

5th March 1906.

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

The Members in attendance were:-

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

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

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

The minutes of Meeting of 5th day of February 1906 were read and signed.

Liabilities which had accrued due up to the end of last month, amounting in the aggregate to £378 : 11 : 5 were submitted to the meeting, and having been examined were approved and an Advice Note was signed to enable the Treasurer to pay them on presentation to him of Paying Orders numbered from 353 to 378 inclusive.

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

S U M M A R Y.	Ordinary.	Loan.
Balance due by Treasurer as per last Statement.	477 : 3 : 8	315 : 4 : 7
Total sum received to close of last month.	<u>552 : 18 : 6</u>	<u>- : - : -</u>
TOTAL.	1030 : 2 : 2	315 : 4 : 7
Balance due to Treasurer as per last Statement.	- : - : -	- : - : -
Payments ordered at this Meeting.	198 : 5 : 2	180 : 6 : 3
TOTAL.	198 : 5 : 2	180 : 6 : 3
Net Balance due by Treasurer (being difference of above Totals)	831 : 17 : 0	134 : 18 : 4

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

Balance per Bank Books due by Treasurer.	1035 : 2 : 2	315 : 4 : 7
Outstanding Orders (including those issued at this Meeting)	<u>203 : 5 : 2</u>	<u>180 : 6 : 3</u>
Net Balance as above due by Treasurer.	831 : 17 : 0	134 : 18 : 4

The Secretary of the Gas Company by letter dated 21st ultimo, stated in reference to order of the Council made on 5th Idem, that the Company could not accept £2. 5 0 per lamp for the lighting season, nor could they make any reduction on what he called the exceedingly moderate price of £2. 8. 6 asked by the Company.

In the debate which followed the reading of the letter, it transpired that the Company would make no further abatement on their demand, and it was for the Meeting then to decidewhether the Council wo uld undertake to do the work of lighting and extinguishing the public lamps by employees of their own, or

else to accept the Company's terms.

The deliberations of the meeting on the matter ended in the adoption of the following resolution which was proposed by Councillor Frank O'Connor and seconded by Councillor Kelly, viz:-

That this Council enter into an agreement with the Gas Company in relation to the maintenance, lighting and extinguishing of the public lamps of the town at the price of £2. 8. 6 per lamp per annum, under the conditions specified in their tender dated 2nd. Ultio. wherein they reserve to themselves the power to leave the lamps unlighted on certain specified moonlight nights.

In accordance with instructions given to the Town Surveyor, a report was made by that Official on the condition of the surface of the streets and roads of the town in a general way. The quantity of stone required annually to be spread on the streets, so as to keep the road surface in good order was 1200 tons. This was ample for the purpose if a hard quality of stone was used, but under the present mode of obtaining road-metalling, it was impossible to procure supplies of that material of a hard and uniform quality. There were in the vicinity of Wexford several quarries where suitable material was to be had, but there was considerable difficulty found in having the stone broken by manual labour. In order to ensure the obtainment of sufficient supplies from these quarries, it was necessary to employ a mechanical stone breaker. By this means the initial cost of repairing the streest would be somewhat higher than it was at present, but the additional outlay would be found to be fully justified in the course of time.

The terms of the report were considered, and thereupon it was resolved, on the motion of Councillor Rowe, seconded by Councillor Kehoe.

That tenders be invited by advertisement in respect of supplying and delivering at the public stone depot at Carrigeen, 1,200 tons of stones broken to such size as will allow of them being crushed by a stone breaking machine; that intending Contractors be required to furnish, along with their tenders, specimens of the stone they propose to supply, and also the names of two Sureties willing to join them in a Bond binding them to perform their Contract, and that in the Estimate for the coming financial year, a sum of £200 be allocated for the purpose of treating Redmond Road and Distillery Road with a steam-roller.

A report from the Town Surveyor was read on the dilapidated condition of a dwelling house in Cornmarket, of which the Corporation were the owners. The cost of putting the building into good habitable order would be £51: 12 : 0. The occupying tenant paid a rent of £10 a year, and portion of the premises was used as an office by the Inspector of Weights and Measures.

Thereupon on the motion of Councillor Kelly, seconded by Councillor Rowe, it was, Resolved:- That on a specification of the repairs required on the house being completed, builders be asked to furnish tenders in respect of executing such repairs.

A communication from the Secretary, Dublin, Wicklow, and Wexford Railway Company was read. With regard to order made by the Council on 5th Ultimo, the Directors of the

Company were to do no more than to permit the Corporation to plant a line of trees on the Railway land at Redmond Road.

Thereupon on the motion of Councillor Frank O'Connor, seconded by Councillor Rowe, it was,

Resolved:- That the privilege granted by the Railway Company to the Corporation be availed of, and that the work of planting be proceeded with immediately, and carried out in the present season as far as the sum allocated for planting trees at Redmond Road will admit.

The question of the Corporation acquiring a piece of waste ground at Selskar Street was considered. This matter was one which was under the consideration of the Council on 6th November last, on which date it was decided to pay £15 for a portion of the ground, subject to the condition that a good title was to be obtained. These terms, the Receivers of the Edwards Estate were not able to accept. They insisted that in addition to the payment of £15 there should be a railing erected on the plot. They were obliged also to require the Corporation to take over the ground without imposing on the owner any obligation as to proving title. Some of the members present expressed the opinion that the Corporation should give way to the Receivers' demands, considering that the plot was situated at a point where traffic was greatest and the thoroughfare narrow.

It was however decided, on the motion of Councillor Rowe, seconded by Alderman Doyle, to pay £15 for the portion of the plot required for the widening of the street, and to waive any condition as to obtaining a tenable title, but to make no stipulation whatever as to putting up a railing at the Corporation expense.

At the request of the undernamedthree members, it is here recorded that they objected to the passing of the feregoing resolution, viz, Alderman Walsh, Councillor Hughes and M. O'Connor.

With reference to resolution passed on 8th August last, a volume of correspondence carried on between the Town Surveyor and manufacturers of enamel ware in Dublin and Birmingham was submitted. The Dublin manufacturer (Mr Brennan) offered to supply 40 name-plates bearing the names of streets in the Irish and the English languages at 3/8 per plate. The offer had been accepted some months back by the Finance and Works Committeebut it had since turned out that Mr Brennan had failed in business, and was unable to execute the order. In these circumstances he had handed the order to the firm of manufacturers in Birmingham (Messrs Griffith & Browett, Ltd.). This firm wrote to Wexford stating that they were prepared to supply the name-plates, but not at the same price as the man in Dublin. They asked for 4/6 per plate, a price which they afterwards reduced to 4/-. The Finance and Works Committee considered these terms reasonable, but hesitated to make a contract with an English firm for a supply of Irish name-plates, and consequently brought the case under the consideration of the Council.

Councillor Michael O'Connor proposed that the goods be ordered from Messrs Griffith & Browett Ltd., a motion which was seconded by Councillor John J. Kehoe,

but Councillor John O'Connor and Alderman Walsh moved a direct negative.

A division was taken on the original motion, whereupon 5 members voted for, and 10 against it.

It was declared lost. It was then ordered that quotations be obtained from the three local Foundries in respect of supplying 40 CAST IRON BILINGUAL NAME PLATES SHOWING the lettering in relief.

The Accounts of the Collector of Borough Rate and of Rate in lieu of County Cess were produced with a view to closing them for the current financial year. They had been under the examination of the Finance Committee on 28th Ultimo. The Committee who had expressed satisfaction with the result of the collections made the following recommendation.

That there be written off as uncollectible, items amounting to £13. 19. 9½ in the case of the Borough Rate, and items amounting to £22. 9. 11 in the case of the Rate in lieu of Co. Cess, and that the balance of items outstanding, i. e. £3. 7. 0, and £7. 9. 3½ respectively be carried into next years books as arrears.

The Recommendation was adopted.

B. H. Hughes
Chairman

28th March 1906.

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

The members present were:-

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

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

Councillors:- James Goodisson, James Hore, Howard Rowe, Joseph Kelly, Michael O'Connor.

The minutes of proceedings of 5th March Instant were read and signed.

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

By a Poor Rate.	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	1736	:	14	:	1
By a Borough Rate.	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	979	:	9	:	11
By a Rate in lieu of County Cess.	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	1591	:	9	:	4
By Water Rates.	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	1418	:	9	:	5

Thereupon the following resolution was adopted unanimously.

Proposed by Councillor James Hore Seconded by Alderman Walsh

That the Estimates submitted of expenditure for the service of the next ensuing

financial year, and of income receivable from sources other than Rates in same period be, and are hereby adopted, showing that a Borough Rate of One Shilling, a Rate in lieu of County Cess of One Shilling and Tenpence, a Domestic Water Rate of One Shilling, a Public Water Rate of Ninepence, and a Poor Rate of Two Shillings in the Pound on the Rateable Valuation of the Borough will be required to be raised to meet the deficiencies arising in such Estimates.

W. Tyghe,
Chairman

2nd April 1906.

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

The members present were:-

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

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

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

The minutes of Meeting of 28th March 1906 were read and signed.

Liabilities accrued due up to the end of last month, amounting in the aggregate to £229. 18. 10 were submitted to the meeting, and having been examined were approved, and an Advice Note was signed to enable the Treasurer to pay them on presentation to him of Paying Orders numbered from 379 to 391 inclusive.

Summary and Reconcilement of Treasurer's Account for the month ending the last day of March 1906, including the payments made at the Meeting held on this day.

B	S U M M A R Y.	Ordinary	Loan
Balance due by Treasurer as per last Statement.	£ 831 : 17 : 0	134 : 18 : 4	
Total sum received to close of last month.	<u>608 : 15 : 7</u>	<u>1 : 6 : 3</u>	
Total.	1440 : 12 : 7	136 : 4 : 7	
Balance due to Treasurer as per last Statement.	- : - : -	- : - : -	
Payments ordered at above mentioned Meeting.	<u>229 : 1 : 10</u>	<u>- : 17 : -</u>	
Total.	229 : 1 : 10	- : 17 : -	
Net balance due by Treasurer (being difference of above Totals)	1211 : 10 : 9	135 : 7 : 7	

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

Balance per Bank Books due by Treasurer.	1458 : 0 : 11	160 : 10 : 10	
Outstanding Orders (including those issued at this Meeting)	<u>246 : 10 : 2</u>	<u>25 : 3 : 3</u>	
Net Balance as above due by Treasurer	1211 : 10 : 9	135 : 7 : 7	

In view of the Council employing a Stonebreaking machine, there were received five tenders in respect of delivering quantities of quarried stones. The tenders, which were accompanied with specimens of the stone the intending contractors proposed to supply, were opened and read, and proved to be from the following:-

James Wadding, who offered to supply 600 tons @ 2/9 per ton.

Bartle Cullen " " 300 tons @ 2/8 per ton.

John Ryan " " 100 tons @ 2/6 per ton.

John Johnson " " 100 tons @ 2/7 per ton.

John Ryan " " 100 tons @ 2/6 per ton.

Total 1200 Tons.

It was observed that the total of the quantities offered to be supplied, as above shown, was by a coincidence exactly equal to what was fixed on as the full requirements of the Town in the matter of supplies of roadmetalling in the coming year. The difference in the prices sought for the material was animadverted on, but the variation was accounted for by the fact that the samples, on being examined were seen to be of different degrees of hardness.

James Wadding above mentioned was called before the Meeting and asked if he would reduce his demand from 2/9 to 2/6 per ton, but he stated he was unable to comply with the request. It was acknowledged though, that the sample of stone furnished by him was of a harder nature than were any of the other samples.

Councillor Byrne then proposed that all the tenders be accepted, provided the persons tendering be willing to enter into a written agreement binding them to deliver the quantities each respectively offered to supply not only according to sample, but also against the 1st August next.

This was seconded by Councillor F. O'Connor and was adopted.

Two tenders received from Builders willing to repair a dilapidated house in Cornmarket, the property of the Corporation, were read. They were from Thomas Doyle of South MainStreet, and James Doyle of Charlotte Street. The former was prepared to execute the repairs in accordance with specification, in consideration of a payment to him of £120 : 10 : 0, and the latter was ready to complete them if the Corporation were satisfied to pay him £130 : 17 : 6 for his services. On the Town Surveyor being referred to, it was found that his estimate of the cost of making the necessary repairs, was only £50 more or less, and consequently it was decided to reject the tenders, and to take no further action in the matter for the present.

Quotations obtained from Manufacturers in respect of the undermentioned articles, were submitted as follows:-

To provide the Corporation with 40 cast iron Street Name Plates in the manner prescribed on 5th Ultimo, Messrs William Doyle & Co. Wexford, were prepared to do the castings at the rate of 8/- per plate, and Messrs Philip Pierce & Co. Wexford, offered to do them at 7/6 per plate.

To make one dozen gully traps according to new and approved design, as shown in a detailed drawing, Messrs William Doyle & Co asked the price of £1. 19. 6 per trap.

while the Wexford Engineering Company were satisfied to accept £1. 17. 6 per trap. Councillor Byrne proposed that the offer of Pierce & Co in the one case, and that of the Engineering Company in the other should be accepted.

The motion was seconded by Councillor John J. Kehoe.

There was disapproval expressed by Councillors Michael O'Connor and James Hore of the proposal to procure Name Plates ~~done in castiron~~, seeing that name plates made of enamel were quite serviceable, and were to be had at 4/- each.

These Members proposed and seconded respectively an amendment to the effect that 40 enamelled Name Plates be ordered.

This on being put to the meeting was lost however, and the motion was thereupon put and carried.

With regard to decision come to at Meeting on 5th Ultimo, a communication was read from Messrs M. J. O'Connor & Co, Solicitors. From this it was seen that the Owners of the piece of waste ground at Selskar Street had threatened to put up a hoarding to enclose the whole plot where their houses had recently stood in consequence of their entire demands not having been acceded to by the Corporation. It was an indispensable condition before the portion of the ground required for public purposes was surrendered that the Corporation should give way on the point as to erecting a railing in addition to making good their offer as to paying £15 as compensation. It would be a serious mistake for the Corporation to omit to avail of the opportunity that presented itself to widen the street at a moderate outlay. This was especially apparent considering the great improvements that had been made in the street with very small cost to the public. The residents of Selskar Street complained that the plot in its unprotected state was a very objectionable place indeed for many reasons.

The consideration of the terms of the letter resulted in the acceptance of a notice of motion presented by Councillor Byrne in the following terms:-

I hereby give notice that on the next available opportunity, I shall propose that all resolutions on the Minutes of proceedings of the Council relative to the proposed acquisition by the Council of a plot of ground at Selskar be rescinded, and in the event of the proposition being carried, I shall propose that a sum of £35 be paid for the portion of the ground required for widening the thoroughfare, including the cost of purchase and the cost of erection of a railing.

