

8th April 1901.

An adjourned meeting of the Council was held this day in the Tholsel
at 7.30 P.M.

There were present:-

Benjamin Hughes Esq. Mayor (in the Chair)

Aldermen - Matthew J. Furlong, Walter Walsh.

Councillors - James Rose, Howard Rowe, Patrick Ryan, James J. Stafford,
James Smith, John Lyne, Richard Walsh, Robert Stanton & Michael
O'Connor, Joseph Kelly.

The minutes of meeting of 1st Inst were read and signed.

The Town Surveyor submitted an Estimate of the cost of laying a conduit pipe
from the spring in the College field to the Spout at the Cross of Summerhill.
The cost of laying a 3 inch pipe was estimated to be £15. 7. 6 of laying a 4
inch pipe £17. 0. 6, a 5 inch pipe £17. 0. 6 and a 6 inch pipe £22. 0. 6

On the motion of Councillor Ryan seconded by Councillor Stafford it was

Resolved - That the Town Surveyor prepare a specification of the work of laying
a 5 inch pipe and that tenders be invited by advertisement in the Press in
respect of the execution of such work.

In reference to order made on the 18th ulto the manager of the National Bank
Wexford stated by letter that the Bank could not admit any responsibility for
the substituted or other sewers passing through the Banks property as these were
under the control of the Corporation and requested to be furnished with a
definite answer as to whether the Corporation would proceed with the work of
repairing the defective sewer.

It was ordered - That the manager of the Bank be again informed that the
Bank Authorities having closed the original sewer and substituted therefor
another sewer which had now become defective, the liability for putting the
latter sewer into good order rested with the Bank Authorities and not with
the Corporation especially as there was no record to show that the Corporation
were aware of the alteration made on the main sewer in 1865 or 1866 and
this being so that the Bank Authorities be called on to put the existing sewer
into a state of repair.

A letter from Mr P. Phillips was read communicating his intention
to build on a vacant plot of ground at the corner of Barricane and
Poches terrace. Between this plot and the gable of the Working Class
Dwellings there was a narrow strip of ground only three feet wide
which was not only useless to the Corporation but a receptacle for
mischances. He asked for permission to extend his proposed building
to the gable of the Corporation houses.

On the motion of Councillor Rose seconded by Councillor Walsh it was
Resolved - That no building or ground exceeding 3' 6" feet from front
to rear by 3 feet frontage adjoining Working Class Dwellings in

Rockes-Terrace to let on lease to Mr Phillips for the statutory period of thirtyone years at a rent of Six shillings per year
Mr John Stokes of Bridge Street Wexford asked for a right of way across the approach to the Working Class Dwellings at Rockes Terrace for the ingress and egress of a small car through a gateway which he proposed to open in the wall of his yard. A Committee consisting of Alderman Furlong and Councillors Smith and Stafford was appointed to examine the ground and see if Mr Stokes request might be granted. With reference to a surcharge of £5 made by the Auditor Mr Baker it was arranged for messrs Ryan, Rowe and Cosgrave to make application for a remission of the surcharge in the form suggested by the Local Government Board as per their letter No 16835 dated 6th April 1901.
It was ordered - That the premises of Messrs Somers and Carter of York Main Street Wexford be registered as a place where the business of a wholesale dealer in Margarine and Margarine Cheese was carried on.
Attention was drawn by D. G. A. Hadden to the insanitary state of the sewer under his premises in Main Street. It appeared that owing to the covering of the sewer being defective there was an escape of sewer gas which permeated his dwelling house to a dangerous extent. The gas was most noticeable when the wind blew from the east and forced it back into the sewer which was not provided with any means of ventilation.

It was ordered - That the matter be referred to the Town Surveyor to report thereon.

The meeting at this point adjourned to ^{Tuesday} tomorrow 9th Inst.

Bryant, Chairman

9th April 1901.

An adjourned meeting of the Council was held this day in the Tholsel at half past seven o'clock P.M.

There were present -

Benjamin Hughes Esqrd Mayor (in the Chair)

Councillors - Nicholas J. Cosgrave, John Clancy, Matthew J. Furlong, George Hadden.

Councillors - John Lyne, Howard Rowe, James Lee, James Smith, Michael O'Conor, Richard Walsh, Joseph Kelly, Patrick Ryan, Robert Stanton, James J. Stafford, Cameron Rogers.

The minutes of meeting of the 8th instant were read and signed.

A letter from the Secretary of the Gas Co was read signifying that the extra cost attendant on providing incandescent lamps for the streets would be twelve shillings per night and by the following season from 15th August to 15th May. This showed that the total extra cost of maintaining

The public lights would amount to £84 7s 6d and there was no action taken on the matter.

On the motion of Councillor Rowe, seconded by Councillor Ryan it was Resolved - That there be now struck the underrated Rates and Assessments as agreed to on the 18th Ultmo. night.

A Borough Rate of Elevenpence, a Rate in lieu of County Cess of one shilling and Eightpence, a Public Water Rate of Tenpence and a Domestic Water Rate of one shilling in the Pound in respect of the whole year ending 31st March next and a Poor Rate of one shilling and two pence in the Pound in respect of half year ending 30th September next on the nett assessable value of property within the Borough of Wexford, that the Books containing the items of these various assessments be now sealed and signed and that the Special Rate and Water Rates be fixed to be payable on 1st June.

A notice of motion given by Councillor Lyne was accepted as follows.

I hereby give notice that I shall move at next Statutable meeting of the Council that all resolutions on the Minute Books fixing the date of the holding of Stated Finance Meetings as the third Monday of each month and the day of the holding of Standing Committee Meetings as the second and fourth Mondays of each month be rescinded, and I shall move that the Stated Finance Meetings be in future held on the third Thursday of each month and meetings of the Standing Committees be held weekly on each Thursday when the first business to be disposed of shall be the examination of workmen's accounts.

B. H. J. H.

15th April 1901.

A Stated Finance Meeting of the Council was held this day in the Tholsel at 7:30 P.M.

There were present:

Benjamin Hughes Esq^r Mayor (in the chair)

Alderman - Matthew J. Curlong, John Clancy.

Councillors - James Done, Michael O' Connor, John Lyne, James Smith, Barth Kelly, Richard Walsh, Patrick Ryan.

The Minutes of meeting of 9th Inst were read and signed.

The Bank Books and Cashier Paying Orders were laid before the meeting.

The accuracy of the Bank Books having been ascertained the Chairman affixed his signature thereto.

Liabilities which had accrued due up to the end of last month amounting in the aggregate to £778. 1s 6d were submitted to the meeting and having been examined were approved and an authorisation was signed to enable the Treasurer to pay them over according to the Long of Paying Orders numbered from 405 to 425 inclusive by

405. In favour of M. J. O'Conor for collecting rents of Artisans and Labourers Dwellings for three months	£ 6: 3: 11
406. In favour of George W. Taylor for collecting Water Rates and Meter and other charges	60: 12: 3
407. In favour of Thomas Godfrey for collecting Poor Rate for half year	29: 13: 11
408. In favour of Benjamin Hughes for advertising	4: 18: 10
409. In favour of same for do	1: 11: 6
410. In favour of same for do	2: 5: 6
411. In favour of John T. Walsh for advertising and printing	16: 13: 8
412. In favour of same for do	4: 16: 4
413. In favour of same for do	4: 16: 4
414. In favour of M. & S. Crennan for advertising	3: 7: 0
415. In favour of same for do	15: 8
416. In favour of same for do	1: 4: 8
417. In favour of W ^m White for writing up and apportioning Poor Rate Books	6: 0: 0
418. In favour of James Farlong for writing up & apportioning Water Rate Books	4: 0: 0
419. In favour of Gloucester Grepler for writing up & apportioning Special Rate Books	3: 0: 0
420. In favour of Nicholas Bolger for writing up & apportioning Borough Rate Books	3: 0: 0
421. In favour of James Stomk for retains executed & goods supplied	1: 16: 9
422. In favour of National Bank being final judgment of demands for Half year ended 31 st March 90 payable to Co Council	568: 4: 6
423. In favour of W ^m A. Browne being cash advanced in payment of petty liabilities	10: 13: 11
424. In favour of same for same	38: 6: 5
425. In favour of same for same	6: 5: 4
	£ 778: 11: 6

Summary and Reconciliation of Treasurers Account for the month
ending the last day of March 90 including the payments made at the
Stated Finance Meeting held on this day.

Summary

Balance (if any) due by Treasurer as per last monthly statement	451	11	1
Total sum received to close of last month	703	14	10
	T ^o tal	1155	5
Balance (if any) due to Treasurer as per last monthly statement Payments ordered at above mentioned meeting	778	1	6
	T ^o tal	778	1
Net Balance due by Treasurer (being difference of above Totals)	377	4	5
	Reconciliation		
Balance per Bank Books due by Treasurer	1156	2	7
Outstanding Orders (including Treasury of Local Council)	778	18	2
Net Balance as above due by Treasurer	377	4	5

It was ordered - That the gate of the Manure Depot at Windmills Hill be repaired, or a new gate provided at the discretion of the Town Surveyor.
A Committee appointed on the 8th inst to consider the request of John Stithoe for a right of way across the approach to Working Class Dwellings in Rockes road reported they saw no objection to the concession being acceded to and accordingly
It was Ordered - That Mr Stithoes request be granted.

The Accounts of the Water Rate Collector for year ended 31st March last were submitted and investigated and

It was ordered - That items of Assessment amounting to £ 23: 11: 5^½ be struck out of the Rate Book as irrecoverable being chiefly sums assessed on premises which had been vacant for either the whole or part of the year and that items amounting to £ 7: 17: 8^½ being the remainder of the outstanding Rates be carried into next Rate Book as Collectible Arrears.

It was ordered - That twelve cast iron sewer grates be procured by tender and that Invites from Ironfounders for supplying these articles be invited by advertisement in the Press.

Benjamin Hughes Mayor

6th May 1901.

A Statutable Meeting of the Council was held this day in the Tholsel at noon.
There were present

Benjamin Hughes Esq^r Mayor (in the chair)

Aldermen - George Hadden, Walter Walsh, Matthew J. Furlong.

Councillors - James Hore, John Tynagh, William Sears, James Smith, Michael O' Connor, James J. Stafford, Patrick Ryan, Barth Kelly, William Timpson.

The Financial Statement Book of Receipts was produced, examined and authenticated by the signature of the Chairman and the counter signature of the Clerk showing the sums which had been received in the month of April and the Ledger entries to be made in respect of same.

The Financial Statement Book of Expenditure was also produced, examined and authenticated by the signature of the Chairman and the counter signature of the Clerk showing the sums which had been ordered for payment at the Stated Finance Meeting held next before the above mentioned day being in respect of expenses for the period ending the last day of the preceding month and the Ledger entries to be made in respect of same.

The Ledger was also produced posted up to the day of the last Stated Finance Meeting with the proper debits and credits as ordered on that day.
On the motion of Alderman Hadden seconded by Councillor Hore it was unanimously

Resolved - That we record our sense of the trouble to which this town has sustained in the lamented death of Lord Maurice Fitzgerald and that

too tender to Lady Maurice and her family our respectful sympathy in their bereavement.

The Poor Rate Accounts for the half year ended 31st March 1900 was submitted showing that on that date the sum of £64. 10. 2 was outstanding. Of this sum the Finance Committee reported that items amounting to £29. 1. 5 were found to be irrecoverable in consequence of premises being wholly or partially vacant for the half year.

It was ordered - That the report of the Finance Committee be adopted and that the remainder of the outstanding Poor Rate be brought into the current half years accounts as Collectible Arrears.

A letter dated 4th May 1900 No 21636 received from the Local Government Board was read. It contained a Sealed Order sustaining a surcharge of £5 made by Mr Baker at his audit of the Borough Accounts for year ended 31st March 1900.

It was arranged for the members present at meeting on 24th April 1899 when the sum in question was voted to Stephen and Ellen Sinnott as compensation to subscribe £5 and lodge it to the credit of the Borough Fund.

With regard to the proposal of the Technical Instruction Committee ~~sought~~ to take a plot of ground at Jacob's Street as a site for a School House a letter received from Messrs Gracott Weldon & Co Solicitors Dublin through the Corporation Solicitor was read. From this it appeared that it was necessary for a formal proposal to take the plot at the stipulated rent of £15 a year for a period of 999 years should be made by the Corporation to the Trustees of the Revenue property to enable the case to be brought before the Commissioners of Charities with a view to the plot being demised for the purpose required. It was seen from a map of the proposed site that the latter measured 134 feet by 100 feet. This in the opinion of the meeting did not afford sufficient space and it was decided to defer the consideration of the matter for the present and to request Councillor Sears & Lyne and Alderman Hadden to see if an additional 20 feet frontage on the Thomas Street side of the plot could be procured.

The Town Clerk reported that from his interpretation of the Municipal Acts it was open to the Council to grant an annual allowance to John Keaton on his resigning the offices he held under the Council.

A letter received from the latter Officer was laid before the meeting. He stated that owing to feeble health and old age he was no longer able to discharge his duties and therefore tendered his resignation whereupon it was resolved on the motion of Councillor Sears seconded by Alderman Turley that an annual allowance of £28 be granted to John Keaton this sum being equal to two thirds of his salary as Sergeant at Arms and Sanitary Sch. Officer combined.

of 2nd May 1901 was laid before the meeting. It fixed the Audit Fee payable to the Department in respect of the financial year ended 31st March 1900 at £20:10s. The following resolution was proposed by Councillor Lyne pursuant to notice given by him on 9th Feb. It was seconded by Councillor Simpson and adopted.
That all resolutions on the minute Books fixing the date of the holding of Stated Finance Meetings as the third Monday of each month and the day of the holding of Standing Committee Meetings as the second and fourth Mondays of each month be rescinded, and that the Stated Finance Meetings be in future held on the third Thursday of each month and meetings of the Standing Committees be held weekly on each Thursday when the first business to be disposed of shall be the examination of Workmen's Accounts.

Pursuant to notice given by Councillor Sears on 1st Feb with the object of granting permission to the National Telephone Co to erect poles in the street at Trinity Street he proposed that any resolutions adopted by the Council prohibiting the National Telephone Co from erecting poles in the streets be rescinded.

The motion was seconded by Councillor Simpson but failed to be carried. As per resolution of 8th Feb two tenders received in respect of the laying of a conduit in the land attached to St Peters College were opened and read. They proved to be from Patrick Brun of Westgate and James Redmond of Banack Street. The former offered to do all the work connected with the laying of the pipe for £17:6:8 and the latter offered to do it for £18.

On the motion of Alderman Furlong seconded by Councillor Sears the tender of Patrick Brun was accepted.

In reference to order made on 8th Feb there was received from Mr R Phillips a letter in which he declined to accept a lease of a piece of waste ground at Rockes Road at a rent of six shillings a year which he considered exorbitant, especially as the structural improvements he was about to make would render it necessary for him to forfeit his right to a portion of the frontage of his ground.

The matter having been considered it was on the motion of Councillor Sears seconded by Alderman Furlong decided to request Messrs Lyne, Stafford, Hone and Walsh to inspect the place referred to and report thereon. The question whether the Proprietors of the National Bank or the Corporation were responsible for putting into a state of efficiency a sewer on the Banks premises at Custom House Quay (a subject which was last under discussion on 8th Feb) was brought forward by the receipt of a letter from the Manager of the Wexford Branch of the Bank. He maintained as he did in former communications that the responsibility laid with the Corporation on the ground that the sewer although existing on the Bank premises was still a public sewer. The matter was considered whereupon on the motion of Alderman Furlong

His opinion and advice thereon.

It was ordered - That the services of Thomas Lacy be retained as Market Toll Collector pro tem until a Collector will be appointed permanently in place of John Seaton resigned

Approved ✓

23rd May 1901.

A Stated Finance Meeting of the Council was held this day in the Tholsel at 4:30 P.M.

There were present -

Benjamin Hughes Esq^t Mayor (in the Chair)

Aldermen - Walter Walsh, Matthew Furlong, George Sadden.

Councillors - Howard Lowe, William Sears, James Rose, Cameron Rogers, Patrick Ryan, John Lyons, Michael O'Conor, Hugh B. Kelly.

The Minutes of meeting of 6th May 90 were read and signed.

The Bank Books and Cashed Paying Orders were laid before the meeting. The accuracy of the Bank Books having been ascertained the Chairman affixed his signature thereto.

Liabilities which had accrued due up to the end of last month amounting in the aggregate to £209: 6: 3 were submitted to the meeting and having been examined were approved and an authorization was given to enable the Treasurer to pay them on presentation to him of Paying Orders numbered from 426 to 448 inclusive.

426 In favour of W^m. A. Browne proportion of Quarters salary as Town Clerk £30: 12: 6

427 In favour of same do do 30: 12: 6

428 In favour of John Seaton quarters salary as Mayor's Sergeant 5: 10: 0

429 In favour of Thomas Lacy do do 2: 10: 0

430 In favour of same do as Carter of Old Graveyards 2: 10: 0

431 In favour of W^m. A. Browne do as Executive Sanitary Officer 5: 0: 0

432 In favour of John Crean do as Consulting Sanitary Officer 3: 15: 0

433 In favour of Thomas Riise do as Medical Officer of Health 4: 0: 0

434 In favour of John Seaton do as Sanitary Sub. Officer 5: 0: 0

435 In favour of Thomas Lacy do do do 5: 0: 0

436 In favour of James Kemy do do (pro tem) 4: 1: 0

437 In favour of W^m. J. Grath do as Carter of Town Hall 2: 12: 0

438 In favour of John Murphy do as Office Cleaner 1: 0: 0

439 In favour of W^m. A. Browne do as Secretary of Waterworks 5: 0: 0

440 In favour of D. E. McCarthy do as Superintendent 16: 5: 0

441 In favour of same do as Town Surveyor 16: 5: 0

442 In favour of Report late 2nd May Taylor being rent of site of Artizans Dwellings in Trinity Street 2: 10: 0

443. In favour of Sergeant Donovan being expenses incurred under Weights & Measures & Food & Drugs Acts for quarter	£ 142: 0: 0
444. In favour of Gas Consumers Co for gas consumed in Tholsel and Town Hall for quarter	2: 1: 10
445. In favour of Bank of Ireland being Audit Fee to be lodged to credit of Local Government Board	3: 11: 2
446. In favour of Wm. J. Browne cash advanced in payment of petty liabilities	10: 10: 0
447. In favour of same for £	11: 10: 9
448. In favour of same for £	38: 18: 10
	5: 10: 8

£ 209: 6: 3

Summary and Reconciliation of Treasurers Account for the month ended the last day of April 1901 including the payments made at the stated Finance Meeting held on this day

Summary

Balance (if any) due by Treasurer as per last monthly statement	377	4	5
Total sum received to close of last month	39	1	10
Total	416	6	3

Balance (if any) due to Treasurer as per last monthly statement	209	6	3
Payments ordered at above mentioned meeting	209	6	3
Total	209	6	3

Net Balance due by Treasurer (being difference of above Totals)	207	.	.
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Reconciliation

Balance per Bank Books due by Treasurer	425	6	3
Outstanding Orders (including those issued at this meeting)	218	6	3
Net Balance as above due by Treasurer.	207	.	.

