

There being no other nominations a poll was taken which resulted as follows:-

In Favour of Cllr. O'Connor.

Ald. Reck, Ald. Byrne, Ald. Howlin, Cllr. Nolan, Cllr. O'Connor, Cllr. Kavanagh, Cllr. Roche, Cllr. O'Flaherty, Cllr. Kiernan. (9).

In Favour of Cllr. Enright.

Ald. Fenlon, Cllr. Enright, Cllr. Furlong. (3).

Following the poll Cllr. O'Connor was declared to be elected as Mayor of Wexford for the ensuing year. The newly elected Mayor was then vested with the robe and chain of office and assumed the Chair of the meeting.

The newly elected Mayor then thanked his proposer and seconder and all who had supported him and paid tribute to Cllr. Kiernan on the excellent manner in which he carried out his duties as Mayor for the preceding term. He cited as his priorities for his year as Mayor:-

1. Litter and the Environment.
2. Street Lighting.
3. Crime.
4. Tourism.

All members congratulated the Mayor on his election and paid tribute to the outgoing Mayor. Cllr. Kiernan then congratulated the newly elected Mayor and thanked all members for their comments. The Manager on his own behalf and on behalf of the staff associated with the congratulations and tributes and pledged that he and the executive of the Corporation would support the incoming Mayor in achieving his stated aims.

QUARTERLY MEETINGS.

On the suggestion of the Town Clerk it was unanimously agreed on the proposal of Cllr. O'Flaherty seconded by Cllr. Roche that the Quarterly Meetings for the remainder of the year would be held on 1st September, 1997, 5th January, 1998 and 6th April, 1998.

SUB-REGIONAL REVIEW COMMITTEE.

Consideration was then given to the nomination of one member of the Borough Council who in addition to the Mayor ex-officio would act on the Sub Regional Review Committee.

Cllr. Nolan was proposed by Cllr. O'Flaherty seconded by Ald. Byrne.

Cllr. Roche was proposed by Ald. Howlin seconded by Cllr. O'Connor.

A poll was taken which resulted as follows:-

In Favour of Cllr. Nolan.

Ald. Byrne, Cllr. Nolan, Cllr. O'Flaherty, Cllr. D.M. Kiernan, Ald. Reck
(5).

In Favour of Cllr. Roche.

Ald. Fenlon, Ald. Howlin, Cllr. Enright, Cllr. Kavanagh, Cllr. O'Connor,
Cllr. Furlong, Cllr. Roche. (7).

The majority being in favour of Cllr. Roche, Cllr. Roche was declared to
the nominee of the Borough Council.

THIS CONCLUDED THE BUSINESS OF THE MEETING.

SIGNED THIS 1 DAY OF SEPT 1997.

MAYOR OF WEXFORD.

Eddie O'Connor

**MINUTES OF SPECIAL MEETING OF MEMBERS OF
WEXFORD BOROUGH COUNCIL. WEXFORD DISTRICT
COMMITTEE AND ENNISCORTHY DISTRICT COMMITTEE
HELD IN THE COUNCIL CHAMBER, COUNTY HALL,
WEXFORD ON MONDAY, 7TH JULY, 1997 AT 6.00 P.M.**

PRESENT:

Elected Representatives:- Cllr. L. Allen, Cllr. J. Bolger, Cllr. J. Browne, —
Ald. G. Byrne, Cllr. T. Carr, Cllr. L. Carthy,
Cllr. H. Corish-Wylde, Cllr. M. Enright,
Ald. A. Fenlon, Cllr. M. Furlong,
Ald. T. Howlin, Cllr. N. Kavanagh,
Cllr. D. Kiernan, Cllr. E. O'Connor,
Cllr. J. O'Flaherty, Ald. P. Reck,
Cllr. P. Roche, Cllr. M. Sinnott, Cllr. J. Walsh.

Officials:-

Mr. S. Dooley, County Manager
Mr. A. Doyle, County Secretary
Mr. P. Callery, County Engineer
Mr. D. F. Curtin, Town Clerk
Mr. T. Fahey, Borough Engineer
Ms. R. Nixon, Senior Executive Planner
Mr. C. Daly, Executive Planner
Mr. J. Power, Executive Engineer
Mr. N. McDonnell, Administrative Officer
Mr. D. Minogue, Senior Staff Officer
Mr. M. McDonald, Staff Officer
Mr. P. Collins, Borough Accountant
Ms. A. Ringwood, Staff Officer

Also present:-

Mr. M. O'Connor, N.B.A.
Mr. E. Ryan, N.B.A.
Mr. D. O'Connell, U.C.D.

Apology:-

Cllr. S. Doyle

REVIEW OF DEVELOPMENT PLAN

County Manager stated that the meeting was intended to be an information session for the members and emphasised the importance of looking at the whole process of review of the Development Plan in a new way.

Derry O'Connell outlined the procedure for review of the Plan and the selection of Specialist Plan Leaders, a Steering Committee and an Expert Panel. He informed the meeting that a student study had been commissioned as a preamble to the review of the Plan.

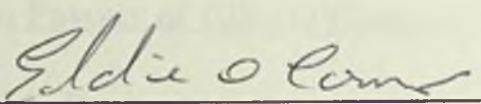
Using slides, Eoin Ryan, N.B.A. gave a detailed account of each stage of the review process - advertising, surveys, analysis, options and recommendations, interim report, formulation of model plan, assessment of model plan, changes, public consultation etc. He also outlined the relevant time scales involved.

After the presentation, the meeting discussed a number of points, in particular the importance of defining the town boundary, of having a multi-disciplinary approach to the review of the Plan, of holding regular meetings with the elected representatives and of involving the members and the public in the process to the greatest extent possible.

The Mayor, Cllr. E. O'Connor welcomed the approach outlined and formally proposed that the procedure commence. This was seconded by Ald. G. Byrne and agreed by all members of Wexford Borough Council, Wexford District Committee and Enniscorthy District Committee.

That concluded the business of the meeting.

Signed this / day of September, 1997.


MAYOR OF WEXFORD

MINUTES OF QUARTERLY MEETING OF WEXFORD BOROUGH COUNCIL HELD AT 7.30 P.M. ON MONDAY 1ST SEPTEMBER, 1997 IN THE COUNCIL CHAMBER, MUNICIPAL BUILDINGS, WEXFORD.

Presiding:- His Worship the Mayor, Cllr. E. O'Connor.

Aldermen:- P. Reck, A. Fenlon, T. Howlin, G. Byrne.

Councillors:- M. Enright, P. Nolan, N. Kavanagh, M. Furlong,
P. Roche, J. O'Flaherty, D.M. Kiernan.

In Attendance:- Mr. J. Hutchinson, Manager.

Mr. D.F. Curtin, Town Clerk.

Mr. T. Fahey, Borough Engineer.

VOTES OF CONGRATULATIONS.

On the proposal of Cllr. Nolan seconded by Cllr. Roche a unanimous vote of congratulations to Mr. Derek Joyce on retaining his National Mermaid Sailing Championship was adopted.

On the proposal of Cllr. Roche seconded by Ald. Byrne it was proposed that a Civic Reception be afforded to Ms. Elaine Dowdall who became the first lady from Wexford Golf Club to be selected on the Irish Team for the Home Internationals.

VOTES OF SYMPATHY.

On the proposal of His Worship the Mayor seconded by Ald. Reck a unanimous vote of sympathy was extended to Cllr. Kiernan on the death of his Mother. The Manager on his own behalf and on behalf of the staff associated with the expression of sympathy. The vote was passed in silence, all standing. Following the vote of sympathy, Cllr. Kiernan thanked the meeting for their expressions of sympathy.

On the proposal of His Worship the Mayor seconded by Cllr. Kiernan a unanimous vote of sympathy was extended to the families of Diana, Princess of Wales and the other victims who were recently killed in Paris. The Manager on his own behalf and on behalf of the staff associated with the expression of sympathy. The vote was passed in silence, all standing.

It was further agreed that the Town Clerk would arrange to open a Book of Condolence.

On the proposal of Ald. Howlin seconded by Cllr. Roche a unanimous vote of sympathy was extended to the family of the late Mr. James Browne. The Manager of his own behalf and on behalf of the staff associated with the expression of sympathy. The vote was passed in silence, all standing.

On the proposal of Cllr. Nolan seconded by Ald. Byrne a unanimous vote of sympathy was extended to the family of the late Ms. May Hughes, Aunt of Cllr. Kiernan. The Manager on his own behalf and on behalf of the staff associated with the expression of sympathy. The vote was passed in silence, all standing.

VOTES OF CONGRATULATIONS

On the proposal of His Worship the Mayor a unanimous vote of congratulations was extended to the Leinster Hurling Champions and best wishes were extended to the Under 21 Hurling Team on their forthcoming Semi-Final Match.

On the proposal of Ald. Fenlon a unanimous vote of congratulations was extended to Mr. Kevin Cogley, Member of the Irish National Relay Team.

BEST WISHES.

On the proposal of His Worship the Mayor seconded by Cllr. Kiernan a vote of best wishes was extended to Cllr. Helen Corish-Wylde following her departure from Wexford County Council.

MEETINGS.

It was agreed that the following meetings would be held:-

1. G.P. Committee Meeting - 8.00 p.m. - 29.9.1997.
2. Housing Committee Meeting - 7.00 p.m. - 29.9.1997.
3. Traffic Management Committee Meeting - 7.30 p.m. - 13.10.1997.

MINUTES.

The minutes of the Monthly Meeting held on 9th June, 1997 and the Annual Meeting held on 2nd July, 1997, copies of which had previously been circulated were confirmed and signed on the proposal of Cllr. Nolan seconded by Ald. Howlin.

The minutes of the following Committee Meetings and the recommendations contained therein, copies of which had previously been circulated were confirmed and signed on the proposal of Cllr. O'Flaherty seconded by Ald. Howlin:-

- a. Protocol Committee meeting held on 9th June, 1997.
- b. Special Meeting held on 7th July, 1997.

Lease of Property.

On the proposal of Cllr. Nolan seconded by Ald. Byrne it was unanimously agreed to authorise lease of property at Ferrybank, Wexford, to the Wexford Bridge Centre pursuant to the terms of Section 83 of the Local Government Act, 1946, as amended by Section 88(3) of the Housing Act, 1966 in accordance with Notice dated 16th June, 1997.

Conveyance of Right-of-Way.

On the proposal of Cllr. O'Flaherty seconded by Cllr. Roche it was unanimously agreed to authorise conveyance of right-of-way over Corporation land at Keyser's Lane Car Park to Mr. Daniel Cullimore, 4, Farnogue Terrace, Wexford, pursuant to the provisions of Section 83 of the Local Government Act, 1946 as amended by Section 88(3) of the Housing Act, 1966 in accordance with Notice dated 8th July, 1997.

Revision of Remuneration.

On the proposal of Cllr. Roche seconded by Cllr. O'Flaherty it was unanimously agreed to authorise Revision of Remuneration - 29th Pay Round Phase I (I) in accordance with Circular Letter EL 14/97 dated 13th August, 1997.

On the proposal of Ald. Byrne seconded by Cllr. O'Flaherty it was unanimously agreed to authorise Revision of Remuneration of Revenue Collectors in accordance with Circular Letter EL 6/97 dated 29th April, 1997.

REPORTS.

Flooding Incident - August weekend storm.

The attached report from the Borough Engineer, copies of which had previously been circulated was noted and it was agreed to discuss same at next G.P. Meeting.

Town Water Supply.

The attached report from the Borough Engineer, copies of which had previously been circulated was noted and it was agreed to discuss same at the next G.P. Meeting.

MOTIONS.

Marian Row.

The following motion was proposed by Cllr. Nolan seconded by Cllr. Kiernan:-

"That Wexford Borough Council undertake to have the wall at the back of the houses in Marion Row raised, as a matter of urgency, in the interest of security and safety for the residents".

During discussion on the motion it was suggested that consideration should be given to upgrading Marion Row as has been done with John Street Flats (alarms etc.) and it was further agreed that a report from the Borough Engineer would be considered at the next G.P. Meeting.

Parklands Estate.

It was agreed that the following two motions would be taken as a composite motion. The motion was proposed by Cllr. Roche seconded by Cllr. O'Flaherty and following discussion unanimously adopted:-

"That this Council gets a full report on road takeover/maintenance at Parklands and also a report on land in that area where a Corporation Lease of same may be about to expire".

"That Wexford Corporation resolve forthwith to take-in-charge the housing estate known as Parklands, Wexford".

It was further agreed that a report from the Town Clerk would be considered at the next General Purposes Committee Meeting.

Ald. Byrne then departed from the meeting.

Comoradh '98.

The following motion was proposed by Cllr. O'Flaherty seconded by Cllr. Kiernan:-

"That the Corporation authorise the Protocol Committee to meet with the County Committee of Comoradh '98 or deputed officers to discuss a programme of Celebration for 1798 Re Vallotton Monument; same to be submitted to the Council for approval".

During discussion on the motion the Town Clerk stated that he would be meeting with representatives of the County Committee of Comoradh '98 to discuss arrangements for other celebrations/events. Following further discussion the motion was agreed.

Cllr. O'Flaherty then departed from the meeting.

Liam Mellows Park.

The following motion was proposed by Cllr. Roche seconded by Ald. Howlin:-

"That a traffic report be prepared on traffic at Liam Mellows Park, particularly the internal circle road re possible moves to curb speeding or a one-way system as traffic in this area is becoming a problem with so many children in the area".

During discussion on the motion it was agreed that a report from the Borough Engineer would be considered at the next Traffic Management Committee Meeting.

Skeffington Street.

The following motion was proposed by Ald. Fenlon seconded by Cllr. Kiernan and following discussion unanimously adopted:-

"I call on Wexford Corporation to upgrade their housing stock in Skeffington Street and the bungalows in Mount George:-

- (i) By repainting both lots of units.
- (ii) By putting radiators in the bungalows in Mount George".

McCauley's Car Park.

The following motion was proposed by Ald. Fenlon seconded by Cllr. Furlong and following discussion unanimously adopted:-

"That this Borough Council come to some decision re the walkway from McCauley's Car Park into Skeffington Street, and the detrimental effect its having on the residents of Skeffington Street".

During discussion on the motion it was agreed that a report from the Borough Engineer would be considered at the next G.P. Committee Meeting.

Fuel Allowance.

The following motion was proposed by Cllr. Furlong seconded by Cllr. Nolan and following discussion unanimously adopted:-

"This Borough Council calls on the Minister for Finance to increase the fuel allowance from £5.00 to £7.00 p.w. and that it would be Index Linked on a yearly basis thereafter".

Borough Boundary Extension.

The following motion was proposed by Cllr. Kavanagh seconded by Cllr. Kiernan and following discussion unanimously adopted:-

"That this Borough Council recommence discussions with Wexford County Council re extension of Borough Boundary. These discussions will be continuation of those commenced in March 1990".

A lengthy discussion ensued regarding the status of Wexford Corporation's application for a Boundary Extension in 1993. It was noted that the procedure adopted at that time, in conjunction with Wexford County Council, was that the principle of the extension was agreed subject to financial imbalances being resolved and that the application of Wexford Corporation would be given first priority from Wexford County Council in dealing with Boundary Extensions. It was also noted that application had been made to the Department of the Environment in 1993 and that procedures under which this application was made had been altered by legislation which came into effect during the course of 1996. Whilst the amended legislation may require a revised formal application, the Town Clerk stated that this amendment in legislation did

not in real terms effect the application for the extension. It was agreed to request clarification on this issue from Wexford County Council.