The question of the Council selling their landed property to the tenants occupying agricultural holdings on the Corporation Estate, was revived by the production of a letter from Messrs Huggard & Brennan, Solicitors. Messrs Huggard & Brennan reiterated what they had said on former occasions as to the Council being able to derive an income equal to the present one from an investment of the money realized by the sale of the lands, and as to the Council being safe in investing in Trust Securities yielding up to $3\frac{1}{2}$ per. cent. interest. They added that the great majority of Owners who were selling land in Ireland, were Trustees of property and were practically in the same position in relation to their Trusteeship as were the Corporation. It was a matter of common knowledge that such Owners were satisfie

to accept an average price for their property, and in the face of this fact it was indefensible for the Council to expect more than 24 years purchase on the rents which was the price offered by the tenants of the townparks of Wexford, and which was far above the average.

The matter was discussed, and to allow of the question of price being re-opened, a notice of motion given by Councillor John O'Connor was accepted as follows:-

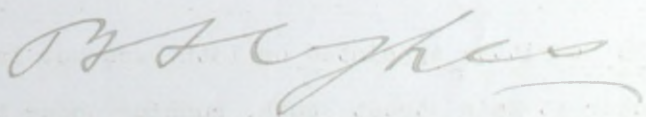
I give notice that at Meeting of the Council to be held on 7th May next, I shall propose that so much of the resolution of the 8th November last as relates to the price required to be paid for the Corporation lands, be revoked, with a view to moving that the price offered by the tenants be accepted.

The Finance & Works Committee submitted a report on an application made by James Furlong, Rate Collector, for an increase of remuneration. This Official had been in the service of the Corporation for five years. He was paid for his services at the rate of sixpence in the Pound on all items of Rate collected and lodged. His duties were more onerous than Members were aware of as a rule. They occupied his attention for at least nine months of each year, and he had always displayed marked efficiency in the discharge of them. The Committee believed that his remuneration (which amounted to £55 a year on the average) was not adequate to the value of the services rendered, and recommended that the poundage of sixpence should be raised to sevenpence halfpenny, so that the remuneration in his case would be on par with that paid in the case of the other Rate Collectors employed by the Council.

Councillor Frank O'Connor moved the adoption of the recommendation.

The motion was seconded by Councillor Hanton and was passed.

The Waterworks Committee reported on the Water Rate Account. Of the outstanding Rates, the sum of £13. 17. 0 $\frac{1}{2}$ was found to be irrecoverable, and the rest of the outstanding Rate, £3. 18. 3 was collectible and to be carried forward as arrears. This report was adopted nem. con.



18th April 1906.

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

The Members of the Council present were:-

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

Alderman:- Martin Kehoe.

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

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The minutes of Meeting of 2nd April instant were read and signed.

Pursuant to notice given by Councillor Byrne on the 2nd Instant, that Member moved. That all resolutions on the minutes of proceedings of the Council relative to the proposed acquisition, by the Council, of a plot of ground at Selskar St. be rescind. The motion was seconded by Councillor John J. Kehoe, and was deliberated on at great length.

A division was then taken, whereupon six members voted for the motion, and four against it.

Three of the Members present abstained from voting.

As the motion was not carried by a majority consisting of two-thirds of the Commissioners present, it was declared lost.

With the object of having the question re-considered at a further Meeting, Councillor Byrne gave notice that he would move the revocation of all resolutions on the minutes relating to the purchase of the plot in question, so as to have an opportunity to propose that the offer of the Corporation be raised from £15 to £35 with the proviso that this latter sum be understood to include the cost of the erection of a railing.

The notice was accepted.

The making of Rates was proceeded with.

The following moved by Councillor Rowe and seconded by Councillor Kelly was unanimously adopted.

That there be now struck the undernamed Rates and Assessments, as agreed to on the 28th March last, viz.

A Borough Rate of One Shilling, a Rate in lieu of County Cess of One Shilling and Tenpence, a Public Water Rate of Ninepence, a Domestic Water Rate of One Shilling, and a Poor Rate of Two Shillings in the £ on the nett assessable value of property within the Borough for the service of the year ending 31st March 1907, and that the Books containing the items of these various Assessments be now sealed and signed.

The Rate Books were sealed and signed accordingly.

The Committee appointed on 13th December last, reported they had inspected a main sewer at Main Street South, running under the premises of Mr. John Sutton.

They recommended that a new sewer should be opened in lieu of the existing one, which should be abandoned as it would be only false economy to make any outlay on it. In consideration of the advantage that would accrue to Mr Sutton from the existing sewer being closed up, he gave the Committee an undertaking that he would make any drains required for the service of his premises into the proposed new sewer at his own expense.

Thereupon it was proposed by Councillor Kehoe, seconded by Councillor Kelly, and Resolved:- That a sewer be constructed through Mr Sutton's premises to replace the existing sewer at the cost of £40 more or less, as suggested by the Town Surveyor, and dealt with in his report of October 1905, but that Mr Sutton be required to convey at his own expense and to the satisfaction of the Town Surveyor,

all drainage from his premises into the sewer hereby decided on being made.

The question of raising the height of a wall at Stonebridge and putting a watering cart into repair at a cost of £18 were matters which were discussed, but upon which no action was taken.

James J. Stafford

7th May 1906.

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

The Members present were:-

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

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

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

The minutes of Meeting of 18th April 1906 were read and signed.

Liabilities which had accrued due up to the end of last month, amounting in the aggregate to £1717. 13. 1 were submitted to the meeting, and having been examined were approved and an Advice Note was signed to enable the Treasurer to pay them on presentation to him of Paying Orders numbered from 392 to 436 inclusive.

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

S U M M A R Y.

	Ordinary.	Loan.
Balance due by Treasurer as per last Statement	£ 1211 : 10 : 9	135 : 7 : 7
Sum received to close of last month.	<u>6 : 5 : 11</u>	<u>- : - : -</u>
Total	1217 : 16 : 8	135 : 7 : 7
Balance due to Treasurer as per last Statement.	- : - : -	- : - : -
Payments ordered at above meeting.	1583 : 8 : 1	134 : 5 : 0
Net balance due by Treasurer (Loan Account)		1 : 2 : 7
Net Balance due to Treasurer (Ordinary Account)	365 : 11 : 5	

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

Balance per Bank Books due by Treasurer	1217 : 16 : 8	135 : 7 : 7
Outstanding Orders (including those issued at this Meeting)	1583 : 8 : 1	134 : 5 : 0
Net Balance as above due by Treasurer (Loan A/c)		1 : 2 : 7
Net balance as above due to Treasurer (Ordinary A/c.)	365 : 11 : 5	

With regard to an item of £134 : 5 : 0 included in the accounts passed this day for payment, it was pointed out that this was the balance remaining due to Joseph Seallan on foot of his contract in respect of erecting nineteen dwelling houses at

the instance of the Corporation. By the terms of the specification, it was open to the Council to impose a penalty of the Contractor for failing to have the houses completed within the stipulated period in order to re-imburse the loss entailed by reason of the houses not being available for habitation in due time, especially the expense rendered necessary by the retention of the services of a Clerk of Works longer than was reckoned on. It was for the to say whether any deduction would be made from the amount of the Contractor's bill by reason of his delinquency.

It was ordered:- That the right to impose a fine under the terms of the contract be waived, considering that the work of building the houses, although belated, had been done by the Contractor in a substantial and creditable way.

Pursuant to notice given by Councillor Byrne on the 18th Ulto, that Member moved:-

That all resolutions on the minutes of proceedings of the Council relative to the proposed acquisition of a plot of ground at Selskar, be rescinded.

The motion was seconded by Councillor John J. Kehoe, and was deliberated on, and thereupon it was found necessary to take a Poll the result of which was that eleven members voted for and four against the motion.

As the number of members present was greater than the number present when the resolutions proposed to be rescinded were passed, the motion was declared carried, pursuant to Section 44 of 10 Vic. Cap. 16.

It was then moved by Councillor Byrne.

That a sum of £35 be paid for the landlord's interest in a portion of the waste ground at Selskar Street, in order to allow of that thoroughfare being widened, and that the said portion be of such size and formation as the Works Committee and Town Surveyor have decided on.

This motion was seconded by Councillor John J. Kehoe, and on a division was carried by thirteen votes to five.

Councillor John O'Connor, pursuant to notice given by him, proposed the following motion, which was seconded by Councillor Hanton.

That so much of the resolution of 8th November last as related to the price required to be paid for the Corporation lands, be revoked, with a view to its being moved that the price offered by the tenants be accepted.

There was a vote taken on this motion, when seven voted for, and nine against it and it was declared lost.

A Memorial from a section of the Shopkeepers of the town was read. It was signed by thirtyfour members of the trades of Drapers, Haberdashers, Outfitters Milliners, Hatters, and Boot and Shoe Dealers who besought the Corporation to make a "Closing Order" under the Shop Hours Act, 1904, whereby it would be made compulsory on all the members of the trades in question to close their business premises at seven o'clock on Mondays, Tuesdays, Wednesdays, Thursdays, and Fridays except the eves of Catholic Holidays, and at ten o'clock

P. M. on Saturdays and the eves of Catholic Holidays, and except also the seven days immediately preceding Christmas Day. It was noted that the signatories of the Memorial numbered more than two-thirds of the persons whose shops were to be affected by the Order. This being so, the meeting came to the conclusion that a prima facie case had been made out for making a Closing Order under the Act, and in pursuance of this decision the terms of a Draft Order were agreed to, and directions given to have it published in the prescribed manner to enable objections to be received, if any should be forthcoming.

The Finance and Works Committee recommended that the screen wall resting on the arch of Stonebridge River at Main Street South, should be raised in height to shut off all view of the river from Main Street. What was required to be done was to raise the height by about four feet. To do this, and to have the face of the wall plastered in cement, would cost £12. 17. 0.

On the motion of Councillor Byrne, seconded by Councillor Michael O'Connor, the Committee recommendation in the case was adopted.

The same Committee recommended that as Mr Stafford was engaged in taking down two houses at Main Street South in order to re-build them, it was expedient that the Corporation should take advantage of the opportunity that presented itself to regulate the line of the street at the point where the houses were standing, and raise the surface of the roadway at the approach to Sinnott's Lane from Main Street. To secure a correct alignment, it was necessary that the buildings to be erected should be set forward two feet beyond the frontage of the old buildings, *at the north end* and to ensure an easy decline into Sinnott's Lane, it was necessary to raise the level of the footpath and the adjoining ground.

The recommendation of the Committee was adopted.

The Town Surveyor submitted plans, sections, report, and estimate in connection with a drainage scheme proposed to be carried into effect in St Selskar Ward. From these it was seen that the outfall would be discharged into the Harbour at Custom House Quay, where there was a good flow of tide to carry away the sewage. The main line of the sewer was from George Street, carried along Main Street, down Common Quay Street to the Quay. A second line of sewer would run along Monk Street. Would be carried in a straight line along the Quay, and meet the first line at the point of discharge. The estimated cost of the Main Street and Common Quay Street section was £438, and of the Monk Street and Quay section £224.

The question of the adoption of the Scheme as outlined above, having been considered the following resolution, on the motion of Councillor Michael O'Connor, seconded by Councillor John J. Kehoe was passed.

That the Scheme propounded by the Town Surveyor be adopted, subject to the details being approved by the Works Committee, and that the work of constructing the sewers be done under the direction of the Town Surveyor on the direct labour principle.

The Accounts of the Poor Rate Collector for year ended 31st March last were produced. The items of Rate outstanding on that date amounted to £85. 11. 1, but the whole of this sum was not recoverable. The Meeting decided to write off a sum of £17. 9. 11 as uncollectible and carry forward the remainder £68. 1. 2 as arrears.

The result of the collection was deemed satisfactory.

It was announced that Mr. B. Cullen, whose tender in respect of supplying 300 tons of quarried stones was accepted on 2nd Ulto, had found he was not in a position to deliver the material as he had intended, and had been obliged to refuse to enter into a contract, but a man named James Sinnott of Mulgannon had written to say that he was willing to supply 200 tons of hard blue stone @ 2/9 per ton. The Town Surveyor said the quality was the best to be had in or about Wexford Town, and Mr. Sinnott's offer was therefore accepted.

A communication from the Secretary of a Departmental Committee appointed to enquire into the working of the Agriculture and Technical Instruction (Ireland) Act, 1899, was read. The Committee were desirous for any observations which Wexford Urban Council might wish to offer on the subjects under investigation.

The matter was referred to the Committee of Technical Instruction for Wexford.

James J. Stafford
6th June 1906.

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

The members present were:-

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

Aldermen:- John Tyghe, Matthew Doyle.

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

Liabilities which had accrued due up to the end of last month, amounting in the aggregate to £430.19. 4 were laid before the Meeting, and having been examined were approved, and an Advice Note was signed to enable the Treasurer to pay them on presentation to him of Paying orders numbered from 437 to 471 inclusive.

Summary and Reconciliation of Treasurer's Account for the month ending the last day of May 1906, including the payments made at meeting held on this day.

S U M M A R Y.

	Ordinary	Loan
Balance due by Treasurer as per last Statement.	- : - : -	1 : 2 : 7
Sum received to close of last month.	549 : 16 : 8	- : - : -
Total	549 : 16 : 8	1 : 2 : 7
Balance due to Treasurer as per last Statement	365 : 11 : 5	- : - : -
Payments ordered at above Meeting.	401 : 17 : 2	29 : 2 : 2
Total	766 : 28 : 7	29 : 2 : 2
Net balance due to Treasurer.	217 : 11 : 11	27 : 19 : 7

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

	Ordinary	Loan
Balance per Bank Books due by Treasurer	216 : 13 : 6	1 : 2 : 7
Outstanding Orders ⁴	434 : 5 : 5	29 : 2 : 2
Net balance due ⁶ by Treasurer.	217 : 11 : 11	27 : 19 : 7

Allusion was made in feeling terms to the recent death of the late Mr. Michael Davitt. Mr Davitt had been one of the foremost exponents of democratic opinion of his day. His influence was felt not only in Ireland, but in a measure throughout the world. His whole life had been devoted to the task of alleviating the condition of the masses. The principles he believed in were advocated by him with fearlessness and honesty of purpose. The services rendered by him to his fellow countrymen among the tenant farmers and workingmen had earned for him their everlasting gratitude and admiration.

The following resolution was unanimously adopted.

proposed by The Mayor.

Seconded by Alderman Doyle.

That we, the Members of the Municipal Council of the Borough of Wexford, desire to express our heartfelt sorrow at the death of that stirring Irish Patriot, Michael Davitt, whose whole life was devoted to the welfare and betterment of his native land.

That an expression of this regret be conveyed to the members of his sorrowing family, and that this present Meeting do stand adjourned for a week as a tribute of respect to his memory.

James J. Stafford

13th June 1906.

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

The members present were:-

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

Aldermen:- John Tyghe, George Hadden.

Councillors:- Benjamin Hughes, Thomas O'Brien, Joseph Kingsberry, Joseph Kelly, John J. Kehoe.

The minutes of meetings of 7th May Ulto., and 6th June Instant, were read and signed.

Alderman Hadden called attention to the fact that the new main line of railway between Waterford and Ballygeary was approaching completion, and would be opened for traffic in the course of a few weeks. It was of the highest importance to the business interests of Wexford Town than an efficient train service should be provided for the town from the south of the County. It was essential that an early train, for the conveyance of produce and stock, should be run to

Wexford each day to return at a reasonable hour each afternoon and evening, and it would be well that the Corporation, on behalf of the traders of Wexford, should make early representations on the matter to the Railway Company.

