

18th June 1900.

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

There were present—

Benjamin Hughes Esq Mayor in the Chair

Aldermen— Nicholas J. Exgrave, Walter Walsh, John Barr, Matthew
 J. Furlong, John Clancy, George Madden.

Councillors— John Tyne, James J. Stafford, Howard Rowe, Patrick Ryan,
 Joseph Kelly, James Cullimore.

The minutes of meetings of 4th and 11th Inst were read and signed.

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

Summary and Reconciliation of Treasurers Account for the month
 ending the last day of May 1900 including the payments made at
 Stated Finance Meeting held on this day.

Summary.

Ordinary Account

Balance (if any) due by Treasurer as per last monthly statement			
Total sum received to close of last month.	385	5	8 -
Total	385	5	8 -
Balance (if any) due to Treasurer as per last monthly statement	294	6	7 -
Payments ordered at above mentioned meeting	155	14	9 -
Total	450	1	4
Net Balance due to Treasurer (being difference of above Totals)	64	15	8
Reconciliation			
Balance per Bank Book due by Treasurer	135	5	4 -
Outstanding orders (including those issued at this meeting)	200	1	0
(Net Balance as above due to Treasurer)	64	15	8

Liabilities which had accrued due up to the end of last month,
 amounting in the aggregate to £155:14:9 were submitted to the
 meeting and having been examined were approved and an authorisation
 was signed to enable the Treasurer to pay them on presentation to him of
 Paying Orders numbered from 203 to 207 inclusive viz—

203 In favour of Little & Tunn for half years rent of Market site to 25 th March 1900	£25:0:0
204 In favour of same do of Town Hall Grounds to do	6:14:3
205 In favour of same do of Pipe Fields to do	16:0:0
206 In favour of Symonds for years rent for right of way to Old Reservoir to 1 st May 1900	4:0:0
207 In favour of Symonds for years rent for right of way to Old Reservoir to 1 st May 1900	4:8:6
208 In favour of Thompson for cement supplied	7:1:2
	£62:13:11

6 2: 3: 11

209 In favour of Eliza Piers for disinfectants supplied	12: 10
210 In favour of John W. Walsh for printing done	1: 8: 0
211 In favour of Thomas Morrow for stones supplied	6: 18: 5
212 In favour of Patrick James for do	5: 11: 9
213 In favour of P. Hyman for do	2: 2: 6
214 In favour of James Redmond for laying concrete footpath in Old Pound	1: 18: 4
215 In favour of W ^m A. Browne for cash advanced in payment of petty liabilities	9: 9: 8
216 In favour of same for do	59: 16: 5
217 In favour of same for do	6: 2: 11
	<u>£ 155 14 9</u>

Monthly Abstract of Collection of Rents of Working Class Dwellings and of Rent Collectors Cash Account

Number of Houses			Rent Collection				
Built.	Let.	Unoccupied	Arrears due by Tenants at close of last month	Rents accrued during the month	Total for Collection	Collected during the month	Arrears due by Tenants at close of month.
59	59	Nil	£10: 8: 11	£28: 3: 4	£38: 12: 3	£27: 9: 5	£11: 2: 3

Collectors Cash Account				
Balance in hands at close of last month	Collected during the month	Total to be accounted for by Collector	Expd with Treas during the month	Balance (if any) in hands at close of this month.
Nil	£27: 9: 5	£27: 9: 5	£27: 9: 5	Nil.

The Rent Collection Book and the Report Book of the Collector was then produced by the Clerk, their accuracy having been previously ascertained by him and authenticated by his Signature. On the Report Book of the Collector orders were made in individual cases as follows

Situation	Name of Tenant	Nature of Repairs required	Orders of Council
Emmet Place	Denis Shaughnessy	Sewer choked	That measures be taken to have the various repairs needed on the houses done.
"	Patrick Rogers	Rain comes in under back door also leak in gable.	
Rocky Terrace	Denis Murphy	water tap leaking	
Carrigum St	W ^m Duggan	do	
"	James Murphy	do	
"	W ^m Whitmore	do	

The changing of the location of the Fire Escape from the market to some more central situation in the town was a matter taken into consideration. A letter from the Captain of the Fire Brigade was read and showed that he was averse to the Escape being stored anywhere but in the market where the hose station was situated and also that if the Council could not see their way to taking down the iron arch over the front gateway of the market he suggested as an alternative that a side door should be opened in the market to allow of the Escape being taken in and out. A discussion on the question ended in the adoption of the following resolution Proposed by Councillor Rowe, Seconded by Alderman Barr That the Fire Escape shall be kept in the market house and placed under cover if possible.

As it was seen that in order to permit of the Escape being kept under cover it was necessary to change the position of one of the metal pillars supporting the roof of the market shed it was further decided before action was taken on the above resolution to have a report from the Town Surveyor on the feasibility of carrying it out.

A man named James O'Sheff residing at Sludagh came before the meeting and stated he did not consider himself liable to the payment of the demand made on him for £2:13:11 being the expenses gone to by the Corporation in making good the damage done in the market by a runaway horse his property. He contended that the injury caused was purely the result of an accident and hence no responsibility could be said to rest with him in the matter.

Proposed by Councillor Kelly, seconded by Alderman Clancy and Resolved - That a sum of £1:10s be accepted in settlement of the claim against James O'Sheff for damage done on the market by his runaway horse on 5th April last, but that this compromise be offered without prejudice to the legal rights of the Corporation.

Mr O'Sheff on being asked was he satisfied to come to a settlement of the case on the above terms replied that he was.

The question of requiring Bottlers to take by motor water used for driving turbines in the process of bottle washing was introduced but it was decided to take no action thereon.

There was received from Messrs Pettigrew a letter in which they stated inter alia -

"we are prepared to pay £50 towards the expense of removing the arches under our mal house in King Street replacing them with girders, laying a proper foundation for floor and relaying walking floor as at present. The responsibility of carrying out the work must rest with the Corporation and we must be held responsible for any damage that may occur hereafter to the premises on account of the removal of these arches"

Accompanying this there was also received from the Corporation Solicitor a letter wherein he recommended that the offer should be accepted leaving the balance of the cost attendant on executing the work specified to be borne equally by the Landlord of the malthouses and by the Corporation.

In considering this matter the meeting noted that in addition to the complement of work which the Council had agreed to do at a previous meeting the Messrs Pettigrew required that their making floor should be laid free of expense to them and also that they should be ~~held~~ indemnified against loss in all future time in case damage to their premises might arise in consequence of the removal of the arches. The meeting considered the latter condition was clearly one which could not be entertained by the Corporation but as to the former a decision was come to to instruct the Town Surveyor to make an Estimate of the cost incident to doing ^{all} the work which the removal of the arches will entail and to defer the consideration of the offer pending the receipt of the Estimate.

Letters received from three Firms, proprietors of Steam Stone Breakers showed the terms on which the temporary use of these machines could be obtained - the cost per ton of breaking stones by steam being $1\frac{1}{4}$ or thereabouts. Regarding the difficulty experienced in obtaining sufficient quantities of broken stones it was asserted by members present that much of it was due to the fact that persons undertaking to supply stones and who were, most of them in humble circumstances of life, were dissatisfied with the system on which they were paid. They required to be paid in full for all broken stones delivered inside a week at the end of that week but under existing regulations were precluded from being paid in a week any higher sum than 30/- It was therefore on the motion of Alderman Spadden, seconded by Alderman Furlong Resolved - That the Local Government Board be requested to remove the limit placed on the payment, out of City Disbursements, of the cost of broken stones supplied weekly by Contractors by parcel. A tender received for supplying broken stones was opened and read. It proved to be from John Ryan of Greenlake who undertook to supply 200 tons of a superior quality of stone at 3/- per ton or 200 tons of another quality at 2/6 per ton.

The tender was rejected, the prices sought being deemed too high as to the erection by Mr M. A. Ennis of a wall at Trinity Street (the consideration of which matter was deferred from meeting of the 4th Instant) ^{the letter received from him was read} From this it appeared that in view of the fact that some inhabitants

of the locality had objected to the building of this wall on the site selected by a Committee of the Corporation, he did not purpose to proceed with its erection, more especially as he regarded as valuable to him the narrow strip of ground which the Committee proposed to lease to him at a nominal rent in consideration of his undertaking the erection of the wall.

on the motion of Councillor Rowe, seconded by Councillor Stafford the following Resolution was adopted.

That we approve of the action of the Sub-Committee appointed to confer with Mr Ennis respecting the Boundary Wall Trinity Street and that we request Mr Ennis to reconsider his recent decision thereon.

Mr P. Doyle King Street drew attention by letter to the necessity which he alleged existed for having the surface of the street in front of his house there put into good condition and the Town Surveyor was directed to see to the matter, and have removed any cause of complaint that existed.

W. Hughes, Chairman

3rd July 1900

A special meeting of the Council (pursuant to the Mayor's requisition) was held this day at the Tholsel at noon.

There were in attendance:-

Benjamin Hughes Esq^r Mayor (in the chair)

Aldermen - Walter Walsh, Nicholas J. Cosgrave, Matthew J. Furlong.

Councillors - Robert Warton, William Sears, Cameron Rogers, Howard Rowe, John Lyne, Joseph Kelly.

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

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

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

As per resolution of 18th ulto regarding the keeping of the Fire Escape

under cover in the Market, the Town Surveyor reported that one of the pillars could be shifted a distance of two feet from its present position without danger to the roof of the market shed, and this would allow of the Fire Escape being put under cover.

On the motion of Alderman Furlong, seconded by Councillor Stanton it was Resolved - That a Committee be appointed to confer with the Volunteer Fire Brigade on the subject of the safe keeping of the Fire Escape and as to the best means to be taken to facilitate its removal out of the market in case of fire.

The Committee was appointed, comprising Aldermen Furlong and Walsh, Councillors Sears and Stanton and the Mayor.

A letter from the Local Government was read intimating that the accounts of Wexford Urban District Council would in future be audited by Mr J. A. Baker Local Government Auditor.

Tenders were ordered to be invited by advertisement for limewashing the walls of the graveyards inside the town and the fishmarket and colouring the outside of the Tholul.

A meeting of the Council (acting as ex-officio Town Commissioners) was held co-incidentally with the foregoing meeting.

The subject of the removal of arches under maltheouses in King Street was brought under notice by the receipt of an Estimate prepared by the Town Surveyor, showing that the entire work needed to be done would involve an outlay of £45.

On the motion of Councillor Rowe, seconded by Councillor Lyne it was Resolved - That this Council hereby agree to pay one-third of the entire cost of the removal by Messrs Pettigrew of the arches under their maltheouses in King Street and replacing such arches with girders and doing all the incidental work connected therewith, provided first that the total cost do not exceed £45 and secondly that the work be done to the satisfaction of this Council or the Town Surveyor as regards the capacity of the resulting archway.

*The Town Surveyor reported that the progress made by the Contractor for the work of opening a blind arch at the Stonebridge was so slow that the work would not be completed within the specified time.

It was ordered that the period within which the Contract was agreed to be fulfilled be extended for two months longer from present date.

Regarding resolution passed on 18th ultmo there was received from Mr G. A. Ennis a letter intimating his inability to enter into any further arrangement with the Corporation with regard to the erection of wall at Trinity Street mentioning among others as one of his reasons for refusing to do so that he had taken out £15.18.6 on a wall which he was compelled to throw down, he did not feel inclined to

expend any further money for the public benefit in the locality mentioned.
A notice handed in by Alderman Walsh was accepted by the meeting. It
contained an intimation of his intention to move at next monthly meeting
the rescinding of two resolutions regarding the proposed laying of footpaths
in Summer Hill and Faythe.

On the motion of The Mayor seconded by Councillor Kelly it was
Resolved - That a concrete footpath be laid in front of three newly built
houses belonging to Captain Morris in Lambert Place.

It was ordered - That advertisements be published calling for tenders
for laying concrete footpaths in Lambert Place above mentioned and
also footpaths agreed to be made on 8th August 1898 in Emmett Place.

O'Sullivan,
Chairman

16th July 1900

A stated Finance Meeting of the Council was held this day in the Tholsel at 7.30 o'clock P.M.

There were present:-

Benjamin Hughes Esq^r Mayor (in the chair)
 Aldermen - Walter Walsh, Nicholas J. Cosgrave, John Blancy,
 Matthew J. Furlong, George Madden
 Councillors - Patrick Ryan, Howard Rowe, James Callimore,
 James Smith, John Lyne, Robert Manton, Joseph Kelly,
 William Sears, Nicholas O'Neill

The minutes of meeting of 2nd July 1900 were read and signed.

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

Summary and Reconciliation of Treasurers Account for the month ending the last day of June 1900 including the payments made at the stated Finance Meeting held on this day.

Summary		Ordinary Account		
Balance (if any) due by Treasurer as per last monthly statement				
Total sum received to close of last month		681	1	8
	Total	681	1	8
Balance (if any) due to Treasurer as per last monthly statement		64	15	8
Payments ordered at above mentioned meeting		504	11	11
	Total	542	7	7
Net Balance due by Treasurer (being difference of above Totals)		108	14	1
Reconciliation				
Balance per Bank Book due by Treasurer		614	14	0
Outstanding orders (including those issued at this meeting)		508	19	11
Net Balance as above due by Treasurer		108	14	1

Liabilities which had accrued due up to end of last month amounting in the aggregate to £504. 11. 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 218 to 224 inclusive viz:-

No 218	In favour of Michael J. O'Connor for collecting Corporate rents and rents of Labourers Dwellings	14: 5: 2
219	In favour of Joseph Dollard for office requisites supplied	3: 2: 8
220	In favour of Gairfort & Co for stationery supplied	16: 3
221	In favour of Bank of Ireland for the Rent Charge	2: 14: 1
222	In favour of Thomas Doyle for repairs executed on taking place	1: 10: 0
223	In favour of John G. Walsh for printing done	5: 11: 8
224	In favour of same for do	2: 2: 5
		<hr/> 29: 12: 3

Forward 29: 12: 3

225 In favour of John M. Walsh for printing done	2: 9: 5
226 In favour of C. M. Richards for sewer grates supplied	9: 0: 0
227 In favour of Patrick Brun for construction of a sewer at re of School Street - amount on account.	46: 0: 0
228 In favour of C. A. Faltner for granite setts supplied	11: 4: 0
229 In favour of Secy of Estates for lighting public lamps for season and erecting additional lamps	329: 4: 5
230 In favour of James Ryan for painting Fire Escape	4: 17: 0
231 In favour of John Maron for disinfecting three houses	7: 6
232 In favour of W. A. Baber for cash advanced in payment of Petty liabilities	11: 15: 8
233 In favour of same for do	57: 19: 4
234 In favour of same for do	5: 2: 4
235 In favour of Elizabeth Whelan for use of her yard on occasions when Corporation workmen engaged at Stonebridge	1: 0: 0
236 In favour of James Scallan for opening blind arch at Stonebridge - amount on account	8: 0: 0

£ 507 : 11 : 11

Monthly Abstract of Collection of Rents of Working Class Dwellings
and of Rent Collector's Cash Account.

Number of Houses			Rent Collection			
Build.	Let.	Unoccupied	Arrears due by Tenants at close of last month	Rents accrued during the month	Total for collecting	Collected during the month
59:	59:	Nil	£11: 2: 10	£28: 3: 4	£39: 6: 2	£29: 4: 2
			Collector's Cash Account			
			Balance in hands at close of last month	Collected during the month	Total to be accounted for by collector during month	Paired with Treasurer in hands at close of the month
			Nil	£29: 4: 2	£29: 4: 2	£29: 4: 2
						Nil

The Rent Collection Book and the Report Book of the Collector was then produced
by the Clerk, their accuracy having been previously ascertained by him and
authenticated by his signature. On the Report Book of the Collector orders
were made in individual cases as follows.

Name of Tenant	Nature of Report	Order made by Council thereon
Thomas Crean	Arrears of rent amounting to £1: 5: 0 had accrued due	That these tenants be ejected by
Richard Collector	Arrears of rent amounting to £1: 5: 0 had accrued due	the agent unless they have the arrears paid within two months from this day.

A Deputation from persons interested in promoting a scheme for Technical Instruction in Wexford came before the meeting. It was headed by Messrs C. A. Peacocke J.P. and W. A. Ennis J.P. who urged the meeting to take advantage, for the benefit of the Community of the town, of the provisions of the Agriculture and Technical Instruction (Ireland) Act 1896 by taking steps with a view to the opening of a school for Technical Instruction. The meeting informed the Deputation that the Corporation was in sympathy with the Deputation on the subject. The latter having expressed thanks and withdrawn the meeting proceeded to consider the terms of a Circular and Pamphlet issued by the Department newly established under the Act, with the result that resolutions hereunder set forth were adopted.

Proposed by Councillor Rowe, seconded by Aldermen Furlong

That we approve of the project of establishing a school for Technical Instruction in the town of Wexford, and that we pledge ourselves to levy a rate of one penny in the pound for that purpose.

Proposed by Councillor Kelly, seconded by Councillor Cullimore,

That the following members be appointed as a Committee ^{to formulate a scheme for and} to undertake the supervision of ~~a scheme of~~ Technical Instruction in Wexford -

The Mayor for the time being, Aldermen Hadden, Furlong and Walsh, Councillors Ryan, Stanton, O'Sullivan, Rowe, Lym, & Sears and that the following be co-opted from outside the Council, Messrs C. A. Peacocke, J. Thompson, W. A. Ennis, H. Davison, P. Hennahan, Rev. C. Doyle, Adam Brodie, deacon Latham, and Brother Foster.

The contractor for the work being done at Stonebridge came before the meeting and applied for payment of a sum on account without producing a certificate from the Town Surveyor. The latter who was present at the meeting stated that he did not consider himself free to give a certificate in respect of any sum ^{as} in his opinion the value of the work done up to the 30th June did not exceed £5. The meeting however adopted the following resolution

Proposed by Alderman Hadden, seconded by Councillor, Sears and Resolved That a paying order be filled in favour of James Scallan for £5 on account of amount of his contract in connection with opening arch in Stonebridge. But that the paying order in question be retained by Town Clerk until the Town Surveyor will be in a position to certify that work to the value of £10 has been done.