A Committee appointed at last meeting reported that they had had an interview with Rev Brother Nester and were glad to say he fell in with the views of the Corporation as to the site selected for the proposed Technical School being enlarged. He undertook to recommend his superiors in Dublin to permit of the additional land required, to be let in with the site without demanding an increased rent.

A Committee appointed at last meeting reported they could not see their way to recommend that Mr Phillips's request for liberty to build on a vacant piece of ground at Rocks Terrace should be granted. Their reason for coming to this conclusion was because the necessity for changing the position of the steps leading up to the Working Class Dwellings would arise unless he set back the intended building five feet from the front of the street. It was stated Mr Phillips proposed writing again to the Corporation on the subject. The desirability of having a small piece of waste ground situated at

east side of Roches road and abutting on Bridge street enclosed with a railing and planted was brought under consideration. The idea commended itself to the meeting but before carrying it into effect it was decided to ascertain from the Administrators of the Parish whether the Catholic Ecclesiastical Authorities considered they had any claim to the plot.

Councillor Rose protested against the recent change made in the days on which meetings were fixed to be held and handed in a notice of motion which was accepted as follows

I beg to give notice that I shall move at next meeting of the Council that the resolution passed on the 6th instant fixing the days of meetings be rescinded with the object of the Stated Finance Meeting being fixed to be held on the third Wednesday of each month and Standing Committee meeting being fixed to be held on each Wednesday, except the third Wednesday of each month.

It was announced to the meeting that Mr Clancy Rate Collector was at present in a precarious state of health necessitating his early resignation as an officer of the Corporation. It was stated that he desired under the circumstances to make a compromise with the Corporation in the matter of his claim ^{in respect of} for diminution of fees consequent on the Local Government Act coming into force. It was urged on his behalf that he appeared to be entitled to receive as a gratuity a sum equal to five times his loss for one year but the sense of the meeting was opposed to that contention. A long discussion took place and ended in the adoption of the following recommendation by a majority of one, six members being for and five against it

That this meeting recommends to the Council the advisability of granting Mr Clancy a gratuity of £40 more or less in satisfaction of his claim for in respect of loss of fees caused to him by the operation of the Local Government Act 1898.

Alderman Hadden handed in a notice of motion which was accepted as follows

I hereby give notice that I shall move at next meeting of this Council that the resolution of 11th March last by which a sum of £5 a year was tendered to Mr Clancy as compensation be rescinded in order to allow of the foregoing recommendation being adopted at said meeting.

Mr Edward Clancy came before the meeting and stated that his brother, the Collector of Rate, contemplated resigning his office on an early date.

On the motion of Alderman Hadden seconded by Alderman Walsh it was

Resolved - That on Mr Clancy resigning his appointment as Collector of Borough Rates and Rates in lieu of County Cess a new Collector be appointed to these offices at a remuneration of Sixpence in the Pound on all Collectible Rates collected by him, that the new Collector be required to give security in himself and two approved Sureties in the sum of £100 or the Security for a like sum of an approved Fidelity Guarantee Society for the performance of the duties of his office in such manner as may be required and that advertisements be inserted in the Press inviting applications from eligible persons to act as such Collector.

In reference to dispute between the National Bank and the Corporation the Corporation Solicitor stated by letter that he had found the case to be somewhat complicated, ^{one it was} and if made a subject of litigation the result was doubtful. In his opinion it was one that ought to be settled by compromise. He had seen the Manager of the Wexford Branch of the Bank and as a result of the interview had obtained an undertaking from him as follows.

"That a perfect sewer be run through the Bank Premises into the river utilizing the present sewer to best advantage under the joint approval of Messrs. McCarthy and O'Brien, the Bank to bear half the expense - estimated altogether at £40 - but not to exceed £20 as the Banks proportion."

He (the Solicitor) understood that the cost of making the sewer good would not exceed £30 and as the cost of litigation would, he believed, exceed that sum he recommended the Corporation to conclude a settlement on the terms above stated. It was ordered - That before further steps be taken in the matter the Town Surveyor be instructed to furnish an Estimate of the cost of putting the sewer into good condition.

It was further ordered. That Messrs Thompson Brothers be written to and asked to state whether they will be prepared to lay at their own expense a drain connecting their premises with the sewer on the Bank premises in substitution for their existing drain.

Mr Clancy's Books and Accounts for year ended 31st March last were produced and examined and on the conclusion of the examination an Order was made as follows.

That a sum of £20: 12: 8 be struck out of the Borough Rate Account and a sum of £28: 16: 5 be struck out of the Account of Rates in lieu of County Cess as irrecoverable and that the remainder of the outstanding Rates viz Borough Rate £7: 5: 11 and Rate in lieu of County Cess £8: 17: 6 be carried into current years Rate Accounts as Collectible Arrears. (M)

The Town Surveyor submitted quotations received from Ironfounders in England and Scotland for sewer grates. He said that the prices charged by Wexford Ironfounders compared favourably with the prices charged elsewhere and it was

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Ordered - That six sewer grates be ordered from one of the local

for founders to meet present wants.

It was pointed out to the meeting that liabilities amounting to £902. 0. 5 in respect of Loans were due to the Commissioners of Public Works but there were not funds sufficient in the hands of the Treasurer to enable them to be discharged. There was no order made on the matter.

W. J. Hughes, Chairman

3rd June 1901.

A meeting of the Council was held this day in the Tholsel at noon. There were present-

Benjamin Hughes Esq. Mayor (in the Chair)

Aldermen - Walter Walsh, Matthew J. Furlong, George Hadden.

Councillors - William Sears, William Timson, John Lyne, James Gore, James Smith, John Lyne, Howard Lowe, Michael O'Connor.

The minutes of meeting of 23rd May last were read and confirmed.

The Financial Statement Book of Receipts was produced, examined and authenticated by the signature of the Chairman and the counter-signature of the Clerk showing the sums which had been received in the month of May and the Ledger entries to be made in respect of same.

The Financial Statement Book of Expenditure was also produced, examined and authenticated by the signature of the Chairman and the countersignature of the Clerk showing the sums which had been ordered for payment at the Stated Finance Meeting held next before the above mentioned day, being in respect of expenses for the period ending the last day of the preceding month and the Ledger entries to be made in respect of same.

The Ledger was also produced, posted up to the day of the last Stated Finance Meeting with the proper debits and credits as ordered on that day. Pursuant to notice given by Councillor Lowe he proposed the following motion which was seconded by Councillor Lyne and adopted viz

That the resolution of 6th May last fixing days of Stated Finance meetings and of Standing Committee meetings be and is hereby rescinded; that in future Stated Finance meetings of the Council be held on the third Wednesday of each month and Standing Committee meetings on each Wednesday except the third Wednesday of each month.

The revocation of a resolution of the 11th March last was a matter which was considered by the meeting and which was unanimously agreed to so as to permit of the question of Mr Clancy's claim being re-opened.

Thereupon Alderman Hadden proposed

That in lieu of an annual allowance of £5 tendered to our late Rate Collector Mr Clancy there be now granted a gratuity of £40 in liquidation of the claim of £100 which he had against this Council in virtue of Local Government Act 1898

This motion was seconded by Councillor Lyne but was not carried inasmuch as an amendment proposed and seconded by Councillors Rose and Tyre respectively in the following terms was put to the meeting and passed viz -

That a sum of £20 be offered to the Representatives of the late Mr Blaney as recompence for loss of fees sustained by him since the Local Government Act came into force; this offer to hold good for the space of a month from this date.

As a step towards putting into force the provisions of the Irish Education Act 1892 within the Borough the meeting proceeded to select five persons to comprise one half of the members of a School Attendance Committee with the result that Alderman Furlong and Councillors Rose, Sears, Lyne and Rose were appointed and it was decided to recommend the Commissioners of National Education to appoint the undesignated to comprise the other half of the Committee. Archdeacon Pathary Rev P. Doyle Adam, The Superior of the Christian Brothers for the time being, Rev J. T. Sheridan St Peters College and the Mayor of Wexford for the time being.

It was announced to the meeting that the Superior General of the Christian Brothers was not disposed to demand an increased rent by reason of the site selected for the Technical School being extended beyond the limits originally stipulated, provided a wall five feet high and 100 feet or so in length were erected on the side of the approach to the present School House. It was thereupon on the motion of Alderman Hadden seconded by Councillor Lyne Resolved - That this Council pursuant to recommendation of Technical Instruction Committee proposes and agrees to take a lease for a period of 500 years at a yearly rent of £15 a plot of ground situate at the corner of Heath Street and Thomas Street and being 134 feet or thereabouts by 120 feet in admeasurement; that this Council in consideration of obtaining said lease further agrees to build a boundary wall from the angle of the existing School belonging to the Christian Brothers to the nearest corner of the plot proposed to be acquired.

It was ordered - That the Town Surveyor be instructed to have the damage maliciously done on the footpath in front of the National Telephone Office in Main Street repaired and to procure six sewer grates from the Firm of T. Joseph Davis of Enniscorthy at the price stated in their letter of 1st. instant viz £10.10.0

B. Murphy, Chairman

12th June 1901.

An adjourned meeting of the Council was held this day in the
Tholsel at 7.30 P.M.

There were present -

Benjamin Hughes Esq^{re} Mayor (in the chair)

Aldermen - Walter Walsh, George Hadden, John Clancy, John Barr.

Councillors - Richard Walsh, Nicholas O'Neill, Robert Stanton,
James Gore, Howard Rowe, James Cullimore, William Sears,
Michael O'Connor, Joseph Kelly, William Simpson, James F.
Stafford, John Tighe, Patrick Ryan.

The minutes of meeting of 5th June last were read and signed.
In reference to the offer of £20 made, as per resolution of the 5th Inst.
in liquidation of the claim for loss of fees sustained by the late Collector
of Special Rate a letter received from Mr Edward Clancy brother of
the deceased Collector was read. From this it appeared that the writer
of the letter considered the offer inadequate and wished the Corporation
to re-consider its decision in the matter.

On the question being introduced Councillor Simpson gave notice
that he would move on the earliest available occasion the revocation
of the resolution whereby the amount of the compensation was fixed
at £20 with a view to proposing that such amount should be increased.
The notice was accepted.

The appointment of a person to fill the combined offices of Collector
of Borough Rate and of Rate in lieu of County Cess was a matter
which was proceeded with by the meeting.

Applications received from five persons, namely Edward P. Kearns,
Clement Murphy, Edward Byrne, James Furlong, and John White who
were willing to accept the position were submitted.

To ascertain which of these applicants should in the opinion of the
meeting be appointed it was found necessary to take a Poll.

Whereupon a Poll was taken when ten members voted for the
appointment of James Furlong, four for that of C. Murphy, three for
that of E. Byrne and one for that of J. White.

Mr Furlong was therupon appointed and the persons who offered
to act as his sureties namely Messrs John F. Walsh of Crescent Quay
and William Murphy of Crescent Quay were approved of as
good and solvent sureties.

Pursuant to the requirements of the Act 32 & 33 Vict cap 77 the
following motion was proposed by Councillor Sears seconded by
Councillor Rowe and duly adopted viz -

That the action of the Council in granting Mr. Gearon £20 annual
allowance of £28 to John Gearon on his then resigning the office of Sergeant.

at Grace and Sanitary Sub-Officer be and is hereby sanctioned.
A simple set of rules framed by the Commissioners of National Education for regulating the time and mode of appointment of a School Attendance Committee and the conduct of the proceedings of such Committee were laid before the meeting for consideration. These were examined and discussed serially and were amended so as to be adapted to the requirements of the town. They were then formally adopted and a copy of them was ordered to be put on the Minute Book.

With reference to minutes of 25th Feb an Estimate was submitted by the Town Surveyor showing that the cost of making a sewer to replace that which was rendered inoperative by the National Bank at Custom House Quay would amount to £66: 10s. On this Estimate being read Messrs Hadden and Rose members of a Committee who had inspected the system of sewers on the Bank premises protested against the Estimate being approved of asserting that an outlay of £5 or thereabouts would be sufficient to enable the sewers to be put into a state of efficiency. The question was considered with the result that the following resolution was adopted, the major dissenting Proposed by Alderman Hadden seconded by Councillor Sears.

That this Corporation instructs its Surveyor to open the sewer at the back of the National Bank; to clean up same at the junction of the old sewer with the 9 inch pipe; to convey said old sewer into the pipe by means of concrete - that a 9" pipe be properly laid from Messrs Thompson's premises into sewer at gateway of Bank. That any action now taken be without prejudice and on condition that the Bank bears one half the cost.

A Committee consisting of Alderman Hadden and Councillor Rose, Mr. G. Cullimore, Stafford was appointed to supervise the execution of the work as referred to in the foregoing resolution.

Patrick Brown as Contractor for the work of laying a conduit at Summerhill stated by letter that he found he was unable to complete the work within the time specified. This was due he alleged to the fact that unexpected delay had arisen in the delivery of pipes and it was ordered - That no notice be taken of the non-compliance with the specification for a fortnight longer.

The meeting adjourned to 7.30 P.M. on Friday 14th Inst.

P. Hughes, Chairman

19th June 1901.

A Stated Finance Meeting of the Council was held this day in the Tholsel at 7.30 P.M.

There were present

Benjamin Hughes Esq^r Mayor (in the chair)

Aldermen - Matthew J. Furlong, John Clancy, Walter Walsh.

Councillors - James Hore, Michael O'connor, John Lyons, Cameron Rogers, John Tigh, Robert Barton, Howard Rowe, James Smith, James Cullimore, Joseph Kelly, William Sears.

The Bank Books and Cashed Paying Orders were laid before the meeting. The accuracy of the Bank Books having been ascertained the Chairman affixed his signature thereto.

Liabilities which had accrued due up to the end of last month amounting in the aggregate to £ 1016.10.0 were submitted to the meeting and having been examined were approved and an authorisation was signed to enable the Treasurer to pay them on presentation to him of Paying Orders numbered from 449 to 465 inclusive.

449.	In favour of Bank of Ireland being instalment due on Labourers Dwellings Loan	£ 92. 3. 9. 1
450.	In favour of same being instalment due on Artizans Dwellings Loan	59. 17. 5 ✓
451.	In favour of same being instalment due on Market Loan	21. 9. 9 ✓
452.	In favour of same being instalment due on Waterworks (No 1) Loan	582. 5. 10. 1
453.	In favour of same being instalment due on Waterworks (No 2) Loan	112. 3. 6. 1
454.	In favour of same being instalment due on Cemetery Loan	34. 0. 2. 1
455.	In favour of George W. Taylor being Income Tax due on Corporate property	14. 18. 2. 1
456.	In favour of same being Income Tax due on land and house at Reservoir	15. 6. 1
457.	In favour of Badden's Medical Hall being for disinfecting apparatus and disinfectants supplied	12. 17. 4. ✓
458.	In favour of Kenner & Sons for one disinfecting machine supplied	4. 16. 0. 1
459.	In favour of Lymbery Co. being years rent of passage to Old Reservoir	2. 0. 0. 1
460.	In favour of Shaw Co for bass brooms supplied	18. 0. ✓
461.	In favour of local Scallion for sundry repairs executed on Artizans Dwellings	1. 4. 6. ✓
		£ 941. 8. 11

Forward £941: 8: 11

462 In favour of P. Pearce & Co for casting name plates	11: 0 ✓
463 In favour of Wm A Brown being cash advanced in payment of petty liabilities	8: 9: 0 ✓
464 In favour of same for do	69: 13: 1 ✓
465 In favour of same for do	6: 8: 0 ✓

£ 1016: 10: 0 ft

Summary and Reconciliation of Treasurers Account for the month ended the last day of May 1901 including the payments made at the Stated Finance Meeting held on this day

Summary

Balance (if any) due by Treasurer as per last monthly statement	207 .
Total sum received to close of last month	208 9 7
	Total
Balance (if any) due to Treasurer as per last monthly statement	415 9 7
Payments ordered at above mentioned meeting	1016 10 .
	Total
Net Balance due to Treasurer (being difference of above Totals)	1016 10 .

Reconciliation

Balance per Bank Books due by Treasurer	507 8 11
Outstanding Orders (including those issued at this meeting)	108 9 4
Net Balance as above due to Treasurer.	601 0 5

Committee appointed on 12th Inst reported the ground being laid open at rear of National Bank building they had seen the junction of main sewer with 9 inch pipe laid by the Bank. They recommended that a man hole furnished with a suitable door should be constructed over this junction at the joint expense of the Bank and the Corporation. They further suggested that 6 inch pipes should be employed instead of 9 inch ones in the construction of the drain designed to be laid from Messrs Thompsons premises to the main pipe sewer in the Bank yard. This report was not accepted on the terms of it being considered.

The Fire Brigade reported that for better security against fire it was essential that the Firemen should reside convenient to the Main Valve so that they would be able to turn on water to the town at night without any avoidable waste of time; from experience lately gained they found it was desirable for the two Police Stations to be connected with each other and with the Firemen's residence by telephone wires. They also reported that an additional 200 feet of hose provided with modern couplings were required, many lengths of hose at present in use being antiquated and unreliable.

That pending a permanent arrangement being made for putting the Turncock in a residence in the vicinity of the main Valve the Mayor be asked to secure the services of a man residing in Hill Street or neighbourhood to open the Valve on occasion of an alarm of fire being given at night.

That the County Inspector be written to and asked to bring under the notice of the Police Authorities the advisability of the two Police Barracks being connected with the telephone system as a measure to facilitate the extinction of fire.

That the Town Surveyor be directed to have the iron arch over the entrance gate of the Market taken down so as to facilitate the egress of the fire escape and that the gas lamp supported by the arch be erected on the gable of one of the Market Sheds.