The members present freely concurred in the views expressed by Alderman Hadden, and accordingly it was decided that the Town Clerk should write to the Secretary of the Company calling attention to the written assurances given by the Chairman of the late Fishguard and Rosslare Railway Company to Messrs Ennis and Hadden, as to the requirements of Wexford in the matter of efficient train service being fully met. From correspondence read it was seen that the assurances in question were given as a condition precedent to the people of Wexford supporting the Scheme for construction of the present new railway.

Tenders received in respect of supplying circular sewer pipes required to enable the proposed main drainage system to be constructed in St Selskar Ward were opened and deliberated on. They were from the five undermentioned Firms. The gross price asked by each Firm was as is shown hereunder opposite each of their names respectively.

James P. Corry & Co. of Dublin.	:	:	:	:	£	267	:	11	:	9
John McFerran & Co.	Do.	:	:	:	:	204	:	3	:	3
Wexford Timber Co.	:	:	:	:	:	200	:	0	:	0
C. P. Glorney of Dublin	:	:	:	:	:	184	:	18	:	3
Thomas Archer	Do.	:	:	:	:	168	:	1	:	10

The meeting was informed that the quality of sewer pipes produced by one manufacturer of these goods differed materially from the quality of the pipes made by another, and therefore it was necessary that samples of the articles proposed to be supplied should be obtained before the Council would be in a position to accept with safety the lowest or any tender. Such being the case, it was decided to make the following Order, viz.

That the offer of Mr. Thomas Archer to supply the goods at the price of £168.1.10 be accepted, subject to a sample pipe being submitted by him, and the quality being approved of by the Town Surveyor.

Two tenders received in respect of supplying bricks to be used in the construction of man holes, &c in connection with the proposed main drainage system were opened and read. They were from the Wexford Timber Co. and the Firm of Wallace and McCullagh of Paul Quay, Wexford. The former offered to supply the best pressed Courtown brick at the rate of £2. 17. 6 per thousand, and the latter at £2. 11. 3 per thousand, and

It was ordered:- That the tender of Messrs Wallace & McCullagh be accepted.

One tender received in respect of doing the work of raising the height of the wall of the Stonebridge and of facing the wall in cement was opened. It was the only one sent in in response to advertisements calling for tenders. It proved to be from John Browne of Henrietta Street. He offered to carry the specification of the work into effect in consideration of being paid £12. 7. 0 for his services.

The sum asked being under the estimated cost of the work, the tender was accepted.

A tender from John McGrath in respect of the work of laying a floor, putting up

a cieling, and inserting four ventilators in two houses belonging to the Corporation at Carrigeen was accepted, he being willing to execute these repairs in consideration of receiving £5. 19. 0 for his services.

With reference to minutes of proceedings of Council of 7th May Ultmo, when the question of making a Closing Order under the Shop Hours Act was under consideration, and when it was decided to publish a draft of the proposed Order to allow of persons to be affected by the Order to make objections or suggestions, it was announced that four weeks had elapsed since the draft Order had been published and there was but one objection made. This came from Mrs Ellen Breen, Main Street, South, in the form of a letter. She being a Boot and Shoe Dealer protested against the proposed Order being made applicable to the business which she followed. The grounds on which she based her objections were that she kept no apprentice or shopman, and among other things, that it was a peculiarity of the boot and shoe trade to exchange goods found subsequent to a sale to be unsuitable to customers, and hence it was that sales largely were made in the evenings after dark. This system did not appertain to the drapery and other trades.

After considering this objection, the meeting decided to proceed with the Order, but for the purpose of the Council satisfying itself beyond doubt that the representations received in favour of the order were signed by at least two-thirds of the Shopkeepers to be affected by it, the Town Sergeant was directed to call on each of the signatories and verify the signatures.

It was further decided to issue a notice in the prescribed form, as to inspection by ratepayers and others of documents showing the opinion of shopkeepers in the matter.

A communication submitted contained an invitation to the Council to appoint Delegates to a Congress of the Royal Institute of Public Health to be held in Cork and to commence its proceedings on 27th Instant, but it was not considered necessary that the Council should be represented at the Congress.

An application was made by John Cahill for an increase of a stipend of one pound a year paid to him for attending to the main water valve of the town. His duties were to turn on the water in case of an alarm of fire at night on occasions when the water was turned off, and on the motion of Alderman Tyghe, seconded by Councillor Kelly, the remuneration was increased to £2. 0. 0. per year.

The meeting adjourned to Wednesday, 20th Instant.

James J. Stafford

20th June 1906.

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

The members present were:-

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

Alderman:- John Tyghe.

Councillors:- Benjamin Hughes, Michael O'Donnell, Joseph Kelly, Robert Hanton,
 Joseph Kingsberry, Frank O'Connor, Patrick Byrne, James Goodisson,
 Thomas O'Brien.

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The minutes of meeting of 13th June 1906 were read and signed.

The question of accepting a tender in respect of supplying a quantity of sewer pipes to be used in the work of constructing a Main Drainage System for St. Selskar Ward was considered. Samples of pipes received from each of the intending Contractors since the date of last Meeting were examined. The Town Surveyor stated that the sample from the Wexford Timber Company, or that from the Firm of McFerran and Co. were the ones he preferred. The glazing was done in a superior manner. He admitted however as to the sample sent in by the Firm of Thomas Archer of Dublin that this pipe, though not of the best form of construction, or glazed to satisfaction, was still capable of being used in the work without any serious risk of the proposed system failing to meet the demands made on it. Especially was this so since Mr. Archer had volunteered to have the pipes submitted to the process of extra salt glazing before delivering them.

Thereupon Councillor Hughes proposed that the tender of the Wexford Timber Co. be accepted.

This motion was seconded by Alderman Tyghe, but failed to be carried.

The following motion was adopted in the case.

Proposed by Councillor Byrne, seconded by Councillor O'Brien.

That the tender of Mr. Thomas Archer to supply the pipes at the gross price of £168. 1. 10 be accepted.

A Committee of townsmen engaged in promoting a Bazaar to be held for the benefit of the Nuns of St. John of God, asked by letter for the privilege of having the portion of the Bullring Market occupied by the Bazaar Stalls shut off from the public on Saturday 30th Instant. The remaining portion could be utilized by persons resorting to the Market to make purchases.

Alderman Tyghe proposed that the application be granted. The motion was seconded by Councillor Kelly, and was carried on a division by 4 Votes to 3.

A Plan showing elevation and sections of a dwelling house to be built by Mr. James Furlong at Main Street South, was submitted. It was found on being examined to conform to the requirements of the Towns Improvement Acts as regards new buildings, and to the provisions of the Public Health Acts as regards the sanitary features of new buildings.

The plan was marked "approved".

A list, prepared by the Poor Rate Collector of Tenements and Hereditaments the valuation of which required revision for rating purposes, was brought under notice. The different cases were gone into, and the Meeting decided they were all such as required the attention of the Revising Officer. There was no change or addition made to the list, which was ordered to be signed by the Town Clerk and forwarded to the Commissioner of Valuation within the prescribed period.

The Town Surveyor applied for permission to engage the services of a Working Foreman Mason and Time Keeper during the period of constructing the Main Drainage System for St. Selskar Ward. Matthew Furlong who was at present in the employment of the Council as a mason was a most competent man for the post. His wages was £1. 7. 0 per week, but this would require to be increased consequent on the man's

increased responsibilities.

On the motion of Councillor Hughes, seconded by Councillor Michael O'Connor it was resolved to accede to the Surveyor's request, and to add 3/- a week to the wages.

James J. Stafford

2nd July 1906.

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

The members of the Council present were:-

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

Alderman:- George Hadden.

Councillors:- Benjamin Hughes, Michael O'Connor, James Hore, Joseph Doyle,
John J. Kehoe, John O'Connor, Joseph Kelly.

The minutes of meeting of 20th June 1906 were read and signed.

Liabilities which had accrued due up to the end of last month, amounting in the aggregate to £184. 8. 5, were submitted to the meeting, and having been examined were approved, and an Advice Note was signed to enable the Treasurer to pay them on presentation to him of Paying Orders numbered from 472 to 483 inclusive.

Summary and Reconcilement of Treasurer's Account for the month ending June 1906, including the payments made at the meeting held on this day.

S U M M A R Y.

Balance due by Treasurer as per last statement.	- : - : -	- : - : -
Sums received to close of last month.	776 : 16 : 7	- : 6 : -
TOTAL	776 : 16 : 7	- : 6 : -
Balance due to Treasurer as per last Statement.	217 : 11 : 11	27 : 19 : 7
Payments ordered at this meeting.	184 : 8 : 5	- : - : -
TOTAL.	402 : 0 : 4	27 : 19 : 7
Net balnce due by Treasurer (Ordinary Account)	374 : 16 : 3	
Net balance due to Treasurer (Loan Account)		27 : 13 : 7

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

Balance per Bank Book due by Treasurer (Ordinary)	591 : 10 : 5	
Balance per Bank Book due to Treasurer (Loan)		27 : 13 : 7
Outstanding Orders (including those issued at this Meeting)	216 : 14 : 2	- : - : -
Net Balance as above due by Treasurer (Ordinary A/c)	374 : 16 : 3	
Net Balance as above due to Treasurer (Loan A/c.)		27 : 13 : 7

A letter was read from Mrs Davitt, relict of the late Michael Davitt, of St Justin's Dalkey, Co. Dublin, conveying sincere thanks to the members of the Council for the sympathy expressed by them on the occasion of the demise of her late partner.

There was submitted to the meeting a copy of a resolution adopted by the Corporation of Clonmel, condemnatory of the Public Bodies Order, 1904. The terms of the resolution were considered. They were deemed to be justifiable, and on the motion of Councillor

Kelly, seconded by Councillor Kehoe, a similar resolution was adopted as follows.

" That the Public Bodies Order, 1904, unduly attemptsto interfere with the independence of the elected representatives of the people in the management of their local affairs; that it contains provisions unnecessary, impracticable, unwarranted, and highly vexatious, and which would cause considerable expense; that the Public Bodies of Ireland have almost unanimously condemned the Order; and that it is most desirable for the Public Bodies of Ireland to decide upon a common course of action, with a view to inducing the Chief Secretary to withdraw the Order"

It was mentioned that the Directors of the Great Southern and Western Railway Co. had it in contemplation to run an express train from the Pier at Ballygeary to Cork, to convey passengers coming by the intended new cross channel steamship route from Fishguard to Ballygeary Pier. It had transpired that no provision had been made to give facilities to people from Wexford town to travel by this train, without being under the necessity to go to Ballygeary, although there was at Killinick, within six miles of the town, a railway station which was connected with the town by a branch line. The want of a train service from Wexford to Killinick in connection with the proposed express train above mentioned, would entail on travellers going from Wexford towards Cork a considerable loss of time. It was also mentioned that the rates charged for goods on the newly-opened railway system, were excessive, and prevented Wexford merchants from coming into fair competition with merchants from Waterford.

On the motion of Councillor Kehoe, seconded by Councillor Kelly, it was Resolved:- That a deputation consisting of The Mayor, Alderman Hadden, and Councillor Hore, be appointed to wait on any of the Directors or Officials of the Great Southern and Western Railway Company who may take occasion to visit the town in the near future, to ascertain what the local needs are, and that the Town Clerk be asked to write to the Secretary of the Company, and to the local Superintendent, requesting that the Deputation would be given an opportunity to express the views of the Council on the subject of the requirements of the town.

A communication from the Secretary of the Local Government Board dated 28th June 1906, No. 70. M. was read. It treated of the subject of Pulmonary Tuberculosis, showing that the disease was highly infectious and consequently preventable. It also showed that the mortality from the disease was on the increase in Ireland, and that it was open to any Urban District Council to provide sanatoriums for the reception of patients suffering from consumption, or to join with the Council of an adjoining District in providing such Institutions.

Ordered:- That the Town Clerk be asked to write to the Clerk of Wexford Rural District Council stating that the Wexford Corporation would wish to have established a Sanatorium for the Union, and would be willing to act in concert with the Rural District Council in making provision for the proper isolation and treatment of consumptives.

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The Town Surveyor's Report Book was read. The Lodge occupied by the Caretaker of

the Reservoir at Coolree required to be repaired, and to afford shelter to the front of the house, the open veranda needed to be glazed. The gangway across the bye wash of the Reservoir was in want of having the uprights, and some of the stays renewed. The valve chamber required to be pointed incement and sundry other repairs were needed. The estimated cost of doing all the work was £52. 5. 0.

Before directing the necessary specification to be prepared, the meeting asked Councillors Hore, Doyle, Kelly along with the Town Surveyor, to visit the Reservoir and take such measures as they thought fit in the matter.



11th July 1906.

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

The members present were:-

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

Aldermen:- James Sinnott, John Tyghe.

Councillors:- Joseph Doyle, James Hore, Joseph Kingsberry, Joseph Kelly,
Howard Rowe, Nicholas Gaul, James Cullimore, Thomas O'Brein,
Thomas Carroll, Michael O'Connor.

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

The expediency of making a Closing order under the Shop Hours Act, 1904, was considered. No occupiers of shops to be affected by the proposed Order presented themselves to the Meeting, in response to public notice inviting the attendance of such Shopkeepers, to make representations as to any matter contained in the Draft Order. Accordingly it was proposed by Councillor Rowe, seconded by Councillor Gaul, and adopted unanimously.

That we, the Council of the Borough of Wexford, do hereby make the following Closing Order under the above-recited Act, namely

O R D E R .

S H O P H O U R S A C T , 1904.

WHEREAS, the Wexford Urban District Council, as the Local Authority, are under and by virtue of the Shop Hours Act, 1904, and the Shops Regulation Acts, 1892 to 1904, empowered to make a Closing Order, subject to approval and confirmation as therein. And whereas the said Council, on the 7th day of May, 1906, was satisfied that it was expedient to make the Order, and that the Occupiers of at least two-thirds in number of the shops to be affected by the Order approved thereof, a Closing Order was made accordingly in the following terms:-

Now we, the said Local Authority, being satisfied that it is expedient to make a Closing Order as herein, and that the occupiers of at least two-thirds in number of

the shops to be affected approve thereof, do hereby make a Closing Order under the above Act affecting all shops within the Wexford Urban District, in which the following trades or any of them are carried on, viz:-

The trades of Drapers, Haberdashers, Outfitters, Milliners, Hatters, and Boot and Shoe Dealers. And we do hereby fix the hours on the several days of the week at which all the respective shops of the above specified classes shall be closed for serving customers as follows, viz: On Mondays, Tuesdays, Wednesdays, Thursdays, and Fridays (except any of these days happen to be the eve of a Roman Catholic Holiday) the closing hours shall be seven o'clock, p. m.; On Saturdays and the eves of Roman Catholic Holidays, the closing hours shall be ten o'clock p. m.

But this Order shall not apply to any of the seven working days immediately preceding Christmas Day, and the hours at which any of these premises will be closed during that week will be left entirely to the discretion of each proprietor.

And we do hereby prohibit the carrying on of any retail trade of Drapers, Haberdashers, Outfitters, Milliners, Hatters, and Boot and Shoe Dealers, after the said Closing Hours on the said days of the week in any place not being a Shop within the said Wexford Urban District.

