## MINUTES OF MONTHLY MEETING OF WEXFORD BOROUGH COUNCIL HELD AT 7.30 P.M. ON MONDAY 10<sup>TH</sup> JANUARY, 2000 IN THE COUNCIL CHAMBER, MUNICIPAL BUILDINGS, WEXFORD.

Presiding:- His Worship the Mayor, Ald. T. Howlin. Aldermen:- P. Reck, A. Fenlon. Councillors:- G. Byrne, A. Kelly, P. Nolan, P. Roche, D. Hynes, T. Carr, J. Roche.

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

In Attendance:-Mr. J. Hutchinson, Assistant County Manager. Mr. P. Collins, Acting Town Clerk. Mr. T. Fahey, Borough Engineer. Ms. A. Laffan, Housing Officer.

Apologies from Mr. D.F. Curtin, Town Clerk for his inability to attend the meeting were noted.

#### Millennium Celebrations.

At the outset His Worship the Mayor thanked the Millennium Committee and staff for all their work in making the celebrations such a success. He further stated that a positive response had been received from the public with regard to all aspects of the celebrations.

#### Minutes.

The minutes of the Monthly Meeting held on 1<sup>st</sup> November, 1999 and Adjourned Statutory Estimates Meeting held on 6<sup>th</sup> December, 1999, copies of which had previously been circulated, were confirmed and signed on the proposal of Cllr. P. Nolan seconded by Cllr. G. Byrne.

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

- a) Housing Sub-Committee Meeting held on 1.11.99.
- b) 1<sup>st</sup> Preliminary Estimates Meeting held on 8.11.99.
- c) Protocol Committee Meeting held on 11.11.99.
- d) General Purposes Committee Meeting held on 11.11.99.
- e) Statutory Estimates Meeting held on 23.11.99.
- f) Housing Committee Meeting held on 30.11.99.
- g) Special Meeting held on 6<sup>th</sup> December, 1999.
- h) Special Meeting held on 1<sup>st</sup> January, 2000.

## Establishment of the Wexford County Development Board.

The attached report from Mr. Tony Larkin, Director of Community & Enterprise, copies of which had previously been circulated was then considered. Following discussion to which all members contribution it was unanimously agreed on the proposal of Cllr. Nolan seconded by Cllr. Carr that His Worship the Mayor would attend a meeting of the Chairpersons of the three Urban Authorities to negotiate the nomination to the Wexford County Development Board.

## Draft Traveller Accommodation Programme.

The Housing Officer reported on the current situation with regard to the Programme and stated that the Public Consultation period had now expired and accordingly the adoption of the Programme would have to be completed before 31<sup>st</sup> March, 2000. On the proposal of His Worship the Mayor seconded by Ald. P. Reck it was unanimously agreed to defer further consideration of the Programme to the next General Purposes Committee Meeting.

## Draft Parking Control (Disc Parking) Bye-Laws 1999 and Draft Car Park Bye-Laws 1999.

The attached report from Ms. A. Laffan, Senior Staff Officer, copies of which had previously been circulated was then considered and following discussion unanimously adopted on the proposal of Cllr. Nolan seconded by Cllr. Byrne.

## Disposal of Land.

On the proposal of Cllr. Byrne seconded by Ald. Reck it was unanimously agreed to authorise disposal of land at Shan-a-Court, Wexford, to Wendy Bergin & Kieran Kelly pursuant to the terms of Section 83 of the Local Government Act 1946 as amended by Section 88 of the Housing Act 1966 and in accordance with Notice dated 20<sup>th</sup> December, 1999.

## <u>Capital Assistance Scheme – Proposed Development at Thomas Street by St.</u> <u>Vincent de Paul Society.</u>

On the proposal of Cllr. Byrne seconded by Cllr. Carr it was unanimously agreed to authorise increased loan re Capital Assistance Scheme – Proposed Development at Thomas Street by the St. Vincent de Paul Society in accordance with Notice dated 16<sup>th</sup> December, 1999.

## **REPORTS.**

## Overdraft Approval for 2000.

The attached report from the Acting Town Clerk, copies of which had previously been circulated was then considered and following discussion unanimously adopted on the proposal of Cllr. Nolan seconded by Cllr. Carr.

## Y2K Contingency Plan.

The attached report from the Acting Town Clerk, copies of which had previously been circulated, was then considered and noted.

## Draft Development Plan for Wexford Town & Environs 1999.

The attached report from Ms. A. Laffan, Senior Staff Officer, copies of which had previously been circulated was then considered and noted. Following discussion it was agreed on the proposal of Ald. Reck seconded by Cllr. Carr that a joint meeting between Wexford Corporation and the District Committee of Wexford County Council be convened. It was further agreed that His Worship the Mayor would agree a date with the Chairman of the Wexford District Committee to consider the Consultants Report on the submissions received.

## Proposed Infill Housing Development at Hantoon Road, Maudlintown, Wexford.

The attached report from the Housing Officer, copies of which had previously been circulated was then considered and following discussion unanimously adopted on the proposal of Cllr. Nolan seconded by Ald. Reck.

## MOTIONS.

## The "Knock".

The following motion was proposed by Cllr. Hynes seconded by Cllr. Carr:-

"In view of the lack of progress in rectifying the ongoing problems with the 'Knock' (opposite St. Aidan's Crescent), despite a recent motion calling for the cleaning up of the area, this Borough Council calls for whatever measures necessary, such as compulsory purchase, in order to solve this problem for the residents, once and for all".

During discussion, to which all members contributed, it was unanimously agreed that the Borough Engineer would meet with the developer to seek an undertaking that the necessary works be carried out and failing this that a Derelict Sites Notice be served on the developer. Following further discussion it was agreed that a further report on the matter would be circulated in due course.

## 'St. John's Wort'.

The following motion was proposed by Cllr. Hynes seconded by Alderman Fenlon:-

"This Council calls on the Government to reverse its decision to make 'St. John's Wort' only available on medical prescription from January 2000".

Following discussion the following amendment was put to the meeting on the proposal of Ald. Reck seconded by Cllr. Nolan and accepted by the Cllr. Hynes:-

"This Council calls on the Medical Council to state reasons why 'St. John's Wort' is only available on medical prescription from January 2000".

Following discussion the amended motion was unanimously adopted.

## Meetings.

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

- Special Housing Meeting 6.30 p.m. 1<sup>st</sup> February, 2000. Housing Meeting 7.30 p.m. 1<sup>st</sup> February, 2000. a.
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## THIS CONCLUDED THE BUSINESS OF THE MEETING.

SIGNED THIS DAY OF 2000. MAYOR OF WEXFORD.

# MINUTES OF SPECIAL MEETING OF WEXFORD BOROUGH COUNCIL HELD AT 7.30 P.M. ON MONDAY 13<sup>TH</sup> NOVEMBER, 2000 IN THE COUNCIL CHAMBER, MUNICIPAL BUILDINGS, WEXFORD.

Presiding:- His Worship the Mayor, Cllr. P. Nolan. Aldermen:- P. Reck, T. Howlin, A. Fenlon, M. Furlong. Councillors:- G. Byrne, A. Kelly, P. Roche, D. Hynes, D.M. Kiernan, J. Roche.

Apologies from Cllr. Carr for his inability to attend the meeting were noted.

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

His Worship the Mayor welcomed Mr. D. O'Connell and Mr. E. Ryan, Consultants and Mr. K. Redmond, County Planner to the meeting.

At the outset His Worship the Mayor reported on the meeting of Mayors with Minister Noel Dempsey re provisions of Local Government Bill 2000 and requested each member to use their own influence to exert pressure on the Minister to ensure the continuance of Wexford Borough Council in its present role. The current position regarding the Bill was noted by the meeting.

## Draft Development Plan for Wexford Town & Environs 1999.

His Worship the Mayor then invited the Consultants to give details of the submissions made and their observations on same. The attached reports, copies of which had previously been circulated were then considered. Questions raised by members in relation to the following issues were addressed by Mr. Eoghan Ryan:-

- > Zoning of Maudlintown Cemetery.
- > Zoning of 'Cattle Mart' site at Redmond Road.
- > Re-zoning of Wexford Electronics, Trinity Street and also adjoining site.
- > Zoning of Pierces site at Distillery Road.
- Listing of St. Mary's, Summerhill.

Following lengthy discussion to which all members contributed it was agreed that a further Special Meeting would be held at 7.00 p.m. on 4<sup>th</sup> December, 2000 at which the Consultants reports and recommendations would be finally considered following which the proposed variations to the Draft Plan will be placed on public display for the statutory period of one month.

THIS CONCLUDED THE BUSINESS OF THE MEETING. SIGNED THIS DAY OF 2000.

MAYOR OF WEXFORD.

# MINUTES OF 1<sup>ST</sup> PRELIMINARY ESTIMATES MEETING OF WEXFORD BOROUGH COUNCIL HELD AT 7.30 P.M. ON TUESDAY 7<sup>TH</sup> NOVEMBER, 2000 IN THE COUNCIL CHAMBER, MUNICIPAL BUILDINGS, WEXFORD.

Presiding:- His Worship the Mayor, Cllr. P. Nolan. Aldermen:- P. Reck, T. Howlin, M. Furlong. Councillors:- G. Byrne, A. Kelly, P. Roche, D. Hynes, T. Carr, D.M. Kiernan, J. Roche.

Apologies from Alderman Fenlon for her inability to attend the meeting were noted.

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

#### ESTIMATE OF EXPENSES 2001.

The attached report from the Manager, copies of which had previously been circulated, was then considered. A lengthy discussion ensued to which all members contributed. Arising out of discussion it was proposed by Ald. Reck seconded by Ald. Howlin that any monies due to Wexford Corporation by any individual would not be made available to any member unless the individual concerned has authorised same. This proposal was then put to a vote which resulted as follows:-

In Favour:- Ald. Reck, Ald. Howlin, Cllrs. Byrne, Kelly, Nolan, P. Roche, Hynes, Carr, Kiernan, J. Roche (10).

Against:- Ald. Furlong (1).

Following the vote the proposal was declared carried.

Following further discussion it was agreed to defer consideration of the Estimate of Expenses 2001 to the Statutory Estimates Meeting scheduled for 27<sup>th</sup> November, 2000.

THIS CONCLUDED THE BUSINESS OF THE MEETING.

SIGNED THIS DAY OF 2000.

MAYOR OF WEXFORD.

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## MINUTES OF HOUSING COMMITTEE MEETING OF WEXFORD BOROUGH COUNCIL HELD ON TUESDAY, 1<sup>ST</sup> FEBRUARY, 2000 IN THE COUNCIL CHAMBER, MUNICIPAL BUILDINGS, WEXFORD.

Presiding:- Aldermen:- Councillors:-	<ul><li>His Worship the Mayor, Ald. T. Howlin.</li><li>P. Reck, A. Fenlon, M. Furlong.</li><li>G. Byrne, A. Kelly, P. Nolan, P. Roche, D. Hynes,</li><li>T. Carr, D.M. Kiernan, J. Roche.</li></ul>
<u>In Attendance:-</u>	Mr. J. Hutchinson, Manager. Mr. D.F. Curtin, Town Clerk. Ms. A. Laffan, Housing Officer. Ms. K. Comerford, Staff Officer. Mr. J. Redmond, Environmental Health Officer.

At the outset of the meeting, His Worship the Mayor welcomed Mr. John Redmond to the meeting and congratulated Ms. A. Laffan on her recent appointment to the position of Housing Officer.

The final housing lists as compiled by the Environmental Health Officer were then circulated to the meeting. The Town Clerk referred to the Housing Officer's report which outlined the number of available units up to 31<sup>st</sup> December, 2000 and the proposal for the allocation of the units.

Cllr. P. Nolan stated that the housing units at Mount George are unfit for allocation and referred in particular to the vacant unit at 20, Mount George which has been unoccupied for 12 months despite numerous offers to applicants on the Corporation's priority list. The Town Clerk undertook to have the Health Inspector examine the property from a public health point of view and, if deemed necessary, to seek appropriate funding to bring the units up to an acceptable standard.

In relation to transfers, the Town Clerk outlined the present system for prioritising transfer applicants and reminded the members of the Corporation's duty of care to its tenants. It was suggested that the Members would consider reviewing the present policy and to exclude waiting points in assessing transfer applicants to ensure that personal needs, e.g., medical, overcrowding, etc. would be the over-riding factors to be taken into consideration. Following lengthy discussion to which all members contributed it was unanimously agreed that a briefing report would be circulated to the members in relation to the present and the proposed system for consideration by the members following the Monthly Meeting on 7<sup>th</sup> February, 2000. In relation to transfers, His Worship the Mayor reminded the members of a commitment given in 1999 to transfer Mr. & Mrs. Malone, 37, Antelope Road to a new unit at Joseph Street. It was unanimously agreed that one of the 2-bed units at Joseph Street would be allocated to Mr. & Mrs. Malone and that they would not be entered into the draw for tenancies in the usual manner.

It was proposed by Cllr. Nolan seconded by Cllr. Kiernan that any 2-bedroomed units at Wolfe Tone Villas and Maudlintown would no longer be classed as family-type houses. Following discussion on the matter, it was proposed by Cllr. Hynes seconded by Cllr. Furlong that the lists as circulated be dealt with as presented and that the

proposal of Cllr. Nolan be deferred for consideration at a future meeting of the Borough Council.

A vote was then taken on the amendment, in the name of Cllr. Hynes, which resulted as follows:-

In Favour:- Ald. Reck, Howlin, Fenlon, Furlong, Cllrs. Byrne, Kelly, P. Roche, Hynes, Carr, J. Roche (10).Against:- Cllr. Nolan, D.M. Kiernan (2).

A vote was then taken on the substative motion which resulted as follows:-

In Favour:- Ald. Reck, Howlin, Fenlon, Furlong, Cllrs. Byrne, Kelly, P. Roche, Hynes, Carr, J. Roche (10).

Following further discussion to which all members contributed the report of the Housing Officer was unanimously adopted on the proposal of Cllr. Nolan seconded by Cllr. Kiernan.

## THIS CONCLUDED THE BUSINESS OF THE MEETING.

SIGNED THIS DAY OF 2000.

MAYOR OF WEXFORD.

## MINUTES OF MONTHLY MEETING OF WEXFORD BOROUGH COUNCIL HELD AT 7.30 P.M. ON MONDAY 7<sup>TH</sup> FEBRUARY, 2000 IN THE COUNCIL CHAMBER, MUNICIPAL BUILDINGS, WEXFORD.

<u>Presiding:-</u> His Worship the Mayor, Ald. T. Howlin. <u>Aldermen:-</u> P. Reck, A. Fenlon, M. Furlong. <u>Councillors:-</u> G. Byrne, A. Kelly, P. Nolan, P. Roche, D. Hynes, T. Carr, D.M. Kiernan, J. Roche.

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

### MINUTES.

The minutes of the Monthly Meeting held on 10<sup>th</sup> January, 2000, copies of which had previously been circulated, were confirmed and signed on the proposal of Cllr. Nolan seconded by Cllr. Byrne.

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

a) Housing Committee Meeting held on 1<sup>st</sup> February, 2000.

## **EXTINGUISHMENT OF RIGHT-OF-WAY AT CHURCH LANE CAR PARK.**

The attached report from the Borough Engineer and copies of submissions made, copies of which had previously been circulated were then considered. A lengthy discussion ensued to which all members contributed during which the Borough Engineer replied to questions raised by members. Following further discussion and on the proposal of Cllr. Byrne seconded by Ald. Reck, a vote on the proposal to make an Order under S.73(2) authorising the extinguishment of the right-of-way was taken which resulted as follows:-

In Favour:- Ald. Reck, Howlin, Fenlon, Cllrs. Byrne, Kelly, Nolan, P. Roche, Hynes, Carr, Kiernan, J. Roche (11).

Against:- Ald. Furlong (1).

Further arising out of discussion the Town Clerk stated that the Corporation were presently finalising discussions with the developer on formal land transfer and financial implications for the Corporation and that he expected a report and recommendation on this aspect of the discussions to be submitted to the next General Purposes Committee Meeting.

#### **REPORTS.**

### Staff.

The attached report from the Town Clerk, copies of which had previously been circulated was then considered and following discussion unanimously adopted on the proposal of Cllr. Nolan seconded by Cllr. Byrne.

