

16<sup>th</sup> April 1902

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

The members present were

John Clancy Esq Mayor (in the Chair)

Aldermen - George Madden, Walter Walsh, Martin Kehoe.

Councillors - Edward Rowe, Joseph Kingsberry, William Mangan, Joseph Doyle, Richard Walsh, James Aore, Nicholas O'Sullivan, Benjamin Hughes, Robert Stanton

John Tygh, James Smith, Joseph Kelly, Michael Kelly. <sup>of minor</sup>

The minutes of meeting of 7<sup>th</sup> April 1902 were read and signed. Liabilities which had accrued due up to the end of last month amounting in the aggregate to £771. 17. 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 170 to 199 inclusive.

Summary and Reconciliation of Treasurers Account for the month ended the last day of March 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	571	13	9
Total sum received to close of last month	660	15	.
Total	1232	8	9

Balance (if any) due to Treasurer as per last monthly statement			
Payments ordered at above mentioned meeting	771	17	10
Total	771	17	10

Net Balance due by Treasurer (being difference of above Totals)	460	10	11
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#### Reconciliation

Balance per Bank Books due by Treasurer	1235	12	6
Outstanding Orders (including those issued at this meeting)	775	1	7
Net Balance as above due by Treasurer	460	10	11

A report from the Caretaker of the Reservoir showed that the level of the water in the Reservoir had fallen four inches below the level of high water mark. Whereupon the question of shutting off the supply of water to the town nightly until the Reservoir be full again was raised and discussed but on the motion of Councillor Hughes seconded by Councillor Aore the consideration of it was deferred for a week longer.

A claim made by James Diamond for payment to him of £12 on foot of a contract entered into during a year at rue J. Madden Medical Hall was brought under consideration. The repairing of



The sewer in question was abandoned by him when portion of it was done so that the Town Surveyor was obliged to have the work completed at the Contractors expense. The full sum payable to Redmond had he fulfilled his agreement was £33:10s while the cost of completing the repairs was £19:18:9 leaving £13:11:3 to the credit of the Contractor. It was optional with the Corporation to pay the last mentioned sum or to retain it.

The matter having been considered it was found there were extenuating circumstances in the case, so on the motion of Councillor O'Neill seconded by Councillor Hughes it was decided to pay the £12 claimed by the Contractor.

The Lord Mayor of Cork by letter dated 14<sup>th</sup> Instant invited the Mayor and members of the Corporation of Wexford to be present at the Grand Opening Ceremony of the Cork International Exhibition to take place on Thursday 1<sup>st</sup> May next. He stated the Executive of the Exhibition were anxious to have a representative muster of the members of Wexford Corporation to give eclat to the public demonstration to be held on the occasion mentioned. He intended to make preparations for the reception of such of the members of Wexford Corporation as would avail of the invitation and provide them with carriages &c.

This matter was considered but it was deemed advisable to come to no conclusion thereon for a week longer, save to convey to the Lord Mayor of Cork an expression of hearty thanks for his invitation.

A report from the Finance and Works Committee showed that they had examined the Poor Rate Collectors Accounts for half year ended 31<sup>st</sup> March last and found that out of the total assessments there were items of Rate amounting to £28:12:9 which were irrecoverable they having been assessed on premises which proved to have been for a part or for the whole of that period unoccupied.

The report was adopted.

The making of Rates for the service of the current financial year was proceeded with when on the motion of Councillor Walsh seconded by Councillor Store it was

Resolved That there be now struck the undernamed Rates and assessments as agreed to on 19<sup>th</sup> ultimo viz:-

A Borough Rate of Tenpence, a Rate in lieu of Co. Cess of One Shilling and Twopence, a Public Water Rate of Elevenpence, a Domestic Water Rate of One Shilling and a Poor Rate of Two Shillings and Sixpence in the Pound on the net assessable value of property within the Borough for the service of the year ending



31<sup>st</sup> March 1903; and that the Books containing the items of these various assessments be now sealed and signed.

The various Rate Books were then sealed and signed.

The Secretary of the Department of Agriculture and Technical Instruction for Ireland writing with reference to the tenure of office and composition of the Wexford Urban Technical Instruction Committee stated that in the case of an Urban District Council, a proportion of whose members retired annually by rotation the Technical Instruction Committee should be formally re-appointed by the Council after the elections in each year.

Whereupon the following resolution was adopted.

Proposed by Councillor Rowe, seconded by Councillor O'Connor

That in accordance with the terms of letter of the Department of Agriculture and Technical Instruction for Ireland of the 8<sup>th</sup> instant, a Committee be and is hereby re-appointed for the purpose of carrying into effect in the Urban District of Wexford such powers as are exercisable by a Committee under the Technical Instruction Acts; that such Committee hold office from now until the 15<sup>th</sup> January next and thereafter until their successors shall have been appointed, that such Committee consist of the Mayor of Wexford for the time being, Aldermen Madden, Furlong, Walsh, Ryan, Councillors Stanton, Rowe, Lyne, Kingsbury, Hughes and Messrs Peacocke, Thompson, Ennis, Davison, Sonraban, the Catholic Administrator of Wexford for the time being, the Protestant Rector of Wexford for the time being and the Superior of the Christian Brothers for the time being.

The advisableness of <sup>having</sup> Schedules A & B of the Market Bye Laws repealed was brought under consideration in view of the fact that the amount of the Loan borrowed for providing Market Sheds had now been discharged minus £60. The loss entailed by relieving commodities sold in the Market from toll was estimated not to exceed £20 a year and it was urged that as one of the two Toll Collectors had recently died the opportunity should be availed of to abolish tolls altogether as had been for a long time in contemplation.

Whereupon Alderman Madden proposed and Councillor Mangan seconded the following proposition

That the necessary steps be taken to have tolls chargeable on articles of produce sold in the Market in the Baulking abolished & division was taken on this question when Ten members voted for and Four against it.

The proposition was carried.

Three members abstained from voting.



It was ordered that the following be registered pursuant to the Explosives Act 1845 as vendors of gunpowder and mixed explosives viz William P. Rossiter, James Stamp, James J. Stafford, George B. Cooke and Anne Eliza Wheelock all of Main Street in the town of Wexford.

W. H. H. - Chairman

5<sup>th</sup> May 1902.

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

There were present:-

Aldermen - George Madden, Patrick Ryan.

Councillors - Benjamin Hughes, John Lyne, Joseph Doyle, Nicholas O'Neil, James Gore, Michael O'Connor, Robert Stanton, William Mangon, Howard Rowe, Richard Walsh.

In the absence of the Mayor the Chair was taken by Councillor Hughes. The minutes of meeting of 16<sup>th</sup> April 1902 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 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 incurred up to 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.

With reference to the proposed abolition of market tolls the Corporation Solicitor wrote giving his opinion thereon. The Sections of the Public Health Act 1875 dealing with markets were open to the Corporation. That where a Corporation spends money in providing a market, they must also charge for the use of the market by the public on the grounds apparently that otherwise the Ratepayers of the town would be paying for the erection and upkeep of a market house for the benefit of the public, at least some of whom not being Ratepayers would have contributed nothing towards that expenditure. This being so it was



questionable whether the Corporation had the power to absolutely abolish the tolls charged on commodities brought to the market for sale. The point was open to argument. However, in his opinion, the proper course of procedure was to draft a bye-law abolishing the tolls chargeable under the existing bye-law and let the Corporation pass it in a formal way and then have it submitted to the Local Government Board for the approval of that Department.

The matter having been considered by the meeting it was proposed and seconded as follows.

Proposed by Councillor Aore, seconded by Councillor Doyle.  
That this Council finding it to be no longer desirable to charge tolls under Schedules A and B of the Market Bye-Laws request the Local Government Board to be good enough to state whether it is competent for the Corporation to allow the right to charge tolls to fall into abeyance.

The Technical Instruction Committee transmitted for the consideration of the Council a plan and front elevation of the proposed new Technical School House for Wexford. The estimated cost of the building was set down at £1496:10s. exclusive of cost of sundry appurtenances. The Technical Instruction Committee it appeared had devoted much time and labour to the procurement of the designs of a building adapted to the needs of Technical Education in Wexford and had selected those forwarded.

Thereupon it was resolved on the motion of Councillor Walsh seconded by Councillor Aore

That the plans and elevations produced be approved on behalf of the Council.

Attention was called to a case which was tried at a specially constituted Court on the 4<sup>th</sup> ultimo when an order was obtained from the justices requiring the taking down of the dilapidated roofs of some houses in Westgate belonging to a Mr Cannon. The order which prescribed that the work was to be done by the persons concerned within fourteen days had not yet been complied with in fact the agent of the property had positively declined to obey the order asserting that the notice served by the Town Surveyor was invalid. It rested with the Council now to say if the proceedings were to be followed up in manner prescribed by the Towns Improvement Act.

The question having been considered it was resolved on the motion of Councillor Rowe seconded by Councillor O'Sullivan

That the order of the Court be put into effect by the Town Surveyor at the owners expense provided the Corporation



Solicitor be of opinion that the proceedings so far as they have gone have been regular.

Mr Joshua L. Stunn Solicitor writing on the subject of taking down and re-building an insecure fence at Frogans Road as required by the Town Surveyor stated inter alia that to have the wall re-built in a straight line as suggested would take one and a quarter perches off Mr. Serveys property and he Mr. Stunn would wish to know what the Corporation proposed to pay Mr. Servey as compensation for loss of ground when on the motion of Councillor Lyne seconded by Alderman Ryan it was resolved - That Mr. Stunn be asked to state what would be accepted as compensation for loss of ground consequent on the wall being built in a straight line and also to state whether Mr. Servey would be disposed to sell the plot of land lying between the boundary wall of the Fever Hospital and the dwelling occupied by Margaret Byrne in Carrigun as a site for dwellings for the working classes and if so what would be accepted for Mr. Serveys interest in the plot.

A letter received from the General Post Office London under date of 30<sup>th</sup> April 1902 intimated that authority had been granted to the National Telephone Company to exercise powers for the construction of telegraphic works in certain towns Wexford being among the number. This authority was granted however subject to the consent of the Local Authority concerned in each case being given to the exercise of the powers thus conferred on the National Telephone Company.

Copies of Regulations made by the Department of Agriculture and Technical Instruction for Ireland entitled the Sale of Butter (Ireland) Regulations 1902 were brought before the meeting. These provide that where the proportion of water in a sample of butter exceeds sixteen per cent, it shall be presumed for the purposes of the Sale of Food and Drugs Acts 1875 to 1899, until the contrary is proved, that the butter is not genuine by reason of the excessive amount of water therein.

John Cleaver  
Mayor



21<sup>st</sup> May 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

John Glaney Esq Mayor (in the Chair)

Aldermen - Walter Walsh, Matthew J Furlong, Martin Nichol.

Councillors - John Tygh, Howard Rowe, Cameron Rogers,

Richard Walsh, James Hore, Michael Connor,

Benjamin Hughes, Joseph Doyle, Joseph Kingsbury,

William Hangan, John Lyne.

The minutes of meeting of 5<sup>th</sup> May 1902 were read and signed. Liabilities which had accrued due up to the end of last month amounting in the aggregate to £1168:13:11 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 200 to 229 inclusive.

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

### Summary

Balance due by Treasurer as per last month's statement	460	10	11
Total sum received to close of last month	65	5	6
Total	525	16	5

Balance due to Treasurer as per last month's statement			
Payments ordered at above mentioned meeting	1168	13	11
Total	1168	13	11

Net Balance due to Treasurer (being difference of above Totals)	642	17	6
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### Reconciliation

Balance per Bank Books due by Treasurer	525	16	5
Outstanding Orders (including those issued at this meeting)	1168	13	11
Net Balance as above due to Treasurer	642	17	6

The Local Government Board were good enough to reply to the query put to them respecting the proposed abolition of Market Tolls in Wexford. They stated per their letter of 13<sup>th</sup> Inst. to 25 3/46 that it was within the power of the Corporation to abolish the tolls but not without passing a resolution to that effect specifying the date on which the tolls should cease to be levied after due notice to each member of the Corporation. On and from that date all notices and lists relating to the tolls should be removed from the markets and other places under the control of the Corporation.



This letter having been read it was arranged for a Special Meeting to be summoned to deal with the matter.

The recent closing of the Wexford Bridge was a matter to which allusion was made. The expediency of representations being made to the County Council to have the repairs on the structure completed without delay was urged on the meeting, as it was not possible for a funeral to reach Crossstown Cemetery without making a detour of ten miles while vehicular traffic over the Bridge was suspended.

On the motion of Councillor Rogers seconded by Councillor Mangan it was decided to write to the County Secretary and the County Surveyor pointing out the inconvenience <sup>causing</sup> from the use of the Bridge being prohibited pending the completion of the repairs thereon and they be asked to make every possible effort to expedite its re-opening.

John Clancy, Mayor

2<sup>nd</sup> June 1902.

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

There were present

John Clancy Esq. Mayor (in the Chair)

Aldermen - Martin Kehoe, Walter Walsh, George Madden,  
Patrick Ryan.

Councillors - William Simpson, Nicholas O'Neill, Benjamin Hughes,  
John Lyne, James Gore, Michael Connor, Joseph  
Kingsbury, John Tygh, Robert Hanson, Richard Walsh,  
Edward Rowe, Joseph Kelly.

The minutes of meeting of 21<sup>st</sup> May 1902 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 for 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 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 up to the end of the preceding month and the Ledger entries to be made in respect of same.

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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.

The Technical Instruction Committee forwarded a specification of the proposed Technical School House. The Committee had examined it in detail and found it to be to their satisfaction. They recommended it for approval by the Council and it was ordered - That the recommendation be adopted and that application be made to the Local Government Board for sanction for a loan to enable a site to be purchased and the building to be erected.

The Corporation Solicitor drew attention by letter to the fact that the Owner of five dilapidated dwellings at Westgate was satisfied to sell his interest therein. The matter was brought forward with a view to the Corporation buying the property and erecting small dwellings on the site thereof and at the same time making a much needed improvement in the way of widening the Street.

Also relative to the subject of acquiring site for small dwellings Mr Joshua L. Tenn Solicitor enquired by letter whether the Corporation would be disposed to buy from Mr Harvey the entire of his plot of ground at Carrigun where three small houses already stood.

Thereupon on the motion of Councillor Hughes seconded by Alderman Maaden it was

Resolved - That a Committee consisting of The Mayor, Aldermen Maaden and Walsh, Councillors Horé, Hughes and Stanton be appointed to obtain particulars as to the area and cost of acquiring the property in Westgate and Carrigun above referred to and of a plot of ground at Hill Street and also to ascertain whether the owners interest in small dwelling house at the corner of Slaney Street and Westgate can be purchased by agreement and if so on what terms.

Two tenders in respect of limewashing the walls and mowing the grass of the intra-mural graveyards were received. One was from Richard Ormonde who offered to do the work for a remuneration of £5.10.0 and the other was from John Sullivan offering to do it for £6.0.0.

The tender of Richard Ormonde was accepted.

Councillor Hughes gave notice of his intention to propose at next meeting that the rule requiring intended footpaths to be laid down in the order in which they are proposed should be suspended in the case of the footpath proposed to be laid in Commark.



Councillor Gore gave notice of his intention to propose at next meeting that the system of having the laying of footpaths done by contract be discontinued and that this class of work be in future done by the staff of workmen under the control of the Town Surveyor.

John Clancy Mayor

Stated Finance Meeting

18<sup>th</sup> June 1902.

A meeting of the Finance and Works Committee was held this day in the Town Hall at 7.30 P.M.

There were present

John Clancy Esq Mayor (in the chair)

Alderman - Walter Walsh.

Councillors - James Gore, Howard Rowe, Joseph Doyle, Joseph Kelly, Nicholas O'Neill, Benjamin Hughes, John Lyghe, James Bullimore, Richard Walsh, Michael O'Connor, John Lyne.

The minutes of meeting of 2<sup>nd</sup> June 1902 were read and signed. Liabilities which had accrued due up to the end of last month amounting in the aggregate to £80.2:0 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 230 to 238 inclusive.

