

18th July 1904.

A Special Meeting of the Council was held this day at the Town Clerk's Office at noon, pursuant to the Mayor's requisition.

The Members present were:-

James J. Stafford Esq. Mayor (in the chair).

Aldermen:- Walter Walsh, John Tyghe.

Councillors:- Howard Rowe, James Hore, Joseph Doyle, Robert Hanton, Patrick Byrne, Benjamin Hughes, Michael O'Connor John O'Connor.

The minutes of Meeting of 4th July Instant were read and signed.

The terms of a letter received from the Local Government Board, No. 35,889/1904, under date of 11th July 1904 were taken into consideration. The Department expressed a wish that the plans of the houses intended to be built under the Housing of the Working Classes Acts should be amended, so that the Scheme would embrace (1) the substitution of water closets for privies, in the case of the houses for Monument Place (2) the provision of a back passage at William Street where the smaller class of houses were to be erected, and (3) the provision of a ventilation flue in the case of all the bedrooms in which no provision was made for fireplaces.

These matters were discussed at considerable length. On the question of substituting water closets for privies opinion was divided, but councillor Doyle proposed that water closets should be provided, as suggested by the Local Government Board. The proposition was seconded by Councillor John O'Connor, but it failed to be carried, as only four members voted for, whilst six voted against it.

The objection to the water closets was that they would be the means of overtaxing the capacity of the sewer from Monument Place, besides which there was always present in dry weather a danger of the water supply to the town running short, and Councillor Hughes proposed by way of emphasizing the views of the Meeting on the point, that the Local Government Board be informed that the Corporation regret they cannot fall in with the suggestion as to erecting water closets instead of privies.

Alderman Walsh seconded this proposition, which was carried by six votes to four.

On the other suggestions contained in the Local Government Board's letter, the following two motions were unanimously adopted.

Proposed by Councillor Rowe, Seconded by Councillor Hanton.

That a passage be provided at rear of the houses for William Street, and that a right of way be acquired over the land of Mr M. J. O'Connor Senior on lease for 999 years at the rent of £1 : 0 : 0 a year, he having by his letter of 16th Inst. intimated his willingness to allow such right of way on the terms stated.

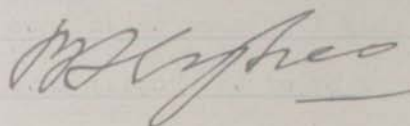
Proposed by Councillor Byrne, Seconded by Councillor Hore.

That a ventilating shaft be provided in each of the bedrooms in which no fireplace is to be left.

A letter from Mr Kennedy Manager National Bank Wexford, was read. He stated that the Directors of the Bank were prepared to lend the Corporation a sum of £3,000 to enable

them to erect dwellings for the use of the working classes. The rate of interest to be charged on the Loan would be four% per annum on the balance of Principal from year to year outstanding. The Directors could not see their way to lend the money for so protracted a period as fifty years at a lesser rate of interest than four%. Councillor Hore proposed that Mr Kennedy be informed in reply to his letter, that the Corporation are open to borrow the Loan in question, but they are not prepared to pay any higher rate of interest than 3½ per cent. per annum for the use of the money.

This was seconded by Councillor Rowe and adopted.



2nd August 1904.

A Quarterly Meeting of the Council was held this day at the Town Clerk's Office at noon.

The Members present were:-

Aldermen:- John Tyghe, George Hadden, Martin Kehoe, Walter Walsh.

Councillors:- Joseph Kelly, Patrick Byrne, James Hore, Joseph Doyle,
Thomas Carroll, James Goodisson, John O'Connor,
Thomas O'Brien, Benjamin Hughes.

The chair was taken by Councillor Hughes in the absence of the Mayor.

The minutes of Meeting of 18th July 1904 were read and signed.

Liabilities which had accrued due up to the end of last month, amounting in the aggregate to £894:18:0 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 398 to 424.

Summary and Reconcilement of Treasurer's Account for the month ended the last day of July 1904, including the payments made on this day.

SUMMARY.

Balance due by Treasurer as per last Statement	£ 439 : 17 : 3
Total sum received to close of last Month	<u>719 : 6 : 0</u>
Total	1159 : 3 : 3
Balance due to Treasurer as per last statement	<u>- - -</u>
Payments ordered at this Meeting	<u>894 : 18 : 0</u>
Total	<u>894 : 18 : 0</u>
Net Balance due by Treasurer, being difference of above	<u>264 : 5 : 3</u>

RECONCILEMENT.

Balance per Bank Books due by Treasurer	1160 : 11 : 5
Outstanding Orders	<u>896 : 6 : 2</u>
Net balance as above due by Treasurer	<u>264 : 5 : 3</u>

It was proposed by Councillor Doyle, seconded by Councillor John O'Connor and passed as follows:-

That this Council condole with Councillor Kingsberry and his family in their present ^{bereavement} consequent on the death, by accident, at Selskar Iron Works of his late Brother Charles Kingsberry.

A letter signed jointly by seven of the Corporation Tenants holding land in Townparks was read. The signatories were desirous of purchasing their holdings under the Land Act of 1903. They wished to know if the Corporation, as landlords, were willing to sell under that Enactment, and if so what were the terms on which they would sell. The Meeting did not consider itself competent to deal ^{with this matter} without being guided by the Corporation Solicitor. The letter was therefore referred to him, and the following three questions were propounded for his consideration. (1) were the Corporation, as Trustees of Public Funds, legally capable of disposing of lands belonging to the community of the town? (2) Does the Land Purchase Act extend to cases of tenants holding in Townparks, and (3) How far will the income of the Corporation from lands be affected by a Sale to the tenants of their holdings?

Tenders received from intending Contractors in respect of carrying out the under-mentioned works were opened as follows:-

For rebuilding and ornamenting a wall in the Bullring, two were received. These were from Joseph Scallan Builder, and John Brown Builder. The former was prepared to carry the specification of the work into effect for £174 : 10 : 0 and the latter for £180 : 0 : 0.

Thereupon on the motion of Alderman Hadden, seconded by Councillor Carroll it was Resolved:- That Joseph Scallan's tender be accepted subject to his providing security (himself in the sum of £75 and two Sureties in £25 each) for the fulfilment of the Contract.

For painting the external wood and iron work of Artizans Dwellings at Carrigeen and Rochas Terrace, and of Labourers Dwellings at Emmet Place two tenders were received. One was from James Mc Evoy. He offered to do the painting required for £15. The other was from James Carthy who offered to do it for £23 : 2 : 6.

On the motion of Councillor Kelly, seconded by Alderman Hadden it was Resolved:- That James McEvoy's tender be accepted.

For painting required on Labourers' Dwellings at Hill Street there was only one tender received being that of James Carthy Painter who offered to do the work for £9 : 9 : 6 This tender was accepted on the motion of Councillor Doyle seconded by Councillor Byrne.

For supplying a Light Hose Cart for use of the Fire Brigade, according to specification, two tenders were received. They were from John Scallan Cart Makers, and Thomas Dempsey, Carriage Builder. Both of these firms were willing to supply

the Cart at the same price viz. £9 : 10 : 0.

In this case the tender was accepted by lot, Messrs R. & R. Allen being the successful Firm.

For constructing a Sewer in Green Street, one tender was received being that of John Browne, Builder. He was willing to construct the sewer as per specification in consideration of being paid £43. On the Town Surveyor being referred to in this case he stated his rough estimate of the cost of the work amounted only to £12. It was therefore ordered:- That the Town Surveyor be instructed to have the laying of the sewer done by the staff of workmen in his own charge.

David Bennett, timekeeper and overseer of the Corporation Workmen, applied for an increase of his wages because of his duties having been increased since the time of his appointment. His present wages was 18/- a week.

On the motion of Alderman Hadden, seconded by Alderman Tyghe it was decided to raise the applicant's wages to twenty shillings a week.

The Commissioners of National Education intimated per their letter of 12th July 1904 that they had appointed five persons as Members of the School Attendance Committee for the period of three years from 1st August 1904, having regard to the fact that the Corporation had appointed the other five Members of the Committee.

A legal opinion obtained from Mr Maloney K. C. on a case sent to him relative to the financial aspect of the question of domestic scavenging in Wexford was read. What counsel advised was briefly that the expense of the proposed Scheme must be defrayed out of the Borough Fund, but by Section 227 of the Public Health Act 1878, the limit imposed in respect of the Borough Fund did not apply to any Rate required to be levied for sanitary purposes. If, however, the limit was exceeded, the Demand Note must show how much is for general purposes (which must be within the limit imposed) and how much for sanitary purposes for which no limit is imposed.

James J. Stafford

3rd August 1904.

A meeting of the Council was held this day in the Town Clerk's Office at 7.30 P. M. for the purpose of electing a Harbour Commissioner as provided by the Wexford Harbour Act 1874 and Acts amending the same.

There were in attendance

James J. Stafford Esq. Mayor (in the Chair)

Aldermen:- John Tyghe, Matthew Doyle.

Councillors:- Benjamin Hughes, James Hore, Robert Hanton, James Cullimore,
James Goodisson, Joseph Kelly, Thomas Carroll.

The Secretary of the Harbour Board notified that only one member of the Council, namely Councillor Robert Hanton, had been nominated, as required, previous to the

Meeting being held, therefore, on the motion of Councillor Hughes, seconded by Councillor Hore, it was

Resolved:- That Mr Robert Hanton T. C. be, and is hereby elected a Harbour Commissioner to represent the Corporation for one year from this day.

Councillor Hanton returned thanks for his election.

James Stafford

24th August 1904.

A Special Meeting of the Council was held this day, pursuant to the Mayor's requisition, at the Town Clerk's office at 7 : 30 P. M.

The Members present were:-

James J. Stafford Esq: Mayor (in the chair)

Alderman:- Walter Walsh.

Councillors:- Benjamin Hughes, John J. Kehoe, Joseph Kelly, William Mangan, James Hore, James Goodisson, Thomas Carroll, Michael O'Conner.

The Minutes of Meeting of 2nd August 1904 were read and signed.

The Meeting was called for the purpose of considering, and if deemed advisable, adopting a Committee report on the subject of improving that portion of the Butcher Market set apart for the use of Fish Dealers.

The Committee, which was composed of The Mayor, Councillors Mangan, Kelly, and M. O'Conner, assisted by the Town Surveyor, made a report on the requirements of Fish Dealers of the town as regarded market accommodation. They visited the present Fish Market and found it was ill-adapted for the purposes of sale of fish. They recommended that two doorways, in addition to the present one doorway, should be broken out in the outer wall of the Market, and that the level of the floor should be lowered to a depth of about two and a half feet, and the new floor should be laid in concrete. Proper drainage and a supply of water were absent, and it was unnecessary to say that these requirements were indispensable to a fish market. The Committee recommended that these wants should be supplied.

On the motion of Councillor John J. Kehoe, seconded by Councillor Goodisson it was Resolved:- That the Recommendations of the Committee be carried into effect.

James Stafford

5th September 1904.

A Statutable Meeting of the Council was held this day at the Town Clerk's Office at noon.

The Members present were:—

James J. Stafford Esq. Mayor (in the chair).

Aldermen:— Walter Walsh, George Hadden.

Councillors:— James Goodisson, William Mangan, John O'Conner, Benjamin Hughes, Joseph Doyle, Howard Rowe, Joseph Kelly, Joseph Kingsberry, Robert Hanton.

The minutes of proceedings of last meeting were read and signed.

Accounts which had accrued due up to the end of last month, amounting in the aggregate to £226 : 6 : 10 were laid before 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 425 to 440 inclusive.

Summary and Reconcilement of Treasurer's Account for the period ending the last day of August 1904, including the payments made at the Meeting held on this day.

S U M M A R Y.

Balance due by Treasurer as per last Statement	264 : 5 : 3
Total sum received to close of last Month	<u>720 : 19 : 3</u>
TOTAL	985 : 4 : 6
Balance due to Treasurer as per last Meeting	- - -
Payments Ordered at this meeting	<u>226 : 6 : 10</u>
TOTAL	226 : 6 : 10
Net balance due by Treasurer	758 : 17 : 8

RECONCILEMENT.

Balance per Bank Books due by Treasurer	985 : 4 : 6
Outstanding Orders	<u>226 : 6 : 10</u>
Net balance as above due by Treasurer	758 : 17 : 8

The Local Government Board, per letter dated 2nd September 1904 No 50761/1904, expressed sanction to the borrowing, by the Corporation, of a Loan of £3000, to be spread over a period of fifty years, for the purpose of erecting Working Class Lodging Houses under the Housing of the Working Classes Acts.

They also expressed their approbation to the acquisition of the sites proposed for the dwellings, and requested that the mortgage to be executed in connection with the loan should be submitted to them for approval; and also that certified copies of the plans, specifications &c of the proposed dwellings should be furnished.

On the motion of Councillor Hughes, seconded by Councillor Mangan it was

Resolved:— That a Deed of Mortgage be prepared by the Corporation Solicitor and submitted to the Local Government Board for approval, and that Deeds of Conveyance of the plots proposed to be acquired be also prepared and executed.

With reference to the Provisional Order recently procured by the Wexford Gas Co. Ltd.

a Special Gas Committee which met on 22nd August last, submitted the following recommendation, which on the motion of Councillor Rowe, seconded by Councillor Mangan, was adopted.

That the services of a Gas Examiner be secured by the Council to pay surprise visits to Wexford, and test the quality and pressure of the gas supplied to the town, provided the services of such Expert can be obtained at a cost not exceeding twenty five pounds per year.

The Sub-Committee appointed to wait on the Directors of the Gas Company with a view to induce these gentlemen, if possible, to make a reduction in the cost of lighting the public lamps, reported that their efforts had not been successful, as the Directors found they were unable to grant the concession sought.

The Committee also stated that the Directors were willing to light the lamps every night during the lighting season for the sum of £2 : 17 : 8 per lamp.

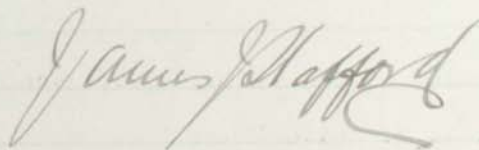
The consideration of these matters was deferred.

The Hon. Secretary of the Anglers' Club applied by letter for permission to erect a wire screen across the overflow outlet of the Reservoir, which, it was hoped, would prevent the fish from being carried over the byewash.

Regarding this matter the Superintendent of the Water System reported that as the sill of the byewash wall only 18 inches below the top of the wing wall and as in times of heavy floods the water rose to about 8 inches above the sill, he could not recommend the Council to grant permission to erect the screen, as there would be considerable danger of it becoming clogged with weeds &c. This would impede the flow of the water, and consequently endanger the embankment.

It was, thereupon, on the motion of Alderman Walsh, seconded by Councillor Kelly

Resolved:- That in view of the report of the Superintendent, the request of the Anglers' Club be not acceded to.



3rd October 1904.

A Statutable Meeting of the Council was held this day at the Town Clerk's Office at noon.

The members present were:-

James J. Stafford Esq. Mayor (in the chair)

Aldermen:- John Tyghe, Walter Walsh, George Hadden.

Councillors:- Joseph Doyle, John O'Conner, James Geedissen, Joseph Kingsberry,
B. Hughes, Thomas O'Brien, Thomas Carrell, William Mangan,
Joseph Kelly, James Here, Howard Rowe.

The minutes of meeting of 5th September 1904 were read and signed.

Accounts which had accrued due up to the end of last month, amounting in the aggregate to £378 : 9 : 10 were laid before the Council and were approved.

and an authorization was signed to enable the Treasurer to pay them on presentation to

him of paying orders numbered from 441 to 455 inclusive.

Summary and Reconciliation of Treasurer's Account for the month of September, including the payments made on this day.

SUMMARY.

Balance due by Treasurer as per last statement	758 : 17 : 8
Total sum received to close of last month	<u>510 : 3 : 11</u>
Total	1269 : 1 : 7
Balance due to Treasurer as per last statement	- - -
Payments ordered at this meeting	<u>378 : 9 : 10</u>
Net Balance due by Treasurer	890 : 11 : 9

RECONCILEMENT

Balance per Bank Books	1269 : 1 : 7
Outstanding orders including those now issued	<u>378 : 9 : 10</u>
Net balance as above due by Treasurer	890 : 11 : 9

With reference to minutes of last Meeting it was reported that the Gas Committee had been in communication with Dublin, Belfast, Cork, Limerick, and Waterford, with a view to obtaining the services of a Gas Examiner. The Committee were in favour of appointing Mr. Thomas J. Cotton to the post. He held the position of Inspector of Public Lighting in Dublin, and was prepared to pay six visits to Wexford within a year in consideration of receiving £31 : 10 : 0 as remuneration for his services. The Committee had asked him to reduce his terms to £25 and this sum, it appeared from his letter of 30th September 1904, he was willing to accept, but trusted the remuneration would be increased to £30 in case he performed his duties to the full satisfaction of the Council. He further stated as to the testings, that they would be carried out by him at times best calculated to protect the interests of the Council.

Thereupon, on the motion of Councillor Rowe, seconded by Councillor Mangan it was Resolved:- That Mr. T. J. Cotton's services as Gas Examiner be retained for one year at a cost of £25, on condition that he pay six visits to Wexford within that period.

In view of the terms of the foregoing resolution, it was further resolved on the motion of Councillor Kelly, seconded by Alderman Tyghe

That a Committee composed of the Mayor with Councillors Hore and John O'Connor be appointed to deal with Mr. Cotton in the matter of testing the gas and make any arrangements that may appear needful as to the times of such testing.

The following resolution was adopted on the motion of Councillor Doyle seconded by Councillor Mangan vizt.

That in the case of the newly-built portion of the Loretto Convent, the use of a lead pipe, weighing five pounds per lineal yard, be permitted to connect the storage cistern with the laboratory in that institution, pursuant to Rule 2 (c) of the

Waterworks Regulations, and in accordance with recommendation of the Waterworks Committee.

Tenders received in respect of executing improvements proposed to be made on the Fishmarket, as per resolution of the 24th August last, were opened and read. They were from Thomas Doyle and William Underwood. The former was prepared to accept a sum of £48 : 10 : 0 for his services in carrying the specification into effect, and the latter £45 : 0 : 0. A third tender which was lodged by a man named John Browne was seen to be incomplete, inasmuch as it bore no signature, but yet as the sum of this tender was only £43 : 0 : 0 a proposition was made that it should be accepted on condition that it was signed by the intending contractor. The feeling of the Meeting ^{had} however was opposed to the tender being entertained, inasmuch as it could not be deemed to be a tender in the proper sense, and on the motion of Councillor Kingsberry seconded by Councillor Mangan, it was resolved to accept the tender of William Underwood.

The following resolution was adopted as proposed by Councillor Goodisson and seconded by Councillor O'Brien Viz.

That on the completion of footpaths already ordered to be laid down, there be constructed a concrete footpath on the north side of Bride Street, and one on the south side of Hill Street.

James McEvoy, contractor for the work of painting at the Artizans' Dwellings, made a complaint by letter, against the Town Surveyor for refusing to certify the completion of the work. It appeared from what the Contractor stated that the point in dispute hinged on the meaning to be given to a clause in the specification requiring the old paint to be taken off where necessary. The Surveyor who was in attendance at the present Meeting said the old paint was not taken off to his satisfaction, and it was with him it rested to determine where and how much of it was to be removed, by the terms of the specification. The Meeting investigated the matter and found the Council would not be justified in over-ruling the decision of the Surveyor.

James Stafford

7th November 1904.

A Statutable Meeting of the Council was held this day at the Town Clerk's Office at noon.

The Members present were:-

James J. Stafford Esq. Mayor (in the chair)

Aldermen:- George Hadden, Walter Walsh, Matthew Doyle, Matthew J. Murlong.

Councillors,- Patrick Byrne, Robert Hanton, James Hore, John O'Connor,
John J. Kehoe, Howard Rowe, Joseph Kelly, William Mangan,

Ben. C. M. Wexford Borough Council

The minutes of meeting of 3rd October 1904 were read and signed.

Liabilities which had accrued due up to the end of last month, amounting in the aggregate to £1605 : 12 : 4 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 456 to 491 inclusive.

Summary and Reconcilement of Treasurer's Account for the period ending the last day of October, including the payments made at the Meeting held on this day.

S U M M A R Y.

Balance due by Treasurer as per last statement	890 : 11 : 9
Total sum received last month	885 : 15 : 8
TOTAL	1776 : 7 : 5
Balance due to Treasurer as per last statement	- - -
Payments ordered at above meeting	1605 : 12 : 4
	1605 : 12 : 4
Net balance due by Treasurer	170 : 15 : 1

R E C O N C I L E M E N T.

Balance per Bank Books due by Treasurer	1776 : 7 : 5
Outstanding Orders	1605 : 12 : 4
Net Balance due by Treasurer	170 : 15 : 1

The expediency of taking measures to limit the rate of speed of motor cars inside the Borough was considered. A reference to the Motor Car Act 1903 showed that it was possible for the Corporation to have regulations made by the Local Government Board limiting the rate of speed to ten miles and under per hour. It was seen also that power was vested in the Constabulary to prosecute a person for recklessly driving a motor car to the danger of the public, and having regard to this fact, it was decided to defer the question of applying to the Local Government Board to make regulations under the Act for the present.

It was announced that Mr. T. J. Cotton had since last Meeting of the Council, on which occasion he was appointed Gas Examiner, paid his first visit to Wexford and had tested the quality of the gas supplied to the town. He had made a report on the result of his test. This showed that the mean lighting power of the gas was equal in intensity to the light of 14'4 candles, or a fraction higher than the standard illuminating power required by the Wexford Gas Provisional Order. As to the purity of the gas, the examination showed no traces of sulphuretted hydrogen. Mr Cotton had met the Committee appointed to confer with him and had afforded them much useful information and advice generally but especially on points whereon he saw from personal observation that economy might be practised in the matter of public lighting. He had also furnished, at the request of the Committee, a further report, of which the following is a copy.