The Town Surveyor reported that two dwellings were being erected in the Faythe by Messrs Martin Neale and William O'Keefe without the approval of the Council being given to the plans of the buildings. It was ordered. That the delinquents mentioned be written to and requested to at once furnish plans, elevations and sections of the houses in course of construction.

A tender received from John Sullivan in respect of the work of limewashing walls and mowing grass of the intra mural graveyards vested in the Corporation for £5: 18: 6 was accepted.

done
By order, Chairman

1st July 1901.

A statutable meeting of the Council was held this day in the Tholsel at noon.

There were present

Benjamin Hughes Esq: Mayor (in the chair)

Citormen - Walter Walsh, John Clancy, George Sadding, John Barr
Matthew J. Furlong.

Councillors - Nicholas O'Neill, James Smith, James Ahearn, Robert Hanton,
William Sears, Howard Rose, Richard Walsh, John Lyne,
Michael O'Connor, Patrick Ryan, John Lyne, Joseph Kelly.

The Financial Statement Book of Receipts was produced, examined and authenticated by the signature of the Chairman and the counter-signature of the Clerk showing the sums which had been received in the month of June and the Ledger entries to be made in respect of same. The Financial Statement Book of Expenditure was also produced, examined and authenticated by the signature of the Chairman and the counter-signature of the Clerk showing the sums which had been ordered for

payment at the Stated Finance Meeting held next before the above mentioned day being in respect of expenses for the period ending the last day of the preceding month and the Ledger entries to be made in respect of same.

The Ledger was also produced posted up to the day of the last Stated Finance Meeting with the proper debits and credits as ordered on that day.

The Minutes of meeting of 19th June 1901 were read and signed.
Letter No 11887 dated 26th June 1901 from the Under Secretary was read communicating the consent of their Excellencies The Lord Justices to the super-annuation allowance of Twenty Eight pounds (£28) a year granted by the Corporation to Mr John Hearon late Sergeant at Arms and Sanitary Sub-Officer.

Letter No 8252-01 dated 27th June 1901 from the Secretary of Public Works was read. It contained a statement of the terms on which it was possible for the Corporation to borrow a Loan for the erection of a Technical School House.

It was ordered - That the Local Government Board be requested to recommend to the Board of Works the making to the Corporation of a loan of £2000 repayable in fifty years for the purpose indicated.
Sundry orders as follows were made:-

That two hundred feet of hose be procured in convenient lengths fitted with suitable couplings for the use of the Fire Brigade.

That a concrete footpath be laid down on the South side of Esmonde on the completion of such footpaths as have been heretofore ordered for construction.

That tenders be invited in respect of laying proposed footpath in Taylors so far as an outlay of £40 will admit of this work being done.

Letter dated 26th June 1901 from the County Inspector R. I. Constabulary was read. The request made by the Corporation on the Police Authorities to connect the two Police Stations in Wexford with the local telephone system having been referred to the Department for instructions the Department replied that there was no objection to the stations being put on the telephone system at the expense of the Corporation provided the use of the telephone was allowed for police purposes.

P. H. Hickey, Chair

8th July 1901

A Special Meeting of the Council was held this day in the Tholsel at 7.30 P.M. for the purpose of taking such steps as might appear advisable in view of the threatened closing of the intra-mural Graveyards of Wexford.

The members in attendance were

Benjamin Hughes Esq & Mayor (in the Chair)

Aldermen - John Clancy, Walter Walsh, & Arthur J. Furlong,
George Hadden.

Councillors - William Sears, John Lyne, John Doyle, Nicholas O'Neil,
James Cullinane, Richard Walsh, Barth Kelly.

The minutes of meeting of 1st Inst were read and signed.

A letter received from Mr John E. Redmond M.P. was read for the meeting. He said he had written to Mr George Wynnham on the subject of the closing of the Burial Grounds in Wexford. He had received a reply which he forwarded wherein the Chief Secretary stated that a deputation from the Corporation had seen the Local Government Board with the result that an arrangement had been come to by which the Corporation were to send to the Board for consideration a list of cases in which the immediate execution of the intended closing Order would lead to hardship. Mr Redmond wished to be informed how the matter now stood.

On this communication being read the members that formed the Deputation gave the meeting a resume of the discussion which had taken place between them and the Local Government Board. They suggested that the minutes of the evidence taken at the Inquiry should be gone over and a list made out of all persons of 30 years of age and upwards claiming burial rights. They estimated from a brief investigation of the evidence that the list would not include more than 100 cases. They felt assured the Board would give these cases favourable consideration, so far as it was possible to do so without endangering the health of the town. The delegates also referred to the kind reception given them by the Local Government Board on the occasion of the interview.

Aldermen Hadden and Furlong then proposed and seconded respectively the following motion:

"That the names of persons possessing the right of intra-mural burial exclusive of those under 30 years of age be sent to the Local Government Board as per arrangement come to with the Board."

This proposition did not appear to commend itself to the meeting and it failed to be carried.

Thereupon Councillor Lyne submitted for adoption the following

motion which was seconded by Alderman Walsh &c:

"That we press on the Local Government Board the inexpediency of closing the Graveyards now."

"That we urge them to leave them open for 30 years longer and that an Order should then be made to have them closed to all." That there would be no danger to public health by leaving them open for such period as about one-half the existing graves are virtually closed now by law.

"That the Corporation would undertake through their Inspector of Graveyards under their close supervision that no interments shall be made in graves already full and that there shall be no disturbance of remains in existing graves to make space for fresh interments. That the Corporation pledge themselves to spare no pains in having an efficient system of inspection carried out."

In a division being taken this motion was adopted as six members voted for and only two against it.

Further, on the motion of Councillor Sears seconded by Councillor Killihan Peacock. That in order to ensure the foregoing pledge being observed the Corporation will in future undertake to open and re-close all graves in the intra-mural Graveyards, that to this end gravediggers be employed under contract binding them to disturb no human remains or to inter a coffin in a grave where the requisite depth cannot be obtained; that a charge of five shillings per each opening be made for digging and refilling graves.

It was ordered - That Messrs Cullinane, Lyne, Clancy, Kelly be asked to wait on the Catholic and Protestant Clergy with the object of bringing about an arrangement by which notification of burials about being made in Graveyards under clerical control will be sent to the Corporation.

A vote of thanks was passed to the Local Government Board for the favourable hearing they gave the members of the Deputation; to Mr. S. Redmond for the service he has rendered to the town in the matter and to the members of the Deputation for placing their services at the disposal of the Corporation.

W. J. Phelps, Chairman

17th July 1901.

A Stated Finance Meeting of the Council was held this day
in the Tholsel at 7:30 P.M.

There were in attendance.

Benjamin Hughes Esq^r Mayor (in the Chair)
Aldermen - Walter Walsh, George Hadden, John Barr,
Councillors - Howard Rowe, Nicholas O'Neill, William Simpson,
James Gore, John Lyne, James Smith, James Culmore,
Richard Walsh, William Sears, Joseph Kelly, John Doyle,
Michael O'connor, Robert Anton, Patrick Ryan

The minutes of meeting of 8th instant were read and signed.
Liabilities which had accrued due up to the end of last month
amounting in the aggregate to £264:16:1 were submitted to the
Meeting and having been examined were approved and an
authorization was given to enable the Treasurer to pay them on
presentation to him of Paying Orders numbered from 466 to 490
inclusive.

466.	In favour of Wexford Timber Co for cement, timber and sewer pipes supplied	£16: 9: 2
467.	In favour of same for cement supplied	4: 0
468.	In favour of Thompson Bros. for cement supplied	5: 12: 0
469.	In favour of James Redmond balance due on foot of laying concrete footpath in Summerhill	7: 4: 8
470.	In favour of J. Donovan expenses incurred under Weights & Measures and Food & Drugs Acts	2: 3: 1
471.	In favour of Michael J. O'connor for collecting Corporate rents	14: 2: 9
472.	In favour of Guest & Chrimes for meters & supplied	32: 3: 1
473.	In favour of Rep. of late Thomas Glanv. being poundage on Borough Rate collected & lodged from April 1901 to March 1901.	26: 0: 7
474.	In favour of Thomas Horan for stones supplied	4: 2: 10
475.	In favour of Nicholas O'H. Walsh for Poor Rate on house and land at Reservoir	1: 10: 2
476.	In favour of Mr. M. Walsh for printing & advertising	13: 0: 11
477.	In favour of same for do	3: 2: 9
478.	In favour of same for do	2: 14: 0
479.	In favour of J. A. Corcoran for advertising	1: 8: 4
480.	In favour of same for do	11: 11
481.	In favour of same for do	6: 6
482.	In favour of Benjamin Hughes for do	4: 14: 8
483.	In favour of same for do	1: 19: 6
484.	In favour of same for do	12: 6
		£138: 3: 5

£ 138: 8: 5

85. In favour of Thomas Doyle for sundry repairs executed on Bathing Place	1: 10: 0
86. In favour of Doyle & Sons for repairing water main and putting in ditch at the Folly	1: 16: 6
87. In favour of Wm. A. Broons being cash advanced in payment of Petty Disbursements	8: 1: 1
88. In favour of same for do	44: 17: 7
89. In favour of same for do	5: 2: 4
90. In favour of wife of late Thomas Blaney	65: 5: 2

£ 264: 16: 1

Summary and Reconciliation of Treasurers Account for the month
ended the last day of June 1901 including the payments made at the
Stated Finance Meeting held on this day.

Summary

Balance if any due by Treasurer as per last monthly statement	1075	6 1
Total sum received to close of last month	1075	6 1
Total	1075	6 1
Balance if any due to Treasurer as per last monthly statement	601	0 6
Payments ordered at above mentioned meeting	264	16 1
Total	865	16 6
Net Balance due by Treasurer being difference of above Totals	209	9 7

Reconciliation

Balance per Bank Books due by Treasurer	640	14 9
Ousstanding Orders (including those issued at this meeting)	431	5 2
Net Balance as above due by Treasurer	209	9 7

A letter dated 1st July 1901 from Mr Edward Blaney was read. He said regarding the sum of twenty pounds offered by the Council in settlement of claim made by his late brother as Collector of Sheaf Rate rather than resort to litigation he (the writer) was prepared to have that sum. He trusted, however the Council would see their way to increase the grant which he was sure would not have been less than £40 if his brother was alive as the total loss of fees sustained by him was about £54.

Councillor Timpson thereupon as per notice given by him on the 12th ult moved that the resolution adopted on 5th ult authorizing the payment of £20 to the Representatives of the late Collector be rescinded. He explained that his object he had in view was to have the grant increased to £30.

The motion was seconded by Councillor D'Arcy but on being put to the meeting was lost.

Councillor Lyne moved the revocation of a resolution passed on the 12th ulto authorizing to be done the work of repairing a sewer on the premises of the National Bank, but as the work referred to was then completed the Mayor ruled Mr Lyne's motion to be out of order. Mr Lyne then protested against the cost of repairing the sewer being made a charge on the Corporate funds.

The question of appointing a Mayor's Sergeant and Sanitary Sub-Officer was considered brought under notice. It was referred to a Committee meeting to be held on 22nd Inst to report thereon.

Letter No 400045: 1901 dated 16th July 1901 from the Local Government Board was read. Regarding the request made on the Board to defer the closing of the Graveyards within the Municipal Boundary for a period of thirty years the Board stated that in the interests of public health and decency it was imperative on them to proceed to close these Burial Grounds, but having regard to the opinion expressed by the Deputation from the Corporation that waited on the Board on the subject the Board would be prepared to reserve burial rights in the case of any widow or widower whose husband or wife as the case might be was already interred in these Burial Grounds provided proof were forthcoming of sufficient room existing for an interment to take place.

The reading of this communication evoked expressions of dissatisfaction from the Meeting who after deliberating fully on the decision of the Local Government Board in the matter came to the conclusion that exemption from the operation of the proposed closing Order could with safety be extended to all claimants to burial rights over a certain age.

Thereupon Alderman Hadden proposed and Councillor Ryan seconded the following motion which was adopted unanimously. That the Local Government Board before putting into effect their decision relative to the closing of the Burial Grounds in the Town be asked to reserve burial rights to one thousand persons more or less coming within a limit of age to be hereafter determined and that Mr J. E. Redmond M.P. be written to and asked to intercede with the Government in behalf of the people of the Town in this matter.

On the motion of Councillor Sears seconded by Councillor Walsh it was Resolved - That the travelling expenses of the members of the Deputation to the Local Government Board on the subject of the closing of the Graveyards be defrayed out of the Borough Fund.

Tenders received from William Sullivan, John Reck and Patrick Moran in respect of supplies of road metalling were not accepted as the price quoted for the material namely 3/- per ton was deemed excessive.

A tender from James Redmond in respect of the work of laying a

concrete footpath in the Faythe was accepted on the following terms according to specification viz:- in places where the footpath ~~will~~ reaches on average width of five feet and over the contractor to be remunerated at 9/- per square yard, where the path will be under five feet 10/- per square yard; all materials to be supplied by the Corporation on the subject of this footpath it was decided that the ordinary width should be five feet.

A tender from James Redmond in respect of the work of repairing a main sewer in St. Selskar Ward at a cost of £33.10s was referred to the Works Committee to deal with.

Ordered - That a short footpath required in Carrigan be laid down in concrete by the Corporation staff of employees under the supervision of the Town Surveyor.

Ordered - That the grass on Crosstown Cemetery be sold by auction.

Borough, Mayor.

1st August, 1901

A meeting of the Council was held this day in the Halls at noon for the purpose of electing a Harbour Commissioner as provided and laid down by the Harbord Harbour Act 1841 &c and Act amending same. The meeting was composed of the following Councillors - Mayor (in the chair). Councillors - Michael O'Leary, William Sears, James Hart, Cameron Rogers, Richard Walsh, James Fullerton, John Lyne, John Tingle.

There was ~~one~~ member of the Council namely Councillor Robert Hunter nominated as required previous to the meeting being held -

This being so Mr Hunter's candidature was proposed by Councillor Walsh and seconded by Councillor Lyne.

The question was put and carried -

Borough, Mayor.

5th August 1901.

A Quarterly Meeting of the Council was held this day in the Tholsel at noon.

There were present

Benjamin Hughes Esq. Mayor in the Chair,

Aldermen - George Sadden John Barr Walter Walsh, John Blaney
Matthew J. Furlong

Councillors - Cameron Rogers James Aherne Michael O'connor James
Smith, Patrick Ryan, William Simpson John Tighe Richard
Walsh, Howard Rowe, William Sears, Robert Stanton Joseph
Kelly John Lyne.

The minutes of meeting of 17th July 1901 were read and signed.
The Financial Statement Book of Receipts was produced, examined
and authenticated by the signature of the Chairman and the counter-
signature of the Clerk showing the sums which had been received
in the month of July and the ledger entries to be made in respect of same.
The Financial Statement Book of Expenditure was also produced, examined
and authenticated by the signature of the chairman and the counter-signature
of the Clerk showing the sums which had been ordered for payment at the
last Finance Meeting held next before the above mentioned day being in
respect of expenses for the period ending the last day of the preceding month
and the ledger entries to be made in respect of same.

The Ledger was also produced posted up to the date of the last Stated
Finance Meeting with the proper debits and credits as ordered on that day.
Complaint was made as to much inconvenience being caused to the public
and the trade of the town being injured to some extent by Ferrycarraig Bridge
being closed to vehicular traffic and on the motion of Councillor Rowe
seconded by Councillor Tighe it was

Resolved - That the Town Clerk write to the County Council impressing on
them the importance of steps being taken to re-open the bridge with the least
possible delay.

With regard to the proposed closing of the intra-mural graveyards
a letter received by Mr John E. Redmond M.P. from the Chief Secretary
on the subject was read as follows -

I have obtained a further report from the Local Government Board
on the subject of your letter of the 23rd ulto the graveyards at Wexford. With
every disposition to meet the wishes of the Corporation, the Local Government
Board feel a very serious responsibility in this matter on the score of the public
Health. From the report of their Medical Inspector the Board are forced to
the conclusion that even the present state of these graveyards has grave
elements of peril. To remove the imminent danger a considerable number of
additional bodies in the graveyards would involve a responsibility

which the Board are not prepared to undertake. Every effort has been made to reconcile this public necessity with the demands of private feeling. The Corporation has been asked to submit a list of special cases where hardship could be shown and this offer is still open. If it were possible to go further without incurring serious risk I should be glad to do so, but in the circumstances of the case which have been very fully put before me I feel that it is not possible. The Graveyards must I fear be closed, but the Local Government Board will be ready to deal with every claim for leave to inter on its merits so that I trust it will still be possible to obviate grave cases of hardship. I ought to find that more cannot be done.

Regarding the subject matter of this letter the following resolution was adopted on the motion of Alderman Sadden, seconded by Alderman Furlong viz:-

That in view of the impending closing of the intra-mural Graveyards the Town Clerk be instructed to write to the resident Medical Doctors asking them to express an opinion on the proposal of the Corporation as to 100 persons being permitted to exercise the right of intra-mural interment. The meeting expressed its sense of indebtedness to Mr Redmond for the assistance rendered by him to this town in the matter.

Letter to B.O. 16/7/1901 dated 18th July 1901 from the Office of National Education Dublin was read. It contained intimation that the Corporation having appointed one-half of a School Attendance Committee under the Irish Education Act 1892 the Commissioners of National Education had appointed the remaining half consisting of the following persons viz:- Mr Archdeacon Lathan D.D. Rev P. Doyle Sam Rev P. O'Conor C.C. Rev Thomas Gloney C.C. Rev M. C. Hayden C.C. The Committee being thus now complete the Commissioners of Education suggested that it should be summoned to meet as soon as possible to carry on the operation of the Act. It was observed that this communication contained no reference to the modifications made by the Corporation in the Rules for the conduct of the proceedings of the Committee and it was decided to advise the Commissioners of National Education that under these circumstances the Corporation took it for granted that the rules as amended met with approval.

The case of B. Pierce foreman who was suspended from office by the Town Surveyor was brought under the notice of the meeting. The Surveyor stated his employee refused to carry out instructions given him in reference to the work of superintending the picking of loose stones off the streets. The foreman was called before the meeting. He stated that he refused to obey orders because he considered it impossible to do the work mentioned in the notice given by the Surveyor. Enquiring into the matter the meeting found that the foreman in his action was

not actuated by a spirit of insubordination. However the conclusion was come to that through old age and impaired memory he was no longer fitted to discharge his duties efficiently and it was on the motion of Alderman Sadden seconded by Alderman Barr

Resolved - That the suspension of the foreman from duty be continued and that his case be referred to a Committee appointed to report on the question of re-organizing the staff of minor officers of the Corporation

Osughie, Chairman

21st August 1901.