Summary and Reconciliation of Treasurer's Account for the month ended the last day of May 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			
Total sum received to close of last month	892	13	8
Total	892	13	8
Balance (if any) due to Treasurer as per last monthly statement	642	17	6
Payments ordered at above mentioned meeting	80	2	.
Total	722	19	6
Net Balance due by Treasurer (being difference of above Totals)	169	14	2

### Reconciliation

Balance per Bank Books due by Treasurer	256	3	8
Outstanding Orders including those issued at this meeting	86	9	6
Net Balance as above	169	14	2



Attention was drawn by members to an order of the Finance and Works Committee as to having the eave-gutters and down-pipes of Labourers Dwellings at Mill Street cleaned out and painted. The order was given on the 11<sup>th</sup> Instant but so far no steps had been taken to put it into effect and the omission was deemed to be just ground for complaint against the Town Surveyor. That official was questioned as to the cause of the delay and he stated he had employed a painter to do the work but was unable to induce him to commence it. This <sup>not considered acceptable so far as having the shoots cleaned out was concerned</sup> explanation was ~~considered~~ <sup>inasmuch</sup> as it was a matter of urgency, the overflow from the eave-gutters being a source of annoyance to the occupiers besides doing damage to the walls of the houses. The Surveyor was charged with laxity of duty and was deemed to have forfeited the confidence of the Corporation taking into account his former transgressions. Thereupon it was moved by Councillor Walsh and seconded by Councillor Kelly.

"That the Town Surveyor be called on to resign his position as an officer of the Council."

The motion was put and nine members voted thereon - six were for and three against its adoption and it was declared carried.

The Surveyor expressed regret for having incurred the disapprobation of the meeting in the matter and undertook to have the cleaning out of the shoots done at once.

The Town Surveyor drew attention to the necessity for putting a number of trapped sewer grates into stock as the stock of such articles had lately become exhausted, whereupon it was ordered. That quotations for twelve trapped sewer grates be invited from Messrs Purvis' Firm and the Star Engineering Co in Wexford, from Mr Davis Ironfounder Enniscombe and from Messrs Watson, Low & Co Ironfounders Glasgow but previous to that being done the Town Surveyor be instructed to give a specification and design of the class of grate required.

The question of abolishing market Tolls and Charges which was due for consideration at present meeting was deferred to next meeting.

Reference having been made to the matter of the overcharges made by the County Council on the Town of Wexford and to the consequent need for steps being taken to put the relations between the County and Town of Wexford on an equitable footing the following resolution was adopted viz:-

Proposed by Councillor Gore, seconded by Councillor Rowe



That the Local Government Board be asked the following questions.

1<sup>st</sup> At what date will the proposed Public Inquiry be held respecting the Financial Relations existing between Wexford County and Wexford Urban Council.

2<sup>nd</sup> Why this Inquiry has been so long delayed and postponed. The Local Government Board per letter No 30,919 dated 7<sup>th</sup> June Instant requested to be informed whether the building of a Technical School House (as to which an entry was in the minutes of proceedings of the Council on the 2<sup>nd</sup> Instant) formed part of a scheme approved by the Department of Agriculture and Technical Instruction and if so they (the Local Government Board) wished to be furnished with particulars or a copy of the proposed scheme.

This letter having been read it was decided to inform the Local Government Board that the erection of a School House was included in a scheme of Technical Instruction for Wexford approved by the Department of Agriculture and Technical Instruction but the plans and specifications of the intended building had not yet received the approval of the latter Department, but correspondence was being carried on with a view to such approval being obtained.

The Department of Agriculture and Technical Instruction by Circular 14 dated May 1902 dealing with the tenure of office size and composition of Technical Instruction Committees appointed in Urban Districts after 31<sup>st</sup> December next observed inter alia as follows

1<sup>st</sup> As to tenure of office that in the case of an Urban District a proportion of whose members retire annually by rotation the Committee must be re-appointed immediately after the elections in each year.

2<sup>nd</sup> As to size where the population of the Urban District was over 10,000 but less than 15,000 the number of members of the Committee must be restricted to thirteen.

3<sup>rd</sup> As to composition it was desirable that the majority of members of the Committee should be members of the appointing Council, and better still would be an arrangement by which the number of Councillor-members was greater by one than the number of co-opted members.

Pursuant to notice given by him Councillor Hughes proposed that the practice of being informed by the Council in the order in which they were listed should be departed from in the



case of the footpath for Cornmarket, so that the construction of a footpath in the locality named might be proceeded with in the immediate future.

The reason assigned for an exception being made in this case was because the traffic in Cornmarket was considerably greater than it was in other localities where footpaths were intended to be laid previous to the one for Cornmarket. The proposition was seconded by Councillor O'Sullivan and on being put was adopted.

Pursuant to notice given by him Councillor How proposed that the system by which the laying of footpaths was done by contract be discontinued and by way of testing the value of the work under the contract system the footpaths to be laid in the current year be all constructed by workmen employed by the Town Surveyor.

The proposition was seconded by Councillor Rouse and on being put was adopted.

On the motion of Alderman Walsh seconded by Councillor Kelly it was resolved that all footpaths intended to be constructed in the present year be done within two months from the present date if weather permits.

It was ordered. That a footpath for Back Street be added to the list of intended footpaths.

On the motion of Councillor Kelly seconded by Alderman Walsh it was

Resolved. That a footpath for William Street (West side) be added to the list of intended footpaths.

John Clancy Mayor



7<sup>th</sup> July 1902

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

There were present

John Blancy Esq Mayor (in the chair),

Aldermen - George Laddens Walter Walsh, Patrick Ryan,  
Martin Skeoe.

Councillors - John Tyghy Joseph Kingsberg, Michael Connor,  
James J. Stafford, James Hore, William Mangam,  
James Smith, Benjamin Hughes, Joseph Kelly, Joseph  
Doyle, Nicholas O'Neill, John Lyne, William Simpson,  
Robert Stanton, Howard Rowe, James Cullimore,  
Richard Walsh

The minutes of meeting of 18<sup>th</sup> June 1902 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 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 up to the end of the preceeding 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 subject of the financial relations between the Urban  
District of Wexford and the County of Wexford the Local Government  
Board Stated by letter to 34 586 dated 30<sup>th</sup> June 1902 that they were  
desirous of investigating at one Inquiry the financial relations of  
such of the Urban Districts of the County as might allege that their  
relations with the County were inequitable. The Local Government  
Board had been in correspondence with the remaining Urban  
Districts in the County and on being apprised by the Urban Council  
of Wexford whether that body would take action with the object of  
having their financial relations revised instructions for the holding  
of an Inquiry would forthwith be given.

This matter was considered and an order made thereon as follows  
That in view of the promised Inquiry such legal assistance be



obtained as in the opinion of Committee appointed on 1<sup>st</sup> April 1901 may be necessary to safeguard the interests of the Town.

Relative to action taken at last meeting concerning an omission of duty on the part of the Town Surveyor, a letter received from that functionary was read. He expressed regret and apologized for having incurred the censure of the Council and promised to be faithful and prompt in executing their orders in future.

The matter was considered. Councillor O'Neill deemed the apology was sufficient amends for any dereliction of duty brought home to the Town Surveyor. He gave notice of intention to propose on the earliest opportunity the rescinding of resolution calling on Mr J. E. Carthy to resign his position as an officer of the Corporation.

The acceptance of this notice was a point on which opinion was divided.

A division was taken whereupon seven members voted for accepting the notice while twelve were against.

At this juncture Mr J. E. Carthy was called before the meeting and was asked to tender his resignation <sup>as per resolution of 18<sup>th</sup> Inst.</sup>. He stated he was not prepared to give an immediate answer nor would he be in a position to give an answer for a month.

The meeting was of opinion that he should have ample opportunity to consider his position and he was desired to be prepared with a decisive answer against meeting to be held on 16<sup>th</sup> Inst.

The question of abolishing Tolls chargeable on marketable commodities brought to the market in the Bull Ring for sale was brought under consideration. Members expressed a wish to have a further opportunity of considering the matter and it was deferred to next meeting.

Councillor Cullimore handed in a notice of motion which was accepted viz.

I hereby give notice that I will propose at next monthly meeting that the resolution passed on 2<sup>nd</sup> June last whereby the Corporation agreed to employ asphalt at 1/- per load be rescinded with the object of proposing a motion to have this class of work done by contract.

It was ordered. That Councillors Fangan and Hughes be a Committee to visit Hill Street and report as to whether representations made as to the need for an additional gas lamp in that street are well founded.



16<sup>th</sup> July 1902.

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

The Members in attendance were

John Clancy Esq. Mayor (in the Chair)

Aldermen - Walter Walsh, Matthew J. Furlong, Martin Kehoe,  
George Madden, Patrick Ryan

Councillors - Cameron Rogers, Joseph Kelly, James Abre, James Smith,  
Nicholas O'Neill, James Cullimore, Robert Stanton,  
James J. Stafford, Richard Walsh, John Tygh,  
John Lyne, Benjamin Hughes, Joseph Kingsberry,  
Joseph Doyle, Howard Rowe, William Simpson,  
William Mangan, Michael Connor.

The minutes of meeting of 7<sup>th</sup> July 1902 were read and signed. Liabilities which had accrued due up to the end of last month amounting in the aggregate to £680:10:1 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 239 to 268 inclusive.

Summary and Reconciliation of Treasurers Account for the month ended the last day of June 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	169	14	2
Total sum received to close of last month	845	12	11
Total	1015	7	1
Balance (if any) due to Treasurer as per last monthly statement			
Payments ordered at above mentioned meeting	680	10	1
Total	680	10	1
Net Balance due by Treasurer (being difference of above Totals)	334	17	0

#### Reconciliation

Balance per Bank Book due by Treasurer	1014	16	.
Outstanding Orders (including those issued at this meeting)	680	19	.
Net Balance as above due by Treasurer.	334	17	.

The Local Government Board for their letter of 13<sup>th</sup> July instant (to 38389) inquired whether it would suit the convenience of the Corporation if the proposed Inquiry in connexion with the financial relations between the town of Wexford and the Urban District of Wexford be held on the 5<sup>th</sup> August next. Whereupon it was resolved that the Council be having charge of the case of the Corporation as to the financial relations



between the County and the Town be requested to reply to the  
query of the Local Government Board -

The Executive of the Cork Exhibition expressed by letter a desire that the Duxford Corporation would be able to see their way to visit the Exhibition and also to pass a resolution recommending it to the support of the public. Thereupon it was resolved as follows:—

Proposed by M<sup>r</sup> Muller Rogers seconded by M<sup>r</sup> Muller Imhoff.  
That the great enterprise of the 1876 International Exhibition  
is eminently worthy of the support of Irishmen as it is  
calculated to encourage the promotion of Industries  
throughout this Country and we pledge ourselves to do  
everything possible to ensure its success.

Quotations received in respect of supplying sewer grates as per resolution of 18<sup>th</sup> Ultimo showed that the firm of Messrs Purice & Co were prepared to supply twelve sewer grates of the class required for £1: 14s per grate and the Star Engineering Co. were willing to supply like articles for exactly the same price.

The prices quoted by the other firms communicated with were considerably higher than the above prices.

As the terms of the two Companies named were by a coincidence alike it was suggested and proposed by Councillor Hughes that an order for twelve grates should be placed with each of these Companies. This proposition was seconded by Alderman Furlong and was adopted.

The present meeting having been summoned as a special as well as a stated Finance meeting turned at this stage to the further consideration of the case of Mr M<sup>c</sup> Carthy. The announcement was made that that officer was in waiting and was prepared to give an answer to the question put to him on the 4<sup>th</sup> instant as to whether he would resign his position as an officer of the Corporation. Whereupon the Councilors Simpson made a proposition to the effect that the question of calling on Mr M<sup>c</sup> Carthy to resign be suspended sine die.

The seconding of this proposition by Comptroller O'Hill was followed by a protracted discussion on the conclusion of which a Poll was taken on the motion when there voted for it.

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Against it - Councillors Verner, Rowe, Lyne, Tople, Walsh.  
Stafford, Hunter, Cullimore, Smith, Hore, Kelly, and  
Aldermen - Ryan, Kellie, Walsh and the Mayor (15)  
The motion was declared lost.

Mr Mac Carthy was then called before the Meeting. He declined  
to tender his resignation. He asked that the charges against  
him should be put in writing and that he should be  
allowed to make a copy of same.

On his returning from the Meeting the following motion  
was proposed by Councillor Walsh and seconded by Councillor  
Kelly.

"That Mr Mac Carthy be and is hereby dismissed from his  
position as Town Surveyor and as Superintendent of Waterworks."  
Councillors Hughes, Rogers and O'Sullivan protested against  
this motion being put in the form in which it was  
drawn up. They considered that as the terms of the  
motion involved the dismissal of Mr Mac Carthy  
in his capacity of Superintendent of Waterworks as  
well as of Town Surveyor the question of his removal  
from office in the former capacity would not be  
entertained on the present occasion but was only  
capable of being dealt with in a regular manner  
at a Meeting of the Waterworks Committee or at a  
Quarterly Meeting.

The Mayor ruled that the objection was not valid.

A Poll was then taken on the motion in favour of which  
there voted Councillors - Rowe, Lyne, Tople, Walsh  
Stafford, Hunter, Cullimore, Smith, Hore, Kelly and  
Aldermen - Ryan, Kellie and Walsh. (13)

Against - Councillors - Mangam, Simpson, Kingsberry,  
Doyle, Hughes, O'Sullivan and Aldermen Madden and  
Farlane. (8).

Councillors Verner and Rogers and the Mayor refrained  
from voting.

The motion was declared carried.

The abolishing of Market Tolls in view of the fact that the  
income from that source of revenue sufficed only to meet  
the remuneration paid to the Market attendants was  
a matter on which considerable attention was  
bestowed. But a motion proposed by Alderman Madden  
and seconded by Councillor Rogers to the effect that all  
tolls chargeable under Schedule 1 of the Market Bye-laws



should cease to be leviable from the 1<sup>st</sup> September next was nevertheless defeated on being put to the meeting. It was supported only by five while eighteen members were opposed to its adoption.

or right

4<sup>th</sup> August 1902.

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

There were present

Aldermen - Walter Walsh & Arthur Kehoe

Councillors - James Arey John Lyne Joseph Doyle Joseph Kingsberry  
Benjamin Hughes William Drangan John Lyne  
Joseph Kelly Michael Gorman Howard Rowe

In the absence of the Mayor Councillor Hughes acted as Chairman. The minutes of meeting of 16<sup>th</sup> July 1902 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 Stated Finance Meeting held next before the above mentioned day being in respect of expenses incurred up to the end of last 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 Occupiers of dwellings owned by the Corporation and let by the work to Artizans and Labourers forwarded a communication in which a request was made for a reduction of rent in consequence of such dwellings being assessed with Rates pursuant to the Local Government (Ireland) Act 1878.

The consideration of this matter was deferred pending enquiry being made as to the form in which an abatement of rent can be legally made.

The appointment of a Rate Collector in place of the late John Tuohy was taken into consideration. The Chairman



proposed, that as the duties of the office were very light and not requiring the Collector's constant attendance in the market the Town Sergeant should be employed to act as Toll Collector by the week but that the wages attaching to the office be reduced to 4/- a week. This was seconded by Councillor Kelly and on being put to the meeting was adopted.

On the motion of Councillor Kingsbury seconded by Councillor O'Connor there was adopted a Committee recommendation that a pillar lamp should be set up in Hill Street in front of the row of dwellings belonging to the Corporation.

Consequent on a discussion as to the wisdom of carrying out an order of the 3<sup>rd</sup> March last as to changing the position of a gas lamp at Roches road a Committee consisting of Alderman Walsh and Councillors Rowe, Hughes and Kelly was appointed and was desired to visit the locality and report as to the advisableness of erecting a railing in front of the Arizans Dwellings and changing the position of the lamp at end of Roches road near Bridge Street. It was ordered - That the pillar lamp in Green Street be shifted from its present position to a convenient point at the edge of the footpath.

William Malone tenant of part of the Townparks at Clonard road made application for an renewal of an agreement which expired in 1898 by which he was permitted to excavate the field adjoining Wexford Park to procure brick clay. He asked that the term of the new Agreement should be six years from the present year. A Committee was appointed to inspect the brickfield in question and report on the matter of granting the favour sought. The Committee was named. It comprised the following Councillors. Horne, Mangan, R. Walsh, Timpson and Alderman W. Walsh. The appointment of a caretaker of the Town Hall was considered with the result that Mrs Mary J. Grath widow of the late caretaker was appointed in his stead on the same terms as those on which he was engaged. viz 4/- a week and perquisites. The engagement to be an ~~annual~~ engagement from week to week.