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Gentlemen, Accompanied by the Town Clerk, I visited the Gas Works on 28th ult., and

and inspected the Testing Station which, by the provisional order, the Gas Company are directed to provide.

The place at the disposal of the Corporation is merely a loft over the Works Station meter, and is, in my opinion, unsuited for the purpose for which it is intended. Amongst other architectural defects, it has no door or proper means of ventilation, except the windows.

For gas testing purposes, the room should be maintained under the proper conditions of temperature, and should be free from draughts, but I do not think these requirements can be obtained in this apartment.

The ceiling of this place is coated with a black material, which is dropping upon the instruments used in the operations.

The Company should, within a reasonable time, provide a proper testing place in their office, or on such other site wherein, according to the provisions of the Acts their gas may be accurately tested.

As to the apparatus submitted to me to make tests upon, they are of an antiquated and obsolete description, nearly all of which the Standards Department would not verify, and they are not properly arranged.

They should be of the type known when the provisional order became law, and not those made twenty or thirty years ago. Besides there is no proper instrument for testing the photometric meter.

As the results depend upon the accuracy with which these operations are performed it is evident that the implements employed must be of the most accurate description.

It is, therefore, disappointing that this testing place has not been fitted up in compliance with the spirit of the provisional order, and I trust the Company will, when called upon, at once supply a new photometer, similar to those in use in the Public Stations at the present day.

With respect to the Public Lighting, it is difficult to conceive anything worse than the existing arrangements. There are two systems generally adopted, viz:-

- (1) The Average Meter System.
- (2) The Hourly Rate System.

The latter is the one adopted by you, and there would be nothing wrong in it if carried out under proper conditions. But it is not, and this probably leads to unpleasantness and occasional disputes.

There appears to be, amongst other things, no fixed hourly rate of consumption or total number of hours of lighting per annum agreed upon, and mutually carried out by both parties. Besides, the gas is burned in the Public Lamps to great disadvantage and loss, owing chiefly to the want of bottoms in a large number of the lanterns.

The public Lamps also are extinguished too early. I have observed the lamps in the principal street put out at about 11 o'clock, p. m., which is too early for the security of both persons and property. Many towns far smaller than Wexford keep their lamps alight all night, but I think 12 o'clock (midnight) should be the earliest

hour for commencing to extinguish them.

There should be a tender obtained from the Company, specifically setting out the consumption per hour per lamp, and the total number of hours by a lighting table for, say nine months in each year, also the charge per lamp for lighting and repairs, the latter to include painting once every year. These with other matters, if satisfactory to the Corporation, should be clearly laid down in an agreement, which should always exist where Gas Companies supply local bodies.

The Chairman & Members,
Lighting Committee,
Corporation of Wexford.

I am, Gentlemen, Your obedient servant,
T. J. Cotton Gas Examiner.

The terms of this report having been considered, a resolution as follows was adopted.
Proposed by Councillor Rowe, seconded by Councillor John J. Kehoe.

That there be sent to the Gas Company a copy of Mr. Cotton's report, along with a request that the Company provide on their premises in a reasonable time a proper Testing Station, furnished with efficient apparatus, to enable the gas to be accurately tested in accordance with Mr. Cotton's requirements, as specified in his report.

It was further ordered:- That the Secretary of the Company be requested to state what what is the consumption of gas per hour in the public lamps at present, and what are the total number of hours during which the lamps are kept lighting in each year.

It was reported that an effort had been made, but without success, to sell by auction the interest in premises in Selskar Street, lately acquired by the Council from Captain Talbot. An announcement of the proposed sale had been made by advertisement in the Press in the usual way, but no bidders turned up on the occasion on which the sale was fixed to be held. The absence of purchasers was alleged to be due to the fact that the Finance and Works Committee, acting on the suggestion of the Corporation Solicitor, had included in the conditions of sale a provision requiring the purchaser to erect on the ground a house at a cost of at least £300. It was stated that but for this condition bidders would doubtless have been forthcoming. Thereupon a discussion took place which ended in the adoption of the following resolution, which was carried by nine votes to six, but not till after a motion to defer the consideration of the matter for a month had been put and lost.

Proposed by Alderman Walsh.

Seconded by Councillor Byrne.

That the interest purchased by the Corporation in premises at Selskar Street be sold by auction without any restriction being imposed as to the erection of a building on the plot, but in conformity with terms of resolution of 4th July last.

The Local Government Board, per their letter (No 57967: 1904) dated 13th October 1904, which was read for the Meeting pointed out inter alia that Paying Orders issued authorizing payments out of the funds of Local Authorities were liable to the Stamp Duty chargeable on cheques, except in the case of payments out of funds raised by means of the Poor Rate.

The Lamp Committee furnished a Report recommending the erection of additional street lamps, and re-arranging the position of existing lamps as follows.

In George Street the lamp over the entrance to the yard of White's Hotel required to be removed to the corner of Mr. Kavanagh's house about midway in the Street. A new lamp was wanted midway in Duke street. The lamp opposite the Spout in Green Street needed to be shifted to a point on the other side of the street about 10 yards further out, so as to light Whitmill Road to a certain extent. In Distillery Road two new lamps were required, one to be placed opposite Laurence Tierney's house, and one midway between this house and the present outermost lamp on this road. The lamp opposite the passage from Michael Street to the Broad of the Fayths required to be changed from its present position and affixed on the angle of a wall near Mill Road as would be pointed out.


The recommendations of the Committee were adopted.

Mr. John Carty applied for compensation for loss sustained by him by reason of his having to quit the house occupied by him at Main Street North. The Corporation having negotiated for the purchase of the house with a view to widening the street, it became incumbent on him to change his place of business. He had accordingly taken a new house and fitted it up at considerable expense, and he hoped the Corporation would compensate him.

The meeting decided the application could not be entertained.

A copy of the Statute as received from the Local Government Board, entitled the Prevention of Cruelty to Children Act 1904, was submitted to the Meeting.

The Town Surveyor's report for the month of October was read, but no order was made thereon.


Chairman

5th Dec 1904

5th December 1904.

A Statutable Meeting of the Council was held this day at the Town Clerk's office, at noon.

The Members present were:-

John J. Kehoe Esq T. C. (in the chair)

Aldermen:- Walter Walsh, Martin Kehoe, John Tyghe, George Hadden.

Councillors:- Patrick Byrne, Benjamin Hughes, James Cullimore, Howard Rowe, Joseph Kelly, William Mangan, James Hore, Michael O'Connor, John O'Connor, Joseph Kingsberry.

The minutes of meeting of 7th November 1904 were read and signed.

Liabilities which had accrued due to end of last month, amounting in the aggregate to £138 : 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 492 to 500, and from 1 to 5 inclusive.

Summary and Reconcilement of Treasurer's Account for the month ended the last day of November, including the payments made at the Meeting held on this day.

S U M M A R Y .

	£	S	D
Balance due by Treasurer as per last Statement	170	15	1
* Total sum received to close of month	748	19	0
	919	14	1
Balance due to Treasurer as per last statement	-	-	-
Payments ordered at above meeting	138	9	0
Net Balance due by Treasurer (being difference of above)	781	5	1

R E C O N C I L E M E N T .

Balance per Bank Books due by Treasurer	921	2	4
Outstanding Orders	139	17	3
Net Balance due by Treasurer	781	5	1

Communications read from Mr. Francis W. MacPhail, Secretary to Wicklow Harbour Commissioners, intimated that a movement had been started for the purpose of forcing the Government to introduce into Parliament a Marine Works Bill applying to the Counties of Dublin, Wicklow, Wexford and Waterford. To further the object in view, it had been arranged to hold in the City Hall, Dublin, on Thursday the 15th December Instant, a public Meeting, at which it was requested that delegates from the Corporation of Wexford would attend. It was seen that this matter was one which intimately concerned the Port of Wexford. To deepen the Bar was a pressing necessity, which it was beyond the power of the Wexford Harbour Board to supply. Their resources did not admit of the provision and maintenance of a Dredger of sufficient power to keep the Bar open, and it was then proper that to Government the Port should loan. A resolution proposed by Councillor Hughes and seconded by Councillor Mangan was adopted viz

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that we ask the Government to promote a Bill in the next Session of Parliament making applicable to the south-eastern coast of Ireland the Marine Works Act now operating successfully on the western coast, that along with the Mayor there be asked to attend, on behalf of this Council, the proposed public Meeting in Dublin, Councillors Kehoe, Hanton, and Byrne.

A letter read from the Wexford Branch of the Gaelic League contained a request that the Mayor of Wexford and the Members of the Corporation would consent to receive the Lord Mayor of Dublin on his coming visit to Wexford on the 7th December Instant. The object of the Lord Mayor's visit was to address a Meeting in support of the Project to hold a National Exhibition in Dublin. The matter was considered, whereupon it was pointed out that the Mayor of Wexford had already promised to act as Chairman on the occasion, and it was left for the Council to say would they select any of their number to act as a Reception Committee.

Councillor John O'Connor proposed that a Reception Committee be formed, consisting of Members of the Corporation.

Councillor Mangan seconded the motion, but it was lost on being put.

With reference to minutes of proceedings of 7th November Ultimo, a letter of which the following is a copy was received from Mr. Lyne, Secretary Wexford Gas Company.

" In reply to queries in yours of 10th inst., the consumption of gas per lamp, per hour, taking all the hours of the night, and one lamp with another, is not less than four and one half cubic feet. As to the number of hours during which the lamps are kept lighting in each year, that is a question which is impossible for me to answer, owing to the uncertainty of the moonlight nights.

It has been correctly stated that there is no definite agreement, and never has been, between the Corporation and the Gas Company as to the public lighting, except that a certain number of lamps are lighted from 15th August to 15th May in each year at so much per lamp for the lighting season. The price includes not only gas, but the cost of lighting and extinguishing, the wear and tear of posts, lamps, etc., and the interest of capital expended thereon. The price is £2 : 10 : 6 for all this. Some Members of your Board consider that this leaves a large profit on the public lighting.

Under the agreement, such as it is, the Gas Company could claim to have it carried out until 14th May next, but my Directors waive that right, and they desire me to inform the Corporation that they are willing to enter into a new arrangement to commence on 1st January next, if the Corporation so wish. Should it be desired to have the lamps supplied by meter, the Corporation to light and extinguish them, to maintain lamps and posts, and pay rent for same, or purchase them, my Directors are quite willing to comply with this. This cannot be done between 1st January and 14th May, but preparations could be made for the commencement of the next lighting season.

For the period between 1st January and 14th May, the Corporation can, if they wish, make a special agreement. They can have any number of cubic feet per hour, per lamp,

they can have the lamps all alight at any specified times in the evenings, and the extinguishing commenced at any time in the mornings. To put the matter briefly, draw up your own lighting table, state exactly what you want, and my Directors will quote you a price.

As to the Report supplied by the Corporation Gas Tester, this will be replied to in detail as soon as possible. I shall content myself now by saying that many of the statements made in the Report are not accurate, and others are grossly inaccurate.

My Directors desire me to say in addition to this, that they will have the Apparatus and the Room examined by an Expert, other than their own officials, and if he should recommend any changes these will be carried out with as little delay as possible.

Another word about the Public Lighting. It is right for me to call attention to the fact that the Gas Company is in no way responsible for the present arrangement." The consideration of this letter was referred to the Special Gas Committee appointed on the 3rd October last, for their observations thereon.

The advisability of expediting the commencement of building operations in connection with the Scheme adopted to provide houses for the use of the Working Classes was considered, and having regard to the fact that employment for working men was scarce in the town at the present time, it was resolved on the motion of Alderman Hadden, seconded by Councillor John O'Connor, as follows:-

That in view of the early obtainment of a Loan from the National Bank, tenders be invited from Builders against Monday 2nd January Prox. in respect of the erection of nineteen dwellings, but that the work be done under two contracts, one respecting William Street, and the other relating to Monument Place.

A letter read from the Corporation Solicitor, showed that a Sale by Auction, of the plot of ground at Selskar Street had taken place on the 28th Ultimo, when Mr G. W. Taylor bought the plot for £83, subject to the conditions laid down by the Council, as to the removal of the ruinous houses, and the widening of the street, on the 7th Ult.

Attention was called to an omission in the specification of projected Working Class Dwellings regarding the employment of material of local manufacture in the construction of the houses. This was an omission which it was possible to supply on receiving tenders, as it was open to the Council to accept tenders subject to articles and materials produced in Wexford being used wherever possible where they were on a footing of equality with others as regarded quality and price. Thereupon it was decided to appoint Councillors Hore, Mangan, Kelly, and Hanton along with the Town Surveyor to look into the matter.

The Surveyor's Report for the Month of November was read. Amongst the various sundry works carried out during the month was the propping of a dangerous house at Commercial Quay at a cost of £175.

house, and was the person on whom it lay to recoup the outlay. A sum of £3 : 1 : 0 had been spent in repairing damage done to Redmond Road by the Gas Company in laying a gas main. The Gas Company in this case, had requested the Surveyor to make good the damage at their expense. The Surveyor was directed to apply for the sums due in both cases.

James Stafford

2nd. January 1905.

A Statutable Meeting of the Council was held this day at the Town Clerk's Office, at noon.

The Members present were:-

James J. Stafford Esq. Mayor (in the chair)

Alderman:- Walter Walsh, Matthew Doyle, George Hadden.

Councillors:- Joseph Doyle, Robert Hanton, John O'Connor, Thomas O'Brien, Richard Crosbie, John J. Kehoe, Patrick Byrne, James Cullimore, Howard Rowe, Benjamin Hughes, William Mangan, Joseph Kingsberry, Joseph Kelly, James Goodisson, James Hore, Thomas Carroll.

The minutes of Meeting of 5th December 1904 were read and signed.

Liabilities which had accrued due to the end of last month, amounting in the aggregate to £294 : 0 : 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 6 to 20 inclusive.

Summary and Reconcilement of Treasurer's Account for the period ending the last day of December 1904, including the payments made at the Meeting held on this day.

SUMMARY

Balance due by Treasurer as per last monthly statement.	781 : 5 : 1
Total sum received to close of last month.	479 : 3 : 6
TOTAL	1260 : 8 : 7
Balance due to Treasurer as per last monthly statement.	- - -
Payments ordered at above-mentioned Meeting.	294 : 0 : 11
TOTAL	294 : 0 : 11
Net Balance due by Treasurer, being difference of above totals.	966 : 7 : 8

RECONCILEMENT

Balance per Bank Books due by Treasurer.	1264 : 16 : 7
Outstanding Orders.	298 : 8 : 11
Net Balance as above due by Treasurer.	966 : 7 : 8

It was announced that four tenders had been lodged by two intending Contractors in respect of the work of building nineteen dwellings which it was intended to provide for the use of the working classes of the town, but as the terms of a Deed of Mortgage for securing the repayment of a loan to enable the houses to be erected had not yet been settled on, the question presented itself, was it not premature to consider

the acceptance of tenders at the present time. This point was deliberated on by the Meeting, whereupon it was decided to deal with the tenders at once. The tenders were consequently opened and read. They were from John Browne of Green Street, and Joseph Scallan of Waterloo Road Wexford. John Browne offered to build seven houses at Monument Place, in accordance with plans and specification, for a sum of £1210 : 0 : 0, and Joseph Scallan was prepared to do the same work for £966 : 10 : 0.

Thereupon Councillor Kingsberry proposed that Mr. Scallan's tender be accepted, subject to the Loan being obtainable, and subject also to the Contractor entering into a Bond in respect of the Contract within fourteen days from the time when he will be called on to sign such Bond.

This motion was seconded by Councillor John O'Connor, and on being put to the Meeting was carried.

Concerning the erection of twelve houses at William Street, John Browne was prepared to carry out the work of erecting them for a sum of £1630 : 0 : 0, while Joseph Scallan was willing to build them in accordance with plan and specification for a sum of £1158 : 5 : 0.

On this matter being considered it was proposed by Councillor Mangan that Mr Scallan's tender be accepted in this case on the same conditions as were set down in the foregoing one.

This motion was seconded by Councillor John J. Kehoe, and was duly adopted.

It was observed from the Town Surveyor's Estimate of the cost of the work that the sums of the accepted tenders were slightly under what he considered to be the cost.

The persons named by Mr Scallan as Sureties willing to join him in a Bond for the fulfillment of the Contracts were Messrs John P. Walsh, Crescent Quay, and James Minnett Main Street South. There was no question raised as to the solvency of the proposed Sureties.

Two reports from Mr Thomas J. Cotton, Gas Examiner, were submitted to the Meeting. He had, on the 8th and 9th December Ultmo, tested the illuminating power and purity of the gas supplied to the town and found that the mean lighting power was above the requisite standard, and that the gas was free from sulphuretted hydrogen. But with regard to the pressure at which the gas was supplied, he furnished a special report of which the following is a copy.

" I made further tests of the gas on the evenings of the 8th. and 9th. insts., and found the illuminating power satisfactory (see reports).

The question as to the pressure at which the gas is supplied to the town having been considered by the Committee, I tested it at several points, and found it most unsatisfactory. The tests taken indicate that from 1.45 to 2.10 o'clock, p. m., or before sunset on the 8th. inst., the pressure in the mains from the Great Southern end of the Railway Station to the Railway bridge was as low as five-tenths of an inch. The pressure increased but very slightly at 2.15 o'clock, p. m., or at sunset (between 3.15 and 4 o'clock, p. m.) when it was as follows. Bull Ring six-tenths of an

inch, Anne Street, seven-tenths of an inch; Upper King Street, Five-tenths of an inch, Upper King Street, Six-tenths of an inch. Tests taken inside of houses gave lower results. The low initial pressure at the Gas Works also during lighting hours gave the fullest assurance that the supply of gas was very insufficient. Similar conditions prevailed last year, and it is manifest that no improvement has since been made; but at this time the Company were under no statutory obligations with respect to either quality or pressure. Now, however, the Company is bound by their Act to give not less than six-tenths of an inch pressure from midnight to sunset, and not less than eight-tenths from sunset to midnight, and their neglect in doing so may be attended with a penalty not exceeding 40/-, for every day they are in default.

These deficiencies have been a constant source of complaint and annoyance, and it is disappointing that this matter (important alike to the Company and the Consumers) has received so little attention. However, I trust that when their attention is called to it again, the Directors will see that a more satisfactory supply is given to the town." A discussion which followed the reading of this communication resulted in the adjournment of the question of proceeding against the Gas Company for supplying gas at deficient pressure, pending the receipt of a report from Committee engaged in conferring with Mr. Cotton on the occasions of his visits to Wexford.

The contemplated provision of a new Town Hall was a matter to which attention was given, with the result that the following was adopted:-

Proposed by Councillor Hughes, seconded by Alderman Hadden, and

Resolved:- That a Committee be appointed to select sites and report generally on the question of building a new Town Hall and Municipal Offices.

The following were constituted a Committee under this resolution viz Alderman Hadden, Councillors Hughes, Mangan, J. J. Kehoe, Hanton Cullimore, Hore, Byrne, Kelly, along with the Mayor.

There was laid on the Table a copy of the Public Bodies Order 1904 received from the Local Government Board, and made by that Department on 17th December 1904.

James Stafford

NOTICE OF RESULT OF ELECTIONS, BOROUGH OF WEXFORD.

Election of Aldermen and Councillors
for the above Borough in the year 1905.

I, the undersigned, being the Returning Officer at the Election of Aldermen and Councillors for the said Borough, do hereby give Notice that the Candidate at the Election whose name is entered in column 6 of the statement hereunder, opposite to the number entered in column 5 has been declared duly elected Alderman, and I hereby declare that the persons whose names are entered in the said column 6 and opposite to whose names no numbers are entered in column 5 where no Polls have been taken, were duly elected Aldermen and Councillors respectively for the Wards opposite to the names of which in column 1 the names of such candidates are entered.

ALDERMEN.

Wards.	Names of Candidates.		Places of Abode.	Number of Votes Recorded	Names of Candidates Elected.
	Surnames. 2	Other Names. 3			
I			4	5	6
St. Iberius Ward	Mangan	William	John Street, Wexford.	Nil	
do.	Sinnott	James	29, South Main Street.	One	James Sinnott.
St. Mary's Ward	Walsh	Walter	Faythe, Wexford.		Walter Walsh.
St. Selskar Ward	Hadden	George	Springfield, Wexford.		George Hadden.

COUNCILLORS.

Wards.	Names of Candidates.		Places of Abode	Number of Votes Recorded	Names of Candidates Elected
	Surnames 2	Other Names. 3			
I			4	5	6
St. Iberius Ward	Kehoe	John J.,	Main Street,		John J. Kehoe
St. Mary's Ward	Rowe	Howard	Richmond, Spawell Road		Howard Rowe
do.	Stafford	James Joseph	Main Street South		James Joseph Stafford
St. Selskar Ward	Doyle	Joseph	Commercial Quay		Joseph Doyle
do.	Kingsberry	Joseph	Well Lane, Wexford		Joseph Kingsberry

Dated this 17th day of January, 1905.

Wm. A. Browne, Returning Officer.

23rd January 1905.

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

The Members of the Council present were:-

James J. Stafford Esq. Mayor (in the chair)

Aldermen:- James Sinnott, George Hadden, Martin Kehoe, John Tyghe, Walter Walsh,
Matthew Doyle.