A letter from the Local Government Board was read communicating the decision come to by them in the matter of the Appeal made to them by the Corporation against the final Declaration of the County Council regarding "main road". From this it appeared that having regard to the terms of Section 27 (8) of the Local Government (Ireland) Act 1898

The Local Government Board were of opinion that the final declaration of the County Council could not be varied by including roads within the Urban District, and the Board had been advised that as there were no main roads in the Borough of Wexford and as Section 27(8) above quoted and the Provisional Order Confirmation Acts 1873 and 1887 excluded the possibility of there being such main roads, an agreement could not be entered into under Section 27(6) of the Act for the maintenance of roads within the Urban District on payment of a fixed annual sum by the County Council. Under these circumstances the Board were of opinion that the agreement between the Urban District Council and the County Council could only be dealt with by a Provisional Order in pursuance of Section 71 of the Act, and the Board had therefore no alternative but to dismiss the appeal."

It was ordered - That the Local Government Board be requested to state whether, having regard to the terms of Section 71(3) of the Local Government (Ireland) Act 1898 it is competent for them to issue a Provisional Order adjusting the financial relations between the County and the town of Wexford within the present year.

A letter received from Messrs. T. J. Pettigrew was read. It showed that the landlords of the maltings in King Street was prepared to undertake the removal of the arches and ^{to do} the work consequent thereon if the Corporation would subscribe £15 towards the expense of such work leaving the balance of the expense to be borne equally by the landlords and the tenants.

It was ordered - That the terms of resolution of 2nd Inst regarding this matter be adhered to.

A tender was received from Thomas Grean for laying a concrete footpath in Emmett Place for a remuneration of 8² per square yard was accepted.

A tender received from James Redmond for laying a concrete footpath in Lambart Place for a remuneration of 9² per square yard was accepted.

A tender received from John Sullivan for limewashing walls and mowing grass on graveyards situate in the Borough and limewashing fishmarket and ^{cofourn} exterior walls of Tholul for a remuneration of £5:18:6 was accepted.

The above-mentioned tenders were accepted because the remuneration sought was the lowest asked for in each case.

A circular letter received from the Local Government Board under date of 12th July Inst was submitted. It dealt with the subject of certain Bonds and Instruments executed by or to any of the Bodies constituted under the Local Government Act 1898 being exempt from stamp duty. It was ordered - That Mrs. Elyott be notified of the above while repairs were being done on Stonebridge River.

6th August 1900.

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

There were present

Benjamin Hughes Esq^r Mayor (in the Chair)

Aldermen - Nicholas J. Cosgrave, Matthew J. Furlong, John Barr,
Walter Walsh, John Blaney.

Councillors - John Lync, Richard Walsh, Cameron Rogers, Robert Santon,
James Cullimore, Joseph Kelly, James J. Stafford.

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

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

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

With regard to order made on 16th ultimo as to the making by the Local Government Board of a Provisional Order adjusting the financial relations between the County and the Town of Wexford, a letter received from that Department was submitted intimating that under Section 4 of the Local Government (Ireland) Act 1898 it was not competent for a Provisional Order to be issued varying the terms of the Provisional Order of 1887 before the year 1902.

It was Ordered - That the consideration of the terms of the letter mentioned be deferred sine die.

The Department of Agriculture and Technical Instruction for Ireland

draw attention by letter to the obligation imposed by the sale of Food and Drugs Act 1896 on the occupier of a manufactory of margarine and margarine chuse and on every wholesale dealer in these substances ~~sent out~~ ^{as to the keeping of a Register showing the quantity and destination of} such substances sent out from his manufactory or place of business and of making application for a certificate of registration to the Local Authority pointing out also the duties required to be performed by the Local Authority relative to the registration and issuing of certificates and the notification of such registrations required to be given to the Department above mentioned in pursuance of the Act and an Order made thereunder by the Local Government Board on 16th January 1900.

It was pointed out to the meeting that so far as the Registration of premises and issuing of certificates by the Local Authority was concerned the Act and Order had already been complied with in Wexford Urban District.

It was Ordered - That wholesale dealers in margarine whose premises have been registered be called upon to keep a Register in conformity with the requirements of the Statute.

It was also Ordered. That the attention of the Inspector of Food and Drugs be called to the revival of a rumour as to butter adulterated with margarine being sold as pure butter.

A Committee formed for the purpose of erecting a monument in Wexford to the memory of the Insurgents of 1798 made application by letter which was submitted for the use of the market in the Bullring where it was proposed to hold a Bazaar on the 2nd and 3rd Dec in aid of the funds which were being raised for providing the monument. The application was granted.

The following is a copy of a resolution received from the Limerick County Council and read for the meeting.

Resolved - That the time has arrived in Ireland when owing more especially to the want action of the Commissioners of Education it is imperatively necessary that every effort should be made by the representatives of the people in all of the many public departments in which they are concerned in order to help in saving from extinction and to resuscitate by every means in their power the language of our race - our mother tongue.

This Council of the County of Limerick to emphasise its opinion forcibly and practically on this highly important subject hereby declare that on and after the expiration of twelve months from this date any and every vacancy which from time to time may arise in any Institution whether of a religious or secular nature whether as Committee or otherwise must be preferentially given to such candidate

as can read and write in the Irish language, holding a certificate as proof of same from some properly qualified and recognized authority in addition to possessing the other necessary qualifications. That all advertisements for the fulfilment of positions from and after the specified time must be inserted in accordance with the terms of this resolution.

On the motion of Alderman Furlong seconded by Alderman Cosgrave it was

Resolved. That we endorse the sentiments expressed in the resolution of the Limerick Co. Council, and we pledge ourselves to encourage the spread of the Irish language in this Country, by every means in our power.

The occupiers of the range of Working Class Dwellings situate in Emmet Place applied by memorial to have the yards at the rear of these houses laid down in concrete and the Town Surveyor was directed to report on the matter.

A meeting of the Council, acting as ex-officio Town Commissioners was held co-incidentally with the above meeting.

A Mrs. Byrne intimated by letter her intention of making some improvements and alterations on her house but before commencing building operations she begged to be informed if the Corporation would have any objection to her encroaching for a short distance on the footpath, so as to permit of the front wall of the house being brought into line with the front of the adjoining house, and on the motion of Councillor Byrne seconded by Alderman Barr it was

Resolved. That permission be given to Mrs. Byrne to set forward her house situate in the Faythe near the point where the Faythe and William Street join in order to bring such house in line with the adjoining house in Faythe; but this privilege be granted subject to the house being altered to the approval of the Corporation and also without prejudice to the rights of the Corporation.

The following is a copy letter received from the Local Government Board and read.

Sir,

With reference to your letter of 12th instant on the subject of the proposed extension of the limit to be placed on payments from the petty disbursements account of the Clerk of the Wexford Urban District Council for the supply of broken stones, I am directed by the Local Government Board for Ireland to state that no reason is given for the non-acceptance by the Council of a tender which according to the minutes of their proceedings on the 18th ultimo was received by them for the supply of 200 tons of a superior quality of stone at 3/6 a ton or 200 tons of another quality at 3/10 a ton, these prices being only slightly in excess of the 2/9

a ton proposed to be paid on the parole agreement for stones of an uncertain quality.

The Board are very reluctant to make any departure from their general order in the case of one particular urban District unless there are very exceptional reasons in favour of such a course, and with the facts before them they see nothing in favour of the proposed parole arrangement, as compared with the method adopted by other local authorities of accepting tenders for the supply of broken stones with proper guarantee for the due performance of the contract.

The reading of the foregoing letter evoked expressions of dissatisfaction from members and the following resolution proposed by Councillor Dyne, seconded by Councillor Rogers was put and unanimously carried.

That as the letter received from the Local Government Board dated 24th July last, in reply to letter from our Town Clerk dated 12th July is most unsatisfactory, in as much as it assumes without having any ground for such assumption - that we could get a contract under bond for broken stones supplied at 2/6 or 3/- a ton, whereas it is not possible for us owing to local circumstances to obtain any such contract as fully explained in our Clerk's letter referred to above, the Clerk do write again to the Board calling attention to the full explanation already given (see his letter of 12th July) and pointing out that it is not possible to obtain any enforceable contract under Bond with guarantee as the Board suggest for a quantity of broken stones in this District and that accordingly to enable us to proceed with the repairs of our streets in an efficient manner, we shall in future at weekly Committee meetings of the whole Board, pass such cheques as may be necessary to pay contractors under parole agreement as hitherto such sums as may be due them for stones actually supplied. And that the Clerk also inform them that by accepting tenders for supplies of stones at 2/6 per ton delivered we got the best value that it was possible to obtain.

A letter received from Messrs P. J. O'Flaherty & Son Solicitors was read. It contained a complaint that the Corporation in having an open sewer at rear of school street covered in had exposed to trespass a garden belonging to Mr Francis Murphy. This it was alleged was due to the fact that the sewer before having been converted into a pipe sewer served as a sunk fence to the garden. Mr Murphy felt aggrieved and demanded redress of the grievance.

On the motion of Councillor Stafford, seconded by Alderman Turlong it was resolved - That a Committee consisting of Messrs Dyne, Stafford, Cullimore, Stanton be appointed to inquire into the matter of the complaint and if such should prove satisfactory to the Committee to have an upright fence put up at a cost not exceeding £5.

as can read and write in the Irish language holding a certificate as proof of same from some properly qualified and recognized authority in addition to possessing the other necessary qualifications that all advertisements for the fulfilment of positions from and after the specified time must be inserted in accordance with the terms of this resolution.

On the motion of Alderman Furlong seconded by Alderman Cosgrave it was

Resolved. That we endorse the sentiments expressed in the resolution of the Limerick Co. Council, and we pledge ourselves to encourage the spread of the Irish language in this country by every means in our power.

The occupiers of the range of Working Class Dwellings situate in Emmet Place applied by memorial to have the yards at the rear of these houses laid down in concrete and the Town Surveyor was directed to report on the matter.

A meeting of the Council acting as ex-officio Town Commissioners was held co-incidentally with the above meeting.

A Mrs. J. Byrne intimated by letter her intention of making some improvements and alterations on her house but before commencing building operations she begged to be informed if the Corporation would have any objection to her encroaching for a short distance on the footpath so as to permit of the front wall of the house being brought into line with the front of the adjoining house and on the motion of Councillor Lyne seconded by Alderman Barr it was

Resolved. That permission be given to Mrs. J. Byrne to set forward her house situate in the Faythe near the point where the Faythe and William Street join in order to bring such house in line with the adjoining house in Faythe; but this privilege be granted subject to the house being altered to the approval of the Corporation and also without prejudice to the rights of the Corporation.

The following is a copy letter received from the Local Government Board and read.

Sir,

With reference to your letter of 12th Instant on the subject of the proposed extension of the limit to be placed on payments from the petty disbursements account of the Clerk of the Wexford Urban District Council for the supply of broken stones, I am directed by the Local Government Board for Ireland to state that no reason is given for the non-acceptance by the Council of a tender which according to the minutes of their proceedings on the 18th ultimo was received by them for the supply of 200 tons of a superior quality of stone at 3/6 per ton, and 20 tons of another quality at 2/6 a ton, these prices being very slightly in excess of the 2/9

a ton proposed to be paid on the parole agreement for stones of an uncertain quality.

The Board are very reluctant to make any departure from their general order in the case of one particular urban District unless there are very exceptional reasons in favour of such a course and with the facts before them they see nothing in favour of the proposed parole arrangement, as compared with the method adopted by other local authorities of accepting tenders for the supply of broken stones with proper guarantee for the due performance of the contract.

The reading of the foregoing letter evoked expressions of dissatisfaction from members and the following resolution proposed by Councillor Dyne seconded by Councillor Rogers was put and unanimously carried.

That as the letter received from the Local Government Board dated 24th July last, in reply to letter from our Town Clerk dated 12th July is most unsatisfactory, in as much as it assumes without having any ground for such assumption - that we could get a contract under bond for broken stones supplied at 2/6 or 3/- a ton, whereas it is not possible for us owing to local circumstances to obtain any such contract as fully explained in our Clerk's letter referred to above, the Clerk do write again to the Board calling attention to the full explanation already given (see his letter of 12th July) and pointing out that it is not possible to obtain any enforceable contract under bond with guarantee as the Board suggest for a quantity of broken stones in this District and that accordingly to enable us to proceed with the repairs of our streets in an efficient manner, we shall in future at weekly Committee meetings of the whole Board, pass such cheques as may be necessary to pay contractors under parole agreement as hitherto such sums as may be due them for stones actually supplied. And that the Clerk also inform them that by accepting tenders for supplies of stones at 3/- per ton delivered we got the best value that it was possible to obtain.

A letter received from Messrs P. J. O'Flaherty & Son Solicitors was read. It contained a complaint that the Corporation in having an open sewer at rear of school street covered in had exposed to trespass a garden belonging to Mr Francis Murphy. This it was alleged was due to the fact that the sewer before having been converted into a pipe sewer served as a sunk fence to the garden. Mr Murphy felt aggrieved and demanded redress of the grievance.

On the motion of Councillor Stafford seconded by Alderman Turlong it was Resolved - That a Committee consisting of Messrs Dyne, Stafford, Cullimore, Winton be appointed to inquire into the matter of the Complaint and if such should prove satisfactory to have an upright fence put up at a cost not exceeding £5.

Messrs Pettigrew stated by letter that they were satisfied like the Corporation to contribute one-third of the cost consequent on the removal of arches in King Street provided the entire cost did not exceed £40 and further that Mr. Stanton the landlords agent was going to have the work done and undertake all responsibility connected therewith on these terms. This was deemed to be a satisfactory conclusion of the dispute.

A report on the footpaths proposed to be laid in Summer Hill road was submitted by the Town Surveyor. From this it appeared that the entire length from the upper to the lower cross roads was 500 yards which if laid in concrete of the width of the existing gravelled path would cost about £134.0s. The portion of the path reaching from the College gate to the lower cross road was 150 yards long and would cost only £39 if done in concrete. If done in "asphalt" the path would cost for the entire length £103 and for the shorter distance £29.

Pursuant to notice given Alderman Walsh proposed that the resolutions passed concerning the laying of footpaths in Summer Hill road and in the Faythe should be rescinded.

The motion was seconded by Alderman Barr but failed to be carried as it was found that only six members were in favour of it on a decision being taken.

The desirableness of having within the present year a number of concrete footpaths laid down in various localities throughout the town was suggested to the meeting. A computation was made to see what these improvements would cost and it was found they would entail an outlay of £200. It was observed that the Council was not in a position to expend this sum in the current financial year owing to the fact that in setting Rates at the beginning of the year provision was made for only £100 in respect of the construction of new footpaths. This being so it was on the motion of Councillor Stafford seconded by Alderman Furlong

Resolved. That the Town Clerk be instructed to write the Local Government Board asking permission to raise the sum of £200 to make footpaths urgently required.

W. H. P. Chairman

20th August 1900.

A Stated Finance Meeting was held this day in the School at 7.30 P.M.

There were present:-

Benjamin Hughes Esq^r Mayor (in the chair)

Aldermen - Nicholas J. Casgrane, John Barr, Matthew J. Furlong
Walter Walsh, John Blaney.

Councillors - William Sears, James J. Stafford, William Simpson,
Richard Walsh, John Lyne, Nicholas O'Sullivan, Patrick Ryan,
Robert Stanton, Cameron Rogers.

The minutes of meeting of 6th August were read and signed.

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

Summary and Reconciliation of Treasurers Account for the month ending the last day of July 1900 including the payments made at Stated Finance Meeting held on this day.

Summary.

	Ordinary Account		
Balance (if any) due by Treasurer as per last monthly statement	108	14	1
Total sum received to close of last month	579	19	11
Total	688	14	
Balance (if any) due to Treasurer as per last monthly statement			
Payments ordered at above mentioned meeting	216	9	11
Total	216	9	11
Net Balance due by Treasurer (being difference of above Totals)	472	4	1

Reconciliation

Balance per Bank Books due by Treasurer	688	14	
Outstanding Orders (including those issued at this meeting)	216	9	11
Net Balance as above due by Treasurer	472	4	1

Liabilities which had accrued due up to the end of last month amounting in the aggregate to £ 216: 9: 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 237 to 240 inclusive.

No 237 In favour of W ^m A. Browne being quarters salary as Town Clerk to 31 July 1900 (Proportion from Borough Fund)	£ 30: 12: 6 1/2
238 In favour of same for do (Proportion from Towns Improvement Fund)	30: 12: 6 1/2
239 In favour of John Kearon being quarters salary as Payor Sergeant to same date	5: 10: 0 1/2
240 In favour of W ^m A. Browne being quarters salary as Executive Sanitary Officer to same date	5: 0: 0 1/2
241 In favour of J. Piers quarters salary as Medical Officer Health to 30 June 1900	4: 0: 0 1/2
	✓ £ 75: 15: 10

Forward 75: 16: 0

242	In favour of John Crean being quarters salary as Consulting Sanitary Officer to 31 st July 1900	3: 15: 0
243	In favour of John Seaton being quarters salary as Sanitary Sub-Officer to same date	5: 0: 0
244	In favour of Margaret Condron being quarters salary up to 31 st July 1900 of David Condron deceased as Sanitary Sub-Officer	5: 0: 0
245	In favour of same being do as Caretaker of Old Graveyards	2: 10: 0
246	In favour of James Kenny being salary as temporary Sanitary Sub-Officer to same date	1: 6: 8
247	In favour of same being salary as temporary Caretaker of Old Graveyards to same date	13: 4
248	In favour of William McGrath being quarters salary as Caretaker of Town Hall to same date	2: 13: 0
249	In favour of Phanna Murphy being for cleaning Municipal Offices for three months ended 31 st July 1900	1: 0: 0
250	In favour of W ^m A. Browne being quarters salary as Secretary of Waterworks to same date	5: 0: 0
251	In favour of D. E. McCarthy being quarters salary as Superintendent of Waterworks to same date	16: 5: 0
252	In favour of same being quarters salary as Town Surveyor to same date	16: 5: 0
253	In favour of Nicholas W. Walsh being Poor Rate on land and house at Reservoir	1: 12: 9
254	In favour of D. Donovan for conveying Sub Standard through Borough	1: 5: 0
255	In favour of R. R. Allen for wheelbarrows &c supplied	1: 13: 6
256	In favour of John O'Sullivan for lime washing walls of graveyards and colouring front of School	5: 18: 6
257	In favour of Thomas Crean for laying concrete foot path in Emmet Place	3: 1: 8
258	In favour of W ^m A. Browne for cash advanced in payment of petty liabilities	8: 10: 6
259	In favour of same for do	48: 17: 6
260	In favour of same for do	10: 8: 6
		£ 216: 9: 11

Monthly Abstract of Collection of Rents of Working Class Dwellings and of Rent Collectors Cash Account.