John Keaney Mayor



7<sup>th</sup> August 1902

A meeting of the Council was held this day in the Town Hall at noon for the purpose of electing a Harbour Commissioner. There were in attendance

John Clancy Esq Mayor (in the chair)  
Aldermen - Walter Walsh, Patrick Ryan.  
Councillors - Robert Stanton, Nicholas O'Sullivan, James Smith, William Mangan, Michael O'Connor

The Secretary of the Harbour Commissioners notified that only one member had been nominated viz Councillor Robert Stanton on the motion of Alderman Ryan seconded by Councillor Smith it was

Resolved. That Councillor Robert Stanton be and is hereby elected a Harbour Commissioner to represent this Council for one year commencing this date by virtue of the provisions of the Wexford Harbour Act 1844.

Councillor Stanton returned thanks for his election.

John Clancy  
Mayor

11<sup>th</sup> August 1902


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

There were in attendance:

John Clancy Esq Mayor (in the chair)  
Aldermen - Walter Walsh, Matthew Furlong, Patrick Ryan.  
Councillors - Robert Stanton, Benjamin Hughes, Nicholas O'Sullivan, John Tygh, James Here, Joseph Kingsbury, James Cullimore, William Mangan, Joseph Kelly, Michael O'Connor, John Lene, Joseph Doyle, Howard Rowe.

The minutes of meeting of 4<sup>th</sup> instant were read and signed. A letter (No 39, 804) dated 6<sup>th</sup> August 1902 from the Local Government Board was read. It contained request that the Board be furnished with a full statement of the circumstances of the case of Mr J<sup>c</sup> Carthy Town Surveyor as the approval of the Local Government Board was necessary to the removal of a Town Surveyor.

Thereupon Councillor Lene proposed and Councillor Here seconded the following proposition

That we now  reply to be given to the Local Government Board as to the dismissal of the Town Surveyor.



This proposition was carried on a Poll having been taken, the voting being

For - Councillors - Rowe, Lyne, O'Connor, Kelly, Cullimore, Aore, Tyghe, Stanton and Alderman Ryan 9

Against - Councillors - Doyle, Mangan, Kingsbury, O'Sullivan, Hughes and Alderman Furlong 6

Two members declined to vote.

On the meeting having gone into Committee

Alderman Furlong proposed and Councillor Kingsbury seconded the following proposition

That we inform the Local Government Board that Mr Mc Carthy was dismissed for not attending to an order of this Board regarding the cleaning out of eave gutters.

This proposition was lost on a Poll having been taken, the voting being -

For - Councillors - Doyle, Mangan, Kingsbury, O'Sullivan, Hughes and Alderman Furlong 6

Against - Councillors - Rowe, Lyne, O'Connor, Kelly, Cullimore, Aore, Tyghe, Stanton, and Aldermen Ryan and Walsh. 10

The Mayor did not vote.

This proposition although lost has been inserted on the minutes at the instance of Alderman Furlong. He asked that it should be recorded and the meeting acceded to the request.

Then Councillor Rowe proposed the following which was seconded by Councillor Tyghe.

That the reason why Mr Mc Carthy was dismissed is because the Council was of opinion that he did not and could not properly discharge the duties of his office owing to his indulgence in intoxicating liquors and we refer the Local Government Board to the minutes of the Corporation dated 16<sup>th</sup> January 1901 and to minutes of meetings of 7<sup>th</sup> and 10<sup>th</sup> Idem and to several votes of censure since then passed upon him on following dates viz 4<sup>th</sup> Sept 1901, 13<sup>th</sup> November 1901, 30<sup>th</sup> April 1902 and 28<sup>th</sup> May 1902 and to the minutes referring to his dismissal.

This proposition was carried on a Poll having been taken the voting being

For - Councillors - Rowe, Lyne, Kelly, Cullimore, Tyghe, Stanton and Alderman Walsh 8

Against - Councillors - Doyle, Mangan, Kingsbury, O'Sullivan, Hughes and Alderman Furlong 6

The other three members present declined to vote.



It was arranged that extracts from the minutes on the dates referred to in the foregoing resolution should be sent to the Local Government Board.

The meeting at this point having sat for two hours adjourned to Wednesday 13<sup>th</sup> Instant to dispose of other matters.

John Clancy

13<sup>th</sup> August 1902.

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

The members present were

John Clancy Esq. Mayor (in the Chair)

Alderman - Matthew J. Furlong

Councillors - James Aaro, Michael O'Connor, Benjamin Hughes,  
Joseph Doyle, Joseph Kingsberry, Richard Walsh,  
William Mangan, James Clillmore, Joseph Kelly,  
Howard Rowe.

The minutes of meeting of 7<sup>th</sup> and 11<sup>th</sup> August 1902 were read and signed.

Relative to the liability of the occupiers of hereditaments to the payment of Rates, the meeting was informed that pursuant to the terms of the Local Government (Ireland) Act occupiers of small dwellings belonging to the Corporation were bound to be rated in respect of Poor Rate and Borough Rate, but it was incumbent on the Corporation to reduce the rents by a sum equivalent to the sum of the "Standard Rate" on the valuation of each holding in consideration of the occupiers paying the Poor Rate and to refund to the occupiers the whole of the sums paid by them as Borough Rate.

The consideration of this matter resulted in the adoption of the following resolution which was proposed by Councillor Rowe and seconded by Councillor Kelly.

That the rents of the dwellings belonging to the Corporation at Roches Road and Barrigon be reduced by a sum of three pence per week and the rents of the dwellings at Hill Street and Emmett Place be reduced by two pence per week in consequence of the occupiers being assessed with Poor Rate and Borough Rate by the operation of the Local Government Act.

Mr O'Connor Solicitor writing on behalf of his client Mr Thomas Hayes of The Taylors asked permission to enclose with



a railing a piece of ground adjoining the gable of his (Hayes) house at the point where the Faythe and William Street meet. On investigating this matter the meeting found that the plot in question formed part of the street and therefore the application could not be entertained, even though as was alleged it possibly might be of some advantage to the public to have the plot fenced in.

A communication from the Corporation Solicitor was read pointing out that the purchase money for the site of the proposed Technical School House was now due and required to be lodged to the credit of the Commissioners of Charitable Donations and Bequests on or before 31<sup>st</sup> Instant. Now the liability was to be met in due time was a problem which the Corporation were now called on to solve seeing that the scheme for providing a school house had not yet received the approval of the Department of Agriculture and Technical Instruction and as a consequence the loan to be borrowed in connexion with the scheme could not be available for many months hence. It was stated however that the Technical Instruction Committee had the question whether they could advance the £300 required out of the Funds at their disposal under consideration and the matter was deferred to next meeting.

The Corporation Solicitor furnished a report on the Inquiry relative to Financial Relations between the County and the Town of Wexford held on Thursday 7<sup>th</sup> Inst. by Mr Drury Soliciting Auditor of the Local Government Board. Regarding the point raised at the Inquiry as to whether the question of "main roads" came within the scope of Section 4, of the Local Government (Ireland) Act 1898, the Solicitor contended that it did and held the Local Government Board had the power to adjust the financial relations as to these roads. The meeting agreed with the view of the Solicitor as it was not conceivable how the financial relations between a County and a Town as respects roads could mean any roads but "main roads."

The question of Domestic Scavenging was gone into. It was seen that the charge made did not cover the cost attendant on emptying ashpits by the Corporation employees and it was anticipated that in the course of time when the system would be largely availed of the charge on the Rates might be considerably increased.

Councillor Cullimore contended that it was possible to effect a saving by having the work done by a contractor and he proposed the following which was seconded by Alderman



Furlong and adopted viz:-

That the emptying of cesspits be in future done by Contract at a price to be agreed on in respect of each cart load of manure removed, on condition that the Contractor will provide a depot for holding manure in an approved situation, that the manure collected by him will become his property, that the work be done between the hours of 8 o'clock P.M. and 9 o'clock A.M. and to the satisfaction of the Corporation; that advertisements be issued inviting tenders in respect of the work.

John Clancy  
Mayor

20<sup>th</sup> August 1902.

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

There were present

John Clancy Esq<sup>r</sup> Mayor (in the chair)

Aldermen - Walter Walsh, Matthew J. Furlong, Martin Stiles

Councillors - Michael Connor, Joseph Kelly, John Lyne

Benjamin Hughes, Howard Rowe, Richard Walsh,  
William Brangan.

The minutes of meeting of 13<sup>th</sup> August 1902 were read & signed. Liabilities which had accrued due up to the end of last month amounting in the aggregate to £17. 11. 2 were submitted 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 269 to 294 inclusive.

Summary and Reconciliation of Treasurer's Account for month ended in July including payments made at this meeting.

Summary

Balance (if any) due by Treasurer as per last monthly statement	334	17	.
Total sum received to close of last month	606	17	10
Total	941	14	10
Balance (if any) due to Treasurer as per last monthly statement			
Payments ordered at above mentioned meeting	617	1	2
Total	617	1	2
Net Balance due by Treasurer (being difference of above totals)	324	13	8

Reconciliation

Balance per Bank Books due by Treasurer	949	14	3
Outstanding Orders (being sum of those issued at this meeting)	625	0	7
Net Balance as above due by Treasurer	324	13	8



A Demand from the Commissioners of Charitable Donations and Bequests for £300 being the purchase money of plot of ground selected as a site for proposed Technical School House was submitted. The matter was one that had been under consideration on 13<sup>th</sup> Instant and was deferred. It was now brought forward again in the hope of a means being devised to meet the demand against the time appointed by the above Commissioners. It was now further considered and again deferred as the Scheme for surrounding the School House was still wanting Government sanction.

The Local Government Board in acknowledging receipt of statements touching the dismissal of the Town Surveyor intimated per their letter of 18<sup>th</sup> Instant No 44,788: 1902. that a copy of the statements had been sent to Mr Macfarther along with a request that he should furnish the Local Government Board with an explanation of his side of the case.

A notice given by Councillor Rowe was accepted in the following terms:—

"I beg to give notice that at the next Monthly Meeting I will move that the custom of emptying dust-bins by the Corporation men and carts, free of charge, be discontinued and all resolutions referring thereto be rescinded and that a yearly charge shall thereafter be made for the performance of said work."

A Special Committee reported in favour of repairs being made on footpaths in Waterloo road by having the gutters in front of the farm dwellings on the west side laid down in concrete and of footpaths in Patrick square leading to Formby-lane being made good in concrete and of a grating being placed over the drain used for conveying water from Sport at Summerhill. The report was adopted—the cost of carrying the recommendations into effect being only £10 or thereabouts. A Committee appointed on the 4<sup>th</sup> Instant to visit Orches road reported that the decision come to in March last as to changing the position of the gas lamps in Orches road should be adhered to. The Committee though not unanimous on the point ~~mentioned~~ were confirmed in their opinion as to the shifting of the lamp at the south end of the road from its



present position to a point on the opposite side would have the effect of lighting the entrances to the dwellings and the entrance to the church without lessening the light to any serious degree at the latter place.

The meeting concurred with the views of the Committee on the matter—

By order—

1<sup>st</sup> September 1902.

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

There were present—

Aldermen— Patrick Ryan, George Madden, Matthew J. Furlong, Walter Walsh.

Councillors— Michael Connor, Howard Rowe, William Mangan, Joseph Kelly, Joseph Doyle, Benjamin Hughes.

Councillor Hughes acted as Chairman in the absence of the Mayor.

The minutes of meeting of 20<sup>th</sup> August 1902 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 August 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 up to the end of last 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.

It was announced that in compliance with decision come to on 13<sup>th</sup> Feb<sup>r</sup> tenders had been invited by advertisement in the Press in respect of the work of domestic scavenging, but the time within which they were to be furnished had now elapsed and no tender was received. Thereupon it was decided to publish advertisement in the local newspapers and to place notices posted in the town inviting tenders a fresh but that the carting of manure through the streets



be interdicted between 9 A.M. and 9 P.M.

Pursuant to notice given on 20<sup>th</sup> Dec Councillor Rowe proposed the following motion which was seconded by Councillor Mangan and adopted viz:-

That all resolutions dealing with the removal of the sweepings of shops be rescinded but that in future the emptying of dust bins be done for the public on the following conditions only that is to say That householders desiring to have dust bins emptied into the scavenging carts according as the carts make their daily or periodical rounds be compelled to provide movable receptacles of an approved pattern and material for holding dust, shop sweepings or ashes and to pay a charge of 5/- a year or under as may be hereafter determined but payable in advance for the privilege of having the contents of these receptacles removed.

The advisableness of approaching Mr Carnegie on the subject of providing a Free Library for the Town of Wexford was a matter which was brought under consideration. It was pointed out that this munificent gentleman had in the case of Cork and Waterford donated large sums of money for the purpose of providing these cities with Free Libraries and it was urged that if the case of Wexford was put before him in a proper light he might be induced to take it into favourable consideration also. The favour was worth seeking no doubt but before asking it, it was essential for the Council to be prepared to vote an annual subvention towards the maintenance of a Free Library. Under these circumstances it was thought well to give the Council a further opportunity of saying whether they would pledge themselves to make a rate of a penny in the £ to be applied to the upkeep of a Library and it was agreed for the present meeting at its rising to stand adjourned to Wednesday next 3<sup>rd</sup> Inst to consider the matter.

The educational advantages to be derived from a visit to the Cork Exhibition were dwelt on by members. They considered it was feasible to organize an excursion to Cork via Waterford for the benefit of Wexford people. The numbers that could be induced to join an excursion would it was thought be sufficiently large to justify the Railway Co<sup>s</sup> concerned in carrying a party at reduced fares. The matter was considered whereupon on the motion of Alderman Madden seconded by Councillor Mangan it was decided to communicate with Mr Mac Cartney Filgate Representative of the Department of Education and ask him would he be so good Ireland at the Exhibition and ask him would he be so good



as to arrange with the Railway Co<sup>s</sup> for conveying a party of at least 50 on cheap terms and also if he could bespeak hotel accommodation for the visitors for a stay of one or two days duration; that Councillors Hughie Mangan and Doyle, <sup>with Alderman Madden</sup> be entrusted with the duty of organizing the proposed excursion.

John Clancy Mayor

3<sup>rd</sup> September 1902.

An adjourned Statutable Meeting of the Council was held this day in the Town Hall at ~~noon~~ 7:30 P.M.  
There were in attendance.

John Clancy Esq Mayor (in the Chair)  
Aldermen - Patrick Ryan George Madden & Matthew J. Furlong  
                  & Martin Kehoe.  
Councillors - Cameron Rogers Robert Stanton William Mangan  
                  Nicholas O'Sullivan Benjamin Hughes James Smith  
                  John Tygh Michael O'Connor Joseph Kelly  
                  James J. Stafford Richard Walsh

The minutes of meeting of 1<sup>st</sup> Inst were read and signed.  
The widespread benefactions of Mr Carnegie in the matter of providing public libraries in Cities and Towns throughout the United Kingdom was brought under discussion with a view to an application being made to him for funds to erect a building and furnish it with a library to which free access might be enjoyed by the public.

A discussion on the question was followed by the adoption of a resolution as hereinafter set forth.

Proposed by Alderman Madden seconded by Councillor Rogers  
That His Worship the Mayor be requested to write to Mr Carnegie asking him to give a donation for providing a free public library for Wexford.

The Urban District Council of Kellerny forwarded a copy of a resolution passed by them on the subject of raising the limit put on the borrowing powers of Urban District Councils. The terms of this resolution were fully acquiesced in as it was found in Wexford that the action of the Council was seriously hampered by the existence of the present limit. Accordingly it was proposed by Councillor Rogers seconded by Alderman Furlong and adopted as follows:

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That in view of the great necessity that exists for improvement



in Sanitary Works and to make more efficient provision for the housing of the Working Classes in the smaller towns in Ireland we point out to the Local Government Board the utter inadequacy of the present borrowing powers of the Urban District Councils of such towns, and we ask the Irish Government accordingly to include a clause in the Bill now before Parliament for amending the Irish Local Government Acts 1898-1902 increasing the borrowing powers of Urban District Councils to at least three times the Valuation of their Districts.