Councillors:- James Hore, Robert Hanton, Benjamin Hughes, John J. Kehoe, Howard Rowe,
Joseph Doyle, Joseph Kingsberry, Joseph Kelly, John O'Connor,
Thomas O'Brien, James Cullimore.

The Minutes of Meeting of 2nd January Instant were read and signed.

Pursuant to Section 94 (11) of the Local Government (Ireland) Act, 1898, the business
of electing a Mayor was proceeded with, whereupon on the motion of Councillor Hanton,
seconded by Councillor Kehoe, it was unanimously

Resolved:- That our present Mayor, who has filled the position of Chief Magistrate of
Wexford for the last year, be, and is hereby elected Mayor for year commencing this
day, and until his Successor be appointed and shall have accepted office.

Thereupon the Mayor made and subscribed a declaration accepting the office of Mayor
and thanked the Meeting for his election.

On the motion of Alderman Sinnott, seconded by Councillor Rowe it was

Resolved:- That this Meeting do stand adjourned to the 30th January 1905, as a mark
of respect to the Memory of our late respected colleague Councillor William Mangan
who by the zeal and ability he displayed in promoting the interests of his adopted
town gained the esteem of his fellow-townsmen, and that an expression of sympathy be
conveyed to Mrs Mangan in her bereavement.

The Meeting was accordingly adjourned to Monday the 30th Instant.

James Stafford

30th January 1905.

An adjourned Meeting of the Council was held this day at the Town Clerk's Office
at noon.

The Members present were:-

James J. Stafford Esq. Mayor (in the chair)

Aldermen:- James Sinnott, George Hadden, Martin Kehoe, John Tyghe, Walter Walsh.

Councillors:- James Hore, Benjamin Hughes, Howard Rowe, Joseph Kelly, John J. Kehoe,
James Cullimore, Michael O'Connor, Robert Hanton, John O'Connor.

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

The minutes of last Meeting were read and signed.

The following was ordered to be inserted on the Minutes, on the motion of Councillor
Hughes, seconded by

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John St. Wexford January 30th 1905.

Wm. A. Browns Esq. Town Clerk.

Dear Sir, In behalf of Mrs Mangan, Mrs Crosbie, and the rest of our family, I would ask you to convey to the Corporation a heartfelt expression of gratitude for the mark of respect paid by the Council to my late father-in-law, in adjourning their meeting on account of his demise, and for the vote of sympathy which they passed with us in our heavy bereavement. Mr Mangan in the few years that were given him to devote to the public affairs of Wexford was always guided by a strict sense of duty, and loyalty to the interests of the Town. We tender our thanks in an especial manner to those Members of the Corporation who by their touching references to his many good qualities, softened in a measure the sorrow we felt at losing our Dear One.

You will also accept on your own behalf our thanks for your very kind expression of sympathy.

Yours faithfully, Richard Crosbie T. C.

Mr M. J. O'Connor, Corporation Solicitor, submitted for examination a Deed of Mortgage to secure to the National Bank the repayment of a Loan of £3000 to be raised by the Corporation to provide dwellings for the Working Classes. Provision was made in the Deed for the Loan to be repaid in half yearly instalments of £30 each, but no provision was made requiring the Bank to accept any lesser sum as a half yearly instalment, in case it should turn out to be unnecessary to borrow the entire £3000. This fact was pointed out to the Meeting, but the point was not considered to be of sufficient importance to warrant the Deed being amended. The Solicitor also submitted a letter received by him from the Local Government Board, No 6399/1905, dated 28th January 1905, intimating that having had before them the Draft of the above Mortgage, they saw no objection to it as so drafted.

Thereupon, on the motion of Councillor Kahoe, seconded by Councillor Rowe, the following resolution was adopted viz:-

We, the Council of the Borough of Wexford duly assembled at a Meeting held at Town Clerk's Office in the town of Wexford on the 30th day of January 1905, in pursuance of the provisions of the Public Health (Ireland) Act 1878, and the Housing of the Working Classes Act 1890, and all other Acts thereby enabling us, do resolve that the sum of £3000 be raised by way of loan from the National Bank Ltd. and that the same, with interest at the rate of £5.15.0 per cent. per annum be repaid to the said Bank by 100 equal half-yearly instalments of £30 each, the first instalment to be paid on the 1st November 1905 unless the said loan shall be sooner paid off. And we authorise our Solicitors to see the foregoing carried into effect by way of Mortgage of the rates of the Borough of Wexford, and that the Deed of Mortgage now produced be sealed on behalf of this Council.

The Mortgage Deed was then signed.

The Solicitor submitted for execution on the part of the Council a Deed of Conveyance in connexion with the premises at Seiskar Street, lately sold by auction to Mrs Taylor,

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and thereupon, on the motion of Alderman Sinnott, seconded by Councillor Rowe, it was Resolved:- That the Corporate Seal be hereby affixed to the Deed of Conveyance now produced, transferring all interest acquired by the Corporation from Captain Talbot in the premises at Salskar Street Wexford, to Mrs Taylor in consideration of her paying a sum of £85 to this Council.

The Deed of Conveyance was duly signed.

Arising out of this matter a question was raised regarding the acquisition by the Corporation of a house adjoining the premises above referred to with the object of widening the street. An obstacle in the way of arranging to take down this house was the refusal of Father Hayden, as representing the McGuires Minor to come to terms. He demanded a sum of £80 in addition to the £225 demanded by Miss Furlong the Owner, in consideration of surrendering his interest. A further obstacle was the failure of an effort made to induce the residents of Main Street North to contribute £75 out of their own pockets towards the amount of Miss Furlong's demand. In the circumstances it was deemed advisable that a few Members of the Corporation should have an interview with Father Hayden, and to this end Councillor Hore proposed that a Committee of three Members be appointed to wait on Father Hayden, and report on the matter. This was seconded by Councillor Kehoe and adopted.

The Committee was then appointed consisting of Alderman Hadden, Councillor Hore, and the Mayor.

A letter was read from the Corporation Solicitor regarding the overtures made by the tenants on the Corporation Estate with a view to buying their holdings under the Land Purchase Acts. These occupiers were prepared to purchase at an all round price which would ensure them a reduction of five shillings in the Pound on their present rents, that is to say 25 years "purchase". This with a Bonus of about 2½ years "purchase" would bring the price to be received by the Corporation up to 25½ years "purchase", but the tenants offered to buy on these terms on the condition that what was called the "hanging gale" would be remitted as was the practice in cases where tenants purchased their holdings. The Solicitor, having obtained a copy of the old Charter of Incorporation from the Record Office and having seen Mr Crookshank, the Examiner, of the Estates Commission, saw no difficulty in effecting the Sale so far as the title of the Corporation was concerned, but it was for the Corporation to say were they willing to accept the prices offered. There was also read a letter from the Board of Works who as Mortgagees of the Corporate Estate were asked would they waive their rights as such Mortgagees to allow of the Sale being effected, and who replied saying the question put to them was one involving considerable investigation, and asking for full particulars as to the holdings.

The consideration of this question was deferred to Wednesday 8th Prox. pending the preparation of a Statement as to the area of the holdings of each of the ten tenants concerned, the rents paid, and the terms of the leases on which the lands were held.

The appointment of Standing Committees of the Council for year ended 23rd January 1906 was proceeded with, and the two next following resolutions were adopted.

Proposed by Councillor Hughes, seconded by Councillor Kelly.

That the Finance, Works, Public Health, and Waterworks Committees be composed of the whole Council.

Proposed by Councillor Kelly, Seconded by Councillor Kehoe.

That the Technical Instruction Committee be formed of the following seven Members of the Corporation viz:- The Mayor for the time being, Aldermen Hadden and Walsh, Councillors Hughes, Howe, Hore and Michael O'Connor, in addition to the Protestant Rector for the time being, the Catholic Administrator for the time being Messrs M. A. Ennis, J. S. Thompson, P. Hanrahan and M. J. Purlong.

The following motion as proposed by Councillor Kehoe, seconded by Councillor Michael O'Connor was adopted.

That a Committee be formed to investigate the condition of the old Pipewater System and report on the best means to be adopted to preserve it and keep it in operation, that the Committee consist of Alderman Tyghe and Councillors Hanton, Hore, Kelly, assisted by the Town Surveyor.

The consideration of the question of fixing the dates of three Quarterly Meetings previous to 15th January 1906 resulted in the adoption of a resolution as proposed by Councillor Hore, seconded by Councillor Kelly viz:-

That a Quarterly Meeting be held on second Monday in May next at noon, another on first Tuesday in August next at noon, and a third on Monday 5th November next at noon.

James J. Stafford

5th February 1905.

A Statutable Meeting of the Council was held this day in the Town Clerk's office at noon.

There were in attendance:-

James J. Stafford Esq. Mayor (in the chair)

Aldermen:- James Sinnott, Matthew Doyle, Walter Walsh, Martin Kehoe, John Tyghe.

Councillors:- Robert Hanton, Joseph Doyle, Thomas Carroll, Joseph Kingsberry, Michael O'Connor, James Goodisson, John O'Connor, James Hore, Joseph Kelly, Benjamin Hughes, John J. Kehoe, James Cullimore, Richard Crosbie, Howard Rows.

The Minutes of Meeting of 30th January 1905 were read and signed.

Liabilities which had accrued due up to the end of last month, amounting in the aggregate to £507 : 0 : 7 were submitted to the Meeting, and having been examined were approved, and an order was passed to pay them on

presentation to him of Paying Orders numbered from 31 to 50 inclusive.

Summary and Reconciliation of Treasurer's Account for the month ending the last day of January 1905, including the payments made at the Meeting held on this day.

SUMMARY.

Balance due by Treasurer as per last Statement	955 : 7 : 8
Total sum received to close of last month	434 : 13 : 7
Total	1401 : 1 : 3
Balance due to Treasurer as per last Statement	- - -
Payments ordered at this Meeting	607 : 0 : 7
Total	607 : 0 : 7
Net Balance due by Treasurer(being difference of above)	794 : 0 : 8

RECONCILEMENT.

Balance per Bank Books due by Treasurer	1401 : 1 : 3
Outstanding Orders	607 : 0 : 7
Net Balance due by Treasurer	794 : 0 : 8

The following resolution was adopted, on the motion of Councillor Kehoe seconded by Alderman Doyle.

Resolved:- That the Corporate Seal be affixed to the undernamed documents now produced, viz Lease of ground at Monument Place from Dr. R. H. Cooper. Deed of Conveyance of interest in land at William Street from Mrs B. Williams, and Lease of passage to ground at William Street from Mr. M. J. O'Connor Senior now acquired by the Council in connection with Scheme of Dwellings for the housing of the Working Classes.

The above Deeds were then duly executed.

Councillor O'Connor drew attention to the necessity for having the ashpits attached to Laborers' dwellings at Hill Street covered so as to prevent the contents of these receptacles from being put into a liquid state by rain falling into them. He moved that the 18 ashpits in question be provided with covers of a suitable material as a sanitary measure.

The motion was seconded by Councillor Kingsberry, and was adopted.

It was ordered:- That the Town Surveyor be instructed to furnish a plan and estimate of the cost of providing the proposed covers before the work of constructing them be proceeded with.

Alderman Walsh gave notice that he would propose at next General Meeting of the Council that all ashpits on the property of the Corporation should be furnished with covers.

The notice was accepted.

The Local Government Board (Ireland) Committee, in a letter dated 14th January 1905, requested the Council to again take into consideration the question of adopting the

Infectious Disease (Notification) Act 1889, having regard to the terms of Dr. Crean's report, in which he stated that it was very difficult to stamp out scarlatina as some cases were not reported to the Medical Officer of Health.

The Meeting deliberated on the question as requested, but came to the conclusion that the adoption of the Act was not essential to the sanitary well-being of the town.

The following from the Gas Committee was read.

As a result of Mr Cotton's visit on the 15th November when he made a test of the quality of the gas, which he found up to the required standard, having on the same date made no test for pressure, as he stated he felt satisfied it was right, and his subsequent visit on the 8th & 9th December, when he tested both quality and pressure finding the latter not up to the required standard, we beg to lay before you the correspondence since passed between the Committee and Mr Lyne.

With regard to the Public Lighting, it is a matter we have gone very carefully into with Mr Cotton, but in the absence of any lighting table, it was difficult to arrive at an accurate estimate of the consumption.

However, Mr Lyne has since furnished a lighting table which he is adhering to since 1st January, and comparing this with the Dublin lighting table, together with the information otherwise obtained, we are able to lay before you what the approximate cost of public lighting would be at the present rate of gas.

We do not see our way to recommend the Council to adopt the meter system for the public lighting, but what we do suggest for their consideration is a continuous lighting by night for the nine months on the basis of the lighting table supplied by Mr Lyne, or the Dublin lighting table, or on terms of lighting and extinguishing to be agreed upon. We do so because it would appear that the non lighting of the public lamps during some of the moonlight nights has created a good deal of dissatisfaction, and in our opinion, justly so too.

(signed) James J. Stafford.

A long discussion on this report ended in an arrangement being made that on the occasion of Mr Cotton's next visit to Wexford the entire Council was to be called together to meet him.

On the motion of Councillor Hughes, seconded by Councillor John O'Connor it was Resolved:- That Matthew Purlong be appointed to act as clerk of Works during the progress of the building operations about to be commenced in Monument Place and William Street, at a salary of £1 : 10 : 0 per week.

A final draft of the proposed Marine Works Bill designed to facilitate the execution and maintenance of Marine Works in Ireland in the Counties of Dublin, Wicklow, Wexford and Waterford was submitted to the Meeting and a resolution as follows was adopted on the motion of Councillor Hughes, seconded by Councillor Crosbie viz.

That we approve of the Marine Works Bill as introduced by Sir Thomas Esmonde Bart. M. P. and we urge on the Government the necessity of supporting the Measure

as being one calculated to resuscitate the decaying trade of the Ports and Harbours on the South East coast of Ireland, and that a copy of this resolution be sent to the Prime Minister.

At the instance of the Finance and Works Committee, tenders were received in respect of converting a disused dwelling house in John's Gate, the property of the Corporation into a Station for the Fire Escape. The following four persons tendered. They were prepared to do the work according to the Town Surveyor's plan and specification for the sums set opposite their names viz. James Doyle £20.19.0 John Browne 24.0.0 John McGrath 21.10.0 James Rocha £33.0.0

On the motion of Councillor Kehoe, seconded by Councillor Hanton it was,
Resolved:- That James Doyle's tender be accepted.

There was no question raised as to the solvency of the Sureties named by Mr Doyle. They were Messrs William Kinsellah and William Hutchinson, both of Commercial Quay.

James J. Stafford

6th March 1905.

A Statutable Meeting of the Council was held this day at the Town Clerk's Office at noon.

The members present were:-

James J. Stafford Esq. Mayor (in the chair)

Alderman:- Walter Walsh.

Councillors John J. Kehoe, James Cullimore, Richard Crosbie, Howard Rowe, Robert Hanton, Michael O'Connor, James Hore, Joseph Kelly, John O'Connor, Joseph Kingsberry, Benjamin Hughes.

The Minutes of proceedings of last meeting were read and signed.

Liabilities which had accrued due up to the end of last month, amounting in the aggregate to £703 : 10 : 3, were laid before 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 51 to 64 inclusive.

Summary and Reconcilement of Treasurers Account for the month ending the last day of February 1905, including the payments made at the Meeting held on this day.

SUMMARY.

Balance due by Treasurer as per last statement	£ 794 ; 0 : 8
Total sum received to close of month	441 : 8 : 8
TOTAL	1235 : 9 : 4
Balance due to Treasurer as per last statement	- : - : -
Payments ordered at this meeting	218 : 18 : 7
Net Balance due by Treasurer	1016 : 11 : 7

RECONCILEMENT.

Balance per Bank Books due by Treasurer	£ 1260 : 9 : 4
Outstanding Orders	541 : 10 : 9
Net Balance as above due by Treasurer	718 : 19 : 2

As per instructions given him by the Finance and Works Committee, the Town Surveyor reported on a proposal to improve Roches Road. On the east side of the road the wall was broken in places. He recommended that this wall should be raised to 5 feet 9 inches in height, and furnished on top with a circular coping of cement. It was necessary also to provide means of draining the ground inside the wall. This could be done by having a gully trap at surface of ground and a drain pipe to the public sewer. The estimated cost of making the improvement was £15.

On the motion of Councillor Hore, seconded by Councillor Kelly, it was Resolved:- That tenders be invited by advertisement in the Press in respect of doing the work in accordance with specification to be provided by the Town Surveyor.

A notice received through Mr O'Dempsey Solicitor, Enniscorthy, intimated that a steam boat the property of Andrew Doyle of Enniscorthy, had been maliciously injured on the 25th or 26th February 1905, while lying in the Oct Safe at Wexford, and that it was the intention of the Owner of the boat to apply to the County Court for £100 as compensation for the loss he had sustained. According to a report from the Constabulary, the damage done consisted in a cable about six fathoms in length being cut and a steam gauge being destroyed, a pipe used as a force draught and a glass water gauge being broken and some asbestos packing broken off the boiler. As the sum claimed as compensation by the Owner appeared to be far beyond the cost of making good the damage, and as any compensation to be awarded in the case was due to be levied off the Urban District, the Meeting decided to instruct the Corporation Solicitor to attend at the hearing of the case on behalf of the Council.

Copies of resolutions emanating from the New Ross Rural District School Attendance Committee were read for the Meeting and the question to which they refer was discussed. Councillor John O'Connor moved that a similar series of resolutions be adopted on the part of the Corporation of Wexford. This motion was seconded by Councillor Crosbie and was unanimously adopted.

The resolutions are as follow:-

1. That the time has come for the people of this country to express their sense of disappointment at the scandalous delay on the part of the British Government in dealing with the question of University Education in Ireland.
2. That as the requirements of the Catholics of Ireland have been specifically outlined by the authoritative declarations of the Hierarchy, no valid or reasonable excuse remains for the unwillingness of the Government to deal fully and adequately with the question.
3. That we earnestly request the Public Bodies throughout the country to join in a

strong united protest against the unstatesmanlike policy of the present Government in ignoring the repeated demands of the Catholic Bishops of Ireland, supported as they have been with the unanimous voice of the laity.

4. That we call upon the leaders of the Government to give legislative effect to their individual expressions of sympathy with the present position of the Catholic youths of Ireland, having regard especially to the findings of their own Royal Commission which was appointed by them to inquire into and report upon the subject.

5. That copies of these resolutions be forwarded to the Prime Minister, the Lord Lieutenant, the Chief Secretary for Ireland, the Under Secretary for Ireland, Mr John Redmond M. P., Mr T. M. Healy M. P., to the representatives of the Counties of Wexford, Kilkenny, and Carlow, and to the Bishop of Ferns.

From a communication received from the Town Tenants General Executive (a body whose object was to bring about reform in the laws relating to town tenures) it appeared that at a Conference of this Executive in Dublin on 7th February 1905, the resolutions set forth hereinafter were adopted. The Executive asked the Corporation of Wexford to consider the views embodied in the resolutions and to take action thereon. The matter was considered, the principles were approved, and the resolutions were adopted on the motion of Councillor John O'Connor, seconded by Councillor Hughes viz:-

1. That in view of the growth of the Town Tenants' movement and the support extended to it by all classes of the people, we believe the time has come to place the grievances of Town Tenants in the forefront of Irish Parliamentary reform.

2. We are pleased to see that the Irish representatives of all sections are united on this question, and we trust that the same good result will be seen in the coming Session of Parliament which characterised the last- of Irish representatives of all classes advocating the claims of Town Tenants to an adjustment of those grievances which they have so long suffered under.

3. We respectfully suggest to the Irish representatives that the principal points calling for present consideration are (1) The securing for Town Tenants of those rights of occupancy and improvement that have been conceded to agricultural tenants, and which are essential to the maintenance of our urban centres against a continuance of the decay proceeding from emigration and lack of local enterprise: (2) to effect this we deem it necessary that in all cases of tenant improvements some ascertainable interest should be determined by which the tenant would be secured in regard to any outlay effected by him during his tenancy: (3) as in Irish towns the general term of lease means the confiscating to the landlord after a short period of all building and other interests, we think it a matter of great importance that this particular aspect of the town tenants question should receive the careful consideration of Irish representatives of all sections, to the end that better security should be afforded for that outlay of capital so necessary to the commercial prosperity of the country.

4. That considering the miserable conditions under which workmen in Irish cities, towns, and villages are housed, we think it essential that Parliament should consent to

so change existing laws dealing with this question as to make it possible for local authorities and workmen's corporations to undertake the proper housing of the people. In this connection we suggest (a) The amendment of the Small Dwellings Acquisition Act so as to enable workers and others to become on easier terms the owners of their dwellings; (b) This object could be attained if local authorities and associations of workmen were enabled to obtain advances for the erection of the class of dwellings contemplated by the Act, and to be empowered to vest same in the tenant, subject to the present provisions as to repayment; (c) As legal expenses in connection with the Housing of the Working Classes Act have been and are a great deterrent to the availment of its provisions, we suggest that simple machinery should be devised by which title could be made at less cost than is at present inevitable under the existing law; (d) That the provisions of the Act of 1900 applying only to Great Britain, by which the period of repayment extends to 80 years, should be applied to Ireland, and that money borrowed for the purposes of the Housing Acts shall not be reckoned as part of the debt of the local authority for the purposes of limitation in borrowing; (e) That the local authority be empowered to remit the whole or part of the rates, in cases of individual enterprise, for a period not exceeding ten years, on the erection of such suitable houses let on reasonable terms, as may be approved by the local authority as to construction and position.

The Accounts of the Collector of Borough Rate and of Rate in lieu of County Cess were produced with a view to closing them for the current financial year. They had been under the examination of the Finance Committee on the 1st Instant. The Committee, who had expressed satisfaction with the result of the collections, made the following recommendation.