Number of Houses	Rent Collection				
	Arrears due by Tenants at close of last month	Rents accounted during the month	Total for collection	Collected during the month	Arrears due by Tenants at close of month
27. 27.					£ 12: 0: 0

Collectors Cash Account

Balance in hands at close of last month	collected during the month	Total to be accounted for by Collector	Repaid with Treasurers during the month	Balance (if any) in hands at close of month.
Nil	£ 33: 6: 2	£ 33: 6: 2	£ 33: 6: 2	Nil

The Rent Collection Book and the Report Book of the Collector was then produced by the Clerk, their accuracy having been previously ascertained by them and authenticated by his signature. On the Report Book of the Collector orders were made in individual cases as follows.

Name of Tenant	Nature of Report	Orders made thereon
William Connolly	Arrears of Rent amounting to £ 4: 6 had accrued due	That the Agent use his own judgment regarding the collecting of these Arrears
Joseph Whiney	Arrears of Rent amounting to 5/- had accrued due.	
James Bowlin	Hall doors of houses occupied by these tenants require to be raised	That Agent have repairs executed if he considers they are not due to tenants own fault.
George Murphy		

The appointment of a ~~man~~ ^{man} in room of late David Condron Sanitary Sub-Officer and Caretaker of Graveyards was considered. The desirableness of availing of the opportunity which the vacancy in these offices presented for appointing an additional Town Sergeant was suggested by the Mayor to the Meeting. The matter having been considered the following resolution was proposed by Alderman Furlong seconded by Councillor Rogers and carried.

Resolved - That a Sanitary Sub-Officer be appointed at a salary of £20 a year, which officer will be required to perform the duties of Mayors Sergeant at a salary of £5 a year and the duties of Caretaker of Graveyards at a remuneration of £10 a year.

The following members were appointed a Committee to define, in consultation with the Town Clerk, the duties attaching to the office of additional Mayors Sergeant viz: Messrs The Mayor, Lyne, R. Walsh and Stafford.

Attention was called to a legal difficulty which had arisen regarding the election by the Corporation of a member of their Body to represent them on the Harbour Board for the ensuing year. This it was pointed out was due to the fact that on the date fixed by the Harbour Act for the election of such Representative a quorum of members failed to attend a meeting of the Corporation convened on that date although the Harbour Act so far as was apparent contained no provision to meet a contingency of this nature. The Meeting was invited to discuss the

point with a view to obtaining Counsel's opinion thereon. The matter was considered, but no action was taken on it.

It was reported that some time between nightfall on Thursday the 16th Inst and six o'clock on the following morning some person or persons had surreptitiously entered the Bathing Place and done damage to the wooden screen and one of the bathing boxes, the cost of making good the injury being estimated to be £3.

On the motion of Alderman Furlong seconded by Councillor Rogers it was Resolved. That the necessary repairs be made on the structure and that a reward of £5 be offered for such information as will lead to the conviction of the perpetrators of the injury.

A Bill of costs amounting to £45:10:9 claimed by the Corporation Solicitor for miscellaneous services rendered by him since April 1899 was submitted. The items of the bill having been examined serially it was decided to have it taxed and to instruct Mr. M. Huggard Solicitor to attend the taxation in behalf of the Corporation.

A letter from the Local Government Board was read expressing on the part of the Home Office the hope that Urban District Councils in Ireland were discharging the duties imposed on them by the Explosives Act 1875. In answer to this it was mentioned that all premises in Wexford where gunpowder or mixed explosives were sold were registered, that a member of the police force acted as Inspector and visited the premises occasionally, and that the Town Clerk was provided with Majendie's Guide to the Act.

W. H. Hughes, Chairman

3rd September 1900.

A meeting of the Council took place this day the members in attendance being

Benjamin Hughes Esq. Mayor in the chair

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

Councillors - Cameron Rogers, John Lyne, William Sears, Howard Rowe.

On the motion of Alderman Furlong seconded by Councillor Rogers it was Resolved. That the meeting be adjourned to Thursday 6th Instant at 8 o'clock in consequence of Bazaar in aid of the funds for providing a Memorial to the Insurgents of 1798 being held on this 3rd Instant.

W. H. Hughes, Mayor.

6th September 1900

An adjourned Special Meeting of the Council was held this day in the Town Hall at noon

There were present:-

Benjamin Hughes Esq^r Mayor (in the chair)

Aldermen - Nicholas J. Cosgrave, Matthew J. Furlong, Walter Walsh, George Madden, John Clancy.

Councillors - Robert Stanton, John Tygh, William Sears, Edward O'Connor, Nicholas O'Teill, Howard Rowe, Cameron Rogers, Richard Walsh, James Smith, John Lyne, Patrick Ryan, Patrick Kehoe, James Cullimore, William Timpson, Joseph Kelly, Jas. J. Stafford.

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

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

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

Attention was called to the fact that two members present at the meeting namely Edward O'Connor and Patrick Kehoe had become disqualified as members of the Council by reason of their absence from any meeting of the Corporation for a period of over six months; the last meeting which these members attended being that held on 23rd January 1900.

The meeting was asked in pursuance of Section 12 (9) of the Application of Enactments Order 1878 to declare vacant the offices filled by the two members in question and Alderman Furlong in his own behalf protested against the disqualified members joining in the proceedings of the day but there was nevertheless no action taken in the matter.

The appointment of a person to fill the combined offices of Sanitary Sub-Officer, additional Sergeant at Arms and Caretaker of Graveyards was proceeded with. Applications for appointment had been received from four persons namely Edward O'Keefe, Samuel Tolson, Patrick Ryan and Thomas Laby. As there was a diversity of opinion on the merits of the different applicants a poll was taken to decide who should be appointed whereupon 3 votes were given for Ryan and 2 for O'Keefe. By an understanding come to among members before

voting in the first poll a second poll was taken to determine which of the three applicants Lacy, Tolan and Ryan should be appointed whereupon 14 members voted for Lacy 7 for Tolan and none for Ryan. Thomas Lacy was therefore appointed.

The Town Surveyor reported that having visited the yards at rear of Working Class Dwellings in Emmet Place he found in some cases that the surface of the yard had slightly sunk in places where water lodged and that to have the surface done in concrete for a distance of 8 or 9 feet from the house would therefore be an advantage.

There was no order made on this report.

Alderman John Barr attended at this stage of the proceedings.

A sealed Order issued by the Local Government Board under date of 23rd August 1900 dismissing the appeal of the Mayor Aldermen and Burgesses of Wexford acting by the Urban District Council of Wexford against the general declaration of the Council of the administrative County of Wexford declaring what roads in the said County shall be "main roads" was submitted to the meeting.

It was ordered that advertisements be issued calling for tenders for the laying of concrete footpath in Summerhill.

Wm. J. Churnin

17th September 1900

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

There were in attendance

Benjamin Hughes Esq. Mayor (in the chair)

Councillors - Patrick Ryan, Howard Rowe, John Tygh, Joseph Kelly,

Robert Stanton, William Sears, Richard Walsh.

The Minutes of Meeting of 6th September 1900 were read and signed. The Bank Books and cashed Paying Orders were laid before the meeting. The accuracy of the Bank Books having been ascertained the Chairman affixed his signature thereto.

Liabilities which had accrued due up to the end of last month, amounting in the aggregate to £130:17:10 were submitted to the meeting and having been examined were approved and an authorisation was signed to enable the Treasurer to pay them on presentation to him of Paying Orders numbered from 261 to 269 inclusive.

No 261. In favour of Thompson Bros for cement supplied

£6:0:0

No 262 In favour of Joseph Scallan being proportion of cost payable to Corporation for removing arches in King Street

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11: 13: 4
£ 17 : 13 : 4

£ 17: 13: 4

No 263	In favour of Patrick Brun for construction of pipe sewer at rear of School Street - amount on account	20: 0: 0
264	In favour of James Redmond for laying in concrete footpath at Lambert Place	18: 9
265	In favour of Gas Consumers Co. Ltd for gas consumed in School and Town Hall for quarter	9: 8
266	In favour of James Stamp for tools supplied	8: 3
267	In favour of W ^m A. Browne for cash advanced in payment of petty liabilities	8: 0: 6
268	In favour of same for do	67: 16: 10
269	In favour of same for do	15: 10: 6
		£ 130 : 17 : 10

Summary and Reconciliation of Treasurers Account for the month ending
the last day of August 1900 including the payments made at the Stated
Finance Meeting held on this day

Summary		Ordinary Account		
Balance (if any) due by Treasurer as per last monthly statement		472	4	1
Total sum received to close of last month		556	5	3
Total		1028	12	4
Balance (if any) due to Treasurer as per last monthly statement				
Payments ordered at above mentioned meeting		130	17	10
Total		130	17	10
Net Balance due by Treasurer (being difference of above Totals)		897	14	6
Reconciliation				
Balance per Bank Books due by Treasurer		1031	18	7
Outstanding Orders including those issued at this meeting		134	4	1
Net Balance as above due by Treasurer		897	14	6
Monthly Abstract of Collection of Rents of Working Class Dwellings and of Rent Collectors Cash Account				

Number of Houses			Rent Collection				
Built	Let	Unoccupied	Arrears due by Tenants at close of last month	Rents accrued during the month	Total for collection	Collected during the month	Arrears due by Tenants at close of month
59.	59.	Nil	£12: 0: 0	£28: 0: 7	£40: 0: 7	£29: 6: 3	£10: 14: 4
Collector's Cash Account							
			Balance in hands at close of last month	Collected during the month	Total to be accounted for by Collector	Agreed with Treasurer during the month	Balance (if any) in hands of Collector at close of month
			Nil	£29: 6: 3	£29: 6: 3	£29: 6: 3	Nil

The Rent Collection Book and the Report Book of the Collector was then produced by the Clerk their accuracy having been previously ascertained by him and authenticated by his Signature.

For the laying of a concrete footpath as proposed at the north side of Summerhill Road there was one tender received in response to advertisements issued inviting tenders to be furnished in respect of the construction of this piece of work. The tender was opened and proved to be from James Redmond of Barrack Street who was prepared to do the work of laying the path according to specification on the following terms Laying the path, where it was under five feet in width at the rate of 1/- per superficial square yard; where it was over five feet wide at ninepence per ditto and constructing water table at seven pence per lineal yard.

The tender was ordered to be accepted to which order Councillor Tyghe objected on the ground that he considered the prices excessive. Councillor Sears referred to the lamentable boating accident which occurred on the occasion of the holding of the Tenth Sloop Races on Friday the 14th Instant when seven persons all belonging to the town lost their lives. He proposed that the meeting express its sorrow for the sad event and that the present sitting ~~should~~ be adjourned to Monday next in token of sympathy with those who were mourning the loss of their relatives.

The resolution was seconded by Councillor Ryan and adopted unanimously.

W. Hughes, Chairman

24th September 1900

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

There were present:-

Benjamin Hughes Esq^r Mayor in the Chair

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

Councillors - John Tyghe, Howard Rowe, Joseph Kelly, Nicholas O'Sullivan, James Smith, James Cullimore, Robert Stanton.

The minutes of meeting of 17th Inst were read and signed.

The question of borrowing a loan for the construction of footpaths was introduced by the reading of a letter to S.H. 174 received from the Local Government Board and on the motion of Alderman Furlong seconded by Councillor Rowe it was

Resolved - That a loan of £500 re-payable in ten years be borrowed from the Commissioners of Public Works for the purpose mentioned and that application be made to the Local Government Board for sanction of the loan.

Ordered - That the footpath at present being laid in Summer Hill Road be continued to a distance of two perches to the west of the entrance gate of the College, provided the cost do not exceed £40 and that the Town Surveyor be instructed to report on the proposed footpath for School Street.

The Local Government Board by letter which was read for the meeting drew attention to the terms of Article 12 (8) and (9) of the Schedule of the Local Government (Application of Enactments) Order 1898 prescribing the method of procedure to be followed in dealing with the cases of members of the Council who had absented themselves from meetings thereof for over six months. It was ordered - That the taking of steps in this matter be deferred to December next.

There was submitted to the meeting a Sealed Order issued by the Local Government Board under date of 30th August 1900 along with a copy of the Local Government Act 1900. The Order fixed the date on which the Act should come into operation.

It was proposed by Alderman Barr, seconded by Councillor Smith and Resolved - That a gas lamp be erected in Castle Hill Street on such site as will be selected by Alderman Barr.

The Hon. Sec^y of the Town's 98 Centenary Club communicated by letter their desire that the Corporation should attend in a body at the ceremony of unveiling a memorial on Sunday 30th September 1900 to the Insurgents of 1798 and it was proposed by Alderman Casgrave, seconded by Councillor O'Neill and

Resolved - That the members of the Corporation be asked to attend on the occasion. A letter received from Mr Francis Murphy of High Street was read. It contained a complaint regarding the temporary character of the fence put up on his land at School Street by the Corporation, whereas according to his assertion the fence was to be a permanent one and to be constructed to his satisfaction.

It was Ordered - That the consideration of the complaint be deferred to next meeting.

Mrs Annie Martin stated by letter that she was anxious to acquire a portion of a yard the property of the Corporation in Gibson Street to enable her to enlarge the adjoining yard attached to her dwelling house. The Town Surveyor, stated in reference to the application that it would not be advisable for the Corporation to surrender any portion of the ground in the locality referred to, and it was therefore decided not to entertain the proposal.

On the motion of Councillor Cullimore seconded by Councillor Kelly, it was Resolved - That the footpath at the west side of Green Street be extended as soon as funds admit from the point where it now ends to the spout.

It was reported that the level of the water in the Reservoir had sunk to a depth 24 inches below high water mark notwithstanding the fact that the supply to the town had been shut off for the last fortnight from 8 P.M. to 6 A.M. It was decided to make no further curtailment of

the hours of supply for the present.

Ordered - That the Town Surveyor be instructed to report on the condition of the surface of the roadway of Allen Street and Well Lane.

W. Hughes, Chairman

1st October 1900

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

There were present -

Benjamin Hughes Esq^r Mayor (in the Chair)

Aldermen - John Barr, Matthias J. Furlong, Walter Walsh, Nicholas J. Cochrane

Councillors - Richard Walsh, John Tygh, Robert Stanton, James Smith
Howard Rowe

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

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

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

The Minutes of Meeting of 24th September 1900 were read and signed.

It was reported that the level of the water in the Reservoir was 28 inches below high water mark, showing that a fall in the level of 4 inches had occurred within a week, although the supply of water to the town still continued to be shut off daily from 8 P.M. to 6 A.M. It was held by some members that steps should be taken to provide a continuous supply of water for the use of the inhabitants a matter of highest importance from the standpoint of public health while on the other hand it was considered that the present water system was capable of meeting all the demands made on it if a stop were put to the waste of water which was taking place in many parts of the town.

It was ordered - That Mr. J. Carthy be asked to make a report as to what in his opinion would be the best means of securing a constant supply of water without interfering with the present Reservoir and that a waste detecting instrument be procured for the use of the Turncock.

The matter of a complaint made by Mr. J. Carthy on omission on the part of the Corporation to erect a proper fence on his land at School Street was

brought under notice and the consideration of it further adjourned.
The case of a woman resident in the Faythe Woodend who refused to pay Poor Rate assessed on her dwelling was brought under the notice of the Meeting. It appeared from what was stated that this woman although being the owner of her own house for the site of which she paid a rent of £2:12:0 (6 years) was notwithstanding the recipient of out-door Relief and that if the Collector proceeded to levy distress there would not be found goods and chattels of sufficient value to satisfy his demand. It also appeared that this case was typical of many others in the Urban District. It was ordered - That the Local Government Board be requested to favour the Council with instructions how to deal with this case.

A copy of a resolution received from the Town Clerk of Accrington was submitted and the subject matter considered. The resolution was adopted and is as follows "That in the opinion of this Council, the present system of local taxation is unjust, because it exempts the owners of land within the municipal boundaries. That at present the incidence of the local rates operates as a tax upon industry, enterprise, and thrift and constitutes a grievance of which all occupiers of urban property are justified in demanding immediate redress."

"That in the opinion of this Council, the continuous increment in the value of urban land, is not the result of any action on the part of the landlord, but is due to the collective industry and enterprise of our townspeople, and is therefore a peculiarly suitable for taxation."

"That it is necessary that a separate valuation be made of sites as distinct from buildings or improvements, and a rate made and levied so as to fall on the owners of the land values thus assessed; and that all land, whether occupied or unoccupied, be taxed according to its value."

In view of a Loan being borrowed for construction of footpaths it was arranged that Aldermen Cosgrave, Gaaden, Furlong and Walsh along with Councillors Denton and Smith should be a Committee to ascertain where (besides the places that have already been fixed on) footpaths may be laid to the best advantage and report thereon and that plans, estimates and specifications of footpaths awaiting construction be prepared by the Town Surveyor.