QUESTIONS.

Collection of Unwanted Household Items.

In reply to Cllr. Roche the Borough Engineer stated that he would re-advertise the collection of unwanted household items, the collection of which would be done on a request-only basis.

Public Lighting.

In reply to Alderman Fenlon the Borough Engineer stated that the programme of public lighting would commence following the signing of contracts later this month.

Re-surfacing of roads.

In reply to Ald. Fenlon the Borough Engineer stated that work on the re-surfacing of roads and footpaths on Whitemill Road, John Street, Davitt Road North, etc. would commence at the end of the month.

THIS CONCLUDED THE BUSINESS OF THE MEETING.

SIGNED THIS 6th DAY OF Oct. 1997.

MAYOR OF WEXFORD.

Ellie O'Connor

BÁRDAS LOCH GARMAN

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Town Clerk : D. F. Curtin

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MEMO TO TOWN CLERK.

FLOODING INCIDENT AUGUST WEEK-END STORM.

The recorded 24 hour rainfall at Newtown Treatment Work on the Sunday/Monday 3rd and 4th August was 93mm. The rainfall for the whole of January- February 1997 was 86.3mm. The rainfall between the 3rd-6th was 162 mm.

These figures indicate the scale of the storm and its concentration during the 3rd-4th August. Following continuous heavy rain on the Sunday 3rd August the concentration of rainfall appears to have peaked in the early hours of Monday.

High Tide occurred around 6.00 a.m. on the Monday, measuring approximately 3.4m.

Flooding of varying degrees occurred throughout the Borough Area debris and litter washing over gullies contributed to the problem. Note that much of this minor flooding was from the rear of properties reminding owners of the need to check and maintain their private systems.

In the case of Davitt Road South, flooding from an adjoining site, under development, occurred.

Flooding relating to the Public Drainage Systems occurred in John Street and Redmond Road primarily.

The John Street flooding appears to have resulted from lack of capacity in the road gullies in spite of rodding following a previous incident. The Main Drainage Consultants have been instructed to excavate out suspect gullies, install extra gullies to anticipate additional surface flood from Johns Road and to camera survey the storm flow pipe line.

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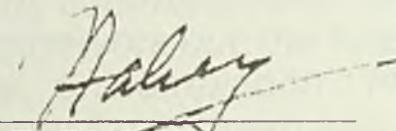
Walls bounding the Bishopswater River in the town were undermined in two locations and where temporary protection was provided. Permanent works are being investigated.

The major flood incident during the period occurred in Redmond Road. The area from Dunnes to the G.P.S. to the railway embankment with the Slaney was under water, flooding property and affecting trains.. All of this area discharges through a lift pump system at Wellington Place. There are 3 pumps plus a reflux valved over-flow. This is a temporary system pending completion of the interceptor along the Quay and permanent pumps at Trinity Street in 2 years time.

The pump Caretaker reported all pumps operational on the Sunday evening. On inspection on Monday morning one pump was found to have tripped out and was immediately re-set.

As it took all of this pumping capacity plus the Fire Brigade, plus a 6 inch Contractors pump combined with low tide to draw down the flood waters, I am not satisfied that the pump trip out alone caused the problem. The Consultants have therefore been instructed to fully investigate the system from end to end and give a full report. This investigation is currently in progress and will be made available when it comes to hand.

All available Corporation staff were called out plus the Wexford Fire Brigades and also Mulcair, Main Drainage Contractor, made manpower and pumps available during this holiday weekend.


T. FAHEY,
BOROUGH ENGINEER.

1ST SEPTEMBER, 1997.

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Town Clerk: D. E. Curtin

Our Ref: TF/ED

MEMO TO TOWN CLERK.

REPORT ON TOWN WATER SUPPLY DURING AUGUST.

Following the August Weekend rainstorm the amount of suspended material from the Edenvale rain water intake exceeded the capacity of the Newtown Treatment Works to clarify the water. Edenvale was shut down to allow the river to settle. Within 24 hours the County Council notified us of serious pollution at their Killmallock intake upstream of Edenvale which kept our source out of action for the three weeks duration of the pollution alert.

The Corporation had no option but to revert to a rationing programme and taking in water from the County Council Boreholes to the south of the town. This led to public concern regarding the high mineral content of this water (manganese and iron). This water was tested by both the County Council lab and the Health Inspector and found to be bacteriologically clear.

To deal in the short term with this annual problem the Corporation are presently commissioning new pumps at Edenvale. The County Council are laying pipework out the Rosslare Road as a first stage of the Fardystown Scheme. On completion 1 million gallons per day will be supplied to the town from Fardystown and will be the ultimate solution to the annual lack of capacity to meet the summer demand.

**T. Fahey,
Borough Engineer.**

1st September, 1997.

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MINUTES OF GENERAL PURPOSES COMMITTEE MEETING OF
WEXFORD BOROUGH COUNCIL HELD AT 7.30 P.M. ON MONDAY
29TH SEPTEMBER. 1997 IN THE COUNCIL CHAMBER,
MUNICIPAL BUILDINGS. WEXFORD.

Presiding:- His Worship the Mayor, Cllr. E. O'Connor.
Aldermen:- P. Reck, A. Fenlon, T. Howlin, G. Byrne.
Councillors:- N. Kavanagh, M. Furlong, P. Roche, J. O'Flaherty,
D.M. Kiernan.

Apologies from Cllr. Enright and Cllr. Nolan for their inability to attend the meeting were noted.

In Attendance:- Mr. J. Hutchinson, Manager.
Mr. D.F. Curtin, Town Clerk.
Mr. R. Crowley, Acting Borough Engineer.

VOTES OF SYMPATHY.

On the proposal of His Worship the Mayor seconded by Cllr. O'Flaherty a unanimous vote of sympathy was extended to the family and friends of the late Cllr. Jim Kemmy, R.I.P. The Manager on his own behalf and on behalf of the staff associated with the expression of sympathy.

On the proposal of His Worship the Mayor seconded by Ald. Byrne a unanimous vote of sympathy was extended to the family and friends of the late Ms. Maureen Stafford, R.I.P. The Manager on his own behalf and on behalf of the staff associated with the expression of sympathy.

Deputation from Selskar & North End Residents Association.

His Worship the Mayor welcomed the members of the deputation to the meeting. The attached submission was then presented to the meeting by Mr. George Bridges and Mr. Tony Robinson on behalf of the deputation. Following discussion His Worship the Mayor thanked the deputation for the excellence of their presentation and the deputation then departed.

Following further lengthy discussion to which all members contributed it was agreed to arrange the following:-

- .. His Worship the Mayor to meet with Garda Supt.
- .. Copy of Planning Permissions for all fast food outlets to be circulated to each member.
- .. Publish in local papers list of applications for planning permission on

weekly basis.

- .. On the proposal of Ald. Reck seconded by Cllr. O'Flaherty it was agreed that a Special Meeting with Gardai would be held as soon as possible.
- .. On the proposal of Ald. Byrne seconded by Cllr. Kiernan it was agreed that a gate would be erected at both ends of Trimmers Lane and the site on Skeffington Street would be blocked-off.

It was further agreed that a full report from the Town Clerk would be submitted to the next meeting.

His Worship the Mayor then departed from the meeting to attend an official function and it was agreed on the proposal of Cllr. Roche seconded by Ald. Howlin that Cllr. O'Flaherty would assume the chair of the meeting.

1997 TIDY TOWNS RESULTS.

The 1997 Tidy Towns Results, copies of which had previously been circulated, was then considered and noted with satisfaction by the meeting. During discussion it was agreed on the proposal of Cllr. Kiernan seconded by Ald. Howlin that a committee representative of all groups in town would be formed and it was further agreed that a report from the Town Clerk would be submitted on this aspect for the next General Purposes Committee Meeting.

REVIEW OF PLANNING LEGISLATION.

It was agreed on the proposal of Ald. Reck seconded by Cllr. Roche that a sub-committee would be formed to draft a reply to the Review of Planning Legislation and it was further agreed on the proposal of Ald. Howlin seconded by Ald. Byrne that the sub-committee would consist of the following members:-

Cllr. J. O'Flaherty.
Cllr. P. Roche.
Cllr. N. Kavanagh.
Ald. P. Reck.
Cllr. M. Enright.

SUMMARY OF CORRESPONDENCE.

The summary of correspondence, copies of which had previously been circulated was then considered and noted.

PLANNING.

Planning applications received since the previous G.P. Meeting, copies of which had previously been circulated were then considered and noted. Queries raised were answered by officials in attendance.

CONFERENCES/SEMINARS.

The attached list of Conferences/Seminars was then considered and it was agreed on the recommendation of the Protocol Committee that His Worship the Mayor plus two delegates would attend at Conferences Nos. 5, 7 and 10.

Conference No. 5.

Cllr. Roche, Cllr. Nolan and Alderman Reck were proposed on the proposal of Ald. Howlin seconded by Cllr. Kiernan.

Conference No. 7.

Ald. Howlin and Cllr. Kavanagh were proposed on the proposal of Ald. Reck seconded by Cllr. Roche.

Conference No. 10.

His Worship the Mayor and Cllr. Kiernan were proposed on the proposal of Cllr. Roche seconded by Ald. Howlin.

A vote was taken which resulted as follows:-

In Favour:- Ald. Reck, Ald. Howlin, Ald. Byrne, Cllr. Kavanagh,
Cllr. Roche, Cllr. O'Flaherty, Cllr. Kiernan (7).

Against:- Ald. Fenlon, Cllr. Furlong (2).

REPORTS.

A.M.A.I. Conference/Spring Seminar 1998.

The attached report, copies of which had previously been circulated was then considered and noted with satisfaction. It was agreed that the Organisation Committee for the 1998 Conference would consist of the Protocol Committee and Cllr. Kavanagh.

THIS CONCLUDED THE BUSINESS OF THE MEETING.

SIGNED THIS 6th DAY OF Oct 1997.

MAYOR OF WEXFORD.

Eddie O'Brien

To: The Members of Wexford Corporation

We appeal to Wexford Corporation to address the problem of late night food and drink venues.

These are highly undesirable in the context of the overall well-being and development of Selskar and the North End of Wexford, where too high a concentration of late night discos and fast food outlets exists. Attendant upon this concentration are serious social problems inflicted upon all who live and work in the locality. These problems are in direct conflict with the stated aims of Urban Renewal and Town Centre Development.

It is our contention that regardless of how well run are the entertainment venues or the fast food outlets, they are the cause of large numbers of young people congregating in Selskar into the early hours each night of every weekend, creating fear and nuisance for those who live there.

The problems created include:-

Litter

Cartons, bottles, cans, wrappers and bags from fast food outlets make up the bulk of the litter which disgraces our streets. Even those fast food outlets with seating are sources of vast quantities of refuse. Any without significant seating is likely to find the greater part of its nights packaging dumped by morning.

Noise

Noone who visits Selskar on any weekend can be unaware of the great problem this is. Yells, car horns and breaking bottles keep residents awake often until 3.00 a.m. This is particularly acute around the fast food restaurants which remain open long after ordinary take-aways elsewhere in the town. Attempts to reason with noisy revellers frequently meet abuse.

Intimidation

Much of the intimidation felt by residents comes from the groups of youths who gather on the street, unable to gain entry to a disco. Many are barely teenagers but they will stretch out across the pavement or hurl abuse at passing garda patrol cars. Attracted to Selskar by the nightlife, they loiter in the alleyways for drink or beside the "chippers".

Violence

There have been numerous incidents of violence against persons and property. Windows and cars have been damaged, bins set alight. People have been threatened and assaulted. Recently a syringe was found in the walkway onto Skeffington Street from Redmond Square Car Park. Fortunately, on this occasion, it was not a child who found it.

Urinating

Most residents have had someone use their front door as a toilet in recent months. For some however this happens most weekends, even urinating through one resident's letterbox.

Discotheques and fast food outlets, no matter how well run, inevitably attract an undesirable element. Concentrating several venues in one small area only exacerbates the problem. Despite strenuous efforts lately, the gardai are unable to curtail it. The problem is becoming a crisis for residents.

Recent well-publicised efforts by neighbours of the disco at Whitemill to object to renewal of that licence show how difficult it is to prove that nuisances are due to a specific premises, even an isolated one. Where there is a proliferation of late night venues, the threat of licence refusal is empty.

While residents accept the need for social outlets for young people and also respect the right of others to make a living from discos and fast food, these rights should not be made to take precedence over basic rights i.e. to come and go from ones own home without threat or intimidation, to have peace and quiet to sleep by after midnight, to the safeguard of property and finally to enjoy a clean and respectable neighbourhood. The planning and licensing laws are our only recourse. Residents of Selskar and North End are suffering unreasonable hardship which will only become worse with the onset of summer. They have had enough.

In assessing this appeal some special factors should also be borne in mind:

1. It is the stated objective of Wexford Corporation to sponsor and encourage repopulation of the Town Centre. Why is this if not because resident families play a vital custodial role in improving the urban environment, painting and maintaining it and taking pride in it? Equally important, by maintaining a community there, residents keep urban areas safe, preventing the development of urban no-go areas as in so many towns today.
2. A high proportion of Selskar residents are elderly, having lived there for many years. New resident families do not at present see Town Centre occupancy as particularly desirable because of factors such as nuisance, noise, safety and litter. Most current business people in Selskar prefer to live elsewhere for the same reasons. It is vitally important to encourage new younger residents as it is to protect elderly residents who are most vulnerable.
3. Selskar is the tourism centre of Wexford Town, being the oldest settlement site and the site of our most impressive historical buildings. Whether by car, bus or rail it is the first impression given to most visitors to the Town Centre. The primary economic focus should be on preserving and developing Selskar as a clean, attractive, and welcoming place. Instead our narrow laneways are fast becoming dingy latrines piled with litter.
4. By far the worst littering happens at night when no litter warden or street cleaner is on duty. To demand that shopkeepers be responsible for their own footpaths, cleaning up cartons, cans, uneaten takeaways and worse from someone else's business, while nothing is being done to stem the avalanche of refuse every weekend, is patently unreasonable. With the occasional broken window for good measure, this only serves to set the daytime businesses at odds with the nocturnal ones.

AT THE PROTOCOL COMMITTEE MEETING HELD ON 9TH JUNE, 1997 IT WAS AGREED TO RECOMMEND THAT HIS WORSHIP THE MAYOR PLUS TWO DELEGATES WOULD ATTEND AT CONFERENCE NOS. 5, 7 and 10.

LIST OF CONFERENCES/SEMINARS - PROTOCOL COMMITTEE MEETING.

1. Fourth International Conference on Local Government Taxation.
Venue:- Rome.
Dates:- 2nd to 5th June, 1997.

Conference Fee:- £655.00 Expenses:- £475
2. Third National Landscape Forum.
Venue:- St. Patrick's College, Maynooth.
Dates:- 18th/19th June, 1997.

Conference Fee:- £155.00 Expenses:- £217.00
3. 3rd Annual International Conference.
Theme:- "Ireland - A Model for Success in Europe".
Venue:- Jurys Hotel, Ennis Road, Limerick.
Dates:- 19th/20th June, 1997.