William A. Browne, Town Clerk.

M. J. O'Connor & Co., Solicitors to Wexford

Urban District Council.

A Committee report was read as to improvements and repairs required at Coolree Reservoir. The Committee visited the Works on the 2nd Instant. They recommended that the general repairs at the Reservoir and on the Caretaker's House, as set forth in the Town Surveyor's report should be made without delay. On the question of making the veranda of the Lodge into a porch, the Committee were not unanimous, but the majority considered the improvement necessary and useful, and recommended that it should be carried out simultaneously with the doing of the repairs.

On the motion of Alderman Sinnott, seconded by Councillor Michael O'Connor it was resolved:- That the report be adopted, and tenders invited in the usual way in respect of doing the work in accordance with a specification to be prepared by the Town Surveyor.

Tenders were received in respect of limewashing the walls and mowing the grass on the intra mural graveyards of the town. They were from B. Swift, who was willing to do the work for £6. James Berry who was ready to do it for £4., and Denis Sullinan, who asked £5. 17. 6 for doing it.

The tender of James Berry was accepted.

Attention was called to a proposal made by Mr Michael Ennis with reference to a nuisance at the rear of William Street. A right existed from time immemorial to drain the houses in William Street into the adjoining swamp. Before the

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reclamation works were completed, the discharge from the houses was carried away by the tide, and gave no cause for alarm. But since the foreshore was interfered with, the discharge from the sewer gave rise to a nuisance. Mr Ennis, the present owner of the swamp, was willing to deflect the existing sewer and convey the sewage into the main sewer in the roadway in William Street, if the Urban Sanitary Authority were willing to give him the necessary facilities.

The matter having been fully considered, it was proposed by Councillor Rowe and seconded by Alderman Sinnott, that Mr Ennis's request be complied with, but that this concession be not regarded as any relinquishment of the rights of easement which the Corporation possessed over the swamp.

Some of the Members present contended that it was not physically possible to allow the sewer to be deflected without foregoing all rights of easement.

The question was put and it was carried on a division, five members voted for and four against the motion.

James J. Stafford

2nd. August 1906.

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

There were in attendance.

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

Alderman:- Matthew Doyle.

Councillors:- Frank O'Connor, Michael O'Connor, Patrick Byrne, Joseph Kelly, John J. Kehoe, Robert Hanton.

The Secretary of the harbour Board notified that only one member of the Council, namely Councillor Robert Hanton, had been nominated as required, previous to the meeting being held, therefore on the motion of Councillor Kehoe, seconded by Alderman Doyle, it was

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

Councillor Hanton returned thanks for his election.

James J. Stafford

7th August 1906.

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

The members present were:-

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

Aldermen:- Walter Walsh.

Councillors:- James Hore, Frank O'Connor, Benjamin Hughes, Howard Rowe,
Joseph Kingsberry, Joseph Doyle.

The minutes of meeting of 11th July 1906 were read and signed.

Liabilities which had accrued due up to the end of last month, amounting in the aggregate to £993. 16. 4 were laid before the meeting and having been examined were approved and an Advice Note was signed to enable the Treasurer to pay them on presentation to him of paying orders numbered from 484 to 500, and from 1 to 4 inclusive.

Summary and Reconcilement of Treasurer's Account for the month ending the last day of July 1906, including the payments made at the meeting held on this day.

S U M M A R Y .

	Ordinary.	Loan.
Balance due by Treasurer as per last Statement	374 : 16 : 3	- : - : -
Total sum received to close of last month.	657 : 14 : 10	- : - : -
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Total.	1032 : 11 : 1	
Balance due to Treasurer as per last Statement.	- : - : -	27 : 13 : 7
Payments ordered at this Meeting.	974 : 16 : 4	19 : 0 : 0
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Total	974 : 16 : 4	46 : 13 : 7
Net Balance due by Treasurer (Ordinary)	57 : 14 : 9	
Net Balance due to Treasurer (Loan)		46 : 13 : 7

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Balance per Bank Book due by Treasurer(ordinary)	1032 : 11 : 1	
Balance per Bank Book due to Treasurer (Loan)		27 : 13 : 7
Outstanding Orders (including those issued at this meeting)	974 : 16 : 4	19 : 0 : 0
Net Balance as above due by Treasurer (Ordinary)	57 : 14 : 9	
Net balance as above due to Treasurer (Loan)		46 : 13 : 7

Included in the Accounts passed this day for payment, there was an item of £19 voted unanimously to the Town Clerk for extra services rendered by him in connection with the carrying out of a Scheme for providing Nineteen Labourers Dwellings from its inception to its completion in the present year. The payment of the remuneration in question had been recommended by the Finance and Works Committee.

A letter from the Local Government Board was read dated 1st Instant No. 40532. The Board requested that a Special Meeting of the Urban District Council should be summoned to consider suggestions contained in the Board's circular letter of

28th June last on the subject of Consumption, but especially on the following four points: Printing and circulation of the leaflets and posters, improvement of housing conditions under which people lived, examination of sputum in suspected cases, and appointment of local Committees.

On the same subject a letter received from the Clerk of Wexford Rural District Council, dated 21st July 1906, was read. The Rural District Council suggested that a meeting of representatives of all the Public Bodies of the County Wexford should be held to deliberate on the subject and decide what were the best means to be adopted to combat the disease.

Thereupon it was proposed by Councillor Hughes, seconded by Councillor Frank O'Connor, and resolved as follows:-

That this Council approve of the holding of the proposed Conference of the Public Bodies of the County, and that the following seven members be requested to attend the Conference in behalf of this Council: The Mayor, Aldermen Hadden and Walsh, Councillors Hore, Rowe, Hughes and Hanton.

In response to advertisements published in the local newspapers inviting tenders in respect of executing certain repairs and improvements at Coolree Reservoir, there was but one tender lodged. This was opened and read and proved to be from Joseph Scallan, Builder, who, it appeared, was willing to carry the specification into effect in consideration of a payment to him of £41. 12. 0. Reference was made to the Town Surveyor's report, whereupon it was seen that the estimated cost of the work to be done was £39. 10. 0, and on the motion of Councillor Hughes, seconded by Alderman Walsh, the tender was accepted.

There were brought before the meeting five sets of draft bye laws for regulating the holding of markets, for the regulation of Common Lodging Houses, with respect to new streets and buildings, with respect to nuisances, and for the regulation of water supplies. These proposed ordinances had engaged the attention of a Committee of the Council for many months and the Committee approved of their adoption in the form in which they had presented them to the meeting. There was one point however, on which the Committee were not unanimous. This was as to the distance which pigs were to be required to be kept from dwelling houses. The majority of the Committee were of opinion that the distance should not be less than twentyone feet, an opinion which was concurred in by the Medical Officer of Health. The Committee further considered that it would be found most useful to make Part 3 of the Public Health Act, 1890, applicable to the Urban District, and recommended the Council to adopt the Measure. The report of the Committee having been considered, it was proposed by Councillor Rowe, seconded by Councillor Frank O'Connor,

That this meeting consider it expedient that Part 3 of the Public Health Act, 1890 should be adopted, and that the model bye laws furnished by the Local Government Board, as amended by the Bye Laws Committee and adapted to the requirements of the town, be approved with a view to the formal adoption and confirmation of such byelaws. On this question being put a division was called for and was taken, whereupon five

members voted for and two against the motion which was then declared carried.

An application was read from Mr. George Stafford of John Street. He asked that the paved footpath in front of his premises should be replaced by a concrete one. The present path was slippery and walking on it was attended with considerable difficulty. The cost of making the improvement was estimated at £10. On the motion of Councillor Kingsberry seconded by Councillor Rowe, the application was granted.

A subject which had been under the consideration of the Waterworks Committee was brought under notice by the receipt of a letter from the Misses Pierse of Rocklands. These ladies required a supply of water from the Urban Water Supply to their residence which was situate outside the Municipal boundary. The Committee were willing to permit the supply to be obtained on certain specified conditions, which included the payment by the Misses Pierse of a charge of two shillings for each 1000 gallons of water consumed on the premises. The applicant were prepared to enter into an agreement binding them to comply with all the conditions, but asked the Council to re-consider the question of price. They pointed out that in a similar case, namely, that of St. Magdalen's, the price charged was only one shilling per 1000 gallons used. On this matter being considered it was mentioned that the case of St. Magdalen's was the first one of the kind that had been entertained by the Council, and there was no means of ascertaining what would be a reasonable charge to make, but from the experience gained in that case it was found that the price was inadequate. The meeting refused to make any reduction of price, and expressed the opinion that an endeavour should be made to raise the charge in the case of St. Magdalens to two shillings also.

James Hore

3rd. September 1906.

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

The members present were:-

James Hore Esq., T. C., (in the chair)

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

Councillors:- Joseph Kelly, Robert Hanton, Frank O'Connor, Joseph Doyle,
Joseph Kingsberry, Thomas O'Brien.

The minutes of meeting of 7th August 1906 were read and signed.

Liabilities which had accrued due up to the end of last month, amounting in the aggregate to £278. 4. 0, were submitted to the meeting and having been examined were approved and an Authorisation was signed to enable the Treasurer to pay them on presentation to him of Paying Orders numbered from 5 to 27 inclusive.

Summary and Reconciliation of the Treasurer's Account for the month of August 1906, including the payments made at the meeting held on this day.

S U M M A R Y.			
	Ordinary.		Loan.
Balance due by Treasurer as per last Statement.	57	: 14 : 9	- : - : -
Total sum received to close of last month.	704	: 0 : 6	- : - : -
Total.	761	: 15 : 3	- : - : -
Balance due to Treasurer as per last Statement.	-	: - : -	46 : 13 : 7
Payments ordered at this meeting.	278	: 4 : 0	- : - : -
Total.	278	: 4 : 0	46 : 13 : 7
Net balance due by Treasurer (Ordinary)	483	: 11 : 3	
Net balance due to Treasurer (Loan)			46 : 13 : 7

R E C O N C I L E M E N T.			
Balance per bank Book due by Treasurer (Ordinary)	761	: 15 : 3	
Balance per Bank Book due to Treasurer (Loan)			46 : 13 : 7
Outstanding Orders (including those issued at this Meeting)	278	: 4 : 0	- : - : -
Net Balance as above due by Treasurer (Ordinary)	483	: 11 : 3	
Net Balance as above due to Treasurer (Loan)			46 : 13 : 7

A letter received from Sir Anthony P. MacDonnell, Under Secretary for Ireland, was read. It contained an Order of His Excellency, the Lord Lieutenant, confirming a Closing Order made by the Council on the 21st July 1906 under the Shop Hours Act 1904. The Confirming Order was in the following terms.

THE SHOP HOURS ACT, 1904.

By the Lord Lieutenant-General and General Governor of Ireland.

ABERDEEN,

Whereas the Urban District Council of Wexford have submitted to Us a Closing Order made by the said Council on the 11th day of July, 1906, in pursuance of the provisions of the Shop Hours Act, 1904, 4 Edward VII., chapter 31:

And whereas the said Council duly published the said Order on the 21st day of July, 1906:

And whereas We have received no objections to the said Order within the time limit mentioned in the said publication of the 21st July, 1906:

Now We, the Lord Lieutenant-General and General Governor of Ireland, in pursuance of the powers conferred upon Us by the Shop Hours Act, 1904, and of every other power enabling Us in this behalf, do hereby confirm the Closing Order made by the Urban District Council of Wexford on the 11th day of July, 1906.

Given at His Majesty's Castle of Dublin, this 30th day of August, 1906.

By His Excellency's Command,

A. P. MacDonnell.

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A letter from the Local Government Board was read dated 21st August, 1906 No. 47441, pointing out that it would be well that the proposed byelaws for Wexford should be

submitted to that Department for provisional approval before the necessary statutory preliminaries in connection with the adoption and confirmation of the byelaws would be carried out.

In reference to this matter, it was explained that it was not possible to complete the draft byelaws until a decision was come to by the Council, one way or the other, on the question of adopting Part 3 of the Public Health Acts Amendment Act, 1890, for which purpose a Special Meeting had been convened to be held on the first day of October next.

A notice was read intimating that a Thomas Tobin of Maudlintown, Wexford, intended to make application for compensation for criminal injury done on a bicycle his property. The sum he claimed for the loss sustained by the injury was £7. 5. 0.

A report on the matter received from the Police, showed that the bicycle had been stolen from the Quay, and was found at Newtown two miles from the town very seriously damaged.

It was not considered necessary that the Council should be represented by Solicitor at the hearing of the case before the County Court Judge.

Councillor Frank O'Connor drew attention to the fact that street openings were calculated to cause serious impediment to traffic during the next three months. The autumn season was always the time when business in the town was briskest, and any obstruction in the streets then was likely to be attended with loss and inconvenience to traders. He gave notice that he would move at a Meeting to be held on Wednesday the 12th Instant, that the work of constructing a Main Drainage for St. Selskar Ward be suspended until the Spring or early Summer of 1907.

The notice was accepted.

James J. Tifford

12th September 1906.

A Special Meeting of the Council, acting as ex-officio Town Commissioners, was held this day at the Town Clerk's Office at 7. 30. P. M.

The members present were:-

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

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

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

The object of the meeting was to consider a proposal to suspend the work which was being carried out, of constructing a Main Drainage System in St. Selskar Ward.

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A numerously signed memorial from the traders of that Ward was read. They asked that the laying of the pipes should be postponed for three months.

Councillor Frank O'Connor, pursuant to notice given by him, proposed the suspension of the work in question till the Spring or early Summer of 1907.

The motion was seconded by Alderman Doyle, and on being put was carried.

James J. Stafford

1st October 1906.

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

The members present were:-

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

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

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

The minutes of meetings of 3rd. and 12th September 1906 were read and signed.

Liabilities accrued due up to the end of last month and amounting in the aggregate to £204. 5. 6 were ordered for payment.

Summary and reconciliation of Treasurer's Account for the month ending September 1906, including the payments made at the meeting held on this day.

S U M M A R Y .

	Ordinary.	Loan.
Balance due by Treasurer as per last statement.	483 : 11 : 3	
Total sum received to close of last month	896 : 0 : 4	
TOTAL	1379 : 11 : 7	
Balance due to Treasurer as per last statement.		46 : 13 : 7
Payments ordered at above meeting	203 : 11 : 8	- : 13 : 6
TOTAL	203 : 11 : 8	47 : 7 : 1
Net balance due by Treasurer (Ordinary)	1175 : 19 : 11	
Net balance due to Treasurer (Loan)		47 : 7 : 1

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

Balance per Bank Book due by Treasurer (Ordinary)	1386 : 15 : 11	
Balance per Bank Book due to Treasurer (Loan)		46 : 13 : 7
Outstanding Orders (including those issued at this Meeting)	210 : 16 : 0	- : 13 : 6
Net Balance as above due by Treasurer (ordinary)	1175 : 19 : 11	
Net Balance as above due to Treasurer (Loan)		47 : 7 : 1

Included in the Accounts passed this day for payment was a Bill of Costs payable to the Corporation Solicitor. It amounted to £12 : 14 : 2, which had accrued due for miscellaneous services rendered by him during the period commencing 19th October 1905.

and ending 14th May 1906. The Finance Committee, who had had the Bill under consideration, decided, in order to save the cost attendant on taxing the Bill, to offer the Solicitor £10. 10. 0 in full liquidation of his claim. It was announced he had expressed his willingness to accept the offer, and thereupon the present Meeting directed the £10. 10. 0 to be paid.