That there be written off as uncollectible, items amounting to £15 : 5 : 4 in the case of the Borough Rate, and items amounting to £24 : 4 : 6 in the case of the Rate in lieu of County Cess, and that the balance of items outstanding i. e. £8 : 11 : 10, and £14 : 1 : 4 respectively, be carried into next year's Books as Arrears. Ed

The Recommendation was adopted.

The Local Government Board by their letter No. 39,397, dated 6th February 1905, adverting to resolution of the Urban District Council of Wexford on the 6th July last, inquired what steps had been taken by the Council with a view to framing Bye Laws under the Public Health Acts for the District. This matter was considered but the discussion on it showed there was only little belief in the utility of Bye Laws for Wexford. In proof of this, it was proposed by Councillor Kelly that the question of framing Bye Laws be deferred for six months. This motion was seconded by Councillor Rowe, but it was not put, inasmuch as it occurred to Members that there was a possibility that it might be worth while to put some provisions of the specimen Bye Laws furnished by the Local Government Board into effect. Therefore it was decided, on the motion of Councillor Hore, seconded by Councillor Hughes, to appoint a committee to examine the specimen Bye

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Laws and report thereon.

The Committee was thereupon appointed consisting of Alderman Walsh and Councillors Hughes, Cullimore, M. O'Connor, Hore, and Rowe.

The monthly Report of the Town Surveyor was read and orders were made as follows on the different matters dealt with in the report.

Proposed by Councillor Kingsberry, seconded by Councillor Michael O'Connor and adopted. That tenders be procured by advertisement for laying a 2 inch water main in Trimmers Lane East, for a distance of 64 yards, furnished with one hydrant on a dead end at a cost of £13 : 10 0 or thereabouts.

Ordered:- That the question of providing a water main 334 yards long and 4 inches in diameter in Distillery Road be deferred sine die.

Ordered:- That the defective splayed junction of watermain at High Street be renewed at a cost of £3 : 12 : 6 or thereabouts, and that this work, and the work of laying main in Trimmers Lane be coupled together in one contract.

Ordered:- That the footpath to be laid in the Bullring be constructed of cement.

A Bill of Costs amounting to £143 : 8 : 6 due to the Corporation Solicitor was submitted. It purported to include all fees payable for miscellaneous services rendered by the Solicitor in the period commencing July 1902, and ending at the present date, together with out-of-pocket expenses. As the items of charge were voluminous, the Bill was referred to the Finance Committee for examination, preliminary to a requisition for taxation being signed on behalf of the Council.

A statement was made to the Meeting from which it appeared that the Dublin, Wicklow and Wexford Railway Company were intending to close their carriage building works in Dublin, with a view to re-establishing them at some point on the Railway line in the County Wicklow or County Wexford. The Company were seeking for a suitable site for the works in these Counties, but had not definitely fixed on any place. The Mayor had written to the Secretary of the Company on the subject, and had received a reply stating that no hasty steps would be taken in the matter of the selecting of a position for the works. In these circumstances it was suggested that a Deputation from the Corporation should be appointed to wait on the Directors in the interest of the trade of Wexford, and point out to them the advantages that the town offered as a location for industrial enterprises. Land was available and labour was cheap. The suggestion commanded itself to the Meeting, and thereupon the following Members were deputed to wait on the directors on the subject, viz. the Mayor, Alderman Hadden and Councillor Hore.

Three tenders for the work of erecting roofs over 18 ashpits at Hill Street were received. They were (1) John McLaughlin who offered to do the work for £9; from (2) James Scalan who would do it for £9 : 13 : 0, and from (3) William Keane who

proposed to do it for £8 : 12 : 6.

On the motion of Councillor Hanton, seconded by Alderman Walsh, the tender of William Keane was accepted.

There was submitted to the Meeting a copy of a Sealed Order No 75,536 made by the Local Government Board on 27th January 1905, pursuant to the Motor Car Acts 1896 and 1903. The Order contained regulations as to weight, conditions of use, construction, and speed of "heavy motor cars" in other words, motor cars exceeding two tons in weight unladen.

Attention was called to a practice carried on by persons residing in or near Kaysers Lane, of casting refuse and offensive matter on the street after dark, and it was ordered that the Sanitary Sub-Officer be directed to make every effort to find out who the offenders were and have them prosecuted.

James J. Stafford

27th March 1905.

A Special Meeting of the Council was held this day, pursuant to the Mayor's requisition, at Town Clerk's Office, at half past seven o'clock P. M.

The Members in attendance were:-

James J. Stafford Esq. Mayor (in the chair)

Aldermen:- Matthew Doyle, James Sinnott, Martin Kehoe, George Hadden.

Councillors:- Benjamin Hughes, Michael O'Connor, Howard Rowe, Joseph Kelly, James Hora, John J. Kehoe, Thomas O'Brien, James Goodisson, Thomas Carroll, Joseph Kingsberry, Joseph Doyle, Richard Crosbie, Robert Hanton, Nicholas Gaul.

The minutes of Meeting of 6th March 1905 were read and signed.

Estimates prepared by the Town Clerk of the expenditure necessary to carry on the municipal administration of the Borough in the ensuing financial year were presented to the Meeting, and considered. It was seen that after carrying to credit the different items of income accruing from sources other than rates, together with balances in hands of the treasurer, there remained to be provided by means of the Rates leviable on the District the following sums viz:-

By a Poor Rate	...	...	...	...	...	£ 1039 : 17 : 3
By a Borough Rate	...	...	...	...	...	1134 : 8 : 4
By a Rate in lieu of County Cess	...	...	...	...	...	1511 : 10 : 5
By Water Rates	...	...	...	...	...	1541 : 14 : 7

Thereupon the following resolutions were adopted unanimously.

Proposed by Councillor Hughes, seconded by Councillor John J. Kehoe.

That the Estimate of the Poor Rate be adopted, and that the rate in the Pound of the Poor Rate be 1/4, as recommended by the Finance Committee.

Proposed by Councillor Hughes, seconded by Councillor Rowe.

That the Estimate submitted of expenses chargeable on the Borough Fund be adopted, and a Borough Rate of 1/- in the Pound be agreed to previous to laying on the Assessment.

Proposed by Alderman Hadden, seconded by Councillor Kelly.

That a Rate in lieu of County Cess be fixed to be at the rate of 1/10 in the Pound to defray expenses in connexion with maintenance of roads &c. in the coming year, as per Estimate now submitted and adopted. Proposed by Cr. Kelly, seconded by Ald. Sinnott.

That the Rate in the Pound of the Water Rates be as follows viz:- Domestic Rate of 1/- and Public Rate of 10d in the Pound, to meet expenses chargeable on such Rates, as per Estimate hereby adopted.

A Special Meeting of the Council, acting as ex-officio Town Commissioners, was held simultaneously with the above meeting, pursuant to the requisition of five Commissioners. The business which the Meeting was convened to transact was to consider the expediency of purchasing a house at Main Street, North. The house in question protruded beyond the line of the street at a point where traffic was congested, and needed to be taken down. It was held under lease by the Trustees of the McGuire Estate, at a rent of £20 a year from Miss Furlong. The lessor, Miss Furlong, also held under lease and paid a head rent of £10 : 10 : 0. She had been induced to agree to sell her interest in her lease for £225. It appeared that the representation made to the Corporation on previous occasions as to the Trustees of the McGuire Estate being willing to take down the house, on condition that Miss Furlong's interest was bought out was unwarranted. They were not willing, nor were they in a position to take down the house, but on the contrary, they were about to make a lease of it to a Provision Merchant at a profit rent. Having regard to these facts the question arose was it not expedient for the Council to buy out Miss Furlong's and The Trustees' interest in the premises rather than allow the proposed new lease to be granted, and a further interest created in the premises. It seemed that the Trustees were satisfied to surrender all their interest in the premises for £90, and the residents in Main Street North were prepared to contribute £65 towards the amount of the Trustees demand. The whole question was given the fullest consideration, whereupon the following resolution was adopted.

Proposed by Alderman Doyle, seconded by Councillor Gaul.

That in order to widen the street at Main Street North, the Corporation hereby agree to purchase the interest of Miss Furlong as well as the interest of the Trustees of the McGuires Minor in the dwelling house shop and yard in that street, subject to a head rent of £10 : 10 : 0 per annum; that to accomplish the object in view there be allocated out of the Corporation Funds, a sum of £100 in addition to the £150 already set apart for the purpose, and that out of the £250 so allocated, there be paid to Miss Furlong a sum of £225, and to the McGuires Minor a sum of £25.

3rd April 1905.

A Statutable Meeting of the Council was held this day at the Town Clerk's Office at noon
The Members present were:-

Benjamin Hughes Esq T. C. (in the chair)

Aldermen:- Matthew Doyle, George Hadden, John Tyghe.

Councillors:- Thomas O'Brien, Joseph Doyle, Howard Rowe, James Hore, John O'Connor,
Patrick Byrne, John J. Kehoe, Michael O'Connor, Joseph Kingsberry.

The minutes of proceedings of 27th March 1905 were read and signed.

Liabilities which had accrued due up to the end of last month, amounting in the aggregate to £543 : 13 : 5 were submitted to the Meeting, and having been examined were approved, and an Advice Note was signed to enable the Treasurer to pay them on presentation to him of Paying Orders numbered from 65 to 81 inclusive.

Summary and reconciliation of Treasurer's Account for the month ending the last day of March 1905 including the payments made at the Meeting held on this day.

S U M M A R Y

Balance due by Treasurer as per last Statement	£ 718 : 18 : 4
Sum received to close of last month	839 : 14 : 0
Total	1558 : 12 : 4
Balance due to Treasurer as per last Statement	1558 : 12 : 4
Payments ordered at this Meeting	7 : - : -
Total	284 : 3 : 5
Net balance due by Treasurer	1324 : 9 : 2

R E C O N C I L E M E N T.

Balance per Bank Books due by Treasurer	£ 1558 : 12 : 4
Outstanding Orders	284 : 3 : 5
Net balance as above, due by Treasurer	1324 : 9 : 2

It was proposed that in view of the fact that this day was a Fair Day in Wexford this Meeting be adjourned to 7 : 30 o'clock on this evening, so as to allow of a full attendance of Members to dispose of the important questions on the agenda.

James Mafford

3rd April 1905.

An adjourned Statutable meeting of the Council was held this day at the Town Clerk's Office at 7 : 30 p. m.

The Members present were:-

James J. Stafford Esq. Mayor (in the chair)

Aldermen:- Matthew Doyle, George Hadden, Walter Walsh, Martin Kehoe.

Councillors:- Joseph Kelly, James Cullimore, Patrick Byrne, James Hore,
Benjamin Hughes, Howard Rowe, Joseph Doyle, Thomas O'Brien,
Richard Crosbie, James Goodisson, Nicholas Gaul, John O'Connor,
Robert Hanton, Joseph Kingsberry, John J. Kehoe, Michael O'Connor,

Mr T. J. Cotton, Corporation Gas Examiner, was also in attendance.

The minutes of proceedings of last meeting were read and signed.

Alderman Doyle proposed the following motion which was seconded by Councillor Cullimore viz:-

That the Municipal Council, having, under an Act passed by Parliament in 1903, obtained power to introduce a Bill for the purpose of acquiring the property of the Wexford Gas Consumers' Company, and as such would result in benefits to the Consumers and Ratepayers.

It is Resolved, That this Council take all necessary steps to acquire, upon fair terms, a transfer of the property of the Wexford Gas Consumers' Company to the Council and for such purpose, that negotiations be opened with the Board of the Gas Company, and the usual Statutory notices be given for promoting a Bill

The terms of this motion were very fully deliberated on. It was urged that advantage

should be taken of the provisions of the Wexford Gas Act, empowering the Council to promote a Bill in Parliament to enable them to purchase the Gas Company's Undertaking.

Mr. Cotton was entirely in favour of such a step being taken. He shared in the opinion that the transfer of the Undertaking to the Council would result in large profits being available to apply in relief of taxation.

Before the motion was put there was an amendment proposed by Alderman Hadden and seconded by Councillor Michael O'Connor to the effect,

That the question of purchasing the Wexford Gas Works be referred to a Committee to obtain all information on the subject, and report to an early Meeting of the Council, but this was defeated by a majority of 13 votes to 5.

Alderman Doyle's motion was then put and carried by a majority of 13 votes to 5

It was pointed out that the Report and Statement of Accounts furnished by the Gas Company to the Council for the last year was not in the form required by Statute, and did not show the vital points of information that should have been placed at the disposal of the Council.

Thereupon it was resolved that the Gas Company should be asked and required to submit to the Council, a Statement of Accounts under the headings specified in

Schedule B of the Gas Works Clauses Act 1871, which was incorporated with the Gas Company's own Act.

The question was raised as to whether those members of the Council who were Shareholders in the Gas Company's Concern had any right to vote on occasions when questions relating to the Gas Company were under the consideration of the Council. A debate on the point was carried on. Mr. Cotton stated that no Councillor who had a pecuniary interest in the Gas Works had a right to vote on questions affecting the Gas Company.

The conclusion arrived at by the Meeting was to obtain Counsel's opinion on the point, and to act according to his instructions.

Mr Cotton's report on the result of an examination of the quality and pressure of gas supplied to the town on the 13th March last was submitted. It showed that the mean lighting power on that date was only equal to the light of 12.1 candles, whereas the standard lighting power required by the Act was a light equal in intensity to that of 14 candles.

On the motion of Councillor Rowe, seconded by Councillor John J. Kehoe the Meeting decided to instruct the Corporation Solicitor to proceed against the Gas Company for supplying gas below the standard illuminating power, as this was the second occasion on which the Company were found violating the Act.

A letter submitted from the Secretary of the Gas Company with regard to the public lighting of the town, stated that according to the views of the Gas Company, it was not possible for them to furnish a tender in respect of lighting and maintaining the street lamps in the absence of a Lighting Table showing the hours each day at which the lamps were to be lighted and extinguished. The letter was evoked by a request made on the Gas Company to send in a tender for supplying gas to the lamps for a specified number of hours each year at the rate of 4 cubic feet per hour. Mr. Cotton, on this communication being read, said there was no difficulty in the way of the Gas Company furnishing a tender in the manner they were requested to do, but for the sake of avoiding any misunderstanding with the Gas Company, he was prepared with the assistance of the Town Clerk, to make out a lighting table.

This was agreed to.

The Meeting, then, on the motion of Councillor Michael O'Connor seconded by Councillor Kehoe, was adjourned to Wednesday 5th Instant.

James J. Stafford

5th April 1905.

An adjourned statutable Meeting of the Council was held this day at the Town Clerk's Office at 7.30 P. M.

The Members present were:-

James J. Stafford Esq. Mayor (in the chair)

Aldermen:- George Hadden, Matthew Doyle, Martin Kehoe.

Councillors:- James Cullimore, Benjamin Hughes, Patrick Byrne, Joseph Doyle, John O'Connor, James Hore, Joseph Kingsberry, James Goodisson, Howard Rowe, Joseph Kelly, Michael O'Connor, John J. Kehoe, Nicholas Gaul, Robert Hanton.

The minutes of last Meeting were read and signed.

Mr. Hanrahan applied for an increase of his salary as Superintendent of Waterworks, as well as Town Surveyor. The salary of each office was £40 a year, whereas the salary attached to each of the offices in the time of his predecessor was £65 a year. During the two years he (Mr Hanrahan) had been in the service of the Council, he had striven to give satisfaction. This the Council, he was sure, would endorse. He asked to be put on an equal footing as regarded remuneration, with his predecessor. Councillor Byrne proposed that the application be granted, but the proposition did not seem to meet with entire approbation. Councillor Hore and others considered an increase of £20 a year instead of £50 sufficient recognition of Mr Hanrahan's merits for the present. A discussion took place, whereupon a compromise of the points of difference was come to, by which the increase was fixed at £30 a year. The following motion, as proposed by Councillor Byrne, seconded by Councillor John O'Connor, was then put and carried.

That the salary attached to the office of Superintendent of Waterworks be increased to £55 a year.

The present meeting having been acting in the capacity of ex-officio Town Commissioners, as well as Municipal Council, it was then moved by Councillor Byrne, seconded by Councillor John O'Connor, and

Resolved:- That the salary attached to the office of Town Surveyor be increased to £55 a year.

The Poor Rate Collector sent in the following.

Dear Sir, I beg to call the attention of your Board to the decrease in my remuneration as Collector of Poor Rate consequent upon the reduction of the Rate. My average poundage from my appointment in 1899 up to March 1904 was about £30 for each collection. last year I received only £20.7.3 for the first collection, and for the one just concluded only £19.18.9, out of which I had to pay postage and for clerical assistance in writing out Demand Notes and Accounts, which, as you are aware, are very considerable, over 2,400 receipts alone having to be filled by me each half year. The present Poor Rate of 1/4 at a poundage of 7d would only bring in between £16 or 17 for each half year. This is altogether inadequate, having regard to the extent of the work, and I thing I am fairly entitled

to an advance that would bring me at least nearly level with the amount of my former average poundage. Since my appointment I have endeavoured to give satisfaction, and my collections contrast favourably with those of other Urban Districts. Hoping my request will not be considered unreasonable.

I remain your obedient Servant,

Wm. A. Browne, Town Clerk.

Thomas Godfrey

On the motion of Alderman Hadden, seconded by Councillor Byrne it was Resolved:- That the Poor Rate Collector in future be paid for his services on the principle of a Sliding Scale (to be drawn up for ratification by the Council) adapting the Collector's poundage to the yearly variations in the rate of the Poor Rate, so that his remuneration for collecting will not exceed in any one year £60 or be less than £50.

A Committee reported as follows

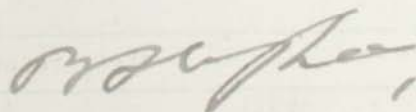
This Committee sees no objection to Messrs J. J. Stafford and James Cullimore covering over the Stonebridge River in their respective holdings, provided that no nuisance or interference with the flow of the river be occasioned thereby.

Thereupon on the motion of Councillor Rowe seconded by Alderman Hadden it was

Resolved:- That the recommendation of Committee be adopted, but that this be taken to imply no conferring of rights on any party, but that Mr Cullimore be at liberty to remove the wall resting on the arch of the Stonebridge River at the west side of the Main Street South.

The Waterworks Committee reported on the Water Rate Account. Of the outstanding Rates the sum of £14 : 0 : 2 was found to be irrecoverable, and the rest of the outstanding Rate, £4 : 6 : 1 was collectible and to be carried forward as arrears.

This report was adopted nem. con.



19th April 1905.

A Special Meeting of the Council was held this day at the Town Clerk's Office at 7.30 P. M.

The Members present were:-

Benjamin Hughes Esq. T. C. (in the chair)

Aldermen:- Matthew Doyle, George Hadden.

Councillors:- Joseph Kingsberry, James Cullimore, Joseph Doyle, James Hore, Joseph Kelly, John J. Kehoe, Howard Rowe, Michael O'Connor, Robert Hanton, Thomas O'Brien, Nicholas Gaul, John O'Connor, Thomas Carroll.

The minutes of last Meeting were read and signed.

The Poor Rate Collector produced his accounts for year ended 31st Ultimo. The items of Rate outstanding of £14 : 0 : 2 was found to be irrecoverable, and the rest of the outstanding Rate, £4 : 6 : 1 was collectible and to be carried forward as arrears. The Meeting went over the list of irrecoverable items seriatim, and came to

the conclusion to write off a sum of £25.4.1 as uncollectible, and carry forward the remainder £91.5.2 as Arrears. The result of the collection was deemed satisfactory.

The making of Rates was proceeded with. The following moved by Councillor Rowe, seconded by Councillor Kelly was adopted.

Resolved:- That there be now struck the undernamed Rates and Assessments, as agreed to on 27th March 1905.

A Borough Rate of one shilling, a Rate in lieu of Co. Cess of 1/10 a Public Water Rate of 10d, a Domestic Water Rate of one shilling, and a Poor Rate of 1/4 on the net assessable value of property within the Borough, for the services of the year ending 31st March 1906, and that the Books containing the items of these various Assessments be now sealed and signed.

The Rate Books were sealed and signed accordingly.

With regard to the decision come to on the 5th Instant regarding the Poor Rate Collector's future remuneration, two draft Sliding Scales of Poundages were submitted to the Meeting. Under one Scale the Collector would be entitled to receive £60 a year, more or less for his services, while under the other the remuneration would be about £55 a year. The matter was considered. It was thought that £60 was excessive but that £55 was not enough. Therefore on the motion of Councillor Rowe, seconded by Councillor Hanton, the following Scale was adopted.

POOR RATE COLLECTORS' REMUNERATION.

Total Valuation of Borough (1905)		£ 17722 : 16 : 0
A Rate of one penny in £ on this sum will realize		<u>73 : 16 : 10</u>
Less probable irrecoverable rate		<u>1 : 14 : 0</u>
Net amount realized by rate of one penny in £.		72 : 2 : 10
On above basis a rate of 1/- in £ will produce.		865 : 14 : 0
"	1/1	" 937 : 16 : 10
"	1/2	" 1009 : 19 : 8
"	1/3	" 1082 : 2 : 6
"	1/4	" 1154 : 5 : 4
"	1/5	" 1226 : 8 : 2
"	1/6	" 1298 : 11 : 0
"	1/7	" 1370 : 13 : 10
"	1/8	" 1442 : 16 : 8
"	1/9	" 1514 : 19 : 6
"	1/10	" 1587 : 2 : 4
"	1/11	" 1659 : 5 : 2
"	2/-	" 1731 : 8 : 0
"	2/1	" 1803 : 10 : 10
"	2/2	" 1875 : 13 : 8

On above basis a rate of $\frac{2}{3}$ in £ will produce	£ : s : d
" $\frac{2}{4}$ "	1947 : 16 : 6
" $\frac{2}{5}$ "	2019 : 19 : 4
" $\frac{2}{6}$ "	2092 : 2 : 2
	2164 : 5 : 0

SCALE OF POUNDAGE.