Conference Fee:- £100.00 Expenses:- £260.00
4. Conference - "Supporting Small Enterprises".
Venue:- Killeshin Hotel, Portlaoise.
Dates:- 4th/5th September, 1997.

Conference Fee:- £80.00 Expenses:- £190.00
5. Conference:- "Better Local Government - Opportunities for Local Development".
Dates:- 10th/11th October, 1997.
Venue:- Ballina.

Conference Fee:- £90.00 Expenses:- £428.00
6. 1997 La Touche Legacy Seminar - "Has the Computer age passed the Local Councillor by?"
Venue:- La Touche Hotel, Greystones, Co. Wicklow.
Dates:- 3rd - 5th October, 1997.

Conference Fee:- £90.00 Expenses:- £228.00

7. L.A.M.A./National Association of Councillors
Joint North/South Local Authority Conference.
Venue:- Royal Hotel & Leisure Centre, Bray.
Dates:- 10th - 12th October, 1997.

Conference Fee:- £90.00 Expenses:- £260.00

8. Social Study Conference - 45th Annual Summer School.
Venue:- Abbey Hotel, Donegal.
Dates:- 12th - 15th June, 1997.

Conference Fee:- £100.00 Expenses:- £603.00

9. Walled Towns Friendship Circle.
7th International Symposium.
Venue:- Chester, England.
Dates:- 8-10th July, 1997.

Conference Fee:- £185.00 Expenses:- £460.00

10. National Housing & Planning Conference & Exhibition.
Venue:- Bournemouth International Centre.
Dates:- 20th-23rd October, 1997.

Conference Fee:- £399.50 Expenses:- £538.00

A.M.A.I. SPRING SEMINAR & ANNUAL CONFERENCE 1998.

After a detailed and long meeting with the A.M.A.I. President, the incoming President of the A.M.A.I. and the Seminar Committee, Wexford will again host the A.M.A.I. Spring Seminar in 1998 on Friday & Saturday 13th & 14th February, 1998. It will bring 350 delegates and their spouses/partners to Wexford for two days.

Wexford's case was made strong by His Worship the Mayor, Cllr. E. O'Connor, Mr. Don Curtin, Town Clerk, Alderman G. Byrne and Councillor P. Roche.

The Wexford delegation after some sounding of delegates and a canvass of others decided to go to the floor of Conference and seek the A.M.A.I. Annual Conference also for Wexford in 1998.

After a meeting of His Worship the Mayor, the Town Clerk and two Wexford Association delegates, Ald. Byrne and Councillor Roche, a full canvass of all delegates was undertaken.

Wexford's case and bid was put to Conference by Ald. Byrne and Cllr. Roche and got overwhelming support ahead of Thurles and Monaghan.

The Annual Conference will be held in Wexford at the Talbot Hotel on 14th, 15th, 16th and 17th September, 1998. This will be a major boost for Wexford in our year of Celebrations in 1998 and will bring 450 people to Wexford for four days and will be a help to local economy and shows how highly Wexford is thought of throughout the Country. We know the Members of the Council will be 100% behind these undertakings.

His Worship the Mayor, Cllr. E. O'Connor.

Mr. D.F. Curtin, Town Clerk.

Alderman Gus Byrne.

Councillor Peter Roche.

MINUTES OF MONTHLY MEETING OF WEXFORD BOROUGH COUNCIL HELD AT 7.30 P.M. ON MONDAY 6TH OCTOBER, 1997 IN THE COUNCIL CHAMBER, MUNICIPAL BUILDINGS, WEXFORD.

Presiding:- His Worship the Mayor, Cllr. E. O'Connor.

Aldermen:- P. Reck, A. Fenlon.

Councillors:- M. Enright, P. Nolan, N. Kavanagh,
P. Roche, J. O'Flaherty, D.M. Kiernan.

Apologies from Alderman Howlin, Alderman Byrne and Cllr. Furlong for their inability to attend the meeting were noted.

In Attendance:- Mr. J. Hutchinson, Manager.

Mr. D.F. Curtin, Town Clerk.

Mr. T. Fahey, Borough Engineer.

MINUTES.

The minutes of the Quarterly Meeting held on 1st September, 1997, copies of which had previously been circulated were confirmed and signed on the proposal of Cllr. O'Flaherty seconded by Cllr. Nolan.

The minutes of the following Committee Meeting and the recommendations contained therein, copies of which had previously been circulated were confirmed and signed on the proposal of Cllr. Kiernan seconded by Cllr. O'Flaherty:-

a) G.P. Committee Meeting held on 29th September, 1997.

Arising out of discussion on the minutes and in reply to Cllr. Roche the Town Clerk stated that he would pursue the report regarding Parklands Estate. Regarding the Borough Boundary Extension, the Town Clerk stated that a reply from Wexford County Council was awaited.

LEASE OF LAND.

On the proposal of Cllr. O'Flaherty seconded by Cllr. Roche it was unanimously agreed to authorise granting of lease of plot of land at Ferrybank to the 2nd Port of Wexford Sea Scouts pursuant to the terms of Section 83 of the Local Government Act, 1946 as amended by Section 88(3) of the Housing Act, 1966, in accordance with Notice dated 2nd September, 1997.

REPORTS.

High Street.

The attached report from the Borough Engineer, copies of which had previously been circulated was then considered. Following discussion it was unanimously agreed on the proposal of Cllr. Kiernan seconded by Cllr. O'Flaherty that the recommendations of the Borough Engineer would be put in place for a trial period of 3 months.

Meeting with Gardai.

His Worship the Mayor informed the meeting that he had met with the Garda Supt. and gave details of proposals for increased Garda patrols and the Supt.'s agreement to meet with the Borough Council in the near future.

Wexford Chamber of Industry & Commerce/Wexford Business Development Plan.

The attached report from the Town Clerk, copies of which had previously been circulated, was then considered. During discussion on the report the members gave a general welcome for the proposal and it was agreed that the Town Clerk would prepare a response for consideration at Estimates Meeting at which the funding principle would be considered.

Councillor Kiernan then departed from the meeting.

MOTIONS.

Laneways/Rights-of-Way.

The following motion was proposed by Cllr. Roche seconded by Cllr. O'Flaherty and following discussion unanimously adopted:-

"That this Council, mindful of our historic Town Centre Laneways and Rights-of-Way used by generations of our people over the centuries, give an assurance to the people of Wexford that none of these laneways or traditional pedestrian ways will be closed permanently after current urban renewal work in the south end of the town at the Staffords' site and to copperfasten this assurance, signs be placed by the developer stating that any closure of these ways are temporary and that they will be fully restored to public use when development works are completed".

Roundabout at Redmond Road.

The following motion was proposed by Cllr. Roche seconded by Cllr. O'Flaherty:-

"That railings be erected on edges of footpaths next to new roundabout at Redmond Road with adequate provision for pedestrian access and movement".

Following discussion it was agreed that a report from the Borough Engineer would be considered at the next Traffic Management Committee meeting.

Bride Street/Roche's Road Junction.

The following motion was proposed by Alderman Reck seconded by Cllr. Roche:-

"That this Borough Council urgently looks at the Bride Street/Roche's Road junction with a view to making it safe".

Following discussion it was agreed that a report from the Borough Engineer would be considered at the next Traffic Management Committee Meeting. It was further agreed that the report would include the Carrigeen Street/Dempseys Terrace junction and the removal of a Yield Sign from top of John Street/Hill Street.

Kennedy Park.

The following motion was proposed by Ald. Reck seconded by Cllr. Roche and following discussion unanimously agreed:-

"That this Borough Council look at the green area on the bank in Kennedy Park with a view to improving the car park facilities".

It was further agreed that a report from the Borough Engineer would be considered at the next General Purposes Committee Meeting.

Nameplates.

The following motion was proposed by Cllr. Enright seconded by Cllr. Roche:-

"That this Borough Council resolves to erect Bilingual nameplates on all roads, streets and laneways within the Borough".

Following discussion it was agreed to amend the motion as follows:-

"That this Borough Council resolves to erect Bilingual nameplates on all roads, streets and laneways within the Borough that do not already have such nameplates".

Following further discussion the amended motion was unanimously adopted and it was agreed that a report from the Borough Engineer on existing position and costings involved would be submitted to the next General Purposes Committee Meeting.

QUESTIONS.

In reply to Cllr. Roche the Borough Engineer stated that the footpaths at Devereux Villas had not been interfered with by the Wexford Main Drainage Scheme but that general reinstatement in the area may need to be carried out.

RE/- Vandalism in Belvedere Grove.

In reply to Cllr. Roche the Town Clerk stated that officials were not aware that purposely broken glass caused injuries to cyclists and school children on September 22nd last at Ashfield Drive and further stated that the Gardai would be made aware of this regular occurrence.

In reply to Cllr. Enright the Town Clerk stated that the Department of Environment had not given any indication as to when approval will be given for the upgrading of Ferrybank Pool.

MEETINGS.

The following meetings were agreed to be held on the proposal of Ald. Reck seconded by Cllr. Roche:-

Statutory Estimates Mtg.	7.30 p.m.	24th November, 1997.
1st Preliminary Est. Mtg.	7.30 p.m.	5th November, 1997.
Housing Comm. Mtg.	7.30 p.m.	13th October, 1997.

It was agreed that His Worship the Mayor would arrange Special Meeting with Gardai.

It was agreed that the date for the Traffic Management Committee Meeting would be fixed at the Housing Committee Meeting.

THIS CONCLUDED THE BUSINESS OF THE MEETING.

SIGNED THIS 3RD DAY OF Nov. 1997.

MAYOR OF WEXFORD.

Eddie O'Connell

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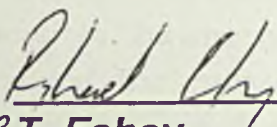
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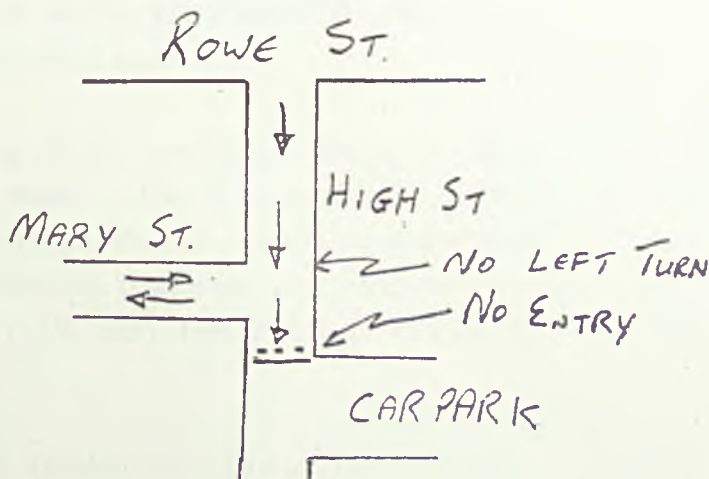
REPORT TO EACH MEMBER OF WEXFORD BOROUGH COUNCIL.

RE: HIGH STREET TRAFFIC MANAGEMENT PLAN

Following discussions with the High Street Residents Association, N.B.A. and Gardai, it is recommended that the following measures be put in place to address the traffic management problems of the High Street area.

- 1) High Street shall be a "No-Parking Zone" at all times from Rowe Street to High Street Car Park. This is to allow for free traffic movement, access for emergency services and improve the character of the streetscape. It is recommended that High Street Residents be granted residential parking discs at High Street Car Park and/or Mallon Street Car Park and the possibility of using Rowe Street Car Park during peak festival times.
- 2) High Street shall be made one-way in the direction from Rowe Street to High Street Car Park. This is to allow for free traffic movement by avoiding situations of conflict and congestion.


P.P. T. Fahey,
Borough Engineer.



6th October, 1997.

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Town Clerk : D. F. Curtin

6th October, 1997.

TO EACH MEMBER OF
WEXFORD BOROUGH COUNCIL.

Dear Member,

Wexford Chamber of Industry & Commerce have made a proposal that a Wexford Business Development Fund be established. The purpose of the fund is to finance various projects in the town on an ongoing basis. Initially, it is proposed that funding be allocated to the establishment of a Festival/Christmas Lighting Scheme for the town at a cost of £40,000 approx.

Spending of the fund will be at the discretion of the Chamber of Commerce with the approval of Wexford Corporation. The trustees of the fund would be the Mayor of Wexford and the President of the Chamber.

The proposal suggests that all businesses in town be levied through the rates and that an increase of 2% in 1998 and 1999 with 1% increase for the period 2000-2002 would provide adequate funding for the lighting project (note 1% rate increase brings in £10,000 income approx.)

The proposal would certainly improve the attractiveness of Wexford as a town and add to its marketability as a shopping town.

Two options are available for the raising of the necessary finance - first the levying of 2% extra on the 1998 rates. The Department of the Environment have asked that local authorities should ensure insofar as is possible, having regard to local circumstances, that rate increases do not exceed the rate of inflation plus 2% (inflation for 1998 is currently forecast at less than 2%).

The second option is to levy a charge under the Local Government (Financial Provisions) (No. 2) Act 1983. If this option were chosen, there would be a necessity to set up a new computer system to deal with the Wexford Corporation — *Your Environment Friendly Local Authority*

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D.F. Curtin,
Town Clerk.

MINUTES OF HOUSING COMMITTEE MEETING OF WEXFORD
BOROUGH COUNCIL HELD AT 7.30 P.M. ON MONDAY 13TH
OCTOBER, 1997 IN THE COUNCIL CHAMBER, MUNICIPAL
BUILDINGS, WEXFORD.

Presiding:- His Worship the Mayor, Councillor E. O'Connor.

Aldermen:- P. Reck, A. Fenlon, G. Byrne.

Councillors:- M. Enright, P. Nolan, N. Kavanagh, M. Furlong,
P. Roche, J. O'Flaherty, D.M. Kiernan.

Apologies from Ald. Howlin for his inability to attend the meeting were noted.

In Attendance:- Mr. J. Hutchinson, Manager.
Mr. D.F. Curtin, Town Clerk.
Mr. T. Fahey, Borough Engineer.
Ms. A. Ringwood, Staff Officer, Housing & Planning.

Votes of Congratulations.

At the outset of the meeting His Worship the Mayor proposed a vote of congratulations to Ald. T. Howlin on his recent election as incoming Chairman of Wexford Festival Opera. All members associated with the Mayor's vote of congratulations.

His Worship the Mayor also proposed a vote of congratulations to Councillor J. O'Flaherty on his election to Wexford County Council. All members associated with the Mayor's vote of congratulations. Councillor O'Flaherty then thanked the Mayor and Members for their comments.

Conferences.

His Worship the Mayor expressed his disappointment at the recent news report of comments by one member in relation to the attendance by Wexford Borough Council at conferences. He outlined the procedure adopted by the Corporation in relation to attendance at conferences and following discussion, the position was noted.

Allocation of houses in certain housing estates

Town Clerk explained the problem regarding the allocation of houses at Wolfe Tone Villas. He stated that all applicants on the supplementary family type housing list had been written to and asked whether they were interested in being considered for the tenancy of a house at Wolfe Tone Villas. From those who had expressed an interest, a special priority list had been drawn up, based on the points allocated in the last review.

Copies of the Wolfe Tone Villas priority list were circulated and the members agreed with the recommendations made. It was also agreed that the tenant of 11 Wolfe Tone Villas be offered a transfer to the vacant house at 32 Wolfe Tone Villas on condition that all arrears of rent, refuse charges and water charges were paid in respect of her present accommodation.