The following resolution was passed unanimously, on the motion of Alderman Hadden, seconded by Councillor Kehoe.

Resolved:- That this meeting, specially convened to consider the question of putting into force Part 3 of the Public Health Acts Amendment Act, 1890 within the Urban Sanitary District of Wexford, do hereby adopt said Enactment; and that this resolution do come into operation on the expiration of not less than one month from the first publication thereof in the local Press, and by handbills posted and circulated throughout the Urban District.

A Committee Report on the need for painting and cleaning the Town Hall was read. All the exterior woodwork required to be painted, and the eave gutters and downpipes renewed in parts. In the interior, the two large rooms, the hall and staircase required to have the ceilings whitened and the walls coloured. The painted woodwork needed to be painted afresh and the varnished woodwork cleaned. Sundry carpentry repairs were necessary. The estimated cost of doing the work was £34.

On the motion of Councillor Frank O'Connor, seconded by Alderman Sinnott, it was decided to invite tenders in respect of the work against next meeting, and in the meantime the Town Surveyor be instructed to prepare a specification in accordance with the terms of the Committee report.

A communication was read from the Inspector of Police intimating that Sergeant Hurley would no longer act as Inspector of Explosives within the Borough, as he had retired from the Police Service on pension, but that Sergeant Edward Hickey would act in that capacity, provided he were furnished with the necessary authorization by the Corporation.

It was ordered:- That Sergeant Edward Hickey be appointed Inspector of Explosives for the Borough of Wexford, and that the necessary authorization be issued in the case.

There was brought before the meeting a proposal made by the Nuns of the Presentation Convent. This Community was possessed of a piece of land at Grogan's Road which was fenced off from the road by a crooked fence. They intended to replace this by a wall which, with the consent of the Council, would be built in a straight line. A Committee of the Council had visited Grogan's Road, and were in favour of permission being given to make the proposed improvement, and made a recommendation to that effect.

It was ordered:- That the recommendation be adopted.

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A circular letter from the Local Government Board, No. 5249 dated 6th September

was submitted. It contained a copy of revised instructions which the Department had found it necessary to issue under the Public Health (Ireland) Acts 1878 to 1900, the Housing of the Working Classes (Ireland) Acts, 1890 to 1896, and the Local Government (Ireland) Acts, 1898 to 1902.

A circular letter from the same Department dated 24th September 1906, No 48951, was submitted. It contained a copy of the Open Spaces Act, 1906.

With a view to the town of Wexford deriving advantage in the pecuniary sense, from the recently opened railway and the steam ship service between the South of Ireland and England, Alderman Hadden took occasion to express an opinion that every possible effort should be made to attract tourists to the town. There were many places of interest and of scenic beauty in and about Wexford which were well worthy of a visit. An endeavour should be made to bring them under the notice of the travelling public. He suggested that an illustrated guide book, containing a descriptive and historical account of Wexford and its vicinity, should be produced at the expense of the Council, and distributed widely for the information of tourists. This opinion was shared in to the fullest extent by all the members present, and a Committee was appointed consisting of the Mayor, Alderman Hadden, and Councillors Hore, Hughes, Frank O'Connor, Kehoe, and Hanton, to devise the best means to accomplish the object in view.

Attention was called to the egregious want of accommodation at South Wexford Railway Station, as also at Rosslare Station. There was a level crossing at each of those places which were nothing short of "death traps". To approach the stations in daylight was attended with no small degree of risk of personal injury, but after dark the danger was heightened by the absence of sufficient artificial light. Passengers were left dependant on the light afforded by portable lanterns placed on the ground.

The matter having been considered, it was decided that the Town Clerk should write to the Secretary of the Great Southern and Western Railway Company complaining of the neglected state of the South Wexford Railway Station, and to the County Council asking them to endeavour to bring about an improvement in the state of things at Rosslare.

5th Nov. 1906 *Saml. J. Stafford*

5th November 1906.

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

The members of the Council in attendance were:-

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

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

Councillors:- Joseph Doyle, James Hore, Howard Rowe, John J. Kehoe,
Frank O'Connor, Benjamin Hughes, Joseph Kelly,
Joseph Kingsberry.

The minutes of meeting of 1st October 1906 were read and signed.

Liabilities which had accrued due up to the end of last month amounting in the aggregate to 1684. 17. 4 were laid before the meeting, and having been examined were approved, and an Advice Note was signed to enable the Treasurer to pay them on presentation to him of Paying Orders numbered from 41 to 72 inclusive.

Summary and Reconcilement of Treasurer's Account for the month ending October 1906, including the payments made at the meeting held on this day.

S U M M A R Y .

	Ordinary.	Loan.
Balance due by Treasurer as per last Statement.	£ 1175. 19. 11	
Total sum received to close of last month.	775. 8. 9	
Total	1951. 8. 8	
Balance due to Treasurer as per last Statement.		47. 7. 5
payments ordered at this Meeting.	1684. 17. 4	1. 12. 3
Total.	1684. 17. 4	48. 19. 8
Net balance due by Treasurer (Ordinary)	266. 11. 4	
Net balance due To Treasurer (Loan)		48. 19. 8

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

Balance per bank Book due by Treasurer (Ordinary)	1951. 8. 8	
Balance per Bank Book due to Treasurer (Loan)		47. 7. 5
outstanding Orders	1684. 17. 4	1. 12. 3
Net Balance as above due by Treasurer	266. 11. 4	
Net balance as above due to Treasurer.		48. 19. 8

Reference was made to the recent demise of the late James Goodisson, father of Councillor James Goodisson, a member of the Council. Deceased was an old and respected inhabitant of the town, and his death was deeply regretted by his many friends.

On the motion of Councillor Frank O'Connor, seconded by Councillor Kingsberry, it was,

Resolved:- That the Town Clerk be asked to convey an expression of condolence to Councillor Goodisson in his bereavement

A letter was read from the Secretary of the Great Southern and Western Railway Co. in reply to a letter directed to be sent to him at meeting held on 1st Ultimo. While expressing regret at the Corporation having had occasion to complain of the insufficient accommodation and protection afforded to passengers at the South Wexford and Rosslare Railway Stations, he intimated that he had brought the matter to the notice of the proper Department who would have it fully investigated.

A report furnished to the Local Government Board by Mr. J. A. Baker in the following terms was read.

" I have the honour to report that I have audited the accounts of Wexford Urban District for the financial year ended 31st March 1906, and transmit herewith two copies of the abstracts showing the receipts and expenditure under the several heads of account.

The Urban rates levied for the period, irrespective of special water rates, amounted to 5/2 in the £, of which 1/4 was Poor Rate. The collection of these appears to have been generally satisfactory.

The accounts and abstracts have been compiled in accordance with the provisions of the Public Bodies Order, and evince much care in their preparation, reflecting credit upon the Officers responsible for these duties."

With reference to minutes of 1st Ulto., when an order was made to invite tenders in respect of the work of renovating the Town Hall, it was announced that tenders were called for by advertisement in due course but none had been received in response to the invitation. Thereupon it was decided to defer the doing of the work sine die, having regard to the fact that the Wexford Lecture Association will require the use of the rooms for a day once a week until Christmas.

A complaint by letter was made by James Roche of King Street of the insanitary state of a lane in the Faythe contiguous to which he had lately built four dwelling houses. He alleged that the lane was never used, and suggested that it should be closed, or if not closed that it would be cleaned and put into proper order.

The Sanitary Sub-officer was questioned as to the allegation made. HE asserted that he had lately visited the lane and found no nuisance therein, but there was a quantity of building rubbish on the ground evidently deposited there by Roche when building his houses.

On the motion of Alderman hadden, seconded by Alderman Sinnátt, it was decided to instruct the Town Surveyor to visit the place and report thereon to the Works Committee.

A copy of a resolution received from the Urban District Council of New Ross was read. The terms of it were considered, and on the motion of Councillor Rowe, seconded by Alderman Doyle, a resolution to the same effect was adopted as follows That we direct our Clerk to forward to the Departmental Inquiry Commission, Messrs John E. Redmond M. R., Peter Ffrench M. P., and the Department of Agriculture and Technical Instruction for Ireland, our strongest protest against the practice of

this Department subsidizing out of public funds, the Irish Agricultural Organisation society.

Attention was called to the necessity that existed for laying a short piece of footpath at the east side of Selskar Street opposite the place where two houses had been taken down, and the street widened. The necessity for widening the existing footpath on the same side of the street was also adverted to, whereupon on the motion of Alderman Hadden, seconded by Alderman Doyle, a Committee was appointed consisting of Aldermen Doyle & Hadden, and Councillors Kehoe and Hughes assisted by the Town Surveyor to visit the locality and report on the matter.

It was reported to the meeting that some of the trees planted in the streets in March last had been wantonly broken and some others had died through deficient stamina, and the question was would it not be well to have the damaged ones renewed. The Contractor was liable to replace all trees that decayed but not the broken ones. It was suggested that the trees should be provided with iron or wooden guards. The matter was considered and thereupon it was decided to ask the Town Surveyor to report as to the most suitable class of guard to be had and the cost of same, and to ask the Contractor to make good all failures, and to have the broken trees replaced at the Corporation expense.

James J. Stafford
3 Dec. 1906

3rd December 1906.

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

The members of the Council present were:-

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

Aldermen:- James Sinnott, John Tyghe, Matthew Doyle.

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

The minutes of meeting of 5th November 1906, were read and signed.

Liabilities which had accrued due up to the end of last month, amounting in the aggregate to £337 : 4 : 8 were laid before the meeting, and having been examined were approved and an Advice Note was signed to enable the Treasurer to pay them on presentation to him of Paying Orders numbered from 73 to 96 inclusive.

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Summary and Reconcilement of Treasurer's Account for the month ending the last day of November 1906, including the payments made at the meeting held on this day.

S U M M A R Y .

	Ordinary.	Loan.
Balance due by Treasurer as per last Statement.	266 : 11 : 4	- : - : -
Total sum received to close of month.	644 : 7 : 7	48 : 19 : 8
TOTALS	910 : 18 : 11	48 : 19 : 8
Balance due to Treasurer as per last Statement.TOTALS	- : - : -	48 : 19 : 8
Payments ordered at present meeting. TOTALS	337 : 4 : 8	- : - : -
Net balance due by Treasurer.(being difference of Totals	573 : 14 : 3	- : - : -
Net balance due to Treasurer being difference of Totals	- : - : -	- : - : -

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

Balance per bank Books due by Treasurer	1347 : 4 : 11	- : - : -
Balance per Bank Books due to Treasurer	- : - : -	- : - : -
Outstanding Orders, including those issued at present Meeting.	773 : 10 : 8	- : - : -
Net Balance as above due by Treasurer.	573 : 14 : 3	- : - : -
Net Balance as above due to Treasurer.	- : - : -	- : - : -

A letter from Mr. James Goodisson T. C. was read wherein he expressed his thanks for the tribute of respect paid to the memory of his late father by the Council at their last Meeting.

Mr. B. Pierse stated by letter that as he was about to change his place of residence from Wexford to Kilmore, he would be able to act no longer as Collector of Market Tolls. He was prepared to resign his post on Saturday, 9th Instant, whereupon it was pointed out that the volume of business done in the market had materially diminished, and the Council would not be warranted in further retaining the services of two Collectors, and on the motion of Councillor Kelly, seconded by Alderman Tyghe, it was

Resolved:- That the opportunity afforded by the resignation of B. Pierse be taken advantage of to curtail the expenses attendant on the Market, and to that end that no person be appointed to replace the Officer named.

A report was read from a Committee of the Council engaged in obtaining information as to eligible sites for the proposed new Town Hall for Wexford.

The Committee had given the business entrusted to them due attention, but so far they were not in a position to make a definite recommendation. There were four places available as sites, each of them having advantages peculiar to itself.

These premises were as follows, namely, (1) a field in Upper George Street lying between the schools of the Christian Brothers and the old Town Wall, (2) the ground in the Bull Ring whereon the Market Sheds at present stand, (3) a field at the rear of the plantation in Rowe Street Upper, and (4) a yard at the Crescent Quay used as a storage ground for timber.

The first mentioned of these places would serve the dual purposes of a site for a

Town Hall aswell as a Peoples' Park. The second was already in the possession of the Council at a rent of £50 a year, and if an extension of the lease could be obtained from the Landlord at the present rent, a saving would be effected. The field in Rowe Street would answer in many ways, but in addition to acquiring it, it would be necessary to obtain possession of the strip of parochial ground on which the plantation exists in that street, in order to enable the front of the building to face towards the Church. The premises at Crescent Quay were also to be recommended. There was ample frontage, and a building of any pretensions could be shown to advantage.

The Committee were carrying on negotiations with the Owners of the premises referred to, but had not yet succeeded in coming to terms, but while admitting that it was premature to furnish a detailed report, the Committee thought it well to lay the foregoing information before the Council to show how the question of selecting a site stood.

There was no action taken by the Meeting on this matter pending the receipt of a final report from the Committee.

At the instance of a Committee appointed on 5th November 1906, the Town Surveyor submitted an estimate of the cost of a footpath to be laid in Selskar Street. It appeared the Committee approved of the two footpaths which existed on the east side of that street, between the corner of Monk Street and the corner of Ram Street, but which did not reach the entire distance between these points, being taken up and a wider path put down without having any break, except at the entrance to Trimmers' Lane. The estimated cost of making the improvement was put down at £28. 18. 8.

On the motion of Councillor Hughes, seconded by Alderman Sinnott it was Resolved:- That the work be done in the manner recommended by the Committee, but on the direct labour system instead of the contract system.

A copy of a resolution emanating from the Co. Wexford Committee of the Gaelic League was read. It was in the following terms:-

That we call on all the Branches of the GAELIC League under the control of the Co. Committee to change their accounts from the National Bank, which has refused to accept cheques signed in Irish, to any other Bank that accepts them. All Gaelic Leaguers to do likewise. All Public Bodies in Co. Wexford, the Co. Council, the Urban and District Councils, the Boards of Guardians and other Public Bodies be requested to change their accounts.

To call on all Gaelic Leaguers in the County to refuse to accept notes of the National Bank, or if accepted to get them changed into gold.

Alderman Doyle proposed that the consideration of the matter be deferred pending the result of a Conference proposed to be held between the Co. Committee of the Gaelic League and Sir Thomas Grattan Esmond M. P. who, as one of the Directors of the national Bank might be able to bring about a modus vivendi.

The proposition was seconded by COUNCILLOR DOYLE, which on being put to the Meeting was declared lost, but a resolution in the following terms was carried

on the proposition of Councillor Rowe seconded by Councillor Frank O'Connor.

That this Council take no action on the question in dispute between the Gaelic League and the National Bank.

A division was taken on the latter resolution whereupon ten members voted for and three against it.