A Stated Finance Meeting of the Council was held this day in the Tholsel at 7:30 P.M.

There were present

Benjamin Hughes Esq. Mayor (in the chair)
Aldermen - Walter Walsh, John Barr, John Clancy, Matthew J. Farlong
Councillors - James Smith, James Rose, Nicholas O'Neill, James Cullinan,
Michael O'Connor, John Lyne, Howard Rose, Joseph Kelly,
Cameron Rogers.

The minutes of meeting of 5th Inst were read and signed.
Liabilities which had accrued due up to the end of last month amounting in the aggregate to £ 700. 0. 1 were submitted to the meeting and having been examined were approved and an authorization was signed to enable the Treasurer to pay them on presentation to him of Paying Orders numbered from 491 to 24 inclusive viz:-

491 In favour of Wm A. Browne proportion of quarters salary
as Town Clerk to 31st July 1901. £ 30. 12. 6

492 In favour of same for same. 30. 12. 6

493 In favour of John Hearon one weeks salary as Mayor
Sergeant to 6th May 1901. 8. 5

494 In favour of Thomas Lucy quarters salary as Mayor
Sergeant to 31st July 1901. 2. 10. 0

495 In favour of same do as Caretaker of Graveyards to do 2. 10. 0

496 In favour of Wm A. Browne do as Executive Sanitary Officer to do 5. 0. 0

497 In favour of John Crean do as Consulting Sanitary Officer to do 3. 15. 0

498 In favour of Thomas Pierce do as Medical Officer of Health
to 30th June 1901. 4. 0. 0

499 In favour of John Hearon one weeks salary as Sanitary
Sgt. Officer to 6th May 1901. 7. 8

500 In favour of Thomas Lucy quarters salary as Sanitary
Sgt. Officer to 31st July 1901. 5. 0. 0

1 In favour of James Henry do for same pro rata 4. 6. 8
£ 89 : 2 : 9

Forward £89: 2: 9

2. In favour of Wm. McGrath quarters salary as Caretaker of Town Hall to 31 st July 1901	2: 12: 0
3. In favour of Hanna Murphy do as office cleaner to do	1: 0: 0
4. In favour of Wm. A. Browne do as boy of Waterworks to do	6: 0: 0
5. In favour of D. E. MacCarthy do as Superintendent to do	16: 5: 0
6. In favour of same being do as Town Surveyor to do	16: 5: 0
In favour of Sir C. H. Cameron half years salary as Analyst under the Food & Drugs Acts to 4 th July 1901.	5: 0: 0
8. In favour of John Sullivan for limewashing &c graveyards	5: 18: 6
9. In favour of Little & Dunn half years rent of metal site to 25 th March 20. 25: 0: 0	
10. In favour of same do of pipefields to do	16: 0: 0
11. In favour of same do of Town Hall site to do	6: 14: 3
12. In favour of Gas Co for lighting public lamps for season	338: 11: 4
13. In favour of Patrick Bolan for laying conduit at Summerhill. Sum on account	15: 0: 0
14. In favour of James Redmond for constructing footpath in School St.	6: 4: 1
15. In favour of T. Joseph Davis for supplying sewer grates	10: 10: 0
16. In favour of Thompson Bros. for cement supplied	10: 0: 0
17. In favour of John Hearon being salary nomination allowance from 6 th May to 31 st July 1901.	6: 12: 0
18. In favour of Wm. A. Browne being cash advanced in payment of petty liabilities	9: 15: 1
19. In favour of same for do	65: 4: 1
20. In favour of same for do	6: 0: 0
21. In favour of Wm. Sears being travelling &c expenses re Technical Instruction	11: 1: 6
22. In favour of J. S. Thompson do	11: 0: 6
23. In favour of M. A. Ennis do	11: 0: 0
24. In favour of Wm. A. Browne do	11: 1: 0
	£ 700: 0: 1.

Summary & reconciliation of Treasurer's Account for the month of July including
the payments made on this day

Balance due by Treasurer as per last monthly statement.	309	9	7
Total sum received to close of last month	812	19	3
Total	1022	8	10

Payments ordered at above-mentioned meeting

Set Balance due by Treasurer (being difference of above Totals)	322	8	9
Reconciliation			
Balance per Bank Books due by Treasurer	326	11	8
Outstanding Orders including those issued at this meeting	704	2	11
Set Balance as above due by Treasurer.	322	8	9

on the subject of the closing of the Graveyards replies to a communication sent out by the Town Clerk were received from the six medical Doctors in practice in the town and were submitted to the meeting. The practitioners referred to were Doctors Crean, Bogan, Hadden, Sheridan, Dowse and Pierce. Their opinions varied but the majority saw no objection to the proposal of the Corporation being carried into effect by that burial rights be reserved in 1,000 cases where persons over 30 years of age claimed such rights, providing that coffins in that number of cases could be sunk deep enough.

Thereupon on the motion of Alderman Fairlamb seconded by Councillor O'Keeill it was unanimously
Resolved - That having gathered local medical opinion on the point this Council find that needless hardship will be inflicted unless exemption in 1,000 cases be granted from the operation of the intended Order for prohibiting intra-mural burial in Wexford. that copies of the medical Practitioners letters be furnished to the Local Government Board and the Board requested to reserve burial rights to all claimants of such who are 30 years of age and upwards.

With reference to the proposed regulations as to the appointment and procedure of a School Attendance Committee for Wexford a letter No Lr 12758: or dated 14th August 1901 was read intimating that the proposed alteration in the regulations under which the Corporation were at liberty to appoint their half of each succeeding Committee up to 31st July in every third year was not approved in as much as it was calculated to lead to inconvenience but if the 30th June was substituted for 31st July the regulation would be satisfactory.

The meeting having considered the matter fell in with the views of the Board of National Education and made the requisite alteration of date. The Manager of the Star Iron Works, Wexford Mr Maxwell, wrote asking to have a connection made between the water main and a service pipe newly laid to the premises of the Star Iron Works. It appeared that the laying of the service pipe was completed on the 4th instant but the premises were still without a supply of water. The Superintendent of Waterworks stated he had called several times at the premises but failed to have the ground re-opened to enable the pipe to be inspected. He also complained that Mr Maxwell had taken upon himself to open the first joint and had left it. Mr Maxwell at this point was called before the meeting and admitted

he had done this through ignorance of the law and expressed regret for his action. However the Superintendent on being asked why he did not have the ground re-opened by his own assistants as he was instructed to do by the Waterworks Committee on the 1st instant, contended it was no part of his duty to open the ground but the duty of Mr Maxwell - This was deemed an unsatisfactory answer and the Meeting expressed disapproval of the Superintendent's omission to carry out instructions and it was ordered that he attend at the Star Iron Works on the next day (22nd instant) and take any steps necessary to test the service pipe and lay on the water supply without delay -

Mr William Goldie of New Street Tannisterby made application to have his name inserted on the list of plumbers authorized to do work in connection with Wexford Water System - He was already a registered plumber qualified to do any class of plumbing work

On the motion of Turnmiller Pove seconded by Turnmiller Rogers it was decided to grant the application. A Committee appointed to consider the advisability of re-organizing the staff of minor offices of the Corporation made a report thereon. The following are the recommendations of the Committee and the resolutions passed thereon by the Meeting:-

(1) That Binarentine Pierce, late foreman of works, be appointed in room of John Haran, ushers, as Toll collector in the Market and joint caretaker having a general oversight of the place and that a wage of eight shillings per week be attached to the post.

On the motion of Turnmiller Pove seconded by Turnmiller Rogers it was

Resolved - That the Committee recommendation as to Mr Pierce being put in charge of the Market be adopted.

(2) That the services of an eligible man not above fortyfive years of age be procured at a salary of eighteen shillings per week as foreman of works and timekeeper; that applications for the office be invited by advertisement in the Press and that the person appointed be put on probation for three months.

On the motion of Councillor Lyne, seconded by Alderman Walsh it was

Resolved - That the Committee recommendation as to providing the services of a foreman be adopted except as regards the limitation of age which is to hereby lowered to 40 years instead of 45 years.

3rd That Thomas J. Lawe consented to resign his position as Sanitary Sub-Officer on condition that his present salary as Mayor's Sergeant will be increased by £20 per annum it is recommended that a Sanitary Sub-Officer be employed at a salary of £40 a year and given charge of the entire Sanitary District and that the salary attached to the office of Mayor's Sergeant ^{be increased} be increased from £10 to £30 a year.

On this recommendation the following motions were adopted proposed by Councillor Culhane seconded by Councillor Rose:-

That a Sanitary Officer be appointed at a Salary of £40 a year. And applications for the office from persons over 35 years of age be not entertained and that the person appointed be required to devote his entire time to the service of the Corporation.

Proposed by Councillor Rogers seconded by Alderman Purling-

That a Committee consisting of Alderman T. Long and Walsh and Councillors Lyne, Rose O'Neill and Koro be appointed to define the daily period of service which the Sanitary Sub-Officer will be required to devote to his duties and the daily complement of work he will be expected to perform.

Proposed by Councillor Rose seconded by Councillor Lyne.

That the Committee recommendation as to increasing the salary of the present holder of the office of Mayor's Sergeant by ~~be raised~~ to a sum of £20 a year on his resigning the post of Sanitary Sub-Officer be and is hereby adopted.

Councillor Lyne gave notice that he would move on the earliest available opportunity that the resolution passed this day not making the services of a Sanitary Sub-Officer at a salary of £40 a year be rescinded. He explained

that his motive in giving the notice was to have the salary of £40 proposed to be paid to the Sanitary Sub-Officer raised to £52 as he considered the former sum to be inadequate to an efficient discharge of the duties pertaining to the office.

The notice was accepted -

On the motion of Councillor Cullimore seconded by Councillor Rose it was

Resolved - That immediate steps be taken to have removed an obstruction in the Baytho arising from heaps of material employed in constructing a footpath were being allowed to lie on the street.

Copies of Regulations entitled the Sale of Milk (Ireland) Regulations 1901 made by the Department of Agriculture and Technical Instruction for Ireland were laid before the Meeting. It was decided to distribute the copies of the Regulations to the officers employed under the Sale of Food and Drugs Act.

Presiding Chairman

2nd September 1901.

A Statutable Meeting of the Council was held this day in the Town Hall at noon.

There were present

Benjamin Hughes Esq. Mayor (in the chair)

Aldermen - Walter Walsh, Matthew Furlong.

Councillors - Robert Barton, James Airey, William Sears, Michael O' Connor,

James Smith, Barth Kelly, Nicholas O'Donnell, John Lyne,

John Tyrell, James Cullimore, Howard Rowe.

The minutes of meeting of 21st August 1901 were read and signed.

The Financial Statement Book of Receipts was produced, examined and authenticated by the signature of the Chairman and the counter-signature of the Clerk showing the sums which had been received in the months of August and the ledger entries to be made in respect of same.

The Financial Statement Book of Expenditure was also produced, examined and authenticated by the signature of the Chairman and the counter-signature of the Clerk showing the sums which had been ordered for payment at the Stated Finance Meeting held next before the above mentioned day being in respect of expenses for the period ending the last day of August 1901 and the ledger entries to be made in respect of same.

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The ledger was also produced posted up to the day of the last Stated

Finance Meeting with the proper debits and credits as ordered on that day

There was submitted to the meeting twelve copies of a Salvo Order dated 17th August 1901 No 600047, 1901 whereby the Local Government Board as a result of an Inquiry held into the condition of the Burial Grounds of Wexford decreed that all further intra-mural burials in Wexford should be discontinued the prohibition to take effect from and after the 30th September 1901 but to be subject to any exceptions herefrom which the Board saw fit to make at any future time.

A letter dated 29th August 1901 No 49086: 1901 received from the Acting Secretary Local Government Board was read. It contained information that the representations made to the Board by the Corporation with the object of securing the right of intra-mural burial in 1000 cases more or less would be carefully considered.

With reference to proceedings of Council on 21st August 1901 applications for appointment to the position of foreman of works and timekeeper were received from three persons namely Patrick Ryan, David Bennett and Edward Gerryman. The merits and suitability of the applicants were considered with the result that on the motion of Councillor Rowe seconded by Councillor Antonon David Bennett was appointed.

Pursuant to notice given by Councillor Lyne he proposed that a resolution passed on 21st July whereby the salary proposed to be paid to a Sanitary Sub-Officer for Wexford was fixed at £40 a year should be rescinded. The proposition was seconded by Councillor O' Connor but it was not carried on being put to the meeting as out of 13 members who elected to vote on the question 4 were against it.

It was announced that the School Attendance Committee for Wexford had held its first meeting on 30th July and had fixed the remuneration to be paid to a Clerk of the Committee at £12 a year and that of a School Attendance Officer at £36 a year subject to the approval of the Corporation. Thereupon it was resolved on the motion of Councillor Antonon seconded by Alderman Walsh

That the salaries proposed to be paid to the Officers required by the School Attendance Committee be and are hereby approved.

By letter No 125/2, dated 26th August 1901 the Local Government Board stated that a suggestion had been made to them that the law requiring a meeting of an Urban District Council to be held on the first Monday of each month for the transaction of business under the Towns Improvement Ireland Act 1857 ought to be amended as it led to inconvenience but before acting on the suggestion the Board invited the Urban District Council of Wexford to state their views on the subject whereupon the following order was made.

That in the opinion of this council the law ought with advantage to

amended so as to leave it optional with Urban District Councils to hold a monthly meeting under the Act named on any date that might prove most convenient to them.

It was pointed out to the meeting that the plan on which Crosslawn Cemetery was divided into gravespaces was faulty and required to be amended. This was due to the fact that where interments were made in gravespaces adjoining each other it was not possible to approach some of the graves without trespassing on others so therefore in order to facilitate access to all graves it was necessary to have walks opened between every two lines of graves. The matter was considered and it was decided that the members present at present meeting should visit the cemetery and see what was best to be done in the matter.

R. S. J. H.,
Chairman

18th September 1901.

A Stated Finance Meeting of the Council was held this day in the Tholsel at 7.30 P.M.

There were in attendance

Benjamin Hughes Esqre Mayor (in the chair)
Aldermen - John Flaney, Walter Walsh.

Councillors - John Kyne, John Lyne, William Sears
James Acre, Joseph Kelly, Howard Rose, James
Smith, James Fullerton, Nicholas O'Kell
Robert Hawton, Michael Horner, Richard
Walsh.

The minutes of meeting of 2nd instant were read and signed.
Liabilities which had accrued due up to the end of last month amounting in the aggregate to £552. 3. 2 were submitted to the meeting and having been examined were approved and an authorization was signed to enable the Treasurer to pay them on presentation to him of Paying Orders numbered from 25 to 32 inclusive.

25. In favour of the National Bank Ltd being sum on account of Demand of County Council	£464.17.5
26. In favour of Wexford Timber Co for amount supplied	8. 0. 0
27. In favour of Shand Mason & Co for hose supplied	13. 0. 9
28. In favour of R & P Allen for barrels &c supplied	2. 10. 0
29. In favour of Wexford Gas Co for gas supplied in Tholsel and Town Hall	18. 3

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£ 489 : 6 : 5

£ 489. 6. 5

30 In favour of W ^m A. Browne cash advanced in payment of petty disbursements	6. 16. 2
31. In favour of same for do	51. 2. 1
32. In favour of same for do	4. 18. 6
	<u>£ 552. 3. 2</u>

Summary and Reconciliation of Treasurers Account for the month ended 31st August 1901 including the payments made at the Stated Finance Meeting held on this day.

Summary

Balance (if any) due by Treasurer as per last monthly statement	322 8 9
Total sum received to close of last month	706 7 11
Total	1028 16 8

Balance (if any) due to Treasurer as per last monthly statement	
Payments ordered at above mentioned meeting	552 3 2
Total	552 3 2
Net Balance due by Treasurer (being difference of above totals)	446 13 6

Reconciliation

Balance per Bank Books due by Treasurer	1082 5 9
Outstanding Orders (including those issued at this meeting)	605 12 3
Net Balance as above due by Treasurer	476 13 6

Four tenders in respect of the delivery of road metalloing were received as per direction of the Works Committee and were submitted to the Meeting for consideration. These were from Alexander Hayden, of the Haythe, John Peck of Duke Street, William Sullivan of Bridge Street and James Huddig of Maudlin town. The prices sought by all the intending contractors were alike viz 3/- per ton. The matter was considered when on the motion of Councillor Powe seconded by Councillor Sears it was Resolved - That the four tenders be accepted on condition that the terms of the advertisement inviting them be complied with by the contractors that is to say the stones to be broken to such size as will admit of their passing through a two-inch ring; to be delivered wherever required throughout the Borough and to be of such quality as will meet with the approval of the Town Surveyor.

It was reported that the level of the water in the Reservoir was 58 inches below high water mark. This showed that the level of the water had raised 32 inches in a week ended this day. The advisability of prolonging the daily period of supply to the amount of one hour was voted to no action was taken in the matter.

Was Ordered - That an additional gas lamp be erected in the Bullring at the corner of Mr Daly's flour store.

Attention was called by Cormellor Powe to a Scheme of reconstruction proposed to be carried out by the Duxford Gas Company by which the limit of 10 per cent put on dividends by the Articles of Association will in effect be raised to 12½ per cent. He considered that as the company were prosperous enough to be able to pay an exceptionally large dividend they should do something towards increasing the illuminating power of the public lamps - as to which there was reasonable ground for complaint. The consideration of the question was deferred to next meeting.

A circular letter dated 16th September, 1901 (No 120-91901) received from the Local Government Board was read. It dealt with the principal provisions of an Act of last Session of Parliament entitled The Local Government Board (Ireland) Provisional Order Confirmation (163) Act 1901 under which County and District Councils were empowered inter alia to employ direct labour in the work of maintaining roads.

It was pointed out that under existing conditions this Act did not affect the New District of Wexford.

Cormellor Powe drew attention to the fact that in Duxford during each year there were ten Roman Catholic Holidays observed when business was suspended in toto, and when there was no necessity for letters to be delivered after the first delivery in the morning. This being so he considered it a hardship on the local postmen and the persons in charge of the Sub-Post Office to be compelled to be on duty on the days in question. He gave notice that he would move a resolution on the subject at next meeting.