Town Clerk explained the position regarding the one-bedroomed units which were presently vacant. The members noted that certain units are set aside for elderly persons only and it was agreed that elderly persons on the supplementary list should be offered accommodation in priority order where appropriate.

It was agreed that repairs to vacant houses should be carried out as soon as possible and the houses allocated.

It was agreed to consider providing money in the 1998 Estimates for the painting of houses in certain estates

Housing Review 1998

In response to questions from the members, Town Clerk stated that the next review of housing applicants would commence shortly and was due to be completed by April, 1998.

In reply to Ald. P. Reck, Town Clerk outlined the position regarding the applications of Pearl Kehoe, Maria Flood, Wayne Hunt and Jim Wilson in the last review.

Remedial Works at Maudlintown

Members considered a report (as attached) concerning the particular houses which were being excluded from the next and final phase of the remedial works in Maudlintown. Town Clerk stated that the Corporation had written several letters to a number of people who owed arrears, but that certain people were still refusing to make any arrangements to pay and that these houses were now being excluded from the Scheme.

Town Clerk agreed to re-examine the position regarding the house at 39 Antelope Road.

Land for Housing

Town Clerk stated that there was relatively little local authority housing at the South End of town and that the National Building Agency had been requested to prepare an Area Action Plan for the Bernadette Place/The Faythe/Trespan Rock area.

The members then considered a layout of the proposal to build a 35 unit housing scheme at Joseph Street/Distillery Road, including a sheltered housing complex. It was proposed by Ald. G. Byrne, seconded by Cllr. J. O'Flaherty and agreed that the Corporation commence the public consultation procedure in accordance with Part X of the Local Government (Planning and Development) Regulations, 1994.

Town Clerk outlined a proposal to develop the Bullring area of the Town. It was proposed by Cllr. J. O'Flaherty, seconded by Ald. G. Byrne and agreed that the Corporation commence the public consultation procedure in accordance with Part X of the Local Government (Planning and Development) Act, 1994.

Private Rented Accommodation

It was agreed that item 3 on the agenda be deferred to the next housing committee meeting.

That concluded the business of the meeting.

Signed this 3RD day of November, 1997.

Eddie O'Connor

MAYOR OF WEXFORD

11/03/97

12th December 1997

THE COUNCIL MEMBERS OF WEXFORD BOROUGH COUNCIL

Re: Wexford Borough Council 1997/98 Financial Statement

I am pleased to inform you that the 1997/98 Financial Statement of Wexford Borough Council has been prepared and is now available for your consideration. The statement is available in both printed and electronic form.

The statement is available on the Council's website at www.wexford.ie and in printed form at the Council Offices, 100, The Quay, Wexford. The statement is also available in Braille and large print format. The statement is available in both English and Irish. The statement is available in both printed and electronic form. The statement is available in both printed and electronic form. The statement is available in both printed and electronic form.

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Agreed to be paid in full	£100,000.00
House for sale including water supply	£100,000.00
Expenditure on the Council	£100,000.00
Expenditure on the Council	£100,000.00
On hand	£100,000.00
Total	£100,000.00

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Wexford Borough Council 1997/98 Financial Statement

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Town Clerk : D. F. Curtin

PC/BD.

13th October, 1997.

TO EACH MEMBER OF WEXFORD BOROUGH COUNCIL.

RE/- Remedial Scheme 1997 - Maudlintown Phase 6.

Tenders for the above contract have been received and the Borough Council is now ready to appoint the contractor and sign the contract. The original contract was for remedial works to 66 houses.

A difficulty has arisen with regard to a number of houses listed for remedial works in the original contract. It is the Corporations policy to ensure that all rents/water/refuse accounts are clear before granting any loan. In the case of the Remedial Scheme, 36 of the listed houses owed arrears at 30th June, 1997. Three letters were sent to inform the owners and asking them to contact Wexford Corporation to regularise the accounts.

The current position is as follows:-

Agreements/Paid in full	- 25
House for sale (not having works done)	- 1
No contact with Corporation	- 7
Contacted office but no agreement	- 2
On hands	- 1
Total	36

As can be seen from the table above, 10 houses will not be going ahead with Remedial Works. The effect of this is that the contract will have to be renegotiated with the contractor on the basis of a reduced number of houses to be included in the scheme.

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Town Clerk : **D. F. Curtin**

This will increase the unit cost per house because the contractor will not be in a position to work on blocks of houses, which is the most cost efficient method.

I attach copies of the letters sent to owners.

This contract has been held up for a number of months because of the above problems and I recommend that the Corporation now goes ahead with the remedial works to those houses who are in good standing.

Pat Collins,
Borough Accountant.

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Town Clerk : D. F. Curtin

Our Ref: AR/ED

7th July, 1997

RE: REMEDIAL WORKS SCHEME

Dear Ms. [Name],

Extensive refurbishment works are due to be carried out shortly on your dwelling. However, I note that there are substantial arrears of refuse charges outstanding and unless these are cleared, in full, by 31st July 1997, the Corporation will have no option but to exclude your dwelling from the Scheme.

Yours faithfully,

Anne Ringwood,

HOUSING OFFICER.

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Town Clerk : D. F. Curtin

PC/SE

23rd July, 1997

RE/ REMEDIAL WORKS SCHEME.

Dear ,

Further to our letter of the 7th July 1997, I now wish to invite you to call to our offices to discuss the arrears outstanding on your accounts.

I should be grateful if you would contact Ms. Anita Mahon to set up an appointment. As the Remedial Scheme is due to start in the near future, it is critical that this matter is resolved immediately.

Yours faithfully,

*P. Collins,
Acting Town Clerk.*

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MINUTES OF MEETINGS
COUNCIL MEETING 26th SEPTEMBER
IN THE COUNCIL CHAMBER
WEXFORD

Present: Mr. Thomas, Mr. Mahon, Mr. P. Collins

Absent: P. Kelly, A. Padden

Clerk: Ms. M. Murphy

AM/SF

26th September, 1997

RE/ REMEDIAL WORKS SCHEME.

Dear ,

We have contacted you previously regarding arrears outstanding on your accounts, which must be paid prior to Remedial Works going ahead. To date, we have not heard from you and the Contracts for Remedial Works are at an advanced stage and work will be commencing shortly.

As these arrears remain on your account and no agreement has been made to clear them, it is critical that you contact Ms. Anita Mahon before 4.30 p.m., Wednesday, 1st October, 1997 to discuss your account. Otherwise, I regret to inform you that you will not be included in the programme.

Yours faithfully,

P. Collins,
Borough Accountant.

MINUTES OF MONTHLY MEETING OF WEXFORD BOROUGH COUNCIL HELD AT 7.30 P.M. ON MONDAY 3RD NOVEMBER, 1997 IN THE COUNCIL CHAMBER, MUNICIPAL BUILDINGS, WEXFORD.

Presiding:- His Worship the Mayor, Cllr. E. O'Connor.

Aldermen:- P. Reck, A. Fenlon, T. Howlin, G. Byrne.

Councillors:- P. Nolan, N. Kavanagh, E. O'Connor, M. Furlong,
P. Roche, J. O'Flaherty, D.M. Kiernan.

In Attendance:- Mr. J. Hutchinson, Manager.

Mr. D.F. Curtin, Town Clerk.

Mr. T. Fahey, Borough Engineer.

Mr. P. Collins, Borough Accountant.

VOTES OF SYMPATHY.

On the proposal of His Worship the Mayor seconded by Cllr. Roche a unanimous vote of sympathy was extended to the family of the late Mr. Martin Crowley, R.I.P. The Manager on his own behalf and on behalf of the staff associated with the expression of sympathy. The vote was passed in silence, all standing.

On the proposal of His Worship the Mayor seconded by Cllr. Roche a unanimous vote of sympathy was extended to the family of the late Ms. Vonnie Byrne, R.I.P. The Manager on his own behalf and on behalf of the staff associated with the expression of sympathy. The vote was passed in silence, all standing.

CIVIC RECEPTION.

On the proposal of Cllr. Nolan seconded by Cllr. Kiernan it was proposed that a Civic Reception be afforded to members of the Gardai Sióchana on the occasion of the 75th Anniversary of the Force. A vote was taken which resulted as follows:-

In Favour:- Ald. Reck, Ald. Howlin, Ald. Byrne, Cllr. Nolan, Cllr. Kavanagh, Cllr. O'Connor, Cllr. Roche, Cllr. O'Flaherty, Cllr. Kiernan (9).

Against:- Ald. Fenlon, Cllr. Furlong (2).

It was further agreed that the Protocol Committee would arrange a suitable date and time.

VOTE OF CONGRATULATIONS.

On the proposal of His Worship the Mayor seconded by Cllr. Roche a unanimous vote of congratulations and good wishes was extended to Mrs. Mary McAleese, President Elect and it was further agreed to invite Mrs. McAleese to visit Wexford at an early date in her Presidency. All Members associated with the vote of congratulations.

MINUTES.

The minutes of the Monthly Meeting held on 6th October, 1997, copies of which had previously been circulated were confirmed and signed on the proposal of Cllr. O'Flaherty seconded by Ald. Howlin.

The minutes of the following Committee Meeting and the recommendations contained therein, copies of which had previously been circulated were confirmed and signed on the proposal of Cllr. Nolan seconded by Ald. Byrne:-

- a) Housing Committee Meeting held on 13th October, 1997.

CASUAL VACANCY - WEXFORD BOROUGH COUNCIL.

His Worship the Mayor stated that he had discussed the Casual Vacancy with the members and that consensus was that the vacancy would be filled by Democratic Left. It was noted that Democratic Left were not yet in a position to make a nomination and on the proposal of His Worship the Mayor seconded by Cllr. O'Flaherty it was agreed to defer the filling of the vacancy to the December meeting of the Borough Council.

VACANCY - TOWN OF WEXFORD V.E.C.

The Town Clerk reported to the meeting that a Vacancy has arisen on the Town of Wexford V.E.C. due to the resignation of Fr. P. Cushen. It was agreed on the proposal of Cllr. O'Flaherty seconded by Cllr. Roche that Fr. J. Feegan, ADM., would fill the vacancy.

ELECTION OF COUNTY VEC MEMBERS BEFORE 1.1.98.

Consideration was then given to the election of two members of the Borough Council to the County Wexford V.E.C. in accordance with Section 101(c) of the Vocational Education Act 1930.

Cllr. J. O'Flaherty was proposed by Ald. Byrne seconded by Cllr. Kiernan.

Ald. Howlin was proposed by Cllr. Roche seconded by Ald. Byrne.

No further nominations were proposed and it was agreed that Cllr. O'Flaherty and Ald. Howlin would be the two representatives of Wexford Borough Council.

DEVELOPMENT FUND.

The following proposal was then considered:-

"Authorise raising of loan of £825,000 from Allied Irish Banks over a 12 year period at a fixed interest rate of 6.5% to fund development works".

In reply to questions the Town Clerk stated that the capital was required for the following proposals:-

1. Pedestrianisation £275,000
2. Public Lighting £250,000
3. Swimming Pool £300,000

Following discussion the proposal was unanimously adopted on the proposal of Councillor O'Flaherty seconded by Ald. Byrne.

SEAMENS' MEMORIAL MASS.

His Worship the Mayor informed the members of the above Mass to be held on Sunday 9th November, 1997.

MOTIONS.

St. Ibar's Cemetery.

The following motion was proposed by Cllr. Nolan seconded by Ald. Reck:-

"Councillor P. Nolan will request that this Borough Council re-examines the Bye-Laws governing St. Ibar's Cemetery with a view to allowing for the erection of 6ft. Celtic crosses".

In reply to the motion the Town Clerk stated that:-

- .. The Bye-Laws must be universal in application to be equitable.
- .. The process of public consultation was required by law.

.. When Bye-Laws were being considered lengthy discussion was held on size of memorials/tombstones.

Following discussion it was agreed that the Town Clerk would submit a report to the next G.P. Meeting. It was further agreed on the proposal of Cllr. O'Flaherty seconded by Cllr. Roche that the report would include the setting up of a Management Committee representative of Undertakers, Churches and Staff. Following further discussion the motion was unanimously adopted.

Bride Street Car Park.

The following motion was proposed by Ald. Fenlon seconded by Cllr. Kiernan and following discussion unanimously adopted:-

"I hereby call on Wexford Borough Council to mark out Bride Street Car Park with proper car parking bays".

Junction of Grogan's Road/Carigeen Street.

The following motion was proposed by Ald. Fenlon seconded by Cllr. Roche:-

"That this Borough Council erect a yield sign at the junction of Grogan's Road/Carrigeen Street and have temporary markings to show right-of-way".

Arising out of discussion on the motion it was agreed on the proposal of Cllr. Roche seconded by Ald. Howlin to refer all motions dealing with traffic issues to the Traffic Management Committee.

Speeding at William Street/Trinity Street/Maudlintown.

The following motion was proposed by Cllr. Roche seconded by Cllr. Nolan and following discussion agreed:-

"That this Council requests the Gardai for some action on speeding at William Street/Trinity Street/Maudlintown by vehicular traffic".

Road Resurfacing at John Street.

The following motion was proposed by Cllr. Roche seconded by Ald. Howlin and following discussion agreed:-

"That road resurfacing at John Street be a matter of priority for the appropriate authority".

During discussion on the motion it was noted that the Borough Engineer had included John Street in present resurfacing contract..

QUESTIONS.

RE/- Refuse Truck.

In reply to Cllr. Roche the Borough Engineer stated that;

- a. Break-downs were occurring approx. 5/6 times per year.
- b. Repairs are carried out by company from which truck is leased.
- c. Repair man does not travel from West of Ireland to repair truck.
- c. Maintenance Contract included in leasing agreement.

THIS CONCLUDED THE BUSINESS OF THE MEETING.

SIGNED THIS 1st DAY OF Dec . 1997

MAYOR OF WEXFORD.

Eddie O'Connor

MINUTES OF 1ST PRELIMINARY ESTIMATES MEETING OF
WEXFORD BOROUGH COUNCIL HELD AT 7.30 P.M. ON
WEDNESDAY 5TH NOVEMBER, 1997 IN THE COUNCIL CHAMBER,
MUNICIPAL BUILDINGS, WEXFORD.

Presiding:- His Worship the Mayor, Cllr. E. O'Connor.

Aldermen:- A. Fenlon, T. Howlin.

Councillors:- P. Nolan, N. Kavanagh, M. Furlong, P. Roche,
J. O'Flaherty, D.M. Kiernan.

Apologies from Ald. Byrne and Ald. Reck for their inability to attend the meeting were noted.

In Attendance:- Mr. J. Hutchinson, Manager.
Mr. D.F. Curtin, Town Clerk.
Mr. T. Fahey, Borough Engineer.
Mr. P. Collins, Borough Accountant.

At the outset of the meeting Mr. J. Hutchinson, Manager, read the attached report, copy of which had previously been circulated. A discussion on the report then ensued to which all members contributed.

Next Meeting.

It was agreed that the 2nd Preliminary Estimates Meeting would be held on Wednesday 19th November, 1997 at 7.30 p.m.

THIS CONCLUDED THE BUSINESS OF THE MEETING.

SIGNED THIS 1st DAY OF Dec. 1997.

MAYOR OF WEXFORD.

Eddie O'Connor

5th November, 1997.