It was ordered:- That a concrete footpath be laid in Fisher's Row for the entire length of that street, but not until the paths hitherto ordered to be laid have been constructed.

James J. Stafford

7th January 1907.

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

The members of the Council present were:-

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

Aldermen: James Sinnott, Matthew Doyle, Walter Walsh.

Councillors:- James Hore, Benjamin Hughes, Joseph Doyle, Joseph Kingsberry, Robert Hanton, Joseph Kelly, John J. Kehoe.

The minutes of meeting of 3rd. December 1906 were read and signed.

Liabilities which had accrued due up to the end of last month, amounting in the aggregate to £231 : 14 : 7 were submitted to the meeting, and having been examined were approved and an Advice Note was signed to enable the Treasurer to pay them on presentation to him of Paying Orders numbered from 97 to 121 inclusive.

Summary and reconcilament of Treasurer's Account for the month ended the last day of December 1906, including the payments made at the Meeting held on this day.

S U M M A R Y .

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Balance due by Treasurer as per last Statement	573	14	3
Total sum received to close of last month.	444	13	3
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TOTAL	1018	7	6
Balance due to Treasurer as per last Statement	-	-	-
Payments ordered at above-mentioned Meeting.	231	14	7
Net Balance due by Treasurer (being difference of above totals)	786	12	11

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

Balance per Bank Books due by Treasurer	1018	7	6
Outstanding Orders (including those issued at this Meeting)	231	14	7
Net Balance as above due by Treasurer.	786	12	11

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Included in the accounts passed this day for payment was a sum of Two Pounds which

the Finance Committee, on the application of the School Attendance Committee, had recommended to be advanced to meet legal expenses under the Irish Education Act, 1892. The arrangement which existed heretofore was that the School Attendance Officer, in the first instance, defrayed such expenses from his private purse, but in some cases these were not re-imbursed him until four months later, and this was considered a great hardship on the Attendance Officer, having regard to the fact that his salary was but £36 a year.

A recommendation of the Works Committee, arrived at on 5th December last, was submitted. It was to the effect that the Corporation should erect a gas lamp on Airhill Road, contiguous to the Convent of Mercy, on condition that the County Council, who had jurisdiction over portion of this road, would agree to erect a second lamp thereon.

This matter was discussed, when it transpired that the Community of the Convent were prepared to have a gas lamp put up on condition that the Corporation would provide another, so that then it would not be necessary to approach the County Council on the matter.

This being so, it was proposed by Alderman Sinnott, seconded by Alderman Doyle and Resolved:- That a gas lamp be erected and maintained on Airhill Road by this Council, and that the Works COMMITTEE BE REQUESTED TO select a suitable position for such lamp.

With reference to minutes of 3rd December last, when it was decided not to fill the vacant post of Collector of Market Tolls caused by the resignation of B. Pierse the Finance and Works Committee reported that by this decision Thomas Lacy, the remaining Market Toll Collector, had additional duties and responsibilities cast on him, and therefore it was but fair and reasonable that his remuneration should be increased. They made a recommendation that his wages as Toll Collector should be raised from 4/- to 6/6 a week.

Before this matter was disposed of the attention of the Meeting was called to the fact that by a recent legal decision, members of the Constabulary would, in future, be debarred from serving summonses issued by them for hearing at the Court held under the Towns Improvement Act, 1854, and that it would therefore be necessary for the Council to appoint some person to act in their stead.

The Finance Committee had had this matter already before them, and agreed to recommend the Council to appoint the Mayor's Sergeant, Thomas Lacy, to fill the position at a remuneration of sixpence for each summons served by him.

The reasons for their recommendation were that Lacy already acted as Summons Server to the Court of Conscience, and he also served any summonses required by private persons under the Towns Improvement Act.

The Meeting discussed the two foregoing recommendations together, and decided to refer both questions back to the Finance Committee so that they might go carefully into Lacy's duties and ascertain whether or not he would be able efficiently to discharge the additional work which the extra remuneration would necessitate;

BOROUGH OF WEXFORD,

Election of Councillors for the above Borough in the Year 1907.

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

COUNCILLORS.

Wards.	Names of Candidates.		Places of Abode.	Number of Votes Recorded.	Names of Candidates Elected.
	Surnames.	Other Names.			
1	2	3	4	5	6
St. Iberius	Goodisson	James	John Street	—	James Goodisson
do	Hanton	Robert	John Street	—	Robert Hanton
St. Mary's	Cullimore	James	Main Street South	—	James Cullimore
do	Gibson	Richard	Main Street North	—	Richard Gibson
St. Selskar	Browne	Michael	Commercial Quay	172	Michael Browne
do	Carty	Frank	Main Street North	151	Frank Carty
do	Hore	James	George Street	99	—

Dated this 16th day of Jannary, 1907.

WM. A. BROWNE,
Returning Officer.

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the result of their investigation to be submitted to the Council at their next Meeting.

The following resolution received from the Urban District Council of Queenstown, was unanimously adopted on the motion of Alderman Sinnott, seconded by Councillor Hanton.

That we, the Council of this District, on behalf of the inhabitants of the Borough, do hereby enter our most solemn protest against the arbitrary violation by the French Government of the archives of the Nunciature in Paris, and the brutal and violent outrage perpetrated on the Sovereign Pontiff's representative, Mons. Montagnini, both of which acts were contrary to diplomatic usage and social justice. That we furthermore strongly protest against the tyrannical treatment to which the Catholic Prelates and Clergy of France have been subjected by an atheistical Government, which has confiscated Church property, profaned temples consecrated to the Worship of God, proscribed liberty of conscience, and boasted of its intention to root out the ideas of Christianity. That a copy of this resolution, with an expression of our sincere sympathy and respectful homage, be forwarded by the Town Clerk to His Holiness THE Pope, and to Cardinal Richard, Archbishop of Paris.

James J. Stafford

23 January 1907

23rd. January 1907.

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

The members of the Council present were:-

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

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

Councillors:- Benjamin Hughes, Frank Carty, Richard Gibson, Robert Hanton,
Joseph Doyle, Frank O'Connor, Michael Browne, Joseph Kingsberry,
Howard Rowe, Joseph Kelly, Nicholas Gaul, John J. Kehoe,
John O'Connor.

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

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

Resolved:- That Councillor Robert Hanton be elected Mayor for the year commencing this day and until the 31st December next and shall have accepted Office.

Councillor Hanton thereupon made and subscribed a declaration accepting the Office to which he had been elected. He was then duly installed in the Chair and expressed his thanks for the trust reposed in him by his Colleagues. On the motion of Councillor P. O'Connor, seconded by Councillor Kelly, it was carried unanimously.

That we tender to the outgoing Mayor Councillor James J. Stafford, an expression of sincere thanks for the zeal and ability he displayed for the last three years in the discharge of the exceptionally onerous duties that devolved upon him and wish to record our appreciation of the courtesy and dignity which marked his conduct in the Chair. Councillor Stafford in suitable terms acknowledged the Council's appreciation of his services as Mayor.

It was decided to have the three Quarterly Meetings of the Council required to BE HELD previous to 23rd January 1908, fixed for the following dates, viz:- Monday the 6th May next at noon, Thursday the 8th August next at noon, and Thursday the 7th November next at noon.

On the motion of Alderman Hadden, seconded by Councillor Hughes, it was Resolved:- That the Finance & Works, Waterworks, and Sanitary Committees be composed of the entire Council for the coming year.

Alderman Walsh proposed:

That the Technical Committee be formed of the following seven members of the Corporation: The Mayor for the time being, Aldermen Walsh, Hadden and Sinnott, Councillors Hughes, Rowe, and Stafford, in addition to the Protestant Rector Venerable Archdeacon Latham, the Catholic Administrator Rev. P. Doyle, the Superior of the Christian Brothers Rev Brother Lavelle and Messrs M. A. Ennis, Joseph S. Thompson, and James Hore.

This was seconded by Councillor Kelly and was carried unanimously.

A Committee of the Council appointed for the purpose of devising the best means to bring the claims of Wexford Town and its vicinity as a tourist resort under the notice of the general public, made a recommendation. This ran to the effect that a full page advertisement should be inserted at a cost of £7. in a guide book called "Holiday Haunts" published and circulated in England by Wills Limited. The number of these booklets put into circulation annually was 75,000. There was also a guide book published by the Great Western Company of England. The circulation of this brochure was 350,000, and a quarter page advertisement was available for £7. The Committee approved of inserting an advertisement in this guide book at the cost mentioned. It appeared also that two of the London daily newspapers namely The Daily Mail and The Daily Telegraph would insert a weekly paragraph in their columns during the tourist season bringing Wexford under the notice of travelling tourists. The cost of rendering this service was £5. 5. 0 in the case of each newspaper.

The Committee had met Messrs Broadley and Keymer representing Wills Limited, and Messrs Beddoes and Carroll Irish Tourist Agents connected with the Great Western Railway Company of England. They had discussed the matter with these gentlemen very fully on two occasions, and had come to the conclusion that having regard to the travelling facilities afforded by the cross-channel service between Fishguard and Rosslare harbour, the cost of the advertisements in question would be money well spent, and it was hoped would redound materially to the well-being of the trading community of the town of Wexford.

On this matter being considered it was decided to adopt the recommendation of the Committee, but in order to test the value of the advertisements that the proposed expenditure in connection therewith should be confined to next tourist season only.

Attention was called to the fact that a family bereavement had befallen one of the members of the Council, Councillor Patrick Byrne. This gentleman had recently to mourn the death of his father, Councillor Byrne was a highly respected inhabitant of the town, and the loss he had sustained was deeply deplored by those with whom he had come in contact.

Alderman Hadden proposed therefore that the Town Clerk should convey to Mr. Byrne an expression of condolence on the part of the Council.

The motion was seconded by Councillor Kehoe and adopted unanimously.

4th February 1907

Robert Hanton

4th February 1907.

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

The members present were:-

Robert hanton Esq., mayor (in the chair-)

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

Councillors:- Howard Rowe, Benjamin Hughes, James J. Stafford, Frank Carty, Joseph Kingsberry, Michael Browne, Joseph Kelly, Frank O'Connor, James Goodisson, Thomas O'Brien, Richard Gibson, John O'Connor, John J. Kehoe.

The minutes of meeting of 23rd. january last were read and signed.

Liabilities which had accrued due up to the end of last month, amounting in the aggregate to £786 : 3 : 3 were submitted to the meeting and having been examined and found correct were approved and an Advice Note was signed to enable the Treasurer to pay them on presentation to him of paying Orders numbered from 122 to 138 inclusive.

Summary and Reconcilement of Treasurer's Account for the month ended the last day of January 1907, preceding the payment made at the stated Finance Meeting

held on this day.

S U M M A R Y .

Balance due by Treasurer as per last Statement.	786 : 12 : 11
Total sum received to close of last month	568 : 8 : 8
TOTAL	1355 : 1 : 7
Balance due to Treasurer as per last Statement	- : - : -
Payments ordered at this Meeting.	786 : 3 : 3
TOTAL	786 : 3 : 3
Net balance due by Treasurer.	568 : 18 : 4

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

Balance per Bank Books due by Treasurer	1387 : 18 : 8
outstanding Orders.	819 : 0 : 4
Net Balance due by Treasurer, as above.	568 : 18 : 4

The Sanitary Sub-officer made application by letter dated 23rd January 1907, for an increase of salary. he had been five years in the service of the Corporation, and he hoped he had done his business in an efficient manner. Those who were placed in authority above him could testify to this. His present salary was £40 a year, and he asked for an increase of £20.

According to his own opinion he had discharged the duties appertaining to his office faithfully and well. The number of inspections made by him each week was from 150 to 180, and that was a big percentage for a small town of the size of Wexford. Part of his duties were to inspect the Common Lodging Houses, Milk Shops, Cow Sheds, Slaughter Houses, and Factories and Workshops, as well as carefully to keep a watch over the butchers meat exposed for sale. he was also required to disinfect dwellings and clothing whenever the occasion arose, and having regard to all the duties and responsibilities attaching to the post, the Sanitary Sub-Officer confidently submitted his application to the meeting.

Councillor Frank O'Connor proposed.

That the Sanitary Sub-Officer's salary be increased by £20 per annum, in accordance with request contained in his letter of 23rd January 1907.

The motion was seconded by Councillor Browne, but on a division being taken it was declared lost by ten votes to six.

With reference to minutes of 7th January last, it was announced that the Finance Committee had carefully gone into the duties at present discharged by the Mayor's Sergeant, Thomas Lacy, and had come to the conclusion that it WOULD BE possible for him to act as sole Caretaker and Toll Collector of the Butter Market, and also serve the Towns Improvement Court Summonses without in the slightest degree neglecting his other work.

THIS being so, the Committee made the following recommendation.

That 2/6 be added to Thomas Lacy's salary as market Caretaker and Toll Collector, and further, that he be appointed at sixpence per summons as

server of summonses for the Court under the Towns Improvement Act, 1854.

Councillor Hughes proposed that the foregoing recommendation be adopted.

This was seconded by Councillor Kelly, and was carried unanimously.

A recommendation from the Finance & Works Committee dated 16th January 1907 was submitted. This Committee approved of the Council having William Street and Trinity Street, one of which was a continuation of the other, planted with forest trees on the side next the harbour. On this matter being considered, there was a demur raised against carrying out the proposal, owing to the fact that the experiment made last year in planting at the Faythe and Redmond Road was not attended with the measure of success anticipated, by reason chiefly of many of the trees being destroyed by mischevious persons

Thereupon it was decided to refer the question again to the Committee for reconsideration.

A copy of a resolution passed by the Wexford County Council in the following terms was read, and was, on the motion of Councillor Rowe, seconded by Councillor Frank OConnor, adopted.

That this Council desires to call attention to the intolerable position created for Irish County Councils generally by defects in the Local Government (Ireland) Act 1898, whereby County Councils entrusted by that Act with the charge of important interests now find themselves debarred from giving effective protection to those interests, eminent Counsel having advised that neither the Irish County Councils General Council, nor any County Council, or number of County Councils, can legally apply their funds towards the cost of appearing by Counsel before the Vice-Regal Commission on Irish Railways, now sitting, before which Commission the associated Railway Companies of Ireland, have been permitted to appear by Counsel. That we consider the fact that the Directors of the Irish Railway Companies are assisted before the Commission by Counsel at the expense of their Shareholders, whilst the County Councils of Ireland are debarred under the existing law from availing of the legal assistance will not conduce to an impartial consideration of the question of Irish Railways.

There was submitted a copy of a resolution passed by, and received from the Executive Committee of the gaelic league, Dublin, condemning the holding of the projected International Exhibition, as opposed to the developement and true interests of the industries of Ireland. The Body in question expressed approval however of the project of a National Exhibition, which they contended was calculated to focus the attention of the Irish people on their Home Industries.

There was also read a copy of a resolution received from the Wexford County Committee of the Gaelic League to the effect that Public Boards should bind themselves to require that in all future appointments to vacancies in Offices under the Boards, preference must be given to applicants capable of reading, translating, and writing the Irish language.

it was decided to mark "read" the resolutions referred to in the next two

foregoing paragraphs.