It was pointed out to the Meeting that a member of the Council Mr William Funder had become disqualified as such in consequence of his being absent from any meeting of the Council for a period of over six months. The Meeting was asked in pursuance of Section 12(1) of the Application of Municipal Order 1899 to declare vacant the office filled by the derelict member but as it was

found that Mr. Fowler would go out of office by rotation in January next it was decided to take no notice of the matter -

The following is a copy of a resolution adopted by the Urban District Council of Youghal and sent to Waterford Corporation for consideration:-

"That in view of the present agitation to open up railroad communication the isolated agricultural districts in Ireland, thereby putting them in direct communication with the large commercial centres in the United Kingdom, we, the Youghal Urban Council, hereby express our opinion that a line of railway between Dungarvan and Youghal, as shown on the accompanying map, would be a useful and beneficial line for developing the trade of the South of Ireland, and the inland sea fisheries and tourist traffic, and would possess the following advantages: - 1 It would be the shortest and most direct route between London and Cork and Queenstown. 2 It would form the quickest and most direct means of communication between Cork and Waterford and Rosslare. 3 It would open up large districts in the South and Southwest of Ireland, putting important portions of the country in direct communication with the East of Ireland and England. 4 A survey of this proposed line was made and recommended in 1864 by Mr. Brunel, the greatest engineer of his time.

"And we direct our secretary to bring this resolution under the notice of our members of Parliament, and all bodies and persons concerned, so as to urge upon the Government the advantages to be derived from this route."

This resolution was unanimously adopted and a copy of it was directed to be sent to Mr French, M.P. for South Wexford.

The proceedings of a Committee entrusted with the duty of assisting the Corporation Solicitor in preparing a case as to overcharges made by the County Council on the Urban District of Wexford were reported to the meeting and endorsed -

The Rent Collector's Rental and Report Book were produced and showed that three late occupants of Working Class dwellings were indebted to the Council in the sum of £4. 5. 3d. The delinquents were Thomas Crean who was evicted owing £2. 8. 3 James Hatch evicted owing £3. 14. 6 and Joseph Whately evicted owing £1. 2. 6 It was ordered - That proceedings be taken at New Poor Quarter Sessions for the recovery of the arrears of rent due by Thomas Crean and Joseph Whately but that in the case of James Hatch the debt be struck out of the accounts as irrecoverable, he having no visible means of discharging the liability.

The same Report Book also showed two of the present tenants Peter Howlan and Richard Lulleton had allowed their rent to go into arrear the former to the extent of 13/3 and the latter to the amount of 18/- It was ordered - That these tenants be evicted and in the event of rent being due by them at the time of their eviction provide by law for the recovery of it by Civil Bill -

A letter dated 2nd September, 1901 (No 130 of 1901) from the Local Government Board was read. The Board drew attention to the provisions of the Act 1st Edward VII cap 28 which provides for the adjustment of financial relations between Counties and Urban Districts and assimilates in some respects the method of making Rates under the Towns Improvement Act 1854 with the manner of making Poor Rate.

A Meeting of the Council (acting as Urban Sanitary Authority) specially convened for the purpose of appointing a Sanitary Sub-officer was held coincidently with the foregoing meeting.

Applications for appointment to the office were received from Edward Byrne of Green Street and Thomas Hayes of Mary Street. The merits and qualifications of the applicants having been discussed it was resolved on the motion of Councillor Smiths seconded by Councillor Callanmore.

That Edward Byrne be appointed as Sanitary Sub-officer at a salary of £40 a year subject to the appointment being approved by the Local Government Board.

B. S. J., Chairman.

7th October 1901.

A Statutable meeting of the Council was held this day in the Tholsel at noon.

There were present

Benjamin Hughes Esq. Mayor (in the chair)

Aldermen - Walter Walsh, John Barr, George Isaac.

Councillors - William Sears Michael O'Conor, Edward Dow, John Lyons.

The minutes of meeting of 18th September 1901 were read and signed.

The Financial Statement Book of Receipts was produced, examined and authenticated by the signature of the Chairman and the counter signature of the Clerk showing the sums which had been received up to the close of last month and the ledger entries to be made in respect of same.

The Financial Statement Book of Expenditure was also produced, examined and authenticated by the signature of the Chairman and the counter-signature of the Clerk showing the sums which had been ordered for payment at the stated Finance Meeting held next before

the above mentioned day being in respect of expenses for the period ending the last day of the preceding month and the Ledger entries to be made in respect of same.

The Ledger was also produced posted up to the day of the last Stated Finance Meeting with the proper debits and credits as ordered on that day.

In a letter dated 27th September 1901 (No 53423) the Local Government Board acknowledged the receipt of a letter from Messrs. J. O'Conor & Co. Solicitors to the Corporation on the subject of the financial relations between the County of Wexford and Wexford Urban District and with reference thereto suggested the advisability of the Urban District Council arranging a Conference with the County Council with a view to having the financial relations between the two authorities settled by agreement, the terms of which agreement could subsequently be embodied in a Provisional Order.

The question having been considered it was decided to appoint four members of the Corporation viz. The Mayor, one Councillor Lyne, Rowe and Hore to confer with the County Council or any number of its representatives on the subject referred to and to inform the County Council of the willingness of the Corporation to bring about the suggested conference.

Pursuant to notice given by him at last meeting Councillor Rowe drew attention to the needlessness of the Postal Authorities having a delivery of mail in Wexford subsequent to the mid-day delivery on the days which were observed as Catholic Holidays. He maintained that no inconvenience would be caused if the evening delivery on those days was put off until the next morning. He proposed the following motion which was seconded by Councillor Lyne and adopted.

That this Corporation is of opinion that the night delivery of letters on Roman Catholic Holydays might be discontinued and also that the Branch Post Offices in Main Street North and King Street might be closed on those days after 10 o'clock A.M. and we request the Postal Authorities to co-incide with this arrangement.

Consequent on a discussion that had taken place at Meeting of Works Committee on 26th Octo as to the difficulty experienced in procuring supplies of flags Councillor Sears moved that the resolution of the Council prohibiting cement being used in the footpaths in Main Street should be rescinded.

To this motion an amendment was moved by Alderman Hadden but on divisions being taken neither the amendment nor the motion was carried.

A report from the Finance and Works Committee was read. It showed

that the plot of land at Joseph Street which was recommended by the Technical Instruction Committee to be taken on lease as a site for a Technical School could not be had on satisfactory conditions. The Christian Brothers in whom the land was vested were it appeared precluded from letting it for other than a charitable purpose. They were willing to part with the land in order to facilitate the providing of a Technical School for the town and their legal adviser had given an opinion that a Technical School was a charity. He had also prepared a draft lease and in order to obviate a breach of the trusts of the Will of the late Mr Richard Derrinck had inserted a condition requiring that a School House should be built as a Technical School House and maintained as such during the term of the lease (500 years). From the view taken by Counsel as to a Technical School being a Charity the Finance and Works Committee emphatically dissented and they recommended the Corporation not to accept a lease on the conditions mentioned as there was no guarantee that Technical Education in Wexford would not prove to be a failure.

On this question the following order was made.

That the Christian Brothers be written to and informed of the difficulty in the way of the Corporation accepting a lease on the conditions offered and in case no relaxation of the conditions can be obtained that the Technical Instruction Committee be requested to select another site.

The apparent reluctance of the Local Government Board to yield to the representations made to them by the Corporation as to the advisability of burial rights in the intra-mural Graveyards being secured to all persons above 30 years of age claiming those rights was a matter to which attention was called. A discussion thereon resulted in an Order being made for the Corporation Solicitor to take steps to put the Corporation in a position to appeal if necessary against the Order of the Local Government Board prohibiting further burials inside the town and for the Local Government Board to be again asked to exempt the claimants referred to from the operation of the Order.

It was ordered - That the Seating accommodation in the Town Hall be enlarged by the addition of fifty more chairs and that these be procured by tender invited through the Press

Councillor Rowe as per notice given by him referred to the Gas Company being about to take steps to enable them to raise the limit of Seven per cent put on dividends payable out of the profits of the Gas Works to Twelve and a half per cent. It appeared that the profits of the concern for the last year amounted to a sum equal to Thirty per cent on the capital and as this was the case it was right that

The Community of the town or whom the Gas Company depended for support should share in some form in the prosperity of the Co. Thompson a resolution proposed by Councillor Rowe and seconded by Alderman Barr was passed viz

That having regard to the fact that the Gas Company are about to take measures to enable their Shareholders to obtain a surplus dividend, the Company be asked to give some ~~of their profits~~ of their surplus profits to Gas Consumers by reducing the cost of lighting public lamps and applying few of charge incandescent mantles and burners to all the public lamps in the town.

It was ordered - That the Clerk of the Urban Council of Gores be asked to state what is the price charged for maintaining public lights in Gores and what is the period during which these are kept lighting each year.

Boroughs, Chairman

16th October 1901.

A Stated Finance Meeting of the Council was held this day in the Tholsel at 7.30 P.M.

There were in attendance

Benjamin Hughes Esq Mayor (in the Chair)

Aldermen - Walter Walsh, George Adden, John Clancy.

Councillors - William Sears, Robert Anton, Michael O'connor, Nicholas O'Neill, James Rose, Howard Rowe,

Joseph Kelly, James Cullimore, Richard Walsh.

The minutes of meeting of 7th October 1901 were read and signed. Liabilities which had accrued due up to the end of last month, amounting in the aggregate to £608.10.8 were submitted to the meeting and having been examined were approved and an authorization was signed to enable the Treasurer to pay them on presentation to him of Paying Orders numbered from 33 to 53 inclusive viz:

33. In favour of Thomas Purse being quarters salary as Medical Officer of Health to 30 th September 1901	£4. 0: 0
34. In favour of M. J. O'connor for collecting Corporate rents	7: 10: 10
35. In favour of Mr. Euseon for Quit R. Rent due	6: 12: 7
36. In favour of Bank of Ireland for Tithe Rent Charge	2: 8: 5
37. In favour of Adden Medical Hall for disinfectants supplied	16. 0
38. In favour of Thomas Godfrey being Fees for Juries Lists	8: 18: 0
39. In favour of Patrick Green being balance of contract for constructing credit at Summerhill	2: 6: 8
40. In favour of P. H. Allen for repairing carts	3: 11: 0
	£36 : 3 : 6

Forward £ 36: 3: 6

41. In favour of Wexford Timber Co for cement supplied	5: 3: 8
42. In favour of Thompson Bros	6: 0: 0
43. In favour of John & Walsh for advertising & printing	4: 9: 8
44. In favour of some	4: 13: 0
45. In favour of Benjamin Hughes for advertising	3: 16: 8
46. In favour of some	4: 2: 0
47. In favour of J. S. Corcoran	2: 12: 7
48. In favour of some	11: 9
49. In favour of National Bank being balance of demand for half year ended 30 th September 1901 payable to Council	464: 17: 4
50. In favour of W ^m A. Browne being cash advanced in payment of Petty Disbursements	5: 15: 0
51. In favour of same being do	53: 18: 3
52. In favour of some do	4: 16: 0
53. In favour of James Redmond being sum on account of laying in concrete footpath in Faythe	11: 11: 3
	£ 608 : 10 : 8

Summary and Reconciliation of Treasurer's Account for the
month ended in September 1901 including the payments made at
the Stated Finance Meeting held on this day.

Summary

Balance (if any) due by Treasurer as per last monthly statement	476 13 6
Total sum received to close of last month	638 . 6
Total	1114 14 .

Balance (if any) due to Treasurer as per last monthly statement	
Payments ordered at above-mentioned meeting	608 10 8
Total	608 10 8

Net Balance due by Treasurer (being difference of above Totals)	506 3 4
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Reconciliation

Balance per Bank Book due by Treasurer	1114 14 .
Outstanding Orders (including those issued at this meeting)	608 10 8
Net Balance as above due by Treasurer	506 3 4

Regarding the request made on the Local Government Board
that they should reserve rights of interment in the Graveyards within
the Town of Wexford not only for widows and widowers as
specified in the Board's letter of 16th July but for all claimants of
35 years of age and upwards the Local Government Board by letter
dated 9th October 1901 and numbered 49086 stated that they had
given the matter very careful and anxious consideration with the
view of meeting, so far as possible the wishes of the Deputation from
the Council which recently attended at the office of the Board, but

after full investigation of the case in all its bearings the Board felt that in the interests of the public health of the District they would not be warranted in acceding to the request of the Council nor in altering the decision already conveyed to them in the Board's letter of 16th July last.

Regarding the Order made at last meeting as to appealing against the decree of the Local Government Board ~~not~~ putting restraint on burials in the Graveyards within the town the Corporation Solicitor by letter gave his opinion on the matter. He pointed out that under Sections 162 and 163 of the Public Health Act 1878 the Local Government Board were given the fullest possible powers to order the discontinuance of burials in any place they might specify subject to any exception or qualification they might see fit to make. Under these circumstances there was no course open to the Corporation or the people of the town but to submit to the Order. He suggested that each claimant of a burial right should apply to the Local Government Board for liberty to exercise that right and if a good case was made there was a probability the Local Government Board would accede to the application.

The making of a Poor Rate to enable the County Council demands to be discharged in respect of the half year ending 31st March 1902 was a matter which was considered and on the motion of Councillor Rose, seconded by Councillor Ahearn it was Resolved - That there be now struck for the service of the half year ending 31st March 1902 a Poor Rate of one shilling and two pence in the £ on the net assessable value of rateable property within the Borough of Wexford as agreed to on 18th March 1901 and that the Rate Book be now sealed and signed.

The Book containing the items of Rate duly apportioned on the respective occupiers was produced and duly sealed and signed.

The following is a copy of a communication received by the Town Clerk from the Corporation Solicitors and read for the meeting
Re Financial Relations

Dear Sir,

As you are aware His Worship the Mayor, Mr. Ahearn, Mr. Lys, Mr. Rose, yourself and our Mr. J. O'Connor attended to-day and met Mr. E. Ahearn M.V. Vice-Chairman, Captain Walker S.L., Mr. C. H. Peacocke F.R. Mr. James Coad F.P. Mr. R. W. Elgee Solicitor to County Council, Captain W. Pigott Secretary and Mr. Frizelle Assistant Secretary in reference to the Financial Relations question between the Board and a party of the gentlemen who represented the County Council were extremely courteous and reasonable. The

following is a short report of the result of the Conference.

1. Food and Drugs Acts.

In future the town is not to be required to contribute towards the costs of carrying these Acts into execution in other Districts of the County.

2. Weights and Measures Acts.

The same remarks apply to these.

3. Collectors' Poundage.

Poundage for the County Collectors is henceforth to be charged on the County.

4. County Surveyor.

Having regard to the Order of the Local Government Board and also having regard to the arrangement which we made in reference to the main Roads question, we unanimously agreed to withdraw our claim herein. We all agreed that there is no chance of our being freed from our contributions towards the County Surveyor's salary.

5. Clerical Staff - Co. Secretary's office.

In future this is to be paid by the County.

6 Expenses of Poor Rate Books - Preparing same.

The Borough is also to be freed from this expense as far as the County Books are concerned.

7. County Analyst.

As the town pays £10 per annum to Sir Charles Cameron as Borough Analyst, in future the County will pay their £30 for the County Analyst's work.

8. Checking Poor Rate Books.

The County Council could not see their way to free us from this item. The reason they gave was that the Co. Secretary is bound to do this work. If the expense of doing this work had been computed in his salary the Borough would have been bound to contribute. Accordingly we did not press this claim which was under the circumstances untenable.

9. Maintenance of Roads and Bridges.

The Declaration for main Roads last from June 1900 to 1905 has Frizelle made out from the figures in the Co. Council Ledger that the Borough has been contributing since the Declaration was made a sum of £172 a year for main roads. After a very lengthened discussion in which all the members of the Conference took part it was unanimously agreed that the town should not have to pay this sum having regard to the fact that it bears up its own Roads out of its own Rates. Accordingly it was agreed that this

sum should be refunded to the Borough every year by the Co. Council as long as the present Main Roads Declaration exists. If in the year 1905 any change is made in that Declaration there will also be a similar change in reference to the £72. We think this is a very fair and proper arrangement. The County Council would not feel the Borough from contribution towards Bridges which are among the County-at-large charges.

10. Audit Fee.

As the Borough pays for the auditing of its own accounts the Co. Council are henceforth going to pay altogether for the auditing of their accounts.

11. Inspector of Explosives.

The cost of enforcing the Explosive Act in the town is borne by the town and always was. Under these circumstances the Co. Council will henceforth pay the cost of enforcing this Act in the County outside the Borough.

12. Compensation to Mr. Brislaw.

This has not been charged to the Borough.

The other items mentioned in the Local Government Order of 1900 and referred to in our letter of the 17th September '01 to the L. G. B. are all right and have been allowed to us.

The result of this is that practically everything we asked was conceded, because we asked for nothing that we had no reason for. The members of the Conference who represented the Corporation made a very good case. The result of this is a saving to the town of about £180 a year which will reduce the taxation by about 3d in the £. It was also arranged that there should be a refund to the Borough by the County Council of what we have overpaid in regard to the above items and also as the Borough has to pay its proportionate share of the salary of the County Surveyor, and as no portion of this salary was charged against the Corporation for the first three half years after the appointed day that in like manner the Corporation should give a refund to the County Council for its proportion towards the Co. Surveyors salary for these three half years and the accounts in the matter of the refund will be left to the officials of the two Authorities.

Of course all this is to go before the County Council for approval and in the same way it has to go before the Corporation for sanction. We have no doubt but that an agreement will be sanctioned by both bodies.

We think that at the next meeting of the Corporation there should be a Resolution passed approving of what has been done and authorising us to write to the Local Government Board to know if an agreement would be sufficient under the circumstances, so as not to put the Borough

to the expense of obtaining a Provisional Order. We await the Council's directions in this matter.

This report was duly considered whereupon the following resolution was passed proposed by Councillor Sears seconded by Councillor Rowe.

That the Report now read of the result of the Conference between the Representatives of the County Council and the delegates from this Council in the matter of adjusting the financial relations between these authorities be freely adopted.