TO EACH MEMBER OF
WEXFORD BOROUGH COUNCIL.

RE/ESTIMATE OF EXPENSES 1998.

Dear Member,

As a preliminary indication of the direction of the 1998 estimates position, I set out hereunder the general parameters within which the estimate must be considered by the Council. In doing so, I am assuming the same level of service and employment as 1997.

Funding for the following will need to be considered in the preparation of the estimates for 1998:-

- A. Continuation of existing services and employment.
- B. Additional funding for existing project commitments.
- C. Additional new project options.

A. CONTINUATION OF EXISTING SERVICES AND EMPLOYMENT.

I have prepared detailed estimates of expenditure, taking into account increases expected or committed in 1998. In doing so, I am assuming the same level of service and employment in 1998 updated by increases ranging from 4-11%.

Because of funding changes in 1998 it is not possible to directly compare 1998 figures with those of 1997. However net expenditure for 1998 is £1,810,150 which represents an increase of £394,843 over 1997. To balance the estimate and retain a rate increase of 4% it has been necessary to increase domestic refuse charges (from £40 to £52) and commercial water charges by 11.3% over the 1997 estimate. Differential Rents are increased in accordance with the Countywide Differential Rent Scheme.

The principal area of cost changes are shown on the following table:-

<u>ITEM</u>	<u>INCREASE 1998</u> <u>OVER 1997</u>	<u>%</u>
	<u>£</u>	
1798 Promotion Fund (1st year of 2 year provision)	50,000	
Business Development Fund	20,000	
Landfill/Refuse Costs	23,188	34.92
Main Drainage	17,200	12.95
Wages	2,833	.35
Salaries	44,334	6.84
Pensions	49,722	27.07
Materials	9,322	2.37
Emergency Housing	13,000	54.17
Disc Parking	4,839	34.12
Development Plan (1st of 5 years)	16,400	—
Corporate Estate	10,424	28.06
Market Improvement	5,000	—
Insurances	13,953	7.19
Computers	25,000	—

B. ADDITIONAL FUNDING FOR EXISTING PROJECT COMMITMENTS.

Main Drainage Scheme - Increase by £17,200

Target to increase this provision to £300,000 over the next two years.

C. ADDITIONAL NEW PROJECT OPTIONS (not included in present estimate).

1. Housing Welfare Officer.
2. Further pedestrianisation/streetscape improvement in centre town area.
3. Trespan Rock (Final Phase).
4. Boundary Extension.
5. Municipal Building Refurbishment.
6. Senate Seats - Comoradh '98.
7. St. Patrick's Day Parade.

CONCLUSION.

The following table shows the income sources which may be used to generate further resources to fund the above listed projects.

<u>ITEM</u>	<u>1997</u>	<u>VALUES</u>
Rates	790 Accounts £1,075,255.22 charged	1% = £10,752 1p in £:£287.93 :£568 gross
Housing Rents	676 Accounts £494,759 Est.	1% = £4,947
Commercial Water	634 Accounts £216,899 charged	1% = £2,168
Domestic Refuse	3704 Accounts £151,080 charged	1% = £1,510 £1 gives £3,704 gross £3,193 net

Wexford Corporation currently employs 86 people.

John Hutchinson,
Assistant County Manager.

MINUTES OF 2ND PRELIMINARY ESTIMATES MEETING OF
WEXFORD BOROUGH COUNCIL HELD AT 7.30 P.M. ON
WEDNESDAY 19TH NOVEMBER, 1997 IN THE COUNCIL
CHAMBER, MUNICIPAL BUILDINGS, WEXFORD.

Presiding:- His Worship the Mayor, Cllr. E. O'Connor.

Aldermen:- P. Reck, A. Fenlon, T. Howlin, G. Byrne.

Councillors:- P. Nolan, N. Kavanagh, M. Furlong, P. Roche,
J. O'Flaherty, D.M. Kiernan.

In Attendance:- Mr. J. Hutchinson, Manager.

Mr. D.F. Curtin, Town Clerk.

Mr. T. Fahey, Borough Engineer.

Mr. P. Collins, Borough Accountant.

At the request of His Worship the Mayor, the Manager introduced and read the attached Estimates statement, copy of which had previously been circulated.

Following this presentation, a lengthy discussion ensued to which all members contributed. Programme Groups 1, 2 and 3 were considered in detail and questions raised were answered by officials in attendance following which it was agreed to defer further consideration to the next meeting which was agreed, on the proposal of Ald. Howlin seconded by Cllr. O'Flaherty, would be held on 24th November, 1997 at 7.30 p.m.

THIS CONCLUDED THE BUSINESS OF THE MEETING.

SIGNED THIS 1st DAY OF Dec. 1997.

MAYOR OF WEXFORD.

Eddie O'Connor

REPORT ON ESTIMATE OF EXPENSES 1998

Ta trath na meastachain buailte linn aris agus is gha aire a dhiriú ar chursai airgeadais.

Is mar cuidiú don Comhairle san obair sin a chuireadh an tuarascail seo le ceile.

In accordance with the relevant statutory requirements I enclose, herewith, the estimate of expenses for the financial year ending 31st December, 1998. This report and appendix have been prepared to assist the members in their consideration of the estimate by giving information on the provisions contained therein and sets the financial scene for the Corporation's operations next year.

Wexford Corporation, in particular through its development programmes and leadership are widely recognised in national terms as one of the more progressive Local Authority's in Urban Local Government. In the 1996 estimate a valuable and fundamental step was taken in the implementation of the Council's 5 year programme to complement through new initiatives the substantial progress of the last 10 years and to take advantage from the substantial capital investment in infrastructure which will prepare Wexford for the 21st Century. This capital investment, augmented by appropriate and properly funded revenue programmes and with an extended Borough, viewed against a background of the welcome upturn in the national economic picture, will ensure that Wexford can and will enhance its current high-standing and status. To properly handle this challenge, regard must be had to the creation of a sound financial base. Without such a base it will not be possible to undertake the appropriate investment so necessary for Wexford's future.

I am concerned about the deterioration in the Corporation's finances and funding sources. Over the past five years expenditure estimates have been pared to the

minimum necessary to ensure that services can be provided without suspension or interruption but have had no capacity to provide for unforeseen emergencies or demands.

The 1998 Estimates reflects the changes in funding brought about by the abolition of water charges and the introduction of the Equalisation Fund. In particular, you will note that there is a new presentation format in Table B which replaces Table B.3

The Equalisation Fund Income is £685,974 for 1998 and this represents an increase of 2% over the initial figure of £672,524 set in 1997. The Fund income replaces the Rate Support Grant, income from Domestic Water Rates and 20% of Tenant Purchase receipts.

For comparison purposes the following shows the income estimated in 1997 from the above sources:-

Rate Support Grant	..	£351,798
Tenant Purchase	..	+ £ 94,500
Domestic Water Rates	..	+ £274,692
Waivers Provision	..	- <u>£ 42,636</u>
Total	..	£678,354

An advantage of the Equalisation Fund is that there is no collection or administration cost involved and the money is paid directly to Wexford Corporation on a regular basis. This advantage is more than offset by the limitations of the Borough Council's capacity to raise funding for projects deemed appropriate. Taking the Corporation's water charge for 1997 which was £66, the effect of the 2% increase is £1.32 i.e. the

equivalent of a Water Rate of £67.32 for 1998. Wexford Borough Council has increased its Water Rates as follows over the past 5 years:-

1993 -- 28%

1994 -- 9.4%

1995 -- 31.4%

1996 -- 10.9%

1997 -- 29%

As can be seen a 2% increase falls far short of the level of increase which has been the norm over the past number of years.

Because of this loss of the Corporation's discretion in raising finance and with a rate increase set at 4%, the areas of discretion left to raise income are Housing Rents, Refuse Charges and Commercial Water Rates. It is now vital that a new method of raising income be found and this is an area which should be investigated by the Corporation over the coming months.

The Business Development Fund which I have included in the 1998 Estimate is an example of the kind of innovative funding initiative, using a partnership approach with the Chamber of Commerce, which will allow the Borough Council the ability to proceed with its development programme.

In my report last year, I pointed out the difficulties associated with the collection of income. Considerable effort and resources have been allocated to Revenue Collection with a degree of success. In particular, significant progress has been made in the collection of refuse charges in 1997 with the introduction of the sticker system.

In 1998, it is proposed to change the methods and practices of Revenue Collection and negotiations will take place shortly with Revenue Collectors to bring a new and more flexible collection system into place. It is anticipated that the new system will become more dependent on the electronic transfer of funds with a move away from the traditional door-to-door type collection service over a period of time.

Under the Value for Money process, performance indications will now measure our collection performance each year and match our performance against other local authorities. Naturally, it is Wexford Corporation's aspiration to perform well in any such comparison and it will be necessary to take a firmer line with regard to arrears. It is the Corporation's policy to assist debtors and enter into agreements where appropriate. All agreements are entered into in good faith on both sides, but in future I propose a strict adherence to any agreement and failure to do so will result in the appropriate action. It has been necessary to divert resources away from Debt Collection and into our I.T. programme in 1997.

A number of new organisational issues face Wexford Corporation over the coming years -

Year 2000

EMU

New Account System

Prompt Payments legislation

Freedom of Access to information

Year 2000 Issue

Most I.T. systems were not designed to accommodate a period end coinciding with the end of a century. All electronic equipment with embedded chips will be affected - this includes computer hardware and software, but may also relate to telephones, alarms, photocopiers, traffic lights, time clocks, E.H.T.'s and faxes.

It will be necessary to check all of the above equipment and make the appropriate changes required before 31st December, 1999 and I have provided an additional £25,000 in the Central Management Costs to provide for this work in 1998.

E.M.U. Issue

Ireland has signalled its intention to join EMU which is expected to commence on 1st January, 1999. From Wexford Corporation's point of view, it is likely that all operations which involve monetary values will be affected. From 1st January, 1999, we will be expected to account on all levels in dual currencies, leading to all operations operating fully in the new currency on 1st January 2002.

New Local Authority Accounting System.

It is expected that the existing accounting system will be modernised on best accountancy practice. It will be developed on full accrual and double entry accounting principles.

The new system will shift from accountancy to financial management and will emphasise the real cost of services, value for money and performance indicators.

It is also expected that the format of the estimates and abstract will change, probably in 1999.

The above changes are likely to commence in January 1998 and be completed over a 5 year period. The first major change is likely to be the identification and valuation of assets which is set to begin in 1998.

The complete overhaul of the accounting system will require extensive staff training over the forthcoming 5 years.

Prompt Payments Legislation.

It is expected that from January 1998, all payments due by Wexford Corporation must be paid within 45 days and failure to do so will result in interest being charged to the Corporation. In general, Wexford Corporation meets this criteria, but it will be necessary to build in safeguards to our existing system to ensure prompt payment. This new provision may have cashflow implications for Wexford Corporation.

Freedom of Access to Information.

The Freedom of Information Act 1997 came into law on 21st April, 1997 and will apply to local authorities within 3 years of enactment.

The purpose of the Act is as follows:-

- (a) To provide legal right of access to information held by public bodies.
- (b) To provide the legal right to have personal information held by a public body amended, where it is incomplete, incorrect or misleading.
- (c) To provide a legal right to decisions affecting oneself.
- (d) To provide, through the appointment of an Information Commissioner, an independent appeals system to oversee decisions by public bodies.

2. Providing for a proper financial base to ensure that the Council's capacity to continue to play a major role in service provision and in development terms is not diminished.

Providing for these goals creates a financial requirement which can only be satisfied through the raising of additional income and I have provided accordingly in these estimates. In doing so, however, I believe I am reflecting the wishes of each member to concentrate on job protection and job creation and by doing so to give leadership and example to all sectors of the Wexford economy.

The attached appendix deals in detail with the provisions in each programme group. However, from a macro point of view, hereunder are comments on some of the key and principal features.

CAPITAL PROGRAMME.

Housing.

The substantial housing construction programme of Wexford Corporation will continue to progress during the course of 1997. It is expected that the 26 units at King Street and the infill sites will be completed early in the year. While the Local Authority and House Building Capital Allocation for new starts will not be known until 1998 it is expected that our housing programme will continue with building in Joseph Street/Distillery Road. When the amount of Capital Allocation is known the full programme will be discussed at an appropriate meeting of the Borough Council.

The Remedial Scheme Programme is now nearing its conclusion. Work is about to begin on the final phase of the Maudlintown Scheme, despite some difficulties which had been discussed with the Borough Council. It is hoped to resolve these issues in the near future.

A Programme of Environmental Works is also being drawn up in respect of 3 areas where remedial works have taken place, Talbot Green, Maudlintown and Wolfe Tone Villas.

It is expected that a full report will be given to the members early in 1998 outlining the proposed works.

The first phase of the private sites at Coolcotts is continuing satisfactorily and building work has begun in 1997 and will continue throughout 1998. Work on the second phase of infrastructural works at Coolcotts will begin in 1998.

In addition to the foregoing the Corporation will continue to promote the Shared Equity Scheme in appropriate places to further alleviate the high demand for housing in town.

Roads.

The new link road at Spawell Road has now been completed and is in operation.

Under the Millennium Project Programme it is anticipated that a suitable amenity will take place at the new Town Square being created at Spawell Road.

The Contract has been signed for the Public Lighting Programme which has been provided for in the Development Fund. Significant work has been carried out under the Corporation's Road Re-Instatement Programme. However this is a continuous

programme and in the future local funding will be required. This issue will be addressed by the Borough Council during the coming year.

The presentation of Wexford and its unique and historic streetscape is an essential ingredient in the towns tourism infrastructure. The recently completed works at High Street have received favourable comment and have added significantly to the amenity of the street. It is now proposed to go ahead with the paving of the Bullring area and proposals are now on public display. It is also hoped to incorporate a commemoration in 1998 into this phase of the scheme. It is also anticipated that pedestrianisation work on a section of South Main Street will go ahead in 1998.

SANITARY SERVICES.

Work on the Wexford Main Drainage Scheme is progressing well and the pipework contract is due for completion this month. With the ending of this phase of the Contract the major disruption which we have seen in the town over the past number of years should now be at an end. The next phases of the Contract, namely, the Treatment Plant and Pumping Plant Civil Contracts are expected to start shortly.

No provision has been made in 1998 for Wexford Corporation's contribution to the Water Conservation Programme which is being carried out as part of the Fardystown Water Supply Scheme. However, there may be cost implications with regard to the laying of pipes and other works which will have to be considered as part of the 1999 Estimates.

PLANNING AND DEVELOPMENT

The Corporation's positive track record in the promotion of high-quality developments is widely recognised as exemplary. The programme required for the 2nd phase of Urban Renewal Designation is now well under way. 1997 has seen the completion of the housing development at John Street Backlands and work is almost complete on the Snowcream Site. Work has begun on the development at the Old Gas Works Site and it is nearly completion. The first phase of the major development at Paul Quay i.e., the residential phase has now begun and it is hoped that it will be completed in 1998. These developments together with the Government Offices at Anne Street which is now nearing completion will substantially contribute to the enhancement of the south end of the town-centre and will contribute to the continued uplifting of the town's economy.

The National Building Agency and the Department of Regional & Urban Planning at U.C.D. have been commissioned to carry out a review of the Town's Development Plan, adopting a multi-disciplinary approach together with community involvement. This new and innovative approach is being monitored by the Department of the Environment to serve as a blue-print for other Local Authorities in the preparation of their Development Plan.