The Town Surveyor reported that the cost of treating the surface of the roadway in Well Lane with asphalt was estimated by him at £6:0: and it was Ordered - That the work of repairing this Lane in manner proposed be carried out. The Town Surveyor reported regarding School Street that the section of path on the east side might be continued from where it terminates to a distance of 60 yards southwards but at the southern end for a distance of 66 yards the street was so narrow that it would not be advisable to lay a path of any appreciable width.

It was ordered - That a Committee consisting of Messrs The Mayor, Barr, Furlong, Walsh and another be appointed to visit the School Street and see what was best to be done in the matter and instruct the Town Surveyor thereon.

and that tenders be invited for the construction of the path.
It was ordered - That a uniform similar to that supplied to the Sergeant at
peace be provided for the use of the person holding the newly revised office
of additional Sergeant at peace.

W. Hughes, Chairman

8th October 1900.

A Special Meeting of the Council of the Borough was held this day
pursuant to the Mayor's requisition at the Tholsel at half past seven o'clock P.M.
There were present:

Benjamin Hughes Esq^r Mayor (in the chair)
Aldermen - Nicholas J. Cosgrave, Walter Walsh, Matthew J. Furlong.
Councillors - James Smith, John Fyffe, John Lync, William Sears, Richard Walsh,
Nicholas O'Neill, Joseph Kelly.

The minutes of meeting of 1st Instant were read and signed.
The making of a Poor Rate to enable the County Council Demand to be
discharged in respect of the half year ending 31st March 1901 was the business
for which the meeting was convened and
on the motion of Councillor Walsh, seconded by Councillor Lync a resolution
in the following terms was adopted on the subject.

Resolved - That there be now struck a Poor Rate of one shilling and three pence
in the Pound on the net assessable value of rateable property within the
Borough of Wexford as agreed to on the 21st March 1900 and that the Rate
Book be now sealed and signed.

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

W. Hughes, Chairman

16th October 1900.

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

There were in attendance:-

Benjamin Hughes Esq^r Mayor (in the chair)
Aldermen - Nicholas J. Cosgrave, John Clancy, Walter Walsh, Matthew J. Furlong.
Councillors - William Sears, Nicholas O'Neill, Robert Winton, John Fyffe,
James Smith, Richard Walsh, John Lync, Joseph Kelly, James Cullimore.

The minutes of meeting of 8th Inst were read and signed.
The Bank Books and the County Council Demand were laid before the Meeting
The accuracy of the Bank Books having been ascertained the Chairman affirmed

his signature thereto.

Summary and Reconciliation of Treasurer's Account for the month ending the last day of September 1900 including the payments made at the Stated Finance Meeting held on this day.

Summary

Balance (if any) due by Treasurer as per last monthly statement	897	14	6
Total sum received to close of last month	868	11	2
Total	1766	5	8
Balance (if any) due to Treasurer as per last monthly statement			
Payments ordered at above mentioned meeting	1435	9	
Total	1435	9	
Net Balance due by Treasurer (being difference of above Totals)	330	16	8

Reconciliation

Balance per Bank Books due by Treasurer	1773	3	7
Outstanding Orders (including those issued at this meeting)	1442	6	11
Net Balance as above due by Treasurer.	330	16	8

Liabilities which had accrued due up to the end of last month amounting in the aggregate to £1435:9:0 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 271 to 303 inclusive viz:-

271 In favour of Michael J. Connor for miscellaneous law costs	£17:	6:	2
272 In favour of same for do	25:	18:	8
273 In favour of same for do	3:	12:	7
274 In favour of D. T. Pierce being quarters salary as Medical Officer of Health to 30 th September, 1900	44:	0:	0
275 In favour of Sainfort & Co for stationery supplied	13:	3	
276 In favour of James Redmond for constructing pipe sewer at rear of houses in School Street as per contract	40:	5:	0
277 In favour of Wexford Timber Co for goods supplied	18:	4	
278 In favour of same for do	8:	6:	3
279 In favour of same for do	1:	0:	0
280 In favour of James Stamp for do	1:	13:	1
281 In favour of same for do	13:	3	
282 In favour of same for do	7:	3	
283 In favour of Gas Consumers Co for coke and tar supplied	11:	10:	4
284 In favour of E. Pierce for disinfectants supplied	17:	0	
285 In favour of Michael J. Connor for collecting rents of Working Class Dwellings	6:	14:	0
286 In favour of Mr. Cussen for Quit & Crown Rent due	6:	14:	4
287 In favour of John M. Walsh for advertising and printing done	14:	0:	6
288 In favour of same for do	2:	3:	0
289 In favour of same for do	11:	7:	6
	£156:	0:	6

£156: 0: 6

290. In favour of The Free Press for advertising	2: 13: 10
291 In favour of same for do	2: 16: 6
292 In favour of Wexford Independent for do	9: 15: 0
293 In favour of same for do	7: 6: 0
294 In favour of same for do	1: 7: 0
295 In favour of Thompson Bros for repairs executed	1: 8: 6
296 In favour of W. A. & Co for brushes supplied	7: 0
297 In favour of John Marion for disinfecting ten dwellings	1: 5: 0
298. In favour of James Scallan for opening blind arch at Stonebridge- amount on account	17: 0: 0
299. In favour of National Bank being amount of Demand for half year ended 30 th September payable to Co. Council	1136: 9: 1
300. In favour of W ^m A. Broome for cash advanced in payment of petty liabilities	7: 9: 8
301 In favour of same for do	51: 1: 4
302 In favour of same for do	11: 2: 0
303 In favour of Thomas Godfrey for collecting Poor Rate for half year ended 30 th September 1900	29: 7: 7
	£ 1435: 9: 0

Monthly Abstract of Collection of rents of Working class Dwellings and of
Rent Collectors Cash Account.

Number of houses	Rent Collection				
	Amount due by tenants at close of last month	Rents accrued during the month	Total for collection	collected during the month	Amount due by tenants at close of month
59. 59. Nil	£10: 14: 4	£25: 3: 4	£35: 17: 8	£26: 14: 6	£12: 3: 2 <i>14/6 of this struck off last day £11: 8: 8 due</i>
Collectors Cash Account					
	Balance in hands at close of last month	collected during the month	Total to be accounted for by collector	Lodged with Treasurer during the month	Balance (if any) in hands of Collector at close of month
Nil		£26: 14: 6	£26: 14: 6	£26: 14: 6	Nil.

The Rent Collection Book and the Report Book of the collector was then produced by the Clerk the
accuracy having been previously ascertained by them and authenticated by his signature.
On the Report Book of the collector orders were made in individual cases as follows.

Name of Tenant	Nature of Report	Orders made by Council thereon.
Richard Leary	Swear that this house is solid.	That the repairs required to be done as stated be carried out at
Peter Bowlin	Ceiling of this house has fallen down.	

A letter from the Local Government Board was read intimating, with reference to the case where a woman resident in the Faythe Woodford and a recipient of out-door relief had not the means to pay Poor Rate assessed on her dwelling that they were unable to sanction Rates being struck off as irrecoverable on the ground of the poverty of the occupiers liable for payment of such Rates.

A tender from James Redmond of Barrack Street was received in respect of the construction of a footpath for School Street. It was the only one received in response to advertisements issued asking for tenders to be sent in in respect of the proposed work which Mr Redmond offered to execute at the rate of 10^d per square yard at places where the footpath did not exceed five feet in width and at 9^d per square yard where it exceeded five feet in width.

On the motion of Alderman Cosgrave, seconded by Councillor Cullimore the tender was accepted.

B. Hughes, Chairman

5th November 1900.

A statutable meeting of the Council was held this day in the Town Hall at noon. There were present:-

Benjamin Hughes Esq^r Mayor (in the Chair)

Aldermen - George Madden, Nicholas J. Cosgrave, John Barr, Matthew J. Furlong, Walter Walsh.

Councillors - William Sears, James Smith, William Simpson, Howard Rowe, John Tygh, John Lym, James Cullimore, Joseph Kelly, James J. Stafford, Nicholas O'Neill, Robert Stanton.

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

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

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

A circular dated 19th October 1900 No 3376: 1900 issued by the Department of Agriculture and Technical Instruction for Ireland was submitted to the Meeting. It contained an explanation of the provisions of the Sale of Food and Drugs Act 1875 to 1900 relating to margarine and margarine cheese, the sale of milk in a public place, the labelling of condensed, separated

or skimmed milk, the definition of food, the duties of local authorities power to take samples and mode of taking samples, the penalty of obstructing an officer in the discharge of his duties under the Acts and other kindred matters. A circular dated October 1900 No 3/33 issued by the same Department was also submitted. It contained a request that the District Analyst should be instructed to furnish to the Department quarterly reports made up to the last day of March, June, September and December respectively in the current and each subsequent year upon the analysis of (1) Fertilisers (2) Feeding Stuffs made by him under the Fertilisers and Feeding Stuffs Acts 1893 and also a request that the Department be furnished with quarterly statements of any prosecutions instituted under the Act with the results thereof. The following report and vindicatory statement received in reply thereto were read for the meeting.

A Committee of Inspection visited the Stonebridge on 23rd October 1900. It consisted of the entire members of the Corporation but only ten of these attended. They were Messrs The Mayor, Aldermen Cosgrave and Furlong and Councillors Lym, Rowe, Stafford, Cullimore, Rogers, Sears and Kelly. Having proceeded to Stonebridge the Committee had the work (recently done) of opening the blind arch examined. A Corporation employee was sent into the water with a shovel and from the test made in presence of the Committee they came to the conclusion that the cementing of the bed of the arch was improperly done. An examination of both ends of the arch revealed the fact that at the end where the river entered the arch, the depth of the water was considerably greater than at the other end. The statement made as to the W.C. attached to Mr Cullimore's premises emptying into the newly-opened arch was entirely disproved. This apparatus delivers into the main branch of the river. There were other statements and observations made which also failed to be verified. Having fully considered the case the Committee decided that the terms of the Specification were not properly carried out by the Contractor. On this point the Committee was unanimous. Regarding the Town Surveyor the meeting came to the conclusion that he had been guilty of serious dereliction of duty in the matter and with the exception of Alderman Cosgrave recommended that the Surveyor should be called on to send in his resignation.

Signed B. Hughes Chairman.

Wexford
November 2nd 1900.

Mr Mayor and Gentlemen,

In reply to the report of the Committee who met at Stonebridge River I beg to say that the upper end of the culvert is 2 1/2 feet narrower than the lower end, therefore the depth of water at the upper end must obviously be greater than that at the wide end. This must necessarily be the case as the

transverse capacity being less, the vertical capacity must be more. I have taken the depth on Friday and the difference is not two inches.

The sewage of a considerable number of closets and houses (probably 100) discharge at right angles into this culvert at present. All those previously discharged into the main river. The level at which this discharge exists prevents the level of the culvert being altered in any way from what it has recently been laid at.

Referring to the concrete. It had not got sufficient time for consolidation or setting, it being laid under water. On this account I had not given a final certificate to the Contractor and no evidence to the contrary can be produced.

It is a well known fact that recently several batches of concrete have failed to set even under more favourable circumstances than being put in under water, or even in a subterranean passage where the light of day was precluded from the work.

Over the setting of concrete I had no control excepting to retain the certificate and a portion of the money from the Contractor, whom the Corporation are responsible for accepting, nor will I give him his certificate until the Corporation by legal process or otherwise compel their Contractor to remedy any existing defects to their and my satisfaction, for which the sum retained is sufficient.

Not a day on which concrete was mixed did I allow pass without being present myself or an employee of the Corporation and chiefly both, so that there could not possibly be any official negligence.

Such a sewer should never have been run under a domicile and no Sanitarian would recommend such a principle.

I am Mr Mayor and Gentlemen

Yours faithfully

D. E. MacCarthy.

A long discussion ensued on the reading of the foregoing statements and made as follows:-

Proposed by Councillor Lyne, seconded by Councillor Sears

That the report of the Committee be adopted.

Proposed by Alderman Sadler, seconded by Alderman Cosgrave.

That the opinion of an independent Engineer be obtained on the manner in which the work in question has been done and that the consideration of the Committee report be deferred to next meeting.

The latter proposition was put to the meeting and on a show of hands it was seen that ten members were against and only six for it. It was declared lost. The original proposition was then put when it was carried ten members being for and only five against it.

It was ordered - That the Town Clerk request the Town Surveyor to send in his resignation against Monday, 17th December next.

The Anglers' Club applied for permission to stretch a piece of netted wire

across the overflow outlet of the Reservoir to prevent the danger of trout being carried away by floods in the winter months and also to remove the screen for a few months so as to prevent the destruction of ova in the approaching breeding season.

It was agreed to grant the former request but not the latter.
A report from the Finance Committee showed that they had examined the Poor Rate Collectors' accounts for the half year ended 30th September 1900 and found that out of the total assessments items of rate amounting to £28:15:2 were irrecoverable having been assessed on premises partly or wholly unoccupied for that period. *sub*
The report was adopted.

A letter dated 17th October 1900 to 60:03 from the Local Government Board was read. It had reference to the question of the amount of the remuneration payable to Mr Thomas Clancy as Rate Collector. The consideration of it was adjourned.

There were laid before the meeting a copy of the Local Government (Ireland) (No 2) Act 1900 and of The County Surveyors (Ireland) Act 1900.

Wm J. Fyfe Chairman

19th November 1900.

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

There were in attendance

Benjamin Hughes Esq^r Mayor (in the chair)

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

Councillors - Patrick Ryan, Howard Rowe, William Sears, James Smith.

The minutes of the last meeting were read and signed.

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

Liabilities which had accrued due up to the end of last month, amounting in the aggregate to £1118:17:5 were submitted to the meeting and having been examined were approved and an authorisation was signed to enable the Treasurer to pay them on presentation to him of Paying Orders numbered from 304 to 306 inclusive.

304	In favour of W ^m A. Brown being quarters salary as Town Clerk to 31 st October 1900 (proportion from Borough Fund)	£30:12:6
305	In favour of same being quarters salary as Town Clerk to same date (proportion from Town Improvement Fund)	30:12:6
306	In favour of John Seaton as Mayor's Sergeant to same date	5:10:0
		£66:15:0

307 In favour of W ^m A. Brown being quarters salary as Executive Sanitary Officer to 3 rd October 1900	5: 0: 0
308 In favour of John Green do as Consulting Sanitary Officer to do	3: 15: 0
309 In favour of John Hannon do as Sanitary Sub-Officer to do	5: 0: 0
310 In favour of James Kenny do as Temporary Sanitary Sub-Officer to do	4: 6: 8
311 In favour of same do as temporary caretaker of Old Graveyards to do	2: 3: 4
312 In favour of W ^m H. Clark do as caretaker of Town Hall to do	2: 12: 0
313 In favour of Thomas Murphy do for cleaning Municipal Offices to do	1: 0: 0
314 In favour of W ^m A. Brown do as Secretary of Waterworks to do	5: 0: 0
315 In favour of D. E. MacCarthy do as Superintendent of Waterworks to do	16: 5: 0
316 In favour of D. E. MacCarthy do as Town Surveyor to do	16: 5: 0
317 In favour of Bank of Ireland being instalment due on Artizans Dwellings Loan	39: 8: 1
318 In favour of same do on Working Class Dwellings Loan	93: 15: 1
319 In favour of same do on Market Loan	22: 0: 4
320 In favour of same do on Waterworks (No. 1) Loan	882: 5: 10
321 In favour of same do on Waterworks (No. 2) Loan	114: 5: 5
322 In favour of same do on Cemetery Loan	34: 12: 4
323 In favour of Moulton Co for coals supplied	1: 13: 6
324 In favour of Daniel Dinnon for expenses incurred under Food & Drugs Act.	19: 8
325 In favour of Gas Co. for gas consumed in Thobels Town Hall for quantity ordered 20 th Sept.	16: 2
326 In favour of James Diamond for laying concrete foot path in Summerhill amounting to	8: 0: 0
327 In favour of Thompson Bros for cement supplied	6: 0: 0
328 In favour of Gust. Schimus for supplying a waste water Detector	19: 3
329 In favour of W ^m A. Brown for cash advanced in payment of petty liabilities	4: 15: 9
330 In favour of same for do	49: 2: 3
331 In favour of same for do	12: 1: 9
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£ 1118: 17: 5	

Summary and Reconciliation of Treasurers Account for the month ending the last day of October 1900 including the payments made at the Stated Finance Meeting held on this day.

Summary	Ordinary Account		
Balance (if any) due by Treasurer as per last monthly statement	530	16	8
Total sum received to close of last month	562	.	6
Total	892	17	2
Balance (if any) due to Treasurer as per last monthly statement			
Payments ordered at above mentioned meeting	1118	17	5
Total	1118	17	5
Net Balance due to Treasurer (being difference of above Totals)	226	.	3
Reconciliation			
Balance per Bank Books due by Treasurer	900	15	2
Outstanding Orders in hand (being issued at the meeting)	1126	15	5
Net Balance as above due to Treasurer	226	.	3

Number of Houses			Rent Collection			
Build	Let	Unoccupied	Arrears due by Tenants at close of last month	Rents accrued during the month	Total for collection	Collected during the month
39.	59.	-	£11: 8: 8	£34: 17: 8	£46: 6: 4	£29: 17: 0
			Collectors Cash Account			
			Balance in hand at close of last month	Collected during the month	Total to be accounted for by collector	Paid with Treasurer during the month
			Nil	£29: 17: 0	£29: 17: 0	£29: 17: 0
			Balances shown in hand of collector at close of month			
			£29: 17: 0			

The Rent Collection Book and the Report Book of the Collector was then produced by the Clerk, this accuracy having been previously ascertained by him and authenticated by his signature.