Relative to the discussion and order made at last meeting on the conditions of a draft lease of a site of a Technical School House for Wexford the Superior of the Christian Brothers stated by letter that the Christian Brothers and the Trustees of Richard Devine's Will were anxious to meet the views of the Corporation in every possible way. There was no doubt about the title to the property. The Trustees of Devine's held in fee simple. As ~~our~~ ^{their} Solicitors had requested to be done let the objectionable clause be struck out and the draft could again be submitted to Council. The Christian Brothers hoped that all difficulties in the way of making the lease acceptable to the Corporation could be overcome. Relative to the same matter a copy of a letter sent by the Corporation Solicitor to the Solicitor of the Christian Brothers was read for the meeting. In this letter a suggestion was made to the effect that if a satisfactory lease was not obtainable it might be possible for the plot to be sold to the Corporation.

In this matter an order was made to instruct Mr. O'Conor to be instructed to strike the objectionable clauses out of the draft lease and to send it to Messrs Maxwell, Weldon & Co. on behalf of the Christian Brothers for their observations thereon.

A notice of appointment of the 28th October instant as the date on which the Accounts of the Urban District Council for year ended in March last will be audited by Mr. J. A. Baker was submitted to the meeting.

B. Hughes, Mayor

4th November 1901.

A Statutable Meeting of the Council was held this day in the Town Hall at noon.

There were present:

Benjamin Hughes Esq. Mayor in the Chair

Aldermen - John Barr, Walter Walsh, Matthew J. Furlong.

Councillors - Howard Rowe, James Airey, Robert Cantor, John Lyons,

John T. Kelly, John Kelly, James Smith, William Sears, William Simpson.

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The minutes of meeting of 16th October 1901 were read and signed. The Financial Statement Book of Receipts was produced, examined and authenticated by the signature of the Chairman and the counter signature of the Clerk showing the sums which had been received up to the close of last month and the Ledger entries to be made in respect of same.

The Financial Statement Book of Expenditure was also produced, examined and authenticated by the signature of the Chairman and the counter signature of the Clerk showing the sums which had been ordered for payment at the stated Finance Meeting held next before the above mentioned day being in respect of expenses for the period ending the last day of the preceding month and the Ledger entries to be made in respect of same.

The Ledger was also produced posted up to the day of the last stated Finance Meeting with the proper debits and credits as ordered on that day.

Two Tenders received in respect of supplying 50 chairs to enlarge the seating accommodation in the Town-Hall were opened. They proved to be from Matthew Harper Main Street and James Dunn Gilehay Street. The former was prepared to supply chairs of the same class and quality as his specimen chair at 2/11 each and the latter at 5/3 each. Mr Harper's tender was accepted.

The National Telephone Company made application for wayleave for poles and wires along Trinity Street to enable the premises of the Star Engineering Company to be connected with the local Telephone system. The erection of poles on the street in this case was rendered necessary by the fact that the Postal Authorities whose lines of telegraph wires run along the Railway track adjoining Trinity Street objected to a second line of wires being put up on the Railway premises. The application was backed up by the Star Engineering Company who stated by letter that it would be a matter of great importance to them to have their works connected with the Telephone System, whereupon Councillor Timpson gave notice that he would propose at next meeting of the Council the revocation of resolution prohibiting the erection of telephone poles in the streets.

The notice was accepted.

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In response to representations made to the Gas Company pursuant to resolution of the 7th ulto a letter received from the Secretary of that Company was read intimating that incandescent lights would be substituted for the present ones in the street lamps were the Corporation satisfied to pay a rate of £3 per lamp per lighting season. In making this offer the Directors of the Gas Company stated they felt very

were running the risk of incurring loss and if a loss should arise and prove to be serious the above named price could not be continued on the other hand if it was found in course of time that the price could be reduced they would be glad to reduce it.

The matter was duly considered, when upon the motion of Councillor Powe seconded by Alderman Barr it was

Resolved - That a Committee be appointed to inquire into and report on the relationship between the Corporation and the Gas Company, that the Town Clerk be asked to provide copies of the Acts relating to Gas Works and a copy of the Articles of Association of the Wexford Gas Company and also ascertain the terms of any agreements that may have been made between the Corporation and the Gas Company, that the Committee of Inquiry be composed of the following Aldermen - Furlong, Walsh, Madden, Councillors Powe, Timson, Stafford, Hore along with the Mayor.

The Mayor drew attention to the dilapidated state of the Tholsel and its structural unfitness as a Board Room, Municipal Office and Court Room. He suggested that the Building should be taken down and replaced by a new Building erected in modern style and containing chambers and offices adapted to the requirements of the Council and its officials. He invited discussion on the matter. The subject was taken with consideration with the result that a Committee composed of the entire Council was appointed to report thereon.

It was ordered - That the Town Clerk write to Mr Hawley C.E. asking him what he would charge for visiting Wexford and reporting on the best and most economical means of increasing the storage capacity of the water system.

It was further ordered - That the Town Surveyor be asked to furnish a report on the same subject.

Three communications received from persons having ground to dispose of as sites for Working Class Dwellings were read. From these it appeared that a plot of land at William Street having a frontage of 70 feet and subject to a rent of £2:10:0 a year could be acquired for £50. This plot had lately been held by Mr E.P. Ronan Bankrupt. A Mrs Williams Whitrock was willing to dispose of a plot of ground having a frontage of 170 feet and situated also in William Street. She held the plot under lease for 969 years at the yearly rent of one shilling and was prepared to accept £200 for her interest in such lease Mr G. P. Turner Agent for Poor Arbitlary stated with regards to the premises known as the Green and the adjoining land that any proposal which the Corporation might see fit to make as to the purchase

or taking or lease of these premises would be laid before his Lordship and his decision when given communicated to the Corporation. It was found on examining map of the last named premises that if they were acquired it was possible to open a street of houses about 400 feet in length and it was decided to treat with Lord Ardilaun for a long lease of the premises and as the rent paid by the last tenant of them was £35 a year to offer his Lordship a rent of £35 a year.

B. H. Stiffes, Chairman

20th November 1901.

A Stated Finance Meeting of the Council was held this day in the Tholsel at 7.30 P.M.

There were present:

Benjamin Hughes Esq. Mayor (in the Chair)

Aldermen - Walter Walsh, George Haaden, Matthew J. Furlong
John Barr.

Councillors - William Sears, Cameron Rogers, Howard Royle,
Joseph Kelly, James Smith, James Donegan, James Cullimore,
Nicholas O'Keeffe, John Tighe, Michael O'Conor,
Robert Stanton, Patrick Ryan, William Simpson.

The minutes of meeting of 4th instant were read and signed.
Liabilities which had accrued due up to the end of last month amounting in the aggregate to £1358.8.0 were submitted to the meeting and having been examined were approved and an authorization was signed to enable the Treasurer to pay them on presentation to him of Paying Orders numbered from 54 to 87 inclusive.

Summary and Reconciliation of Treasurer's Account for the month ended the last day of October 1901 including the payments made at the Stated Finance Meeting held on this day.

Summary

Balance (if any) due by Treasurer as per last monthly statement	506	3	4
Total sum received to close of last month	647	13	8
Total	1153	17	

Balance (if any) due to Treasurer as per last monthly statement			
Payments ordered at above mentioned meeting	1358	8	
Total	1358	8	

Set Balance due to Treasurer (being difference of above totals)	204	11	
Reconciliation			

Balance per Bank Books due by Treasurer	1153	17	
Outstanding Orders (not included in banking)	1358	8	
Set Balance as above due to Treasurer	204	11	

The Corporation Treasurer informed the meeting by letter that he had received from the Department of Agriculture and Technical Instruction a sum of £100 being an advance on account of grant for Technical Instruction in Wexford and asked to be informed whether a Special Bank Account was to be opened for the Technical Instruction School Fund. On this point a letter No 64,900 dated 16th November 901 from the Local Government Board was read containing the necessary instructions, whereupon Alderman Hadden proposed and Councillor Ryan seconded the following resolution which was adopted.

That in pursuance of directions of the Local Government Board a separate Bank Account be opened in the name of the Technical Instruction Committee who are hereby authorized to operate thereon in manner prescribed for public accounts, that there be lodged to the credit of such Committee £100 recently received from the Department of Agriculture and Technical Instruction for Ireland and also £69 allocated in the current year by this Council under the Technical Instruction Acts.

A report from the Finance Committee showed that they had examined the Poor Rate Collectors Accounts for the half year ended 30th September 90 and found that out of the total assessments items of rate amounting to £30. 19. 8 were irrecoverable, having been assessed on premises partly or wholly unoccupied for that period *W.H.*
The report was adopted.

In the matter of procuring a site for a Technical School House at Jeph Street a letter from Messrs Maxwell Weldon & Co Solicitors Dublin was read. They said their Clients the Trustees of the site were willing to let it on lease as they had hitherto consented to do and would not insist on the condition being inserted in the lease as to which the Corporation had taken exception, or else if the Corporation wished to purchase the Trustees interest in the plot and made a written proposal to purchase it for say £300 being the capital value of the proposed rent of £15 a year the proposal would receive consideration.

On this matter being deliberated on the following resolution was adopted. Proposed by Councillor Ryan seconded by Councillor Anton.

That the plot of ground vested in the Christian Brothers adjoining Jeph Street be acquired as a site for a Technical Instruction Schoolhouse that a sum of £300 be paid for the interest of the Trustees in said plot subject to the title of the Trustees being proved good to the satisfaction of the Solicitor of Public Works.

Relative to an offer made in behalf of the Council to pay a rent of £35 a year for the former house "The Bell" and the adjoining land as a site for Working Class Dwellings a letter received from

Messrs. Stofford and Turner Dublin was read. It seemed from this letter that the proposal was not such as Lord Ardilaun could be recommended to accept inasmuch as an offer of £50 a year had been recently made for the premises subject to certain outlays being made thereon. On considering this matter the meeting decided that Messrs. Stofford and Turner should be written to again and their attention called to the fact that the offer of £50 a year mentioned by them was contingent on the landlord incurring expense whereas the terms on which the Council proposed to accept a lease did not require an outlay by the landlord.

Pursuant to notice given by him at last meeting Councillor Timpson proposed the revocation of a resolution hitherto passed by the Council whereby the erection of Telephone poles and wires on the streets of the town was prohibited.

The motion was seconded by Alderman Hadden. It was put to the meeting and carried.

An application from the National Telephone Co for wayleaves for poles and wires along Trinity Street as per plan submitted was then taken into consideration when on the motion of Alderman Hadden seconded by Councillor Rogers it was

Resolved - That the National Telephone Co be at liberty to erect poles and wires along Trinity Street to enable the premises of the Star Engineering Co and the premises of the Dockyard Co to be connected with the Telephone System subject to rent of one shilling a pole per annum being paid by the Telephone Co for the privilege hereby granted them and subject also to the position selected for the poles being approved by the Town Surveyor.

A Committee appointed on 4th Inst to consider the question of providing a new set of Municipal Offices reported they had met and come to a decision. They recommended the Council to erect a building containing Municipal Offices on the site of the present Tholsel and to appoint a small Committee to confer with an architect as to the feasibility of provision for two shops being embodied in the scheme. Alderman Hadden proposed that the recommendation be adopted. The proposition was seconded by Councillor Rogers. Having been carried on a poll being taken thereon ten members voted for it, four against it ~~and~~ ^{but} one only member present at this stage of the proceedings. A sub-committee as above recommended was then formed consisting of Aldermen Hadden, Furlong, Councillors Rose, Gore, Ryan, Rogers, Lynn.

There was submitted to the meeting a circular No 63687 1901 dated 14th November 1901 received from the Local Government Board

containing a copy of the report of the Auditor Mr. Baka on his audit of the Accounts of Wexford Urban District for year ended 31st March 1901, together with an attested Abstract of the Accounts for that year. The report showed that the various items of receipts for the year were brought to account and the expenditure adequately vouched was such as might lawfully be made. It was pointed out to the meeting that having regard to the cost of the contemplated schemes for providing Working Class Dwellings for enlarging the storage capacity of the Waterworks and for erecting Municipal offices for all of which Loans would have to be obtained it was not possible for these schemes to be proceeded with simultaneously for the reason that the borrowing power of the Corporation at the present time did not admit of more than £3,500 being borrowed. This matter was considered when it was

ordered - That inquiries be made as to whether the Waterworks Loan should be taken into account in computing the indebtedness of the Municipality with a view to determining the extent of its borrowing powers.

B. Hughes, Chairman

2nd December 1901.

A Statutable Meeting of the Council was held this day in the Tholsel at noon.

There were present

Benjamin Hughes Esq. Mayor (in the chair)

Councillor - George Sadden, by attorney Furlong.

Councillors - John Lyne, James Aher, Robert Hunter, William Simpson.

The minutes of meeting of 20th November 1901 were read and signed.

The Financial Statement Book of Receipts was produced, examined and authenticated by the signature of the Chairman and the counter signature of the Clerk showing the sums which had been received up to the close of last month and the ledger entries to be made in respect of same.

The Financial Statement Book of Expenditure was produced, examined and authenticated by the signature of the Chairman and the counter signature of the Clerk showing the sums which had been ordered for payment at the Statute Finance Meeting held next before the above mentioned day being in respect of expenses for the period ending the last day of the preceding month and the ledger entries to be made in respect of same.

The ledger was also produced posted up to the day of the last Statute Finance Meeting with the debits and credits as ordered on that day.

With reference to the Inquiry in the minutes of proceedings of the Council on the 20th Feb^r as to whether the loans sanctioned for Waterworks should be taken into account in calculating the margin of the borrowing power of the Corporation, a letter No 66,922: 190 dated 30th November 1901 from the Local Government Board was read intimating that it was necessary that the loans in question should be reckoned in determining the borrowing powers of the Corporation. The Captain of the Fire Brigade stated by letter it was essential to protect the Fire Escape from the effects of the weather by having it kept under cover in some place easy of access and close to the Hose Depot when on the motion of Alderman Hadden seconded by Alderman Furlong it was Resolved - That the Captain of the Fire Brigade and the Town Surveyor be asked to furnish a joint report on the matter.

Also ordered - That the Fire Escape be painted with one coat of paint and one coat of varnish.

The Department of Agriculture and Technical Instruction per circular letter dated 8th November 1901 and numbered 20,011 drew attention to the provisions of the Fertilizers and Feeding Stuffs Act 1873 and stated that to ensure the beneficial exercise of the powers vested in local bodies under the Act it would be very desirable to establish a definite system under which samples of fertilizers and feeding stuffs could be procured from time to time for analysis and to that end suggested the advisability of the Corporation appointing an Officer whose duty it would be to take samples for submission to the District Analyst.

There was no order made on the subject of this communication.

Attention was called to the fact that the term of probation on which the present foreman of works and time keeper was appointed had now expired and it was for the meeting to decide whether his services were to be retained whereupon it was proposed by Alderman Furlong seconded by Alderman Hadden and passed.

That David Bennett Loring discharged his duties as foreman of works in a satisfactory manner since his appointment to that office said appointment be now made a permanent one.

The Town Surveyor reported that the Contractor for the work of repairing a main sewer at the rear of Hadden's Medical Hall had not completed the work within the time prescribed in the Specification nor was any effort being made by him to complete it although repeatedly urged to do so. He (the Town Surveyor) asked for instructions in the matter when it was

Ordered - That the expenses of the Corporation Employees at the expense of the contractor on notice being served on the latter if

of this step being about to be taken
It was ordered - That in future Specifications a clause be inserted
whereby Contractors will be required to give Security for the fulfilment
of Contracts.

On the application of Mr George B. Cooke of Main Street North it was
ordered - That his premises be registered pursuant to the Explosives
Act as a place where the sale of "mixed explosives" may be carried
on.

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18th December 1901.

A Stated Finance Meeting of the Council was held this day in
the Hobel at 7.30 P.M.

The members present were

Benjamin Hughes Esq Mayor (in the Chair)

Aldermen - Walter Walsh, George Addon, Matthew J. Furlong.

Councillors - Robert Denton, John Tynne, James Cullmore, James Smith,
Nicholas O'Neill, Joseph Kelly, John Lyne, Edward Rowe,
James Moore, Patrick Ryan, Michael O'Conor

The minutes of meeting of 2nd December 1901 were read & signed
Liabilities which had accrued due up to the end of last month
amounting in the aggregate to £94: 9: 2 were submitted to the
meeting and having been examined were approved and an
authorization was signed to enable the Treasurer to pay them on
presentation to him of Paying Orders numbered from 88 to 94 inclusive

Summary and Reconciliation of Treasurers Account for the
month ended the last day of November 1901 including the payments
made at the Stated Finance meeting held on this day.

Summary

Balance (if any) due by Treasurer as per last Statement	675	8	6
Total sum received to close of last month	675	8	6
Total	675	8	6

Balance (if any) due to Treasurer as per last Statement

Payments ordered at above meeting	94	9	2
Total	299	.	2

Set Balance due by Treasurer being difference of above totals

Reconciliation

Balance per Bank Books due by Treasurer	482	17	6
Outstanding Orders (including those issued at this meeting)	106	9	2
Total	376	8	4

Regarding the ^a question put to the Local Government Board as
to whether they would be prepared to increase the borrowing

powers of the Corporation so as to enable loans to be borrowed for various municipal undertakings which were in contemplation and which were urgently needed the Board replied by letter dated 13th December 1901 (No 68492) that they were not empowered to enlarge the borrowing powers as determined by Section 238 of the Public Health (Ireland) Act 1878.

The matter having been considered it was resolved on the motion of Councillor Howe seconded by Alderman Hadden

That the circumstances of the case be communicated to the City Treasurer Dublin and that he be asked to state if it was possible for the Corporation of Wexford to enlarge their present margin of borrowing power and if so what was the course of procedure to be taken to accomplish that object.

Further on the motion of Councillor Howe seconded by Alderman Furlong it was

Resolved - That the following particulars respecting loans borrowed by the Corporation be made out and furnished to each member of the Council viz - Original amount of each loan; when borrowed; date when borrowed; period for which borrowed; rate of interest per cent payable; amount of annual repayments of principal and interest and amount of outstanding principal on 31st March 1902.

As to the proposal to erect municipal offices on the site of the existing Tholsel Councillor Cullimore expressed his hostility to the project being carried out. He gave notice of his intention to propose at next meeting the rescinding of the resolution adopting the proposal.

The notice was accepted.

The Mayor gave notice that he would propose at next meeting that the proposed erection of a Technical School House in the near future should be deferred for some years. He said he felt impelled to take this course seeing that the present temporary schoolroom so far answered all the needs of Technical Education in the town.