RECREATION/AMENITY

Provision for improvement works to the Swimming Pool is included in the Development Fund and it is intended to pursue Wexford Corporation's application with the Department of the Environment to secure the necessary finance to refurbish and upgrade the Swimming Pool in 1998.

In 1997 a fund of £8,000 was put in place to finance the upgrading of parks and open spaces in the town. Plans are currently being drawn up which will be presented to the Borough Council in the near future.

ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION

Significant cost increases are provided for in this estimate for the operation of dumps. It is anticipated that costs will continue to rise over the coming years as the standards in landfill sites continue to increase under E.U. Regulations. The current cost of disposing refuse is £6-£7 per ton and it is anticipated that this will rise to between £25 - £30 per ton over the coming years. This will have serious costs implications for Wexford Corporation in terms of the amount we will have to pay to dispose of our refuse and this cost must be borne by the users of the refuse service in adherence to the polluter pays principle.

During 1995 the Corporation introduced the Wheelie-Bin system of refuse collection and there has been wide-spread welcome and acceptance for it. Under the Life Recycling Project, Wexford Corporation has 5 Recycling Centres taking in glass (clear, brown and green) and aluminium cans. The centres are currently sited at the following locations: Malin Street Car Park, Church Land Car Park, Wellington Place Car Park, Wexford Swimming Pool and at the rear of the Municipal Buildings. The Life Project comes to a conclusion in 1998 and it will then be necessary to review the Corporation's overall strategy on recycling during the course of the coming year. It may also be timely to examine the introduction of Bye-Laws with regard to refuse collection in the town, e.g. to allow only properly sealed bins to be left out for refuse collection and to prohibit plastic bags for same. These matters will be addressed in the coming year in the making of the Litter Management Plan.

CORPORATE ESTATE

Members have voiced their concern over the condition of the Municipal Building and the need for refurbishment works is urgent. The present estimate does not allow for the finance necessary to carryout the major refurbishment programme adopted by the Council but it is hoped that discussions during the estimates meetings may prove fruitful in coming up with a financial plan to carry out this development.

EXPENDITURE AND INCOME

The estimate provides for a gross expenditure of £4,494,291 (increase of 6.64% over 1997) and gross income of £3,370,115 (increase of 7.69% over 1997) leaving a net requirement of £1,124,176 (increase of 3.58% over 1997). The provisions are the minimum necessary to ensure that the Corporations programme is realised and staffing levels maintained. In the attached appendix the following are shown in pie-chart/graph and line-graph form.

- A. Revenue income by source.
- B. Revenue expenditure by Cost-Centre Analysis.
- C. Comparison of Expenditure and income by programme group net of rates.
- D. Rate in pound growth 1975-1997 compared to Consumers
Price Index Growth in the same period.

The estimate provides for a domestic refuse charge of £52 p.a. and a Rate in the pound of £39.04 which is an increase of £1.50 (or 4% on 1997).

MINUTES OF MONTHLY MEETING OF WEXFORD BOROUGH COUNCIL HELD AT 7.30 P.M. ON MONDAY 1ST DECEMBER, 1997 IN THE COUNCIL CHAMBER, MUNICIPAL BUILDINGS, WEXFORD.

Presiding:- His Worship the Mayor, Cllr. E. O'Connor.

Aldermen:- P. Reck, A. Fenlon, G. Byrne.

Councillors:- P. Nolan, N. Kavanagh, M. Furlong, P. Roche,
J. O'Flaherty, D.M. Kiernan.

Apologies from Ald. Howlin for his inability to attend the meeting were noted.

In Attendance:- Mr. J. Hutchinson, Manager.
Mr. D.F. Curtin, Town Clerk.
Mr. T. Fahey, Borough Engineer.
Ms. A. Laffan, Acting Staff Officer.

MINUTES

The minutes of the Monthly Meeting held on 3rd November, 1997, copies of which had previously been circulated were confirmed and signed on the proposal of Cllr. Nolan seconded by Ald. Byrne.

The minutes of the following Committee Meetings and the recommendations contained therein, copies of which had previously been circulated, were confirmed and signed on the proposal of Cllr. Nolan seconded by Ald. Byrne:-

- a) 1st Preliminary Estimates Meeting held on 5th November, 1997.
- b) 2nd Preliminary Estimates Meeting held on 19th November, 1997.

Arising from the minutes Cllr. Roche referred to the condition of Derelict Site at Cinema Lane and it was agreed that the Borough Engineer would take the matter up again with the South Eastern Health Board. It was further agreed that the Corporation would take appropriate action under the Derelict Sites Act.

CASUAL VACANCY - WEXFORD BOROUGH COUNCIL.

On the proposal of Cllr. Roche seconded by Ald. Fenlon, Mr. David Hynes, 48, Davitt Road South, Wexford was unanimously selected to the fill the Casual Vacancy.

Cllr. Hynes then joined the meeting. His Worship the Mayor welcomed Cllr. Hynes and Cllr. Hynes appropriately responded and thanked the Corporation Members for his selection.

DEVELOPMENT PLAN FOR WEXFORD TOWN & ENVIRONS.

The following motion was proposed by Cllr. O'Flaherty seconded by Ald. Byrne and following discussion unanimously adopted:-

"That this Borough Council apply to the Minister for the Environment and Local Government under Section (1)(f) of the Local Government (Planning & Development) Act 1976 to extend the period within which the Planning Authority is obliged to carry out a review of the Development Plan for Wexford Town & Environs, adopted by Wexford Borough Council and Wexford County Council on 11th January, 1993. The extension required is for a period of eighteen months to July 1999.

INCREASES TO WEXFORD CORPORATION PENSIONERS.

On the proposal of Ald. Byrne seconded by Cllr. Roche it was unanimously agreed to authorise the following:-

- (a) Final Phase of the PCW with effect from 1st January, 1997 (Circular Letter EL 19/96).
- (b) First Phase of Partnership 2000 with effect from 1st January, 1997 (Circular Letter EL 14/97).

HOUSING DEVELOPMENT AT JOSEPH STREET/DISTILLERY ROAD.

The attached report from the Borough Engineer, copies of which had previously been circulated, was then considered.

A discussion then ensued to which all members contributed and it was agreed on the proposal of Ald. Reck seconded by Cllr. Roche to seek Department of Environment funding for a boundary wall between Columba Villas and the Joseph Street Scheme. Failing this, at the suggestion of the Borough Engineer it was agreed that the planting of a screening belt of hedging and trees along the boundary would be carried out. Following further discussion the report of the Borough Engineer was unanimously adopted on the proposal of Cllr. O'Flaherty seconded by Ald. Byrne.

LIAM MELLOWS PARK SOCIAL CLUB.

The attached report, copies of which had previously been circulated was then considered. During discussion it was agreed on the proposal of Cllr. Kiernan to investigate the possibility of providing an access to the Order of Malta premises which is being provided at the rear of the Liam Mellows Park Club. Following further discussion the report was unanimously adopted on the proposal of Cllr. Kiernan seconded by Cllr. Roche.

RE-STRUCTURING OF STAFF.

The attached report, copies of which had previously been circulated was then considered. Following discussion the report was unanimously adopted on the proposal of Cllr. Nolan seconded by Cllr. Kiernan.

DRAFT LITTER MANAGEMENT PLAN.

The attached report from the Town Clerk, copies of which had previously been circulated, was then considered. Following discussion the Draft Litter Management Plan was unanimously adopted on the proposal of Ald. Reck seconded by Cllr. O'Flaherty. It was further agreed to advertise for public submissions.

MOTIONS.

Domestic Refuse.

The following motion was proposed by Cllr. Roche seconded by Cllr. Nolan:-

"That when a domestic refuse bill is paid to-date in full, the necessary bin sticker for the appropriate year be issued on the spot".

In reply to the motion the Town Clerk stated that the principle of the motion was acknowledged and that arrangements would be put in place to comply with this principle whilst at the same time not causing difficulties for persons who pay by instalments. Following further discussion the motion was unanimously adopted.

Parklands Estate.

The following motion was proposed by Cllr. Roche seconded by Cllr. O'Flaherty:-

"That this Council is disappointed with the lack of progress and response from McInerney's re Parklands Estate".

During discussion on the motion questions regarding the legal position and the last correspondence to/from McInerneys were replied to by the Borough Engineer who outlined the position. Following further discussion the motion was unanimously adopted.

Creation of Government Bodies.

The following motion was proposed by Ald. Reck seconded by Cllr. Roche and following discussion unanimously adopted:-

"That this Borough Council calls on the Government to stop the process of creating new Bodies which are duplicating work which is already being done".

Following further discussion it was agreed to circulate the motion to the A.M.A.I., General Council of County Councils and all Local Authorities.

Car Parking.

The following motion was proposed by Ald. Reck seconded by Cllr. Kiernan and following discussion unanimously adopted:-

"That this Borough Council examine the possibility of out of town car parking with a shuttle service to the town centre".

QUESTIONS.

In reply to Ald. Reck the Town Clerk stated that the proposal to number premises on Main Street would be dealt with at the next General Purposes Committee Meeting.

In reply to Ald. Reck the Town Clerk stated that resurfacing work on the Mulgannon Road - Folly to Cromwellsfort had commenced as part of the current resurfacing programme.

SIGNED THIS 5th DAY OF January, 1998.

MAYOR OF WEXFORD.

Eddie & Cornelia

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**REPORT WITH RESPECT TO THE PROPOSED
DEVELOPMENT OF LOCAL AUTHORITY HOUSING AT
JOSEPH STREET AND DISTILLERY ROAD IN ACCORDANCE
WITH PART 10 OF THE LOCAL GOVERNMENT (PLANNING
AND DEVELOPMENT) REGULATIONS, 1994.**

The period during which submissions or observations with respect to the proposed development may be made to the Local Authority expired on the 28th November, 1997.

The proposed development on the Joseph Street site consists of:-

- 13 No. 3-bed 2 storey dwellings.*
- 6 No. 2-bed 2 storey dwellings.*
- 5 No. 2-bed bungalows.*
- 4 No. 2-bed apartments (2 storey).*

A total of 28 dwelling units on a site area of 1.8 acres located in the Residentially Zoned Area of the Development Plan for Wexford Town and Environs 1993. Provision has been made for 28 on-site car parking spaces, 10% communal amenity open space and a development density of 15.7 units per acre well within the density requirement of the Development Plan and compares to the density of the adjacent existing development of Columba Villas.

The site is a long L shaped site fronting Joseph Street and running along the backs of part of Columba Villas and part of Distillery Road houses.

The bungalow in the South East corner of the site should be brought forward to allow a minimum of 3.6 m clearance where the building angles towards the site boundary.

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There is a steep crossfall on the site towards the rear of the Columba Villas and Distillery Road houses. The Engineering Design solutions to this feature are presently in train. From a planning and development point of view, the rear of a terrace of proposed housing will overlook the rear of the existing houses. This should be mitigated by the planting of a screening belt of hedging and trees along the boundary.

The Distillery Road proposed development consists of:-

*A terrace of seven 3-bedroom, 2 storey dwellings,
plus a 2-storey sheltered house with 5 bedrooms.*

The site is relatively shallow and all of the dwellings front onto Distillery Road replicating the existing streetscape and density of development to the North East of the site. The 0.4 acre site area gives a density of 20 units per acre, i.e., within the Development Plan requirements. Provision for up to 11 set-back car parking spaces are being provided to the front. No communal amenity space is provided. The rear boundary of the site will consist of a palisade fencing topped retaining wall. To maximise the depth of private amenity space to the rear, I recommend the building line be brought forward to the inner line of the proposed footpath.

SUBMISSIONS & OBSERVATIONS:-

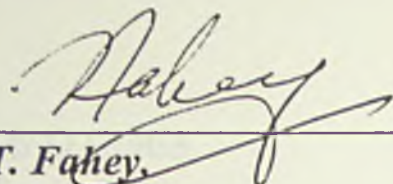
Three written submissions were received from residents of Columba Villas.

Three were concerned with the loss of privacy at the rear of their premises and requesting that a high boundary wall be provided. One of these requested that adequate drainage be provided along the boundary due to crossfall towards the rear of Columba Villas.

Of the eight houses on Columba Villas backing onto the proposed development, many of these have built lean-to storage sheds on top of the existing wall. It would be impractical to build up just sections of the wall. In any event, the relevant height of the proposed houses are such that a wall would do little to increase privacy. A dense belt of tree and hedge planting would give the most effective mitigation of loss of privacy. The distance between the rear of Columba Villas houses and those proposed is 30-40 metres.

Surface water drainage will be provided along the boundary.

I consider that, subject to the above amendments, the proposed developments in Joseph Street and Distillery Road are in the interest of the proper planning and development of the area.



T. Fahey.
Borough Engineer.

1st December, 1997.

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3 November 1997

Mr D Curtin
Town Clerk
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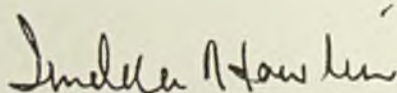
RE/ Proposed Housing Development at Joseph Street, Wexford

Dear Mr Curtin,

On behalf of my aunt, Catherine Duggan, 11 Columba Villas, I visited your offices today to view the above drawings. From my observations, I am most concerned that there is no provision in the plans for raising the height of the boundary wall between Columba Villas and the new development. For years the residents have enjoyed privacy and with the advent of this new development, the wall should be heightened to maintain this privacy.

Can you please advise me of what measures will be put into place to alleviate my concern.

Yours sincerely,


Imelda Howlin

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Mr Don Curtin.
Town Clerk,
Wexford.

Mr Chris Busher.
9 Columba Villas,
Wexford.

10th November 1997

Dear Mr Curtin,

I wish to raise the following points regarding the proposed development at Joseph Street (to the rear of my property).

- *1 There seems to be no provision of a high boundary wall between the new development and adjoining property at Columba Villas.

The residents of Columba Villas have enjoyed years of privacy due to the fact that the Christian Brothers playing field was directly behind our gardens. By building houses there this privacy has been taken away, the provision of a high boundary wall will provide some degree of privacy

- *2 There also appears to be no provision for excess rain water running off and soaking from the site.

After heavy rain a lot of surface and ground water seeps into my garden. As you know the level of the site is well above the level of our property and water will naturally soak into our garden.

I am reliably informed that a similar problem exists in Davitt Road South, due to development to the rear of these houses.

I hope that these matters can be addressed before any work begins on the site, and I would like a reply to these requests as soon as possible.

Yours Sincerely

Chris Busher

Chris Busher



Mr Don Curtin.
Town Clerk,
Wexford.

Mrs Patricia Murray.
10 Columba Villas,
Wexford.

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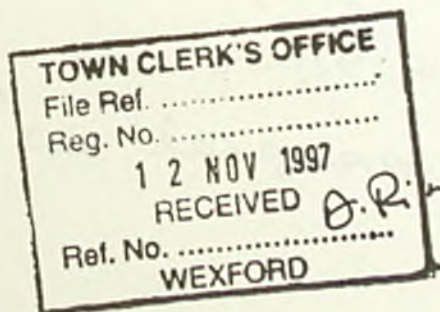
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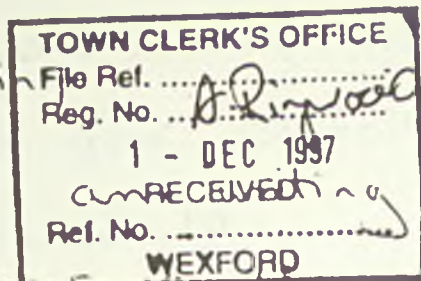
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Yours Sincerely

Patricia Murray
Patricia Murray



Dear Mr. Cuthbert



27-11-97.