865 : 14 : 0 @ $\frac{1}{4}$ produces	57 : 14 : 4
937 : 16 : 10 @ $\frac{1}{2}$ produces	57 : 12 : 9
1009 : 19 : 8 @ $\frac{1}{1}$ produces	57 : 17 : 3
1082 : 2 : 6 @ $\frac{1}{0}$ produces	57 : 9 : 9
1154 : 5 : 4 @ 1/- produces	57 : 14 : 3
1226 : 8 : 2 @ $1\frac{1}{2}$ produces	57 : 9 : 8
1298 : 11 : 0 @ $10\frac{1}{2}$ produces	58 : 3 : 2
1370 : 13 : 10 @ $10\frac{1}{2}$ produces	58 : 10 : 7
1442 : 16 : 8 @ $9\frac{1}{2}$ produces	58 : 12 : 2
1514 : 19 : 6 @ $9\frac{1}{2}$ produces	58 : 7 : 9
1587 : 2 : 4 @ $8\frac{1}{2}$ produces	57 : 17 : 2
1659 : 5 : 2 @ $8\frac{1}{2}$ produces	58 : 15 : 3
1731 : 8 : 0 @ $8\frac{1}{2}$ produces	59 : 10 : 4
1803 : 10 : 10 @ $7\frac{1}{2}$ produces	58 : 4 : 9
1875 : 13 : 8 @ $7\frac{1}{2}$ produces	58 : 12 : 2
1947 : 16 : 6 @ $7\frac{1}{2}$ produces	58 : 16 : 7
2019 : 19 : 4 @ 7d. produces	58 : 18 : 4
2092 : 2 : 2 @ $6\frac{1}{2}$ produces	68 : 16 : 9
2164 : 5 : 0 @ $6\frac{1}{2}$ produces	58 : 12 : 3

Under this Scale the Collector's remuneration will vary slightly from year to year according as the Valuation of the Urban District will vary.

A communication received from the Secretary of the Executive Committee of the Marine Works Bill, announced that a Meeting of the Committee was to be held in Dublin on the 20th Instant for the purpose of supporting the demand for a Marine Works Act for the South East Coast of Ireland. As the subject was one of vital importance, it was imperative that the Public Bodies in the five Counties to be affected by the Act should be represented at the Meeting.

Councillor Hanton undertook to attend the Meeting in behalf of the Corporation. He was thanked for the interest he took in the matter.

Alderman Doyle announced that assisted by Councillor Gaul he had collected £65 from the residents of Main Street North, to be applied towards purchasing the interest of the tenants in house at Selskar Street about to be pulled down by the Corporation. He read a list of the names of the residents who had contributed to the result of the collection, and on the motion of Councillor Kehoe, seconded by Councillor Cullimore,

the thanks of Meeting were tendered to Alderman Doyle and Councillor Gaul for the service they had rendered.

James J. Stafford

1st May 1905.

A Statutable Meeting of the Council was held this day in Town Clerk's Office at noon.

The members present were:-

James J. Stafford Esq. Mayor (in the chair)

Councillors:- Joseph Kelly, Thomas O'Brien, Michael O'Connor, James Here,
Benjamin Hughes, Howard Rowe, Robert Hanton, John O'Connor.

The minutes of meeting of 19th April 1905 were read and signed.

Liabilities which had accrued due up to the end of last month, amounting in the aggregate to £1750 : 13 : 0 were submitted to the meeting, and having been examined were approved and an Advice Note was signed to enable the Treasurer to pay them on presentation to him of Paying Orders numbered from 82 to 127 inclusive.

Summary and Reconcilement of Treasurer's Account for the month ending the last day of April 1905, including the Payments made at the Meeting held on this day.

S U M M A R Y .

	Ordinary Account.	Loan Account.
Balance due by Treasurer as per last Statement.	£ 1324. 9. 2	- - -
Total sum received last month.	29. 19. 0	- - -
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TOTAL	1354. 8. 2	- - -
Balance due to Treasurer as per last Statement.	- - -	496. 9. 6
Payments ordered at above Meeting.	1744. 13. 9	5. 19. 3
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TOTAL	1744. 13. 9	502. 8. 9
Net Balance due to Treasurer.	390. 5. 7	502. 8. 9

R E C O N C I L E M E N T .

Balance due by Treasurer (ordinary account)	1360. 13. 2	
Balance due to Treasurer (Loan account)		496. 9. 6
Outstanding Orders (including these issued at this Meeting)	1750. 18. 9	5. 19. 3
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Net Balance as above due to Treasurer.	£ 390. 5. 7	£ 502. 8. 9

The bereavement which had fallen on Alderman Walsh by the death of his father, the late Mr. James Walsh, was alluded to by Councillor Hughes. He proposed that the Meeting stand adjourned to Wednesday 3rd Instant, as a mark of respect to the memory of the deceased, and that the sympathy of the Corporation with Alderman Walsh in his bereavement be conveyed to him.

The proposition was seconded by Councillor Hanton, and was adopted.

James J. Stafford

3rd. May 1905.

An adjourned Statutable Meeting of the Council was held this day at Town Clerk's Office at 7.30. P. M.

The Members in attendance were:-

James J. Stafford Esq. Mayor (in the chair)

Aldermen:- John Tyghe, Matthew Doyle.

Councillors:- Benjamin Hughes, Joseph Kingsberry, Joseph Doyle, James Goodisson, Thomas Carroll, James Hore, Nicholas Gaul. Howard Rowe, Michael O'Connor. John J. Kehoe, Joseph Kelly, James Cullimore.

The Minutes of last Meeting were read and signed.

Attention was called to the fact that a vacancy had been occasioned in the office of Member of the School Attendance Committee by the death of the late Councillor Mangan, and it was requisite that a person should be appointed to fill the vacancy.

Thereupon, it was resolved on the motion of Councillor Michael O'Connor, seconded by Councillor Rowe.

That Councillor Stafford (Mayor) be appointed a Member of said Committee for the unexpired portion of the Committee's current period of office.

The District Inspector of Constabulary announced by letter that owing to the transfer of Sergeant W. M. Howard from Wexford, the latter could no longer act as Inspector of Food and Drugs, but that Sergeant William Farrell would be permitted to act as such Inspector instead, if the Council issued the necessary authorization in the case.

Thereupon it was ordered.

That Sergeant William Farrell be appointed as Inspector for Wexford under the Food and Drugs Act, and that a certificate of such appointment be furnished to the Police Authorities.

Application by letter was made by Miss Mary Maddock to have the main sewer at Wygram Place continued from where it at present ended to Juliamount House, where she purposed having a water closet erected.

A discussion on this matter showed that the granting of the application would involve an outlay of £60 in order to provide draingae facilities for one house alone.

The consideration of the question was deferred sine die.

The Hon. Secs of the Enniscorthy 1798 Memorial Committee intimated by letter that the Ceremony of laying the foundation stone of the Monument to commemorate the brave deeds of the Insurgents of 1798 would take place at the Market Square, Enniscorthy on Sunday 28th Instant. They expressed a hope that the Corporation of Wexford would be represented on the occasion, and stated they would be pleased to reserve a place in the Demonstration for any delegates from the Corporation that might attend.

On this matter being considered, several Members present signified their intention to witness the ceremony, and it was then agreed that the Hon. Secs of the Memorial Committee should be informed that the Corporation of Wexford would be fully represented on the occasion.

Relative to the proposed widening of the thoroughfare at Main Street, North, there were

submitted to the Meeting a Deed of Assignment, and counterpart of same, executed by Miss Furlong and her Sisters, whereby they assigned all their interest in the house to be taken down, to the Council at the price of £225 in consideration of the Council paying a head rent of £11.7.6 Irish Currency. A perusal of the Deed showed that the head rent mentioned was payable not only out of the house to be acquired by the Council but also out of premises held by Miss Furlong and her Sisters at Abbey Street and Temperance Row, and further that these latter premises were to be indemnified from payment of any portion of the rent, but this proviso did not affect the interests of the Council to any material extent. However, with regard to the Head Landlord there appeared to be a difficulty in the way of dealing with him. From correspondence read from the Corporation Solicitor, it was seen that the Trustee of the Landlord was not willing to permit of the house in Main Street being taken down unless in its stead a new house were built at a cost of £400 so as to secure the rent. This was an obstacle which the Council were not prepared to meet for in case the house was offered for sale by auction, and the conditions of sale were that the house should be taken down by the purchaser, and a new house erected at the cost mentioned, it was doubtful whether a purchaser would turn up willing to undergo a rent of £10.10.0 a year present currency. The Meeting considered these points, with the result that it was decided to defer executing the Deed of Assignment on the part of the Corporation pending a consultation with the Corporation Solicitor on the matter.

It was announced that the Corporation Solicitor had prepared a case for Counsel's opinion as to the method of procedure to be followed in obtaining a transfer of the Gas Company's Undertaking to the Corporation. The case had been sent to Mr Vesey Knox, who had intimated that he would write on it in the course of a week.

There were read for the Meeting two letters received from Mr O'Brien, Town Clerk of Clonmel by Alderman Doyle. They contained much useful information regarding the purchase, by the Corporation of Clonmel, of the Clonmel Gas Works. The purchase money, extensions, improvements of the works, expenses of creation and issue of Stock, etc., altogether necessitated a Capital Expenditure of £19,851. Since taking over the Works a sum of £4,972, or about £553 per annum had been contributed by the Gas Committee in relief of rates, and this sum was paid out of the net profits.

Alderman Doyle was thanked for obtaining the information and he was asked to go a step further, and ascertain from Mr O'Brien what the price of gas was previous to the transfer and what it was at present.

James Stafford

8th May 1905.

A Quarterly Meeting of the Council was held this day at Town Clerk's Office at noon.

The members present were:-

James J. Stafford Esq. Mayor (in the chair)

Alderman:- Matthew Doyle.

Councillors:- Michael O'Conner, James Cullimore, Benjamin Hughes, James Here,
Joseph Kelly, John J. Kehoe, Howard Rowe, Joseph Kingsberry,
Joseph Doyle.

The minutes of Meeting of 3rd Instant were read and signed.

As well as a Quarterly Meeting of the Council, the Meeting also sat as ex-officio Town Commissioners. The consideration of the question which was deferred from last Meeting, of executing a Deed of Assignment was renewed. The advice of the Corporation Solicitor to the Meeting on the matter was given in a letter read from him in the following terms.

" In this case for two reasons it would be necessary to make a condition that the Purchaser shall build a new house.

1. The Head Landlord will insist upon this being done because his security would be lessened if the dwellinghouse were not built. Under a Covenant in the Lease which the Head Landlord gave, anybody representing the Lessee is bound to have a dwellinghouse on the place.

2. As far as the Misses Furlongs' interest is concerned, this house always paid the full rent of £10. 10. 0 and indemnified the other portions. There would be no security for the indemnity if a dwelling house were not on the place, because the plot of ground itself would not be security for the £10. 10. 0.

Besides this, in the interest of the Corporation it would be better to have a house built. It would mean so much money being spent, and also there would be rates paid on the valuation of about £50, when the two houses are built there."

In addition to the above letter, there were read two communications received from Mr. Elgee, Solicitor and Trustee of General Hatton's Estate. From these it appeared that if the Council wished to take down the house belonging to that Estate at Main Street, North, it would be incumbent on them, in order to satisfy his (Mr Elgee's) requirements, to insert a clause in the conditions of sale binding the Purchaser to erect a new house instead of the existing one.

Thereupon a discussion followed, which ended in the adoption of the following resolution, which was carried on a division having been taken.

That the Deed of Assignment as between Miss Furlong and Sisters and the Corporation be now executed, on the part of the Corporation, and that the stipulations of the head landlord as to a house being erected on the site of the present one at a cost of £400 be agreed to, but that no condition be laid down as to the time within which the new house is to be erected.

The Corporation Seal was affixed to the Deed of Assignment accordingly.

A motion was then proposed by Councillor Kehoe seconded by Councillor Rowe and adopted as follows.

That the house and premises the subject of the foregoing resolution, be sold by auction on an early date, that one of the conditions of sale be that the present house be taken down and a new one erected in line with Mr Carty's and Mrs Malone's houses, so as to let in with the street such portion of the plot as will be defined on a Map to be attached to the Deed of Assignment from the Corporation to the Purchaser.

Councillor Hore acted as Chairman at the time of the passing of the latter resolution, as the Mayor was obliged to retire to keep another engagement.

John J. Kehoe
5th June 1905
Chairman

5th June 1905.

A Statutable Meeting of the Council was held this day at Town Clerk's Office at noon
The Members in attendance were:-

John J. Kehoe Esq. T. C. (in the chair)

Aldermen:- Matthew Doyle, George Hadden, John Tyghe.

Councillors:- James Hore, Joseph Kelly, Thomas O'Brien, Joseph Doyle,
Nicholas Gaul, Benjamin Hughes, Joseph Kingsberry, Howard Rowe,
Michael O'Connor.

The minutes of Meeting of 8th May last were read and signed.

Liabilities which had accrued due up to the end of last month, amounting in the aggregate to £536 : 11 : 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 128 to 151 inclusive.

Summary and reconciliation of Treasurer's Account for the month ending the last day of May 1905, including the payments made at Meeting held on this day.

S U M M A R Y

	Ordinary Account	Loan Account
Balance due by Treasurer as per last statement.	- - -	- - -
Total sum received to close of month.	821 : 10 ; 8	- - -
Total	821 : 10 : 8	- - -
Balance due to Treasurer as per last statement	390 : 5 : 7	502 : 8 : 9
Payments ordered at this Meeting.	162 : 19 : 4	373 : 12 : 6
Total	553 : 4 : 11	876 : 1 : 3
Net Balance due by Treasurer (Ordinary Account)	268 : 5 : 9	
Net Balance due to Treasurer (Loan Account)		876 : 1 : 3

RECONCILEMENT

	Ordinary Account	Loan Account
Balance per Bank Books due by Treasurer(Ordinary)	431 : 5 : 1	
Balance per Bank Book due to Treasurer (Loan Account)		502 : 8 : 9
Outstanding Orders including those issued at this Meeting	162 : 19 : 4	373 : 12 : 6
Net Balance due by Treasurer (Ordinary Account)	268 : 5 : 9	
Net Balance due to Treasurer (Loan Account)		876 : 1 : 3

A letter from the Local Government Board dated 8th May 1905 (No. 23095/05) was read. It signified to the Council the sanction of the Department to the increase of salary granted to the Town Surveyor on the 5th April last.

A letter from the Local Government Board dated 12th May 1905 (No 25973/05) was read. It had reference to the proposed alteration in the terms of remuneration of the Poor Rate Collector for Wexford Urban District. The Department suggested that in view of the complicated nature of the proposed Sliding Scale, the Collector's remuneration might be fixed at the sum of £58 per annum, which was roughly the average of the Scale. The matter was duly considered, whereupon, on the motion of Alderman Hadden, seconded by Councillor Kelly, it was

Resolved:- That the Council prefer to pay the Poor Rate Collector for his services on the principle of a Sliding Scale, and in accordance with the Sliding Scale of Poundage adopted by them on the 19th April last, inasmuch as the Collector would have no incentive to make a good collection if paid by a fixed salary.

It was announced that pursuant to a resolution of the 8th Ultimo, the house and yard at Main Street North acquired by the Council with the object of widening that thoroughfare, had been sold by public auction held on the 18th Idem, on the conditions set forth in the resolution. The highest bid was made on behalf of the Misses Mary and Julia Malone, who were declared the purchasers at £57. A Deed of Assignment, whereby the Council assigned all their interest in the premises to the purchasers, for the consideration mentioned, except the portion to be let in with the street, was then produced for execution on the part of the Council, and it was thereupon duly sealed.

A letter read from Messrs Little & Elgee, Solicitors, contained an application for payment by the Council to Mr H. L. Meadows of a sum of £1. 10., being the cost of making good damage alleged to have been done to his motor car by reason of the Council not keeping the streets of the town in a proper state of repair. Messrs Little & Elgee stated that if the sum claimed were not paid at once, their instructions were to issue a Civil Bill for the coming Quarter Sessions.

With regard to this matter it was stated that the motor car had sustained some damage in passing through Trinity Street or William Street, but when the damage was done, or

what was the extent of it was not shown. Thereupon it was decided that the Town Clerk should be requested to write to Mr Meadows' ©: Wexford Borough Council

Solicitors, asking them to state particulars as to what was the nature of the damage and as to how and when it occurred.

An application from Nicholas Cahill for an increase of his wages as Caretaker of the Bathing Place was read. This employe considered he was underpaid for his services for which he received 10/- a week.

On the motion of Alderman Tyghe, seconded by Councillor Doyle it was resolved to increase the wages by 2/- a week.

The Local Government Board per their Circular Letter dated 2nd May 1905 (No. 71/M) which was submitted to the Meeting, drew attention to the fact that due notice was required to be given to Contractors and others of the provisions of Section 51 (7) of the Local Government (Ireland) Act 1898, with respect to payments out of the Poor Rate and for omitting to give such notice, the Board inter alia stated they would hold the Executive Officers of Public Bodies responsible.

With regard to the proposed purchase by the Corporation of the Undertaking of the Wexford Gas Company, an opinion of Mr. Vesey Knox B. L. on a case submitted to him was read for the Meeting. The following is the substance of the opinion. It was incumbent on the Corporation, in order to purchase the Gas Works, to introduce a Bill in Parliament, after having complied with the requirements of the Borough Funds Act, but in the first instance Counsel suggested that the Corporation should endeavour to get the Company to meet them (quite without prejudice on both sides) with a view to agreeing on a price and saving costs. Even if the parties failed to agree on a price, they might make an agreement of sale, subject to confirmation by Parliament, leaving the price to be determined by Arbitration. The Company could gain nothing of substance by fighting the Bill, and it would be to their advantage, as well as to the advantage of the ratepayers, that the Bill should go forward as an agreed Bill, in which case the costs would be comparatively small. In case the parties failed to agree as to price, the Works would be valued as the Undertaking of a non-statutory Company, and the method of valuation would be in the first place to ascertain what was the maintainable income. Gas Accountants and Gas Experts would be able to give evidence as to what this was at the Arbitration proceedings after having examined the Company's Accounts of one or two specimen years. Counsel failed to see on the figures shown in the last Balance Sheet, how the Company's maintainable income was anything like £2,000 a year, as they claimed it to be. After ascertaining the maintainable income, the next thing was to find the multiplier, i. e. the number of years purchase. In the case of a non-statutory Company, this was less than in the case of a Statutory Company, but the right multiplier was a matter entirely in the discretion of the Arbitrator. Counsel had heard experts say 15 years was fair, and he had heard them say 27½. After multiplying the maintainable income by the multiplier, the next step was to deduct such a sum as might be necessary for capital expenditure in order to put the Undertaking into good condition. The Arbitrator might for instance consider

that the pipes required renewal throughout the town and allow the cost of this. If he did so however he would in calculating the maintainable income allow less for waste of gas. The Corporation should carefully consider any alternative offer which the Company might make with a view to the cheapening of gas, whether for the supply to the public lamps or to private consumers, and for the relaying of mains, so as to enable a supply to be given at a proper pressure. It must not be forgotten that, in a town not rapidly increasing, there is little prospect of the present generation of ratepayers reaping much profit from a purchase at arbitration value, while under the operation of the sliding scale, even if the Corporation do not purchase, there is a certain community of interest between the Company and the Consumers. At the same time, the Corporation must bear in mind that if they did not purchase now, they would never again be able, under the practice of Parliament, to obtain compulsory powers of purchase, except on proof that the Company had mismanaged the undertaking and persistently supplied bad gas.

On the reading of the opinion being concluded the Meeting entered on a computation as to what the purchase price would be, but found with the figures at their disposal, they were unable to make any reliable approximation of the price. It was then proposed by Alderman Doyle, seconded by Alderman Hadden, and

Resolved:- That the Town Clerk be asked to open negotiations with the Directors of the Gas Company, with a view to ascertaining what they will be disposed to accept as the purchase price of their Undertaking, in case the Corporation should promote a Bill in Parliament to acquire a transfer of the property from the Company to the Corporation. It was further proposed by Alderman Hadden, seconded by Councillor Kelly, and

Resolved:- That a Committee composed of Councillors Rowe, Hore, and Gaul, with Aldermen Doyle and Hadden, be appointed to ascertain, as near as may be, what expenditure a transfer of the Gas Company's property from the Company to the Corporation will involve, and report thereon to the Council.

Robert Hutton

Chairman

Aug 3rd 1905

3rd, July 1905.

A Statutable meeting of the Council was held this day at the Town Clerk's Office at noon.

The members present were:-

Robert Hanton Esq. T. C. mayor Locum Tenens (in the chair)

Aldermen:- George Hadden, Walter Walsh.

Councillors:- Joseph Kingsberry, John O'Connor, Joseph Doyle, Joseph Kelly,

Howard Rowe, James Hore, Michael O'Connor, Benjamin Hughes.

The minutes of last meeting were read and signed.

Liabilities which had accrued due up to the end of last month, amounting in the aggregate to £724. 8. 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 152 to 177 inclusive.

Summary and reconciliation of Treasurer's Account for the month ended the last day of June 1905, including payments made at the Meeting held on this day.

S U M M A R Y.