#### Roads Programme.

The attached report from the Town Clerk, copies of which had previously been circulated was then considered and noted. It was agreed on the proposal of Cllr. Nolan seconded by Cllr. Carr to hold a special meeting to consider all of the issues involved.

#### **CONFERENCES/SEMINARS.**

The attached list of conferences was then considered. On the recommendation of the Protocol Committee it was proposed that His Worship the Mayor plus two delegates would attend at Conference Nos. 5, 6 & 7. A vote on this proposal was then taken which resulted as follows:-

In Favour:- Ald. Reck, Howlin, Fenlon. Cllrs. Byrne, Kelly, Nolan, P. Roche, Hynes, Carr, Kiernan, J. Roche (11).

Against:- Ald. Furlong (1).

Following further discussion it was agreed that the following members s would attend at Conference Nos. 5, 6 & 7.

#### Conference No. 5.

Cllr. Kiernan – On the proposal of Cllr. Byrne seconded by Cllr. Nolan. Cllr. Kelly – On the proposal of Cllr. J. Roche seconded by Cllr. Kiernan. Cllr. P. Roche – On the proposal of Ald. Fenlon seconded by Cllr. Hynes.

#### Conference No. 6.

Cllr. Nolan – On the proposal of Cllr. Byrne seconded by Cllr. Kiernan. Cllr. Carr – On the proposal of Cllr. Kiernan seconded by Ald. Reck.

#### Conference No. 7.

Cllr. J. Roche – On the proposal of His Worship the Mayor seconded by Ald. Reck.

#### MOTIONS.

### Private Rented Accommodation.

The following motion was proposed by Cllr. Hynes seconded by Cllr. Carr and following discussion unanimously adopted:-

"(a) That this Council calls for the Government to introduce legislation to protect the rights of tenants in private rented accommodation, (b) that this Council requests the Manager to present a report on the registration of private rented accommodation and this report be discussed".

It was further agreed to refer part (a) of motion to the A.M.A.I. for consideration.

## Pebble Dashing - Talbot Green.

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

"This Borough Council calls on the Department of Environment to provide funding to complete the pebble-dashing on the (2<sup>nd</sup> phase) houses in Talbot Green (Green Street side)."

#### Footpaths - Green at Maudlintown.

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

"That this Borough Council carries out repairs, as a matter of urgency, to the footpaths in the Green at Maudlintown as same are a danger to the general public".

#### **Buildings on Main Street.**

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

"That this Borough Council in consultation with the Main Street traders look at all the high buildings on Main Street in particular with a view to ensuring safety for all".

In reply to the motion the Town Clerk stated that properties at ground floor level along the Main Street were generally good but external decorative maintenance at 1st floor and above leaves a lot to be desired in a large number of cases. Such conditions may indicate potential structural difficulties which should be pursued. The responsibility for safety of premises lies wholly with the owners of properties. Local authorities have powers to intervene in the event of owners not complying with their primary responsibilities. In view of the tragic incident in Cork he suggested that the Corporation would write to each property owner along the Main Street and the adjacent side structures pointing out the responsibility on owners and suggested that they would undertake a review of the safety of their property. He also suggested that a meeting would be arranged with the Wexford Chamber of Industry & Commerce with a view to setting up a process by which property owners should have their properties inspected. In addition he asked that if any members of the Corporation or of the general public became aware of apparent structural problems in premises that they would inform the Corporation who would arrange for appropriate intervention under the 1964 Act. This was noted by the meeting and the suggestions made were unanimously approved.

### Credit Union Association.

he following motion was proposed by His Worship the Mayor, Ald. T. Howlin seconded by Cllr. Carr and following discussion unanimously adopted:-

"That this Borough Council call on the Minister for Finance to meet the Credit Union Association so that a solution can be found to the present difficulties between the Minister and the Association".

It was further agreed to circulate the motion to all Local Authorities for consideration.

### Remedial Works at Wolfe Tone Villas.

In reply to Cllr. Carr the Borough Engineer stated that building works were substantially completed at Wolfe Tone Villas. He further stated that following consultation with the residents of Wolfe Tone Villas and discussions with the Department's Architect, a submission had been made to the Department for the funding of the replacement of the road and footpaths and the widening of same. Included in the submission is a request from the residents for porches to be established at the front doors of their dwellings.

### Retail Shop at Ferrybank Complex.

In reply to Cllr. Hynes the Borough Accountant stated:-

- a. The shop was presently let for the period 1<sup>st</sup> December, 1999 to 28<sup>th</sup> February, 2000.
- b. The availability of the shop was advertised on 5<sup>th</sup> May, 1999 and again on 26<sup>th</sup> May, 1999 with no response to either advertisement.
- c. Food manufacturing for the retail trade is taking place and it is the operators responsibility to comply with hygiene and fire regulations.
- d. To his knowledge there were no dangerous materials or otherwise being used that might cause concern to parents for the health and safety of their children.

The attached report from the Borough Accountant, copies of which had previously been circulated, was also noted.

#### Meetings.

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

General Purposes .... Tuesday 29<sup>th</sup> February, 2000 at 7. 30 p.m. Housing .... Monday 14<sup>th</sup> February, 2000 at 7.30 p.m.

## **Civic Receptions.**

On the recommendation of the Protocol Committee it was proposed to afford Civic Receptions to the following:-

- Shelmaliers Ladies Football Club in recognition of their winning the Ladies All-Ireland Club Football Championship.
- Mr. Simon Kirwan in recognition of his 30 years service as Secretary to the A.E.E.U.

A vote was taken on the proposal which resulted as follows:-

In Favour:-Ald. Reck, Howlin, Cllrs. Byrne, Kelly, Nolan, P. Roche, Hynes,<br/>Carr, Kiernan, J. Roche (10).Against:-Ald. Fenlon, Ald. Furlong (2).

### Housing Transfer List.

It was agreed that this matter would be finalised at the Housing Committee Meeting to be held on 14<sup>th</sup> February, 2000. The Town Clerk then outlined the basic proposal and it was agreed that this matter would be further discussed at the above meeting.

## THIS CONCLUDED THE BUSINESS OF THE MEETING.

SIGNED THIS DAY OF MARCH, 2000.

MAYOR OF WEXFORD.

## MINUTES OF PROTOCOL COMMITTEE MEETING OF WEXFORD BOROUGH COUNCIL HELD AT 7.00 P.M. ON MONDAY 7<sup>TH</sup> FEBRUARY, 2000 IN THE COUNCIL CHAMBER, MUNICIPAL BUILDINGS, WEXFORD.

<u>Presiding:-</u> His Worship the Mayor, Alderman T. Howlin. <u>Aldermen:-</u> P. Reck. <u>Councillors:-</u> P. Roche, D.M. Kiernan.

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

### CONFERENCES/SEMINARS.

The attached list of conferences, copies of which had previously been circulated was then considered. On the proposal of Cllr. Roche seconded by Cllr. Kiernan it was agreed to recommend that His Worship the Mayor plus two members would attend at Conference Nos. 5, 6 and 7.

## **CIVIC RECEPTIONS.**

On the proposal of Ald. Reck seconded by Cllr. Kiernan it was agreed to recommend that Civic Receptions would be afforded to the following:-

- Shelmaliers Ladies Football Club in recognition of their winning the Ladies All-Ireland Club Football Championship.
- Mr. Simon Kirwan in recognition of his 30 years service as Secretary to the A.E.E.U.

## THIS CONCLUDED THE BUSINESS OF THE MEETING.

SIGNED THIS DAY OF 2000.

MAYOR OF WEXFORD.

## MINUTES OF HOUSING COMMITTEE MEETING OF WEXFORD BOROUGH COUNCIL HELD ON MONDAY 14<sup>TH</sup> FEBRUARY, 2000 IN THE COUNCIL CHAMBER, MUNICIPAL BUILDINGS, WEXFORD.

<u>Presiding:-</u> His Worship the Mayor, Ald. T. Howlin. <u>Aldermen:-</u> P. Reck, A. Fenlon. <u>Councillors:-</u> G. Byrne, A. Kelly, P. Nolan, P. Roche, D. Hynes, T. Carr, D.M. Kiernan, J. Roche.

Apologies from Alderman Furlong for his inability to attend the meeting were noted.

In Attendance:-Mr. D.F. Curtin, Town Clerk. Ms. A.R. Laffan, Housing Officer. Ms. K. Comerford, Acting Staff Officer. Mr. J. Redmond, E.H.O.

At the outset, the Town Clerk referred to the discussion held at the meeting of 1<sup>st</sup> February, 2000 and the Housing Officer's report of 4<sup>th</sup> February, 2000 in relation to the present system for the allocation of transfers. The members were informed that all applicants had been interviewed to determine the reason for the transfer application and to ensure that the relevant points had been applied where appropriate. The Town Clerk outlined the implications of the new system (if adopted) and it's effect on the current transfer lists as compiled. A lengthy discussion ensued to which all members contributed following which it was unanimously agreed on the proposal of Cllr. Nolan seconded by Cllr. Byrne that the transfers under the current review would be allocated in accordance with the lists as compiled by the Environmental Health Officer and that all remaining applicants would be advised that the system will be revised for the next housing review. Arising from this decision the Town Clerk confirmed that the transfer lists as compiled would be circulated accordingly.

The members were informed of an application from the owner of 41, Wolfe Tone Villas who wishes to surrender a tenant purchased house in return for a 2-bed tenanted dwelling at 20, Mount George which has been vacant for approximately 12 months. The Town Clerk recommended that the application be approved and the proposal was unanimously agreed by the members.

In relation to the housing priority lists, the Town Clerk stated that a number of cases are being re-examined by the E.H.O. on foot of recent information received and upon the completion of this re-assessment, the final lists will be circulated by the Housing Officer.

#### THIS CONCLUDED THE BUSINESS OF THE MEETING.

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## MINUTES OF MEETING OF GENERAL PURPOSES COMMITTEE OF WEXFORD BOROUGH COUNCIL HELD AT 7.30 P.M. ON TUESDAY 29<sup>TH</sup> FEBRUARY, 2000.

Presiding:- His Worship the Mayor, Ald. T. Howlin. Aldermen:- P. Reck, A. Fenlon, M. Furlong. Councillors:- G. Byrne, A. Kelly, P. Nolan, P. Roche, T. Carr, D.M. Kiernan, J. Roche.

Apologies from Cllr. Hynes for his inability to attend the meeting were noted.

In Attendance:-Mr. J. Hutchinson, Manager. Mr. D.F. Curtin, Town Clerk. Mr. T. Fahey, Borough Engineer. Ms. A. Laffan, Housing Officer.

## APPOINTMENT OF NOMINEE TO IRISH PUBLIC BODIES MUTUAL INSURANCES LTD.

Nominations were invited to appoint a nominee to Irish Public Bodies Mutual Insurances Ltd. for the lifetime of the Borough Council. It was unanimously agreed on the proposal of Cllr. Nolan seconded by Cllr. Kiernan that Councillor J. Roche be appointed nominee.

## NOMINATION OF MEMBERS TO S.P.C. COMMITTEES OF WEXFORD COUNTY COUNCIL.

#### Community & Cultural Development Committee.

Nominations were then invited to appoint one member of Wexford Borough Council to sit on the above Committee.

Councillor D.M. Kiernan was proposed by Cllr. Nolan seconded by Cllr. Carr. Councillor P. Roche was proposed by Ald. Fenlon seconded by Cllr. P. Roche.

A vote was then taken which resulted as follows:-

In Favour of Cllr. Kiernan:- Ald. Reck, Ald. Howlin, Cllrs. Byrne, Kelly, Nolan, Carr, Kiernan, J. Roche (8).

In Favour of Cllr. P. Roche:- Ald. Fenlon, Ald. Furlong, Cllr. P. Roche (3).

Following the vote Cllr. Kiernan was then appointed nominee to the Community & Cultural Development Committee.

Nominations were then invited to appoint one further member to one of the following Committees:-

- Planning Committee
- Environment Committee
- Transportation Committee
- Social Housing.

On the proposal of Cllr. Byrne seconded by His Worship the Mayor, Cllr. T. Carr was unanimously agreed to be the Borough Council's nominee. It was further agreed that the Social Housing Committee would be the preferred option of the Borough Council.

## REQUEST FOR DEPUTATION FROM WESTGATE PARK RESIDENTS ASSOCIATION.

A request from the above Association for a deputation was then considered. Following discussion it was unanimously agreed on the proposal of Cllr. Byrne seconded by Ald. Furlong to receive a deputation at the next General Purposes Committee Meeting.

## **DRAFT TRAVELLER ACCOMODATION PROGRAMME 2000-2004.**

The attached report from the Town Clerk, copies of which had previously been circulated was then considered and noted. Following discussion it was proposed by Ald. Reck seconded by Cllr. Byrne to adopt the Draft Plan. A vote on this proposal was taken which resulted as follows:-

In Favour:-Ald. Reck, Howlin, Fenlon, Cllrs. Byrne, Kelly, Nolan, P. Roche,<br/>T. Carr, D.M. Kiernan, J. Roche (10).Against:-Ald. M. Furlong.

The majority being in favour, it was therefore decided that the Draft Traveller Accomodation Plan be adopted as Wexford Corporation's Traveller Accomodation Programme to accord with the requirements of the Housing (Traveller Accomodation) Act, 1998.

## PLANNING & DEVELOPMENT BILL 1999.

Correspondence received from The Heritage Council in relation to the Planning & Development Bill, 1999, copies of which had previously been circulated, was then considered. Following discussion it was agreed to defer consideration of same to the next General Purposes Committee Meeting.

## REPORTS.

## Crosstown Cemetery Refurbishment.

The attached report from the Borough Engineer, copies of which had previously been circulated, was then considered during which the Borough Engineer outlined the proposals contained in the report. A lengthy discussion ensued to which all members contributed following which principled agreement of the terms of the report was proposed by Cllr. Nolan seconded by Ald. Reck. It was further agreed that a detailed action plan would be considered in conjunction with estimates meetings and that a

management committee, representative of members and users would be developed between now and then.

## Proposed Multi-Storey Car Park at Church Lane/Custom House Quay.

The attached report from the Town Clerk, copies of which had previously been circulated was then considered. A lengthy discussion ensued to which all members contributed during which Town Clerk clarified issues raised by members. Following this lengthy discussion the recommendations contained in the report in relation to transfer of Corporation land and the considerations therefor were unanimously agreed on the proposal of Cllr. Byrne seconded by Ald. Reck. The Town Clerk stated that the formal Section 83 Notice would now issue to the members in relation to this aspect. Further arising out of the discussion during which there was general acceptance of the need for temporary car parking during the construction phase of the multi-storey development, concerns were expressed in relation to the proposal of the developers to utilise part of the new Quay Extension for this purposes, and it was agreed on the proposal of His Worship the Mayor seconded by Cllr. Byrne that all potential options for the provision of temporary car parking would be explored with the developer and that the members would consider a report thereon as soon as it was available.

## <u>Housing (Miscellaneous Provisions) Act, 1992 – Housing (Registration of Rented</u> <u>Houses) Regulations, 1996.</u>

The attached report from the Housing Officer, copies of which had previously been circulated was then considered and noted. Following lengthy discussion it was agreed that funds raised through registration should be used for enforcement of standards.

#### Proposed Marina at Wexford Harbour.

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

#### Pram Walk at Lee Heights.

The attached report from the Borough Engineer, copies of which had previously been circulated, was unanimously adopted on the proposal of Cllr. Byrne seconded by Cllr. Nolan.

#### College View.

The attached report from the Borough Engineer, copies of which had previously been circulated was then considered. Following discussion it was agreed to seek funding from the Department of Environment.

#### Conradh na Gaeilge.

A request from the Branch Committee of Conradh na Gaeilge for permission to plant a tree at Corish Park Green to commemorate Seachtain na Gaeilge 2000 was then

considered and unanimously agreed on the proposal of Cllr. Byrne seconded by Cllr. Kiernan.

### SUMMARY OF CORRESPONDENCE.

The summary of correspondence, as attached, copies of which had previously been circulated, was then considered and with the exception of the following items, was noted.

### Item 3.

The following resolution from Fingal County Council was agreed on the proposal of Cllr. Kiernan seconded by Ald. Fenlon:-

"Fingal Housing Committee, recognising that rising property prices are pushing local authority houses out of the reach of many tenants who wish to purchase them, calls on the Minister for the Environment to introduce a Millennium price freeze for local authority tenants, and to fix prices up to the end of the year 2000, thus allowing lowto-middle income tenants the opportunity to plan their house purchase. Fingal Housing Committee further calls on the Minister to allow an enhanced discount for those who have been tenants for between 10 and 15 years."