The question of sending a message of congratulation to His Holiness Pope Leo the Thirtieth on the attainment of the 25<sup>th</sup> year of his Pontificate was introduced and discussed and it was unanimously resolved on the motion of Alderman Ryan seconded by Councillor Mangan to appoint Alderman Madden and Councillors Santon, Stafford, Mangan and Rogers along with the Town Clerk as a Committee to draw up a resolution and forward it per the forthcoming Irish Pilgrimage to be laid at the feet of His Holiness.

John Clancy  
Mayor

14<sup>th</sup> September 1902.

A Stated Finance Meeting of the Council was held this day at the Hotel at 4.30 P.M.

There were in attendance:—

John Clancy Esq. = Mayor (in the chair)  
Aldermen - Matthew J. Furlong, Walter Walsh, Martin Kehoe

Councillors - Michael O'Connor, Joseph Doyle, Edward Rowe, William Simpson, James Kerr, William Mangan, Benjamin Hughes, Robert Hunter, Nicholas O'Neill, John Byrne, James Fullinwider, Richard Walsh, John Hughes, Joseph Kelly, Joseph Kingsbury, James J. Stafford, Samson Rogers.

Minutes of Meeting of the 3<sup>rd</sup> Instant were read & signed.  
Liabilities which had accrued due up to the end of last month amounting in the aggregate to £149: 6: 5 were submitted and having been examined were approved and an authorisation was signed to enable the Treasurer to pay them in pursuance to him of Paying Orders numbered from 295 to 306 inclusive.







Mangan, Simpson, Doyle, Alderman Furlong 8  
The other three members present declined to vote.  
The motion was declared carried accordingly.

However, notwithstanding the foregoing resolution having been passed, there was proposed and seconded by Alderman Furlong and Councillor O'Sullivan respectively, a motion in the following terms viz:-

That we, the members of the Wexford Corporation beg to approve of the action of the Local Government Board regarding the motion for Mr MacCarthy's dismissal and consider a sworn Inquiry not necessary and such expense as would be necessary a waste of public money which could be applied to better and more profitable purposes.

This proposition was put to the meeting, but it was found requisite to take a Poll on the question.

A Poll was accordingly taken when there voted for the proposition Councillors Rogers, Kingsberry, O'Sullivan, Hughes, Mangan, Simpson, Doyle and Alderman Furlong - 8  
Against Councillors Stafford, Kelly, Tygh, Walsh, Cullimore, Lyne, Stanton, Gore, O'Connor and Aldermen Kehoe and Walsh - 11.

The other two members present declined to vote.

The motion was declared lost accordingly.

Alderman Furlong proposed, on the result of the poll being announced, that notwithstanding the fact that the next foregoing proposition was lost it should be inserted on the Minutes.

This motion was seconded by Alderman Walsh but as it proved, on a Poll having been taken, that only two members were opposed to the principle of inserting lost motions on the Minutes, the proposition was carried.

Messrs P. J. O'Flaherty & Son Solicitors applied by letter for copies of resolutions appointing Mr Mc Carthy as Borough Surveyor and Superintendent of Waterworks, of resolutions increasing his salary as an Officer of the Corporation in these capacities and of resolutions as to extra work to be done by the Surveyor and

It was ordered. That Messrs O'Flaherty & Son be at liberty to take copies of all the resolutions in question.

Mr C. Hawkeley C.E. 30 Great George's Street Westminster S.W. having been invited by the Wexford Corporation Committee to visit Wexford announced by telegram that he would be in Ireland



next week and if so desired would take the opportunity to visit Wexford.

Whereupon it was ordered - That Mr Sawhelly be written to and asked to state what his charge will be for visiting Wexford and reporting on the best and most effectual means of enlarging the storage capacity of the Water System and if the fee should not exceed £20 that he be asked to come to Wexford next week.

The School Attendance Committee requested that a person should be appointed to act on the Committee in room of Mr William Sears who having absented himself from meetings of the Committee for six consecutive months had ceased to be a member thereof.

Whereupon it was resolved on the motion of Councillor Hughes seconded by Alderman Furlong.

That Councillor Gangan be appointed to fill the vacancy created by the disqualification of Mr Sears.

In response to advertisements calling for tenders in respect of the work of emptying ash pits as per decision come to on 1<sup>st</sup> Inst two tenders were received one from William Harris of Grogans Road and the other from Patrick Fortune of Back Street but it was found that the tenders were so vague and indefinite in their terms that they could not be entertained.

It was then arranged to defer dealing further with the matter until next meeting but to modify the conditions of the proposed contract in three respects 1<sup>st</sup> by allowing the contents of ash pits to be deposited in the manure depots belonging to the Corporation 2<sup>nd</sup> by requiring that the proposed Contract should terminate at the wish of the Corporation and 3<sup>rd</sup> that the cart used in the work of emptying ash pits should be of a specified capacity.

Committee appointed on the 4<sup>th</sup> Instno reported as follows.

" Mr W<sup>m</sup> Malone Belvedere holds under lease from the Corporation a field of about one acre sixteen perches Irish adjoining the Wexford Sports Ground.

Several years back Mr Malone and some of his predecessors in title made bricks out of this field without having any right or permission to do so. When his attention was called to it in 1890 he agreed (in writing) on being granted leave to make bricks until 1898 to repair the damage already done and level and make good as he went along any other damage he would cause. Some of your Committee called on Mr Malone and inspected the holding - one half of it has been excavated to a depth of eight



and upwards and laid waste, the remaining portion is damaged by bricks being burnt thereon &c.

Mr Malone from the first has totally disregarded all the obligations of his agreement and even now four years after his lease has expired he still goes on making bricks there. One of his excuses indeed being that he only made 100,000 this summer.

Your Committee's recommendation to the Council is - that Mr Malone be required at once to drain and level in a proper manner this field."

This Report was adopted unanimously.

Plans and specification of a School House about to be erected for the accommodation of pupils attending the Technical Instruction Classes were sent in by the Technical Instruction Committee. It appeared that the designs had received the approval of the Department of Agriculture and Technical Instruction for Ireland and it now remained for the Corporation to make application to the Local Government Board for sanction of a loan for the purpose of providing the intended building and a site for same.

On this matter it was decided to apply to the Local Government Board for sanction of a loan of £2,500 and to formally approve of the plans &c on the recommendation of the Committee.

John Clancy Mayor

6<sup>th</sup> October 1902.

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

The members present were

John Clancy Esq Mayor (in the Chair)  
Aldermen - Patrick Ryan, Matthew J. Furlong,  
Walter Walsh, Martin Kehoe

Councillors - James Gore, Joseph Kingsberry, William Mangan,  
Robert Stanton, Benjamin Hughes, James Smith,  
John Lyne, Joseph Kelly, William Timmons.

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 same to be correct and true in the month of September and the ledger entries to be made in respect of same.



The Financial Statement Book of ~~Revenue~~ 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 up to the end of last 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 17<sup>th</sup> September 1902 were read and signed.

In reference to minutes of last meeting it was reported that Mr Malone of Belvedere having been called on to make good the damage done by him to a field at Town Parks, he called on the Town Clerk on 26<sup>th</sup> Dec and stated that the work of filling the holes made in the land would be commenced in a fortnight from that date.

It was announced that a letter No 51821: 1902 dated 30<sup>th</sup> Dec had been received from the Local Government Board announcing that an Inquiry would be held on the 14<sup>th</sup> Inst into the charges preferred against Mr MacCarthy. Touching the matter it was reported that this letter had been under consideration at the Finance and Works Committee meeting on Wednesday last when it was decided to ask the Local Government Board to postpone the Inquiry owing to Messrs O'Connor Solicitor and O'Flaherty Solicitor being unable to attend on the day mentioned. No objection was raised to the action of the Committee. The letter it was seen was accompanied by a copy of a statement made to the Department by Mr MacCarthy in his defence.

Thereupon a question was raised as to the wisdom of reading this document in public meeting.

A discussion ensued, on the conclusion of which the following resolution was adopted on the motion of Councillor Simpson seconded by Councillor Here:

That this meeting do now resolve itself into Committee to hear Mr MacCarthy's explanation read.

Accordingly the meeting went into Committee.

The statement was read but the reading of it evoked no particular comment.



Application was made by the firm of Messrs O'Flaherty and Son Solicitors in view of an Inquiry as above referred to being held for copy of resolution adopting in Wexford in 1840 the Towns Improvement Act 1854 or of letter of Lord Lieutenant sanctioning the adoption thereof and copy of resolution enumerating the duties of the Town Surveyor.

Thereupon it was unanimously resolved on the motion of Councillor Lyne seconded by Alderman Furlong:

That Messrs O'Flaherty & Son be permitted to take copies of any records or documents necessary to the defence of their client Mr MacCarthy.

Councillor Timpson gave notice that he would move on the earliest available occasion that a concrete footpath should be laid down in Gill Road skirting the Iron Works of Messrs Philip Pierce & Co.

The notice was accepted.

The employment of a Contractor in place of the Corporation Staff of scavengers to do the particular work of emptying cesspits was a matter discussed with the result that a resolution as proposed by Councillor Lyne seconded by Councillor Gore was adopted in the following terms.

That persons willing to do the work of emptying cesspits throughout the town be asked by advertisement to furnish tenders in respect of the performance of said work on the conditions following that is to say.

The person declared contractor will be obliged to enter with two sureties into a Bond in a sum to be named hereafter for the due fulfillment of the Contract. He will be liable in case he should not give satisfaction to have his services dispensed with on receiving a weeks notice to that effect. He will be required to provide a cart of the same cubical capacity as any one of the Corporation manure carts. The manure collected by him will be his property. The work will be required to be done within the prescribed hours and the contractor will be allowed to store manure in the Corporation carts depots.

Wm. M. M. M. M. M.



15<sup>th</sup> October 1902.

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

The members present were:-

John Clancy Esq. Mayor (in the Chair)  
 Eldermen - Martin Nichol & Matthew J. Furlong Walter Walsh  
 Patrick Ryan.

Councillors - Joseph Kingsberry, Cameron Rogers & Nicholas O'Neill  
 Benjamin Hughes James Hore James Smith & John  
 Joseph Kelly John Tighe James Cullimore.

The minutes of meeting of 6<sup>th</sup> Inst were read and signed.  
 Liabilities which had accrued due up to the end of last month amounting in the aggregate to £620:4:2 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 307 to 314 and from 316 to 319 inclusive.

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

#### Summary

Balance (if any) due by Treasurer as per last monthly statement	697	8	8
Total sum received to close of last month	689	16	4
Total	1387	5	
Balance (if any) due to Treasurer as per last monthly statement	.	.	.
Payments ordered at above mentioned meeting	620	4	2
Total	620	4	2
Net Balance due by Treasurer (being difference of above Totals)	767	0	10

#### Reconciliation

Balance per Bank Books due by Treasurer	1388	1	.
Outstanding orders (including those issued at this meeting)	651	0	2
Net Balance as above due by Treasurer	737	0	10

A Bill for £9:3:8 furnished by the Poor Rate Collector for services rendered by him to the Clerk of the Union under the Juries Acts was submitted, but it was considered by the meeting that the liability for defraying the demand devolved on the County Council, as that Body paid for the assistance given by all other Rate Collectors in the County to Clerks of Unions under the Acts mentioned while compelling the Town of Wexford to contribute a proportional share of expenditure thus incurred. The meeting decided to pay the account and referred the Collector to the County Council for payment.



Communications from the Local Government Board dated 7<sup>th</sup> and 9<sup>th</sup> October 1902 and numbered 54,003 and 54,667 respectively were read showing that the Inquiry appointed to be held into the matter of the dismissal of Mr MacCarthy from the position of Town Surgeon was deferred as requested from the 14<sup>th</sup> Inst. to the 4<sup>th</sup> Prox if the latter date was convenient to the Corporation and the Solicitors employed in the case.

Thereupon it was resolved on the motion of Councillor Lyne seconded by Councillor Aore,

That the Local Government Board be requested to hold the Inquiry on the 4<sup>th</sup> Proximo subject to the Solicitors being in a position to take part in the proceedings on that day otherwise that the Solicitors and the Town Clerk be requested to arrange with the Local Government Board for holding the Inquiry on a day convenient to all persons concerned.

Attention having been called to the necessity for a concrete footpath being laid in Quil Road along by Pierces Iron Works it was resolved on the motion of Councillor Hughes seconded by Councillor Aore to appoint Aldermen Madden, Furlong and Kehoe as a Committee to visit the locality and report on the matter of the suggested footpath.

Attention was called to the necessity existing for a gas lamp being put up in Trinity Street but it was not considered proper for the Corporation to accept any responsibility in connexion with the lighting of this Street as it could fairly be regarded as part of the Quays which were looked after by the Harbour Commissioners and under the circumstances no action was taken in the matter.

A report from the Finance and Works Committee showed that they had examined the Poor Rate Collectors Accounts for half year ended 30<sup>th</sup> September 1902 and found that out of the total assessments there were items of Rate amounting to £28.11.9 which were irrecoverable, they having been assessed on premises which proved to have been for a part or for the whole of that period unoccupied.

The report was adopted.

D. Hughes



3<sup>rd</sup> November 1902.

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

There were in attendance  
Aldermen - George Madden, Walter Walsh, Matthew J. Furlong,  
Patrick Ryan.

Councillors - Joseph Kingsberry, Joseph Doyle, Benjamin Hughes,  
James Gore, Robert Stanton, William Mangan,  
John Lyne, James Smith, Joseph Kelly, Howard Rowe.  
Councillor Hughes by request acted as Chairman in the  
absence of the Mayor.

The Minutes of meeting of 15<sup>th</sup> October 1902 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 October 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 up to the end of last 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.

The following is a copy of a letter which was read.

No 46,571, 1902.

Wexford County

Local Government Board Dublin  
30<sup>th</sup> October 1902.

Sir

I am directed by the Local Government Board for Ireland  
to state for the information of the Urban District Council of Wexford  
that they have had before them the report of Mr J. W. Drury, Assistant  
Auditor on the Inquiry held by him on the 7<sup>th</sup> of August last into  
the financial relations between the County of Wexford and the  
Urban District of Wexford. With reference thereto I am to state  
that the Board, after careful consideration of the matters brought  
forward at the Inquiry are prepared to give instructions for the



Preparation of a Provisional Order revising the financial relations in question to the following extent provided the two Councils are satisfied with the proposed terms thereof.

I. As from the 1<sup>st</sup> of April 1899 the Urban District Council shall be exempt from contributing to the following expenses

The salaries pensions and expenses of Assistant Surveyors, Clerks and Officers in the County Surveyors Office other than the County Surveyor, whether permanent or temporary.

Clerks and Officers in the offices of the Secretary of the County Council, other than the Secretary whether permanent or temporary.  
County Analyst.

Expenditure incurred in respect of

The Printing of Books and Forms other than printing provided for by Section 96(2) and (3) of the Local Government (Ireland) Act 1898.

The publication of notices and documents not directly concerning the Urban District.

Improvements and repairs to premises or portions of premises used solely as offices of the County Council.

Legal advice and law costs incurred in respect of matters not directly concerning the Urban District.

Remuneration and expenses (including all expenses on account of superannuation and compensation) of Collectors of Poor Rate transferred to or at any time, whether before or after the date of the Order appointed by the County Council.

Fees for Audits of the Accounts of the County Council.

Food and Drugs Act.

Weights and Measures Act.

Explosives Act.

II. Articles 1 and 2 of the Wexford (Town) Provisional Order 1887 as confirmed by the Local Government Board (Ireland) Provisional Orders Confirmation (Dublin etc) Act 1887 to be repealed as from 1<sup>st</sup> of July 1900.

III. The County Council shall contribute from the 1<sup>st</sup> of July 1900 during each local financial year to the Urban District Council a sum equal in amount to  $\frac{1}{45}$ th parts of one half of the expenses incurred by the County Council on Main Roads during the year.

I am Sir

To The Clerk  
Urban District Council

Your obedient servant  
A. R. Barlas

Wexford.

Assistant Secretary

On the conclusion of a discussion on the matter a motion proposed



by Alderman Sadler and seconded by Alderman Furlong  
was adopted as follows.

That the subject matter of the communication be referred  
to the Committee having charge of the case of the Corporation  
regarding the financial relations between the County and  
the Town, that said Committee be asked to go into the details  
and report thereon to a meeting to be specially convened on an  
early date.