Alderman Hadden called attention to the want which existed in Wexford for a Peoples' park. He dwelt at considerable length on the advantages which would accrue to health, and the pleasure it would impart to residents in the town to have such a place of recreation. He pointed out that Wexford was behind many towns, some of them smaller in size than Wexford was, in the matter of providing a park.

He proposed the following motion.

That this Council approves of the principle of providing a Park for the Town of Wexford, and appoints a Committee consisting of The Mayor, Aldermen Hadden and Sinnott, and Councillors Stafford, Hughes and Carty, for the purpose of obtaining particulars as to any available sites, including the land opening into George Street, West Gate, John Street and Hill Street, and to report to this Council

The motion was seconded by Councillor Kehoe.

It was carried, but not until a division was taken, whereupon eight members voted for and five against it.

A letter from the Local Government Board dated 30th January 1907 No.2599, was read. It dealt with a matter appearing on the minutes of the Council on 7th Ult., on which date it was decided to advance a sum of Two Pounds to the School Attendance Officer to meet legal expenses under the Irish Education Act, 1892.

The Department suggested that as the amount was trifling, and as the multiplication of petty cash accounts was most undesirable, the matter might be arranged by the payment in question being made out of the Petty Cash left in the hands of the Town Clerk

The suggestion of the Department commended itself to the Meeting, and it was decided to charge the sum in future on the Petty Cash Account.

Councillor Patrick Byrne by letter expressed his thanks to the Meeting for the words of sympathy which were tendered to him on behalf of the Council on the occasion of the recent death of his father.

Robert H. H. H. H.
March 4th 1907

4th March 1907.

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

The members present were:-

Robert Hanton Esq., Mayor (in the chair)

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

Councillors:- Thomas O'Brien, James Goodisson, Richard Gibson, Frank Carty, Joseph Kelly, Benjamin Hughes, Joseph Kingsberry, Howard Rowe, John O'Connor, Frank O'Connor.

The minutes of meeting of 4th February 1907 were read and signed.

Liabilities which had accrued due up to the end of last month, amounting in the aggregate to £ 370 : 14 : 8 were examined, and having been examined were approved and an Advice Note was signed to enable the Treasurer to pay them on presentation to him of Paying Orders numbered from 139 to 158.

Summary and Reconcilement of Treasurer's Account for the month ending the last day of February 1907, including the payments made at the Meeting held on this day.

S U M M A R Y .

Balance due by Treasurer as per last Statement.	568 : 18 : 4
Total sum received to close of last month.	657 : 18 : 1
TOTAL	1226 : 16 : 5
Balance due by Treasurer as per last Statement	- : - : -
Payments ordered at above Meeting	370 : 14 : 8
TOTAL	370 : 14 : 8
Net balance due by Treasurer, being difference of above totals.	856 : 1 : 9

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

Balance per Bank Books due by Treasurer.	1661 : 2 : 5
Outstanding Orders, including those issued at this Meeting.	805 : 0 : 8
Net Balance as above due by Treasurer.	856 : 1 : 9

One of the financial transactions of the meeting was the transference of a sum of £50 from the Towns Improvement Fund to the credit of the Clerk's petty Cash Account. This was done on the recommendation of the Finance and Works Committee, who found it was necessary to increase the sum in the hands of the Clerk by that amount to pay the weekly wages of the increased staff of workmen required by reason of the construction of a new main drainage system in St. Selskar Ward.

It was mentioned that at the instance of the Finance & Works Committee the Directors of the Great Southern and Western Railway had been written to and asked to receive a Deputation from the Town on the subject of the inconvenient train service between

the South of the County and the Town of Wexford. This course was rendered necessary in consequence of the refusal of the Directors to re-arrange their time table so as to allow of a train to leave the town at one o'clock P. M. or thereabouts. As yet there had been no definite reply as to whether the Deputation would be received, but the presumption was that they would be, thereupon Alderman Hadden moved that the Deputation be appointed at once, and that the persons forming it be as follows, His Worship, The Mayor, Alderman Hadden, Alderman Sinnott, and Councillor Stafford, together with the following merchants and traders, Messrs J. E. Barry, Robert D. Walker, and a representative from each of the three principal Engineering Companies of the town, and any other influential persons that the Deputation may induce to join them. The motion was seconded by Councillor Kelly and was adopted.

The Town Surveyor's report was read. It appeared he had had occasion to suspend David Bennett, Foreman of Works, from duty for an act of insubordination on Saturday, 2nd. Instant in connection with the laying of sewer pipes. The Surveyor found that a portion of the pipes had been laid at too high a level, and found fault with the manner in which the work was done. The Foreman thereupon behaved in an aggressive manner. On a former occasion he repudiated his responsibility in connection with the laying of the same sewer, though it was part of his duty to superintend the work. The Surveyor found it difficult to get on with business generally owing to the Foreman's demeanour. It was for the meeting to say what should be done in the case.

The Foreman was called before the meeting and cathechised. He denied the charges generally, but said that if the pipes were not laid at a proper level it was not due to want of care on his part.

The meeting, after consultation, considered that the necessities of the case would be met by impressing on the Foreman the necessity of recognizing the Borough Surveyor's authority. He promised to obey instructions in future and was then reinstated.

The revised Valuation Lists for 1907, as received from the Commissioner of Valuation, relating to the Urban District of Wexford, were laid before the Meeting. It was seen that the aggregate valuations of premises for rating purposes amounted to £18,362 : 6 : 0, showing an increase within a year of £596 : 5 : 0, which was due mainly to the erection of additional buildings, and the enlargement and improvement of others. In the case of some of the premises affected by the revision, the increase of valuation seemed excessive, and it was decided to call the attention of the ratepayers concerned by letter to the Lists, in addition to giving general notification of the receipt of the Lists in the manner prescribed.

Attention was called to the fact by Councillor Hughes that a certain percentage of the expenses connected with the proposed new bridge for Wexford would have to be borne by the County Wexford, and he insinuated that the interests of the

County in the Matter were not properly safeguarded. He suggested that the Corporation should take such action as might be deemed advisable to save Wexford Town from being saddled with any share of the liabilities connected with the project. Alderman Doyle who was present made a statement. He spoke in his capacity as a member of the County Council representing the Town. He said that the County Council had closely watched the interests of the County Wexford in the matter of the chargeability of the expenses in question. They had utilized the services of their legal adviser in the case, and were satisfied that no injustice was done to Wexford County, considering the volume of traffic that went from the west of the County into Waterford.

A circular letter from the Local Government Board dated 15th February 1907, No. 74,563/1906 was read. It dealt with the question of the remuneration of Officers for their services in connection with the preparation of the Jurors' Lists and pointed out how an Order in Council of 21st December 1903, fixing the scale of such remuneration, was to be interpreted.

A circular from Sir J. B. Dougherty, Assistant Under Secretary for Ireland, dated 14th February 1907, was read, drawing attention to the want of uniformity in the bylaws made by County Councils and Borough Councils with respect to the lighting of bicycles and other vehicles, and in the restrictions imposed on cyclists. Enclosed in the circular was a copy of Model Byelaws, which Councils were empowered to frame under Section 125 of 3 & 4 Vic. Cap. 108 if they saw fit, for the lighting of bicycles and vehicles of all kinds not coming within the meaning of the Locomotives Act, 1865, and the Motor Car Acts 1896 and 1903.

The question of framing such bye laws was deferred sine die.

The Accounts of the Collector of Borough Rate and of Rate in lieu of County Cess were produced, with a view to closing them for the current financial year. They had been under the examination of the Finance Committee on 27th Ultimo. The Committee, who had expressed satisfaction with the result of the collections, made the following recommendation.

That there be written off as uncollectible items amounting to £11 : 4 : 3 in the case of the Borough Rate, and items amounting to £21 : 17 : 11 in the case of the Rate in lieu of County Cess, and that the balance of items outstanding, i. e. £7 : 19 : 9 and £11 : 12 : 2 respectively be carried into next years books as recoverable arrears.

The Recommendation was adopted.

Robert Stanton
March 27th 1907

4th March 1907.

A Special Meeting of the Council was held this day at the Town Clerk's Office at noon for the purpose of electing a member of the Corporation to serve as a harbour Commissioner until 2nd August next, in room of Councillor Hanton, who had a seat on the Harbour Board by virtue of his Office of Mayor of Wexford.

The members of the Council present were:-

Robert Hanton Esq., Mayor (IN THE CHAIR)

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

Councillors:- Thomas O'Brien, Richard Gibson, James Goodisson, Frank Carty,
Joseph Kelly, Benjamin Hughes, Joseph Kingsberry, Howard
Rowe, John O'Connor, Frank O'Connor.

The Secretary of the Harbour Board notified that only one member, namely, Councillor Benjamin Hughes, had been nominated as required previous to the meeting being held, therefore on the motion of Councillor Kelly, seconded by Councillor Frank O'Connor, it was

Resolved:- That Councillor Hughes be, and is hereby, elected a Harbour Commissioner to represent this Corporation from this day until the 2nd day of August 1907.

Councillor Hughes returned thanks for his election.

Robert Hanton
Mar 27th 1907

27th March 1907.

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

The members present were:-

Robert Hanton Esq., Mayor (in the chair)

Aldermen:- James Sinnott, John Tyghe, Walter Walsh.

Councillors:- Frank Carty, Joseph Kelly, Richard Gibson, Frank O'Connor,
Patrick Byrne, Joseph Doyle, Howard Rowe, Benjamin Hughes.

The minutes of meeting of 4th March 1907 were read and signed.

Estimates prepared by the Town Clerk of the expenditure necessary to carry on the municipal administration of the Borough in the ensuing financial year were presented. ©: Wexford Borough Council
It was agreed that after carrying to credit the different items of income accruing from sources other

than rates, together with Balances in hands of Treasurer, there remained to be provided by means of the rates leviable on the District, the following sums.

	£ : S : D		
By a Poor Rate. : : : : : : : : : :	1773	16	7
By a Borough Rate. : : : : : : : : : :	674	2	1
By a Rate in lieu of County Cess. : : : : : : : : : :	1592	1	2
By Water Rates. : : : : : : : : : :	1353	16	9

Thereupon Councillor Frank O'Connor proposed that the Estimate of the Poor Rate, as recommended by the Finance Committee, be agreed on, showing that a Poor Rate of Two shillings and Twopence in the Pound will be required to be made in respect of the ensuing financial year.

This motion was seconded by Alderman Walsh.

A difference of opinion arose as to the amount in the Pound at which this Rate should be made, and Councillor Rowe proposed that preliminary to making the Rate it be understood that Two Shillings in the Pound would be sufficient.

His motion was seconded by Councillor Hughes.

It was explained to the Meeting that Two shillings in the Pound would undoubtedly be adequate to meet all the demands on the Poor Rate for the coming year, were it not for the fact that in practice it was always found there were a number of defaulting Ratepayers. Owing to this circumstance it was necessary to make the POOR Rate at a higher rate in the Pound than was justifiable from the amount of the County Council Demand, for the reason that it was legally requisite for the Urban Council to clear off its liabilities to the County Council within the run of each financial year.

A division was taken on the question as to what the rate of the Rate would be, and it was found that the majority were in favour of Councillor O'Connor's motion which was declared carried.

As to the Estimates in respect of the Water Rates and County Cess there was no difference of opinion, and the following resolution was adopted.

Resolved:- That a Domestic Water Rate of One shilling in the Pound, and a Public water Rate of Eightpence in the Pound, and a Rate in lieu of County Cess of One Shilling and Tenpence in the Pound, be agreed to be struck in accordance with the Town Clerk's Estimates which are hereby approved, with a view to making said Rates on a future date.

As to the Borough Rate, the following was adopted on the conclusion of a discussion Proposed by Councillor Byrne, seconded by Alderman Walsh.

That the Estimate in respect of the Borough Rate for the year ending 31st March 1908 be and is hereby adopted, and that a Rate of Ninepence in the Pound be fixed as the Rate to be made in respect of the ensuing financial year.

It was Ordered:- That a concrete footpath be laid on the East side of Talbot Street and on the South side of Bride Street as soon as funds will admit, and as soon also as footpaths already ordered to be constructed will have been completed.

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Robert Hunter
22nd April 1907

2nd April 1907.

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

The members present were:-

Robert Hanton Esq., mayor (in the chair)

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

Councillors:- Richard Gibson, Frank Carty, Michael Browne, Joseph Kelly,
Benjamin Hughes, Joseph Doyle, John J. Kehoe, Frank O'Connor,
Howard Rowe,

The minutes of meeting of 27th march 1907 were read and signed.

Liabilities which had accrued due up to the end of last month, amounting in the aggregate to £290. 0. 1 were submitted to the meeting, and having been examined were approved and an Advice Note was signed to enable the Treasurer to pay them on presentation to him of paying orders numbered from 159 to 185. Summary and Reconcilement of Treasurer's Account for the month ending the last day of March 1907, including the payments made at the meeting held on this day.

S U M M A R Y .

	£	s	d
Balance due by Treasurer as per last Statement	856	1	9
Sum received to close of last month.	580	17	5
Total	1436	19	2
Balance due to Treasurer as per last Statement.	-	-	-
Payments ordered at this meeting.	290	0	1
Total	290	0	1
Net balance due by Treasurer being difference of above Totals.	1146	19	1

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

Balance per BANK Books due by Treasurer.	1464	9	2
Outstanding Orders	317	10	1
Net Balance as above due by Treasurer.	1146	19	1

With reference to minutes of proceedings of 1st october 1906, on which date a Committee was appointed to devise the best means to advertise Wexford Town as a Tourist Resort, it was pointed out that the Committee had, among other things decided to get out an illustrated guide book of Wexford and its vicinity, and to that end they had offered to writers by public advertisement a prize of £5 for the best historical and descriptive account of the town. Six persons had competed, and out of the six manuscripts received, there was one signed with the nom de plume of "Alex" which was deemed to be the best. The author proved to be Miss Alice Fennell of High Street, Wexford. Included in the Accounts passed this day for payment was an item of £5. payable to Miss Fennell for her manuscript.

Secretary of the Great Southern and Western Railway Company was read intimating that the Directors of that Company were prepared to receive a Deputation from the town on the subject of the complaints made as to the inconvenient train service between the town and the southern portion of the County Wexford. The Directors had arranged to visit Wexford on inspection work on 6th April 1907, and they would be happy to meet any representatives of the Corporation and the trading interests of the town on that date at South Wexford Station.

It was ordered:- that the persons constituting the Deputation be called together on 5th Instant to have an interchange of views preliminary to meeting the Directors; and that it be suggested to the latter to allow the Corporation to convey them to the Town Hall on their arrival in Wexford owing to the fact that the accommodation at South Wexford Station was at present limited.