#### Item 5.

The following resolution from Balbriggan Town Commissioners was agreed on the proposal of Cllr. Kiernan seconded by Ald. Fenlon:-

"Balbriggan Town Commissioners call on An Taoiseach and the Minister for Health to cease the current practice of penalising Doctors whose profession it is to tend and heal the sick, and not that of hospital administrator".

### Item 9.

Correspondence received from the Institute for Design & Disability re Barcelona Declaration, copies of which had previously been circulated was then considered. Following discussion it was agreed on the proposal of Cllr. Kiernan seconded by Ald. Fenlon to adopt the policy of the Declaration.

#### Item 2.

A letter from Department of Marine & Natural Resources re Bass Fishing, copies of which had previously been circulated, was then considered. Following discussion it was unanimously agreed on the proposal of Cllr. Nolan seconded by Cllr. Byrne to write to the Minister requesting him to repeal the Order in relation to Bass Fishing.

#### Item 7.

On the proposal of Cllr. Byrne seconded by Cllr. Kiernan it was agreed to grant permission to the Vintners' Federation of Ireland to use the Wexford Crest on plaques being presented to delegates at their National Conference in Wexford, subject to the usual conditions.

### PLANNING.

Planning applications received from the previous General Purposes Committee meeting, copies of which had previously been circulated, were noted. Questions raised were answered by officials in attendance.

### THIS CONCLUDED THE BUSINESS OF THE MEETING.

**SIGNED THIS DAY OF** 2000.

MAYOR OF WEXFORD.

## MINUTES OF MONTHLY MEETING OF WEXFORD BOROUGH COUNCIL HELD AT 7.30 P.M. ON MONDAY 6<sup>TH</sup> MARCH, 2000 IN THE COUNCIL CHAMBER, MUNICIPAL BUILDINGS, WEXFORD.

Presiding:- His Worship the Mayor, Ald. T. Howlin.
Aldermen:- P. Reck, A. Fenlon, M. Furlong.
Councillors:- G. Byrne, A. Kelly, P. Nolan, P. Roche, D. Hynes, T. Carr, D.M. Kiernan, J. Roche.

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

### MINUTES.

The minutes of the Monthly Meeting held on 7<sup>th</sup> February, 2000, copies of which had previously been circulated, were confirmed and signed on the proposal of Cllr. Byrne seconded by Cllr. Nolan.

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

(a) Protocol Committee Meeting held on 7<sup>th</sup> February, 2000.

(b) Housing Committee Meeting held on 14<sup>th</sup> February, 2000.

(c) General Purposes Committee Meeting held on 29th February, 2000.

## **DEVELOPMENT PLAN.**

On the proposal of Cllr. Nolan seconded by Cllr. Carr the following resolution was unanimously adopted:-

"That this Borough Council apply to the Minister for the Environment & Local Government under Section 43(1)(f) of the Local Government (Planning & Development) Act 1976 to extend the period within which the Planning Authority is obliged to carry out a review of the Development Plan for Wexford Town & Environs, adopted by Wexford Borough Council and Wexford County Council on 11<sup>th</sup> January, 1993. The extension required is for a period of four months to 31<sup>st</sup> July, 2000."

## <u>CAPITAL ASSISTANCE SCHEME – WEXFORD WOMEN'S REFUGE AT</u> <u>DISTILLERY ROAD, WEXFORD.</u>

The attached report from the Housing Officer, copies of which had previously been circulated was then considered and following discussion the report and recommendations contained therein were unanimously adopted on the proposal of Cllr. Kiernan seconded by Cllr. Byrne.

## PROPOSED LAYING OF PLAQUE AT SWAN VIEW – ORGANISATION OF NATIONAL EX-SERVICEMEN (WEXFORD BRANCH).

The attached report from the Town Clerk, copies of which had previously been circulated was then considered and following discussion unanimously agreed on the proposal of Cllr. Byrne seconded by Cllr. Kiernan.

## ST. PATRICK'S DAY PARADE COMMITTEE.

On the proposal of Ald. Reck seconded by Cllr. Kiernan it was unanimously agreed that Cllr. P. Roche would represent the Corporation on the St. Patrick's Day Parade Committee.

## ANTI-LITTER ACTION.

The attached report from the Town Clerk, copies of which had previously been circulated was then considered. A lengthy discussion ensued to which all members contributed following which the letter from the Minister was noted. The Town Clerk stated that a report on litter action plan would be circulated to members before the end of March 2000.

## MOTION.

## Old Age Pensioners.

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

"Councillor P. Nolan requests this Council to call on this Government to exclude all Old Age Pensioners, who have reached the age of 70, from paying tax on their pensions".

It was further agreed to circulate motion to all Local Authorities.

## Housing Estate at Waterloo Road.

At the request of the proposer it was agreed that the following motion for consideration be amended to exclude 2<sup>nd</sup> sentence:-

"That this Borough Council explain to the members exactly how they intend to provide the necessary infrastructure to service a proposed new housing estate at Waterloo Road in the light of the already disastrous traffic problems which presently exist in that area. Also, if it is proposed that a new housing estate is already being mooted for that area, how is it that planning permission for a playschool/creche at Roserock Cottage has been turned down because it might cause a traffic hazard".

Following discussion the following amended motion was unanimously adopted on the proposal of Cllr. J. Roche seconded by Cllr. Hynes:-

"That this Borough Council explain to the members exactly how they intend to provide the necessary infrastructure to service a proposed new housing estate at Waterloo Road in the light of the already disastrous traffic problems which presently exist in that area".

### **DELIVERY TRUCKS – CRESCENT OUAY.**

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

"That this Borough Council insist that delivery trucks at Crescent Quay be allocated time slots which must be adhered to in order to in some way alleviate the chronic problems caused to the citizens of the town who use the quays on their way to work. The main store to which these deliveries are being made should be made to ensure that rather than five, six or seven heavy delivery vehicles arriving at the same time, that some form of regulation be imposed, both by the store and the deliverers, and that the Corporation traffic wardens or Gardai should enforce these regulations".

In reply to the motion the Borough Engineer stated that he proposed to meet with Senior Management of the Company for consultation. He further stated that he would put a report to the next meeting of the Traffic Management Committee. Following further discussion the motion was unanimously adopted.

## SELLAFIELD.

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

"In view of the recent disclosure of the falsification of data at Sellafield, this Council calls for the immediate closure of the nuclear facility, and calls on our Government to use the strongest possible pressure to achieve this result",.

## BOUNDARY WALL - MEADOW VALE/COOLCOTTS LANE.

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

"This Council calls on Wexford County Council to have the boundary wall between Meadow Vale and Coolcotts Lane repaired without delay".

Following discussion it was unanimously agreed that the Borough Engineer would report on same to a future meeting of the Borough Council.

#### LANEWAY AT BELVEDERE GROVE.

The following motion was proposed by Ald. Fenlon seconded by Cllr. Hynes:-

"I call on the Borough Council to agree to the closure of the laneway that backs onto Nos. 80-98 Belvedere Grove. This would be dependent on the co-operation of the affected residents".

During discussion to which all members contributed the Borough Engineer outlined the present position following which the motion was unanimously adopted.

## ROADS.

The following motion was proposed by Ald. Fenlon seconded by Cllr. Hynes:-

"That this Borough Council do an immediate survey of the roads under their control, to repair pot-holes, etc., as a matter of urgency, to ensure the safety of all who use same."

During discussion to which all members contributed the Borough Engineer outlined the present position following which the motion was unanimously adopted.

## **EXTRADITION WARRANTES – ANGELO FUSCO.**

The following motion was proposed by Cllr. Kelly:-

"That this Borough Council repudiates the arrest, on extradition warrants, of Angelo Fusco, the State's pursuit of Angelo Fusco in relation to political offences in the six counties runs complete contrary to the commitment in the Good Friday Agreement to the release of political prisoners".

There being no seconder for the motion the motion was declared lost.

### STREET NAMEPLATES.

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

"That this Borough Council adopts a policy of having all street nameplates and estate nameplates in our town bi-lingual".

It was further agreed that numbers of houses should be displayed on doors as part of planning policy.

#### **QUESTIONS.**

It was agreed to refer the following question in the name of Cllr. J. Roche to the next Traffic Management Committee Meeting:-

When, or if, is it intended, to follow through with a limited one-way system for the Mulgannon road near the new estate at Cromwells Fort, i.e., banning exit on to the dangerous Folly junction from that road – traffic from Wexford Golf Club direction to turn down by Tobar Ban, and no right turn permitted for vehicular traffic from Cromwells Fort Estate?

### <u>KE/- Remedial Works.</u>

In reply to Cllr. J. Roche the Borough Accountant submitted the attached report for consideration. Following discussion the report was noted.

#### **RE/- Bus Park.**

In reply to Cllr. J. Roche the Borough Engineer stated that at present there were no plans for the provision of a bus-park.

#### **RE/- Mount George.**

In reply to Ald. Fenlon the Borough Engineer stated that a submission would be made to the Department re windows in housing stock at Mount George.

## **TRAFFIC MANAGEMENT MEETING.**

It was agreed that the above meeting would be held at 7.30 p.m. on Wednesday 22<sup>nd</sup> March, 2000.

# THIS CONCLUDED THE BUSINESS OF THE MEETING.

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MAYOR OF WEXI	FORD.	

## MINUTES OF TRAFFIC MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE MEETING OF WEXFORD BOROUGH COUNCIL HELD AT 7.30 P,.M. ON WEDNESDAY 22<sup>ND</sup> MARCH, 2000 IN THE COUNCIL CHAMBER, MUNICIPAL BUILDINGS, WEXFORD.

Presiding:- His Worship the Mayor, Ald. T. Howlin.
Aldermen:- P. Reck, A. Fenlon, M. Furlong.
Councillors:- G. Byrne, A. Kelly, P. Nolan, P. Roche, D. Hynes, D.M. Kiernan, J. Roche.

Apologies from Cllr. Carr for his inability to attend the meeting were noted.

In Attendance:-	Mr. J. Hutchinson, Manager.
	Mr. D.F Curtin, Town Clerk.
	Mr. T. Fahey, Borough Engineer.
	Mr. P. Collins, Borough Accountant.
	Ms. R. Doyle, Wexford Chamber of Industry & Commerce.
	Mr. T. Cleere, Wexford Trades Council.
	Sgt. P. Geoghegan, Gardai Siochana.

#### Waterloo Road.

The following motion was proposed by Cllr. Hynes seconded by Ald. Furlong:-

"This Borough Council will seriously consider making Waterloo Road a one-way system for traffic".

Following discussion to which all members contributed it was agreed that the Borough Engineer would prepare a full report for consideration at a future meeting and that the motion be considered as part of the traffic study.

#### Waterloo Road.

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

"The double yellow lines at the Waterloo Road side of the green at Davitt Road South, due to the distance it goes back from the corner of the green – it is prohibiting many of the residents parking – this Council will consider shortening these yellow lines".

Following discussion to which all members contributed it was agreed that the Borough Engineer and Gardai investigate same and report to a future meeting.

#### Distillery Road.

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

"That this Borough Council request the Traffic Management Committee to investigate and consider provision of suitable control traffic calming system (such as miniroundabout) along the Distillery Road – Newline Road in view of the substantial development along these roads in recent years and planned for immediate future".

## **REPORTS.**

## Traffic Study.

The attached report from the Town Clerk, copies of which had previously been circulated was then considered. A lengthy discussion ensued to which all members contributed following which the report and recommendations contained therein were unanimously adopted on the proposal of Cllr. Kiernan seconded by Ald. Furlong.

Following further discussion it was agreed that the Borough Engineer and the Gardi would investigate the dangerous exit at New Lane.

### Disc Parking.

The attached report from the Town Clerk, copies of which had previously been circulated was then considered. Following lengthy discussion to which all members contributed the report and recommendations contained therein were unanimously adopted on the proposal of Ald. Reck seconded by Cllr. Byrne. It was further agreed that the School Street residents be consulted in relation to the introduction of pay parking in their area.

#### Crazy Prices.

The attached report from the Borough Engineer, copies of which had previously been circulated, was then considered. Following lengthy discussion to which all members contributed the report and recommendations contained therein were unanimously adopted on the proposal of Cllr. Nolan seconded by Cllr. Byrne.

#### Mulgannon Road.

The attached report from the Borough Engineer, copies of which had previously been circulated, was then considered. A lengthy discussion ensued to which all members contributed following which the report and recommendations contained therein were unanimously agreed subject to a mini-roundabout at the bottom of new road being agreed by Wexford County Council.

#### Talbot Street/Summerhill.

The attached report from the Borough Engineer, copies of which had previously been circulated, was then considered. A lengthy discussion ensued to which all members contributed following which the report and recommendations contained therein were unanimously agreed on the proposal of Cllr. Kiernan seconded by Cllr. Byrne.

#### St. Johns Drive/St. Johns Road.

The attached report from the Borough Engineer, copies of which had previously been circulated, was then considered. Following lengthy discussion to which all members contributed the report was unanimously adopted on the proposal of Cllr. Kiernan seconded by Cllr. Byrne. It was further agreed that the consultations referred to be undertaken by the Borough Engineer.

### Provision for buses at Hanrahan Railway Station.

The attached report from the Borough Engineer, copies of which had previously been circulated, was then considered. A lengthy discussion ensued to which all members contributed following which the proposals including the recommendation of the Borough Engineer in his report of 28<sup>th</sup> October, 1999 were unanimously adopted on the proposal of Cllr. Byrne seconded by Cllr. Kiernan.

His Worship the Mayor then paid tribute to Ms. Rita Doyle who was attending her last meeting of the Traffic Management Committee on behalf of Wexford Chamber of Industry & Commerce and Ms. Doyle suitably responded.

## THIS CONCLUDED THE BUSINESS OF THE MEETING.

SIGNED THIS **DAY OF** 2000. MAYOR OF WEXFORD.

## MINUTES OF MONTHLY MEETING OF WEXFORD BOROUGH COUNCIL HELD AT 7.30 P.M. ON TUESDAY 4<sup>TH</sup> APRIL, 2000 IN THE COUNCIL CHAMBER, MUNICIPAL BUILDINGS, WEXFORD.

Presiding:- His Worship the Mayor, Alderman T. Howlin.
 Aldermen:- P. Reck, A. Fenlon, M. Furlong.
 Councillors:- G. Byrne, A. Kelly, P. Nolan, P. Roche, D. Hynes, T. Carr. J. Roche.

Apologies from Cllr. Kiernan for his inability to attend the meeting were noted.

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

### Wexford Water Conservation Programme.

At the outset of the meeting Mr. Alex Gilmore of Carl-Bro Consultants gave a presentation on the current position of the Wexford Water Conservation Programme. Following discussion to which all members contributed, His Worship the Mayor thanked Mr. Gilmore and Mr. Gilmore then departed from the meeting.

#### Yellow Bellies.

His Worship the Mayor stated that in excess of £8,000 netted from the Yellow Belly Millennium initiative which was noted by the members. Following discussion it was unanimously agreed that the Mayor and Town Clerk would draft proposals re distribution of same for consideration by the members.

#### Minutes.

The minutes of the Monthly Meeting held on  $6^{th}$  March, 2000, copies of which had previously been circulated, were confirmed and signed on the proposal of Cllr. Byrne seconded by Cllr. Carr.

The minutes of the Traffic Management Committee Meeting and the recommendations contained therein, copies of which had previously been circulated, were confirmed and signed on the proposal of Cllr. Byrne seconded by Cllr. Carr.

#### Disposal of land.

On the proposal of Cllr. Nolan seconded by Carr it was agreed, with Ald. Furlong dissenting, to authorise disposal of land at Church Lane/Custom House Quay, Wexford, to Dunloe Ewart Plc., pursuant to the terms of Section 83 of the Local Government Act, 1946 as amended by Section 88(2) of the Housing Act, 1966 and in accordance with Notice dated 14<sup>th</sup> March, 2000.

## REPORTS.

## **Municipal Policy Committees.**

The attached report from the Town Clerk, copies of which had previously been circulated was then considered and unanimously adopted on the proposal of Ald. Reck seconded by Cllr. Byrne.