The residents of Wygram place called attention by letter to  
the badly kept state of the lane forming the approach to the  
houses in that locality, and asked that a concrete footpath should  
be laid down to improve matters whereupon  
Alderman Walsh proposed

That a Committee composed of Alderman Sadler, Councillors  
Hore and Mangan should be appointed to inspect Wygram  
place and report as to the steps to be taken to remove the  
cause of complaint.

The proposition was seconded by Councillor Hore and adopted.  
It was ordered. That concrete footpaths be put down in Parnell  
Street and the Broad of the Foyke on the completion of  
footpaths already ordered to be done.

A tender from William Harris in respect of the work of  
emptying cesspits was opened and read, but it was not entertained  
as it was too vague to form the basis of a contract.

Messrs P. J. & J. Flaherty & Sons Solicitors stated by letter that their  
clients the Wexford Gas Company were taking steps to have themselves  
incorporated under an Act of Parliament pursuant to request  
contained in resolution of the Corporation of the 29<sup>th</sup> January last.  
It was proposed by the Gas Company to obtain a Provisional  
Order from the Board of Trade under the Gas and Water Works  
Facilities Act 1870 as the least expensive mode of proceeding  
and as the consent of the Corporation was necessary to the  
granting of the Order it was requested that a resolution should  
be passed by the Corporation embodying their consent while  
reserving the right to object to any of the details and provisions  
of the draft Order on being afforded an opportunity to consider  
it. Thereupon it was proposed by Alderman Sadler,  
seconded by Alderman Furlong and adopted.

That the consideration of the matter be deferred until the  
Corporation Solicitor will be in a position to advise thereon  
at a meeting of the Corporation to be held on the 12<sup>th</sup> of March  
to confer with him.



12<sup>th</sup> November 1902.

A Special Meeting of the Council was held this day in the  
House at 7.30 P.M.

There were present

Aldermen - Patrick Ryan, Walter Walsh & Matthew J. Furlong.  
Councillors - Benjamin Hughes James Hare, James J. Stafford,  
Michael Connor, William Gangan, Joseph Kelly,  
James Cullimore, John Lyne, Joseph Doyle, Robert Stanton,  
Joseph Kingsbury, Richard Walsh.

Councillor Hughes by request acted as Chairman in the absence  
of the Mayor.

The minutes of meeting of 3<sup>rd</sup> Instant were read and signed.  
Reference was made to the demise of Mrs Rogers wife of  
Councillor Rogers an event which had occurred since the date  
of last meeting of the Corporation.

Whereupon Alderman Ryan proposed that an expression of  
Condolence from this Council be conveyed to Councillor Rogers  
in his bereavement.

The motion was seconded by the Mayor who joined the meeting  
at this stage and was unanimously adopted.

The Chair was then taken by the Mayor.

The meeting having been specially summoned to consider the  
terms on which the Local Government Board proposed to  
adjust the financial relations between the County and the Town  
of Wexford and to make an order on receiving a Committee  
report on the matter the following Committee report was read.

Local Government Board's letter of 30<sup>th</sup> October 1902.

Financial Relations with Wexford Co. Council

To make the intention of this letter clearer and plainer  
insert this paragraph under the head of exemptions

"Remuneration and expenses of Collectors of Poor  
Rate (cost of checking their books inclusive)."

Substitute for Item III.

"The County Council shall contribute from the 1<sup>st</sup> July 1900  
during each local financial year to the Urban District  
Council a sum equal in amount to  $\frac{2}{45}$ th parts of  
the cost and expense of all main roads charged on the  
County at large."

Subject to those amendments your Committee  
would recommend the Council to agree or accept the  
offer made by the above letter of the Local Government Board.  
On the conclusion of a long discussion the foregoing



report was adopted on the motion of Councillor Hore  
seconded by Councillor Stanton.  
Councillor Lyne dissented.

P. Rymer Chair  
19<sup>th</sup> Nov 02

11 19<sup>th</sup> November 1902.

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

There were present

Eldermen - Patrick Ryan, Matthew J. Furlong, Walter Walsh.  
Councillors - John Fyfe, Joseph Doyle, Howard Rowe, James J. Stafford,  
Robert Stanton, James Cullimore, John Lyne,  
Michael Gannon, Benjamin Hughes, Joseph Kelly.

Mr M. J. Gannon Corporation Solicitor was also in attendance.  
Alderman Ryan by request acted as Chairman in the absence  
of the Mayor.

The minutes of meeting of 12<sup>th</sup> Inst were read and signed.

Liabilities which had accrued due up to the end of last  
month amounting in the aggregate to £1191:19:9 were submitted  
to the meeting and having been examined were approved and  
an authorization was signed to enable the Treasurer to <sup>pay</sup> them  
on presentation to him of Paying Orders numbered from  
320 to 349 inclusive.

Summary and Reconciliation of Treasurer's Account  
for the month ended in October 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	737	10
Total sum received to close of last month	498	17 4
Total	1235	18 2

Balance (if any) due to Treasurer as per last monthly statement		
Payments ordered at above mentioned meeting	1191	19 9
Total	1191	19 9

Net Balance due by Treasurer (being difference of above Totals)	43	18 5
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#### Reconciliation

Balance per Bank Books due by Treasurer	1263	8 2
Outstanding Orders (including those issued at this meeting)	1219	9 9
Net Balance as above due by Treasurer	43	18 5

The meeting having been specially summoned to adopt if  
thought advisable a resolution consenting to the Gas Company



being granted a Provisional Order proceeded to consider what was the proper attitude for the Corporation to take up towards the Gas Company in the matter.

The Corporation Solicitor in consultation with the meeting said that pursuant to decision come to by the Council on the 3<sup>rd</sup> Instant he had looked into the matter. The Rules of the Board of Trade relating to the issue of Provisional Orders left it open to the Corporation to lodge objections up to the 15<sup>th</sup> January next but there did not appear to be any provisions made for holding a local Inquiry. It was essential to the proper safeguarding of the interests of the town that an Inquiry should be held and the Corporation Solicitor had written to that effect to the Solicitor of the Gas Company asking that previous to the Corporation committing themselves to any line of action a guarantee should be obtained from the Board of Trade that an Inquiry would be held at Wexford to hear objections. The Corporation Solicitor had received in reply a letter merely reiterating what had been said in the first instance by the Solicitor of the Gas Company. This was most unsatisfactory especially as a copy of the draft order was not yet available. It also appeared from a notice published by the Gas Company that they were seeking powers to open streets at will and to interfere with pipes sewers and wires belonging to other Bodies or Companies. The Gas Company were clearly endeavouring to secure a monopoly in respect of supplying gas but besides this there was a danger of the rights of the Corporation being injuriously affected and of obstacles being put in the way of the Corporation or an Electric Lighting Company at a future time undertaking the lighting of the town.

On the conclusion of the consultation Councillor Lyne in his capacity of Secretary of the Gas Company stated that correspondence with the Board of Trade was going on with a view to the wishes of the Corporation as to the holding of an Inquiry being gratified if not contrary to the practice adopted in such cases. He also undertook to furnish copies of the draft Provisional Order to the Corporation within a week.

Under these circumstances it was decided to postpone the consideration of the question until the Corporation Solicitor will be in a position to advise further on it. The Police Authorities gave notice that Sergeant Daniel



Donovan who had hitherto acted in the capacity of Inspector under the Food and Drugs Act 1875 within the Town had retired as a member of the Constabulary Force and that his place would be taken up by Sergeant William G. Howard as Inspector under the Act mentioned if the Corporation were prepared to issue the requisite authorisation in the matter and  
It was ordered. That Sergeant William G. Howard be appointed as Inspector of Food and Drugs and that a certificate of his appointment to the post be furnished to the Police Authorities.

In reference to Memorial forwarded to the Local Government Board praying for approval of the purchase of a site for the contemplated Technical School House that Department requested by letter No 59,616 dated 5<sup>th</sup> November 1902 that they should be furnished with proofs showing that the Corporation had power to apply the corporate property by way of mortgage for the purpose of raising a loan to effect the purchase and that they were not prohibited from doing so by anything in the trusts upon which the property was held.

It was ordered. That the Corporation Solicitor be instructed to furnish the necessary proofs to the Local Government Board.

It was ordered. That an embossing die and press be procured at a cost not exceeding £10 for producing an embossed impression of the Municipal Seal.

John Blaney  
Mayor

1<sup>st</sup> December 1902.

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

There were present

John Blaney Esq<sup>r</sup> Mayor (in the Chair)  
Aldermen - George Madden, Walter Walsh, Matthew J. Furlong,  
Martin Kehoe.

Councillors - James Barr, J<sup>r</sup> Brennan, James Joseph Benjamin Hughes,  
James Stafford, Richard Gorman, John Doyle, Robert Henry Howard, David J. Simpson.



Mr. H. J. Gannon Corporation Solicitor was also in attendance. The minutes of meeting of 19<sup>th</sup> November 1902 were read & 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 November 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 incurred up to the end of last 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.

With reference to minutes of 19<sup>th</sup> Dec the Corporation Solicitor submitted a case which he had drawn up and which he had had printed and circulated among the members of the Council to enable them to discuss the case intelligently with a view to obtaining Councils opinion on the Gas Company's proposed Provisional Order. It was essential to the interests of the town that the Corporation should know how the Provisional Order if it became law in its present shape would affect those interests. Having discussed the question with the assistance of the Corporation Solicitor the meeting came to the conclusion that the points on which legal advice was chiefly wanted were

- (1) The means to be adopted to ensure that the right of the Corporation to light the town by electricity or any other means except gas will be fully protected.

- (2) How provision can best be made for the Corporation to have the option to purchase the Gas Works within a specified period of years at current value at the time of purchase.

- (3) Having regard to the fact that the Gas Company are seeking power to make a further increase of the Capital of the Company what steps should be taken to confine the nominal Capital of the Company as near as possible to what is the present paid up capital seeing that the plant of the concern has been lately modernised and that an increase of capital will obviously tend to increase the price of gas.

- (4) How the illuminating power of the gas as prescribed in



- The draft Provisional Order can be raised to 15 or even 16 candle power instead of 13 candle power as is proposed to be supplied by the Company.
- (5) How the maximum standard of  $3\frac{1}{2}$  can be lowered to  $2\frac{1}{2}$  (the present price) consequent on the introduction of the principle of the sliding scale.
- (6) Whether the Corporation can insist on a limit being placed on the reserve fund and can make it binding on the Company to apply any surplus reserves in reduction of price.
- (7) How provision can be made for ensuring that the pressure can be increased beyond the prescribed pressure considering that it is more important now when the incandescent burner has come generally into use and when gas is utilized as a motive power to drive machinery to have a higher pressure than was requisite heretofore.
- (8) How provision can be made for gas mains on being re-laid or renewed being laid at a level that will admit of a steam roller being used in the repairing of streets.
- (9) How provision will be made for the gas supplied by the Company being charged with a minimum percentage of sulphur.
- (10) Whether the power sought by the Company to enable them to purchase ships can be so restricted that any loss on mercantile trading will not seriously affect the price of gas.

The deliberations of the meeting ended in the adoption of the following resolution as proposed by Councillor Simpson and seconded by Alderman Furlong.

That Mr. Gannon Corporation Solicitor be authorized to obtain the opinion of Mr. John Shires Will St. G. on the case prepared as amended and that this meeting stand adjourned for a week to receive Councils opinion and take such action thereupon as may be advisable.

John Gannon  
Mayor



13  
8<sup>th</sup> December 1902.

An adjourned Statutable Meeting of the Council was held this day at the Tholsel at noon.

There were present

John Clancy Esq Mayor (in the chair)  
Aldermen. George Madden, Matthew J. Furlong, Walter Walsh.  
Councillors - John Tygh, Robert Stanton, James Hore, William Mangan,  
Howard Rowe, Benjamin Hughes, James J. Stafford,  
John Lym, Michael Gennor.

Mr M. J. Gennor Corporation Solicitor was also in attendance.

The minutes of meeting of 1<sup>st</sup> December 1902 were read and signed.

The opinion obtained from Mr John Shirress Will. S. C. as per decision come to on the 1<sup>st</sup> Instant was read and expounded by the Corporation Solicitor. It appeared that it was the bounden duty of the Corporation to oppose the granting in its present shape of the Provisional order sought for by the Wexford Gas Company, but before lodging objections with the Board of Trade it was necessary for the Corporation (1) to make up their minds whether or not they desired to purchase the Gas Works (2) to ascertain if any necessity existed for an increase of the Gas Company's Capital and (3) to ascertain by investigation of the Company's Accounts whether the proposed "Standard price" (with the sliding scale which was incidental thereto) was fair and just to Gas Consumers and also whether the alternative of a "maximum price" as contradistinguished from "Standard price" should not be adopted in the first instance. As the question of purchase depended somewhat upon the ascertained amount of the present capital and the need, if any, for increasing it and also upon what was a reasonable price to be charged to consumers Council advised that an expert gas engineer should be consulted upon the condition of the Company's works of manufacture and distribution and that the services of a skilled gas accountant should be employed to examine the books of the Company and make up a proper gas accountants statement shewing amongst other things the amount of capital actually employed in the business as contradistinguished from capital made up by resolutions, the cost per 1000 cubic feet of gas made and sold respectively including separately the cost per 1000 cubic feet of gas consumed in the manufacturing charges &c. It was only in this way that the cost of manufacture



could be compared with the price charged or to be charged. If the Company should make any difficulty in regard to allowing full and fair examination of their books that would be a strong ground for asking the Board of Trade to reject the Provisional Order. The Corporation on obtaining the report of a gas accountant and the advice of a gas Engineer would be in a position to judge whether any or if any what was the additional capital reasonable and the Corporation in their objections to the Board of Trade will have to deal with the matter in regard to the gift of "B" shares to "A" shareholders consumers ought not to be saddled with the additional amount of capital involved in the gift unless indeed it can be substantiated that money to the extent of the "B" shares was actually applied to capital purposes.

As to "maximum price" versus "standard price" the usual practice of the Board of Trade in cases where a limited company came for a Provisional Order was to fix a "maximum price" to begin with before the sliding scale comes into vogue and to provide that after the lapse of three years this "maximum price" may be revised or that the sliding scale may be introduced with the consequent fixing of "standard price." There was much good sense in this arrangement because the three years allow a reasonable time to elapse in order that it may be capable of clear ascertainment what really is the cost of gas per 1000 cubic feet and the amount which should be allowed for profit to the Company. If the "standard price" be fixed now as Section 28 of the Provisional Order proposed to do the consequence may be serious for consumers as Parliament would be slow to alter a "standard price" once fixed. With the present price of gas at 2/6 the Company were according to their own confession making large profits regard being had to the small amount of capital actually paid up. The present price of 2/6 showed how exorbitant was the proposal of Clause 28 to fix the standard price as high as 3/6. When the accounts were investigated it will probably be found that even 3/- was too high a figure to take as a standard price or as a maximum price. With regard to the strength and purity of the gas Council was of opinion that is condole gas should be as Reception and if refused by the Company the Board of Trade would require the illuminating power of the gas to be ascertained but as to pressure Section 29 of the draft Provisional Order was the Section



dealing with pressure. This clause was in the usual terms employed by the Board of Trade, but nevertheless Counsel would recommend that the Board of Trade should be asked to insert a rider to the clause enabling a gas examiner to open any street road &c to test for pressure subject to two hours notice being given.

Counsel saw no objections to negotiations being opened up with the Gas Co with a view to a settlement of the various points of difference between the Company and the Corporation subject to the negotiations being carried on without prejudice to the rights of the latter; especially so if the Company were disposed to treat the Corporation fairly by giving full information to the Gas Accountant and by permitting full examination of the works by an expert gas engineer.

Counsel further pointed out that the right of the Corporation to obtain a Provisional Order enabling them to light the town by electricity would not be affected by the Provisional Order under notice and that the rights of the consumers in connection with the reserve fund was governed by Statute; how the law on the subject of sinking gas mains was laid down in the case of the Alliance and Dublin Consumers Gas Co versus Dublin County Council and that Clause 23 of the Provisional Order whereby the Company sought power to purchase ships would not be granted by the Board of Trade &c &c

On deliberating on the matter the meeting adopted the following resolution

Proposed by Alderman Madden seconded by Alderman Furlong and

Resolved - As Mr Will N. C. has advised that the Corporation should retain an independent engineer and also a gas accountant to make a report for the guidance of the Corporation in reference to the proposed Wexford Gas Order

- (1) That the Town Clerk be directed to write and ask the Directors of the Gas Company to give permission to these two experts to inspect the works and also to inspect the Company's books for the last four years and to give any other information these gentlemen may require to enable them to make a full report and
- (2) That in the event of the Gas Company giving the permission above mentioned the services of two independent experts namely a Gas Accountant and an Engineer be engaged for the Corporation by Mr Browne and Mr O'Connor Solicitor and that if possible Mr



Will should name the gentlemen to be retained.