Mr William Bow of Carrigan by letter drew attention to the necessity that existed for a concrete footpath being constructed on the west side of Carrigan. It was ordered - That a footpath for Carrigan be added to the list of footpaths proposed to be done according as funds admit.

Messrs Thompson Bros drew attention by letter to the necessity existing for providing an adequate outlet for the main sewer under their premises at Custom House Quay, pointing out that in time of heavy rain it was usual for their premises to be flooded and for the sewer at other times to be filled with sewage which was not able to escape by reason of the outlet of the sewer being too small. Councillor Lowe and the Town Surveyor, who it appeared, had examined this sewer, explained what was the cause of the complaint. The sewer, the cross section of which was 2 feet by 2 feet had been deflected many years ago by the National Bank authorities at a point in the yard attached to the National Bank Office and let into a 9 inch pipe sewer, which was not sufficiently capacious to allow the sewage in dry weather and the floods in wet weather to flow away into the Harbour.

It was ordered - That the Town Surveyor be asked to make a written report on the matter and that a copy of such report be furnished to the Manager of the National Bank together with request that the Bank authorities provide a proper outlet through their premises.

On the subject of irrecoverable Poor Rate, a letter No 5, 573 from the Local Government Board was read pointing out that a house which is occupied on the date the rate is made appears to be liable to be rated for the whole Poor Rate and in the case of a house which is unoccupied at the time the rate is made, but which, before the expiration of the period for which the rate is intended to provide, becomes occupied, a part of the rate proportioned to the time the house was actually occupied, is recoverable.

A letter (No 60,031: 1900) from the Local Government Board was read containing

request for information as to whether the Corporation had arrived at any decision in the matter of the remuneration to be paid to Mr Thomas Clancy for collecting rates, a matter which was previously under the consideration of the Corporation on 20th November last.

It was ordered - That the Local Government Board be respectfully requested to state whether Mr Clancy being paid for his services by a poundage of 9 in the £ on all moneys collected, he is entitled to have his remuneration increased because the amount of his Warrant has been lessened by the operation of the Local Government Act.

A letter from the General Valuation Office was read intimating that Mr P. H. Moran had been appointed to make the annual revision of the valuation of Wexford Urban District and that the revision would be commenced on or about the 13th November inst.

A letter from the District Inspector R. S. Constabulary was read intimating that Sergeant R. Fitzgerald having been transferred to Athurstown his appointment as Inspector of Explosives therefore had lapsed but that Sergeant John Surley had been recommended for the position instead of Sergeant Fitzgerald.

Ordered - That Sergeant Surley be appointed as Inspector of Explosives for the Urban District of Wexford.

A notice received from the Irish Land Commission was submitted. It had reference to the Tithe Rent Charge (Ireland) 1900 under which payers of Tithe Rent Charge or rather such of them as were entitled to apply, were ^{employed} invited to apply to the Commissioners to obtain the benefit of the Act.

The Poor Rate Collector applied for payment of a sum of £8.10.0 for services which he stated were rendered by him in connection with the preparation of the jurors Lists. It was pointed out to the meeting that the Corporation seemed liable for payment of this bill according to the terms of a circular issued by the Local Government Board on 18th December 1899. The meeting declined to pay the bill pending instructions from the Local Government Board and ~~it was~~ ordered that the Local Government Board be requested to inform the Corporation as to whether the latter are liable ^{for} to pay this charge and also if they will be liable for it in future years.

J. J. Sheehan, Chair

3rd December 1900

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

Benjamin Hughes Esq^r Mayor (in the chair)

Aldermen - George Madden, Nicholas J. Cosgrave, Walter Walsh,
Matthew J. Burling.

Councillors - Richard Walsh, William Sears, John Lyne, Joseph Kelly,
Howard Rowe, Robert Benton, Cameron Rogers, John Fyffe,
William Simpson.

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

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

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

Alderman Madden moved that the Dublin Wicklow and Wexford Railway Co should be asked to appoint a representative from Co. Wexford on the Board of Directors of that Company. He pointed out that three of the most important towns on the Railway system and half the system itself was situated in the Co. Wexford and it was therefore obvious that the County should be represented by a local man who would be in a position to know what were the wants of the public and have them supplied. The presence of such a Director on the Board would prove in his Alderman Madden's opinion to be advantageous to the public and the shareholders alike. The motion was seconded by Councillor Rogers and adopted unanimously.

With reference to the claim made by Mr Thomas Clancy for increased remuneration for collecting Rates a letter No 68443 received from the Local Government Board was read intimating that as Mr Clancy appeared to have suffered pecuniary loss owing to diminution of fees in consequence of the operation of the Local Government (Ireland) Act 1898 he was entitled to claim compensation under Section 115 (19) of that Act and that in the event of an appeal by Mr Clancy in connection with his claim the matter was one which should be determined by the Treasury.

It was ordered that Mr Clancy be asked to make a claim for compensation in writing

A letter No 2 is 1/2 received from the same Department was read. It was accompanied by a list of County Charges to which the Department proposed to exempt Urban Districts from contributing.

Proposed by Councillor Simpson, seconded by Councillor Walsh and

Resolved - That having considered the proposal of the Local Government Board as to the issuing of an Order exempting Urban Districts from liability in respect of certain county at large charges we respectfully submit that besides the charges specified in the list contained in the Local Government Board's letter of 28th ult. Urban Districts (where no services are rendered by County Officials) should likewise be relieved from all liability to contribute towards the salaries of County Surveyors, the increase of salaries granted to County Secretaries, the cost attendant on checking Rate Books and the expenses paid by the County Council in respect of the Food and Drugs Act and Weights and Measures Act. That in support of this view we beg to point out that the County Surveyor of Wexford renders no service whatever to the Urban District of Wexford, that no additional duty in connection with this Urban District has been imposed on the County Secretary by the operation of the Local Government Act and as regards the remaining items of charge from which exemption is claimed we wish to call attention to the fact that all expenses under these heads of account in respect of the Urban District are already defrayed out of the Borough Fund.

It was further ordered - That the Local Government Board should be asked to provide for the proposed order taking effect from 1st April 1899.

Councillor Walsh produced a sample of broken stones which were used in the work of shelling the streets and which, on examination were found to be of a very unsuitable quality. He stated that the sample was taken from the broken stones prepared by the Corporation from the Prison and the Town Surveyor admitted such was the case.

It was ordered - That a Committee comprising Messrs R. Walsh, J. Kelly and W. Walsh be appointed for the purpose of visiting the quarries near the town and reporting as to where the best quality of stone can be had and as to the cost of procuring same. Councillor Walsh furthermore gave notice that he would move at next monthly meeting the advisability of the Corporation taking over a quarry for their own use.

A certificate received from Dr. Purse was submitted as to John Haron, a street Toll Collector and Sanitary Sub-Officer being suffering from debility and consequently being unable to perform his duties and it was

Ordered - That John Haron be granted three weeks leave of absence from duty without loss of remuneration and that Thomas Lacy be appointed at a remuneration of 1/2 a week to act as Toll Collector pro tem.

Mrs. H. Hayes made application by letter to have a lamp put up at the end of Trimmers Lane next Selkirk Street, stating that through the want of a lamp after dark the lane was used as a receptacle for nuisances. Councillor R. Walsh stated that he had intended to visit the lane to verify what Mrs. Hayes had stated. It was ordered that Messrs Simpson, W. Walsh and Sears

be requested to visit Trimmers Lane and report on the question.
Alderman Madden brought under notice the fact that the lane at rear of
Working Class Dwellings in Mill Street was in a bad state of disrepair and it was
Ordered - That the lane be shuted with broken stones and provided with
water table and drain connected with the main sewer in Mill Street.
It was reported by the Water Rate Collector that the Co. Council had repudiated
their liability to pay Public Water Rate on the Court House. It was pointed out
that this Rate was payable either by the County Council or the landlord in
respect of the half front, probably the latter, but the question was so complicated
that it would be well to obtain legal advice thereon.
It was ordered - That the matter be referred to the Corporation Solicitor.
The Town Surveyor handed in a report obtained by him from two Engineers
resident in Dublin who had at his request visited Wexford and inspected
the Stonebridge River. He also handed in a letter from himself declining to
send in his resignation. These communications were not read but the meeting
arranged to meet again on Tuesday 11th Inst for the purpose of considering them.

B. Hughes

11th December 1900.

A special meeting of the Council was held this day (pursuant to requisition
of five commissioners) at the Tholsel at half past seven o'clock P.M. for the
purpose of considering the terms of a communication received from the Town
Surveyor in answer to resolution calling for his resignation and taking such
action in the matter as might be thought advisable.

There were present:-

Benjamin Hughes Esq^r Mayor (in the chair)
Aldermen - Matthew J. Furlong, John Clancy, Walter Walsh, George Madden,
Nicholas J. Cosgrave
Councillors - Patrick Egan, William Sears, James J. Stafford, John Egan,
James Cullimore, John Lyne, Nicholas E. Hill, Cameron Rogers,
Joseph Kelly, Richard Walsh, Howard Rowe, Robert Stanton,
William Timpson.

The minutes of meeting of 3rd December 1900 were read and signed.
Following is a copy of letter received from Town Surveyor and read for the meeting.
Offices Town Hall, Wexford.
December 3rd 1900.

Dear Sir,

I beg to inform you that I have not and never had the slightest
intention of resigning my position of Borough Surveyor and for the information
of the Corporation I beg to state that I have been advised by Mr. Ryan M. Inst. C.E.
and R. M. Butler M. R. S. A. S. two of the most eminent Engineers in Ireland, one of

from being Vice President of the Institute of Civil Engineers on the question at issue between us regarding the Stone Bridge

Yours faithfully,

Wm. S. Brune Esq. Town Clerk

J. E. MacCarthy

The following is a copy of the report referred to in above letter and also read for the meeting

22 Nassau Street Dublin

Report on the work done in connection with the Culvert at Stone Bridge for Wexford Corporation
29th November 1900
Esq.

You have submitted to us certain maps and specifications in connection with the work of re-opening a culvert or drain under and adjacent to Stone Bridge and under the premises of Mr James Cullimore S. C. Wexford which we have carefully perused, you also asked us to inspect the said work which we have done on the 26th Inst and beg to submit our report as follows:

There seems to be no dispute that the culvert was closed by your late predecessor and to have been ordered to be opened by the Corporation and said opening to have been objected to by you, in this latter action we quite concur as the opening would in no way relieve the volume of sewerage in the river or prevent the back water from rising in or around Stone Bridge and adjoining streets and premises. The action of opening this culvert has doubtless created an obstruction in the nature of a cutwater to the Bridge and thereby tends to retard the free run of the water in the main channel. Apart from the generally unsanitary and primitive state of the whole sewerage system, the running of a large open sewer under a dwelling house, as this does, is to be strongly condemned and we fail to understand what object the Corporation expected to achieve by so doing.

The levels of the invert of culvert at entry and exit are fixed points and in consequence no greater fall could be given to the culvert in question. We have come to this conclusion by carefully measuring the said points.

As to the quality of the work done, we are of opinion that on the whole the terms of the specifications have been complied with and that in withholding your Certificate for any small defective work you have been acting within your province as Engineer in protecting the interests of your Corporation; and in this connection we note that a point has been raised as to the quality of the concrete used in the work, we examined the said concrete and with the exception of that at the points of entry and exit, we are of opinion that the concrete is sound the slight defects at the said points may have been caused by the action of the back water not giving it time to set and can be easily repaired.

Yours faithfully,

J. E. MacCarthy Esq.

J. R. Ryan Esq. Dist. C. E.

Borough Surveyor Wexford.

R. M. Butler Esq. R. I. A. I.

Regarding the question Councilor Lyne proposed and Councilor Lythe seconded the following motion:

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with regard to report made by Committee who inspected work done lately

in connection with Stone Bridge and on statements by the Town Surveyor in connection therewith, resolved that as the Town Surveyor has been called on by a meeting of the Council to send in his resignation and he has positively refused to do so that he be dismissed.

As an amendment to above motion Councillor Ryan proposed for adoption
the following which was seconded by Alderman Cosgrave

That this Council employ the services of an independent Engineer to report on the work done in connection with Stone Bridge river and that the consideration of the question of dealing with Mr. MacCarthy be deferred pending receipt of such report.

A poll was taken on this amendment whereupon Councillors Rowe, Walsh, Kelly, Rogers, Lyne, Cullimore, Tygh, Stafford Sears and Aldermen Walsh, Clancy, Furlong (12) voted against and Councillors Benton, Simpson, O'Neil, Ryan and Aldermen Casgraves and Madden (6) voted for adoption.

The amendment was declared lost.

A poll was then taken on Councillor Lynes proposition whereupon Councillors
Timpson, Hanton, Rogers, O'Brien, Ryan, Aldermen Hadden and Cochrane (7)
voted against and Councillors Rowe, Walsh, Kelly, Lynes, Cullimore, Tygh,
Stafford, Sears, Aldermen Walsh, Clancy and Furlong (11) voted in favour of
this proposition being adopted, and it was accordingly declared carried.
The Town Surveyor who was present stated it was his intention to appeal to the
Local Government Board against the decision of the meeting.

Byzantine Chariot

17th December 1900.

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

There were present:-

Benjamin Hughes Esq^r Mayor (in the chair)

Aldermen - Nicholas J. Casgrave, Matthew J. Furlong, Walter Welsh.

Councillors - John Lyne, Joseph Kelly, Richard Walsh, John Fyffe, Cameron Rogers
William Simpson.

The minutes of meeting of 11th Inst were read and signed.

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

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

Liabilities which had accrued due up to the end of last month amounting in the aggregate to £ 196: 14: 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 332 to 353 inclusive 332. In favour of Little Limerick Poor Relief Committee £ 20: 0: 0 333 In favour of some " " £ 25: 0: 0

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270 25: 0: 0
31: 4: 3

	31: 14: 3
334 In favour of Little town half years rent of Pipefields to 29 th September	15: 0: 0
335 In favour of Thomas Caahy for services rendered by him in connection with gravestones	8: 10: 0
336 In favour of Nicholas Cahon for supplying dirt of Co. for additional trays dug	6: 8: 0
337 In favour of Thompson Bros for supplying cement	2: 0: 0
338 In favour of John Byrne for supplying three suits of oilskins	2: 0: 6
339 In favour of Galtras Cooper for goods supplied repairs executed	1: 13: 7
340 In favour of Same for goods supplied	1: 16: 0
341 In favour of Patrick Brennan for constructing sewer at rear of School St. Balena of gc	7: 13: 0
342 In favour of D.E. Mac Carthy for preparing Specification & supervising work of construction of drains at rear of Mr. Eakins property in School Street	3: 3: 0
343 In favour of Nicholas W. Walsh for poor rate on lands at Reservoir	1: 12: 9
344 In favour of James Kenny one week salary as caretaker of Broomfield to 5 th Nov.	3: 4
345 In favour of Same do Temporary Sanitary Sub-Officer to do	6: 8
346 In favour of Bank of Ireland for S. the Rent Charge	2: 6: 7
347 In favour of John M. Walsh for printing done	12: 12: 8
348 In favour of Same for same	1: 5: 0
349 In favour of Same for same	1: 5: 0
350 In favour of W. A. Bane cash advanced in payment of petty liabilities	5: 8: 8
351 In favour of Same for do	78: 10: 7
352 In favour of Same for do	8: 15: 3
353 In favour of W. White for writing up Poor Rate Books	4: 10: 0
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	£ 196: 14: 10

Summary and Reconciliation of Treasurer's Account for the month ending the last day of November 1900 including the payments made at the Stated Finance Meeting held on this day.

Summary	Ordinary Account		
Balance (if any) due by Treasurer as per last monthly Statement			
Total Sum received to close of last month	567	9	5
	Total		
Balance (if any) due to Treasurer as per last monthly Statement	226		3
Payments ordered at above mentioned meeting	196	14	10
	Total		
Net Balance due by Treasurer (being difference of above Totals)	144	14	4
Reconciliation			
Balance per Bank Books due by Treasurer	346	3	5
Outstanding Orders (including those issued at this meeting)	201	9	1
Net Balance as above due by Treasurer	144	14	4

Monthly Abstract of Collection of Rents of Working Class Dwellings and of Rent Collectors Cash Account.

Number of Houses		Rent Collections				
Build.	Let. Unoccupied	Arrears due by Tenants at close of last month	Rents accrued during the month	Total for Collection	Collected during the month	Arrears due by Tenants at close of month
59.	59.	-	£16: 9: 4	£27: 19: 4	£44: 8: 8	32: 16: 8
		Collectors Cash Account				
		Balance in hands at close of last month	Collected during the month	Total b/c accounted for by Collectors	Paid into Treasurer during the month	Balance if any in hands at close of this month
		£29: 17: 0	32: 16: 8	£62: 13: 8	£62: 13: 8	Nil.

The Rent Collection Book and the Report Book of the Collector was then produced by the Clerk, their accuracy having been previously ascertained by him and authenticated by his signature.

The question of remunerating Mr White for work done by him in preparing four books connected with the Poor Rate for the current half year was brought under consideration. The meeting having gone into the matter considered that £4: 10s was not an excessive sum to give for the services rendered and ordered that sum to be included in the Accounts passed this day for payment which was accordingly done.

A special meeting of the Council was held coincidentally with the above meeting and the following business was disposed of.

Mr Henry Broome of Rathgarney made application by letter for a footpath to be laid down at the point where Francis Street and Duke Street join. It appeared from what he said that the length of the suggested path would not exceed ten yards.

Ordered - That the Town Surveyor be instructed to have a concrete footpath constructed at the place mentioned as soon as the weather permits of such work being done.

The need that existed for providing a quantity of open and trapped sewer grates was brought under the notice of the meeting with the result that it was decided to invite by letter the local Ironmongers and Ironfounders and Messrs Richards Ironfounders of Carlow to furnish tenders in respect of supplying cast iron grates according to specimens to be shown by the Town Surveyor.