## Revision of Remuneration – 29<sup>th</sup> Pay Round Phase 4.

The attached report from the Town Clerk, copies of which had previously been circulated was then considered and unanimously adopted on the proposal of Cllr. Nolan seconded by Cllr. Carr.

### Audit of Accounts 1998.

The attached report from the Borough Accountant, copies of which had previously been circulated was then considered and unanimously adopted on the proposal of Ald. Reck seconded by Cllr. Byrne.

### Overdraft Approval - 2000.

The attached report from the Borough Accountant, copies of which had previously been circulated was then considered and unanimously adopted on the proposal of Cllr. Byrne seconded by Cllr. Carr.

## Anti-Litter Action.

The attached report from the Town Clerk, copies of which had previously been circulated was then considered and noted. Following discussion it was agreed  $t_{0}$ .

- Investigate new design of bin to reduce abuse.
- Consider inducements for bin maintenance.

## Co-ordinated Local Aquaculture Management System.

The attached report from the Town Clerk, copies of which had previously been circulated was then considered and noted. Following discussion it was agreed on the proposal of Cllr. Byrne seconded by Ald. Reck to request an extension of time within which to make a submission. It was further agreed on the proposal of Ald. Reck that the Chairman of Wexford Harbour Commissioners, His Worship the Mayor and Town Clerk would write setting out the feelings of the Wexford community in relation to Wexford Harbour.

## **MOTIONS.**

## Housing.

The following motion was proposed by Cllr. Hynes seconded by Cllr. Carr and following discussion unanimously agreed:-

"In order to deal with the housing crisis, this Council calls on the Government:-

- (i) To provide 50,000 social housing units;
- (ii) Immediately introduce the 30% 'Social Housing' provision in the Planning Bill;
- (iii) Legislate to give consumer rights to home buyers".

Following further discussion it was agreed to request that the present tenant purchase scheme be revoked and that a more favourable scheme for tenants be introduced. It was further agreed on the proposer of Cllr. Nolan to request the Minister to receive a deputation for additional assistance to Wexford Corporation for their housing programme.

### Carers Allowance.

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

"This Borough Council supports the recent call by the Carers Association to the Government to exempt Carers Allowance from the Means Test, as is the case at present".

### **QUESTIONS.**

In reply to Cllr. Carr the Borough Engineer stated that the footpaths at St. Aidan;s Crescent would be replaced or repaired this summer as part of the works being carried out at the 'Knock'.

In reply to Cllr. Hynes the Borough Engineer stated that legal proceedings were presently being instituted regarding the two abandoned cars in Bride Street.

## THIS CONCLUDED THE BUSINESS OF THE MEETING.

SIGNED THIS DAY OF 2000.

MAYOR OF WEXFORD.

## MINUTES OF PROTOCOL COMMITTEE MEETING OF WEXFORD BOROUGH COUNCIL HELD AT 12.00 NOON ON WEDNESDAY 5<sup>TH</sup> APRIL, 2000 IN THE COUNCIL CHAMBER, MUNICIPAL BUILDINGS, WEXFORD.

<u>Presiding:-</u> His Worship the Mayor, Ald. T. Howlin. <u>Aldermen:-</u> P. Reck. <u>Councillors:-</u> P. Roche, D.M. Kiernan.

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

## JOHN BARRY COMMEMORATION CEREMONY.

It was agreed to recommend that the above Ceremony would be held on 25<sup>th</sup> June, 2000 and that the Mayor and Town Clerk would progress arrangements for same.

## LUGO.

The Town Clerk informed the meeting that an invitation had been received for a delegation to visit Lugo. Following discussion it was agreed to recommend, on the proposal of Ald. Reck seconded by Cllr. Kiernan, that the Mayor and Town Clerk would accept the invitation and further develop the formal links, initially based on cultural areas of activity.

## YELLOW BELLIES.

His Worship the Mayor stated that in excess of £8,000 netted from the Yellow Belly Millennium initiative and it was agreed that the Mayor and Town Clerk would draft proposals re distribution of same for consideration by the members.

## **CIVIC RECEPTION.**

It was agreed to recommend on the proposal of Cllr. Kiernan seconded by Cllr. Roche to afford a Civic Reception to voluntary workers on Millennium activities at a date and time to be arranged by His Worship the Mayor.

# THIS CONCLUDED THE BUSINESS OF THE MEETING.

SIGNED THIS DAY OF 2000. MAYOR OF WEXFORD.

## MINUTES OF MONTHLY MEETING OF WEXFORD BOROUGH COUNCIL HELD AT 7.30 P.M. ON MONDAY 8<sup>TH</sup> MAY, 2000 IN THE COUNCIL CHAMBER, MUNICIPAL BUILDINGS, WEXFORD.

Presiding:- His Worship the Mayor, Alderman T. Howlin. Aldermen:- A. Fenlon, M. Furlong. Councillors:- A. Kelly, P. Nolan, P. Roche, D. Hynes, T. Carr, J. Roche.

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

In Attendance:-	Mr. J. Hutchinson, Manager.
	Mr. D.F. Curtin, Town Clerk.
	Mr. T. Fahey, Borough Engineer.
	Ms. A. Laffan, Housing Officer.

### MINUTES.

The minutes of the Monthly Meeting held on 4<sup>th</sup> April, 2000, copies of which had previously been circulated, were confirmed and signed on the proposal of Cllr. Nolan seconded by Cllr. Carr.

The minutes of the Protocol Committee Meeting held on 5<sup>th</sup> April, 2000 and the recommendations contained therein, copies of which had previously been circulated, were confirmed and signed on the proposal of Cllr. Carr seconded by Cllr. P. Roche.

### **MUNICIPAL POLICY COMMITTEES.**

It was agreed to defer consideration of the Municipal Policy Committees to the June Monthly Meeting.

### HOUSING.

The Town Clerk informed the meeting of the following:-

- Planning permission had been received from An Bord Pleanala for the next phase of housing at Ferndale Park, Coolcotts 27 units.
- It is expected to go to tender within 6 weeks with a view to commencing the project in September.
- The second phase of Private Sites at Coolcotts (27 no. sites) will be ready for allocation in the next month. The assessment of applicants for the sites will be completed during this period. Tenants of existing local authority units surrendering their dwellinghouse to the Corporation will be given first preference in the allocation of the sites. The need to establish more land for the provision of further sites under similar schemes in the future was noted and it was further noted that this was being pursued.
- The five housing units at Hantoon Road, Maudlintown, are under construction.
- A planning application for the 34 units at Belvedere Road will be lodged with Wexford County Council within the next 2 weeks prior to which a final meeting

will be held between the Corporation's Consultants and the residents of the area in relation to the landscaping proposals of the development of the open space.

• The Corporation are currently pursuing land acquisition for the current year's housing programme. The Town Clerk stated that he hoped to be in a position to report to the members within the next month in relation to same.

## SEMINAR OF MAYORS ON EUROPEAN CITIES AGAINST DRUGS.

His Worship the Mayor stated that he had attended the above Seminar and following discussion it was agreed on the proposal of Cllr. Nolan seconded by Cllr. Carr to discuss the proposals of the Seminar with the Protocol Committee.

### MOTIONS.

#### 5 Unit Development at Maudlintown.

The following motions were proposed by Ald. Furlong seconded by Cllr. J. Roche and following discussion unanimously adopted:-

"That this Borough Council seeks funding under this Project for playground equipment for the green".

"Because of the above development there was some encroachment on the playground. I request that this Borough Council gives an undertaking that no more ground will be taken for building purposes by Wexford Corporation".

#### Provision of Skate-boarding facilities.

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

"In order to facilitate the very popular pastimes skate-boarding and roller skating, the Borough Council agrees to set aside and develop a section of the ground in either "The Rocks," Mulgannon or Redmond Park or some other appropriate site and construct ramps etc. to allow youngsters to play in relative safety".

In reply to the motion the Town Clerk stated that:-

- Standards of playground equipment are now specified by our Insurers.
- Need is now apparent.
- In the forthcoming development of Redmond Park, the issue will be addressed and we will involve the issue in our public consultation of this amenity – this may also be possible in the Rocks.

### BRENDAN CORISH GARDENS.

In reply to Cllr. Hynes the Housing Officer informed the meeting that the two vacant houses in Brendan Corish Gardens had been allocated in the previous two weeks.

## **CIVIC RECEPTION.**

On the proposal of Cllr. Nolan seconded by Cllr. Carr it was proposed to afford a Civic Reception to the Youth Federation of Ireland during their Annual Conference in Wexford. A vote on this proposal was taken which resulted as follows:-

In Favour:- Ald. Howlin. Cllrs. Kelly, Nolan, P. Roche, D. Hynes, T. Carr, J. Roche (7). Against:- Ald. Fenlon, Ald. Furlong (2).

#### **OTHER BUSINESS.**

In reply to Cllr. Nolan the Borough Engineer stated that repairs to footpaths at Maudlintown were in hand.

Ald. Fenlon paid tribute to Garda Declan Dennehy for his heroic actions at Wexford Bridge recently, to which all members contributed.

Cllr. J. Roche paid tribute to the Wexford Youth Soccer Team on their recent victory to which all members contributed.

#### THIS CONCLUDED THE BUSINESS OF THE MEETING.

SIGNED THIS DAY OF 2000.

MAYOR OF WEXFORD.

## MINUTES OF MONTHLY MEETING OF WEXFORD BOROUGH COUNCIL HELD AT 7. 30 P.M. ON MONDAY 12<sup>TH</sup> JUNE, 2000 IN THE COUNCIL CHAMBER, MUNICIPAL BUILDINGS, WEXFORD.

Presiding:- His Worship the Mayor, Alderman T. Howlin. Aldermen:- P. Reck, A. Fenlon, M. Furlong. Councillors:- G. Byrne, A. Kelly, P. Nolan, P. Roche, D. Hynes, T. Carr, D.M. Kiernan.

Apologies from Cllr. J. Roche for his inability to attend the meeting were noted.

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

### MINUTES.

The minutes of the Monthly Meeting held on 8<sup>th</sup> May, 2000, copies of which had previously been circulated, were confirmed and signed on the proposal of Cllr. Byrne seconded by Cllr. Carr.

### ANNUAL MEETING.

On the proposal of Ald. Reck seconded by Cllr. Byrne it was unanimously agreed to hold the Annual Meeting on Monday 3<sup>rd</sup> July, 2000 at 7.30 p.m.

#### **REPORTS.**

### **Municipal Policy Committees.**

The attached report from the Town Clerk, copies of which had previously been circulated, was then considered and following discussion unanimously agreed on the proposal of Cllr. Kiernan seconded by Cllr. Carr.

#### 13, Roche's Terrace, Wexford.

The attached report from the Town Clerk, copies of which had previously been circulated, was then considered and following discussion unanimously agreed on the proposal of Cllr. Nolan seconded by Cllr. Byrne.

#### Overdraft Approval for 2000.

The attached report from the Assistant Town Clerk, copies of which had previously been circulated, was then considered and following discussion unanimously agreed on the proposal of Cllr. Kiernan seconded by Cllr. Carr.
## Local Authority Housing Programme 2000.

The attached report from the Town Clerk, copies of which had previously been circulated, was then considered and following discussion noted and welcomed.

### SEMINAR - LOCAL GOVERNMENT BILL 2000.

His Worship the Mayor informed the meeting that the Protocol Committee had agreed to recommend that the Corporation would be represented at this Seminar and on the proposal of Cllr. Kiernan seconded by Cllr. Byrne it was unanimously agreed that the Corporation would be so represented. Following discussion it was agreed that in view of the importance of the subject, the following members would attend:-

Cllr. D.M. Kiernan on the proposal of Ald. Reck seconded by Cllr. Carr. Cllr. Carr on the proposal of Cllr. Hynes seconded by Cllr. Roche. Cllr. P. Reck on the proposal of Cllr. Kiernan seconded by Cllr. Kelly. Cllr. P. Roche on the proposal of Ald. Howlin seconded by Ald. Reck. Cllr. Hynes on the proposal of Cllr. Carr seconded by Ald. Howlin.

It was further agreed that the two A.M.A.I. representatives would attend (-Ald. T. Howlin, Mayor and Cllr. J. Roche).

#### **MOTIONS**

#### Seating at The Rocks in Maudlintown.

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

"That this Borough Council replaces, as a matter of urgency, the seating at The Rocks in Maudlintown, which was destroyed and vandalised by thugs over the last two years".

During discussion on the motion the Town Clerk stated that:-

- It was outrageous that the mindless vandalism of a few destroys the pleasure of many who use the facilities;
- The Bye-Laws regulating Parks need to be revisited and that the newly formed M.P.C. should consider same.
- The Borough Engineer would report to the next G.P. Meeting on replacement and formal provision of necessary financial resources.

## Wexford General Hospital.

The following motion was proposed by Cllr. Nolan:-

"That this Council requests the Minister for Health, Micheal Martin, to make extra funding available to alleviate overcrowding which is taking place on a daily basis at Wexford General Hospital".

During discussion on the motion Cllr. Nolan agreed to amend the motion to read "regular" instead of "daily" and the amended motion was unanimously adopted on the proposal of Cllr. Nolan seconded by Cllr. Hynes.

#### House Sales.

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

"That this Borough Council calls on the Department to allow the sale of certain houses at realistic prices particularly where market value bears no relationship to the building cost".

During discussion on the motion the Town Clerk stated that:-

- The price of a local authority house will be its market value, as determined by the local authority in its existing state of repair and condition, less discounts. The structural condition of the house will be taken into account and any increase in the market value due to improvements made to the house will be disregarded in calculating the price.
- A tenant can contest a local authority valuation by submitting a valuation certificate from a qualified valuer to support their claim. In the event of a significant difference between the authority's original valuation and that submitted by the tenant, the authority would refer the matter to the Valuation Office.

#### First Time Buvers Grant.

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

"That this Borough Council calls on the Minister to increase the first time home buyers grant from £3,000 to £6,000".

#### Wexford General Hospital.

The following motion was proposed by Cllr. Hynes seconded by Cllr. Carr:-

The Borough Council calls on Wexford County Council to install a pedestrian crossing/overpass in the vicinity of the Traffic Lights opposite Wexford General Hospital especially in view of the new road (from Coolcotts Lane via Carriglawn) exiting near this spot".

In reply to the motion His Worship the Mayor stated that arising from a meeting of the District Committee of Wexford County Council which he had attended, he was aware of the views of that committee who are pursuing a solution to the problem. Following further discussion the motion was unanimously adopted.

## Illegal parking at island - junction of The Faythe/William Street.

The following motion was proposed by Cllr. Hynes seconded by His Worship the Mayor:-

"To prevent the illegal parking on the double lines that is taking place (by Brady's Pub) at the island, at the junction between The Faythe and William Street which is a danger to motorists and is disturbing the residents who use the seat to relax, at this spot. This Council agrees to the placing of small bollards or barriers to prevent this continuing nuisance".

A lengthy discussion ensued to which all members contributed following which it was agreed that the Borough Engineer would investigate the matter and report to the next G.P. Committee Meeting.

#### Life Belts on Quay Front.

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

"That this Borough Council, in advance of the life belts being erected along the Quay Front and Bridge, have the bye-laws amended to substantially increase the existing penalties, for damaging, interfering with or rendering them unusable. Further, if the Council does not have the power to make the required amendment, that they request the relevant Authority to do so".

In reply to the motion the Town Clerk stated:-

- Wexford Corporation, as part of the Main Drainage Scheme, will be providing a number of life belts along the quay front and will request Wexford County Council to replace those on the bridge.
- Penalties provided for in the Local Government (Sanitary Services) Act 1948 as amended by E.P.A. Act 1992 are:-
  - A fine of up to £1,000 or 1 month in jail, or both.
- The possibility of an alarm system, if feasible.

Following further discussion the motion was unanimously adopted.

#### 'Green Machine' Road Sweeper.

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

"That this Borough Council seriously consider using the services of the existing 'green machine' road sweeper".

In response to lengthy discussion the Town Clerk stated that in 1985 Wexford Corporation had adopted Bye-Laws which provided for property owners keeping the front of their premises free of litter. With a few notable exceptions the cleaning of the streets was left to the traditional Corporation sweepers. Under the Litter Pollution Act 1997, this innovative bye-law was included in national legislation, so the present situation is that all property owners in town are responsible for the front of their

premises. The Town Clerk further welcomed the new Company 'Another Fine Mess' and stated that a number of meetings had been held with the principals of the company to examine options which would provide for the Company and Wexford Corporation operating in a complimentary rather than confrontational manner. This was noted by the meeting and following further discussion the motion was unanimously adopted.