It was further decided that in the event of the Gas Company giving facilities to the gas engineer and the gas accountant as above mentioned to obtain the requisite information and on reports being received from these two experts the Gas Company be invited to meet the Corporation and confer with them on the terms of the proposed Provisional Order.

Letter No 168. 11/902 dated 5<sup>th</sup> December 1902 received from the Local Government Board was read. The Board forwarded copy Form to be used in future for the purpose of the Statement showing the condition of the Collection of the Poor Rate in Wexford Urban District. It was requested that the Return should be made up to the last Saturday of each month commencing on 29<sup>th</sup> November 1902 and that the particulars required by the heading of the Form should be furnished to the Board on the Monday following the last Saturday of each month.

John Blaney  
Mayor <sup>14</sup>

17<sup>th</sup> December 1902.

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

There were present

John Blaney Esq<sup>r</sup> Mayor (in the chair)

Aldermen - Walter Walsh & Arthur J. Furlong

Councillors - Joseph Doyle, William Hangan, Joseph Kelly

Benjamin Hughes, James Gore, John Lym

James Cullimore, Michael Gannon, Robert Stanton

The minutes of the meeting of 8<sup>th</sup> December 1902 were read and signed.

Liabilities which had accrued due up to the end of last month amounting in the aggregate to £565:9:6 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 350 to 363 inclusive.

Following is a Summary of Treasurers Account for month ended in November and including payments made at the Stated Finance Meeting of 17<sup>th</sup> December 1902.



## Summary

Balance (if any) due by Treasurer as per last monthly statement	43	18	5.
Total sum received to close of last month	665	15	1
Total	709	13	6
Balance (if any) due to Treasurer as per last monthly statement			
Payments ordered at above mentioned meeting	565	9	6
Total	565	9	6
Net Balance due by Treasurer (being difference of above Totals)	144	4	.
Reconciliation			
Balance per Bank Books due by Treasurer	743	9	6
Outstanding Orders (including those issued at this meeting)	399	5	6
Net Balance as above due by Treasurer	144	4	.

Referring to minutes of proceedings of 8<sup>th</sup> Instant the Directors of the Gas Company intimated by letter from their Secretary that while seeing no great objection to permit a gas engineer to examine the Gas Works and a gas accountant to examine the accounts of the company on behalf of the Corporation yet it was deemed advisable for the Directors to have legal advice on the matter and they had accordingly consulted their Solicitor who might possibly find it necessary to obtain Councils opinion.

Councillor Hughes gave notice that he would propose at the next Statutable meeting of the Council that in future particulars of accounts received ~~for~~ in respect of each month should be placed on a list and copies of the list delivered to the members of the Council previous to each Stated Finance meeting.

John. O'Leary  
Mayor



15  
5<sup>th</sup> January 1903.

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

There were present:-

John Blaney Esq Mayor (in the Chair)

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

Councillors - James Aker, Joseph Doyle, William Mangan, Joseph Kingsberry, Benjamin Hughes, Robert Stanton, John Tighe, Joseph Kelly, William Timpson, Michael Gannon, Howard Rowe.

Mr M. J. Gannon Corporation Solicitor was also in attendance.

The Minutes of meeting of 17<sup>th</sup> December 1902 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 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 up to the end of November 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.

Regarding the proposed Wexford Gas Provisional Order, a request having been made on the Directors of the Gas Company to allow an expert Gas Engineer to examine the Gas Works and a Gas Accountant to examine the Accounts of the Company on behalf of the Corporation as a condition precedent to the latter committing themselves to any definite line of action, a letter received from the Secretary of the Company was read whereupon it appeared that according to advice given the Directors by their Council it was premature at the present stage of the proceedings to have an investigation of the Works and Accounts but that the proper time when a demand for an investigation should be made if such should turn out at all to be necessary was when both parties will be before the Board of Trade and when perhaps an arrangement will be come to by which a Gas Engineer and a Gas Accountant will be employed jointly by the Corporation and the Gas Company.



on the matter having been considered it was proposed by Alderman Sadden seconded by Alderman Furlong and Resolved. That the services of Mr John Shrews Will & Co. be retained for the purpose of formulating objections to the Draft Provisional Order and lodging them with the Board of Trade and that a Committee consisting of Alderman Sadden and Councillors Rowe & Gangan, Harte and the Mayor be appointed to draw up a case in conference with the Corporation Solicitor and forward it to Mr Will.

A letter from the Army Service Corps Office Kilkenny was read requiring information as to whether any services in the way of the removal of house refuse from rateable premises in the town were performed at the expense of the Corporation and if so were the Corporation willing to have the work of removing straw, ashes and rubbish and emptying dry earth closets done in respect of that portion of the Government property comprised in the premises of the Militia Barracks Wexford in consideration of the Treasury contribution in lieu of rates.

The matter was considered and it was decided to state in reply that as yet no system of free domestic scavenging had been established by the Corporation.

Proposed by Councillor Hughes seconded by Alderman Furlong and

Resolved. That a statement of Bills payable at each stated Finance Meeting be prepared and that printed copies of it be distributed to members of the Council previous to each such meeting.

An examination of the Rental of the Corporation Estate showed that an item of £21 being half a years rent of land in the occupation of the Assignee of Thomas A. Rowe was in arrear.

It was decided to ask the Corporation Land Agent to report explaining the reason for the item in question being outstanding.

John Baney  
Mayor



14<sup>th</sup> January 1903.

A Special Meeting of the Council (pursuant to the Mayor's requisition) was held this day at the Town Hall at 7.30 P.M. for the purpose of authorizing the framing of clauses and amendments necessary to put the proposed Wexford Gas Provisional Order into a form satisfactory to the Corporation. There were in attendance:

John Blaney Esq<sup>r</sup> Mayor (in the Chair)

Aldermen - Martin Kehoe, George Madden, Walter Walsh, Matthew J. Furlong.

Councillors - Joseph Kingsberry, Joseph Doyle, James More, William Mangen, Benjamin Hughes, Richard Walsh, Robert Norton, William Simpson, James J. Stafford, Michael Connor.

The minutes of meeting of 5<sup>th</sup> January 1903 were read and signed.

The Corporation Solicitor having been invited to attend the present meeting but having been unable to attend owing to his unavoidable absence from home a telegram received from him from Dublin was read advising that directions should be given to Council to settle the clauses to be submitted to the Gas Company in view of the proposed conference to be held between the Corporation and the Company.

This advice was given by the Solicitor without his having an opportunity to see a letter received during his absence from Messrs Will and Knox stating that in the face of the objections to the proposed Order it was for the Company to make overtures and that it would be unwise for the Corporation to submit clauses at the present juncture.

The meeting under these circumstances considered it premature to take action at the present time and deferred the consideration of the question till Monday 19<sup>th</sup> Inst at noon.

John Blaney  
Mayor



# NOTICE OF RESULT OF ELECTIONS.

## BOROUGH OF WEXFORD.

### Election of Councillors for the above Borough in the Year 1903.

I, the undersigned being the Returning Officer at the Election of Councillors for the said Borough, do hereby give Notice that the Candidates at the Election whose names are entered in Column 6, of the Statement hereunder, opposite to the numbers entered in Column 5 have been declared duly elected Councillors, and I hereby declare that the persons whose names are entered in the said Column 6, or in Column 7, and opposite to whose names no numbers are entered in Column 5 where no Polls have been taken were duly elected or are deemed to be re-elected Councillors for the Wards opposite to the names of which in Column 1 the names of such Candidates are entered.

Wards. 1	Names of Candidates.		Places of Abode. 4	Number of Votes Recorded. 5	Names of Candidates Elected. 6	Names of retiring Councillors deemed to be Re-Elected. 7
	Surnames. 2	Other Names. 3				
St. Iberius Ward.	Crosbie,	Richard	John Street, Wexford	135	Richard Crosbie.	
do.	O'Connor,	John	Allen Street, Wexford.	116	John O'Connor.	
do.	Timpson,	William	Main Street South, Wexford.	54		
do.	Walsh,	Richard	Main Street North, Wexford.	93		
St. Mary's Ward.	Keane,	James	82 South Main Street, Wexford.	152		
do.	Kelly,	Joseph	Main Street South, Wexford.	269	Joseph Kelly.	
do.	Lyne,	John	Trinity Street, Wexford.	106		
do.	McMahon,	James	Bride Street, Wexford.	262	James McMahon.	
do.	O'Brien,	Thomas	Bride Street, Wexford.	145		
St. Seiskar Ward.	Hughes,	Benjamin	Main Street North, Wexford.		Benjamin Hughes.	
						Cameron Rogers

DATED THIS 17th DAY OF JANUARY, 1903.

**WILLIAM A. BROWNE,**

RETURNING OFFICER.

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19<sup>th</sup> January 1903

An adjourned Special Meeting of the Council was held this day at the Tholsel at noon.

There were in attendance.

John Blaney Esq. Mayor (in the Chair)

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

Councillors - James Smith, Robert Stanton, Nicholas O'Sullivan, Joseph Kelly, Benjamin Hughes, James J. Stafford, Howard Rowe, James Aore, William Mangar, Michael O'Connor, James J. O'Hanlon, Richard Croobie, John O'Connor, Joseph Kingsbury.

Mr J. J. O'Connor Corporation Solicitor was also in attendance.

Declarations of acceptance of office were signed by five of the newly-elected members of the Council viz Messrs Croobie O'Connor, J. O'Hanlon, Hughes and Kelly. The minutes of last meeting were read and signed. The Corporation Solicitor stated that pursuant to directions given at meeting on 5<sup>th</sup> Inst a case was sent to Mr John Shires Will. S. C. and that gentleman with the assistance of Junior Counsel Mr Vicar Knox had framed objections to the Gas Company's Draft Provisional Order. These objections had been lodged with the Board of Trade within the prescribed time and it was now for the Corporation to authorize the drafting of clauses and amendments necessary to put the Provisional Order into a satisfactory form. Before taking this step however it was in the opinion of the Solicitor desirable to bring about a conference between the Directors of the Gas Company and the Corporation. A meeting of the two parties would result in a saving of expense as no doubt the Directors would give way on all the minor points of difference and thus leave only two or three of the more important ones to be determined by the Board of Trade.

Thereupon Councillor Stafford proposed the following which was seconded by Councillor Hughes and adopted.

That the Town Clerk be instructed to write to the Secretary of the Gas Company asking if the Directors of the Gas Company are prepared to meet a Committee of members of the Corporation in a friendly conference to discuss the points in dispute as regards the Provisional Order; any arrangement arrived at to be without prejudice.

Councillor Stafford then made a proposition to the effect



That the Committee to be appointed to confer with the Directors of the Gas Company be composed of Councillors Rowe, Gore, Fangan, Alderman Madden and the Mayor.

This proposition was seconded by Councillor Hughes but there was exception taken to Councillor Gore being a member of the Committee as he was a sympathiser with the Gas Company.

Since it was that Councillor Rowe proposed as an amendment that Alderman Furlong be substituted for Councillor Gore as a member of the Committee.

The amendment was seconded by Councillor Fangan and on being put to the meeting was adopted.

Councillor Stafford's proposition in its amended form was then put and adopted.

It was decided that the Corporation Solicitor and the Town Clerk should be associate members of the Committee.

D. J. Hughes

21<sup>st</sup> January 1903

A Special Finance Meeting of the Council was held this day at the Town Hall at 7.30 P.M.

There were in attendance.

Aldermen - Martin Kehoe, Walter Walsh, Matthew J. Furlong

Councillors - John Tygh, Robert Stanton, Michael O'Connor, James Smith, James Cullimore, James Gore, James J. Stafford, William Fangan, Howard Rowe, Joseph Kingsbury, John O'Connor, James W. Fagan, Joseph Doyle, Nicholas O'Hill, Benjamin Hughes.

Councillor Hughes acted as Chairman in the absence of the Mayor.

The Minutes of Meeting of 19<sup>th</sup> January 1903 were read and signed.

Liabilities which had accrued due up to the end of last month amounting in the aggregate to £258: 13: 7 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 364 to 386 inclusive.

The Bank Books and Cashed Paying Orders were also laid before the meeting and found correct.

Summary and Reconciliation of Treasurer's Account



for the month ended in December 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	144	4	.
Total sum received to close of last month	737	15	8
Total	881	19	8
Balance (if any) due to Treasurer as per last monthly statement	.	.	.
Payments ordered at above mentioned meeting	258	13	7
Total	258	13	7
Net Balance due by Treasurer (being difference of above Totals)	623	6	1

### Reconciliation

Balance per Bank Books due by Treasurer	910	8	5
Outstanding Orders (including those issued at this meeting)	287	2	4
Net Balance as above due by Treasurer	623	6	1

acting as ex-officio Town Commissioners  
A Special Meeting of the Council was held simultaneously with the above meeting for the purpose of determining the salary and duties in future appertaining to the Office of Town Surveyor with a view to appointing a person to replace Mr MacCarthy dismissed from that position.

A communication (No 67.190:1902) dated 12<sup>th</sup> January 1903 received from the <sup>Assistant Secretary &c</sup> Local Government Board in following terms was read:-

The Local Government Board for Ireland have had before them the Minutes of Evidence and their Inspector's Report relative to the recent Inquiry into the charges preferred by the Wexford Urban District Council against Mr D. E. MacCarthy Town Surveyor, and they direct me to state that having carefully considered the evidence given both in support of the charges and also for the defence, they have come to the conclusion that the Urban District Council have shown sufficient grounds for the removal of Mr MacCarthy from the Office of Town Surveyor and they consequently concur in his dismissal.

I am to forward herewith the Minutes of Evidence which should be carefully preserved and returned to this Department when no longer required.

Resolutions as follows were then adopted.

Proposed by Councillor Rowe seconded by Councillor Fangan

That the Office of Borough Surveyor, Inspector of Nuisances and Superintendent of Waterworks be combined in one person.

Proposed by Councillor Rowe seconded by Councillor Fangan

That the annual salary of Borough Surveyor, Inspector of Nuisances and Superintendent of Waterworks be eighty pounds.



per year to be apportioned as follows namely forty pounds a year as Borough Surveyor and Inspector of nuisances and forty pounds a year as Superintendent of Works.

Proposed by Councillor Tygh seconded by Councillor Hyattson

That a list of the duties of the future Town Surveyor be drawn up by a Committee and submitted to this Council for approval and that such Committee be composed of Messrs Furlong, Rowe, Hangan, Stanton, Stafford, along with the Mayor.

Proposed by Councillor O'Neill seconded by Councillor Hangan and adopted unanimously

That Mr D. E. Mac Carthy be paid his salary up to the date of his dismissal being sanctioned by the Local Government Board if that Department will state that the payment can be legally made.

John Blaney  
Mayor

23<sup>rd</sup> January 1903

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

The members in attendance were

John Blaney Esq<sup>r</sup> Mayor (in the Chair)

Aldermen - Walter Walsh George Madden Martin Stokes  
Matthew J. Furlong.

Councillors - Joseph Kingsbury Nicholas O'Neill Joseph Doyle  
John Connor James Hyattson Benjamin Hughes  
James Smith Joseph Kelly Howard Rowe Robert  
Stanton James Cullimore James Rowe Michael Connor  
James J. Stafford William Hangan

The minutes of meeting of 21<sup>st</sup> January 1903 were read & signed.  
The election of a Mayor was the first business proceeded with as required by Section 94 (11) of the Local Government (Ireland) Act 1898.

Councillor Hughes proposed and Councillor Stanton seconded the following motion which was passed unanimously viz

That Alderman John Blaney be and is hereby elected Mayor of the Borough of Wexford for the year now commencing and until his successor shall be appointed and shall have made a declaration accepting the office of Mayor.