The Department of Agriculture and Technical Instruction by letter dated 12th December 1900 which was read asked to be informed of any action taken by the Corporation towards the performance of the duties imposed on them as to the appointment of a Public Analyst and Local Inspectors under the Sale of Food and Drugs Act 1875 to 1897 this being a matter to which the Department had previously called attention in a circular dated

October 1900 No 3376

It was ordered. - That Sir Charles A. Cameron be written to and asked what he would be prepared to accept as salary for acting as Public Analyst for this Borough, that the Department referred to be informed that the Corporation are considering the propriety of appointing an Analyst and have already appointed a Local Inspector in the person of a member of the Constabulary & that one Inspector in the opinion of the Corporation is sufficient for the requirements of the Borough having regard to the fact that there are two Sanitary Sub-Officers, a Medical Officer of Health and a consulting Sanitary Officer all empowered to deal with most articles of unsound or unwholesome food.

Attention was called to the fact that three members of the Council viz Edward Connor, Patrick Kehoe and Michael McKenny had absented themselves for more than six consecutive months from meetings of the Council and it was therefore incumbent on the Council to declare the offices of these members to be vacant. With regards to Messrs Connor and Kehoe it was mentioned that they were due to go out of office by rotation in January next but in the case of Mr McKenny his retirement from office would not be due in the ordinary course of retirement by rotation until 15th January 1902.

It was ordered that no action be taken regarding the two first mentioned delinquents but as regards Mr McKenny a Declaration was drawn up in the following terms and sealed and signed

Local Government (Ireland) Act 1898.

Urban District of Wexford

whereas on the 15th day of January 1899 Mr Michael McKenny of 41 Air Street South Wexford was duly elected a Councillor for No 1 Urban District Electoral Division (St. Vincent's Ward) in the Urban District of Wexford and whereas the said Michael McKenny has since his election been absent from meetings of the Council of said District for more than six months consecutively without approved reasons and has therefore vacated his seat as a member of said Council for absence within the meaning of Article 12 (9) of the Application of Enactments Order 1898

Now therefore we, the Council of said District in pursuance of the power vested in us by Article 12 (10) of said Order hereby declare the said office of Councillor for said Division to be vacant and direct that the publication within three days of a copy of this Declaration at, on or near the Town Hall Wexford shall be deemed sufficient notice of said vacancy for all purposes.

Given under our Hands and Corporate Seal this 17th December 1900

B. Hughes

M. J. Furlong

Mayor

Three

Members of said

Urban District Council

Town Clerk

Countersigned

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There was submitted to the meeting a copy of The Members of Local Authorities Relief Act 1900 which was received from the Local Government Board. By this enactment it is provided that an officer or soldier by reason of absence in certain cases is not disqualified or obliged to vacate his seat as a member of a County or Borough or District or Parish Council or Board of Guardians or incur any fine or other liability.

By letter dated 13th December No 71835:1900 which was read the Local Government Board intimated they would give due consideration to the views put forward by the Corporation on the subject of County-at-large Charges from which it is proposed to exempt Urban Districts. On the same subject also letters from the Town Clerks of Bray and Dundalk were submitted pointing out where the list of proposed exemptions drawn up by the Local Government Board was incomplete. Having regard to the terms of these letters it appeared to the meeting that it was necessary to make an examination further than that already done into the matter of the County overcharges and it was arranged to have a special meeting called early in January to consider the question.

The Wexford Engineering Co applied by letter for permission to erect poles and wires for the purpose of connecting their premises adjoining the Dockyard with the local telephone system. Regarding this matter it was mentioned to the meeting that none of the poles connected with the telephone system in the town were erected on the streets, and therefore it was decided not to give permission to the present applicants to erect poles in the streets.

A letter received from the Secretary D. W. & W. Railway Co. was read intimating that the appointment of a shareholder from the town or county of Wexford as a Director ^{of that Company} as suggested by the Corporation of Wexford was a matter which he had brought under notice of his Board who had desired him to say it would receive full consideration.

The Corporation Solicitor stated by letter he had carefully considered the question raised as to the liability of the County Council to pay Public Water Rate on the Courthouse Wexford, and he had come to the conclusion that the rate was assessable on the half rent and payable by the person in receipt of same and that the Rate Book would have to be amended in such a way as to fix the liability on that person.

It was ordered - That the Water Rate Book be amended by erasing therefrom the item of £4 11s Public Water Rate assessed on the Valuation of the County Courthouse and that the names of the four owners of the site of the Courthouse along with the amounts of half the annual rent payable respectively to them and the amount of Public Water Rate assessable on each such item of half annual rent be inserted in the Rate Book.

W. Hughes, Mayor

7th January 1901

A statutable Meeting of the Council was held this day in the Town Hall at noon.
Those were present:-

Benjamin Hughes Esq^r Mayor (in the Chair)
Sldermen - Nicholas L. Cosgrave Walter Walsh Matthew J. Furlong
Councillors - Patrick Hyon John Tyde Robert Barton William Simpson James Smith
John Lyne James Callinan Joseph Kelly William Sears Howard Rowe

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

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

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

With reference to resolution of 11th ult whereby the dismissal of Mr H^cCarthy from the office of Town Surveyor was decided on a letter to £3,513 900 received from the Local Government Board was read containing a request that the Corporation should state fully the reasons which led them to propose the dismissal of Mr H^cCarthy. On the motion of Alderman Cosgrave, seconded by Councillor Smith it was Resolved - That a Committee of the whole Council be called for Thursday next at 7.30 P.M. to prepare an answer to the letter.

A communication from the Department of Agriculture and Technical Instruction for Ireland was read intimating that the Department had arranged for a series of pioneer lectures to be delivered on Agricultural and Industrial subjects in various rural and urban localities in Ireland and that it was open to Local Authorities to apply to have the lectures delivered in their localities. The scheme and Syllabus which accompanied the communication showed that the Industrial lectures would prove to be most valuable to the public generally especially to the Working Classes of the town and it was decided to refer the matter to the Technical Instruction Committee appointed on 16th July last and request them to take steps to have lectures delivered in the Town Hall.

With regards to order made on 14th ult as to the appointment of a Borough Analyst a letter from Sir Charles A. Cameron was read intimating that he was prepared to accept as salary for the office of Borough Analyst any sum which the Corporation deemed it right to determine on.

On the motion of Councillor Simpson seconded by Councillor Lyne it was Resolved - That Sir Charles A. Cameron be appointed at a salary of £10

per annum, pursuant to the provisions of the Sale of Food and Drugs Acts

D. E. MacCarthy

16th January 1901

A Meeting of the Council acting as ex-officio Town Commissioners was held this day in the Tholsel at half past seven o'clock P.M.

There were in attendance:-

Benjamin Hughes Esq^r Mayor in the chair

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

Councillors - John Fyffe, Patrick Ryan, Robert Stanton, Howard Rowe, Cameron Rogers, James Smith, William Simpson, William Sears, John Lyne, James J. Stafford, Joseph Kelly, James Cullimore, Richard Walsh, Nicholas O'Sullivan

The meeting was called pursuant to requisition of six Councillors for the purpose of adopting a report which had been drawn up at Committee meeting on 10th Inst and which embodied the full reasons that had led the Council to propose the dismissal of Mr D. E. MacCarthy from the office of Town Surveyor or otherwise for the purpose of taking such steps in the matter of Mr D. E. MacCarthy's proposed dismissal as might seem expedient.

The minutes of Council meeting of 7th January 1901 were read and signed.

A letter from the Local Government Board No 73286.1900 was read containing request that they ~~would~~ be furnished with a reply to their letter of 19th Decm^r on the subject of ^{Mr D. E. MacCarthy's} proposed dismissal.

The minutes of Committee meeting above mentioned were also read whereupon a letter received from Mr D. E. MacCarthy was read as follows:-

I regret very much the attitude I have taken towards the Corporation and sincerely and deeply apologize for same and now place myself unreservedly in their hands trusting they will take a lenient view of my past lapses and re-instate me in their favour. I undertake never to give them any cause in the future for their regretting having renewed their confidence in me.

D. E. MacCarthy

On the motion of Councillor Lyne, seconded by Councillor Rowe the following resolution was adopted, Alderman W. Walsh dissenting.

That having considered the terms of Mr D. E. MacCarthy's letter now read we hereby re-instate him in the office of Town Surveyor from which (subject to the sanction of the Local Government Board) he was dismissed by us on 11th December last and that the Local Government Board be informed in reply to their letter that we refrain from making any further comment on Mr D. E. MacCarthy's conduct under these circumstances.

In reference to proceedings of the Council on 14th Inst when occasion was taken to express confidence with Alderman Barr in the

loss he had sustained in the recent death of his wife, a letter from Alderman Barr was read as follows

Wexford Jan 16th 1901

Dear Sir - It is with most grateful feelings I beg to express my sincere thanks to the Mayor, Aldermen and Councillors of the Wexford Urban Council for the kind sympathy expressed towards me in my recent sad bereavement. It is I assure you most gratifying to me and will live long in my memory
with kind regards

I remain

Gentlemen, Yours very faithfully
John Barr.

It was mentioned by Councillor Rogers that at an approaching meeting of the Wexford United Agricultural Society an attempt would be made to rescind the rule whereby the Society's Annual Cattle Show was fixed to be held alternately in Wexford and Enniscorthy and to substitute a rule requiring the Show to be held in future in the latter town only.

On the motion of Alderman Hadden, seconded by Alderman Furlong it was Resolved - That the Town Clerk write to the Society expressing the hope that the suggested innovation should not be adopted.

Bye Bye, Chairman

21st January 1901

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

There were in attendance:

Benjamin Hughes Esq^r Mayor (in the Chair)

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

Councillors - James Hore, Howard Rowe, John Fyffe, Joseph Kelly, James Cullimore, Richard Walsh.

The minutes of meeting of 16th Inst were read and signed.

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

Liabilities which had accrued due up to the end of last month amounting in the aggregate to £429.0.0 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 354 to 371 inclusive.

354. In favour of National Bank being sum on account of the Council Demand for half year ending 31st March 1901

£568.4.6

355. In favour of D. J. Pirke being sum as salary as Medical Officer of Health

4.0.0

£572.4.6

Forward £572: 4: 6

356. In favour of R. R. Allen for repairs executed	6: 1: 2
357. In favour of Thompson Bros for cement supplied	6: 0: 0
358. In favour of Painfort & Co for boots supplied	18: 6
359. In favour of R. H. Shaw & Co for brooms & nails supplied	1: 11: 9
360. In favour of Power & Co New Ross for paving flags supplied	6: 7: 6
361. In favour of Joseph Dollard Dublin for supplying Sanitary Books	1: 18: 6
362. In favour of M. Cussen Milkenry Income Tax on Sale of water	11: 5: 0
363 In favour of same do Fines	2: 5: 0
364 In favour of Gas Consumers Co for gas consumed in Thoburn's Tavern	2: 12: 3
365 In favour of James Redmond for laying concrete footpath in Summerhill - sum on account	3: 0: 0
366 In favour of Michael J. Connor for collecting Corporate rents	14: 1: 5
367 In favour of Eng. D. Donohoe being expenses incurred in connection with Weights & Measures and Food & Drugs Acts	1: 10: 6
368 In favour of W. A. Browne being cash advanced in payment of petty liabilities	5: 15: 2
369. In favour of same for same	69: 18: 3
370. In favour of same for same	4: 16: 0
371. In favour of same being expenses incurred at Municipal Election	18: 14: 6
	<u>729: 0: 0</u>

Summary and Reconciliation of Treasurers Account for the month ending
the last day of December 1900 including the payments made at the Stated
Finance Meeting held on this day.

Summary

Balance (if any) due by Treasurer as per last monthly Statement	1444	14	4
Total sum received to close of last month	663	15	5
Total	808	9	9
Balance (if any) due to Treasurer as per last monthly statement			
Payments ordered at above mentioned meeting	729		
Total	729		
Net Balance due by Treasurer (being difference of above Totals)	79	9	9
Reconciliation			
Balance per Bank Books due by Treasurer	808	9	9
Outstanding Orders (including those issued at this meeting)	729		
Net Balance as above due by Treasurer	79	9	9

Monthly Abstract of Collection of Rents of Working Class Dwellings of Rent Collectors Cash Account		Rent Collection			
Number of Houses		Arrears due by Tenants at close of last month	Rents accrued during the month	Total for collection	Collected during the month
59.	59.	-			
					5: 6: 3
					11: 0: 5

Collectors Cash Account

Balance in hands at close of last month	Collected during the month	Total to be accounted for by collector	Levied with Treasury during the month	Balance (if any) in hand at close of month
Nil	£35: 6: 3	£35: 6: 3	-	£35: 6: 3

The Rent Collection Book and the Report Book of the Collector was then produced by the clerk their accuracy having been previously ascertained by him and authenticated by his signature.

At the instance of the Irish Cattle Traders and Stockowners Association the following resolution, on the motion of Councillor Walsh, seconded by Councillor Cullimore, was adopted.

That this meeting protests in the strongest possible manner against the recent action of the War Office in accepting a tender for the supply of foreign meat, preferring imported produce to the native and superior article which is bred, reared, marketed and handled by those who pay rent and taxes and give employment in this country while the foreigners contribute nothing to the maintaining of either the Government or the community; that we further protest against the horses being supplied with foreign forage to the detriment of those who cultivate the land in Ireland; that we consider this policy should be immediately altered. We earnestly call on all Irish M. P's and the Irish representative bodies to take effectual action in this matter, which is of national importance and has aroused bitter feelings against the principle of favouring the foreigner and that the Press be invited to advocate our cause in this matter as it affects the prosperity of Ireland. That copies of this resolution be sent to Mr P. French and Sir J. H. Gathen Lomond M. P's.

There was submitted to the meeting a Statutory Declaration setting forth the particulars of Mr Clancy's claim for compensation. The average remuneration received by him for the five years previous to the Local Government Act coming into force was seen to be £49: 16: 9 and the collector's future remuneration £29: 17: 6 per annum on the assumption that the future rate will be one shilling in the £. The difference between the above quoted sums being £19: 19: 3 he claimed £99: 16: 3 being the sum of five times the amount of the difference. Furthermore he asked that his remuneration of £14: 18: 9 for collecting a half years rate should be increased by £34: 18: 0 i.e. a full years remuneration in respect of his services for a half year. This being so the question for the meeting to settle in the first instance was whether it would be advisable to grant Mr Clancy a gratuity or give him compensation by way of an increase of poundage. The question was considered and the latter was deemed the proper course to take. A scale of poundages was then made out showing what would bring him in

£49:16:9 a year or thereabouts having regard to fluctuations in the Rate and the following resolution was adopted.

Proposed by Councillor Rowe, seconded by Alderman Furlong.

That Mr Clancy be offered in satisfaction of his claims for loss of fees in consequence of the operation of the Local Government Act the following terms: In years when the Special Rate will be 8^d in the £ he be paid a poundage of 1/10^d for collecting same. In years when it will be 9^d in the £ he be paid 1/8^d as poundage, in years when it will be 10^d in the £ he be paid 1/6^d as poundage, when the Rate will be 11^d in the £ he be paid 1/4^d as poundage, when Rate will be 12^d in the £ he be paid 1/3^d as poundage, when Rate 13^d in the £ he be paid 1/2^d as poundage, when Rate 14^d in the £ he be paid 1/1^d as poundage, when Rate 15^d in the £ he be paid 1/1^d as poundage, when Rate 16^d in the £ he be paid 1/1^d as poundage, when Rate 17^d in the £ he be paid 1/1^d as poundage, when Rate 18^d in the £ he be paid 1/1^d as poundage, when Rate 19^d in the £ he be paid 1/1^d as poundage, when Rate 20^d in the £ he be paid 1/1^d as poundage; that in the improbable event of the Rate being in any year above or below the figures above stated he be paid at such a rate of remuneration as will bring his commission within the average amount of his poundage for the 5 years ended in 1899 and as regards the sum claimed by him for collecting for a half year ended in March 1900 he be offered £14:18:9 along with a bonus of £17:10:0.

W. H. Hughes, Mayor

23rd January 1901

A Quarterly Meeting of the Council was held this day in the Town Hall at noon. There were in attendance:-

Benjamin Hughes Esq^r Mayor (in the chair)

Aldermen - John Barr, Nicholas J. Cosgrave, John Clancy, Matthew J. Furlong, Walter Walsh.

Councillors - Michael O'Connor, Howard Rowe, James A. A. Williams, Sears, Nicholas O'Neill, Richard Walsh, John Fyfe, Cameron Rogers, Robert Stanton, Patrick Ryan, Joseph Kelly, James Cullimore, James J. Stafford.

The meeting proceeded to elect a Mayor with the result that the following resolution was unanimously adopted on the motion of Councillor Rogers seconded by Councillor Ryan.

That the Worshipful Benjamin Hughes be re-elected Mayor of the Borough of Wexford for the year commencing this day to hold office for that period and until his successor shall by Declaration be appointed to accept office. On the motion of Alderman Cosgrave seconded by Alderman Clancy the following resolution was adopted.

That the three Quarterly Meetings to be held previous to 15th January 1902 be held on the first Monday in May, August & November at noon.

It was ordered - That the Local Government Board be informed that the Corporation contemplate seeking compulsory powers by Provisional Order to acquire sites for Working Class Dwellings.

On the motion of Councillor Rogers seconded by Councillor Stanton it was Resolved - That the Finance and Works Waterworks and Sanitary Committees be composed of the entire members of the Council for the year.

The Department of Agriculture and Technical Instruction requested per circular (No 555/190) that they be supplied with copies of minutes of proceedings of the Urban Council under the Sale of Food and Drugs Acts and with reports of the results of prosecutions instituted thereunder and also with copies of periodical Returns furnished by the Public Analyst thereunder.

Ordered - That the request be complied with.