#### Joseph Street Housing Scheme.

The following motion was proposed by Ald. A. Fenlon seconded by Cllr. P. Roche:-

"That this Borough Council when naming their new housing estate in Joseph Street would consider linking it to the name of Michael Collins who visited that area".

During discussion on the motion His Worship the Mayor stated that it would be appropriate for the residents of the scheme to decide on the naming of same and it was agreed to hold a plebiscite among the residents for this purpose.

#### **QUESTIONS.**

#### Mannix Place.

In reply to Cllr. P. Roche the Borough Engineer stated that tenders were presently being prepared for the roads at Mannix Place, G.A.A. Park and Bride Street Car Park.

#### Windows - Mount George.

In reply to Ald. Fenlon the Borough Engineer stated that discussions were taking place with the Department Inspector and his advice sought on the making of a submission to the Department of Environment.

#### Private Sites - Coolcotts.

In reply to Ald. Fenlon the Town Clerk stated that the private sites at Coolcotts would be allocated before the end of June 2000.

#### Environmental Works - Wolfe Tone Villas.

In reply to Ald. Fenlon the Town Clerk stated that tenders had been opened on the day of the meeting and that a report and recommendations on same would now be submitted to the Department of Environment for approval and work would commence as soon as Departmental approval issued.

#### **GENERAL PURPOSE COMMITTEE MEETING.**

It was agreed that the above meeting would be held at 7.30 p.m. on Monday 26<sup>th</sup> June, 2000.

## THIS CONCLUDED THE BUSINESS OF THE MEETING.

SIGNED THIS DAY OF 2000.

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MAYOR OF WEXFORD.

## MINUTES OF PROTOCOL COMMITTEE MEETING OF WEXFORD BOROUGH COUNCIL HELD AT 6.30 P.M. ON MONDAY 12<sup>TH</sup> JUNE, 2000 IN THE COUNCIL CHAMBER, MUNICIPAL BUILDINGS, WEXFORD.

Presiding:- His Worship the Mayor, Alderman T. Howlin. Aldermen:- P. Reck. Councillors:- P. Roche, D.M. Kiernan. In Attendance:- Mr. D.F. Curtin, Town Clerk.

## BARRY CEREMONY.

His Worship the Mayor outlined the arrangements for the Ceremony on 25<sup>th</sup> June, 2000 and informed the meeting that the Minister for Defence would attend. He further stated that the usual format for the Ceremony would apply and this was noted and agreed by the meeting.

#### LUGO.

His Worship the Mayor stated that, as discussed at the previous meeting, he had signed a Friendship Pact between Wexford and Lugo, Italy. This was welcomed by the meeting and the Mayor outlined the structural supports which Lugo hoped to obtain from the E.U. to facilitate the development of the relationship. This was noted by the meeting and it was recommended to proceed accordingly.

#### YELLOWBELLIES.

His Worship the Mayor stated that following consideration, he recommended the following groups would be allocated £1,000 each from the fund generated by the millennium launch of the Yellowbelly currency:-

- Dawn House
- Ard Aoibhin
- Wexford Able Disabled
- Windmill Therapeutic Centre
- Clonard Youth Club
- Clonard Community Games
- STEPS
- Wexford Youth Theatre

On the proposal of Ald. Reck seconded by Cllr. Roche it was recommended that the Borough Council proceed accordingly.

#### SEMINAR - LOCAL GOVERNMENT BILL 2000.

It was agreed to recommend that the Corporation would be represented at this Seminar.

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THIS CONCLUDED THE BUSINESS OF THE MEETING.SIGNED THISDAY OF2000.

MAYOR OF WEXFORD.

MINUTES OF GENERAL PURPOSES COMMITTEE MEETING OF WEXFORD BOROUGH COUNCIL HELD AT 7.30 P.M. ON MONDAY 26<sup>TH</sup> JUNE, 2000 IN THE COUNCIL CHAMBER, MUNICIPAL BUILDINGS, WEXFORD.

Presiding:- His Worship the Mayor, Alderman T. Howlin. Aldermen:- P. Reck, A. Fenlon, M. Furlong. Councillors:- G. Byrne, A. Kelly, P. Nolan, P. Roche, D. Hynes, T. Carr, D.M. Kiernan, J. Roche.

<u>In Attendance:-</u> Mr. J. Hutchinson, Manager. Mr. D.F. Curtin, Town Clerk. Mr. T. Fahey, Borough Engineer. Ms. A. Laffan, Housing Officer.

#### DEPUTATION - WESTGATE PARK RESIDENTS ASSOCIATION.

His Worship the Mayor welcomed the deputation consisting of Ms. Gertrude Reid, Ms. Carmel Conroy, Ms. Emma Fitzgerald and Ms. Helen Roche to the meeting.

Ms. Gertrude Reid on behalf of the deputation then outlined the following points:-

- Traffic hazard being created on cul-de-sac street particularly during school term and during Court.
- Motorists parking for shopping purposes.
- 45 small children in estate.

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• Street cleaning only concentrates on areas outside two bungalows and beyond *V.E.C. – Requested clarification on who is responsible for street cleaning.* 

Ms. Emma Fitzgerald then addressed the meeting and stated that:-

- Yellow lines were not the solution
- Vehicles were entering to gain access to V.E.C.

Questions raised by members were answered by the deputation following which His Worship the Mayor thanked the deputation for their attendance and submissions. Following their departure, Ald. Reck stated that a discussion would be held at the next County Wexford V.E.C. meeting re access/egress to the school. It was further agreed that the matter would be discussed at the next Traffic Management Committee Meeting.

#### **REOUEST FOR DEPUTATION FROM PARK RESIDENTS ASSOCIATION.**

On the proposal of Cllr. Byrne seconded by Cllr. Nolan it was unanimously agreed to receive a deputation at the next General Purposes Committee Meeting.

## MOTIONS – A.M.A.I. CONFERENCE.

It was noted by the meeting that no motions had been forwarded for consideration at the above conference.

## ELECTIONOF CHAIRPERSONS – MUNICIPAL POLICY COMMITTEES.

Nominations were then invited to elect Chairpersons to the two M.P.C.'s i.e. Planning & Environment Committee and Transportation, Social Housing, Community & Cultural Development Committee.

### Planning & Environment Committee.

Ald. T. Howlin was proposed by Ald. Fenlon seconded by Cllr. Furlong and unanimously agreed.

Transportation, Social Housing, Community & Cultural Development Committee.

Cllr. T. Carr was proposed by Ald. Reck seconded by Cllr. Nolan and unanimously agreed.

It was further agreed that the two M.P.C.'s would schedule meetings as soon as possible.

### AMENITY/CULTRUAL GRANTS 2000.

The attached list of Amenity/Cultural Grants, copies of which had previously been circulated was then considered and following discussion unanimously agreed. It was further agreed that the following Associations/Groups who had made late applications would be included in the 2000 allocations:-

Kennedy Park Residents Association. Pineridge Residents Association. Fisher's Row Residents Association. Wolfe Tone Villas Playscheme. Maudlintown Playscheme.

Cllr. Kelly requested that the allocation for the Wexford Deaf Association be increased and in reply the Town Clerk stated that this would be reviewed subject to available funding.

## PLANNING & DEVELOPMENT BILL 1999.

A discussion on the Bill, copies of which had previously been circulated then ensued to which all members contributed. Following this discussion the members noted the contents of the Bill.

## REPORTS.

## Wexford Quay Front.

The attached report from the Town Clerk, copies of which had previously been circulated was then considered. Following lengthy discussion to which all members contributed the report was unanimously adopted on the proposal of Cllr. Kiernan seconded by Cllr. Carr. Questions raised were answered by the Town Clerk.

## Multi-Storey Car Park development at Custom House Ouay.

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

## Redmond Park.

The attached report from the Town Clerk, copies of which had previously been circulated, was then considered and following discussion to which all members contributed, unanimously adopted on the proposal of Cllr. Byrne seconded by Ald. Reck.

## Draft Development Plan for Wexford Town & Environs, 1999.

The attached report from the Town Clerk, copies of which had previously been circulated, was then considered and following discussion to which all members contributed, unanimously adopted on the proposal of Cllr. G. Byrne seconded by Cllr. T. Carr.

### Westgate Heritage Centre.

The attached report from the Town Clerk, copies of which had previously been circulated, was then considered and following discussion unanimously adopted on the proposal of Cllr. Nolan seconded by Ald. Reck.

## Local Authority Housing Programme 2000.

The attached report from the Town Clerk, copies of which had previously been circulated, was then considered and following discussion noted.

## Corporation lands at Industrial Estate.

The attached report from the Housing Officer, copies of which had previously been circulated, was then considered and following discussion unanimously adopted on the proposal of Cllr. Byrne seconded by Cllr. Nolan.

## Wolfe Tone Villas Environmental Works.

The attached report from the Housing Officer, copies of which had previously been circulated was then considered and following discussion unanimously adopted on the proposal of Ald. Reck seconded by Cllr. Byrne.

## SUMMARY OF CORRESPONDENCE.

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

## <u>Item 2.</u>

The following resolution from Naas U.D.C. was unanimously agreed on the proposal of Ald. Fenlon seconded by His Worship the Mayor:-

"That this Council should call on the Minister for Health to pass legislation permitting every resident of the State to be given a copy of their medical records, including those made by their GP as a matter of right."

## Item 5.

A letter from Jim Fitzsimons, M.E.P. re BNFL was then considered and welcomed by the members. Following discussion it was agreed that the Town Clerk would reply on behalf of the Borough Council.

## Item 14.

A letter from Private Secretary to Minister for the Marine & Natural Resources re Bass Fishing was welcomed by the meeting.

## Item 18.

The following resolution from Gorey Town Commissioners was unanimously agreed on the proposal of Cllr. Nolan seconded by Cllr. Byrne:-

"On the proposition of Comm. Lorcan Allen, seconded by Comm. Malcolm Byrne, it was unanimously agreed that Gorey Town Commissioners call on the Minister for Education & Science, Dr. Michael Woods, T.D., to grant a Third Level Education Centre to Wexford as a matter of urgency".

## PLANNING.

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

THIS CONCLUDED THE BUSINESS OF THE MEETING. SIGNED THIS DAYOF 2000.

MAYOR OF WEXFORD.

MINUTES OF ANNUAL MEETING OF WEXFORD BOROUGH COUNCIL HELD AT 7.30 P.M. ON MONDAY 3<sup>RD</sup> JULY, 2000 IN THE ARTS CENTRE, CORNMARKET, WEXFORD.

Presiding:- His Worship the Mayor, Ald. T. Howlin.
Aldermen:- P. Reck, A. Fenlon, M. Furlong.
Councillors:- G. Byrne, A. Kelly, P. Nolan, P. Roche, D. Hynes, T. Carr, D.M. Kiernan, J. Roche.

In Attendance:-

Mr. S. Dooley, County Manager. Mr. D.F. Curtin, Town Clerk. Mr. T. Fahey, Borough Engineer. Mr. P. Collins, Borough Accountant. Ms. A. Laffan, Housing Officer. Mr. J.J. O'Connor, Solicitor.

At the outset of the meeting His Worship the Mayor outlined the principal events during his year of office including the Millennium Celebration and the affording of the Freedom of the Borough on the Franciscan Order. He thanked his fellow members, officers of the Corporation and press for their help and co-operation during his year of office.

#### ELECTION OF MAYOR.

His Worship the Mayor then called for nominations for the Office of Mayor and these were made as follows:-

<u>Nominee</u>	Proposed By	<u>Seconded By</u>
Ald. M. Furlong Cllr. P. Nolan Cllr. D. Hynes Cllr. P. Roche	Ald. P. Reck Cllr. G. Byrne Ald. T. Howlin Ald. A. Fenlon	Cllr. J. Roche Cllr. D.M. Kiernan Cllr. T. Carr Cllr. P. Roche

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

In Favour of Ald. Furlong – 4 (Ald. Reck, Ald. Furlong, Cllr. Kelly, Cllr. J. Roche) In Favour of Cllr. Nolan – 3 (Cllr. Byrne, Cllr. Nolan, Cllr. D.M. Kiernan). In Favour of Cllr. Hynes – 3 (Ald. Howlin, Cllr. Hynes, Cllr. Carr). In Favour of Cllr. P. Roche – 2 (Ald. Fenlon, Cllr. P. Roche).

Councillor P. Roche was then eliminated and a further poll taken which resulted as follows:-

In Favour of Ald. Furlong – 4 (Ald. Reck, Ald. Furlong, Cllr. Kelly, Cllr. J. Roche). In Favour of Cllr. P. Nolan – 5 (Ald. Fenlon, Cllr. Byrne, Cllr. Nolan, Cllr. P. Roche, Cllr. D.M. Kiernan). In Favour of Cllr. Hynes – 3 (Ald. Howlin, Cllr. Hynes, Cllr. Carr).

*Councillor D. Hynes was then eliminated and a further poll taken which resulted as follows:-*

In Favour of Ald. Furlong – 4 (Ald. Reck, Ald. Furlong, Cllr. Kelly, Cllr. J. Roche). In Favour of Cllr. Nolan – 8 (Ald. Howlin, Ald. Fenlon, Cllr. Byrne, Cllr. Nolan, Cllr. P. Roche, Cllr. Hynes, Cllr. Carr, Cllr. Kiernan).

The majority being in favour of Cllr. Nolan, Cllr. Nolan was declared elected to hold the Office of Mayor until the Annual Meeting due to be held on a day not being more than 14 days before or after the anniversary of this meeting. Cllr. Nolan then assumed the Robe and Chain of Office and the Chair of the meeting.

His Worship the Mayor then thanked his proposer and seconder and the members of the Borough Council for electing him to the high office of Mayor of Wexford and stated that he looked forward to serving his native town over the next 12 months. He further stated that during his term of office he intended to address the following items in particular:-

- Litter Campaign.
- Local Government Bill 2000.
- Parks & Recreation areas anti-vandalism campaign.

All members then congratulated the incoming Mayor and paid tribute to the outgoing Mayor.

*Mr. S. Dooley, Manager also congratulated the newly elected Mayor and paid tribute to the outgoing Mayor and referred to:-*

- Imminent finish of Quay Extension.
- Traffic growth and need for devising new strategies.
- Need to further develop marketing strategy for town.
- Need for litter solution.

He further stated that the Mayor could expect his full support during his term of office.

#### ELECTION OF DEPUTY MAYOR.

His Worship the Mayor then called for nominations for the office of Deputy Mayor and these were made as follows:-

<u>Nominee</u>	Proposed By	<u>Seconded By</u>
Cllr. G. Byrne	Cllr. D.M. Kiernan	Cllr. P. Nolan, Mayor
Cllr. J. Roche	Ald. M. Furlong	Cllr. A. Kelly.

A poll was taken which resulted as follows:-In Favour of Cllr. Byrne – 8 (Ald. Howlin, Ald. Fenlon, Cllr. Byrne, Cllr. Nolan, Cllr. P. Roche, Cllr. Hynes, Cllr. Carr, Cllr. Kiernan). In Favour of Cllr. Roche – 4 (Ald. Reck, Ald. Furlong, Cllr. Kelly, Cllr. J. Roche)

The majority being in favour of Cllr. Byrne, Cllr. Byrne was declared elected to hold the Office of Deputy Mayor until the Annual Meeting due to be held on a day not being more than 14 days before or after the anniversary of this meeting.

#### ORDINARY MEETINGS.

On the proposal of Ald. Howlin seconded by Cllr. Kiernan it was agreed that the Ordinary Meetings of the Borough Council would be held on the 1<sup>st</sup> Monday of each month with the exception of August. It was further agreed that when the 1<sup>st</sup> Monday fell on a Bank Holiday, the meeting would be scheduled for the Tuesday.