Balance due by Treasurer per last statement. £ 268 :	5 : 9	-	1	-
Total sum received to close of last month.	692 :	15 : 0	-	-
TOTAL	961 :	0 : 9		
Balance due to Treasurer as per last statement.	-	-	876 :	1 : 3
Interest charged (Loan Account)			4 :	7 : 6
Payments ordered at this meeting.	568 :	8 : 9	156 :	0 : 0
TOTAL	568 :	8 : 9	1036 :	8 : 9
Net balance due by Treasurer (Ordinary)	392 :	12 : 0		
Net Balance due to Treasurer (Loan)			1036 :	8 : 9

R E C O N C I L E M E N T.

Balance per Bank Book due by Treasurer	961 :	0 : 9		
Balance per Bank Book due to Treasurer			880 :	8 : 9
Outstanding Orders	568 :	8 : 9	156 :	0 : 0
Net Balance due by Treasurer (Ordinary)	392 :	12 : 0		
Net Balance due to Treasurer (Loan)			1036 :	8 : 9

A letter from the Local Government Board dated 21st June 1905 (No. 36,358 - 1905) was read communicating the approval of the Board to the Sliding Scale of remuneration adopted by the Council on the 19th April last in the case of the Collector of Poor Rate.

A letter from the Local Government Board dated 9th June 1905 (No. 39,937 - 1905) was read containing request that they be informed what had been done by the Council with a view to framing Bye Laws for the Urban District of Wexford. This query was one which had hitherto been put by the Department in their letter of the 4th February last.

The necessity for adopting Bye Laws in addition to those already in force in the Town was a matter which the Meeting was dubious about, but yet it was decided to

hold a Meeting of the Committee appointed to examine the Specimen Bye Laws on an early date and see if any clauses of them might be adopted with advantage.

The residents of Abbey Street applied by letter to have a footpath laid at the west side of that street. Such a path would of necessity be one of narrow width, and the cost of construction therefore comparatively small.

The application was granted, but with the proviso that the cost of construction was to defrayed out of the sum to be devoted to the laying of a footpath in Redmond Road in the current year.

Following is a copy of a resolution received from the Committee of the Wexford Branch of the Gaelic League, viz:-

That in view of the fact that we have had the Gaelic league with us for the past five years in Wexford, and in view of the progress made by the movement for the restoration of the Irish Language during that time, we respectfully request the Wexford Corporation to have the names of the streets of the town put up in the National Language of Ireland. The Committee added that there were already bi-lingual name-plates on the streets of Enniscorthy and New Ross.

Thereupon a motion was proposed by Councillor John O'Connor and seconded by Councillor Michael O'Connor in the following terms:-

That the request of the Gaelic League be acceded to and to that end that fresh plates bearing the names of the streets in the Gaelic and English languages be erected.

Simultaneously with the foregoing motion there was a motion proposed on the question by Alderman Walsh, seconded by Councillor Hughes viz:-

That the Wexford Branch of the Gaelic League be at liberty to erect, at their own expense, the names of the streets of the Town in the Gaelic Language.

The Chairman decided to deal with the latter proposition first. Accordingly it was put to the Meeting, and was carried by five votes to four.

In response to advertisements inviting tenders in respect of supplies of cement for one year, there was only one tender received. It was from the Wexford Timber Company, who offered to supply the material at 36/- per ton. This price was considered exorbitant, inasmuch as the manufacturer of the cement on a recent occasion had offered to supply the material to the Corporation of Dublin at the rate of 32/- a ton.

Therefore on the motion of Councillor Hore, seconded by Alderman Walsh it was

Resolved:- To call for fresh tenders by advertisement in the press.

A tender from Michael Purlong offering to clean, paint, and varnish the Fire Escape according to specification for a sum of £5. 10. 0 was read. It was the only one received in response to advertisement asking for tenders for such work, but as the price asked was considered to be fair, the tender was accepted.

The Town Surveyor's Report for the month of June was read. The public drinking fountain in the Bullring required to be cleaned down and the lettering renewed. The cost of doing this would be about £4. 10. 0. The Morgue required sundry repairs, the cost of doing which was £3. 10. 0.

In reference to these matters it was ordered. That in the case of the Drinking Fountain,

the Surveyor be instructed to have the fountain put into proper order, and in the case of the Morgue, that tenders be obtained in respect of making good the repairs on a specification of the work being drawn up by the Town Surveyor.

James Stafford

3rd August 1905.

A meeting of the Council was held this day in the Town Clerk's Office at noon for the purpose of electing a Harbour Commissioner as provided and laid down by the Wexford Harbour Act, 1874, and Acts amending same.

The members present were:-

James J. Stafford Esq. Mayor (in the chair)

Alderman:- Matthew Doyle.

Councillors:- Benjamin Hughes, Robert Hanton, James Hore, Patrick Byrne,
Michael O'Connor, John J. Kehoe.

There was only one member of the Council, namely Councillor Robert Hanton, nominated as required previous to the meeting being held.

This being so, Mr Hanton's candidature was proposed by Councillor Kehoe and seconded, by Alderman Doyle.

The question was put and carried.

Councillor Hanton returned thanks for his election, and the Meeting separated, having disposed of the business for which it was summoned.

James Stafford

8th August 1905.

A Quarterly meeting of the Council was held this day at the Town Clerk's Office at noon.

The members present were:-

James J. Stafford Esq. Mayor (in the chair)

Aldermen:- Walter Walsh, Matthew Doyle.

Councillors:- John O'Connor, Joseph Kelly, Patrick Byrne, James Cullimore,
Thomas Carroll, Michael O'Connor, Howard Rowe, John J. Kehoe,
Benjamin Hughes, James Hore, Joseph Kingsberry.

The minutes of last meeting were read and signed.

Liabilities which had accrued due up to the end of last month, amounting in the aggregate to £948 : 10 : 10. were submitted to the meeting, and having been examined were approved, and an Advice Note was signed to enable the Treasurer to pay them on presentation to him of Paying Orders numbered from 178 to 195, and from 201 to 214 inclusive. Paying Orders numbered 196 to 200 were cancelled to allow of Mr. O'Connor being asked to reduce his Bill of Costs.

Summary and Reconcilament of Treasurer's Account for the month ending the last day of July 1905, including the payments made at the meeting held on this day.


SUMMARY.

	Ordinary Account.	Loan Account.
Balance due by Treasurer per last report.	£392 : 12 : 0	- : - : -
Sum received to close of month.	612 : 3 : 8	- : - : -
TOTAL	1004 : 15 : 8	- : - : -
Balance due to Treasurer per last report.	- : - : -	£ 1036 : 8 : 9
Payments ordered at this meeting.	642 : 10 : 10	306 : 0 : 0
TOTAL	642 : 10 : 10	1342 : 8 : 9
Balance due by Treasurer(Ordinary)	362 : 4 : 10	
Balance due to Treasurer (Loan)		1342 : 8 : 9

RECONCILEMENT.

Balance per Bank Book due by Treasurer.	1004 : 15 : 8	
Balance per Bank Book due to Treasurer.		1036 : 8 : 9
Outstanding Orders.	642 : 10 : 10	306 : 0 : 0
Balance as above due by Treasurer.	362 : 4 : 10	
Balance as above due to Treasurer.		1342 : 8 : 9

The approaching surrender by the General Prisons Board of the Wexford Goal Buildings to the County Council was dealt with in a report submitted from a Joint Committee of the County Council and the Corporation. The Committee had met to consider whether the buildings could be utilized for any public purpose. The Main Hall was 140 feet long (inside) by 42 feet wide, and was capable of being converted into the finest Town Hall in the South of Ireland in case the County Council and the Corporation should be able to come to terms as to the letting of the premises. The building containing the cells for female prisoners was 62 feet by 44. Then there was the Governor's residence, the Chief Warder's apartments, the Infirmary &c., which could be utilized for Municipal Offices. In the alternative of the Corporation not seeing their way to acquire the premises, the Committee recommended that an effort should be made by the County Council to establish an Industrial School for Males, but in order to allow the Corporation to come to a conclusion as to the adaptability of the buildings to the purposes of a Town Hall, the County Council were to take no action for three months. On the motion of Councillor Hore, seconded by Councillor Rowe it was, Resolved:- That a Committee of the whole Council be appointed to visit on a suitable day the Wexford prison, and see if it could with advantage to the ratepayers be applied to any local public purpose.

A tender sent in by the Wexford Gas Company in respect of supplying with gas and maintaining the public lamps of the town was submitted. The price which the Company were prepared to accept for supplying gas for the period from 15th August to 15th May in each year, except  per month, was £25.6 per lamp. This included 15/- per lamp which was about the cost of the use of the lamps, lighting, extinguishing,

cleaning and painting them. The price for supplying gas on all nights, moonlight nights not excepted, would be £2.13.0 per lamp for the period mentioned. The charge for fitting governors and burners would be 2/3 per lamp in addition. The Company would be prepared to put the average meter system in operation as requested but not before the 1st January 1906.

It was ordered:- That a Committee composed of the whole Council be appointed to examine the Gas Company's tender in detail, and report thereon.

A motion proposed by Alderman Doyle to the effect that the Irish Parliamentary Party be asked to introduce a Bill in Parliament empowering the erection in Irish Towns of bi-lingual name plates on streets gave rise to a long discussion. There was a consensus of opinion that the motion was not acceptable, and it was withdrawn, but in its stead, the following resolution, proposed by Councillor Michael O'Connor and seconded by Alderman Doyle was adopted viz:-

That this Council take steps to have the name plates on the Main Street, and streets leading thereto, replaced with plates bearing the names of those streets in the English and Irish Languages.

There was a division taken on the foregoing motion, when eight members voted for and two against it. Four members refrained from voting.

The following order was adopted:- That the Town Surveyor be instructed to prepare a report on the best means of carrying out the proposed Main Drainage Scheme for Selskar District.

A letter read from Messrs Wickham & Co of Main Street South intimated that they had just constructed a modern sanitary system in their dwelling house and premises. On examination of the Main Sewer that passed under the house, they found the sewer to be of a primitive form of construction. They asked that the existing sewer should be substituted by a glazed pipe sewer properly jointed and laid in concrete at the expense of the Corporation.

This matter having been before the Sanitary Committee on a recent occasion, when the Town Surveyor was instructed to visit the house and report thereon, that Officer submitted a report. The sewer complained of was what was known as a "box sewer" covered with flags. It was not a good sewer to have under a house, as there was every likelihood ~~there~~ an escape of gas consequent on fissures opening in the walls or covering flags. It was possible the sewer gas might escape from such a sewer into a building by rat holes. The estimated cost of laying a new 15 inch glazed pipe sewer on a concrete bed was £17.10.0.

It was Ordered:- That as the act of acceding to Messrs Wickham & Co's request was calculated to set up a bad precedent, the Corporation Solicitor be instructed to consider the case, and advise what was the extent of the liability of the Corporation in the matter.

Councillor Cullimore brought under notice the fact that it was a practice with some of the residents of Simmott's Lane to have their houses overcrowded. The overcrowding

was not continuous, but occurred when non-residents were attracted to the town by public displays or celebrations. The houses could not be brought within the category of Common Lodging Houses, as the occupants did not make any charge for the accommodation they afforded, which was given only to friends. The practice was a source of annoyance to the neighbourhood, and ought to be suppressed.

It was ordered:- That the Sanitary Sub-Officer be directed to visit the houses in question repeatedly morning and night, and if he found any infringement of the Sanitary Acts taking place that he report the matter at once.

James Stafford

4th September 1905.

A Statutable Meeting of the Council was held this day at Town Clerk's Office at noon. The members present were:-

James J. Stafford Esq. mayor (in the chair)

Aldermen:- George Hadden, Walter Walsh, John Tyghe, Matthew Doyle.

Councillors:- Thomas O'Brien, John O'Connor, Benjamin Hughes, Joseph Doyle,

Robert Hanton, Howard Rowe, James Hore, Joseph Kelly, Michael O'Connor.

The minutes of Meeting of 8th August 1905 were read and signed.

Liabilities which had accrued due up to the end of last month, amounting in the aggregate to £255 : 4 : 7, were submitted to the meeting, and having been examined were approved, and an Advice Note was signed to enable the Treasurer to pay them on presentation to him of paying Orders numbered from 215 to 226 inclusive.

Summary and Reconcilement of Treasurer's Account for month ended the last day of the preceeding month, including payments made at the Meeting held on this day.

S U M M A R Y .

	Ordinary Account.	Loan Account.
Balance due by Treasurer per last Statement. £	362 : 4 : 10	- : - : -
Sum received to close of last month.	696 : 9 : 3	- : - : -
TOTAL	1058 : 14 : 1	- : - : -
Balance due to Treasurer per last Statement.	- : - : -	1342 : 8 : 9
Payments ordered at this Meeting.	204 : 2 : 9	51 : 1 : 10
TOTAL	204 : 2 : 9	1393 : 10 : 7
Net Balance due by Treasurer.	854 : 11 : 4	
Net balance due to Treasurer.		1393 : 10 : 7

R E C O N C I L E M E N T .

Balance per Bank Books due by Treasurer.	1067 : 9 : 1	
Balance per Bank Book due to Treasurer.		1342 : 8 : 9
Outstanding Orders.	212 : 17 : 9	51 : 1 : 10
Balance as above due by Treasurer.	854 : 11 : 4	
Balance as above due to Treasurer.		1393 : 10 : 7

A report was read from a Committee appointed on the 5th June last to ascertain, as near as possible, what would be the cost of acquiring a transfer to the Corporation, of the property of the Wexford Gas Company. The Committee stated they had given the question of purchase full and careful consideration. They had taken Counsel's opinion as to the powers of the Corporation, and the general advisability of putting the proposal to purchase into effect. They had also elicited from the Gas Company information as to the price at which the Company were willing to sell. The Committee were of opinion that the price demanded was much too high, but especially were they impressed with the belief that the Corporation could not purchase at all except at a price that would be likely to bring about an increase in the cost of gas to consumers. They therefore failed to see their way to recommend the Council to purchase. Communications from the Company showed that the Company were prepared to dispose of the Works for a sum of £55,000. This would not include the value of Stock-in-Trade and Debts due to the Company at the time of the transfer, nor would it include compensation to such officials as would be entitled to compensation under the Company's Act. The Statement of Accounts and Balance Sheet issued by the Company for year ended the 30th June last, disclosed the fact that the profits made on the Undertaking was nearly £2,000. The Company had been exceptionally prosperous in that year no doubt, but yet from the inference to be drawn from Counsel's opinion as to the number of years' purchase on which the valuation of the Concern would be based, in case the matter went to Arbitration, it was not thought well by the majority of the Committee to advise any further steps being taken towards purchasing the Undertaking.

The terms of the Report were taken into consideration by the Meeting, when the following proposition was made by Alderman Hadden and seconded by Councillor Kelly. That the Report of the Committee containing recommendation that this Council should abandon the proposal to purchase the premises of the Wexford Gas Company be adopted. A division was taken on this question, whereupon Nine Members voted for and Three against it.

The motion was declared carried.

A Committee report on the subject of lighting, extinguishing, and maintaining the street lamps and obtaining a supply of gas therefor on equitable terms from the Gas Company, was submitted. The Committee considered that the supply should be obtained on the average meter system, the Corporation to have the lighting and extinguishing done by lamplighters in their own employment. The charge for the gas consumed should be paid for at a rate to be determined on later, but not exceeding the rate charged to private consumers. Moreover an agreement should be entered into between the Corporation and the Gas Company regarding the supply of gas to the public lamps.

A discussion which took place on the subject of this report resulted in two motions being handed in.

(1) Proposed and Seconded by Councillor Rowe and Alderman Doyle respectively viz:-

That the Report of the Public Lighting Committee be adopted.

(2) Proposed and Seconded by Alderman Hadden and Councillor Michael O'Connor respectively, viz:-

That the consideration of the Report of the Public Lighting Committee be deferred, pending receipt from the Gas Company of information as to what they will charge, per annum, for allowing the Corporation to use the existing gas lamps and posts, and as to what the charge will be for affixing and maintaining meters on the lamps at the rate of one meter for every ten lamps.

The second of the two foregoing propositions was dealt with first. There was a division taken on it, when Six Members voted for and Six against it. The Mayor gave a casting vote in favour of the motion, and declared it carried.

The first proposition was consequently, by the tacit assent of those supporting it not put to the Meeting.

Tenders for executing the undermentioned works were received.

For repairing the wall at Roche's Road and carrying out sundry improvements thereat.

John Browne of Henaretta Street offered to perform such work for a sum of £7. 0. 0.

This was the only tender received in this case, but it was accepted, as the Surveyor's Estimate of the cost was £15.

For making sundry structural alterations and repairs on the Morgue building, William Underwood of John Street offered to carry the specification into effect for a sum of £18. 5. 0.

This was the only tender received, and it was rejected, inasmuch as the estimated cost of doing the work was only £10. 4. 6.

It was decided to call for fresh tenders in respect of the work by advertisement in the Press.

James J. Stafford

2nd October 1905.

A statutable meeting of the Council was held this day at the Town Clerk's Office at noon.

The members of the Council present were:-

James J. Stafford Esq. Mayor (in the chair)

Aldermen:- Matthew Doyle, George Hadden.

Councillors:- Benjamin Hughes, Robert Hanton, Joseph Kelly, James Hora, Joseph Doyle, Michael O'Connor, John O'Connor, Nicholas Gaul, Joseph Kingsberry.

The minutes of meeting of 4th September 1905 were read and signed.

Liabilities which had accrued due up to the end of last month, amounting in the aggregate to £473 : 19 : 4 were submitted to the meeting, and having been examined were approved, and a Treasurer was appointed to pay the Treasurer to pay

them on presentation to him of Paying Orders numbered from 227 to 247 inclusive.

Summary and Reconcilement of Treasurer's Account for the month ended the last day of September 1905, including the payments made at the meeting held on this day.

	Ordinary Account.	Loan Account.
SUMMARY.		
Balance due by Treasurer as per last report	£ 854 : 11 : 4	- :) : -
Total sum received to close of last month	806 : 12 : 11	- : - : -
TOTAL	1661 : 4 : 3	- : - : -
Balance due to Treasurer as per last report.	- : - : -	£ 1393 : 10 : 7
Payments ordered at above meeting.	167 : 19 : 4	306 : . : .
TOTAL	167 : 19 : 4	1699 : 10 : 7
Net balance due by Treasurer (ordinary)	1493 : 4 : 11	
Net balance due to Treasurer (Loan)		1699 : 10 : 7

RECONCILEMENT.		
Balance per Bank book due by Treasurer	1661 : 4 : 3	- : - : -
Balance per Bank book due to Treasurer		1393 : 10 : 7
Outstanding Orders	167 : 19 : 4	306 : 0 : 0
Balance as above due by Treasurer (ordinary)	1493 : 4 : 11	
Balance as above due to Treasurer (Loan)		1699 : 10 : 7

A Deputation from the tenants on the Corporation Estate came before the Meeting. It was formed of Dr. John Crean, Messrs L. S. Jeffares and William Busher, and was accompanied by Mr Brennan, Solicitor. The object of the Deputation was to solicit the Corporation to sell the lands to the tenants in pursuance of the Land Purchase Act, 1903. Mr Brennan stated that the holders of the lands were anxious to secure the benefits of the Act without causing any loss to the community of the town. He offered to buy at 23 years' purchase. At this rate of purchase together with the bonus, the sum realizable by the sale would, when invested at $3\frac{1}{2}$ per cent interest, secure to the Corporation an income more than equal in amount to the income derived from the lands. He also computed that the sale on these terms would be tantamount, on the side of the tenants, to obtaining a reduction of five shillings in the pound in their rents. He read correspondence showing that in Waterford, Clonmel, and Dundalk, the Corporations had agreed to the principle of selling the Corporate lands but it was noted however, that in these places there had as yet been no agreement come to between the Corporations and their tenants regarding the terms of purchase. On the conclusion of Mr Brennan's statement, the Deputation was informed that the offer would be given the fullest consideration, but at the present time the Corporation were not sufficiently well-informed on the subject to give a definite answer. As there was no need for urgency in the case, the consideration of it was adjourned for a month.

The Deputation withdrew.

Attention was called to the necessity which existed for the Corporation acquiring

the ownership in a vacant plot of ground adjoining Selskar Street and Trimmers Lane. The plot was until recent times the site of two dilapidated houses, and as these were now pulled down and the ground cleared there was an opportunity given to widen the Street. Thereupon it was decided to write to Mr Thompson, the Receiver of the property asking him to state the terms upon which Council could acquire the Landlord's interest in the plot, or failing the whole plot being available, what would be accepted for the frontage to Selskar Street, this portion being, say 33 feet by 6 feet admeasurement.

A Requisition on the National Bank for a sum of £2,000, being the first advance of a Loan of £3,000 to be borrowed by the Council from the Bank for the purpose of carrying out a Scheme to provide nineteen dwellings for the housing of the working classes was drawn up and signed on behalf of the Council.

Attention was called to the existence of a piece of waste ground at Hill Street, lying between the gable of the houses in process of erection by the Corporation, and the boundary wall of Miss Maddock's garden. This plot being open to the street was calculated to become a receptacle for filth, and it was advisable to have it fenced. It was Ordered:- That the plot be fenced in breast high with corrugated sheet iron.

Mr John Sutton, South Main Street made complaint by letter regarding a Main Sewer underneath his house and yard. The sewer was full of dirty matter, and the covering flags were exposed, permitting an escape of bad odour and gas. It was requisite to have the sewer sunk to a lower level than at present and provided with gully traps ordered:- That the Town Surveyor visit the premises and report as to the best means of dealing with the sewer, and the probable cost of making any structural alterations necessary.