Whereupon the Mayor made and subscribed a declaration



accepting the office of Mayor and thanked the members of the Council for marking the conclusion of his first year of office by re-electing him to preside over their deliberations for a second term of office.

The appointment of Standing Committees for the Municipal year commencing this day was a matter which was next taken into consideration when resolutions as follow were duly adopted.

Proposed by Councillor Hughes seconded by Alderman Furlong.

That the Finance and Works, Waterworks and Sanitary Committees be composed of the entire Council for the ensuing year.

Proposed by Alderman Madden seconded by Councillor Hughes

That in accordance with the suggestion contained in the circular letter of the Department of Agriculture and Technical Instruction of May 1902 as to the tenure of office, size and composition of Technical Instruction Committees in Urban Districts the number of Councillor members of the Technical Instruction Committee for Wexford be seven and the number of co-opted members be six

Proposed by Councillor Smith seconded by Councillor O'Neill.

That the seven members to represent the Municipal Council on the Technical Instruction Committee be the following viz The Mayor for the time being Aldermen Madden, Furlong and Walsh Councillors Hughes, Rowe and Stanton and that the six non-representative members of the Committee be the Protestant Rector for the time being, the Catholic Administrator for the time being, the Superior of the Christian Brothers for the time being and Messrs H. H. Ennis J.C. J. S. Thompson and P. Mahon.

As to fixing the dates on which Quarterly Meetings of the Council are to be held in the ensuing year the following resolution was adopted.

Proposed by Councillor Hughes seconded by Councillor Hore  
That the three Quarterly Meetings to be held previous to 15<sup>th</sup> January 1904 be held on the first Monday in May next at noon, the first Monday in August next at noon and the first Monday in November next at noon.

It was decided to request the Committee appointed on the 21<sup>st</sup> Instant for the purpose of defining the duties of Town



Surveyor to also frame a list of the duties attaching to the position of Superintendent of Waterworks.

Howard Rowe

Chairman  
~~Dec~~ Feb. 2 - 1903

3<sup>rd</sup> February 1903

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

The members in attendance were:

Aldermen - Walter Walsh, George Maaden, Matthew J. Furlong.  
Councillors - James Hore, William Hangan, Howard Rowe,  
Robert Stanton, Joseph Doyle, Richard Crosbie, James  
McMahon, John Gannon, James J. Stafford,  
Joseph Kelly.

Mr M. J. Gannon Corporation Solicitor was also in attendance.  
Councillor Rowe acted as Chairman in the absence of the Mayor.  
The minutes of meeting of 23<sup>rd</sup> January 1903 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 January 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 incurred up to 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.

Councillor Rowe made a verbal report in his capacity of Chairman of the Special Committee formed on 19<sup>th</sup> Decm.

The Committee had met on 27<sup>th</sup> Decm. They had come together again on the 28<sup>th</sup> Decm. It was only on the latter date that the replies of the Gas Supply Committee to the resolution passed by the Corporation against the proposed Gas Order was available. From the nature



of the Gas Company's statements in vindication of their action in issuing bonus shares the Committee felt that without being fortified with a further opinion from Mr Will they would be seriously handicapped in dealing with the Directors of the Gas Company. Accordingly a further opinion was obtained. This was received on Saturday last and on today 2<sup>nd</sup> Instant the Committee met to consider it. Mr Will was distinctly of opinion that the issue of the Shares in question was unlawful under the Companies Acts and that circumstance taken in connexion with the refusal of the Company to allow inspection of their Accounts and of their Works would warrant the Board of Trade in refusing to dispense with the consent of the local authority. Counsel said the illegality of the issue might be covered by legislation (and a Provisional Order confirmed by Parliament was legislation) but the question was whether in the face of the withholding of information by the Company, the Board of Trade or Parliament would be disposed to help them in getting over their illegality. The argument urged by the Company that the consent of the Corporation should be dispensed with was unsound because the Corporation were entitled to assume that the usual fair facilities would be afforded by the Company for ascertaining the state of their Books and Works. As to the present price of 2/6 per 1000 cubic feet of gas charged by the Company for gas supplied, the Company's statement that in 1889 they expended on Capital Account out of revenue £1782: 9: 8 shows that the price charged hitherto was excessive. The reduction to 2/6 took place in 1889 and there was nothing to show that that price was not excessive. The proposal of the Company was to stereotype the 2/6 and increase their dividends when they charged less. On the other hand they ask power to increase the price to 3/6 without suffering any diminution of dividend. As to the contention of the Company that 13 candle gas was sufficient the answer was that in every case where Parliament had reduced the candle power they had made a corresponding reduction in "Standard price." Having regard to the terms of Counsel's opinion the Committee, or rather the majority of them were impressed with the belief that it would be a false step for the Corporation to have any further negotiations with the Directors of the Gas Co. but that instructions should be given at once to the Corporation Solicitor to have the amendments and clauses necessary to put the draft Provisional Order into a form satisfactory to the Corporation framed by Counsel and lodged with the Board of Trade in conformity with the Rules of the Corporation against the 8<sup>th</sup> inst.



Alderman Hadden as a member of the Committee submitted a minority report. He contended that the question of the issue of the £3,000 worth of B shares free to the original shareholders was not a matter of vital importance to the Corporation or the public. The important points in his opinion were (a) securing gas of good quality (b) at sufficient pressure and (c) at as cheap a price as possible. Most if not all of these might be obtained through a friendly conference with the Gas Directors. He strongly objected to committing the Corporation to a prolonged and bitter struggle which would probably cost £1,000 or more of the ratepayers and gas consumers money without an effort having been first made to gain the end in view by reasonable and friendly negotiation.

Discussion on the foregoing reports resulted in the adoption of the following propositions.

Proposed by Councillor Mangan seconded by Councillor Gahan. That clauses and amendments requisite to bring the draft Order into a proper form be drawn up by Messrs Will H. C. and Knox B. L. and lodged with the Board of Trade by our Solicitor within the prescribed time so as to ensure that the Corporation will be in a position to carry their opposition to the Order before the Board of Trade if necessary.

Proposed by Alderman Hadden seconded by Councillor Stafford. That the Conference proposed to be held between Committee appointed on 19<sup>th</sup> Inst and the Directors of the Gas Co. be fixed to be held on Wednesday next 4<sup>th</sup> Inst at 3 P.M.

The Local Government Board by letter dated 22<sup>nd</sup> January 1903 (No 64 337: 1902) drew attention to their letter of the 5<sup>th</sup> November last wherein they requested that proofs should be furnished to them showing that the Corporation had power to apply as they had contemplated doing the Corporate property by way of mortgage to the purpose of raising a loan to effect the purchase of a site for a Schoolhouse for Technical Instruction in Wexford. The Department asked that a reply should be furnished to their said letter of the 5<sup>th</sup> November last.

It was ordered - That the Local Government Board be informed in reply that as it has transpired, much to the disappointment of the Corporation, that under a recent ruling of the Treasury regarding the grant known as the Equivalent Grant the Department of Agriculture and Technical Instruction were not in a position to supply the local Technical Instruction Committee with funds sufficient to carry on an adequate system of Technical Education and at the same time meet the annual



instalments in repayment of a loan, the project of erecting a Technical School House had of necessity to be abandoned. It was announced to the meeting that the Technical Instruction Committee with the acquiescence of the Department of Agriculture and Technical Instruction had purchased premises in Main Street Wexford for use as a Technical School House for a sum of £400 to be provided out of the funds at the disposal of the Committee. This being so it was necessary before the purchase could be completed that the Vendor's title should be satisfactorily established and it was reported the Department required to be furnished with an Abstract of Title. It appeared also that it was necessary that the conveyance should be made out in the name of the Corporation.

Thereupon on the motion of Councillor Gangan, seconded by Alderman Madden it was

Resolved - That the Corporation Solicitor be instructed to see that the necessary Abstract of Title be furnished to the Department and if the title be proved good that the proper legal measures be taken by him to convey Dr. Crean's interest in the premises to the Corporation.

Committee appointed on the 21<sup>st</sup> Instant with instructions to determine the duties of the person to be appointed in room of the late Town Surveyor submitted the following.

The duties of Town Surveyor of Wexford, Inspector of Nuisances and Superintendent of Waterworks shall be inter alia as follows:-

To prepare plans, sections, specifications and estimates of works of constructing and repairing streets, sewers, drains footpaths.

To superintend efficiently the carrying out of these works whether they be done by the Corporation employees or by Contractors.

To organize and superintend the scavenging (domestic and public) of the town, the watering of streets, the flushing of sewers, the disposal of refuse and the treatment of the town sewage.

To revise the map of the system of sewerage provided under Section 13 of the 10 & 11 Vict cap 34, to keep it properly revised as occasion may require and bring it in every particular into conformity with the provisions of said Section.

To superintend the construction (when called on to do so) and the maintenance (always) of all structural works in charge of the Council either inside or outside the Borough.



To give proper advice as to the alteration or discontinuance of existing sewers, and as to the materials, size, construction, cost of House drains and cesspools ashpits, privies water closets, earth closets, water supplies &c

To give certificates of sums due to Contractors, to certify the wages of the Corporation employes and the accounts of goods and materials bought and received.

To furnish weekly reports of all works performed or in progress during each successive week

To make an inventory of all stores, meters, goods, fittings, tools &c placed in his charge or taken charge of by him and to keep a Stock Book regularly written up showing how articles gone out of stock have been disposed of and to see that the stock is replenished as occasion may require.

To inspect the erection of new buildings and advise as to whether they conform to the requirements of the Towns Improvement Acts and the Public Health Acts and to see to the observance of By Laws or Regulations in force or to be ~~imposed~~ adopted.

To discharge the duties imposed on him by the Towns Improvement Acts as well as render advice and assistance whenever his services may be required touching matters arising under the Public Health Acts.

To have full and entire control over the workmen in his charge and to have the power to engage or dismiss them at will, but in case of the foreman, the turncock or the caretaker of Reservoir not giving satisfaction they are to be subject to suspension only pending a meeting of the Council or a Committee thereof.

To appear in Courts of Law either as witness or plaintiff in proceedings in which the Council is concerned.

To be responsible for the erection of meters, to take the indications of meters once a quarter and compute and record the charges for water sold either through meter or otherwise as per Waterworks Scale of Charges.

To see to all breaches in water mains being repaired with celerity and to exercise a general supervision over the Water System.

To furnish reports whenever required on all matters pertaining to his office.

To furnish all reports in writing in a book to be kept for the purpose.

To attend meetings of the Council or of Committee thereof



as and when required.

To attend at the office Town Hall at least once a day between the hours of ten o'clock A.M. and twelve o'clock Noon.

To visit each part of the Town wherever works may be in course of progress at least once a day.

To make a report once a month as to the necessity of carrying out improvements which may appear to him to be needed.

In case of the Council promoting and carrying to completion a Scheme for providing dwellings for the housing of the working classes the Surveyor shall be entitled to a fee of  $2\frac{1}{2}$  per cent. on the cost of construction for his services in preparing plans, elevations, specifications &c. in connexion with such Scheme over and above his salary.

Thereupon it was resolved on the motion of Alderman Maaden seconded by Councillor Hangan.

That the list of the duties of the functionary in question as now recommended by the Committee be approved, that the appointment of a duly qualified person to fill the combined offices be proceeded with on Wednesday the 18<sup>th</sup> Inst. and in the meantime that advertisements be published in the local newspapers inviting applications for the appointment.

As regards the order made on the 21<sup>st</sup> Instant relative to the salary of Mr MacCarthy late Town Surveyor, the Local Government Board per their letter of 24<sup>th</sup> Decm. (to 4481. 1903) stated that if Mr MacCarthy performed the duties attaching to his office up to the time that his removal was sanctioned by the Board they saw no objection to the Council paying his salary to that date.

The meeting considered the matter but took no action thereon.

The Local Government Board per their letter of 29<sup>th</sup> Dec (to 5231. 1903) referring to the dates for the Quarterly Meetings of the Council pointed out that the day fixed for the August Quarterly Meeting would be a Bank Holiday and the business would consequently have to be done on the following day having regard to the provisions of Article 2 of the Schedule to the Local Government (Application of Enactments) Order 1903 and the question was whether in view of this fact the Council would prefer to fix another day for the holding of that meeting.

The matter was considered but it was decided to make no change in the date fixed for the meeting in question so that the meeting may be held on the day following 2<sup>nd</sup> August next by virtue of the Enactment quoted.



11<sup>th</sup> February 1903.

A Special Meeting of the Council was held this day pursuant to the Mayor's requisition at the Town Hall at 7.30 P.M. when inter alia the question of adopting or otherwise dealing with a report relative to a conference held between the Directors of the Wexford Gas Company and a Committee of the Corporation was due for consideration.

There were in attendance:

John Blaney Esq Mayor (in the Chair)  
Alderman - Matthew J. Furlong, Walter Walsh, George Madden  
Councillors - Joseph Doyle, Joseph Kingsbury, William Fangan,  
Cameron Rogers, James Hogg, James J. Stafford,  
John Tygh, Benjamin Hughes, James Cullimore,  
Patrick Kelly, Robert Norton, Richard Crosbie,  
John O'Connor, Howard Rowe, James J. Mahon and  
Michael O'Connor.

The minutes of last meeting were read and signed.

The meeting resolved itself into Committee to deliberate on the question referred to and thereupon the following was submitted.

#### Proposed Wexford Gas Provisional Orders

Report of Committee appointed to confer with Gas Directors thereon.

Your Committee waited by appointment on the Directors of the Wexford Gas Consumers Company on Wednesday 4<sup>th</sup> Instant in order to see if it would be possible to have a friendly agreement with them over the various clauses to be embodied in the Provisional Order for which they are applying. On a couple of minor points we came to an understanding, but found it impossible to come to a general agreement as we could not gain from them satisfactory assurances as to the quality, illuminating power and pressure of the gas. Failing to agree on these points and recognizing there were other most important questions to be settled we concluded that the whole matter should be referred to the Board of Trade for their decision and we unanimously recommend the Corporation to take such steps as may be necessary to safeguard the rights and interests of the people of Wexford in this matter.

Signed on behalf of the Committee

Howard Rowe Chairman

4<sup>th</sup> Feb 1903.

On this report having been read the meeting was informed that in the interval between the holding of the Conference mentioned and the present time the Board of Trade had announced



(per their letter of 7<sup>th</sup> Instant No 2287) their decision to hold an Inquiry at Wexford as a result of the representations made to the Board by the Corporation and contrary to the wishes of the Gas Company. It was announced also that in the same interval the Directors of the Gas Company had reconsidered their position and were willing to give way on some points as the following extract from a letter dated this day (11<sup>th</sup> Instant) from their Secretary showed.

"After careful consideration it was resolved that the following concessions be offered to the Corporation subject to two conditions viz.

- "(a) That the offer be considered strictly without prejudice.
- "(b) That in the event of those concessions being accepted by the Corporation they withdraw all opposition and give their consent to the Order

"The Directors would agree to the following

- "(1) Gas of fourteen candle power
- "(2) Pressure from sunset to 10 P.M. one inch
  - "do from 10 P.M. to midnight eight tenths
  - "do from midnight to sunset six tenths
- "(3) The price of gas to be  $2\frac{1}{2}$  with a neutral zone to  $3\frac{1}{6}$  i.e. a sliding scale to commence at  $2\frac{1}{2}$  and  $3\frac{1}{6}$

or

- " $3\frac{1}{4}$  sliding scale to commence at  $3\frac{1}{4}$
- "(4) A four-years purchase clause with the usual safeguards and conditions allowed by Parliament for protection of both parties"

This communication evoked discussion which lasted three hours on the conclusion of which the following resolution was adopted.

Proposed by Councillor Hughes seconded by Councillor Cullimore.  
That as the Gas Company have shown a disposition to come to terms on the points in dispute between them and the Corporation, the questions that remain unsettled at the present time be referred back to the Committee so that negotiations may be carried on with the Gas Company with the object of a complete agreement on all points being come to between the contending parties

John Leaney  
Mayor



18<sup>th</sup> February 1903

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

There were in attendance:

John Clancy Esq. Mayor (in the Chair)  
Aldermen - Martin Roche, Matthew J. Furlong, George Madden,  
Walter Walsh.