## SUB-REGIONAL REVIEW COMMITTEE TO MONITOR THE IMPLEMENTATION OF THE COMMUNITY SUPPORT FRAMEWORK.

Nominations were then invited to appoint one member to the above committee and these were made as follows:-

Nominee	Proposed By	Seconded By
Cllr. T. Carr	Ald. T. Howlin	Cllr. D. Hynes
Ald. P. Reck	Cllr. A. Kelly	Ald. M. Furlong

In Favour of Cllr. Carr – 8(Ald. Howlin, Ald. Fenlon, Cllr. Byrne, Cllr. Nolan, Cllr. P. Roche, Cllr. Hynes, Cllr. Carr, Cllr. Kiernan). In Favour of Ald. Reck – 4(Ald. Reck, Ald. Furlong, Cllr. Kelly, Cllr. J. Roche).

Following the poll Cllr. Carr was appointed nominee to the above committee.

## THIS CONCLUDED THE BUSINESS OF THE MEETING.

SIGNED THIS DAY OF 2000.

MAYOR OF WEXFORD.

## MINUTES OF MONTHLY MEETING OF WEXFORD BOROUGH COUNCIL HELD AT 7.30 P.M. ON MONDAY 4<sup>TH</sup> SEPTEMBER, 2000 IN THE COUNCIL CHAMBER, MUNICIPAL BUILDINGS, WEXFORD.

Presiding:- His Worship the Mayor, Councillor P. Nolan. Aldermen:- P. Reck, T. Howlin, A. Fenlon. Councillors:- G. Byrne, A. Kelly, P. Nolan, P. Roche, D. Hynes, T. Carr, D.M. Kiernan, J. Roche.

Apologies from Ald. Fenlon for his inability to attend the meeting were noted.

In Attendance:-Mr. J. Hutchinson, Manager. Mr. D.F. Curtin, Town Clerk. Mr. T. Fahey, Borough Engineer. Ms. A. Laffan, Housing Officer.

#### VOTES OF SYMPATHY.

On the proposal of His Worship the Mayor seconded by Cllr. Byrne a unanimous vote of sympathy was extended to the partner and family of the late Mr. Eamonn Dempsey, R.I.P. retired employee of Wexford Corporation.

On the proposal of His Worship the Mayor seconded by Cllr. Byrne a unanimous vote of sympathy was extended to the brothers and family of the late Mr. Peter Healy, R.I.P., an employee of Wexford Corporation.

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

#### MULTI-STOREY CAR PARK - PAUL OUAY.

His Worship the Mayor referred to the recent decision of An Bord Pleanala to refuse permission for the development of this site. A lengthy discussion ensued to which all members contributed and arising out of which it was agreed unanimously on the proposal of Ald. Reck seconded by Cllr. Byrne to write to An Bord Pleanala to express protest at their decision and express their grave disappointment at it and outlining the implications for the centre town commercial centre of the refusal.

#### MINUTES.

The minutes of the Monthly Meeting held on  $12^{th}$  June, 2000 and Annual Meeting held on  $3^{rd}$  July, 2000, copies of which had previously been circulated were confirmed and signed on the proposal of Ald. Howlin seconded by Cllr. Byrne.

The minutes of the following Committee Meetings and the recommendations contained therein were confirmed and signed on the proposal of Cllr. Byrne seconded by Cllr. Carr:-

- a. Protocol Meeting held on 12<sup>th</sup> June, 2000.
- b. General Purposes Meeting held on 26<sup>th</sup> June, 2000.
- c. Emergency Meeting held on 31<sup>st</sup> July, 2000.

#### LOCAL AUTHORITY MEMBERS INSURANCE SCHEME.

The Local Authority Members Insurance Scheme, copies of which had previously been circulated was then considered and noted.

## DRAFT BYE-LAWS REGULATING THE USE AND ENJOYMENT OF OPEN SPACES/DRAFT BYE-LAWS WITH RESPECT TO THE CONSUMPTION OF INTOXICATING LIOUOR IN PUBLIC PLACES.

The above Bye-Laws, copies of which had previously been circulated were then considered and following discussion it was unanimously agreed on the proposal of Ald. Howlin seconded by Cllr. Byrne to proceed with the public consultation procedure.

#### MOTIONS.

#### Seating at John Barry Statue.

The following motion was proposed by His Worship the Mayor seconded by Cllr. Byrne:-

"That this Borough Council replaces the seats in the area of the John Barry Statue".

In reply to the motion the Borough Engineer stated that the seating would be replaced with the same type of seating as on the new Quay Extension. It was further agreed to raise the Seaman's Plaque.

#### Parking at Liam Mellows Park.

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

"In view of the fact that Wexford Corporation had intended to provide car access and parking outside Nos. 147 to 150 Liam Mellows Park some years ago, I move that we proceed with this work as quickly as possible".

#### Refuse Cost.

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

"In view of the serious increase in cost for the disposal of waste which in turn will necessitate a charge per household of up to £450, we move that the State be asked to cover this cost as pensioners, widows, low paid workers and unemployed could never be able to cope with such a charge".

Following discussion to which all members contributed a vote on the motion was taken which resulted as follows:-

In Favour:- Ald. Reck, Cllr. J. Roche (2). Against:- Ald. Howlin, Ald. Fenlon, Cllrs. Byrne, Kelly, Nolan, P. Roche, D. Hynes, T. Carr, D.M. Kiernan (9).

Following the vote the motion was declared lost.

#### REPORT OF COUNTY MANAGER.

His Worship the Mayor then welcomed the County Manager to the meeting. The County Manager then presented the attached report to the meeting. Questions raised were answered by the Manager and the report presented was welcomed and praised as comprehensive. The County Manager then departed from the meeting.

#### **Emergency Lighting System.**

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

"That this Borough Council install an emergency lighting system in the houses and flats of its elderly tenants".

It was further agreed to include smoke alarms.

#### Refuse Charges.

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

"In order to encourage recycling/composting and also to reduce cost of refuse charges for elderly or living alone, this Council agrees to introduce a tag-a-bag system."

In reply to the motion the Town Clerk stated that recycling/composting programmes have been operated by Wexford Local Authorities for a number of years. He further stated that the overall cost of refuse collection is the basis for the refuse charge and reduction

for one would mean an increase for someone else. Following further discussion the motion was unanimously adopted.

### Essential Repair Grant 2000.

The following motion was proposed by Cllr. Hynes seconded by Cllr. Carr and following discussion unanimously agreed:-

"Because of the bad repair of many of the houses of our elderly occupants, this Council should apply to the Department of Environment to draw down the necessary funds for the Essential Repair Grant 2000, as soon as possible".

#### **Ouav** Extension.

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

"That this Borough Council make the New Quay Extension an 'Alcohol Free Area' extending from the Talbot Hotel up to and including the Inshore Rescue site".

It was further agreed that signs would be erected.

## Ferrybank Complex.

The following motion was proposed by Cllr. Byrne seconded by Cllr. Kiernan and following discussion unanimously agreed:-

"That this Corporation put in place at Ferrybank a notice at entrance to Ferrybank Complex that full caravan and camping charges are due beyond this point".

#### Cleaning & Refuse Services.

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

"That this Corporation have a full review of all cleaning and refuse services in Wexford Town".

During discussion on the motion it was noted, as per the County Manager's Report, that the Borough Engineer would report on same to the next General Purposes Committee Meeting. Following further discussion the motion was unanimously adopted.

## OUESTIONS.

## Pebble-dashing at Talbot Green/Green Street.

In reply to Cllr. Hynes the Borough Engineer stated that the submission had been made to the Department of Environment. He further stated that he would check with the Assistant Borough Engineer regarding the up-to-date position re same, on his return from holidays.

## Traffic Island at The Faythe/William Street (beside Brady's Pub).

In reply to Cllr. Hynes the Borough Engineer stated that this matter had been referred to Wexford County Council and that a favourable response had not been forthcoming.

### **Ouavfront.**

In reply to Cllr. Byrne the Town Clerk stated that the Quayfront would be fully open before the 2000 Opera Festival.

### Public Lighting.

In reply to Cllr. Byrne the Town Clerk stated that the public lighting contact was completed.

## MEETINGS.

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

- > Protocol Meeting 6.30 p.m. on 25<sup>th</sup> September, 2000.
- ➢ General Purposes Meeting − 7.30 p.m. on 25<sup>th</sup> September, 2000.
- Traffic Management Meeting 7.30 p.m. on 9th October, 2000.

## NOMINATION OF SUBSTITUTE DELEGATE – A.M.A.I. CONFERENCE.

On the proposal of Cllr. J. Roche seconded by Cllr. Carr it was agreed that Ald. Reck would be appointed substitute delegate to attend the above Conference in place of Cllr. J. Roche.

## TOWN TWINNING - TRIP TO COUERON.

It was agreed that three members of the Borough Council would visit Coueron as part of the Town Twinning exchange. The following members were then nominated:-

*Cllr. Kiernan on the proposal of Ald. Reck seconded by Ald. Howlin. Cllr. P. Roche on the proposal of Ald. Howlin seconded by Ald. Reck. Cllr. A. Kelly on the proposal of Cllr. Kiernan seconded by Ald. Reck.* 

## THIS CONCLUDED THE BUSINESS OF THE MEETING.

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MINUTES OF EMEGERNCY MEETING OF WEXFORD BOROUGH COUNCIL HELD AT 7.30 P.M. ON MONDAY 31<sup>ST</sup> JULY, 2000 IN THE COUNCIL CHAMBER, MUNICIPAL BUILDINGS, WEXFORD.

Presiding:- His Worship the Mayor, Cllr. P. Nolan. Aldermen:- P. Reck, A. Fenlon. Councillors:- G. Byrne, A. Kelly, P. Roche, D. Hynes, T. Carr, J. Roche.

Apologies from Ald. Howlin, Ald. Furlong & Cllr. D.M. Kiernan for their inability to attend the meeting were noted.

In Attendance:-

Mr. J. Pierce, Acting Assistant County Manager. Mr. P. Collins, Acting Town Clerk. Ms. A. Laffan, Housing Officer.

His Worship the Mayor reported on his meetings with the Mayors of Sligo, Clonmel and Kilkenny and outlined the type of campaign being run in those towns to oppose the loss of status/functions under the Local Government Bill 2000. He outlined the impact on the people of the town if status/functions were lost to Wexford. He then called on the media to highlight the issue.

A lengthy discussion ensued to which all members contributed following which it was unanimously agreed on the proposal of Cllr. Carr seconded by Cllr. J. Roche to :-

• Write to Minister

• Prepare leaflet and petition to the Minister.

#### THIS CONCLUDED THE BUSINESS OF THE MEETING.

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MAYOR OF WEXFORD.

MINUTES OF PROTOCOL COMMITTEE MEETING OF WEXFORD BOROUGH COUNCIL HELD AT 6.30 P.M. ON MONDAY 25<sup>TH</sup> SEPTEMBER, 2000 IN THE COUNCIL CHAMBER, MUNICIPAL BUILDINGS, WEXFORD.

Presiding:- His Worship the Mayor, Cllr. P. Nolan. Aldermen:- P. Reck. Councillors:- D.M. Kiernan.

Apologies from Cllr. P. Roche for her inability to attend the meeting were noted.

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

## TOWN TWINNING.

The Town Clerk outlined a request received from Mr. Chris Osborne, Vice President, Tenby Chamber of Trade & Tourism regarding the possibility of town twinning. Following discussion it was agreed to discuss this request at the next meeting of the Protocol Committee.

On the proposal of Cllr. Kiernan it was agreed that the Mayor and Town Clerk would meet with the officers of the Wexford Twinning Council to discuss the twinning between Wexford and Coueron.

#### CONFERENCES/SEMINARS.

The attached list of conferences/seminars was then considered. Following discussion it was agreed to recommend that two delegates plus the Mayor would attend at Conference Nos. 8 and 13. It was further agreed to recommend that the Mayor and Housing Officer would attend at Conference No. 11.

#### CIVIC RECEPTIONS.

On the proposal of His Worship the Mayor it was agreed to recommend that Civic Receptions be afforded to the following:-

County Wexford Senior Children's Choir – 17<sup>th</sup> October, 2000.

Wexford Golf Club on the occasion of their 40<sup>th</sup> Anniversary.

THIS CONCLUDED THE BUSINESS OF THE MEETING.

SIGNED THIS DAY OF 2000.

MAYOR OF WEXFORD.

## MINUTES OF GENERAL PURPOSES COMMITTEE MEETING OF WEXFORD BOROUGH COUNCIL HELD AT 7.30 P.M. ON MONDAY 25<sup>TH</sup> SEPTEMBER, 2000 IN THE COUNCIL CHAMBER, MUNICIPAL BUILDINGS, WEXFORD.

Presiding:- His Worship the Mayor, Cllr. P. Nolan. Aldermen:- P. Reck, T. Howlin, A. Fenlon, M. Furlong. Councillors:- G. Byrne, A. Kelly, D. Hynes, T. Carr, D.M. Kiernan.

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

In Attendance:- Mr. J. Hutchinson, Manager. Mr. D.F. Curtin, Town Clerk. Mr. T. Fahey, Borough Engineer. Ms. A. Laffan, Housing Officer.

## **DEPUTATION – PARK RESIDENTS ASSOCIATION.**

At the outset His Worship the Mayor welcomed the deputation to the meeting. Mr. A. Pender on behalf of Park Residents Association presented the case for the development of an amenity park/sports centre on the site of the former town dump at Carcur. Mr. J. Forde presented the attached submission and stated that substantial grant funding was available under the Government's Sports Capital Development Fund.

A discussion then ensued to which all members contributed following which questions raised by members were answered by the deputation. It was agreed that the Mayor and Town Clerk would meet with promoters to further discuss and develop the promoters proposals. The Mayor then thanked the deputation for their attendance and presentation and the deputation departed from the meeting.

Mr. J. Forde then presented the attached submission re a proposal to provide a New Wexford Arts Development and stated that the Access Fund Application for Arts Grants deadline was 31s<sup>t</sup> October, 2000. Following discussion it was agreed that the Mayor and Town Clerk would meet with Mr. Forde and other proposers to discuss the proposal.

#### SKATEBOARDING.

His Worship the Mayor then read a letter from 2 skate- boarders requesting facilities for their sport. Following discussion it was agreed that the Town Clerk would pursue a proposal to develop facilities in conjunction with the forthcoming estimates.

#### SEAMAN'S MASS.

His Worship the Mayor announced that the Annual Seaman's Mass would be held at 10.30 a.m. on Sunday 15<sup>th</sup> October, 2000 in Bride Street Church.

## CONFERENCES/SEMINARS.

The attached list of conferences/seminars was then considered. Following discussion it was agreed that following members would attend at Conference Nos. 8, 11 and 13:-

## Conference No. 8.

*Cllr. T. Carr on the proposal of Ald. Howlin seconded by Cllr. Byrne. Cllr. Byrne on the proposal of Cllr. Kiernan seconded by His Worship the Mayor.* 

Conference No. 13.

*Cllr. Kiernan on the proposal of Cllr. Byrne seconded by Cllr. Carr. Cllr. Kelly on the proposal of Cllr. Byrne seconded by Cllr. Carr.* 

## Conference No. 11.

It was agreed that the Housing Officer would attend.

## CIVIC RECEPTIONS.

His Worship the Mayor proposed that that Civic Receptions be afforded as follows:-

- > Wexford Children's Choir.
- > Wexford Golf Club on the occasion of their  $40^{th}$  Anniversary.

A vote on both proposals was taken as follows:-

## Wexford Children's Choir.

In Favour:- Ald. Reck, Ald. Howlin, Cllrs. Byrne, Kelly, Nolan, Hynes, Carr, Kiernan (8).

Against:- Ald. Furlong (1).

The majority being in favour of the proposal, the proposal was declared carried.

## Wexford Golf Club.

In Favour:- Ald. Reck, Ald. Howlin, Cllrs. Byrne, Kelly, Nolan, Hynes, Carr, Kiernan (8).

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

The majority being in favour of the proposal, the proposal was declared carried.

## BRENDAN CORISH GARDENS RESIDENTS ASSOCIATION.

A request from Brendan Corish Gardens Residents Association for a deputation was then considered. Following discussion it was agreed on the proposal of Ald. Howlin seconded by Cllr. Carr to receive a deputation at the next General Purposes Committee Meeting.

## TIDY TOWNS REPORT.

The Tidy Town 2000 Results, copies of which had previously been circulated was then considered. A lengthy discussion ensued to which all members contributed in reply to which the Town Clerk stated that:-

- > The site at John Street corner was about to be developed ( the developer was currently in discussion with the Corporation).
- > A C.P.O. Notice had issued in relation to the Bride Street derelict house.
- A report from the Borough Engineer on Street Cleaning would address a number of issues raised.
- Suggested that M.P.C. consider the optimum strategy to set up a Tidy Towns Committee which will bring Wexford to National award winning status.