In view of the Local Government Board drafting their proposed Order on the subject of County Charges on Urban Districts the advisableness of a Conference of Delegates from the various Urban Districts concerned being held on an early date was a matter brought under notice by the receipt of a letter from the Town Clerk of Bray.

The grievance which Corporate Towns laboured under in the matter of "County over-charges" was so manifest that it seemed unnecessary to make further representations thereon to the Local Government Board, yet the meeting considered that an interchange of views among representatives of the Towns concerned might prove of some service and it was decided to request Messrs Lyne and Sons to attend the suggested Conference.

R. S. Hughes, Chairman

4th February 1901

A statutable meeting of the Council (acting as ex-officio Town Commissioners) was held this day in the Tholsel at noon.

There were present:-

Benjamin Hughes Esq^r Mayor (in the Chair)

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

Councillors - William Simpson, John Lyne, Robert Stanton, James Hore,
William Sears, Michael Conner, James Smith, John Fyffe.

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

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

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

The Ledger was also produced posted up to the date of the last Stated Finance Meeting with the proper debits and credits as ordered on that day. The minutes of meeting of 23rd January 1901 were read and signed.

A letter from the Local Government Board (370:1901) dated 30th January 1901 was read intimating that in reference to resolution of the Corporation on 16th Feb the Board would raise no objection to Mr J^r C. Carthy being continued in the office of Town Surveyor.

A letter from the same Department (to 1595:1901) and dated 29th January 1901 was read intimating the Board's approval of the appointment of Sir Charles A. Cameron as Public Analyst to the Corporation under the ^{Sale of} Food & Drugs Act.

It was announced that Mr and Mrs John Williams of Whitlock had signified their willingness to sell their interest in a plot of ground in William Street as a site for Working Class Dwellings. The frontage was said to be 140 feet in length and the lot was held under lease for 999 years at a yearly rent of one shilling.

It was ordered - That the lessee be written to and requested to state what they would accept in consideration of making over their interest in the lease to the Corporation.

Mr Tyghe made application for permission to supply a house in Bride Street with water by means of a branch pipe connected with the service pipe of an adjoining house. The case was seen to come within the conditions of Rule 2 (ST) of the Waterworks Regulations and the application was granted.

A special Lamp Committee appointed on 3rd December last made a report on Selkirk Street being badly lighted after dark recommending that an additional lamp should be put up in that street and located close to the entrance to Trimmers Lane East.

The recommendation was adopted.

A communication from the Strabane Urban District Council was read and the terms thereof considered with the result that the following resolution was adopted on the motion of Alderman Furlong seconded by Councillor Sears - That we regard the law with reference to Rates leviable off certain Lands Railways and Canals for the maintenance of Roads and Bridges within the Urban District as unjust, these being only liable for one fourth of their net annual value.

That we ask our Parliamentary Representatives to endeavour to have the law amended so that such Lands Railways and Canals shall be assessed and liable for the maintenance of Roads Bridges &c. within the Urban District in the same manner and to the same extent as other hereditaments within the District. With regard to the terms of resolution of 21st January last whereby it was arranged to pay Mr Clancy for his services in connection with collecting Rates

by a graduated scale of poundages it was pointed out that this arrangement did not appear to be in accord with the Schedule of the Local Government Act dealing with compensation payable to officers for loss of pay. The matter was duly considered whereupon it was decided that the proper steps should be taken with the view to an appeal being made to the Treasury.

Dr J. Pierce certified by letter that John Sharon Sanitary Sub-Officer, Mayor's Sergeant and Market Toll Collector was suffering from debility and was consequently unfit to perform his duties.

Ordered. That John Sharon be granted a months leave of absence from duty without loss of remuneration and that Thomas Lacy be appointed at a remuneration of 7/- per week to act as Market Toll Collector pro tem.

Furthermore, there was accepted from Councillor Sears a notice of his intention to submit a motion at next Monthly Meeting with the object of superannuating John Sharon and granting him a retiring allowance.

Benjamin Hughes

18th February 1901.

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

There were present

Benjamin Hughes Esq^r Mayor (in the chair)

Aldermen - Matthew J. Furlong, Walter Walsh.

Councillors - Michael Honnor, Nicholas O'Neill, John Tygh, William Sears, John Lyne, Joseph Cullimore, Joseph Hill.

The minutes of meeting of 4th February 1901 were read and signed.

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

Liabilities which had accrued due up to the end of last month, amounting in the aggregate to £26 2:13:10 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 372 to 394 inclusive.

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

373 In favour of same for do 30: 12: 6

374 In favour of John Sharon Quarters salary as Mayor's Sergeant 5: 10: 0

375 In favour of Thomas Lacy salary as Mayor's Serg^t from 5th Nov 1900 to 3rd Jan 1901. 2: 7: 9

376 In favour of same salary as Contable of the Burial Ground for same period 2: 7: 9

377 In favour of W^m A. Browne Quarters salary as Executive Sanitary Officer 5: 0: 0

378 In favour of D. H. Lacy 50 as Consulting Sanitary Officer 3: 15: 0

£ 80: 5: 6

Forward £80: 5: 6

379 In favour of John Sharon Quarters salary as Sanitary Sub-Officer	5: 0: 0
380 In favour of Thomas Pacy salary as same from 5 th November 1900 to 3 rd January 1901.	4: 15: 7
381 In favour of James Kenny salary as Sanitary Sub-Officer for ten for three weeks	1: 0: 0
382 In favour of W ^m H. H. H. Quarters salary as Cartaker of Town Hall	3: 12: 0
383 In favour of Phanna Murphy for cleaning offices for three months	1: 0: 0
384 In favour of W ^m A. Brune Quarters salary as Secretary of Waterworks	5: 0: 0
385 In favour of D. E. MacCarthy do as Superintendent of Waterworks	16: 5: 0
386 In favour of Same do as Town Surveyor	16: 5: 0
387 In favour of Joseph Kelly being one years rent of manure depot in Eythe	5: 0: 0
388 In favour of Frank Baxwell for lime supplied	2: 12: 1
389 In favour of W. A. H. Giers for bass brooms supplied	16: 0
390 In favour of Patrick'Brien for laying concrete path in Eison Street	2: 17: 0
391 In favour of W ^m A. Brune cash advanced in payment of petty liabilities	7: 12: 4
392 In favour of Same for do	95: 18: 4
393 In favour of Same for do	6: 0: 0
394 In favour of D. E. MacCarthy for preparing a map, in duplicate of Crookstown Comdn	10: 0: 0
	£262: 13: 10

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

Summary	Ordinary Account.		
Balance (if any) due by Treasurer as per last monthly statement	699	9	9
Total sum received to close of last month	429	9	
Total	508	18	9
Balance (if any) due to Treasurer as per last monthly statement			
Payments ordered at above mentioned meeting	262	13	10
Total	262	13	10
Net Balance due by Treasurer (being difference of above Totals)	246	4	11
Reconciliation			
Balance per Bank Books due by Treasurer	533	4	1
Outstanding Orders (including those issued at this meeting)	286	19	2
Net Balance as above due by Treasurer	246	4	11

Monthly Abstract of Collection of Rents of Working Class Dwellings and of Rent Collectors Cash Account

Number of Houses			Rent Collection			
Built	Let.	Vacant	Amount due by Tenants at close of last month	Rents accrued during the month	Total for collection	Collected during the month
59.	59.	-	£11: 0: 6	£28: 1: 4	£39: 1: 9	£24: 3: 9
						£11: 18: 0

Collectors Cash Account

Balance in hands at close of last month	Collected during the month	Total to be accounted for by Coll ^r	Repaid with Treasurer during the month	Balance if any in hands at close of month
Nil	£ 27: 3: 9	£ 27: 3: 9	£ 27: 3: 9	Nil

The Rent Collection Book and the Report Book of the Collector was then produced by the Clerk, their accuracy having been previously ascertained by him and authenticated by his signature. On the Report Book of the Collector an order was made as follows.

Nature of Report.	Order made thereon.
The gable end of upper house in Mill Street being very damp inside	That the Town Surveyor visit Mill Street and report on the best means of preventing the water from the adjoining premises soaking into the house referred to by the Agent.

With reference to minutes of meeting of 4th Inst Mr Williams intimated through Mr Connor Solicitor that the plot of ground in William Street had a frontage of 140 feet which at the usual rate would let at 1/6 per foot or £10:10 per year and he was disposed therefore to sell his interest in the lease for £200 ^{being} about 20 years purchase.

It was Ordered - That the Town Surveyor be requested to prepare a plan of the lot and likewise of the lot formerly belonging to Mr Ronan in the same street and show how many working class houses each lot would be able to accommodate.

With reference to minutes of 23rd Inst a letter received from the Local Government Board (No 4936.1901) dated 5th February 1901 intimating that it was not possible for the Council to obtain a Provisional Order to enable sites to be acquired for Working Class Dwellings until the necessary notices had been published as per Section 203 of the Public Health (Ireland) Act 1878. Regarding the recent flooding in Mr Ennis's land at Richmond Road the Town Surveyor reported that he had had the ground at Spawell Road opened and found at the point where the sewer divides into two branches one branch flowing towards Slaney Street and the other through Mr Ennis's land. The capacity of these branches was not one-fourth what it ought to be. He recommended that the branch through Slaney Street ought to be enlarged so as to be 18 inches in diameter instead of 12 inches. The meeting did not approve of this recommendation on the ground that it was less practicable than laying a second or relieving pipe through Mr Ennis's land. It was stated that Mr Ennis had devised a simpler and less expensive scheme than either of these two methods of preventing the flooding which he was prepared to submit to the Council. Having been made it was decided to ask Mr Ennis to state in writing what his ideas on the

matter were.

With regard to minutes of 19th November 1900 the following letter from the manager of the National Bank was read under date of 7th February 1901.

Dear Sir

Re Town Sewers through Bank premises.

In reply to your letter of 30th November last I am desired to say that the Directors have had the main drains that run through their yard inspected by an Engineer who does not in all agree with your Surveyors report. It seems clear that the Bank are now very responsible for the present state of those drains. They had the consent of the Corporation for what was done on their premises over 20 years ago.

The stoppages and flooding arise from the defective condition of the Town Sewers and the Corporation - being the public authority - are bound to keep them in proper order.

I am therefore directed to request that your Board will be good enough to instruct your Surveyor to have the necessary work placed in hand at an early date as the Sanitary conditions of our premises are unsatisfactory owing to the defects of those main sewers.

I remain, yours faithfully

L. S. Kennedy manager.

It was ordered - That Mr Kennedy be written to and requested to furnish the Corporation with a copy of the permit referred to in his letter.

The Town Surveyor made a report on the stoppage of the water spout at the cross of Summer Hill. The stoppage was due to an accumulation of vegetable growth within the pipe through which the water was conveyed from the well in the College field. The distance from the well to the spout was 396 feet. The pipe which was an earthenware one required to be re-laid in a straight line and in 5 inch earthenware pipes the estimated cost of completing the work being £6. On the motion of Alderman Furlong, seconded by Councillor O'Neill it was resolved. That a specification be prepared and tenders invited in respect of the work of re-constructing the pipe as mentioned.

The Caretaker of the Reservoir reported that the level of the water in the Reservoir was 2 inches below high water mark.

There was read from Sir Thomas Grafton-Charke M.P. a letter wherein he stated it would give him much pleasure to support in any way he could the any reasonable views of the Corporation on the subject of the importation of foreign meat to the serious prejudice of the Irish producer.

Wm. J. May Jr

4th March 1901.

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

Benjamin Hughes Esq^r Mayor (in the Chair)

Aldermen - Nicholas J. Cosgrave, Matthew J. Turlong, Walter Walsh.

Councillors - Richard Walsh, William Kearns, John Tighe, Robert Santon, James Gore,
Howard Dave, John Lynne, James J. Stafford, Joseph Kelly, Cameron Rogers,
Michael O'Connor.

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

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

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

On the motion of Councillor Santon, seconded by Councillor Walsh the following resolution was unanimously adopted

That we, the members of the Wexford Corporation protest in the strongest manner possible against the words in the Oath administered to His Majesty King Edward the Seventh on the opening of Parliament and that a copy of this Resolution be forwarded to our County Members requesting them to use every means in their power to have this Oath - so very objectionable to Roman Catholics - removed from the Statute Book.

The following are copies of communications read.

On behalf of your Technical Instruction Committee I beg to hand you herewith our Draft Scheme for your approval.

The Committee had under consideration several sites for the proposed School and decided unanimously to recommend to the Corporation a site offered by the Christian Brothers at Joseph Street - Thomas Street Corner - having a frontage on Joseph Street of 135 feet and a depth of 100 feet, the yearly rent to be £15 with a lease for ever. We are not yet sure as regards the terms of the lease but I assume this will be a matter for the Corporation to make further inquiries into.

Yours faithfully,
W. Deane Esq. Sec. Wexford Technical Instruction Committee

Wexford Urban Council Technical Instruction Committee.—Draft Scheme.

The Committee proposes to erect a central technical school in Wexford, the subjects to be taught in the school to include Workshop Mathematics, Drawing, not only of a special character for artisans, but of a general character for ordinary students; Practical Geometry, Physics, Manual Instruction in Wood and Iron, Mechanical Engineering subjects, Coach-building, and from time to time, as occasion may require, other subjects of a more general character.

We propose to place a capable head-master in charge of the school, a man if possible who has served an apprenticeship as an engineer to a good firm, and who, either before or after his apprenticeship, has had a two or three years' day course at a technical college, and who has had some experience as a teacher. An assistant teacher or two would also be necessary.

The students to be divided into the following classes:—
(1) Artisans employed during the day. (2) Boys and girls leaving elementary schools with a fair education at the age of 12 to 15, and who may be employed during the day time. (3) Boys and girls who have been at the elementary schools, but who are in a position to continue at a day school for two or three years. We propose that arrangements be made with the day schools by which the teacher of the technical school, and the workshops connected therewith, be at the service of these schools in the day time. The technical school would be available by night for students in classes (1) and (2), and by day for class (3).

We think it desirable to draw the attention of the Department to the fact that the great majority of the artisans of Wexford are employed in mechanical workshops. Wexford has a population of about 12,000, and is the centre of much industrial activity. The principal industries are the manufacture of agricultural implements (this branch alone keeping two large factories, employing 350 hands, constantly at work; and there is another in course of erection which will employ about 100 hands); cycle building and repairing—engineering, manufacture of malt, distillation of whiskey, brewing of beer, manufacture of gas and bi-products, manufacture of mineral water. A large number of mechanics are also employed in printing, coach-building, boat-building, pipe manufacture, harness and leather work, and the manufacture of Portland cement, etc. There are about 1,000 or more hands employed in these and other local industries, and a good proportion are men whose work demands skill and experience of a general kind. On the other hand, the work of many of those employed in the engineering shops demands skill of a restricted character, for example, expertness in using only a particular hand or machine tool.

Our general Financial Statement is as follows:

Proposed Expenditure under Scheme.

1. Scholarships—to be considered at a future date.	
2. Salaries of Teachers—One permanent	£
Resident Teacher	300
Additional Teaching Staff	150
3. Expenses of Administration	80
4. Other general Expenditure—Rent, Caretaker, Fuel, Light, etc.	70
5. Interest Board of Works on loan of £2,000 for Structural purposes	100
Total annual Expenditure	£700

Amount of funds at the disposal of the Council for the purpose of Technical Instruction.

Amount of rate of 1d in the £1 raised over Wexford Urban District (val. £16,640), under the Acts of '89-'91	70
Equivalent Grant from Science and Art Department	70
Grant from the Department	560
Total Income for the year	£700

It will be necessary for the Department to vote a grant for equipment purposes.

It is proposed to push forward the erection of the new school, so that it should be opened in September or October, 1902, but we suggest that the head master be engaged to enter on his duties on September 1st, 1901, so that instruction in technical subjects may be commenced by that date. The instruction to be carried on temporarily in the Town Hall.

We hope in the future that a Science and Art School may be added to the Technical School.

In reference to the above the following motion was adopted.

Proposed by Councillor Rowe seconded by Councillor Rogers.

That the Draft Scheme of Technical Instruction for Wexford be approved and that the site for a School House suggested in Mr Sears letter be also approved.

The following notice of motion was handed in and accepted.

I beg to give notice that at the next monthly meeting I will move that the Compulsory Education Act do be put in force in Wexford.
W. J. Furlong.

There was submitted to the meeting a certificate received from Dr. Thomas P. Coad 78½ Drumcondra Road Drumcondra showing that John Seaton Mayor Sergeant was under medical care and suffering from weak action of the heart.

It was ordered—That John Seaton be given a further months leave of absence from duty without loss of remuneration and that he be written to and asked would he be prepared to resign on being assured that he would receive a small retiring allowance that the consideration of Mr Sears proposed motion be deferred for a month and that Thomas Lacy be appointed to act as Toll Collector for that period at a remuneration of 7/- per week.

Mr C. J. O'Callaghan made application for the use of the Town Hall for meetings of the Wexford Branch of the United Irish League, stating that such meetings would be so arranged as not to interfere with other meetings.

to be held in the Town Hall or otherwise cause inconvenience. A proposition was made with the object of the request being granted, but the Mayor refused to accept the motion, stating that he had already refused to give the Town Hall to the League named, not because he did not agree with their political principles, but because they had on a late occasion tried to obtain the use of the building without applying for it and his action in the matter had been misrepresented in one of the local newspapers. He said that he was willing to accede to the request of the United Irish League if they would dissociate themselves from the action of the Press.

Attention was called to the fact that the sums allocated in the current financial year for maintaining streets sewers and footpaths as well as constructing sewers and footpaths had become exhausted and not only that but the account had been overdrawn to the extent of £100.

It was ordered that the Town Surveyor be directed to dispense with the services for the present of all employees not engaged in doing work that cannot be deferred.