Councillors - Cameron Rogers, Joseph Doyle, Joseph Kingsberry,  
James Smith, John Tighe, James Cullimore,  
James Hare, Howard Rowe, Nicholas O'Neill,  
Joseph Kelly, Benjamin Hughes, Robert Stanton,  
James J. Stafford, Michael Gannon, John Gannon,  
James D. Mahon.

The minutes of meeting of 11<sup>th</sup> February 1903 were read & signed.  
Liabilities which had accrued due up to the end of last month amounting in the aggregate to £181: 9: 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 387 to 400 and from 1 to 8 inclusive.

Summary and Reconciliation of Treasurers Account for the month ended the last day of January 1903 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	633	6	1
Total sum received to close of last month	296	10	6
Total	919	16	7
Balance (if any) due to Treasurer as per last monthly statement			
Payments ordered at above mentioned meeting	181	9	
Total	181	9	
Net Balance due by Treasurer (being difference of above Totals)	738	7	7

Reconciliation			
Balance per Bank Book due by Treasurer	947	6	7
Outstanding Orders (including those issued at this meeting)	208	19	
Net Balance as above due by Treasurer	738	7	7
Included in the Accounts as above stated passed for payment as above stated was an item of £2: 2s being a fee claimed by Mr William Sears, Editor of the "Enniscorthy Echo" and formerly a member of the Corporation for attending as a witness in the inquiring held into the charges preferred against the late John Murray. Reception was taken to			



the payment of this item on the ground that the fee was too high. The Meeting inquired into the matter and as the Solicitor had certified that the amount was reasonable and as it seemed to be below the recognized fee chargeable in such cases the Meeting decided to discharge the liability.

The Meeting then (sitting in the capacity of ex-officio Town Commissioners) proceeded to appoint a Town Surveyor and Inspector of Nuisances.

Applications for the position were read from Messrs Patrick Kauraham and Edward S. O'Brien.

Both applicants appeared to be duly qualified to discharge the duties pertaining to the Office. This was obvious from the testimonials and certificates of qualification which accompanied the applications. Thereupon Formeiller Hunter proposed that Mr Kauraham be appointed, the proposition being seconded by Formeiller O'Neill.

But as Formeiller Hughes proposed that Mr O'Brien be appointed and as this proposition was seconded by Formeiller Rowe it was found necessary to take a Poll in order to ascertain the sense of the Meeting as to which of the applicants was the more eligible. Whereupon twelve Members namely the Mayor, Aldermen Balch and Kehoe and Formeillers Kelly, Mc Mahon, Smith, Sullivan, John Connor, O'Neill, Hunter, Fyffe, D and Kingsberry voted for the appointment of Mr Kauraham and eight Members namely Aldermen Madden and Finkler and Formeillers Rowe, Hughes, Rogers, Michael Connor, More and Doyle voted in favour of Mr O'Brien being appointed.

Whereupon the Mayor declared Mr Hunter's proposition duly carried.

A Bill of Costs due to the Corporation Solicitor in the matter of the dismissal from office of the late Town Surveyor was brought under consideration. It amounted to £93. 15. 8 including £52. 10. 5 paid to Mr Maloney A.C. for his services at the Local Government Inquiry on the 11<sup>th</sup>, 12<sup>th</sup> and 13<sup>th</sup> November last. A few Members present opposed the fees paid to Counsel being made a charge on the Corporation for the reason that the employment of Counsel in the case was not authorized by an order



made at a duly convened Meeting of the Corporation although it was pointed out to them that the services of counsel were retained with the cognizance and approval of a majority of the Members of the Corporation - A discussion arose on the question and resulted in the adoption of a resolution as proposed by councillor Rogers and seconded by councillor Michael O'Connor in the following terms:-  
That we approve of the action of our Solicitor in employing counsel to attend the Inquiry relative to the late Town Surveyor; that the Bill of Costs in the matter be paid on taxation and that Mr. Kealy, Solicitor, be engaged to attend the taxation proceedings on our behalf.

Before declaring this motion carried the Mayor at the request of a Member took a Poll whereupon fifteen Members voted for and only six against the adoption of the motion.

A Meeting of the Council proper was held simultaneously with the above Meetings when on the motion of councillor Hamilton seconded by councillor O'Neill it was

Resolved - That the services of the newly-appointed Town Surveyor be engaged as Superintendent of Waterworks.

There was submitted for examination a draft deed of conveyance by which Dr. Freeman in consideration of a sum of £400 conveys to the Corporation the dwelling-house and premises known as 24 North Main Street, Liverpool, held under fee farm grant at the yearly rent of £27. 13. 10d being the premises coloured pink and blue on a map accompanying the draft deed (together with two small portions coloured yellow and green held in fee simple) subject to a fee farm grant made to Mr. Surper, Solicitor of premises coloured blue at the yearly rent of Sixpence payable to the Corporation. This draft deed as <sup>was</sup> seen by a letter from the Department of Agriculture and Technical Instruction was approved by Council of that Department - The £400 purchase money to be paid by the Department through the Local Technical Instruction Committee to Dr. Freeman.

On the motion of councillor Rogers seconded by councillor Hughes it was

Resolved - That the draft deed of conveyance be approved and instructions given to the Corporation



Solicitor to have the deed engrossed and executed.  
A notice of appointment of the 9<sup>th</sup> March, ~~prev~~, as the  
date on which the accounts of the Urban District  
Council for year ended in March, 1902, will be  
audited by Mr J. A. Baker was submitted to the  
Meeting

J. J. Hughes

2<sup>nd</sup> March 1903

A Statutable Meeting of the Council (acting as ex. office  
Town Commissioners) was held this day in the Town Hall at  
noon

There were present

Aldermen - Matthew J. Furlong & Martin St. John

Councillors - James Store, William Mangon, John O'Connor,  
James O'Grady, Benjamin Hughes & Michael O'Connor,  
Joseph Kingsbury, Edward Rowe

On the motion of Alderman Furlong seconded by Councillor  
Mangon the Chair was taken by Councillor Hughes in the absence  
of the Mayor.

The minutes of meeting of 18<sup>th</sup> February 1903 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 February 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 up to the end of 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 Local Government Board per their letter of the 19<sup>th</sup> ~~March~~ <sup>February</sup> 1903  
(No. 4529) stated that they had given directions for the  
preparation of a ~~Report~~ <sup>Report</sup> dealing with the financial  
relations between the County Council of Wexford and the Urban



District of Wexford on the lines laid down in their letter of 30<sup>th</sup> October last and carrying out the modifications suggested by the Wexford Urban District Council at their meeting on the 12<sup>th</sup> November 1902.

This was deemed satisfactory by the meeting.

The same Department per their letter of 7<sup>th</sup> February 1903 (No 447/1903) expressed their sanction of the dates fixed for the Quarterly meetings of the Urban District Council of Wexford as determined on at meetings of the Council on the 23<sup>rd</sup> January last and 2<sup>nd</sup> February last.

The same Department per their letter of 19<sup>th</sup> February 1903 (No 224/1903) intimated that they had decided to make no orders after 1<sup>st</sup> April next under Section 5(4) of the Local Government (Ireland) Act 1898 as amended by Section 4 of the Local Government (Ireland) Act 1902 granting extensions of time for payment of debts out of the poor rate except in cases in which it was clearly proved to their satisfaction that there was reasonable cause for ~~conditions~~ of local authorities not making application for payment in due time and if the debt was not paid for not taking legal proceedings for the recovery thereof within the prescribed time.

This matter being one that did not materially affect the Urban District of Wexford there was no order made thereon.

The same Department per their letter of 27<sup>th</sup> February 1903 (No 4644/1902) forwarded a sealed copy of amended Regulations dated 9<sup>th</sup> February 1903 made under the Locomotives on Highways Act 1846. These provide among other things that within the limits of all cities, towns and villages the speed of Light Locomotives and motor Bicycles should not in future exceed six miles an hour but elsewhere it was permissible for them to travel up to the limit of fourteen miles an hour prescribed by the Act.

An Order dated the 9<sup>th</sup> February (No 184<sup>th</sup>/1903) made by the same Department pursuant to Section 16 of the Local Government (Ireland) Act 1902 was read. It prescribed the conditions on which a representative of the Press was entitled to admission to meetings of Councils, Boards or Commissioners and also prescribed that no resolution of those Bodies to exclude representatives of the Press from such meetings was valid until sanctioned by the Local Government Board.

A circular and a copy of the same were sent at the instance of a meeting held in the Mansion House Dublin on the 11<sup>th</sup> inst. dealing with



The question of the proposed re-valuation of Ireland was submitted to the meeting. As it appeared that one result of an all-round revaluation would be to increase Ireland's contribution to the Imperial Treasury it was deemed advisable that the Council should take up an attitude of hostility to the proposal and accordingly on the motion of Councillor Rowe seconded by Alderman Furlong it was

Resolved - That this Council protest against any scheme of re-valuation being put into effect calculated to further increase the over-taxation of Ireland.

The Committee of the Irish Industrial Conference requested by circular the favour of a delegation of the Wexford Corporation at a meeting of the Conference to be held in Dublin on the 15<sup>th</sup> April next. The business of the Conference was to consider the advisableness of taking steps to provide for the establishment of an Institute of Commerce and Industry and also of taking steps to give effect to the wide spread wish to hold an International Exhibition in 1905 in Dublin.

Thereupon on the motion of Alderman Furlong seconded by Councillor Mangan it was

Resolved That this Council approve of the objects sought to be attained by the Irish Industrial Conference and will co-operate with the Conference but that the appointment of delegates be deferred for the present.

The Irish Trades Union Congress drew attention by circular to the provisions of Section 8 of the Local Government (Ireland) Act 1902 and stated that it was open to a Council to reject the lowest tender coming from a person not agreeing to be bound by the fair wages resolution of the House of Commons in the execution of any work which the Council required to have carried out.

This matter was considered and it was resolved on the motion of  
Councillor <sup>Wm</sup> Connor seconded by Alderman Furlong

That in all future specifications for works to be done for this Council a clause be inserted requiring under penalty the Contractor whose tender may be accepted to pay not less than the minimum standard rate of wages paid in Wexford and district and that it be made a condition of all contracts that regular artisans only be employed to perform artisans work.

The Local Government Board per their letter of 18<sup>th</sup> February 1903  
(No 7417 1903) returned the plans, specification and estimate of  
the School House at Wexford which it had been in  
contemplation by the Corporation to erect but which was now on

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abandoned project

John Clancy  
Mayor

9<sup>th</sup> March 1903

A Special Meeting of the Council was held this day pursuant to the Mayor's requisition at the Town Hall at 7.30 PM.

Those were in attendance

John Clancy Esq. Mayor (in the Chair)

Aldermen - George Madden J. P. Martin Thomas Matthew J. Furlong  
Walker Walsh.

Councillors - Howard Rowe, Joseph Kingsbury, Cameron Rogers,  
Williamangan James Gore, Nicholas O'Sullivan,  
Joseph Kelly, Michael Connor, James Cullimore,  
Robert Stanton, Benjamin Hughes, James J. Stafford,  
James J. Mahon, John J. Connor, Richard Crabbe.

The minutes of meeting of 2<sup>nd</sup> March instant were read and signed.

With reference to proceedings of the Corporation on the 11<sup>th</sup> February ultimo the Committee entrusted with the duty of carrying on further negotiations with the Directors of the Gas Company with a view to an agreement being come to on the terms of the proposed Wexford Gas Provisional Order submitted the terms of a correspondence that had passed between the Committee on the one hand and the Directors of the Gas Company on the other, together with the observations of the Committee on the situation.

It appeared that in order to exhaust every means of avoiding litigation the Committee had taken the responsibility on themselves to agree to the terms offered by the Directors on all points except one and this was the question of the issue of the £3,000 worth of bonus shares. Counsel for the Corporation having re-iterated his advice as to the action of the Directors in this matter being contrary to the Statute Law the Committee could not acquiesce in such an illegal act being perpetuated, but they had informed the Directors that the Corporation would be prepared to abide by the decision of the Board of Works Trade on the point. The Directors however considered that what they had done in allotting the bonus shares



was quite in accordance with the Companies Acts. They were duly advised to that effect. They said they could not agree to refer the question to the Board of Trade for settlement as suggested and called attention to the fact that in the Draft Provisional Order the Board of Trade had not been asked to sanction the bonus shares but had been simply informed that the original existing capital consisted of A. B and C shares to the value of £15,000. They had been advised that no power resided in the Board of Trade to alter such existing capital and therefore if the Board of Trade gave a decision which should prove to be adverse to the Company on the matter the Company could not accept that as final.

The Committee in commenting on the attitude of the Directors observed that it was now for the Corporation to determine whether they will agree to the issue of the bonus shares or appear before the Board of Trade to oppose the Provisional Order.

The Committee also submitted a letter dated 4<sup>th</sup> Instant from Mr John Shiers W. C. Counsel for the Corporation intimating contrary to the advice given to the Directors that it was unquestionably within the jurisdiction of the Board of Trade to deal with the Bonus shares.

The deliberations of the meeting lasted two hours and resulted in the adoption of a resolution as proposed by Councillor Rowe and seconded by Alderman Furlong in the following terms

That inasmuch as by the recent reconstruction of the Wexford Gas Consumers Company Limited the Directors appropriated out of profits and transferred to capital the sum of £3,000 which they then issued as unpaid bonus shares to the existing shareholders over and above the stated dividend of 10% we hereby declare we cannot consent to such application of profits. We are still willing however to refer the question of the legality of the action of the Gas Company to the decision of the Board of Trade.

Previous to this resolution having been declared carried there was a Poll taken on the question whereupon there voted for the proposition.

*Councillors - Crosbie, J. Connor, M<sup>c</sup>Mahon, W. O'Connor,  
O'Sullivan, M<sup>c</sup>Carthy, Kinsella, Rouse, and Alderman Furlong (?)  
Against - Councillors - Stafford, Hughes, Gordon, Kelly, Stone,*



Deers and Alderman Madden (7)

Of the twenty members present two declined to vote and two by permission of the Chairman had left the Council Chamber before the division was proceeded with

John Clancy  
Mayor

18<sup>th</sup> March 1903

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

There were present.

John Clancy Esq Mayor (in the Chair)

Aldermen - Martin Kehoe, Walter Walsh, Matthew J. Furlong.

Councillors - James Aore, Benjamin Hughes, John Tygh, James Cullimore, Keith Kelly, Joseph Kingsberry, James G. & John William Gangan, John Gannon, Michael Gannon.

The minutes of meeting of 9<sup>th</sup> March 1903 were read and signed. Liabilities which had accrued due up to the end of last month amounting in the aggregate to £604. 6. 9 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 9 to 29 inclusive.

Summary and Reconciliation of Treasurers Account for the month ended the last day of February 1903 including the payments made at the Stated Finance Meeting held on this day.

Summary

Balance (if any) due to Treasurer as per last monthly statement	738	7	7
Total sum received to close of last month	320	9	1
Total	1058	16	8
Balance (if any) due by to Treasurer as per last monthly statement			
Payments ordered at above mentioned meeting	604	6	9
Total	604	6	9
Net Balance due by Treasurer (being difference of above totals)	451	9	11
Reconciliation			
Balance per Bank Books due by Treasurer	1089	1	2
Outstanding orders	637	11	3
Total	1726	12	5



An application from Mr Macfarthy, late Town Surveyor, for remuneration for services rendered by him in the period that intervened between his dismissal by the Corporation and the ratification of his dismissal by the Local Government Board was a subject brought under consideration - In his application Mr Macfarthy stated that in this interval he had paid attention to the buildings of the town and noticed the Owners of house property as to repairs and otherwise looked after such business as required to be done as to dangerous walls - but the business of superintending workmen and watching out their accounts was taken out of his hands by the Mayor who himself gave directions to the workmen -

It was pointed out to the Meeting that if Mr Macfarthy had performed any duty in the capacity of Town Surveyor subsequent to his dismissal in July last it was open to the Corporation to make some recognition of his services.

It transpired however that neither the Mayor nor Town Clerk was in a position to certify that Mr Macfarthy had attended to business as he had alleged, <sup>and</sup> it was then necessary for him to furnish proof that his claim was well-founded -

A discussion arose in the course of which some members indulged in intemperate language and refused to keep order, placing the reiterated admonitions of the Chairman at defiance. At last when it became clearly manifest that it would not be possible to secure order the Mayor left the chair and the formal Room. His example was followed by a majority of the members present so that no further business was transacted.

Rose J. H. C.