The latter suggestion was adopted and it was further agreed to write to Ferrycarrig Rowing Club to congratulate them on the success of the All-Ireland Rowing Competition and to also pay tribute to the Club for the excellent clean-up after competitions.

## SONIA O'SULLIVAN.

On the proposal of His Worship the Mayor a unanimous vote of congratulations was extended to Sonia O'Sullivan on her recent victory in the Olympics. The Town Clerk on his own behalf and on behalf of the staff associated with the vote of congratulations. It was further agreed on the proposal of His Worship the Mayor to nominate Sonia for the People of the Year Award.

## TRAINING/EDUCATION PROGRAMME FOR ELECTED MEMBERS.

It was agreed that the Protocol Committee would consider the above programme and make recommendations to a future meeting of the Borough Council.

## TIDY GARDENS/ESTATES COMPETITION 2000.

His Worship the Mayor announced the results of the 2000 competition (as attached). Following discussion it was agreed that the presentations would be made at a reception to be organised at a date and time by His Worship the Mayor.

## REPORTS.

## Review of Refuse Collection System/Street Cleaning.

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

## SUMMARY OF CORRESPONDENCE.

The attached list of Summary of Correspondence was then considered and noted.

## <u>Item 6.</u>

The following motion from Sligo Corporation was agreed on the proposal of Cllr. Kiernan seconded by Cllr. Byrne:-

"That Sligo Borough Council call on the Government to place an immediate moratorium on the construction of all mobile phone telecommunication masts in or near residential areas until such time as the health and safety implications of such masts are fully investigated. This motion to be circulated to all local authorities in the state".

## Item 4.

A letter from Department of Social, Community & Family Affairs outlining the improvements in the provisions for carers was noted. However, it was agreed on the proposal of Cllr. Hynes seconded by Cllr. Carr to request the Minister to continue with the improvements so as to accord with the Carers Association's request as outlined in the motion previously submitted.

## PLANNING.

Planning applications received since the previous G.P. Meeting, copies of which had previously been circulated, were noted.

In relation to Planning Ref. No. 5514, the Town Clerk agreed to report to the next meeting on legal position regarding alleged Right-of-Way.

THIS CONCLUDED THE BUSINESS OF THE MEETING.

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MAYOR OF WEXFORD.

## MINUTES OF MONTHLY MEETING OF WEXFORD BOROUGH COUNCIL HELD AT 7.30 P.M. ON MONDAY 2<sup>ND</sup> OCTOBER, 2000 IN THE COUNCIL CHAMBER, MUNICICPAL BUILDINGS, WEXFORD.

Presiding:- His Worship the Mayor, Cllr. P. Nolan. Aldermen:- P. Reck, T. Howlin, M. Furlong. Councillors:- A. Kelly, P. Roche, D. Hynes, T. Carr, D.M. Kiernan, J. Roche.

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

In Attendance:- Mr. D.F. Curtin, Town Clerk. Mr. T. Fahey, Borough Engineer. Ms. A. Laffan, Housing Officer.

## CIVIC RECEPTION - HANDBALLERS.

On the proposal of Cllr. Kiernan seconded by Ald. Howlin it was proposed to afford a Civic Reception to local handballers who had recently won 5 All-Ireland Titles. A vote on this proposal was taken which resulted as follows:-

In Favour:- Ald. Reck, Ald. Howlin, Cllrs. Kelly, Nolan, P. Roche, Hynes, Carr, D.M. Kiernan, J. Roche (9).

Against:- Ald. Furlong (1).

The majority being in favour of the proposal the proposal was declared carried and it was further agreed that the Protocol Committee would consider same and proceed accordingly.

#### CCTV.

His Worship the Mayor referred to a Sunday Times Article re CCTV for 20 towns and it was agreed on the proposal of Ald. Howlin seconded by Cllr. Kiernan that the Mayor and Town Clerk would meet with the Garda Superintendent to discuss same.

### MINUTES.

The minutes of the Monthly Meeting held on 4<sup>th</sup> September, 2000, copies of which had previously been circulated were confirmed and signed on the proposal of Ald. Howlin seconded by Cllr. Carr.

The minutes of the following Committee Meetings and the recommendations contained therein were confirmed and signed on the proposal of Cllr. Kiernan seconded by Ald. Howlin:-

(a) Protocol Meeting held on 25<sup>th</sup> September, 2000.
(b) General Purposes Meeting held on 25<sup>th</sup> September, 2000.

### DISPOSAL OF LAND.

On the proposal of Cllr. Kiernan seconded by Ald. Howlin it was unanimously agreed to authorise disposal of land at Roche's Terrace, Wexford, to Leonard & Patricia Whitty, 13, Roche's Terrace, Wexford, pursuant to the provisions of Section 83 of the Local Government Act, 1946 as amended by Section 88(2) of the Housing Act 1988 and in accordance with Notice dated 15<sup>th</sup> September, 2000.

#### EXCHANGE OF LAND.

On the proposal of Cllr. Carr seconded by Ald. Howlin it was unanimously agreed to authorise exchange of property at Whitemill Industrial Estate to Rosebush Properties Ltd., pursuant to the terms of Section 83 of the Local Government Act, 1946 as amended by Section 88 of the Housing Act, 1966 and in accordance with Notice dated 18<sup>th</sup> September, 2000.

#### RIGHT-OF-WAY.

On the proposal of Ald. Howlin seconded by Cllr. Carr it was unanimously agreed to authorise conveyance of right-of-way over Corporation property at Hantoon Road, Maudlintown, Wexford, to John & Patricia Kehoe pursuant to the provisions of Section 83 of the Local Government Act, 1946 as amended by Section 88(2) of the Housing Act, 1966 and in accordance with Notice dated 19<sup>th</sup> September, 2000.

#### URBAN ROADS PROGRAMME.

The attached report from the Borough Engineer, copies of which had previously been circulated, was then considered. Following lengthy discussion to which all members contributed the report was unanimously adopted on the proposal of Cllr. Kiernan seconded by Ald. Howlin.

#### MOTIONS.

#### Footpath at Gulbar Road.

The following motion was proposed by Cllr. Carr seconded by Ald. Furlong:-

"I call for the support of this Council to have the footpath at the end of Gulbar Road replaced and the loose stones which were put on removed".

In reply to the motion the Borough Engineer stated that the current position was temporary pending the environmental works in Maudlintown. This was noted by the meeting and the motion was unanimously adopted.

## Dock at Ferrybank.

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

"Now that berthing has returned to the new quayfront, we call on the Minister for the Marine to provide funding to upgrade the dock at Ferrybank to enable the mussel boats to unload at Ferrybank.

A lengthy discussion ensued to which all members contributed. In reply to the motion the Town Clerk stated that the motion needed broad consideration on a number of principles before being adopted, the principle issues being:-

- > Ownership of lands at Ferrybank and access to waterfront.
- The general usage of all of the waterfront in the harbour for leisure as well as for commercial purposes.
- The 'duchas' of Wexford as a working port (having an oil painting of boats berthed at the quayfront is not the same as the hustle and bustle of commercial operations).
- The 250m of vertical berthing and working dock was provided at an additional cost of £5,500 per metre length to provide for the commercial needs of the fishermen. It is not justifiable at this stage to seek further additionality to cater for the same needs.

During further discussion the Town Clerk suggested that the motion be deferred for 9/12 months to enable the pluses and minuses to be evaluated more clearly based on experience. It was then unanimously agreed to defer the motion until negotiations with all parties are completed.

## The Nuns Walk.

In reply to Cllr. Hynes the Borough Engineer stated that no acceptable response to request for tenders for resurfacing and upgrading the lighting on the right-of-way known as "The Nuns Walk" had been received and that the he was considering the possibility of direct labour.

## The Knock - St. Aidan's Crescent.

In reply to Cllr. Hynes the Borough Engineer stated that discussions are ongoing with the developer particularly with regard to the fence and fence line along St. Aidan's Crescent boundary. He further stated that the property line for fencing was yet to be resolved.

## MEETINGS.

On the proposal of Ald. Howlin seconded by Cllr. Kiernan it was agreed to schedule the following meetings:-

Statutory Estimates Meeting - 7.30 p.m. on 27<sup>th</sup> November, 2000.
 1<sup>st</sup> Preliminary Estimates Meeting - 7.30 p.m. on 7<sup>th</sup> November, 2000.

THIS CONCLUDED THE BUSINESS OF THE MEETING.

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MAYOR OF WEXFORD.

## MINUTES OF TRAFFIC MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE MEETING OF WEXFORD BOROUGH COUNCIL HELD AT 7.30 P.M. ON MONDAY 9<sup>TH</sup> OCTOBER, 2000 IN THE COUNCIL CHAMBER, MUNICIPAL BUILDINGS, WEXFORD.

Presiding:- His Worship the Mayor, Cllr. P. Nolan. Aldermen:- P. Reck, A. Fenlon. Councillors:- G. Byrne, A. Kelly, P. Roche, D. Hynes, T. Carr, D.M. Kiernan, J. Roche.

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

In Attendance:- Mr. D.F. Curtin, Town Clerk. Mr. T. Fahey, Borough Engineer. Ms. A. Laffan, Housing Officer. Sgt. P. Geoghegan, Gardai Siochana. Mr. D. Sinnott, Wexford Chamber of Industry & Commerce.

Apologies from Mr. J. Hutchinson, Manager, for his inability to attend the meeting were noted.

At the outset of the meeting His Worship the Mayor welcomed Mr. D. Sinnott as the new representative of Wexford Chamber of Industry & Commerce.

Liam Mellows Park.

The following motion was proposed by Cllr. Hynes seconded by Cllr. Carr:-

"That the 'ring' in Liam Mellows Park be made a one-way as a matter of urgency".

The report of the Borough Engineer, copies of which had previously been circulated, with regard to the above was noted following which the motion was unanimously adopted.

#### Pedestrian Crossing opposite Faythe School.

The following motion was proposed by Cllr. Hynes seconded by Cllr. Carr:-

"This Borough Council agrees to install a Pedestrian Crossing opposite the Faythe School."

In reply to the motion the Town Clerk referred to the discussion in relation to the housing development on an adjacent site and the traffic management requirements under that permission. Following discussion it was agreed on the suggestion of His Worship the Mayor that the Borough Engineer would report on the proposal to the next meeting of the Traffic Management Committee

### Westgate Park.

This item was deferred for consideration from the June G.P. Meeting at which the members had received a deputation from the Residents Association. Following discussion to which all members contributed it was agreed that the Mayor and Town Clerk would meet with the Chairman and C.E.O. of the V.E.C. to discuss same.

### REPORTS.

#### Disc Parking.

The attached report from the Town Clerk, copies of which had previously been circulated, was then considered. Following discussion it was unanimously agreed on the proposal of Ald. Reck seconded by Cllr. Byrne to introduce disc parking in School Street. It was further agreed on the proposal of Cllr. Byrne seconded by Ald. Reck that residents would again be consulted in relation to the possibility of introducing disc parking on the area of land adjoining the Presentation Convent at School Street.

#### Parking - The Bullring.

The attached report from the Town Clerk, copies of which had previously been circulated, was then considered and following discussion unanimously adopted on the proposal of Cllr. Byrne seconded by Ald. Fenlon. It was further agreed to consider providing yield signs and lines at The Bullring to regulate traffic in the area.

#### Draft Wexford Town & Environs Up-dated Traffic Management Study Proposal.

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

### <u>Report of Borough Engineer re Traffic Management Study/Capital Works/Liam</u> <u>Mellows Park One-way System/Waterloo Road-Davitt Road Junction-Yellow Lining.</u>

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

On the proposal of Ald. Reck seconded by Cllr. Kiernan it was agreed to place Double Yellow Lines at the steps to Rose Rock Terrace.

During discussion it was further agreed that a report would be submitted to the next meeting of the Borough Council on the possibility of reducing the pedestrian zone on the Main Street to 5.00 p.m. on Saturdays.

## THIS CONCLUDED THE BUSINESS OF THE MEETING.

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MINUTES OF MONTHLY MEETING OF WEXFORD BOROUGH COUNCIL HELD AT 7.30 P.M. ON MONDAY 6<sup>TH</sup> NOVEMBER, 2000 IN THE COUNCIL CHAMBER, MUNICIPAL BUILDINGS, WEXFORD.

Presiding:- His Worship the Mayor, Cllr. P. Nolan. Aldermen:- P. Reck, A. Fenlon, M. Furlong. Councillors:- G. Byrne, P. Roche, D. Hynes, T. Carr, D.M. Kiernan, J. Roche.

Apologies from Ald. Howlin and Cllr. Kelly for their inability to attend the meeting were noted.

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

#### **VOTE OF CONGRATULATIONS.**

On the proposal of His Worship the Mayor a unanimous vote of congratulations was extended to Wexford Festival Opera on the excellent running of the 2000 Wexford Opera Festival.

On the proposal of His Worship the Mayor a unanimous vote of congratulations was extended to the outdoor staff of Wexford Corporation and the Wexford Fire Service on the excellent work over the past days during the inclement weather conditions.

#### MINUTES.

The minutes of the Monthly Meeting held on  $2^{nd}$  October, 2000, copies of which had previously been circulated were confirmed and signed on the proposal of Cllr. Carr seconded by Cllr. Kiernan.

The minutes of the following Committee Meeting and the recommendations contained therein were confirmed and signed on the proposal of Cllr. Byrne seconded by Cllr. Carr:-

(a) Traffic Management Committee Meeting held on 9<sup>th</sup> October, 2000.

#### VACANCY - WEXFORD AREA PARTNERSHIP.

Nominations were then invited to fill the vacancy on the Wexford Area Partnership Board caused by the resignation of Ald. M. Furlong.

Cllr. D.M. Kiernan was nominated on the proposal of Cllr. Byrne seconded by Cllr. Carr.

Cllr. P. Roche was nominated on the proposal of Ald. Fenlon seconded by Cllr. J. Roche.

A vote was then taken on the nominations which resulted as follows:-

<u>In Favour of Cllr. Kiernan</u> – Cllr. Byrne, Cllr. Nolan, Cllr. Kiernan, Cllr. Carr, Cllr. Hynes, Ald. Reck (6).

In Favour of Cllr. P. Roche – Cllr. J. Roche, Ald. Fenlon, Cllr. P. Roche, Ald. Furlong (4).

Cllr. Kiernan was then declared Wexford Borough Council's nominee to the Board of Wexford Area Partnership.

## **REVISION OF REMUNERATION.**

On the proposal of Cllr. Byrne seconded by Cllr. Carr it was unanimously agreed to authorise revision of remuneration in accordance with Department of Environment & Local Government Circular No. EL 9/00 dated 6<sup>th</sup> October, 2000.

## REPORTS.

## Draft Development Plan for Wexford Town & Environs, 1999.

The attached report from Ms. A. Laffan, Senior Staff Officer, copies of which had previously been circulated was then considered and noted. Following discussion it was agreed that His Worship the Mayor would convene a Special Meeting of the Borough Council as suggested in the report.

Draft Bye-Laws with respect to the Consumption of Intoxicating Liquor in Public Places/Draft Bye-Laws Regulating the Use and Enjoyment of Open Spaces.

The attached report and Bye-Laws from Ms. A. Laffan, Senior Staff Officer, copies of which had previously been circulated were then considered and noted and following discussion unanimously adopted on the proposal of Cllr. Carr seconded by Cllr. Byrne.

### Provision of A.P.C. at Mann's Lane/South Main Street, Wexford.

The attached report from the Town Clerk, copies of which had previously been circulated was then considered and noted and following discussion unanimously adopted on the proposal of Ald. Reck seconded by Cllr. Byrne.

### MOTIONS.

## Wexford General Hospital.

The following motion was proposed by Cllr. Hynes seconded by Cllr. Carr and following discussion unanimously adopted:-

"This Council calls on the S.E.H.B. to ensure that post mortem facilities remain in Wexford General Hospital and not be transferred to Waterford Regional Hospital for the benefit of all the people of County Wexford."

It was further agreed to refer the motion to the Minister for Justice.