The indebtedness of the Committee of Householders who had charge of the old Pipewater System in respect of the rent of a passage to the Reservoir was a matter brought under notice. Up to the time the Committee dissolved they had allowed four years' rent to accrue due to the Council, in all £16. This arrear was standing in the Rental, and as the Committee had given up looking after the System any longer, it was suggested that the item should be written off as a bad debt.

Ordered:- That inquiry be made from the Corporation Solicitor on the point whether the persons who had comprised the Committee would be held responsible for payment of the amount due.

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Two tenders/in connection with the work of repairing the Morgue were opened and read. They were from Joseph Scallan Builder, and Patrick Braen, Builder. The former offered to do the work for £13 : 5 : 0, and the latter for £15 : 17 : 0. On the motion of Councillor John O'Connor, seconded by Councillor Hore, the tender of Joseph Scallan was accepted.

It was Ordered:- That John O'Connor be appointed to carry out the work of carrying out

of structural improvements at Roche's Road was accepted at last Meeting of the Council, having up to the present failed to sign a contract be written to and asked to state, within two days, whether he is inclined to bind himself in a contract and proceed with the work.

A circular letter from the Local Government Board (No. 125/M 1905) dated 15th Sept. 1905 was submitted. Its subject was the inconvenience experienced by County Councils by reason of the delay on the part of Urban District Councils in making the quarterly payments in satisfaction of the Annual Demand, as prescribed under the Public Bodies Order, 1904. The Order required that the payments should be made on or before the 1st June, 1st September, 1st December and 1st March, but in cases where Urban District Councils neglected to discharge their obligations in due time, the Board would be compelled to take steps to enable County Councils to enforce payment at a much earlier period in each quarter than the above dates.

A letter from the Local Government Board (No. 42,637 /1905) dated 26th September 1905 was submitted. The Board asked to be informed whether the Committee appointed in connection with the proposal of the Council to frame a code of bye laws had yet furnished a report, and if so what action the Council had taken thereon.

Ordered:- That the Local Government Board be informed the Committee in question is still employed in adapting the Specimen Bye Laws supplied by the Board to the requirements of Wexford District, and that the Board in reference to their letter (No. 53,845 /1904) dated 14th June 1904, be asked to furnish the Council with a copy of the model code with respect to New Streets and Buildings, then in course of preparation.

A letter from the Secretary of the Gas Company was submitted. It had reference to the proposal of the Council to light and extinguish the street lamps, maintain, and clean them by lamplighters employed by the Council, and also to have the gas supplied to the lamps supplied on the average meter system. The Company, at the date of the letter, (15th September 1905) were not in a position to state the cost of fixing meters, the hire of lamps, posts, &c., but were engaged in collecting information on these points.

An application was made in behalf of Miss Wood for a refund to her of the cost of two gravespaces in Crosstown Cemetery. Her late father, Mr Frederick Wood, acquired the ownership of graves No. 59 and 60 in Section O, and paid therefor to the Burial Board a sum of £7 : 10 : 0 on the 18th March 1893. Subsequently he retired from business and went to reside in England, where he died and was buried. Miss Wood was resident in England and intended to stay there, and under these circumstances she asked for a refund of the sum named, as she was willing to surrender her right to the graves.

Ordered:- That the application be granted, Mr. Hadden guaranteeing to indemnify the Corporation against loss in the case, should loss arise.

It was reported that through ignorance of the Waterworks Regulation there had been

employed an unauthorized plumber to do the plumbing work connected with the newly erected science laboratories at St. Peter's College. On hearing of the occurrence, the Superintendent of Waterworks visited the College. He found that the lead pipe used was of the proper weight.

Ordered:- That the rule requiring all plumbers doing any work connected with the Water System to be registered, be not enforced in this case.

James J. Stafford

6th November 1905.

A Quarterly Meeting of the Council was held this day at the Town Clerk's Office at noon

The members in attendance were:-

James J. Stafford Esq. Mayor (in the chair)

Aldermen:- Walter Walsh, Matthew Doyle, John Tyghe, Martin Kehoe.

Councillors:- Benjamin Hughes, Michael O'Connor, Joseph Kingsberry, Joseph Kelly, Joseph Doyle, James Hore, Robert Hanton, John O'Connor, Howard Rowe, Nicholas Gaul.

The minutes of meeting of 2nd October 1905 were read and signed.

Liabilities which had accrued due up to the end of last month, amounting in the aggregate to £1553 : 19 : 10, were submitted, 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 248 to 276 inclusive.

Summary and Reconcilement of Treasurer's Account for the month ending the last day of October, including the payments made at this meeting.

S U M M A R Y .

	Ordinary	Loan.
Balance due by Treasurer as per last Statement.	£ 1493 : 4 : 11	- : - : -
Total sum received to close of month	712 : 2 : 9	2000 : 0 : 0
TOTALS	2205 : 7 : 8	2000 : 0 : 0
Balance due to Treasurer as per last statement	- : - : -	1699 : 10 : 7
Payments ordered at this meeting:	1537 : 17 : 6	16 : 2 : 4
TOTALS	1537 : 17 : 6	1715 : 12 : 11
Net balance due by Treasurer-difference of totals-	667 : 10 : 2	284 : 7 : 1

R E C O N C I L E M E N T .

Balance per Bank Books due by Treasurer.	2205 : 7 : 8	300 : 9 : 5
Outstanding Orders	1537 : 17 : 6	16 : 2 : 4
Net Balance as above due by Treasurer.	667 : 10 : 2	284 : 7 : 1

Advertence was made to the fact that Mr Thomas J. Cotton, of Dublin, was appointed on the 3rd. October 1904, as Gas Examiner for one year to the Town of Wexford. He had acted as such Examiner, and discharged his duties in a most efficient way. It was for the Meeting to decide whether his appointment would be renewed. Thereupon, on the

motion of Councillor Rowe, seconded by Alderman Doyle it was,

Resolved:- That the services of Mr. Cotton be engaged as Gas Examiner for a further period of one year at a stipend of £25, but that he agree to pay six visits to Wexford within that time.

The adjourned question of the Council selling lands to tenants of agricultural holdings on the Corporation Estate, under the Land Purchase Act 1903, was brought under notice. There was a disposition on the part of the Meeting to give this matter full and special consideration, and it was decided to adjourn the present Meeting at its rising, to Wednesday 8th Instant to deal with the subject.

In relation to the proposal of the Council to take charge of the work of lighting and extinguishing street lamps, hiring the existing lanterns, posts, brackets &c., from the Gas Company, and paying by meter for the quantity of gas consumed, a letter from the Secretary of the Gas Company was read. He stated that the cost of fixing meters (15 of which would be required) to the lamp services would be £2. 15. 0 per meter. In consideration of the payment of this charge, the Company would keep the meters in good order for one year free of charge. If the meters proved to be not troublesome, no charge would be made for keeping them in order during a second or even a third year. The use of the lanterns &c., would be given for £30 a year, the Council maintaining them in good order. Governors would be fitted, one to each lamp, at a cost of 2/3 per governor. As to limiting the consumption to four cubic feet per lamp, per hour, the Company were prepared to have three governors fixed on lamps close to the Town Clerk's Offices, each admitting respectively of a consumption of four, four and a half, and five cubic feet per hour. This would give an opportunity to compare the flame of one with another, and with the flames of the burners now in use, and to see whether a burner allowing of a consumption of only four cubic feet per hour was one suitable for public lighting.

Ordered:- That the offer of the Gas Company, as to affixing governors to three of the street lamps as an experiment be accepted, but that the Company be asked to go further and fit three other of the lamps with governors of a capacity to allow of a consumption of 4, 4½, and 5 cubic feet per hour respectively, furnished with incandescent burners and mantles, to enable the Council to judge of the value of incandescent lights in the public lamps.

There was laid before the Meeting a copy of the Statute entitled the Unemployed Workmen Act 1905, together with draft of an Order which the Local Government Board proposed to make, establishing and constituting a Distress Committee for Wexford Borough under the Act, and a draft of Regulations which the same Department were about to make, determining the powers, duties, &c of the Committee. The terms of the Act, and of the proposed Orders were explained to, and discussed by, the Meeting as had been done on previous occasions. Some members did not consider themselves sufficiently well-informed on the subject to be in a position to express

to express an opinion, as they had been invited to do by the Local Government Board, on the provisions of the draft Orders. The consideration of them was therefore deferred for a month further.

A copy of a Resolution of the Dublin County Council relative to the want felt for adapting the present system of Higher Education in Ireland to the requirements of the Irish people was read. The subject was discussed, and on the motion of Alderman Boyle, seconded by Councillor Michael O'Connor, it was resolved as follows:-

" That the provisions for higher education in Ireland are wholly inadequate to the wants of the people: that the present distribution of public educational funds is wasteful and unjust; and that it is essential to the interests of the Country that there should be at once introduced into Parliament such a Measure as will remedy existing grievances, and establish under conditions of equal justice to all, a system of Higher Education suited to the requirements, and satisfying the just claims of the Irish people."

Copies of a series of resolutions of the County Wexford Committee of the Irish Gaelic League were read for the Meeting. The views expressed by the League on the subject of which the resolutions treated, were considered and fully endorsed by the Meeting. They were as follows:-

1. That we declare the action of the Lords of the Treasury, in attempting to dictate the policy of Irish Primary Education, to be a gross and intolerable abuse; and declare determined resistance to such an encroachment to be a public duty.
2. That we strongly protest against the proposed withdrawal of fees for Irish as an extra subject in the National Schools, and we pledge ourselves to resist to the utmost this threatened injustice.
3. That the Commissioners of National Education, by allowing the Treasury to usurp their functions, have been guilty of a grave breach of trust, the more disgraceful since the Commissioners were aware of the persistent injustice of the Treasury in withholding large funds due to Primary Education in Ireland, and should have met every approach of the Treasury with a demand for full restitution of all moneys wrongfully withheld.
4. That it is now evident that the Board of National Education have lost irretrievably the confidence of the public, and have forfeited all claim on the sympathy and co-operation of the Managers and Teachers of the Primary Schools; and that the existing deadlock between the Board and the Schools of the country can only be remedied by the retirement of the present Board, and by the substitution of a representative Board, which shall have the confidence and support of the School Managers and Teachers and of the Irish public.
5. That we call upon any of the Commissioners who do not wish to be held responsible for the present crisis to dissociate themselves publicly from the Board's policy of meek subserviency towards the Treasury, and domineering exasperation towards the Irish public and the Schools.
6. That in the present crisis we call upon Managers and Teachers throughout our County to assist the efforts of the Gaelic League in reforming Primary Education, and to devote

themselves even more earnestly than heretofore to the teaching of the National Language.

7. That copies of the foregoing resolutions be forwarded to the Right Hon. Arthur J. Balfour, M. P., Treasury, Whitehall, S. W., London; to Victor C. W. Cavendish, M. P., Secretary Treasury, Whitehall S. W., London; to P. E. Lemass, Secretary National Board, Marlborough Street, Dublin; to the Right Hon. W. Long, M. P., Chief Secretary, Dublin Castle; and to the "Freeman's Journal."

Complaint was made of the streets and roads of the town being in a state of general disrepair. It was alleged that some of them had worn down below their original level so as to expose the foundations. The sewers appeared to be too near the surface, and were liable to be broken into by the wheels of carts. It was suggested that a road roller, worked by horses, should be employed in the repairing of the surface of the roads.

It was Ordered:- That the Town Surveyor be asked to make a report on the present condition of the streets, and on the best means to be taken to put them into a good state of repair.

The inadequacy of the train service between Killurin and Wexford was brought under notice. The running of the train known as the Market Train had been discontinued, with the result that people from the district mentioned coming to town on market days were put to considerable inconvenience. It was not possible for them to arrive later than 9. 20 o'clock A. M., or to return home before 6. 15. P. M.

Ordered:- That the Directors of Dublin, Wicklow, and Wexford Railway Company be asked to run a train between Wexford and Killurin, or Mackmine, on Wexford Market days about one o'clock P. M.

The Department of Agriculture and Technical Instruction, by their letter dated 27th October 1905, which was read, informed the Council that five samples of butter had been obtained at Wexford by an Officer of the Department for analysis. The samples had been duly submitted to the Public Analyst for the Borough, and had proved to be pure.

The Local Government Board, by their letter (No. 61,658) dated 31st October, 1905, which was submitted, stated in reference to minutes of proceedings of the Council on 2nd. Ultimo, that the Board hoped to be in a position shortly to furnish the Council with a copy of model bye laws as to new streets and buildings.

Correspondence in reference to the intended acquisition, by the Council, of a plot of ground at Selskar Street, which was the subject of an order made at Meeting on the 2nd. ultimo, was read. Messrs Stopford and Turner, Dublin, were the Receivers of the Edwards Estate, of which the plot formed part. They were quite willing, subject to the appeal of the Court, to sell the portion of the ground required by the Council, for a sum of fifteen pounds, provided the rest of the ground were railed

in at the public expense. There would be great difficulty however, in obtaining a conveyance. The ground was not included in the Estate, which was under the control of the Court, although the Receivers always received the rents of the houses that had stood on the plot and accounted for them along with the rest of the Estate. Thereupon on the motion of Councillor Hore seconded by Councillor Kelly, it was Resolved:- That the Corporation agree to pay fifteen pounds, without any condition as to erecting a railing, for the frontage measuring 33 feet by 6 feet, to allow of a footpath being laid down, subject to a safe title being granted by the Court of Chancery. Ordered:- That a Requisition to tax a Bill of miscellaneous Costs due to Corporation Solicitor up to latter end of August last, be sealed, and that Mr. T. J. Healy, Solicitor be appointed to attend on behalf of the Council at the taxation proceedings.

James J. Stafford

8th November 1905.

An adjourned Statutable Meeting of the Council was held this day at the Town Clerk's Office, at 7. 30 p. M.

The Members present were:-

James J. Stafford Esq. Mayor (in the chair)

Aldermen:- Walter Walsh, John Tyghe, Matthew Doyle.

Councillors:- James Cullimore, Joseph Kelly, Benjamin Hughes, Michael O'Connor, John J. Kehoe, James Hore, Joseph Kingsberry, James Goodisson, John O'Connor, Robert Hanton, Joseph Doyle.

The minutes of Meeting of 6th November 1905 were read and signed.

The question of the Council selling the Corporation lands to the tenants thereof, was taken into consideration. It evoked long discussion. The soundness of the principle of a Municipal Body parting with Townparks was a point on which Members differed in opinion. In case a town developed by reason of a prosperous turn in its fortunes, it went without saying that such lands would be enormously enhanced in value. On the other hand, the principle of making the peasantry of Ireland proprietors of their holdings, was universally admitted in this Country to be a good one, and was recognized by the legislature. The discussion resulted in the following motion, which was proposed by Councillor Kelly, and seconded by Alderman Doyle, being carried by nine votes against six. That the Council sell to all agricultural tenants their holdings in the case of lands held outside the Borough boundary, providing the tenants are satisfied to pay such amount by way of purchase money as will, when invested at 3 per cent. interest, yield an income to the Corporation equal in amount to the net rents received out of the lands at present: all tenants to agree to purchase or no sale.

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Regarding an item of £16 appearing in the Rental as an arrear due by the Pipewater

Committee, the Corporation Solicitor gave it as his opinion that this sum was not recoverable. The Committee was formed of householders who undertook to look after the old Pipewater System and pay the expense attendant on keeping it in operation, including a rent of £4 a year in respect of a right-of-way to the Reservoir in John Street. They kept the works in order for some years, but handed the charge of them over to the Corporation last year, leaving four years rent of the passage due. Their funds ran short on account of a falling off in the number of water consumers supplied from the System. The Solicitor stated that in the absence of an Agreement in writing between the Corporation and the Committee there was no case against the latter in regard to the debt.

It was Ordered:- That the item in question be written off the Rental as a bad debt.

James J. Stafford
4 Dec 1905

4th December 1905.

A Statutable meeting of the Council was held this day at the Town Clerk's Office at noon

The members present were:-

James J. Stafford Esq. Mayor (in the chair)

Aldermen:- George Hadden, Walter Walsh, James Sinnott.

Councillors:- James Hore, Joseph Kelly, Howard Rowe, Benjamin Hughes.

The minutes of meeting of 8th November 1905 were read and signed.

Liabilities amounting to £654. 2. 4 were ordered for payment.

Summary and Reconcilement of Treasurer's Account for the month ending the last day of November 1905, including payments made at Meeting held on this day.

S U M M A R Y.

	Ordinary Account.	Loan Account.
Balance due by Treasurers per last Statement.	£ 667 : 10 : 2	284 : 7 : 1
Total sum received to close of last month.	492 : 4 : 5	- : - : -
T O T A L	1159 : 14 : 7	284 : 7 : 1
Balance due to Treasurer as per last Statement.	- : - : -	- : - : -
Payments ordered at this Meeting.	345 : 1 : 10	309 : 0 : 6
T O T A L	345 : 1 : 10	309 : 0 : 6
Net Balance due to Treasurer (Loan)		24 : 13 : 5
Net Balance due by Treasurer (Ordinary)	814 : 12 : 9	

R E C O N C I L E M E N T.

Balance per Bank Books due by Treasurer.	1163 : 9 : 7	284 : 7 : 1
Outstanding Orders.	348 : 16 : 10	309 : 0 : 6
Net balance due to Treasurer. (Loan)		24 : 13 : 5
Net Balance due by Treasurer (Ordinary)	814 : 12 : 9	

There was brought before the Meeting a copy of a Sealed order, dated 16th November 1905 (No. 164. M) made by the Local Government Board pursuant to the Unemployed Workmen Act, 1905, establishing a Distress Committee in each Borough with a population of 10,000.

The Order prescribed the constitution and duties of the Committee, the mode of selecting and appointing Members thereof, and the term for which they would hold office. It also made provision inter alia with regard to the Meetings of the Committee and with regard to its proceedings. By the terms of the Order the Committee to be appointed for the Borough of Wexford was required to be composed of ten Members, of whom five were to be Members of the Urban Council, three to be Guardians of the Poor selected by the Wexford Board of Guardians, and two to be persons experienced in the relief of distress. The appointment of all the Members rested with the Council, and it was prescribed that such appointment was to be made on or before the 14th December Instant.

The Meeting deliberated on the matter, when it was arranged that the Council were to be summoned together by seven days notice against Wednesday the 13th Instant, to appoint the Committee, although it did not appear that the Board of Guardians had, as yet, exercised their power to submit to the Council the names of three Guardians selected to act as Members of the Committee.

With regard to order made on 6th Ultimo, a letter from the Secretary of the Gas Company was read pointing out that three lamp governors had been fixed in position allowing of an hourly consumption of gas of 4, 4½, and 5 cubic feet respectively. As to fixing additional governors to three incandescent lamps, it would serve no useful purpose to provide governors in the case of such lamps as was obvious from the following explanation. There were to be seen at the present time six incandescent lamps between the Town Clerk's Office and Keyzers Lane. Those did not consume each quite 4 cubic feet per hour, and it was clear that any of them afforded fove times the light of an ordinary lamp. If the incandescent system of lighting were adopted, it was not likely the Council would use burners consuming over 4 feet per hour.

The Meeting thereupon proceeded to make a computation with the object of ascertaining whether any saving could be effected by the Council themselves taking charge of the public lamps. On the estimate being completed, it was the opinion that the price charged by the Company for the lampservice was excessive. It was recognized that the Company were able to maintain and attend to the lamps at a cheaper rate than were the Council, but even if the latter did take over control, it was abundantly evident a considerable saving would result. The question then presented itself as to whether it was not advisable to leave the lamps in charge of the Company, if the Company could be induced to attend to them on fair terms.

The result of the deliberations of the Meeting was the adoption of the following motion, as proposed by Councillor Hughes, seconded by Councillor Hore.

That the Gas Company be written to and asked what they will be prepared to accept for supplying the public lamps with gas, maintaining lanterns furnished with incandescent burners &c., and lighting and extinguishing the lamps for nine months of the year

exclusive of moonlight nights, and also what the Company will accept for discharging the same service for nine months of the year including moonlight nights.

Ordered:- That the offer of the Gas Company made some months back as to erecting a Pressure Gauge be accepted, and if the Company consider themselves still bound by the offer that they be asked to erect the Gauge in the vicinity of Redmond Monument.

The Finance and Works Committee recommended the Council to procure a Street Sweeping Machine. The Committee had formed the opinion that by means of such a Machine the work of scavenging would be facilitated and done in a thorough way, though there was no expectation that the cost attendant on the work would as a result be cheapened, There had been procured specifications, illustrations, and price lists, and from these the Committee were enabled to compare the merits, and mode of construction, of one style of machine with another, and had come to the conclusion that the Machine produced by the Firm of Messrs Allen & Co, County Down, at a cost of £30 would answer the requirements of Wexford.

Thereupon on the motion of Councillor Kelly, seconded by Alderman Sinnott, it was Resolved:- That the recommendation of the Committee be adopted, subject to a guarantee being given by Messrs Allen & Co. that the machine will not splash mud.

A Communication from the United Irish League, Dublin, showed that a National Convention of that Body was to be held in Dublin on the 6th December Instant, and contained a request that delegates from the Council should be selected to attend the Convention.

The Mayor on being asked to represent the Council on the occasion acceded to the request and was accordingly appointed as a delegate, as was also Councillor Hanton who had consented to act as a delegate at a Meeting of the Finance and Works Committee.

James Stafford

13th December 1905.

A meeting of the Council of the Borough was held this day at the Town Clerk's Office at 7. 30 P. M.

The members present were:-

James J. Stafford Esq., Mayor (in the chair)

Aldermen:- Matthew Doyle, Walter Walsh, John Tyghe.