A complaint was made by David Reid Plumber as to his having applied to the Waterworks Department on Friday last for approval of the works done by him in laying a service pipe into three dwellings in King Street Avenue but without avail. The Superintendent of the water system and the Town Clerk both stated that the reason why they refused to act in the matter was because they considered the service pipe was not laid sufficiently deep to meet with the requirements of the Water Works Regulations. A Committee of five members was appointed to visit King Street Avenue and give directions as to whether or no the service pipe should be allowed to be connected with the main.

In reference to the claim made by Mr Thomas Clancy for a gratuity by reason of loss of job sustained by him, a letter received from the Treasury was read containing request that there should be sent to them a memorial signed by a dissenting minority consisting of not less than one third of the members of the Corporation before an award could be made in the case and stating inter alia that any award made would take the form of an annual allowance.

The meeting having sat for two hours and a half adjourned the consideration of further business to Monday next 11th Inst.

Joseph H. Chairman.

11th March 1901.

The adjourned meeting of the Council was held this day in the Hotel at 7.30 P.M.

There were present

Benjamin Hughes Esq. Mayor in the Chair

Chairmen - Walter Walsh, Matthew J. Carling, John Clancy.

Councillors - John Lyne, Michael Connor, Richard Walsh, James Smith, John Tygh, Patrick Ryan,
James Stone, Lawrence Rowe, William Sears, Cameron Rogers

The minute of meeting of 4th Inst were read and signed.

On the motion of Councillor Ryan, seconded by Councillor Sears it was
Resolved - That the sewer existing in Slaney Street being in a dangerous condition owing to the
covering flags having given way the Town Surveyors be authorized to proceed at once with the work of
opening the sewer and recovering it with fresh flags.

The meeting proceeded to consider the financial relations in so far as (a. charges were concerned) subsisting between the
Council and the Wexford Urban District Council with a view to steps being taken to relieve the latter from liability to
contribute towards such of these charges as are annually charged on the Urban District. In deliberating on the question
members were provided with the subjoined Table.

Table showing Items of County Expenditure, a proportion of which charged on the
Town of Wexford in the years 1898, 1900-1, and 1901-2.

The year 1898 was the last complete year of the existence of the Grand Jury System.

Heads of Expenditure.	1898.	1900-1.	1901-2.
	£ s. d.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.
Enniscorthy District Lunatic Asylum	6000 0 0	11722 0 0	14902 7 2
Repayment of Loans	1660 3 2	2986 0 0	119 10 0
County Infirmary	1000 0 0	1000 0 0	1000 0 0
Industrial Schools	537 4 1	1060 0 0	700 0 0
Valuation	195 0 0	195 0 0	195 0 0
Food and Drugs Acts	20 0 0	20 0 0	6 10 0
Weights and Measures Acts	10 2 0	80 0 0	100 0 0
Solicitors' Costs	57 7 0	200 0 0	600 0 0
Printing and Advertising	410 0 0	180 0 0	235 1 0
Printing Parliamentary Voters' Lists, etc.	348 0 0	300 0 0	
Fee to Clerk of Peace for services under Parliamentary Voters' Lists	206 11 5	400 0 0	1060 0 0
Poor Rate Collectors for ditto		1100 0 0	
Retiring Allowances	114 17 2	130 0 0	149 1 8
Collectors' Poundage		1800 0 0	1396 0 0
Contribution to Wexford Urban District			10 0 0
Salaries, viz:			
Secretary	216 13 4	412 0 0	460 0 0
County Surveyor	600 0 0	800 0 0	800 0 0
Clerk to Surveyor	50 0 0	50 0 0	50 0 0
Deputy Surveyors	320 0 0	320 0 0	450 0 0
Permanent Clerical Staff		318 0 0	600 0 0
Expense of Rate Books, preparing same	120 0 0	300 0 0	
Veterinary Inspectors		340 0 0	272 7 8
County Analyst	30 0 0	30 0 0	30 0 0
Dr. Hadden	94 0 0	94 0 0	94 0 0
Sub-Sheriff	56 0 0	56 0 0	56 0 0
Court Keepers	34 0 0	36 0 0	
Contingent Expenses Court and Sessions Houses	178 18 8	356 0 0	200 0 0
County Coroners	260 0 0	405 0 0	360 9 8
Judges' Criers	22 0 0	22 0 0	22 0 0
Checking Poor-Rate Books		130 0 0	132 0 0
Expenses Under Diseases (Animals) Act			20 0 0
Maintenance of Roads and Bridges	1595 2 11	3600 0 0	5820 0 0
Conveyance of Prisoners			40 0 0
Audit Fee	54 4 2	200 0 0	85 0 0
Inspectors of Explosives			10 0 0
Rent of Court and Sessions Houses	295 1 2	300 0 0	287 10 0
Compensation to Mr Brislawn		134 0 0	
Contingencies	375 5 3	1000 0 0	
Compensation not raised in last Rates		3800 0 0	
Compensation for Criminal Injuries			200 0 0
	14837 10 4	33876 0 0	30462 17 2
Deduct Re-presented in Aid in 1898	5021 13 5		
Net Amount towards which Town contributed in 1898	9815 16 11		
Deduct, 1900-1 :-			
County Surveyor's Salary	£800 0 0		
Clerk to County Surveyor	50 0 0		
Deputy Surveyors' Salaries	320 0 0		
Compensation not raised in last Rates	3800 0 0		
Asylum Grant	4400 0 0		
Dog Licenses and Government Grants	486 0 0		
	£9856 0 0	9856 0 0	
Net Amount towards which Town contributed in 1900-1		24020 0 0	
Deduct, 1901-2 :-			
Deputy Surveyors' Salaries	£450 0 0		
Clerk to Surveyor	50 0 0		
Audit Fee	85 0 0		
Retiring Allowances	40 0 0		
Collectors' Poundage	1396 0 0		
Solicitors' Costs	600 0 0		
Printing and Advertising	225 1 0		
Contribution to Wexford Urban District	10 0 0		
Expense of preparing Rate Books and Salaries of Permanent Staff	600 0 0		
Asylum Capital Grant	4454 4 3		
Estate Duty Grant			
Dog Licenses			
	£8498 8 2		8498 8 2
Net amount which Town required to contribute, 1901-2			21964 9 0

The result of the deliberations of the meeting was the adoption of the following resolutions

Proposed by Councillor Rowe seconded by Councillor Lyne.

That the attention of the Local Government Board be called to the fact that the net average sum contributed by the town of Wexford for the five years previous to 1899 towards County-at-Large Charges did not exceed £450 a year while the sum charged on the town by the County Council for the year ended 31st March 1900 for County Charges has been £708:17:1 for the year ending 31st March 1901 £657:19:8 and for the year ending 31st March 1902 £894:6:6 and that the Local Government Board be requested to obtain for us a Provisional Order in substitution of the Orders already existing which shall define and declare the general relations between the Borough of Wexford and the County Council of Wexford as regards the maintenance of the main roads in the County and those in the town of Wexford and other County Charges

Proposed by Councillor Rowe seconded by Alderman Furlong

That the Secretary of the County Council be asked to furnish this Council with an account in detail of the sums charged on the Urban District of Wexford since the Local Government Act came into force showing how the sums already paid by this Council to the County Council have been applied.

Ordered - That the attention of the Local Government Board be called to the fact that the County Council have ceased to contribute to the upkeep of mail car roads inside Wexford Borough Boundary although the Provisional Order Act obtained by the Corporation in 1887 in virtue of which £450 a year was contributed hitherto towards that object has not been affected by the Local Government Act 1898.

A Declaration dated 4th Inst received from Mr Clancy was submitted. It set forth a claim for a gratuity of £132:19:3 on foot of loss of fees sustained by him as Collector of Special Rate and it amended and superseded the claim contained in the Declaration received from him on 12th January last. This being so it was found necessary for the meeting to deal with the case afresh. It was pointed out that it was not competent for the Corporation to grant a gratuity for prospective loss in as much as the post held by the Collector was liable at any moment to become vacant by death resignation or otherwise. The following resolution was adopted

Proposed by Councillor Lyne seconded by Alderman Furlong

That Mr Clancy be paid a sum of £50 a year as compensation for loss of fees sustained by him by the operation of the Local Government Act 1898 that is so long as he will remain in the service of the Corporation and in the event of his refusal to accept this offer he be informed that the Corporation will make no objection to him applying to the Treasury for a settlement of his claim according to the Rules governing the Civil Service.

Ordered - That the Star Engineering Co be permitted to lay at their own

expense a 2 inch service pipe to convey water from the town supply to this premises in Trinity Street on condition that they enter into a Special Agreement as was done by the Railway Companies

B. Hughes, Mayor

18th March 1901.

A stated Finance Meeting of the Council was held this day in the Town Hall at 7:30 P.M.

There were present

Benjamin Hughes Esq^r Mayor (in the Chair)
Aldermen - Walter Walsh, John Clancy, Matthew J. Furlong.
Councillors - Howard Rowe, Patrick Ryan, James Smith, James Gore,
William Sears, Michael O'Connor, John Fyghes, Richard Walsh,
Joseph Kelly, John Lyne.

The minutes of the meeting of 11th Inst were read and signed.

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

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

Liabilities which had accrued due up to the end of last month amounting in the aggregate to £126:6:4 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 395 to 404 inclusive

395 In favour of Michael A. Ennis for timber supplied	16: 8
396 In favour of Joseph Moran for stones supplied	1: 17: 1
397 In favour of Thomas Morrow for stones supplied	14: 14: 3
398 In favour of Gust. Chimes for a meter supplied	3: 2: 6
399 In favour of W ^m A. Browne cash advanced in payment of petty liabilities	3: 18: 10
400 In favour of W ^m Hutchinson for coals supplied	1: 10: 0
401 In favour of W ^m A. Browne cash advanced in payment of petty liabilities	69: 13: 7
402 In favour of same for same	4: 16: 0
403 In favour of Gust. Chimes for repairing water meters	3: 16: 5
404 In favour of Town Commissioners Per W ^m A. Browne their Clk to transfer payment made to Borough Fund in error on 31 st March 1900	32: 1: 0

£126: 6: 4.

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

Summary

Balance (if any) due by Treasurer as per last monthly statement	246	14	11
Total sum received to close of last month	331	12	6
Total	577	14	5
Balance (if any) due to Treasurer as per last monthly statement			
Payments ordered at above mentioned meeting	12.6	6	14
Total	12.6	6	14
Net Balance due by Treasurer (being difference of above Totals)	451	11	1
Reconciliation			
Bank			
Balance per Books due by Treasurer	584	8	5
Outstanding Orders (including those issued at this meeting)	135	14	4
Net Balance as above due by Treasurer	451	11	1

It was Ordered - That the work suspended during winter of constructing cement water Channell in Summer hill road be resumed.

There was submitted to the meeting a communication No 14 of 14. 1901 dated 16th March 1901 received from the Local Government Board containing a copy of the report of the Auditor Mr Baker on his audit of the Accounts of Wexford Urban District Council for year ended 31st March 1900 together with an attested abstract of the accounts for that year. The report showed that the various items of receipts contained in the accounts for the year were brought to account and the expenditure duly authorized and vouched, was such as might lawfully be incurred with the exception of one small amount which the Auditor found it necessary to surcharge. It was pointed out to the meeting as to the sum disallowed by the Auditor that it was an item of £5 voted to Stephen and Ellen Simmott on 24th April 1899. These persons were tenants of a small dwelling house belonging to the Corporation in John Gate Street and had allowed their rent of £1.10.6 a year to go into arrear. On the date mentioned they were under process of ejectment for non-payment of three years rent and they applied to the Council to put a stop to the ejectment proceedings giving an engagement to pay the arrears by instalments. The Council having referred to the Medical Officer of Health found that the dwelling though its restricted dimensions and the want of a yard at rear, was unfit for human habitation ~~and~~ refused to grant the request. The applicants then represented that they had laid out a sum of £2.80 in the work of erecting a water closet, rebuilding a chimney and making other structural improvements and asked for compensation for such improvements and the Council in order to obtain peaceable possession of the house and to save further law costs decided to give £5 compensation.

The present meeting having considered the whole circumstances of the case adopted the following resolution

Proposed by Councillor Sears seconded by Councillor Hore.

That the Local Government Board be respectfully requested to remit the surcharge as the Corporation had obtained peaceable possession of the house by their action in the matter.

A letter received from the manager of the Wexford Branch of the National Bank was read. It was a reply to a query put to him as per order of 18th February and stated that the consent alleged by the Bank Authorities to have been given by the Corporation to the diversion of a main sewer on the Bank premises was given in 1865 or 1866 when the Bank house was being erected. It was ordered - That the Town Clerk write and inform the Manager of the Bank that granting the Corporation did assent to a portion of a main sewer being closed it was certain that such permission was given on condition that a good and ^{an} efficient sewer was substituted for the one that was closed and therefore it appeared the Bank Authorities were liable to put the existing sewer into working order.

An Estimate of the liabilities required to be discharged by the Corporation in the year ending 31st March 1902 was laid before the meeting. It showed that the net expenses chargeable on the Borough Fund would amount to £695:12:3 on the Towns Improvement Fund £1362:18:3 on the Waterworks Fund £1400:5:2 and to be raised by a Poor Rate £2009:13:8. The sums included in the Estimate having been gone over seriatim the following resolution was adopted.

Proposed by Councillor Ryan seconded by Councillor Lyne

That the Estimate of expenses to be incurred and provided for in the year ending 31st March 1902 with the amendment as to the inclusion of £500 in view of the Compulsory Education Act being put in force be hereby adopted and that a Borough Rate of Elevenpence a Rate in lieu of Grand Jury Fees of one shilling and Eightpence, a Public Water Rate of Tenpence, a Domestic Water Rate of one shilling and a Poor Rate of Two Shillings and Fourpence in the Pound (i.e. one shilling and two pence in respect of each half year) be hereby fixed on to enable such expenses to be defrayed.

Having regard to the fact that the cost of maintaining streets, sewers and footpaths in the Borough had so increased as to necessitate the making of a Rate in lieu of Grand Jury Fees of 1/8 in the Pound for the coming year as compared with 1/4 in Pound for the current year it was decided to call a meeting of the Council at a convenient date to investigate the cause of the increased expenditure in connexion with the works indicated.

on the motion of Alderman Furlong seconded by Councillor Hore it was ~~Resolved~~ Resolved That Sir Thomas Comonde be asked to bring before the Board of Directors of the D. W. & W. Railway Co. the urgent necessity of a train starting from Wexford about 9:30 or 10:30 a.m. instead of the 12 noon train on the motion of Councillor Lyne seconded by Alderman Furlong it was Resolved That the Town Surveyor prepare an estimate of the cost of laying

a 3 inch pipe and of laying a 5 inch pipe by the Corporation staff of workmen under his own supervision from where the Spring exists in the Colligo lands to the Cross of Summerhill.

A letter received from the Secretary of the County Council was read intimating that his staff of assistants were busy preparing Rate Books at present and it would be impossible for some time for him to make out a Return showing how the moneys handed over to the County Council by the Corporation had been applied, as per request contained in resolution of the Corporation on 11th Inst. A motion was made and ordered - That the names of Councillors Rowe and Alderman Clancy be added to the list of names of Committee appointed to visit quarries and point out where suitable stones can be obtained for road metalling.

B. J. B. Chairman

1st April 1901.

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

Benjamin Hughes Esq^r Mayor (in the Chair)

Aldermen - Walter Walsh & Matthew J. Furlong

Councillors - John Lyne, Patrick Ryan, John Fyffe, James Smith, James Storr, Robert Stanton, William Sears, Richard Walsh, Howard Rowe, Michael O'Connor, Joseph Kelly

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

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

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

The Ledger was also produced, posted up to the day of the last stated Finance Meeting with the proper debits and credits as ordered on that day. With reference to the proposal to superannuate John Marion, Mayor, Dublin and Market Toll Collector it was decided to extend that officers leave of absence to the first Monday in May next to permit of the Town Clerk examining the Statutes and reporting what are the conditions on which an award can be made in the case under the Local Officers Superannuation Act 1869 and that the services of ^{the same} be continued till the first Monday in May.

On the motion of Alderman Furlong seconded by Councillor Smith it was Resolved - That this Council proceed to enforce the provisions of the Irish Education Act 1892 in the Borough of Wexford.

On the motion of Councillor Sears seconded by Alderman Furlong it was Resolved. That the School Attendance Committee required to be appointed under this Act consist of ten persons.

A letter received from the Local Government Board No 15362.90 dated 22nd March 90 was read. It contained an intimation that in reference to the proceedings of the Wexford Urban District Council on 11th Feb if the Council alleged the financial relations between the Urban District and the County were inequitable it was competent for them to make application to the Board for a revision of such relations.

On the motion of Councillor Rowe seconded by Councillor Santon it was Resolved - That our Solicitor be instructed to take all necessary legal steps to represent to the Local Government Board the grievance under which the Urban District labours by reason of the excessive charges imposed on it by the County Council and with the object of a Provisional Order being obtained to re-adjust the financial relations between the Town and the County a committee composed of Messrs Rowe, Lyne and Now be appointed to assist the Solicitor in preparing the case of the Corporation.

Ordered - That the Town Clerk write to the Gas Co. asking to be informed what would be the additional cost of maintaining the public lamps if they were furnished with mantles and incandescent burners.

Regarding resolution of 18th Feb respecting the morning train service from Wexford to Dublin, a communication received through Sir Thomas Emond from the manager of the D. W. & W. R. was read. From this it appeared there was some difficulty in giving effect to the wishes of the Corporation, but the request would be most carefully considered and granted if possible.

The National Telephone Co requested by letter permission to erect four poles in Trinity Street, these being required to support a telephone line to connect the premises of the Star Engineering Co with the local telephone system, whereupon Councillor Sears gave notice that he would move at a future meeting the rescinding of any resolution adopted prohibiting the National Telephone Co. from erecting poles in the street.

At this stage of the proceedings the meeting adjourned till Monday 8th Inst.

Bosey, Mayor.