As to order made on 20th ultmo directing further correspondence to be carried on with Messrs Staford and Turner touching the offer made by the Corporation to take on lease at a rent of £35 a year the castle's "premises and land at Trinity Street" it was announced that the offer was not accepted.

Thereupon it was moved that Messrs Staford and Turner be written to again and asked to state the terms on which they will

be satisfied to let the premises mentioned and with a view to opening a new street in continuation of George Street that Alderman Furlong and Councillor Stanton be asked to make inquiries as to whether a portion of the land on the west side of John Street can be acquired on fair terms.

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A Committee appointed on 4th November last to inquire into and report on the relationship between the Corporation and the Wexford Gas Company furnished the following report dated 5th Inst.

We find the Wexford Gas Consumers Co was formed in 1865 under the Companies Act and not under any Special Act of Parliament and that no agreements exist whatever between the Corporation and the Gas Company. We recommend that the relations between the Corporation and the Gas Company should be clearly defined for the future.

1st We are of opinion that Council's opinion should be taken as to the powers the Gas Co possess to enter the streets and lay down pipes etc
2nd Can the Corporation acting as Sanitary Authority or in any other way require the Gas Co to lay or relay their pipes at depths defined by the Corporation

3rd Are the Corporation as representing the public any voice or control in the affairs of the Gas Co in case the Gas Co distributed a larger dividend than 10 per cent according to their articles of association.

On the motion of Councillor Rowe seconded by Alderman Furlong this report was adopted.

There was submitted to the meeting a circular letter dated 6th December 1901 No 66412 together with copies of an Order made by the Local Government Board prescribing the time within which Petitions against Provisional Orders empowering County or Urban District Councils to take land otherwise than by agreement should be lodged.

Benjamin Hughes, Chairman

6th January 1902.

A Statutable meeting of the Council was held this day in the Tholsel at noon.

There were present

Benjamin Hughes Esq mayor (in the chair)

Aldermen - John Barr, George Haaden, John Clancy, Walter Walsh.

Councillors - James Ahearn, Howard Rowe, Robert Stanton, Patrick Ryan, Michael O'connor, Nicholas O'Sullivan, James Smith

James Mulligan, John Lynch

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The minutes of meeting of 18th December 1901 were read and signed

The Financial Statement Book of Expenditure was produced, examined and authenticated by the signature of the Chairman and the counter signature of the Clerk showing the sums which had been received in the month of December and the ledger entries to be made in respect of same.

The Financial Statement Book of Expenditure was produced examined and authenticated by the signature of the Chairman and the counter-signature of the Clerk showing the sums which had been ordered for payment at the stated Finance Meeting held next before the above mentioned day being in respect of expenses incurred for the preceding month and the ledger entries to be made in respect of same.

The Ledger was also produced posted up to the day of the last stated Finance Meeting with the proper debits and credits as ordered on that day.

On the motion of Councillor Ryan, seconded by Councillor Smith it was

Resolved - That this day being Twelfth Day this meeting do now stand adjourned to Monday 13th instant at noon.

Ballyphe, Chairman

13th January 1902.

An adjourned meeting of the Council was held this day in the Tholsel at noon.

There were present

Benjamin Hughes Esq Mayor (in the chair)

Aldermen - George Sadden, John Barr, Matthew J. Furlong, John Clancy, Walter Walsh.

Councillors - John Tighe, William Sears, James Aher, William Timmons, Robert Stanton, James Cullimore, Joseph Kelly, Howard Row, Patrick Ryan, Michael O'connor.

The minutes of meeting of 6th January 1902 were read and signed. Councillor Cullimore pursuant to notice given by him, proposed the revocation of a resolution passed on 20th November last regarding the taking down of the existing Tholsel and the erection on the site thereof of a building containing Municipal offices.

Councillor Cullimore's proposition was seconded by Alderman Barr on the question having been put to the meeting it was found necessary to take a poll thereon, whereupon the following nine members voted for abandoning the project in favour of Mr. John Kelly, Cullimore, Stanton, Sears, Tighe, and Aldermen Clancy, Walsh, Barr and six members voted

contra viz Councillors Timpson, Hore, Rowe, Ryan Alderman Hadden
and the Mayor.

Alderman Furlong declined to vote.

As the rule regarding the rescinding of the resolution in this case made it necessary that such rescinding should be determined by a majority consisting of two-thirds of the members present Councillor Cullimore's proposition was declared lost.

A letter from the City Accountant of Dublin on the subject of Municipal borrowing powers was read. It showed that it was possible for the Corporation to extend their present margin of borrowing power but this could be done in no way but by obtaining statutory powers to exclude from the calculation of such margin Loans obtained for reproductive works such as Waterworks and Artisans Dwellings.

The Mayor thereupon proposed that the project to erect a Technical School House in the near future should be deferred sine die pending the completion of other Municipal undertakings which were in contemplation and for which Loans would need to be borrowed.

The proposition was seconded by Alderman Furlong but as the sense of the meeting was opposed to its adoption it was withdrawn.

The Corporation Solicitor communicated to the meeting the terms of a letter dated 24th December 1901 which he had received from the Local Government Board on the subject of the revision of the financial relations between the County of Wexford and the Urban District of Wexford. In this letter the Local Government Board pointed out that a revision of the financial relations between the Urban District and the County which involved departures from existing local Acts could only be legalized by means of a Provisional Order which must be preceded by an Inquiry at which it was competent for any Council or Board of Guardians in the County or persons interested to appear and give evidence.

On the motion of Councillor Hore seconded by Alderman Furlong it was

Resolved - That as a formal agreement has been made on the suggestion of the Local Government Board between the Wexford County Council and the Wexford Urban Council regarding County overcharges imposed on the Urban District this Council protests against being saddled with any share of the expense of a Local Inquiry to be held on the request of Boards of Guardians of the County.

Consequent on a report of the Town Surveyor the Works Committee were requested to select designs for and invite tenders in respect of supplying two manholes etc.

NOTICE OF RESULT OF ELECTIONS.

BOROUGH OF WEXFORD

*Election of Aldermen and Councillors for the
above Borough in the Year 1902.*

I, the undersigned being the Returning Officer at the election of Aldermen and Councillors for the said Borough, do hereby give notice that the candidates at the election whose names are entered in Column 6 of each of the Tables in the statement hereunder, opposite to the numbers entered in Column 5 have been declared duly elected Aldermen and Councillors respectively, and I hereby declare that the person whose name is entered in the said Column 6 and opposite to whose name no number is entered in Column 5 where no Poll has been taken, was duly elected Alderman for the Ward opposite to the name of which in Column 1 the name of such Candidate is entered.

WARDS.		NAMES OF CANDIDATES.			PLACES OF ABODE.		No. of Votes Recorded.		Names of Candidates Elected.	
1	2	Surnames.	Other Names.	3	4	Anne Street, Wexford	—	5	6	
St. Iberius Ward.	Clancy	John							John Clancy	
St. Mary's Ward.	Kehoe	Martin			Main Street, South	245			Martin Kehoe	
St. Selskar Ward.	Ryan	Patrick			Westgate	184			Patrick Ryan	

COUNCILLORS

WARDS.		Names of Candidates.			Places of abode.		No. of Votes Recorded.		Names of Candidates Elected.	
1	2	Surnames.	Other Names.	3	4	John Street, Wexford	—	5	6	
St. Iberius Ward	Tyghe	John			John Street, Wexford	205			John Tyghe	
do.	Mangan	William			John Street, Wexford	181			William Mangan	
St. Mary's Ward.	Rowe	Howard			Richmond	218			Howard Rowe	
do.	Stafford	James Joseph			Stonebridge	128			James Joseph Stafford	
St. Selskar Ward.	Kingsberry	Joseph			Selskar	162			Joseph Kingsberry	
do.	Doyle	Joseph			Charlotte Street	125			Joseph Doyle	

Dated this 17th day of January, 1902.

WILLIAM A. BROWNE,
RETURNING OFFICER.

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23rd January 90.

A Quarterly Meeting of the Council was held this day in the Town Hall at noon.

There were in attendance

Benjamin Hughes Esq. Mayor (in the Chair)

Alderman - Matthew J. Furlong, Walter Walsh, John Clancy
Patrick Ryan, George Hadden, Martin Kilroe.

Councillors - Howard Rowe, Dr. Lytle, James J. Stafford,
Joseph Kelly, John Lyne, William Simpson, Cameron
Rogers, James Cullimore, Nicholas O'Callaghan, Robert
Santon, Michael O'Connor, James Rose, William
Mangan, Joseph Dinsbury, Joseph Doyle

The Minutes of Meeting of 13th instant were read and signed
Pursuant to Section 94 (11) of the Local Government (Ireland)
Act 1898 the business of electing a mayor was proceeded with
whereupon on the motion of Alderman Walsh seconded by

Councillor Santon it was unanimously

Resolved - That Alderman John Clancy be elected mayor of
the Borough of Wexford for the year commencing this day
and until his successor shall by declaration accept the office
of mayor.

Alderman Clancy thereupon made and subscribed a
declaration accepting the office to which he had been elected.
He was then duly installed in the chair. He expressed his thanks
for the trust reposed in him by his colleagues in the Council.
On the motion of Councillor Simpson seconded by Alderman
Furlong it was unanimously

Resolved - That this meeting tenders to the ex-mayor its
heartiest thanks for his untiring exertions in furthering the
welfare of the town and the close attention paid by him to the
duties of the office of mayor for the last two years.

The ex-mayor in suitable terms acknowledged the Council's
appreciation of his services as mayor.

Alderman Furlong gave notice of his intention to move in the
matter of procuring statutory powers with the object of enlarging
the borrowing power of the Corporation extending the Municipal
Boundaries and carrying out other projected reforms.

On the motion of Councillor Rogers seconded by Alderman Furlong was
Resolved - That the Finance & Works, Waterworks and Sanitary Committee
be composed of the entire Council for the year commencing this day

On the motion of Councillor Rose seconded by Councillor O'Halloran was
Resolved - That the Quarterly meetings be held previous to the

5th January 1903 be held on the first Monday in May next at noon the second Monday in August next at noon and the second Monday in November next at noon.

Having regard to the decision come to at meeting on the 18th ultimo as to having the relations between the Corporation and the Gas Company clearly defined by Counsel the Committee to whom the charge of the matter was entrusted reported as follows under date of 21st instant.

We suggest that the Gas Co should be requested to incorporate themselves under a Special Act of Parliament as otherwise we do not see how the rights of the public can be safeguarded under the present relations with the Company; and should the Gas Company refuse to do so we think the Corporation should consider the advisability of undertaking themselves the public and private lighting of the town.

The consideration of this matter was deferred to 29th instant when a special meeting will assemble to deal with it.

A communication from the Home Office was submitted to the meeting showing what the duties of Local Authorities will in future be under the Factory and Workshop Acts as amended and consolidated by an Act passed in last Session of Parliament. Accompanying the communication were a memorandum and an Abstract of the Act and an Order of the Secretary of State on the subject of Home Work as referred to in part (4) of the memorandum.

Whereupon it was ordered that copies of the documents specified be procured and circulated to members of the Council for their information.

John Clancy

23rd January 1902

A Stated Finance Meeting of the Council has held this day (pursuant to the Mayor's requisition) at the Town Hall at noon.

The members in attendance were

Benjamin Hughes Esq Mayor (in the Chair)

Aldermen - Matthew J. Flurlong, Walter Walsh, John Clancy, Patrick Ryan, George Hadden, Martin McHale

Councillors - Alfred Lane, John Lynch, Daniel Staffor, Joseph Kelly, John Lyne, William Simpson, Cameron Rogers

James Cullimore, Nicholas O'Neill Robert Hanton Michael
O'Conor, James Hone, William Mangan, Joseph Kingsbury
John Doyle

Liabilities which had accrued due up to the end of last month amounting in the aggregate to £216.1.10 were submitted to the meeting and having been examined were approved and an authorization was signed to enable the Treasurer to pay them on presentation to him of Paying Orders numbered from 98 to 102 and from 104 to 123 inclusive.

Summary and Reconciliation of Treasurers Account for the month ended the last day of December 1901 including the payments made at the Stated Finance Meeting held on this day.

Summary

Balance (if any) due by Treasurer as per last Statement	376	8	4
Total sum received to close of last month	588	.	10
Total	964	9	2
Balance (if any) due to Treasurer as per last Statement	.	.	.
Payments ordered at above mentioned meeting	216	1	10
Total	216	1	10
Net Balance due by Treasurer (being difference of above Totals)	748	7	4

Reconciliation

Balance per Bank Books due by Treasurer	964	9	2
Outstanding Orders (including those issued at this meeting)	216	1	10
Net Balance as above due by Treasurer.	748	7	4

A Bill for £11.5.6 as certified by the Secretary & Engineer of the Harbour Board for erecting a pump on the Quay was a matter which evoked discussion as the efficiency of the pump was called in question. On the motion of Councillor Lyne, seconded by Councillor O'Neill payment of the Bill was deferred pending inquiries being made from the Harbour Board who had the pump erected at the request of the Corporation

John Clancy

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19th January, 1902

A Special Meeting of the Council was held this day at the Halls at half past Seven o'clock P.M.

The Members present were

John Clancy, George Hayes (in the chair)

Hederman - Hart, John Hartung, Murphy

Conneillors - Constance Hayes, Peter Kyle, James McGe

John Tytche, William Mangan, Howard Price, William Simpson,
James J. Stafford, John Lyne, Nicholas O'Hall, Michael Cormier
James Gillmore, Joseph Kelly, Cameron Rogers, Richard
Walsh, Robert Stanton,

The Minutes of meetings held on the 23rd instant were
read and signed -

The meeting having been convened for the purpose of considering
the terms of a recommendation made by a Committee appointed
to inquire into the relations between the Corporation and the
Gas Company, the Committee recommendation embodied
in Minutes of Proceedings of the Council on the 23rd
instant was taken into consideration as was also a
legal opinion obtained from the Queen's Counsel H. C. on the
matter. According to this opinion the Gas Company being
a private trading company formed under the Companies Act
and not under the Gas Licenses Acts the Corporation had no
control over the actions of the Company as regards dividend
payable to shareholders or as regards price charged for
gas supplied to consumers. Furthermore the Company
having been allowed to lay a system of pipes throughout
the town the Corporation could not now require these pipes
to be taken up and relaid at levels defined by the
Corporation unless it could be shown that the pipes at
their present levels interfered with the Corporation as a
Road Authority in discharging their duty. The only
remedy which ^{the Corporation} had was to supply gas themselves.
The question having been duly debated Councillor Price
proposed that the recommendation be adopted. The
proposal was seconded by Alderman ^{the} Twining and
on being put to the meeting was carried.

John Clancy

3rd February 1902

A Statutable Meeting of the Council was held this day in the
Tholsel at noon

There were present

John Clancy Esq^{re} Mayor (in the Chair)
Alderman Matthew J. Furlong.

Councillors - Richard Walsh, Benjamin Hughes, Joseph Kingsberry

Robert Stanton, James Horan, Nicholas O'Hall, W. Mangan

John Lyons, W. Simpson, P. J. Whiffen, Cameron Rogers, Michael
O'Connor.

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The minutes of meeting of 29th ulto were read and signed
The Financial Statement Book of Receipts was produced examined
and authenticated by the signature of the Chairman and the counter
signature of the Clerk showing the sums which had been received
up to the close of last month and the Ledger entries to be made in
respect of same.

The Financial Statement Book of Expenditure was also produced
examined and authenticated by the signature of the Chairman
and the counter-signature of the Clerk showing the sums which had
been ordered for payment at the stated Finance meeting held
next before the above-mentioned day being in respect of expenses
for the period ending the last day of the preceding month and the
Ledger entries to be made in respect of same.

A notice of motion in the following terms was handed in by
Councillor R. Walsh and accepted viz:-

I hereby give notice of my intention to propose on the earliest
available occasion the revocation of a resolution of the 20th November 1901
in virtue of which the erection of Municipal Offices on the site
of the Tholsel will be carried out.

Application from the occupiers of eighteen dwellings belonging
to the Corporation at Hill Street for liberty to keep pigs at the
rear of said dwellings was submitted to the meeting but no order
was made on the matter.

The question of reducing the rents of dwellings situated at Hill
Street, Trinity Street, Roches Terrace and Carrigan let to Artisans
and Labourers by the way having regard to the terms of the Local
Government (Ireland) Act requiring occupiers of all tenements
to be assessed with and to pay Poor Rate on such tenements
was introduced and the consideration of it was deferred to next
meeting.

The Local Government Board by letter dated the 29th January 1902
to 4,825 intimated their approval of the dates fixed on the 23rd
ultmo for the Quarterly meetings of the Council to be held in the
year 1902.

Robert Sturtow
President Chairman

February 19 1902

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19th February 1902

A Stated Finance Meeting of the Council was held this day in the Tholsel at 7.30 P.M.

The members in attendance were:-

Aldermen - Patrick Ryan, Walter Walsh, Martin McKee,
George Haaden, Matthew J. Furlong.

Councillors - Robert Anton, James Cullimore, James Smith, Benjamin
Hughes, James Acre, William Morgan, Howard Rose,
Joseph Doyle, Joseph Kingsbury, Richard Walsh,

Michael O'Connor, John Lyne, William Simpson, Tim Flynn.
On the motion of Councillor Cullimore, seconded by Councillor Smith
the Chair was taken by Councillor Anton in the absence of the Mayor.
The minutes of meeting of 5th Inst were read and signed.
Liabilities which had accrued due up to the end of last month
amounting in the aggregate to £ 847. 4. 2 were submitted to the
meeting and having been examined were approved and an
authorization was signed to enable the Treasurer to pay them on
presentation to him of Paying Orders numbered from 124 to 158
inclusive.

Summary and Reconciliation of Treasurers Account for the month
ended the last day of January 1902 including the payments made at
the Stated Finance Meeting held on this day.

Summary

Balance (if any) due by Treasurer as per last monthly statement	748	7	4
Total sum received to close of last month	392	17	5
Total	1141	4	9
Balance (if any) due to Treasurer as per last monthly statement			
Payments ordered at above mentioned meeting	847	4	2
Total	847	4	2
Set Balance due by Treasurer (being difference of above Totals)	294	.	7

Reconciliation

Balance per Bank Books due by Treasurer	1155	16	11
Outstanding Orders (including those issued at this meeting)	861	16	4
Set Balance as above due by Treasurer	294	.	7

On the motion of Councillor Hughes seconded by Alderman
Ryan it was resolved to convey to His Worship the Mayor an
expression of condolence on behalf of this meeting on the demise
of his recently deceased and revered mother-in-law.