I am writing to express
my grave concerns re the building of
of 5-bedded shelter house on Distillery
Road by Wexford Corporation.

I realise that this building
is to be handed over to the S.E.H.B.
& its management will be under their
care. However, I feel that Distillery Rd
is not a suitable area for a
shelter earmarked for use as a
battered wives/childrens refuge.

All of the children on
Distillery Road, 3 of whom are my
own, plus the children of the residents
of the new houses proposed on the
street, may be subjected to having
to hear & see language & actions

that I, for one, and you too, I am
sure, were it your children, should
not be subjected to.

My problem is not with the
intended residents of the shelter, but
with those from whom they are seeking
refuge. I am aware that in many
instances, alcohol is a major precipitate
factor in family violence. Any husband/
partner with this problem, if seeking
out his partner/children, with alcohol on
board could, clearly, be found to be
a problem, if not, possibly, a danger, to
children/residents in the vicinity, also
to any pedestrians using this area, en
route home, of which there are a
large number.

Because of the un safety of
having such a shelter in such an

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area as Distillery Road, I wish to
have my objection to the use of
such a facility located on
Distillery Road.

Hoping that note will be taken
of this and that I may hear further
from you re this matter.

Yours sincerely,

Phil Dempsey

10, Distillery Road.

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1st December, 1997.
1st December, 1997.

L.21 (AL/JR)

TO EACH MEMBER OF WEXFORD BOROUGH COUNCIL:-

Re: Property previously leased to Liam Mellows Social Club at Grogan's Road.

Dear Member,

On the 16th December, 1996, the keys to the above premises were surrendered to Wexford Corporation by the Liam Mellows Social Club. The property has since been vacant and subject to vandalism and unsocial behaviour, resulting in ongoing complaints from residents of the area.

To date, three applications from parties interested in the above property have been received as follows:-

NAME	PURPOSE
1. Wexford & District Sea Anglers Assoc.	Lease of property.
2. Comhaltas Ceoltoiri Eireann	Lease of property
3. Ms. Deirdre Murphy, Talbot Green	Purchase of property for erection of dwellinghouse.

On 23rd October, 1997 Comhaltas Ceoltoiri confirmed that they are no longer interested in the lease of the property. Attached please find submissions from the Wexford and District Sea Anglers and Ms. Deirdre Murphy. In accordance with the Corporation's Policy of providing facilities to voluntary/sporting organisations, it is recommended to lease the property to the Wexford & District Sea Anglers Association on the terms appropriate for a Voluntary Sector Group. Section 83 Notice will issue in due course.

Yours faithfully,

A. Laffan

A. LAFFAN,
STAFF OFFICER

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Wexford & District Sea Angler's Association

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26th May 1997.

In reply to your letter dated 20th May '97
(re Liam Mellows Club)

If our application is successful we propose to upgrade the club and grounds in 3 phases.

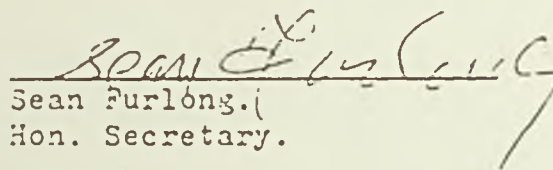
Phase 1 Repair and Paint Roof, Paint Exterior Walls, Clean up Grounds, Tidy Interior. Time Scale 3 months.

Phase 2 Fit New Gate and Railing to front of Building, Erect Heavy Wire Mesh Fence or Concrete Block Wall at end of rear plot of Ground. Install Hard Tennis Court at rear of Building. Time Scale 18 months to 2 years.

Phase 3 Renovate and Enlarge Club House to Snooker Room, Meeting Room, Kitchen and Toilets. Time Scale 3 to 4 years for all 3 Phases.

Phase 2 and 3 subject to conditions and length of lease and Planning Permission.

Yours faithfully,


Sean Furlong.
Hon. Secretary.





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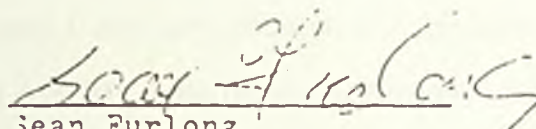
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9th September 1997.

Dear Ann,

Further to my meeting with the Town Clerk and yourself on Monday 1st Sept. I wish to let you know that at our club's meeting on Thursday 4th it was decided that if we were to receive the lease on Liam Mellows club we would be prepared to open it up to other clubs at any time it would not be in use by ourselves.

Yours thankfully,


Sean Furlong.
Hon. Secretary.

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P. Collins,
Acting Town Clerk,
Wexford Corporation,
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29, Talbot Street,
Wexford.



24th July, 1997.

RE: PLOT OF LAND, LIAM MELLOWS CLUB, GROGAN'S ROAD.

Dear Mr. Collins,

I am Frances Murphy, a daughter of the late Mr. & Mrs. John Byrne also formerly of Talbot Street

I write to you in connection with the plot of land at Grogan's Road which was formerly owned by my Parents. As a daughter of the afore mentioned I am very interested in purchasing the site where I would like to build a dwelling house. This site has a particular sentimental value and I would be prepared to start work immediately if a sale of the plot to me was agreeable with yourselves. The site is currently occupied by the old 'club house' which is providing a 'lay-by' so to speak for youngsters who are making a nuisance of themselves, drinking alcohol etc. They have broken windows in houses at either side of the club house and are generally making life pretty miserable for those living in the area.

Mr. Collins, I would urge you to consider my application for this site and would like if possible to arrange a meeting with you where we could discuss this matter further.

I look forward to hearing from you.

Yours sincerely,

Frances Murphy.

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AL/JR

1st December, 1997.

TO EACH MEMBER OF WEXFORD BOROUGH COUNCIL:-

Re:- Re-structuring of Staff.

The need for re-structuring of the existing staff structure within our organisation has been under consideration by management for some time. It is now proposed that the following upgradings of supervisory staff, within existing staff numbers, are necessary and should be implemented forthwith:-

Existing Position(s)

Proposed Re-grading

- | | |
|---|--|
| ✓ a) Staff Officer (Grade V) x 2 | Senior Staff Officer (Grade VI) x 2 |
| ✓ b) Assistant Staff Officer (Grade IV) x 2 | Staff Officer (Grade V) x 2 |
| ✓ c) Clerical Officer (Grade III) x 2 | Assistant Staff Officer (Grade IV) x 2 |

Your approval to this revised structure is hereby recommended.

Yours faithfully,

D.F. CURTIN,
TOWN CLERK.

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1st December, 1997.

TO EACH MEMBER OF WEXFORD BOROUGH COUNCIL

Re: Litter Pollution Act, 1997 / Litter Pollution Regulations, 1997.

Dear Member,

In accordance with the Anti-Litter initiative launched by the former Minister for the Environment, Brendan Howlin T.D., Wexford Corporation adopted an "Action Against Litter" plan on 14th May, 1997. A report on the specific performance criteria introduced since the adoption of the Plan was circulated to each member on 29th September, 1997.

The Litter Pollution Act, 1997 came into operation on 1st July, 1997 and revoked the Litter Act, 1982. The enactment of this new legislation is a strategic part of the "Action Against Litter" initiative referred to above. The main purpose of the Act is to enable more effective arrangements to be made for the prevention and control of litter within our environment. Though the Act repeals the Litter Act, 1982, it re-states and strengthens some of the basic provisions of the earlier legislation. Some of the main provisions are as follows:-

- In addition to the general duty on occupiers to keep land free of litter, occupiers of land adjoining a public road in an area within the confines of a restricted speed limit area are obliged to keep footpaths and pavements adjoining their property free of litter.
- Local authorities are obliged, as far as practicable, to keep public roads free of litter.
- Local authorities now have power to require owners/occupiers of any property to take immediate action to remedy actual littering or to take specified precautionary measures to prevent the creation of litter, where there is a likelihood of this occurring.
- Each local authority is required to prepare a litter management plan not later than 31st December, 1997.
- Local authorities may issue notices to the owners/occupiers of certain classes of premises whose activities have a particular propensity to create, or lead to the creation of litter, to take special measures to prevent and control litter in the vicinity of their premises.

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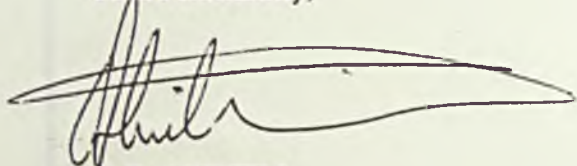
- Operators of mobile outlets selling produce, food or drink will be obliged to keep the vicinity of the outlet clear of litter as well as providing litter receptacles.
- Local authorities may require promoters or organisers of major events, at which large numbers of the public are likely to attend, to take measures to prevent and control litter before, during and after the event at the location concerned and in the surrounding vicinity.
- Failure to clean up after a dog has fouled in a public place now constitutes an offence.
- Local authorities may by Bye-Laws regulate the distribution of unsolicited advertising material in public streets. The placing of unsolicited advertising material on vehicle windscreens is prohibited.
- The power of issuing on-the-spot fines for litter offences is extended to the Gardaí i.e., in addition to local authority traffic wardens.
- Maximum fines are increased to £1,500 and local authorities will receive the benefit of any fines and any costs incurred in bringing a prosecution.

The Litter Pollution Regulations, 1997 were introduced by the Minister to support the introduction of the on-the-spot fines under Section 28 of the new Act. The Regulations specify the prescribed format of the new Notices which may be issued by the Corporation's Litter Wardens and the Gardaí.

In accordance with Section 10 of the Litter pollution Act, 1997, I attach herewith for your attention the Draft Litter Management Plan for Wexford Corporation which we are obliged to make not later than 31st December, 1997 and to review same at least once every 3 years.

Your approval to the above is hereby recommended.

Yours faithfully,



D.E. CURTIN.
TOWN CLERK.

Encl.

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WEXFORD CORPORATION

DRAFT

LITTER MANAGEMENT PLAN

1997

Made under Sections 10 and 11 of the Litter Pollution Act, 1997.

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INTRODUCTION

- ⇒ Wexford needs a clean environment. This is especially true as we are also a tourist town and depend on them during the summer months. We all want clean streets, play areas, car parks and amenities, both for ourselves and our tourists.
- ⇒ We expect clean air and the elimination of pollution from industrial activity, agriculture and waste disposal and in recent times much progress has been made with these objectives.
- ⇒ Litter is another form of pollution. However, as it is not toxic, it is not liable to inflict lasting damage on our ecosystems. It does inflict a lasting memory on visitors and tourists who visit our historic town. The more locals see litter, the more they accept it, many people have remarked that they didn't realise how much litter there is in Wexford until they visited other E.U. countries and noted the difference.
- ⇒ Wexford Corporation believe that Wexford can benefit greatly, both on environmental and economic terms, if it addresses this issue in a coherent and organised fashion, learning from the mistakes of the past and the experiences of other towns around the country.
- ⇒ This Draft Litter Management Plan will hopefully provide a solution to this serious problem. The Plan will be made available for inspection by the public who will also be invited to make submissions to Wexford Corporation before 31st December, 1997.

ACTION AGAINST LITTER



DEFINITION OF LITTER

Under the Litter Pollution Act, 1997, Litter is defined as follows:-

"a substance, or object, whether or not intended as waste (other than waste within the meaning of the Waste Management Act, 1996, which is properly consigned for disposal) that, when deposited in a place other than a litter receptacle or other place lawfully designated for the deposit, is or is likely to become unsightly, deleterious, nauseous or unsanitary, whether by itself or with any other such substance or object, and regardless of its size or volume or the extent of the deposit".

The definition is very broad. Litter is a very negative aspect of our environment. It is waste in the wrong place. While waste is produced by everybody, there are means of proper disposal, which prevent it from becoming litter. The big problem with litter is, people must **CHOOSE** to use these proper means of disposal. Not everyone does and the result is litter.

Litter is a much bigger problem now than it was years ago. This is because:-

- (a) there is now more packaging,
- (b) a lot of packaging is made of plastic and aluminium, which does not rot away,
- (c) there are now more fast food premises in our town and so eating on the street has increased,
- (d) people are buying more highly packaged luxury goods.
- (e) people do not seem to be fully educated on the impact which litter has on our environment.

SOME FACTS AND PROBLEMS ABOUT LITTER IN WEXFORD TOWN ARE:-

- * Litter is unsightly, it spoils the beauty of our surroundings. This, unfortunately, is what tourists and visitors who come to our town will remember more than our visitor attractions and historic buildings.
- * Litter is a big problem in Wexford Town and despite extensive cleaning efforts by Wexford Corporation, it is still found in car parks, streets, public green areas and, in particular, in the vicinity of fast food outlets.

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- * Litter is a health hazard, disposable nappies and the remains of picnics can cause particular problems, e.g., litter can be a breeding ground for vermin, which can cause out-breaks of disease, e.g., gastro-enteritis and salmonella.
- * Litter is a threat to human safety, broken glass, tins, scrap etc., can cause injuries which may be minor or more serious for the general public, but especially to children in school grounds or recreational areas where they play.
- * Litter is a threat to the wildlife in Wexford Town, birds, animals and fish can be injured and killed by plastic bags, polystyrene beads, disposable plastic can holders, steel rings from beverage cans, oil, indigestible pellets, and supermarket trolleys. Wexford, situated on the River Slaney, is renowned for its ambience and public amenities which provide habitats for other species. The protection of our environment should, therefore, be foremost in our lives.
- * Litter costs money, approximately £130,000 is spent annually by Wexford Corporation on litter removal and street cleaning. This money could be better used elsewhere.
- * It costs on average nine times more to sweep litter from streets than to collect it at the doorstep.

DID YOU KNOW?

- * Under the 1997 Litter Pollution Act, it is now an offence to:-
 - (a) Place advertisements on vehicle windscreens without the prior consent of the owner/occupier.
 - (b) Not to clean up after your dog when it fouls.
 - (c) To have litter in your garden or on the footpath in front of your house.
 - (d) To have litter in any part of your premises that can be viewed from a public place.
 - (e) To place posters or other notices on buildings, telegraph poles etc., without the prior consent of the owner/occupier.
 - (f) Leaving or throwing litter in a public place is an offence which can be subject to an-on-the-spot fine of £25.00 or a maximum fine of £1,500.00 in court.

Listed below please find an appraisal of all existing litter prevention and control programmes being operated by the Local Authority.

- * Every street in Wexford is swept once a week. The Main Street and The Quays are swept daily and is swept at weekends and Sunday mornings. There are five sweepers employed.
- * There is one refuse truck that collects Household refuse using the Wheelie Bin System.
- * A cardboard collection takes place Tuesday and Thursday from the shops on the Main Street.
- * Commercial premises have their bins emptied Monday, Wednesday and Friday.
- * Gardener and staff take care of weeding and grass cutting.
- * There are approx. 70 small public street litter bins around Wexford Town. These are emptied every day in the town centre area.
- * Wexford Corporation has supplied bins and bags to shop owners, who take the bins in at night and look after them.
- * There are four Traffic/Litter Wardens employed.
- * Wexford Corporation joins with the County Council in their "clean up Wexford" Week by the provision of skips in urban residential areas.
- * There are nine recycling centres throughout the town:-

Five are in primary school grounds and collect glass, aluminium cans and newspapers. These are regularly emptied by Recycling 2000.