Councillors:- James Here, Benjamin Hughes, Thomas O'Brien, Michael O'Connor, Joseph Kelly, James Cullimore, Robert Hanton, John O'Connor,

John J. Kehoe.

The minutes of meeting of 4th December Instant were read and signed.

The formation of a District Committee for the Borough, as per decision come to on the 4th Instant, was proceeded with in accordance with the terms of a Sealed Order of the Local Government Board, and in pursuance of the same, and amongst other things, the size and composition of such Committee.

Councillor Here proposed that the five Members of the Borough Council required to be appointed on the Committee be the following, namely, The Mayor, and Councillors Robert Hanton, John J. Kehoe, Michael O'Conner, and John O'Connor.

The motion was seconded by Alderman Doyle, and was carried.

With regard to the appointment of three Members of the Wexford Board of Guardians, as prescribed, it appeared from a letter received from the Clerk of Wexford Union, that that Board had selected as their representatives, Mrs M. A. Ennis of Ardruth, Mr. James Hore of Gorge Street, and Mr. William Kehoe of Fisher's Row, Wexford.

Thereupon Councillor Kelly proposed that the three Guardians named be appointed Members of the Committee.

The motion, on being seconded by Councillor Kehoe, was adopted.

To complete the number of Members required to form the Committee, the Mayor proposed that the Reverend Patrick O'Conner C. C. the Manse, and Miss B. Conway of Main Street, Wexford, be appointed from outside the Council, their eligibility consisting in their being persons long experienced in the relief of distress.

The proposition was seconded by Councillor Kelly and was adopted.

Pursuant to Article 7 of the Sealed Order, the first Meeting of the Committee was fixed to be held on the 8th January Prox., at the Town Hall, but with regard to Article 6, it was decided not to specify the period for which the two persons appointed in virtue of their experience in relieving distress were to hold office.

Regarding resolution adopted on the 8th November last, whereby the Council agreed to sell the Corporation lands to tenants occupying agricultural holdings, a letter received from Messrs Huggard and Brennan, Solicitors, was read. These gentlemen, acting for the tenants held that the price demanded by the Corporation was altogether too high, as was to be seen from the following computation.

The gross rent derived from the lands was

£ 102 : 5 : 6

The tenants were satisfied to buy at 24 years' purchase,

2454 : 12 : 0

and on this basis the sale would realize

294 : 11 : 1

To which was to be added the bonus of

2749 : 3 : 1

This sum invested at $3\frac{1}{2}\%$ would produce £96 : 3 : 0 a year, which was slightly less than the present net rent of £97 : 3 : 6. Messrs Huggard and Brennan took occasion to point out that the rate of interest ($3\frac{1}{2}\%$) at which the Corporation wanted to invest the purchase money was extremely low, and there were many Trustee Securities which yielded at least $3\frac{1}{2}\%$, and even as much as 4%.

The question of selling on the terms above set forth was exhaustively dealt with by the Meeting, when the following motion proposed by Councillor Here, seconded by Councillor Kehoe was put to the Meeting.

That the offer of the tenants to acquire their holdings on a basis of 24 years purchase is not high enough to warrant the Corporation in accepting it.

On a division being taken it was found that eight Members were for, and five against the motion, which was accordingly declared carried.

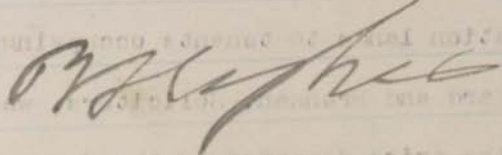
A report from the Town Surveyor read dealt with the condition of a public sewer at Main Street South. The sewer was built in a primitive way. It ran through Mr. Sutton's premises. Fissures discovered in the walls and covering flags were calculated to allow of an escape of foul gas. Should it be decided to reconstruct the sewer, it was proper to fill up the portion of it under the dwelling house and lay a 15 inch pipe sewer through the yard and gateway at a cost of £40. Yet however, it would meet the necessities of the case for a few years to convert the portion under the house into a pipe sewer at a cost of £16, but this alternative was not to be commended.

Thereupon it was ordered:-

That a Committee composed of the Mayor, Councillors Kehoe and Kelly, accompanied by the Surveyor, be asked to visit Mr Sutton's premises and see which of the two modes of dealing with the sewer was the more desirable.

Attention was called to the desirability of having the wall resting on the arch of the Stonebridge raised, so as to screen off the river entirely from view of Main Street, and also to prevent the foul smells that on occasion arise from the river from being blown into the houses in that street.

It was ordered:- That the Committee formed to visit Mr Sutton's premises be also asked to inspect the wall in question, and report on the matter.


1st January 1906.

A Statutable meeting of the Council was held this day at the Town Clerk's Office at noon.

The members present were:-

James J. Stafford Esq., Mayor (in the chair)

Alderman:- John Tyghe.

Councillors:- Richard Cresbie, Joseph Kelly, Thomas O'Brien, Benjamin Hughes,

James Goodisson, James Cullimere, Michael O'Connor, James Here, Howard Rowe.

This day (New Year's Day) being a general holiday, Councillor Cullimere proposed that the Meeting be adjourned to wednesday 3rd Instant at 7. 30 P. M.

The proposition was seconded by Alderman Tyghe and was carried.

3rd January 1906.

An adjourned Statutable meeting of the Council was held this day at Town Clerk's Office at 7.30. P. M.

The members present were:-

Benjamin Hughes Esq. T. C. (in the chair)

Alderman:- Walter Walsh.

Councillors:- James Here, Howard Rewe, John J. Kehee, James Geedissen,

Richard Cresbie, Joseph Kelly, Michael O'Conner, James Cullinere.

The minutes of Meeting of 13th December 1905 were read and signed.

Accounts accrued due up to the end of last month, amounting in the aggregate to £388. 12. 7 were submitted to the meeting, and having been examined were approved and an Advice Note was signed to enable the Treasurer to pay them on presentation to him of Paying Orders numbered from 300 to 316 inclusive.

Summary and Recencilement of Treasurer's Account for the month ending the last day of December 1905, including the payments made at the Meeting held on this day.

S U M M A R Y.

	Ordinary	Lean.
Balance due by Treasurer as per last statement.	814 : 12 : 9	- : - : -
Sum received to close of last month.	344 : 18 : 4	504 : 7 : 6
TOTAL	1159 : 11 : 1	504 : 7 : 6
Balance due to Treasurer as per last Statement	- : - : -	24 : 13 : 5
Payments ordered at above meeting.	231 : 13 : 1	156 : 19 : 6 181 : 12 : 11
TOTAL	231 : 13 : 1	181 : 12 : 11
Net Balance due by Treasurer	927 : 18 : 0	322 : 14 : 7

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Balance per Bank Books due by Trasurer	1159 : 11 : 1	479 : 14 : 1
Outstanding orders	231 : 13 : 1	156 : 19 : 6
Net Balance due by Treasurer.	927 : 18 : 0	322 : 14 : 7

A letter received from the Secretary of the gas Company was read. He stated with regard to the reselution passed on the 4th Ultime as to public lighting, that the Council were much astray in computing the number of hours in the Gas Lighting Season. The method of computation followed namely that of taking an average and multiplying the number of days by an average number of hours was too crude and was useless for ascertaining the exact number of hours. It was essential that the Council and the Gas Company should agree as to the number of hours before the Company would be in a position to furnish a tender. He disagreed with the view that it was possible for thwe Council to effect a saving if they took charge of the public lighting.

With regard to a complaint made about the extinguishing of public lamps at the Folly before daylight on several mornings during week ended 2nd December, the Secretary stated that he had closely examined the lamplighter, who asserted most positively that on the mornings in question he had left these lamps lighted until after

seven o'clock.

As to the request made on the Company to erect a Pressure Gauge at Redmend Monument, they were ready to erect the gauge but they would not fix it anywhere but at the Corporation Offices. The Offices were beyond the centre of the greatest consumption of gas, and their position was the best place where a fair indication of general pressure was obtainable.

The terms of the letter having been discussed the following three orders were made.

(1) That this Council request the Gas Company to furnish a tender in respect of maintaining, lighting, and extinguishing, the public lamps of the town, furnished with incandescent lights, in accordance with the Company's own lighting table, specifying the charge for performing such service for nine months of the year exclusive of moonlight nights, and for the same period including moonlight nights.

(2) That having inquired further into the matter of the complaint made as to the public lamps at the Folly having been extinguished on the morning of the 2nd Decr. Ultimo and several previous mornings before daylight, this Meeting consider the charge fully justified and reiterate it.

(3) That the Gas Company be asked to fix a Pressure Gauge at the Town Surveyor's Office, Town Hall, instead of at the Town Clerk's Office, as the Council consider the former Office the most convenient and suitable place for the apparatus to be displayed in.

A letter from Messrs Huggard and Brennan Solicitors was read. It bore reference to resolution passed on 13th Ultimo, whereby the offer of the tenants on the Corporation Estate to purchase their holdings on a basis of twentyfour years purchase was declined. It contained a list of Securities most of which yielded more than $3\frac{1}{2}\%$ and two slightly under $3\frac{1}{2}\%$ interest on money invested in them. They all came within the category of Trustee Investments, showing that the Corporation would be able to invest the money to be realized by the sale of the lands in sound and reliable security.

The question was discussed. The securities enumerated in the letter were not deemed to be equal in soundness to the security that resided in the ownership of land situate on the outskirts of a town. It was thereupon decided to inform Messrs Huggard and Brennan that the Corporation saw as yet no reason to alter the decision already come to in the matter.

A copy of a Sealed Order made by the Local Government Board under date of 18th December 1905 was submitted. The Department having been applied to to annul a surcharge of £90 made by Mr. J. A. Baker on the occasion of his auditing the Municipal Accounts for year ended 31st March 1905, and having inquired into the facts of the case, decided to discharge the surcharge and accordingly made the Order.

A circular from the Royal Sanitary Institute, London, was read announcing that a Congress of the Institute and Exhibition had been arranged to be held in Bristol in July next. The Institute asked that the Council would appoint delegates to the

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BOROUGH OF WEXFORD.

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NOTICE OF RESULT OF ELECTIONS.

BOROUGH OF WEXFORD.

Election of Councillors for the above Borough in the year 1906.

I, the undersigned, being the Returning Officer at the Election of Councillors for the said Borough, do hereby give Notice that the

I, the undersigned, being the Returning Officer at the Election of Councillors for the said Borough, do hereby give Notice that the Candidates whose names are entered in Column 1 of the statement hereunder and opposite to whose names no numbers are entered in Column 5 where no Polls have been taken were duly elected Councillors for the Wards opposite to the names of which in Column 1 the names of such candidates are entered.

COUNCILLORS.

Wards. 1	Names of Candidates.		Place of Abode. 4	No. of votes Recorded. 5	Names of Candidates elected. 6
	Surnames. 2	Other Names. 3			
ST. IBERIUS	O'CONNOR	FRANK	Main Street, Wexford.	—	Frank O'Connor.
DO	O'CONNOR	JOHN	Allen Street, Wexford.	—	John O'Connor.
ST. MARYS.	KELLY	JOSEPH	Main Street South, Wexford.	—	Joseph Kelly.
DO	O'BRIEN	THOMAS	Bride Street, Wexford.	—	Thomas O'Brien.
ST. SELSKAR	BYRNE	PATRICK	Main Street North, Wexford.	—	Patrick Byrne.
DO	HUGHES	BENJAMIN	Main Street North, Wexford.	—	Benjamin Hughes.

Dated this 15th day of January, 1906.

WM. A. BROWNE,

Returning Officer.

seven o'clock.

As to the request made on the Company to erect a Pressure Gauge at Redmond Monument, they were ready to erect the gauge but they would not fix it anywhere but at the Corporation Offices. The Offices were beyond the centre of the greatest consumption of gas, and their position was the best place where a fair indication of general pressure was obtainable.

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Congress, as the various meetings afforded an opportunity for the Representatives of Sanitary Authorities to discuss the many problems arising in Municipal and Public Health Administration.

The consideration of the question was deferred for the present.

James J. Stafford

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23rd January 1906.

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

There were in attendance:-

James J. Stafford Esq., Mayor (in the chair)

Aldermen:- Matthew Doyle, George Hadden, Walter Walsh, Martin Kehoe.

Councillors:- Robert Hanton, James Goodisson, Thomas Carroll, James Hore,

John J. Kehoe, Joseph Kingsberry, Frank O'Connor, Thomas O'Brien,

Joseph Kelly, Patrick Byrne, Howard Rowe, Benjamin Hughes,

Michael O'Connor.

The minutes of last meeting were read and signed.

The meeting proceeded with the election of a Mayor for the ensuing year. Councillor Hanton proposed, and Councillor Kehoe seconded the following resolution, which on being put to the meeting was passed unanimously.

That our present Mayor, Councillor James J. Stafford, be and is hereby elected Mayor for the year commencing this day, and until his Successor be appointed and shall have accepted office.

The Mayor returned thanks for his election and signed a declaration of acceptance of office.

The appointment of Standing Committees was then proceeded with, and thereupon the two following resolutions were unanimously adopted.

proposed by Councillor Kehoe, Seconded by Councillor Goodisson.

That the Finance, Works, Public Health, and Waterworks Committees be composed of the entire Council.

Proposed by Alderman Doyle, seconded by Councillor Kehoe.

That the Technical Instruction Committee be composed of the following:- The Mayor, Aldermen Hadden & Walsh, Councillors Hughes, Hore Rowe, M. O'Connor, and Venerable Archdeacon Latham D. D. Rev. P. Doyle Adm., Messrs Ennis, Thompson, Furlong, and Rev. Brother Lavelle.

The three Quarterly Meetings to be held in the year 1906 were fixed to take place on

Monday 7th May next at noon, Tuesday 7th August next at noon, and Monday 5th November next, at noon.

A recommendation from the Finance & Works Committee as to having trees planted in suitable places in the streets, and in the closed Burial Grounds, was taken into consideration.

Councillor Kelly moved that the suggested planting be carried out, but that the cost of the work for the present year be limited to £25.

This was seconded by Councillor Hore, but

Councillor Rowe proposed as an amendment that £50 be the sum to be devoted to the proposed arborical planting in the present year.

On this being seconded by Alderman Doyle, it was put to the Meeting but failed to be carried.

The motion was then put and carried.

It was then decided that of the sum allocated, £10 was to be laid out on Redmond Road, £10 on the Faythe, £1. on Old Pound, and £4 on the Graveyards.

James J. Stafford

5th February 1906.

A statutable Meeting of the Council was held this day at the Town Clerk's Office at noon.

The members present were:-

James J. Stafford Esq. Mayor (in the chair)

Aldermen:- Matthew Doyle, Martin Kehoe, Walter Walsh, James Sinnott.

Councillors:- James Cullimore, Benjamin Hughes, Robert Hanton, Frank O'Connor, Michael O'Connor, JAMES Hore, John O'Connor, Howard Rowe, John J. Kehoe, Joseph Kingsberry, Joseph Kelly.

The minutes of meeting of 23rd January 1906 were read and signed

Liabilities which had accrued due up to the end of last month amounting in the aggregate to £701. 0. 9 were ordered for payment.

Summary and reconciliation of Treasurer's Account for the month ending the last day of January 1906 including the payments made on this day.

S U M M A R Y.

Balance due by Treasurer as per last Statement.	927. 18. 0	322. 14. 7
Sum received to close of last month	242. 16. 5	
	1170. 14. 5	322. 14. 7
Balance due to Treasurer as per last statement		
Payments ordered at above meeting.	693. 10. 9	7. 10. 0
TOTAL	693. 10. 9	7. 10. 0
Net balance due by Treasurer (being difference		

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RECONCILEMENT.

Balance per Bank Books due by Treasurer.	1170 : 14 : 5	322 : 14 : 7
Outstanding orders (including those issued at this Meeting)	693 : 10 : 9	7 : 10 : 0
Net Balance as above, due by Treasurer.	477 : 3 : 8	315 : 4 : 7

It was announced that a claim had been successfully made for a rebate of Income Tax assessed on Working Class Dwellings in Wexford. The ground on which the claim was based was that the interest paid on the Loans borrowed to enable the dwellings to be provided was entitled to be deducted from the profit rent arising out of them in assessing the tax. The result was that a repayment of £27. 9. 6 was to be made to the Council in respect of the Income Tax for the last three years, and in addition to this, an abatement of £8. 4. 10 was to be made on the current years tax.

This was deemed satisfactory, and a vote of thanks was tendered to Councillor Hone for calling attention to the cases wherein Kingstown and Blackrock obtained a rebate on the same grounds.

In response to advertisement inviting tenders in respect of the work of providing additional storage accommodation in yard belonging to the Corporation at Gibson's Lane, there were three tenders received.

They were from the following who offered to do the work according to design and specification for the sums mentioned after their names respectively.

William Underwood £47. 5. 0, John McGrath £46. 19. 2, James Doyle £37. 13. 0.

On reference being made to the Town Surveyor's Estimate, it was found that the cost of the work was set down at £40.

Thereupon on the motion of Councillor Hanton, seconded by Councillor John J. Kehoe it was Resolved:- That the tender of James Doyle be accepted.

With regard to the order made on 23rd Ultimo, the Finance and Works Committee reported that they had inspected Redmond Road. They were assisted by Mr. Galvin Proprietor of Park Nurseries, and had formed the opinion that the roadway at Redmond Road was not wide enough to allow of trees being planted there without causing serious impediment to traffic. They had hesitated to proceed with the planting without being armed with further instructions from the Council. It had occurred to the Committee that the Railway Company might be induced to plant a row of trees in line with the wall of the road on the adjoining land.

On the motion of councillor Hanton, seconded by Alderman Doyle it was Resolved:- That the intended work of planting trees along Redmond Road be deferred for the present, and that the Directors of the Dublin, Wicklow, and Wexford Railway be approached with a view to trees being planted on their premises as suggested by the Committee.

With regard to the Corporation's requirement of a plot of ground at Selskar Street (a matter which was the subject of an order on the 6th November last) it was pointed out in a

letter from the Corporation Solicitor, that from further correspondence carried on by him it was found to be impossible to obtain a title from the Court of Chancery. There was no alternative but for the Corporation to take the same title as was taken in the case of Mr. Cassin's stable. It was also a mistaken idea for the Corporation to think they could acquire the plot for the consideration of a payment of £15 only. The Receivers of the Estate, of which the plot formed part did not consider themselves justified in abating their demand as to the erection of a railing, and the payment of £15 to the estate. These terms were liberal and should be accepted if the Corporation were disposed to acquire the ground and put it to some good use. The plot at present was used as a receptacle for nuisances. The question was considered, whereupon Councillor John J. Kehoe gave notice that he would move at next Meeting of the Corporation the rescinding of the resolution of the 6th November last relative to the purchasing of the plot, and propose that the ground be acquired on the terms specified by the Corporation Solicitor.

Councillor Hughes stated that the Corporation of Waterford, in a Bill they were promoting in Parliament to authorize the erection of a New Bridge in Waterford, were seeking powers to compel the County of Wexford, including Wexford Town, to pay an annual contribution towards the repayment of a Loan to be borrowed for the erection of the Bridge. He considered it would be an imposition on the Town of Wexford to be saddled with any pecuniary liability in connexion with the provision of a bridge in Waterford. He proposed that the County Council of Wexford be asked to watch the interests of the ratepayers of Wexford in the matter. The motion was seconded by Councillor Michael O'Conner, and was adopted.

Attention was drawn by the Mayor to the fact that representatives of the Press were admitted to meetings of Committees of the Council. From his experience it was no benefit whatever to have the transactions of Committees made public, but on the contrary it was a distinct disadvantage to give publicity to certain matters prematurely. He proposed that the Press should not be invited to send any representative to meetings of the Standing Committees for one year. He limited the exclusion of the reporters to one year, in order to give the Council an opportunity to see if the business would not be done in a more efficient way than it was at present, by confining information disclosed at Committee meetings to members of the Council alone. At the end of that period it was, of course, open to the Council to re-admit the Press if thought fit. The motion was seconded by Councillor Hughes, and after being fully discussed was adopted.

A tender received from the Gas Company in respect of public lighting was submitted. The Company were prepared to maintain, light, and extinguish the Public Lamps fitted with incandescent lights from 15th August to 15th May in each year at a charge of £2 : 16 : 6 per lamp, but for leaving them unlighted during two nights before full

moon and on the night of full moon, with the right to extinguish them after the night of full moon at ten o'clock, and later on following nights, according as the moon rises at a later hour, the charge per lamp would be £2 : 8 : 6. With this latter arrangement the lamps would be lighted even during the two nights before full moon, and the night of full moon, if those nights were very dark at lighting time. They would not be lighted if the sky became heavily covered with clouds after the proper hour for commencing to light. The right to extinguish them at ten o'clock if lighted for the three nights named, would be claimed. On the nights following the night of full moon, the lamplighters would get instructions not to commence extinguishing the lamps at ten o'clock, or later, if the nights should turn out to be very dark. It was to be understood that the Company would not in any way be liable for a change in the weather after the regular hour for commencing to light or to extinguish.

Councillor Hughes proposed that the offer of the Gas Company as to maintaining and lighting the public lamps at a charge of £2 : 8 : 6 per annum be accepted.

The motion was seconded by Councillor Michael O'Connor.

To this motion there was an amendment proposed by Councillor Cullimore to the effect that the Gas Company be offered a sum of £2 : 5 : 0 per lamp, per each lighting season, with the proviso that the Company have the right to extinguish the lamps on moonlight nights, as specified in their tender.

This was seconded by Councillor Rowe.

The amendment was put, when six members voted for, and three against it.

It was declared carried and the original motion was declared lost.

James Stafford
5th March 86