As per notice duly given by him Councillor Walsh proposed the
revocation of a resolution passed by the Council on the 20th November
last relative to the erection of a public building on the site of
the existing Tholsel. The seconding of the proposition by Councillor

Cullimore was followed by a long discussion, on the conclusion of which a vote was taken with the result that eleven members voted for and nine members against the adoption of the resolution. The voting was as follows:-

For Councillor Walsh's Proposition, names Aldermen Walsh, Kehoe, Ryan Councillors Tighe, Lyne, O' Connor, Walsh, Mangan Smith Cullimore Stanton (11)

Against the proposition, Aldermen Hadden, Turlong Councillors Timson Kingsbury, Doyle, Rose, Hore, Hughes (8)

As the members voting in favour of Councillor Walsh's proposition did not consist of two-thirds of the members present, the proposition was declared lost.

Thereupon Councillor Walsh gave a fresh notice of his intention to propose ~~the revocation of the~~ ^{on Wednesday the 5th January} the revocation of the resolution of 20th November last above referred to.

The notice was accepted.

With reference to minutes of proceedings of the Council on the 29th ulto. the Directors of the Gas Co. announced per letter dated 18th Inst their intention to have the Company incorporated under a Special Act of Parliament as desired by the Corporation, although the taking of this course could not conduce to the benefit of the customers of the Company, but on the contrary would have the effect of safeguarding the rights and interests of the shareholders of the Company. They, (the Directors) stated they had ^{had} the obtaining of Parliamentary protection in contemplation hitherto but hesitated to incur the expense attendant thereon, ~~since~~ money spent in obtaining parliamentary powers could not be re-productive as money spent on plant and on improvements would be and consequently it could be of no advantage to gas consumers.

The meeting deemed this matter to be one requiring close and careful consideration and refrained from expressing any opinion on it for the present.

A draft Deed of Conveyance re a plot of land at Barth Strat which on 20th November last the Council decided to acquire as a site for a Technical School. A copy was submitted to the meeting whereupon it was ordered that a Committee composed of Alderman Hadden and Councillors Lyne, Hore and Rose be appointed to consider and if found satisfactory to approve of the terms of the Draft Deed; that the Committee if necessary requiring legal assistance be authorized to avail of the services of the Corporation solicitor.

to Artisans and Labourers consequent on the occupiers of such houses being liable to pay Poor Rate and Borough Rate was taken into consideration but no action was taken thereon having regard to the fact that the occupiers in question were entitled by Statute to certain refunds of Rate paid by them.

The Town Surveyor reported his having called on the owner of a dangerous house at Westgate to take down the house but no steps had been taken towards complying with the requisition. This rendered it necessary for him (the Town Surveyor) to proceed against the delinquent in Court where the attendance of the Corporation Solicitor on behalf of the Corporation was of importance in the interests of the public, whereupon on the motion of Councillor Hughes seconded by Councillor Doyle it was

Resolved. To place the case in the hands of the Corporation Solicitor.

Stephens

3rd March 1902

A Statutable Meeting of the Council was held this day in the Tholsel at noon.

There were present

Citizens - Matthew J. Furlong, Walter Walsh, George Madden.
Councillors - Benjamin Hughes, James Moore, Joseph Doyle, William Mangan, Joseph Kingsberry, John Lytton Lewis of Stafford, Joseph Kelly, Howard Howe.

The Financial Statement Book of Receipts was produced, examined and authenticated by the signature of the Chairman and the Counter-signature of the Clerk showing the sums which had been received in the month of January and the Ledger entries to be made in respect of same.

The Financial Statement Book of Expenditure was produced, examined and authenticated by the signature of the Chairman and the Counter-signature of the Clerk showing the sums which had been ordered for payment at the Stated Finance Meeting held next before the above mentioned day being in respect of expenses incurred for the month ended the last day of February 1902 and the Ledger entries to be made in respect of same.

The Ledger was also produced posted up to the date of the last Stated Finance meeting with the salary debts and credits as ordered on that day.

The minutes of meeting of 19th Oct were read and signed.
On the motion of Alderman Furlong seconded by Alderman Hadden the Chair was taken by Councillor Hughes in the absence of the Mayor.

The recent demise of the late Richard Lyne of Trinity Street was a matter to which allusion was made in feeling terms by Alderman Hadden who proposed that an expression of condolence from this Council be conveyed to Councillor John Lyne on the bereavement which has fallen on him and Mrs Lyne in the death of their much lamented son.

The proposition was seconded by Councillor Hare and adopted unanimously.

A Deputation from the Wexford Harbour Commissioners waited on the meeting to explain the purport of a draft Provisional Order which was awaiting the sanction of the Board of Trade. The Deputation consisted of Messrs William Armstrong, Mr. E. Barry, Hugh McGuire and Mr. P. Walsh Secretary of the Commissioners. These gentlemen pointed out to the meeting that under the existing state of the laws affecting the Port of Wexford a grievance existed which the proposed Provisional Order was designed to remove. It appeared that certain classes of steam ships of modern build were so constructed that they were free from dues on all but a small share of their registered tonnage to the disadvantage of sailing ships. The Harbour Commissioners to put an end to the ~~long~~ were seeking powers to levy dues on 50 per cent of the gross tonnage of steam ships entering the Port.

The consideration of the matter resulted in the adoption of the following resolution.

Proposed by Alderman Hadden seconded by Alderman Furlong
That we the members of Wexford Corporation approve of the
draft Provisional Order promulgated by Wexford Harbour
Commissioners to enable them to levy dues on 50 per cent of the
gross tonnage of steam ships ~~and~~ at present under the
consideration of the Board of Trade; we trust the Board of
Trade will grant a Provisional Order in the terms sought by the
Harbour Commissioners as such is necessary for the maintenance
of the Harbour and Port of Wexford; that copies of this resolution
be sent to the President of the Board of Trade to Mr. John Redmond,
Mr. William Field, Mr. Peter French and Sir Thomas Grattan
Esmonde Esq. P.S.

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The Lamp Committee reported that there was a necessity to re-align

The positions of two gas lamps in Rockes road. These lamps stood on the east side of the road and it was advisable to remove them to the west side so as to allow light to be thrown on the steps at both ends of the terrace of houses belonging to the Corporation. As this alteration would necessitate the erection of an additional lamp at Old Pound the Committee recommended that a new lamp should be placed at the upper corner of the new houses in Old Pound. The Committee further recommended the removal of a low wall standing contiguous to the approach at the north end of Rockes Terrace. Thereupon it was Ordered - That the recommendations of the Committee as to the alteration of the position of gas lamps and the erection of a gas lamp be adopted but that the matter of taking away the wall be deferred pending further inquiries being made into it.

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Alderman Ferlone proposed the adoption of the following motion which was seconded by Councillor Rose Esq:-
That this Council do instruct our Town Clerk to apply for an Act of Parliament which will enable us to enlarge the Reservoir, to relieve the rates from going so heavily for the Waterworks to the extent of £9,192.18.3 to make new streets to purchase lands compulsorily; to erect Labourers and Orphans Dwellings to supply the Town with public parks; to undertake the public and private lighting of the town; to widen the streets pull down old houses and carry out any other necessary reforms which may be considered advisable.

In the course of a discussion on this motion the meeting was advised that it was a work of supererogation for the Corporation to obtain Statutory powers to enable them to accomplish most of the objects in view. Nevertheless the motion was put to the meeting and a Poll was taken thereon when all the members present voted in favour of it except Councillor John Tighe. It was then arranged that a Committee of the entire Council was to be called together on Wednesday 26th March next to discuss the matters to be included in the Proposed Special Act of Parliament. The Department of Agriculture and Technical Instruction called attention by letter dated 19th April to 25 May 1901 to their former letter of 8th November last wherein it was suggested that the work of taking samples of fertilizers and feeding stuffs for submission to the District Analyst should be assigned to an officer in the employment of the Local Authority and asked to be furnished with particulars of any or all taken either by the Corporation. This matter was considered when it was decided to take no action.

therein members expressing the opinion that the duty of appointing
an officer to take samples of fertilizers and feeding stuffs was one
which should devolve on the Rural District Council rather than on
the Corporation.

The same Department by letter dated 20th February ultmo
to 3490/02 drew attention to the fact that the premises formerly
occupied by Peter Devlin at 18 Main Street South Wexford and
utilized for the purpose of wholesale transactions in margarine
appeared to be now no longer used for that purpose. Such being
so it was necessary for the Corporation to see to cancelling the
certificate of registration issued in the case if it was found that
this traders period of occupation had terminated and there
was no likelihood of wholesale dealing in margarine being
resumed on the premises.

Ordered - That the certificate of registration above referred to
be hereby cancelled.

Jhn. Clancy
Mayor

5th March 1902.

A Special meeting of the Council was held this day at the
Tholsel at half past seven o'clock P.M.

There were present

Jhn Clancy Esq Mayor (in the chair)

Aldermen - George Sadden, Walter Walsh, Matthew J. Furlong,
Patrick Ryan, Martin Kihoe.

Councillors - Joseph Kingsbury, Jack Doyle, William Timson,
James Mori, Benjamin Hughes, James Stafford, Nicholas
O'Neill, Richard Walsh, Cameron Rogers, Howard Power,
Robert Santon, William Mangan, Michael O'Conor,
Joseph Kelly, James Cullimore, John Tyre.

The minutes of meeting of the 3rd instant were read and signed.
The present meeting was convened for the purpose of considering
the question of rescinding or not a resolution passed on the 20th
November last whereby it was decided to take down the Tholsel
Buildings and erect on the site thereof a new set of Municipal
Buildings.

Accordingly Councillor Richard Walsh pursuant to notice given
by and accepted from him on the 19th ultmo proposed the revocation
of the resolution in question.

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The proposition was seconded by Councillor O'Neill and was

fully deliberated on. A Poll was then taken on the question when the following voted for Councillor Walsh's proposition viz Councillors - Tyke, Cullimore, Kelly, O'Connor, Mangan, Stanton, Roars Walsh, O'Neill, Stafford Aldermen Stoe, Ryan, Walsh and the Mayor - 14

Against Councillors - Rowe, Hughes, Moore, Simpson, Doyle, Kingsberry, Aldermen Furlong and Madden 8.

The proposition was declared carried and the resolution of 20th November last above referred to was rescinded accordingly.

Rising out of the discussion on the foregoing matter it has decided that inquiries should be made to ascertain whether there was any legal obstacle in the way of Municipal Buildings being erected on part of the market house in the Bullring and if so whether there was any means of surmounting the difficulty.

John Clancy
Mayor
19 March 1902

19th March 1902.

A Slated Finance Meeting of the Council was held this day in the Tholsel at 7.30 P.M.

There were present

John Clancy Esq. Mayor in the chair

Aldermen - Walter Walsh, Matthew J. Furlong, Patrick Ryan.

Councillors - Cameron Rogers, Joseph Doyle, William Mangan, Michael O'Connor, Benjamin Hughes, James Moore, Robert Stanton, Joseph Kelly, James Cullimore,

John Lyne, Edward Rowe, William Simpson.

The minutes of Meeting of 5th March 1902 were read and signed.

Liabilities which had accrued due up to the end of last month amounting in the aggregate to £153. 10. 6 were submitted to the meeting and having been examined were approved and an authorisation was signed to enable the Treasurer to pay them on presentation to him of Paying Orders numbered from 159 to 169 inclusive.

The Bank Books and Cashed Paying Orders were laid before the meeting. The accuracy of the Bank Books having been ascertained the Chairman affixed his signature thereto.

Summary and Recount of Treasurer's Account for the month ending the last day of February 1902 including the payments

made at the Stated Finance meeting held on this day.

Summary

Balance (if any) due by Treasurer as per last monthly statement	294	7
Total sum received to close of last month	431	3 8
	Total	725 4 3
Balance (if any) due to Treasurer as per last monthly statement		
Payments ordered at above mentioned meeting	153	10 6
	Total	153 10 6
Net Balance due by Treasurer (being difference of above Totals)	571	13 9
Reconciliation		
Balance per Books due by Treasurer	761	6 5
Outstanding Orders (including those issued at this meeting)	189	12 8
Net Balance as above due by Treasurer	571	13 9

In view of the approaching close of the current financial year there were brought before the meeting reports from Committees regarding the accounts of the Borough Rate Collector, the Collector of Rate in lieu of County Tax and the Water Rate Collector viz:-

The Finance and Works Committee reported that having examined the Borough Rate Account they found that items of Rate amounting £ 21. 1h. 9d should be struck out as irrecoverable in the current year and that the remaining items outstanding (£ 10. 8. 1) were collectible. The same Committee reported regarding the Rate in lieu of County Tax. They considered that £ 39. 19. 11 was what was irrecollectible of this Assessment and that the balance outstanding (£ 18. 6. 2) was collectible. The Waterworks Committee reported on the Water Rate Account. Of the outstanding rates £ 25. 1h. 2d should be struck out and £ 4. 8. 4 carried forward as Arrears. Full 43. 03.

These reports were adopted nem. con.

An Estimate of the liabilities required to be discharged by the Corporation in the year ending 31st March 1903. was laid before the meeting - It showed that the net expenses chargeable on the Borough Fund would amount in that year to £ 695. 4. 3. On the Town Improvement Fund £ 1132. 10. 0 on the Waterworks Fund £ 1490. 12. 4 and to be raised by a Poor Rate £ 2095. 5. 8d. The sums included in the Estimate having been gone over again by the meeting a resolution was adopted as follows:-

Proposed by ~~for consideration~~ ^{by} ~~and carried by~~ ^{Dr. J. J.} Deamin Ryan
That the Estimate now submitted be approved; that a

Borough Rate of Tenpence; a Rate in lieu of Arrears less of
One Shilling and Threepence, a Domestic Water Rate of
One Shilling, a Public Water Rate of Threepence and a
Poor Rate of Two Shillings and Sixpence in the Pound on
the assessable Valuation of the Borough of Wexford be
agreed on preliminary to such Assessments being
struck for the services of the coming year.

Councillor John Lyne on behalf Mrs Lyne and himself expressed
by letter sincere thanks to His Worship the Mayor and the
Members of the Corporation for the sympathy evinced by
the latter on the occasion of the death of his late son Mr
Richard Lyne -

The Town Surveyor drew attention to the probable danger of
the Water Main being broken at Farogue Bridge by the
Tractor Engine belonging to Messrs M. & A. Moore who pass over
the bridge almost daily. Should the main be broken
at the point mentioned the entire town would be deprived
of a supply of water for several days -

On this matter having been considered it was Ordered -
That the Corporation Solicitor be instructed to write to
the Owners of the Tractor Engine and caution them
against breaking the Water Main and that he be also
instructed to see if the Corporation could obtain an
infraction against them to prevent the Tractor
Engine being driven over the water pipes -

It was Ordered - That the Town Surveyor direct the
Scavengers of the Streets to visit the lane known as
Strebridge Lane at regular intervals and clean it
out in the same way as other Streets are cleaned

John Clancy
Mayor

7th April 1902.

A Statutable meeting of the Council was held this day in the
Hobseal at noon.

There were in attendance:

John Clancy Esq. mayor (in the Chair)

Stewards - Patrick Ryan, Matthew J. Furlong, Martin McLoe,
George Hadden.

Councillors - Richard Walsh, Dr. Frank William Morgan, Robert
Hanson, Michael Conner, Benjamin Hughes, John Lyons

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James Smith, Joseph Doyle, Joseph Kingsberry, Nicholas O'Neill,
Joseph Kelly, Howard Rowe, James J. Stafford.

The Minutes of meeting of 19th also were read and signed.

The Financial Statement Book of Receipts was produced examined
and authenticated by the signature of the Chairman and the counter
signature of the Clerk showing the sums which had been received
in the month of March and the Ledger entries to be made in respect
of same.

The Financial Statement Book of Expenditure was produced
examined and authenticated by the signature of the chairman
and the counter-signature of the Clerk showing the payments made
at the stated Finance meeting held next before the above-mentioned
day being in respect of expenses incurred up to the end of the
preceding month and the Ledger entries to be made in respect of
same.

The Ledger was also produced posted up to the date of the last
stated Finance meeting with the proper debits and credits as ordered
on that day.

A Departmental Committee appointed by the Lord Lieutenant
to inquire into the question of the employment of children of school
age in street trading expressed by letter dated 27th Octmo a desire
to be supplied with information as to the extent to which such
employment prevailed in Wexford and its effects upon children
and as to whether any steps had been taken with a view to restrict
and regulate such employment and if so how far these measures
had been attended with success.

It was ordered thereupon that the Committee mentioned be informed
(1) that there was practically no street trading done by children below the
maximum school age in Wexford and (2) that the efforts of the
School Attendance Committee had met with a large measure of
success as was shown by the fact that only one prosecution had
been brought for non-attendance of children at school since the
formation of the latter Committee in June last.

A Committee of the Council which was appointed on the 3rd
Octmo and which met on the 26th ultmo made a report on the
advisability of special legislation being sought to enable a
variety of Municipal projects to be carried out in Wexford.

Whereunder are the recommendations contained in the
report:-

We recommend the Corporation to apply for powers either
by Special Act of Parliament or by a Municipal Provisional Order
whichever is necessary to carry out the following proposals and

improvements.

1. To enlarge the capacity of the Reservoir
2. To retain the rates from being held as Security for Loans due on the Waterworks
3. To enable the Corporation to make new streets and obtain compulsory powers as regards purchase of land for that purpose
4. To obtain compulsory powers for the purchase of land for sites for houses for the Working Classes and for Public Buildings and Parks
5. To enable the Corporation to undertake the public and private lighting of the Town
6. To obtain powers to widen streets and pull down old houses.
7. To embody also the financial relations between the Corporation and the County Council.

Alderman Furlong proposed the adoption of the recommendations in *globo*.

The proposition was seconded by Councillor Rose.

The question was very fully deliberated on when Alderman Adden proposed by way of an amendment to the foregoing proposition, that the question of seeking for special legislation be referred back to the Committee to Permit of the Committee putting full information thereon at the disposal of the Council. The latter proposition was seconded by Councillor O'Neill and having been put to the meeting was carried.

The question of abolishing Tolls chargeable on commodities brought to the Butter Market for sale was raised but the consideration thereof was deferred to next meeting.

John Clancy
Mayor