### Tax Relief.

The following motion was proposed by Cllr. Hynes seconded by Cllr. Carr and following discussion unanimously adopted:-

"This Council calls on the Minister of Finance to introduce tax relief – in the form of tax credits – worth approx.  $\pounds4,000$  p.a. ( $\pounds17$  p.w.) for working families with childcare costs. Pending this, equivalent cash payments of  $\pounds17$  p.w. to those with childcare costs who are unable to access and/or benefit fully from tax credits.

#### Lifebelts on Quay Front.

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

"That this Borough Council, as a matter of urgency, put in place on the new Quay Front, signage outlining the penalties for the interference to Lifebelts, and that this Borough Council approach the Department of the Marine to support them in offering a reward for information leading to a Prosecution of a person or persons seen to be interfering with or tendering Lifebelts unusable".

During discussion on the motion the Town Clerk stated that Bye-Law No. 18 of new Bye-Laws refers and include a fine of up to  $\pounds 1,000$ . He further stated that signs would be erected which would include signs for Bye-Laws adopted in relation to Consumption of Intoxicating Liquor in Public Places on the new Quay front. It was further agreed that the two missing lifebelts at the Bridge should be immediately replaced. Following further discussion the motion was unanimously adopted.

#### Crosstown Cemetery.

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

"That this Borough Council treat as a priority the upgrading and repairs to the pathways in Crosstown Cemetery".

During discussion on the motion the Town Clerk stated that the Management Committee proposal is being actively pursued and that he expected formal proposals for the next General Purposes Committee Meeting. He further stated that some limited works,

including upgrading of pathways would be undertaken (during November) in advance of this years estimates.

#### Social Welfare/Disability Benefits.

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

"In view of the long delays in hearing appeals and making decisions on appeals for Social Welfare and recipients of Disability Benefit, I move that this Borough Council strongly demands an immediate improvement in the process".

It was further agreed to circulate motion to all Local Authorities.

#### Public Toilets - South Main Street.

The following motion submitted by Ald. Reck was dealt with at Item 5 on the agenda (Reports – Provision of A.P.C. at Mann's Lane/South Main Street, Wexford):-

"That this Borough Council insists on the provision of public toilets in South Main Street immediately".

#### 64, Liam Mellows Park, Wexford.

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

"That this Borough Council request that the boundary wall which faces onto the walkway at 64, Liam Mellows Park be raised to a suitable height to finally afford the long suffering Murphy family at No. 64 the privacy and peace they are entitled to".

#### Municipal Bonds.

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

"Mindful of the need we have to find innovative ways to raise much needed funds to finance the running of this Borough Council, I propose that we prepare a submission on Municipal Bonds which would then have to be put before the Government for approval".

A lengthy discussion ensued to which all members contributed arising out of which it was agreed that the Assistant Town Clerk would submit a report to a future meeting of the Borough Council.

## Pebble dashing - Talbot Street/Green Street.

In reply to Cllr. Hynes the Borough Engineer stated that the resubmission for funding for pebble dashing of houses in Talbot Street/Green Street was with the Department of Environment & Local Government since 4<sup>th</sup> September, 2000 and awaiting response.

#### Cash Machine - South Main Street.

In reply to Ald. Reck the Town Clerk stated that the last attempt to achieve the provision of a cash machine in South Main Street failed. He further stated that he would again reactivate the request with all ATM providers.

### Disc Parking - Upper John Street.

In reply to Ald. Reck the Town Clerk stated that the extension of Disc Parking could be provided in Upper John Street but that the consultation process should be undertaken. He further stated that the next Traffic Management Committee would consider the process.

### MEETINGS.

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

- Special Meeting Development Plan 7.30 p.m. on 13<sup>th</sup> November, 2000.
- > Traffic Management Committee Meeting 7.30 p.m. on 21<sup>st</sup> November, 2000.
- General Purposes Committee Meeting 7.30 p.m. on 22<sup>nd</sup> November, 2000.

## THIS CONCLUDED THE BUSINESS OF THE MEETING.

SIGNED THIS DAY OF 2000.

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MAYOR OF WEXFORD.

## MINUTES OF STATUTORY ESTIMATES MEETING OF WEXFORD BOROUGH COUNCIL HELD AT 7.00 P.M. ON THURSDAY 13<sup>TH</sup> DECEMBER, 2000 IN THE COUNCIL CHAMBER, MUNICIPAL BUILDINGS, WEXFORD.

Presiding:- His Worship the Mayor, Cllr. P. Nolan.
Aldermen:- P. Reck, T. Howlin, A. Fenlon, M. Furlong.
Councillors:- G. Byrne, A. Kelly, P. Roche, D. Hynes, T. Carr, D.M. Kiernan, J. Roche.

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

At the outset of the meeting it was unanimously agreed on the proposal of Ald. Howlin seconded by Cllr. Byrne to defer the Adjourned Statutory Estimates Meeting to later in the evening.

#### VOTE OF SYMPATHY.

On the proposal of Cllr. Carr seconded by His Worship the Mayor a unanimous vote of sympathy was extended to Fr. Brian Allen, Freeman, on the death of his Brother. The Manager and Town Clerk on their own behalf and on behalf of the staff associated with the expression of sympathy. The vote was passed in silence, all standing.

#### ESTIMATE OF EXPENSES.

The Manager then read the attached report and a lengthy discussion ensued to which all members contributed.

The following changes to the Manager's estimate were then considered on the proposal of Cllr. Byrne seconded by Ald. Howlin:-Reduce Refuse Charge to £145.00 Reduce Rate Increase to 8% Increase rents by £2.00 Reduce Landfill -£8.312 Fireworks -£35.000 Comoradh -£15,000 Green Machine -£10,000 Trespan Rocks -£5,000 M.P.C. -£5.000 Entertainment -£3.000 Manager to identify £5,000 of exp. cuts  $Parking + \pounds 41,000$ Graveyard + £3,000Reduce Landfill contribution by £21,000

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On the proposal of Ald. Howlin seconded by Cllr. J. Roche it was unanimously agreed that the Borough Council would form a small committee to raise finance to ensure that the fireworks project can proceed.

On the proposal of Ald. Howlin seconded by Cllr. Byrne it was unanimously agreed that the Borough Council would form a sub-committee representative of each party and independents to examine and report on the County Demand provisions as previously circulated.

A vote was then taken on the proposed changes to the estimate which resulted as follows:-

In Favour:- Ald. Reck, Ald. Howlin, Ald. Fenlon, Cllrs. Byrne, Nolan, P. Roche, Hynes, Carr, D.M. Kiernan, J. Roche (10).

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

The proposed changes were then declared carried.

The Adjourned Statutory Estimates Meeting then reconvened and on the proposal of Cllr. Byrne seconded by Ald. Howlin a vote on the changes to the Manager's estimate as outlined above was then taken which resulted as follows:-

In Favour:- Ald. Reck, Ald. Howlin, Ald. Fenlon, Cllrs. Byrne, Nolan, P. Roche, Hynes, Carr, D.M. Kiernan, J. Roche (10)..

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

The Estimate of Expenses incorporating the changes as outlined above which provided for a rate in the  $\pounds$  of  $\pounds$ 46.48 and Domestic Refuse Charges of  $\pounds$ 145 per household collectable in 2 equal instalments due on 1<sup>st</sup> January, 2001 and 1<sup>st</sup> July, 2001 was then declared adopted.

The Mayor then thanked the Manager and Staff of Wexford Corporation for the presentation of the Estimate of Expenses.

#### TALBOT GREEN.

A letter handed in to the meeting re Talbot Green was then read by His Worship the Mayor and the current position was noted by the members.

#### THIS CONCLUDED THE BUSINESS OF THE MEETING.

SIGNED THIS DAY OF 2000.

MAYOR OF WEXFORD.

MINUTES OF ADJOURNED STATUTORY ESTIMATES MEETING HELD AT 7.00 P.M. ON TUESDAY 5<sup>TH</sup> DECEMBER, 2000 IN THE COUNCIL CHAMBER, MUNICIPAL BUILDINGS, WEXFORD.

Presiding:- His Worship the Mayor, Cllr. P. Nolan. Aldermen:- P. Reck, A. Fenlon, M. Furlong. Councillors:- G. Byrne, A. Kelly, P. Roche, D. Hynes, T. Carr, D.M. Kiernan, J. Roche.

Apologies from Alderman Howlin for his inability to attend the meeting were noted.

In Attendance:-Mr. J. Hutchinson, Manager. Mr. D.F. Curtin, Town Clerk. Mr. P. Collins, Assistant Town Clerk. Mr. T. Nolan, Staff Officer.

At the outset of the meeting it was unanimously agreed on the proposal of Cllr. Byrne seconded by Cllr. Carr to adjourn the Statutory Estimates Meeting to 7.00 p.m. on Wednesday 13<sup>th</sup> December, 2000.

The meeting then continued to consider the detailed estimate by programme group.

A lengthy discussion ensued on Programme Groups 5,6,7 and 8, following which questions raised were answered by officials in attendance.

Following further discussion it as agreed to adjourn consideration of the Estimates to 13<sup>th</sup> December, 2000.

THIS CONCLUDED THE BUSINESS OF THE MEETING.

SIGNED THIS DAY OF 2001.

MAYOR OF WEXFORD.

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MINUTES OF SPECIAL MEETING OF WEXFORD BOROUGH COUNCIL HELD AT 7.00 P.M. ON MONDAY 4<sup>TH</sup> DECEMBER, 2000 IN THE COUNCIL CHAMBER, MUNICIPAL BUILDINGS, WEXFORD.

Presiding:- His Worship the Mayor, Cllr. P. Nolan. Alderman:- P. Reck, T. Howlin, A. Fenlon, M. Furlong. Councillors:- G. Byrne, A. Kelly, P. Roche, D. Hynes, T. Carr, D.M. Kiernan, J. Roche.

In Attendance:-Mr. J. Hutchinson, Manager.<br/>Mr. D.F. Curtin, Town Clerk.<br/>Mr. F. Fahey, Borough Engineer.<br/>Ms. A. Laffan, Housing Officer.<br/>Mr. Kevin Redmond, County Planning Officer.<br/>Mr. Eoghan Ryan, National Building Agency.<br/>Mr. Derry O'Connell, Planning Consultant, U.C.D.

At the outset of the meeting His Worship the Mayor welcomed Mr. Redmond, Mr. Ryan and Mr. O'Connell to the meeting and stated that as requested he had met with the union representatives of Wexford Electronics' work-force.

#### Consultants Report.

The report of the Consultants, copies of which had been circulated at the previous meeting was again considered and following discussion adopted with Cllr. Hynes abstaining, subject to the following amendments:-

- 1. That the Matrix relating to the permitted uses in each of the development zones be amended so that residential development will be permitted in principle in the CF/R zoning (Community Facilities and Residential Uses).
- 2. The removal of St. Mary's, Summerhill from the record of protected structures.

#### THIS CONCLUDED THE BUSINESS OF THE MEETING

SIGNED THIS DAY OF 2000.

MAYOR OF WEXFORD.

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## MINUTES OF MONTHLY MEETING OF WEXFORD BOROUGH COUNCIL HELD AT 7.30 P.M. ON MONDAY 4<sup>TH</sup> DECEMBER, 2000 IN THE COUNCIL CHAMBER, MUNICIPAL BUILDINGS, WEXFORD.

Presiding:- His Worship the Mayor, Cllr. P. Nolan. Aldermen:- P. Reck, T. Howlin, A. Fenlon, M. Furlong. Councillors:- G. Byrne, A. Kelly, P. Roche, D. Hynes, T. Carr, D.M. Kiernan, J. Roche.

In Attendance:-Mr. J. Hutchinson, Manager. Mr. D.F. Curtin, Town Clerk. Mr. T. Fahey, Borough Engineer. Ms. A. Laffan, Housing Officer.

### VOTE OF GOOD WISHES.

At the outset of the meeting, on the proposal of His Worship the Mayor seconded by Cllr. Carr, a unanimous vote of good wishes to former Alderman J. Mahoney, who is seriously ill at present, was adopted.

#### COMMUNITY GAMES.

His Worship the Mayor stated that the President of the National Community Games had expressed fears for the future of the Community Games because of utilising Mosney to house refugees. Following discussion, on the proposal of His Worship the Mayor seconded by Alderman Reck it was unanimously agreed that the Borough Council would request An Taoiseach and relevant Minister to guarantee that the games will be safeguarded and to retain Mosney as centre of games if at all possible.

#### MINUTES.

The minutes of the Monthly Meeting held on 6<sup>th</sup> November, 2000, copies of which had previously been circulated were confirmed and signed on the proposal of Ald. Reck seconded by Cllr. Byrne.

The minutes of the following Committee Meetings and the recommendations contained therein were confirmed and signed on the proposal of Ald. Howlin seconded by Cllr. Carr:-

- > 1<sup>st</sup> Preliminary Estimates Meeting held on 7<sup>th</sup> November, 2000.
- Special Meeting (Development Plan) held on 13<sup>th</sup> November, 2000.
- Statutory Estimates Meeting held on 27<sup>th</sup> November, 2000.

## GRANTING OF WAYLEAVE AT MAUDLINTOWN.

On the proposal of Cllr. Byrne seconded by Cllr. Kiernan it was unanimously agreed to grant a wayleave over Corporation property at Maudlintown, Wexford, to the E.S.B., pursuant to the provisions of Section 83 of the Local Government Act, 1946 as amended by Section 88(2) of the Housing Act, 1966 and in accordance with Notice dated 22<sup>nd</sup> November, 2000.

## REPORTS.

### Proposed Housing Development at Coolcotts (24) Houses.

The attached report from the Town Clerk, copies of which had previously been circulated was then considered and following discussion unanimously adopted on the proposal of Alderman Reck seconded by Cllr. Byrne.

### Proposed Housing Development at Talbot Green.

The attached report from the Town Clerk, copies of which had previously been circulated was then considered and following discussion unanimously adopted on the proposal of Ald. Howlin seconded by Ald. Reck.

#### 17, Talbot Green, Wexford.

The attached report from the Town Clerk, copies of which had previously been circulated was then considered and following discussion unanimously adopted on the proposal of Cllr. Byrne seconded by Cllr. P. Roche.

#### MOTIONS.

#### Ambulance Service.

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

"That this Borough Council calls on the S.E.H.B. to provide a 24 hour ambulance service for Wexford".

THIS CONCLUDED THE BUSINESS OF THE MEETING.

SIGNED THIS DAY OF 2000.

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MAYOR OF WEXFORD.

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## MINUTES OF STATUTORY ESTIMATES MEETING OF WEXFORD BOROUGH COUNCIL HELD AT 7.30 P.M. ON MONDAY 27<sup>TH</sup> NOVEMBER, 2000 IN THE COUNCIL CHAMBER, MUNICIPAL BUILDINGS, WEXFORD.

Presiding:-His Worship the Mayor, Cllr. P. Nolan.Aldermen:-P. Reck, T. Howlin, A. Fenlon, M. Furlong.Councillors:-G. Byrne, A. Kelly, P. Roche, D. Hynes, T. Carr, J. Roche.

Apologies from Cllr. Kiernan for his inability to attend the meeting were noted.

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

At the outset, on the proposal of Ald. Howlin seconded by Cllr. Byrne it was agreed to adjourn the Statutory Estimates Meeting to 7.00 p.m. on Tuesday 5<sup>th</sup> December, 2000.

The meeting then continued to consider the estimates. The Manager presented the estimates and attached report following which the members considered the detailed estimate by programme group.

#### Housing & Building.

A lengthy discussion ensued, to which all members contributed, on the Manager's proposal to increase rents by £3.00 p.w. Questions raised were answered by officials in attendance.

#### Road Transportation & Safety.

A lengthy discussion ensued, to which all members contributed, following which questions raised were answered by officials in attendance.

#### Water Supply & Sewerage.

A discussion was held on the provision of A.P.C.'s following which questions raised were answered by officials in attendance.

#### Development Incentives & Control.

A lengthy discussion ensued, to which all members contributed, following which questions raised were answered by officials in attendance.

## Environmental Protection.

A lengthy discussion ensued, to which all members contributed, during which the level of Corporation charges –v- County Council charges re Domestic Refuse were discussed. Questions raised were answered by officials in attendance.

Following further discussion it was agreed to adjourn consideration of the Estimates to  $5^{th}$  December, 2000.

THIS CONCLUDED THE BUSINESS OF THE MEETING.

SIGNED THIS DAY OF 2000.

MAYOR OF WEXFORD.

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