Four are in public areas and collect glass and cans only. These are provided under the "Life" project operated by Wexford County Council.

There are two Textile Recycling Banks located in Mallon Street Car Park and L & N Car Par, Custom House Quay.

- * A Survey is being carried out by transition year students in the C.B.S. School in Wexford which will assess the extent of the litter problem in Wexford Town. This will help Wexford Corporation to improve its own service and is the best way to raise public awareness among both adults and children.
- * As mentioned previously, pamphlets have been printed and circulated to all households with their refuse bills, and will also be circulated to the commercial sector. They inform the public of their new obligations under the new Act, of ways by which they can help fight litter and of the recycling centres around town.

1. HOUSEHOLDS

The presentation of household refuse is regulated by the Towns and Country Clauses Act, 1847, and the Towns and Country Clauses Act, 1854. The Towns and Country Clauses Act, 1847, provides that the Corporation shall provide a sufficient number of carts or other vehicles for the removal of refuse from the streets and public places, and that the Corporation shall cause the same to be removed to some place or places appointed for that purpose.

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MAIN OBJECTIVES OF THE LITTER MANAGEMENT PLAN

Listed hereunder please find the main objectives of the Litter Management Plan to prevent and control litter in Wexford Corporations' functional area. Also listed are the measures/arrangements to be implemented by Wexford Corporation in order to attain our objectives. Our main objectives are presented in nine different categories as follows:-

1. HOUSEHOLD REFUSE

Poor presentation of household refuse for collection by the Local Authority is a significant cause of litter. The introduction of the Wheelie Bin System in 1995 has improved this situation in Wexford. However many occupants of apartments/flats in Wexford do not use Corporation Bins, instead they either use plastic bags/sacks or the public bins.

Our objective is to get rid of plastic bags/sacks being left out for collection or being put into public bins. We hope to achieve this by:-

- (a) Writing to both the tenants and the landlords encouraging them to get a wheelie bin.
- (b) Inform them that on-the-spot fines will be issued for those caught putting household rubbish in public street bins.
- (c) The public have been informed through pamphlets issued with their refuse bills that wheelie bins should be put out on the morning of collection day only and taken in as soon as possible.
- (d) Wexford Corporation will review the refuse collection programme regularly to ensure that the system is effective and efficient.

2. STREET LITTER

This is a major problem for Wexford Town and, as mentioned, previously it creates an unclean impression of the town to visitors and tourists. The more we see litter the more complacent we get. Our objective is to rid Wexford Town of Street Litter. We propose to do this by:-

- (a) Reviewing our street cleansing programmes from time to time to ensure that the service is sufficient and appropriate to requirements. This would include a review of the timetable for

street sweeping in order to benefit each particular area and to highlight the areas in need of more frequent attention.

- (b) Shop owners should continually be encouraged to keep the area outside their premises litter free, especially fast food premises, as these places are a major source of street litter in particular at weekends - pamphlets have been printed and are ready to be delivered to the commercial sector about same.

3. LITTER BINS

Complaints are often received about litter bins being full or not in the right places.

Our objective is to ensure that bins are more plentiful and clearly visible so that they may be used more and litter would not be just thrown on the street.

The measures we propose to take are as follows:-

- (a) At present a Litter Survey is being undertaken by the C.B.S. School as mentioned previously which includes a Survey of litter bins. The Survey will establish if they are placed in the correct location, clearly visible, if they are emptied frequently enough i.e., before they are full, and are the capacity of those provided. This will enable us to achieve the above objective.
- (b) Individual shopkeepers will be asked if they would be willing to provide more bins outside their premises, thus getting the point across that this will make their shopfronts look more clean, tidy and enhance their business as a whole.
- (c) The Corporation will place bins outside shops that are willing to sponsor them.
- (d) This idea will be supported by more frequent cleaning/emptying of bins by the Corporation.

4. RECYCLING

Recycling is not new to Wexford, and its potential to eliminate some forms of litter should be promoted.

Our objective is that a greater emphasis should be placed on recycling as it can help reduce some forms of litter e.g., glass, paper and clothes. The measures we hope to take are as follows:-

- (a) Again, as mentioned previously, a list of recycling centres has gone out to all householders in town and the commercial sector will also be so advised.
- (b) An advertisement campaign should be initiated in the local papers and on South East Radio encouraging the use of the various recycling centres in the town.
- (c) Wexford Corporation should consider whether more centres are needed and are the existing ones in suitable and accessible locations and are they being collected and emptied frequently enough. Again the Survey as mentioned previously will enable us to improve our recycling service.
- (d) The pamphlets mentioned previously have also asked householders to reuse plastic bags and will ask the commercial sector to sell canvas shopping bags or provide incentives for the public to reuse their plastic bags.

5. CLEAN UP CAMPAIGNS

Our objective under the above heading is to develop a local partnership against litter and get public support in identifying and tackling litter "blackspots". It is proposed to do this is by:-

- (a) Wexford Corporation could consider the appointment an officer to liaise with the public, businesses and residents association etc.
- (b) Businesses should be contacted directly and encouraged to participate in any clean up campaigns, with the incentive being a clean outdoor environment for business.
- (c) Resident Associations when receiving their grants from the Corporation might be encouraged or given more financial benefit as an incentive to tackle particular "blackspots".
- (d) A pamphlet distributed to the commercial sector has asked fast food shops to cut down on their packaging, to provide more bins inside their premises and to get anti-litter slogans pre-printed on their packaging.
- (e) The pamphlet also asks both householders and the commercial sector to inform the Corporation of any litter blackspots in their area.

6. FLY-POSTING

Wexford has quite a high rate of fly-posting. This can contribute to the untidy appearance of a town and Wexford is no exception.

Our objective is to rid the town of fly-posting which will improve the overall presentation of the town.

We intend to achieve this by:-

- (a) Again on the pamphlets the public and commercial sector have been asked to report any incidences of fly-posting.
- (b) On-the-spot fines can now be issued for fly-posting.
- (c) The Corporation will act quickly on fly-posting. Firstly asking whoever is responsible to remove it and if not removed then proceed with prosecution.

7. ON-THE-SPOT FINES

On-the-spot fines have largely been confined to those who have been issued with traffic fines and throw the ticket on the ground. Issuing on-the-spot fines for other types of littering offences has been difficult as the offender must give their name and address to the Warden.

Our objective is to use the new powers granted to Local Authorities in relation to the above. Once the public see we are serious about litter they will think twice before littering and receiving a fine for £25.00. We aim to achieve this by:-

- (a) New litter fine books have been printed, these will be given to the four Litter/Traffic Wardens as well as the Garda Siochana.
- (b) Under the new act on-the-spot fines can now be issued for a large number of offences.
- (c) Maybe teams of part-time, clearly identified Litter Wardens can be introduced for weekends and peak-times especially during summer months.

8. DOG FOULING

Dog fouling is a big problem in Wexford Town. It is unsightly, and unhygienic and dangerous for both children and adults.

Our objective is to educate people about this and try to eradicate this problem in Wexford. We propose to do this by:-

- (a) Getting special Dog Litter Bins and placing them in suitable locations around town.
- (b) The public have been informed of this offence on the pamphlets.

9. PUBLIC AWARENESS AND EDUCATION

It is widely thought that the public are neither aware nor educated enough regarding litter and it's negative effects on our environment.

Our objective is to make the public aware and educate them about litter. We aim to do this, as follows:-

- (a) As already stated pamphlets (see attached) have been circulated to all householders and will be circulated to commercial premises also. These pamphlets contain details of the recycling centres around town, how they can help in the fight against litter and emphasise the new obligations under the Litter Pollution Act 1997.
- (b) Wexford Corporation should have it's Anti-Litter Week. During that week, the local media should be used to promote the campaign, with photographs of areas needing attention to "prick" the conscience of the public in the papers. A follow up feature could be done showing before and after pictures. This should give encouragement and a sense of local pride to the public.
- (c) A poster competition could be introduced in each of the Schools with prizes for the best posters and slogans. These could be exhibited locally during Anti-Litter Week.
- (d) A Litter Warden could visit the schools and encourage the young people of the town to be "environmentally friendly" and also stress the importance of the recycling centres.
- (e) During this Anti-Litter Week, a competition, like that already established by the Corporation between the various residents groups for tidiest and best kept estate, could be established among the business community for best kept shopfront.
- (f) In the survey currently in progress public awareness is being determined and publicity campaigns are being questioned regarding their effect.
- (g) New leaflets per the Department will be printed and issued to householders/business owners and schools again these will make the public more aware of their duties under the law.

Measures that will/may be taken by persons other than the Local Authority for the purposes of preventing and controlling litter.

- * Wexford Corporation has given bins to shop owners on the Main Street, who look after them and take them in at night time.
- * Residents Association keep their areas clean. The Corporation has an annual competition for Best Kept Residential Area and this encourages them to keep their areas clean.
- * A Tidy Town's Committee is in the process of being set up - This Committee will have a special interest in litter all over the town and they will also be trying to promote public awareness in keeping Wexford clean with the general aim of improving Wexford's rating in the annual Tidy Town's competition.
- * Hopefully the general public will accept that litter is as much their problem as ours and that they will play their role in keeping Wexford litter free. If the public didn't drop litter, Wexford Corporation would not have to clean it up.
- * A lot of householders and shop owner keep the areas outside their premises clean and well swept.
- * Wexford Corporation will be issuing the Gardai with litter fines books so they will also be issuing fines to offenders. This is a new provision introduced under the Litter Pollution Act, 1997.

FACILITIES AT WHICH WASTE MAY BE DEPOSITED BY MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC FOR RECOVERY OR DISPOSAL WITHIN THE MEANING OF THE WASTE MANAGEMENT ACT, 1996.

- (1) Wexford Corporation Domestic and Commercial Wheelie Bins.
- (2) Wheelie bins/bag Collection provided by private operators.
- (3) Waste may be brought directly to landfill sites at Killurin and Ballykeerogue by members of the public.
- (4) Public Street Litter Bins.

(5) At the "Life Recycling Centres" in the following locations:-

	<u>Types of Glass</u>		<u>Cans</u>
	Green	Brown Clear	Aluminium
Wexford Corporation rear of Municipal Buildings.	"	"	"
Mallon Street Car Park	"	"	"
L & N Car Park	"	"	"
Wellington Place Car Park	"	"	"
*Ferrybank Caravan Park	"	"	"

* To be provided shortly.

(6) At the following Recycling Centres collected by Recycling 2000.

	Glass	Aluminium Cans	Newspapers
C.B.S. School, Thomas Street	"	"	"
St. John of God School, The Faythe	"	"	"
Kennedy Park School, Whitemill Road	"	"	"
Mercy School, St. John's Road	"	"	"
Scoil Mhuire, Coolcotts	"	"	"

(7) The two Textile Recycling Centres located at Mallin Street Car Park and L & N Car Park operated by Textile Recycling Ltd., Dublin.

STEPS BEING TAKEN BY WEXFORD CORPORATION TO ENFORCE THE PROVISIONS OF THE ACT IN ITS FUNCTIONAL AREA.

* The public have already been made aware of their duties under the Act through pamphlets, these will also be circulated to commercial property owners.

- * New leaflets recently issued by the Department will be printed and issued to householders/business owners and schools, again these will help create public awareness of their duties under the law.
- * New litter books containing all the new offences for on-the-spot fines have been printed. In January 1998, the Litter Wardens and the Gardai will be enforcing the new Act through these books. Hopefully the Gardai will support the Litter Wardens regarding personal safety etc. if and when required.
- * Advertising on local radio and in the papers will take place to raise the public's awareness of the new provisions of the Act.
- * School principals will be reminded of the responsibility which the school has for its students outside the school grounds.
- * Fast food premises will be contacted separately and advised as to how they might keep their areas clear, i.e., through less packaging and providing more bins, and Anti-litter Slogans printed on their packaging.
- * Public also to be made aware that street bins are not for domestic refuse and that offenders will be prosecuted.

IMMEDIATE OBJECTIVES FOR 1998

- * New litter books given to Traffic/Litter Wardens and Gardai from January 1998. Anyone who commits an offence under the Act will be fined.
- * January 1998 - Awareness Campaign on radio and newspapers informing the public of their new obligations under the Litter Act.
- * February 1998 - Printing and issuing of Department's Litter leaflets to households, schools and shop owners/businesses.
- * Dog Litter Bins to be in place by August 1998.

CONCLUSION

Wexford has undergone major development change in recent years e.g., 2 phases of urban renewal renewing both the north and south ends of the town. The £40m Main Drainage Scheme is currently in progress and contributes significantly to the economic and tourism infrastructure of Wexford Town. A major resurfacing programme of roads and footpaths affected by the Main Drainage Scheme is also in progress.

All these developments will considerably enhance Wexford Town, but it will not have the desired effect if our town is still littered and dirty. Despite the major infrastructural improvements, tourists and visitors will still focus on the extent of litter in our town.

With this Management Plan, Litter will hopefully become a minor problem in Wexford and not the major one that it is today.

November 1997.

MINUTES OF PROTOCOL COMMITTEE MEETING OF WEXFORD
BOROUGH COUNCIL HELD AT 6.00 P.M. ON MONDAY 22ND
DECEMBER, 1997 IN THE COUNCIL CHAMBER, MUNICIPAL
BUILDINGS, WEXFORD.

Presiding:- His Worship the Mayor, Cllr. E. O'Connor.

Aldermen:- P. Reck, G. Byrne.

Councillors:- P. Roche, J. O'Flaherty.

In Attendance:- Mr. D.F. Curtin, Town Clerk.
Mr. B. Browne, Comoradh '98 Committee.

At the outset of the meeting the Programme for Comoradh '98 was considered and following lengthy discussion the following items were recommended and agreed:-

1. Bullring upgrading to proceed as planned (Wexford Corporation).
2. Velottin Monument to be rededicated to '98 (reflecting both traditions) (Wexford Town Comoradh '98 Committee).
3. Wexford Comoradh District Committee proposal re Carcur (Student Project) to be considered at an early meeting.
4. Contribution of £10,000 to National Centre and nomination of Senators procedure to be considered by Protocol Committee - Town Clerk to draft proposals for consideration of Protocol Committee and Borough Council.
5. Requests for backing for projects would be dealt with in accordance with procedure to be drafted by Town Clerk and agreed by Protocol Committee at January meeting.
6. Penny's to be requested to mount plaque to mark senate/republic on their premises (Wexford Town Comoradh '98 Committee).
7. Noted that Tour de France, Slogadh, Mozart Requiem, A.M.A.I. Seminar and Conference and Library Conference would be financially assisted - details to be agreed at a future meeting.
8. Mayor, Cllr. O'Flaherty and Town Clerk to meet with Bernard Browne and Peter Redmond to discuss projects 2 & 3 and promotion.

Next Meeting.

It was agreed that the next meeting would be held during the 3rd week in January - prior to then the meeting at 8 above would be held.

THIS CONCLUDED THE BUSINESS OF THE MEETING.

SIGNED THIS 5th DAY OF January, 1998.

MAYOR OF WEXFORD.

Eddie O'Connor