It was brought under the notice of the meeting that for the purposes of the main drainage system for St. Selskar Ward, there was obtained from Mr. Thomas Archer of Dublin, a cargo of earthenware pipes at a cost of £168 : 1 : 10. On the delivery of the cargo in Wexford, it was found necessary to reject a large portion of it in consequence of flaws and breakages of the pipes, but Mr. Archer had fulfilled the terms of his contract by supplying sound pipes instead of the rejected ones. It appeared however, that it was possible to utilize the discarded pipes in a work of secondary importance, and the manufacturers, messrs Pater and Mark Hurll of Glasgow, on whose hands the pipes lay by the terms of their agreement with the trader, Mr. Archer, were satisfied to sell them at a considerable discount under the circumstances. They were prepared to make a sacrifice and accept £23. 10. 0 for the pipes. The Finance and Works Committee had had the offer under consideration, and acting on the advice of the Town Surveyor they had recommended the Council to accept the offer. Correspondence which was carried on in the case with Messrs Hurll was read, the result being that on the motion of Alderman Hadden, seconded by Councillor John J. Kehoe, it was resolved:- That the recommendation of the Finance and Works Committee in the case be adopted.

The Local Government Board, per their letter of 7th March 1907, No. 8195, having advised the wisdom of legal advice being obtained by the Corporation on the question as to whether the latter had the power to contribute from the rates towards the cost of advertising the town as a tourist resort, it was announced that the Finance Committee had obtained two legal opinions on the point. One of these was from Mr. O'Connor, Corporation Solicitor, who advised that the cost of advertising the town was a legal charge on the Borough Fund in years when there was a surplus of that Fund, after paying thereout all the disbursements made chargeable thereon by the Municipal Corporations Act, 1840.

Mr. O'Connor however, recommended that an opinion of Counsel should be procured in the case, and acting on this advice, a case was submitted to Mr. Molony K. C., who gave an opinion of which the following is a copy.

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" The town of Wexford is not mentioned in Schedule "A" of the Municipal Corporations Act 1840, but Wexford was constituted a Borough in 1846 by a Charter granted under Section 14 of the Act. The result of this Charter is that Wexford is subject to the provisions of the Act of 1840, and Section 131 of that Act provides for the payments which can be legally made out of the Borough Fund. Under that Section there are certain payments to be made in respect of salaries, maintaining corporate buildings and other expenses which shall necessarily be incurred in carrying into effect the provisions of the Act, and it is then provided that in case the Borough Fund shall be more than sufficient for the said purposes the surplus shall be applied towards the paving cleansing and lighting of the streets of the Borough "and for the public benefit of the inhabitants and improvement of the Borough". The question in this case is, whether it can be reasonably said to be for the public benefit of the inhabitants and improvement of the Borough to apply portion of the Borough Fund towards advertising the Borough as a tourist resort? The words of the Section were made purposely wide so as to give a wide discretion to the Corporation as to the manner in which they should expend the surplus of the money in their hands.

The question as to whether the costs of advertising would be a legal expenditure has never been judicially decided in Ireland. It can only arise in connection with a Borough under the Municipal Corporations Act, because Section 131 has no application to other corporate bodies.

The intended and probable effect of advertising the town as a tourist resort is to increase the number of visitors to the place and thereby improve the town and be a public benefit to the inhabitants. I think such an expenditure is well within the meaning of the Section, and that the Borough of Wexford can expend a reasonable sum in advertising its attractions.

I do not think that the expenditure will be challenged by the Auditor. In order to do so he would have to find under Section 12 of 34 & 35 Vic. c. 109 that the payment was contrary to law or unfounded in fact, and I do not think he could possibly do so in the circumstances stated in the present case.

It must be understood that this opinion is based upon the express words of Section 131 of the Municipal Corporations Act and would not apply to an ordinary Urban Council which does not happen also to be a Borough under the Act".

The Waterworks Committee reported on the Water Rate Account. Of the outstanding Rates, the sum of £15 : 7 : 11½ was found to be irrecoverable, and the rest of the outstanding Rate £1 : 7 : 6½ was collectible and to be carried forward as arrears.

This report was adopted nem. con.

Two small items of 5/2 and 1/3 respectively standing in the books of the Water Rate Collector were also struck off as bad debts. The first was due by a MR. McKenny, Ironmonger, for plumbing work done for him in connection with the water system. He had failed to pay the bill. The second was debited

to Mrs Horan, who repudiated her liability, alleging that the item was charged against her in error for water consumed in washing a house front with a hose.

Ordered:- That in the case of householders availing of the dustbin service, the Town Sergeant be directed to serve written notice at the time when in each year, the annual charge in connection with such service falls due.

Ordered:- That Councillor Carty's name be added to the list of the Committee entrusted with the duty of selecting a site for the proposed new Town Hall for Wexford.

Robert Hanton
Apr. 17th 1907

17th April 1907.

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

The members present were:-

Robert hanton Esq., Mayor (in the chair)

Aldermen:- John Tyghe, Walter Walsh.

Councillors:- Benjamin Hughes, Frank Carty, patrick Byrne, Joseph Doyle, Frank O'Connor, Joseph Kingsberry, Howard Rowe, Joseph Kelly, John J. Kehoe, Michael Browne, John O'Connor.

The minutes of meeting of 2nd. April 1907 were read and signed.

The following, moved by Councillor kelly, and seconded by Councillor Kehoe was unanimously adopted:)

That there be now struck the undernamed Rates and Assessments as agreed to on the 27th march last, viz: A Borough Rate of Ninepence, a Rate in lieu of County Cess of One Shilling and Tenpence, A Public Water rate of Eightpence, a Domestic Water Rate of One Shilling, and a Poor Rate of Two Shillings and Twopence in the Pound on the net assessable value of property within the Borough for the service of the year ending 31st March 1908, and that the Books containing the items of these various Assessments be now sealed and signed.

The Rate Books were sealed and signed accordingly.

A recommendation from the Finance and Works Committee was brought up. The Committee had instructed the Town Surveyor to have stones for road metalling purposes broken by manual labour, having regard to the fact that it was not possible to employ a mechanical Stonebreaker in the near future. The one which had been recently employed had on several occasions gone out of order owing to the hardness of the stones which the Council were obtaining for some time past. It was doubtful whether Mr. Kavanagh, from whom the machine was hired, would undertake the breaking of any further supplies of stones of the same quality. In order to afford shelter to the men engaged at the work of stonebreaking, the Committee deemed it necessary

to provide a Shed at the Stone Depot in Carrigeen, the estimated cost of erecting the Shed being £16.

On the motion of Councillor Hughes, seconded by Councillor Kelly, the recommendation was adopted.

Robert Hanton

may 6th 1907

6th May 1907.

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

There were in attendance.

Robert hanton Esq., Mayor (in the chair)

Aldermen:- James Sinnott, George Hadden.

Councillors:- Benjamin Hughes, Richard Gibson, Frank Carty, Joseph Kelly, Joseph Kingsberry, John J. Kehoe, John O'Connor.

The minutes of meeting of 17th April 1907 were read and signed.

Liabilities which had accrued due up to the end of last month amounting in the aggregate to £1150. 18. 0 were submitted and having been examined were approved and an advice note was signed to enable the Treasurer to pay them on presentation to him of Paying Orders numbered from 186 to 307 inclusive.

Summary and Reconciliation of Treasurer's Account for the month ended the last day of April 1907, including the payments made at the meeting held on this day.

S U M M A R Y .

Balance due by Treasurer as per last Statement.	1146 : 19 : 1
Total sum received to close of last month.	51 : 11 : 10
TOTAL.	1198 : 10 : 11
Balance due to Treasurer as per last Statement.	- : - : -
Payments ordered at this meeting.	1150 : 18 : 0
TOTAL	1150 : 18 : 0
net balance due by Treasurer, being difference of above Totals.	47 : 12 : 11

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

Balance per bank Books due by Treasurer	1198 : 10 : 11
outstanding orders (including those issued at this Meeting.)	1150 : 18 : 0
Net Balance as above due by Treasurer.	47 : 12 : 11

It was announced that as per decision come to on 2nd Ultimo, a Deputation from the Corporation waited on the Directors of the Great Southern and Western Railway at South Wexford Railway Station on 6th Ultimo. The Deputation pointed out to the Directors that the service between Waterford and Wexford was

found to be inconvenient under existing arrangements, and had obtained a promise that the matter would be looked into and any alterations possible would be made in the time table. Since the date of the interview a communication had been received from the Traffic Manager, intimating that the train that left Wexford daily at 10. 30 a. m. would not leave in future until 12. 15 p. m. each day as requested, but as to the other alteration requested, it was not found possible to make a change. This letter having been read, and it having been seen that the principal concession sought had been granted, it was proposed by Councillor Kehoe.

That the thanks of the Council be conveyed to the Directors of the Great Southern and Western Railway for the consideration shown by them to the people of Wexford, but that a hope be expressed that in the near future the Directors will be able to make the alterations asked for in connection with the train that leaves Waterford for Wexford daily at 2. 15. p. m.

The motion was seconded by Alderman Sinnott and was adopted unanimously.

A letter from Messrs Huggard and Brennan Solicitors, was read, communicating the desire of the agricultural tenants on the Corporation Estate to renew negotiations for purchase of their lands under the Irish Land Act of 1903. The question was one which the tenants had allowed to remain in abeyance since 3rd January 1906. They were still prepared to adhere to their original offer, although they (the tenants) asserted the price of land over Ireland had considerably decreased since the passing of the Act. If the Council wished it, Mr. Brennan would attend before them and explain the particulars of the tenants offer.

The meeting discussed the matter, and came to the conclusion to have a Special Meeting convened on an early date to take the offer again into consideration.

It was pointed out that the Bye-Laws Committee originally consisted of six members, but owing to the retirement of two members and the death of one, the Committee was reduced to three in number. These had met recently to consider a communication received from the Local Government Board with regard to a code of new bye-laws which the Committee were drawing up under the guidance of that Department. It was thought expedient that the personnel of the Committee should be enlarged, having regard to the importance of the duty with which they were entrusted. They asked the Council to increase their number. Thereupon it was decided to appoint Aldermen Hadden and Sinnott, and Councillor Rowe as additional members of the Committee, and to ask Mr. James Hore, a former member, to assist the Committee with his advice.

A Committee engaged in the work of producing a Guide Book of the town reported they had all but finished their labours. They had decided on the size, the style, and descriptive matter to form the Booklet, as well as the number of illustrations which it was to contain, and also the number of copies to be printed namely 3,000. The booklet would contain in all fourteen illustrations of interesting places in and about Wexford, including two on the outside of the cover. They had also invited tenders from all the local printers in respect of printing and illustrating the

brochure, and in response to such invitations there had been three tenders received. These were from messrs John English, W. Hanrahan, and the Wexford Free press. They offered to do the work required for £18, £15 and £9. 9. 0 respectively. The Committee recommended the acceptance of the lowest tender. The meeting approved of the Committee's report, subject to one of the proposed illustrations namely that of South main Street being substituted by a view of the ruins of St Patrick's Church in Wexford, and thereupon it was decided to accept the tender of the Wexford Free Press, who were prepared to carry out the specification for the booklet for a sum of £9. 9. 0.

In response to advertisements published in the local newspapers inviting tenders in respect of erecting a Shed at the Stone Depot in Carrigeen, there were two tenders received. These were opened and read, and proved to be from William Kane of Talbot STREET who offered to do the work required for a sum of £14.12.6 and from M. O'Connor of Main Street, who was prepared to carry the specification into effect for a sum of £14. 5. 0.

On the motion of Councillor Kingsberry, seconded by Councillor Carty, the tender of Mrs. M. O'Connor was accepted.

The Accounts of the poor Rate Collector for year ended 31st march last were produced. The items of Rate outstanding on that date amounted to £108. 18. 3, but the whole of this sum was not recoverable. The meeting decided to write off a sum of £61. 6. 7 as uncollectible, and carry forward the remainder, viz £47. 11. 8 as arrears.

The result of the collection was deemed satisfactory.

The Collecting Books and Warrants in respect of the several Rates made on the 17th Ultimo were laid before the meeting and were duly sealed and signed.

Robert Hanton
Chairman
May 16th 1907

16th May 1907.

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

The members present were:-

Robert Hanton Esq., Mayor (in the chair)

Aldermen:- John Tyghe, Matthew Doyle.

Councillors:- Benjamin Hughes, Frank O'Connor, Frank Carty, Thomas O'Brien
John O'Connor, Richard Gibson, Howard Rowe.

The minutes of meeting of 6th May 1907 were read and signed.

Councillor Frank O'Connor referred in feeling terms to the sad bereavement

that had visited Mr. John Dillon M. P. by the death of the wife of the latter. He proposed the following resolution.

"That we, the members of the Corporation of Wexford, have heard with deep sorrow of the death of Mrs Dillon, wife of Mr. John Dillon, and we beg to offer him our sincere sympathy in his great bereavement."

Councillor Frank Carty seconded the motion. He spoke in touching words of the lady who had died, and after the Mayor had referred to Mrs Dillon in his usual sympathetic manner, the motion was passed unanimously.

The business for which the meeting was convened, namely that of deciding whether or no the Corporate lands should be sold to the tenants thereof, was adjourned to Wednesday, 29th Instant, on the motion of Alderman Doyle, seconded by Councillor Frank O'Connor.

Robert Hanton

May 29th 1907

29th May 1907.

An adjourned Special meeting of the Council was held this day at the Town Clerk's Office at half past seven o'clock p. m. for the purpose of taking into consideration a communication from Messrs Huggard & Brennan, Solicitors, asking on behalf of the agricultural tenants on the Corporate Estate, that negotiations be re-opened for the purchase of their Holdings under the Irish Land Act, 1903.

The members present were:-

Robert Hanton Esq., mayor (in the chair)

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

Councillors:- Benjamin Hughes, Frank Carty, Joseph Kelly, James Goodisson, Joseph Kingsberry, Patrick Byrne, Nicholas Gaul, Richard Gibson, Frank O'Connor.

The minutes of last meeting were read and signed.

The recent demise of the late Councillor Cullimore was alluded to in touching terms by the MAYOR, who dwelt on the many estimable qualities of the deceased member.

Councillor Hughes who followed in a similar strain, referred to the regret which was universally felt throughout the town at the death of so useful a citizen.

He Proposed:- That we avail of this the first opportunity, to record our sense of the great loss which the Corporation has sustained by the death of Mr. James Cullimore, who for many years was a respected member of this Council, and that the Town Clerk be requested to forward an expression of our sincere sympathy to Mrs Cullimore and family in their bereavement, and that this meeting do stand adjourned until Wednesday next, 5th Prox. as a mark of respect to our late Colleagues memory. This resolution was seconded by Councillor O'Connor and was passed unanimously.

Robert Hanton

June 3rd 1907

3rd. June 1907.

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

The members present were:-

Robert Hanton Esq., Mayor (in the chair)

Aldermen:- Walter Walsh, George Hadden.

Councillors:- Joseph Kingsberry, Joseph Doyle, Frank O'Connor, John O'Connor, Joseph Kelly, Benjamin Hughes, Frank Carty.

The minutes of last meeting were read and signed.

Liabilities which had accrued due up to the end of last month amounting in the aggregate to £865 : 9 : 4 were submitted to the meeting and having been examined were approved and an Advice Note was signed to enable the Treasurer to pay them on presentation to him of Paying Orders numbered from 208 to 234 inclusive.

Summary and Reconcilement of Treasurer's Account for the month ending the last day of May 1907, including the payments made at the meeting held on this day.

S U M M A R Y .

	£ : s : d
Balance due by Treasurer as per last Statement.	47 : 12 : 11
Total sum received to close of last month.	796 : 10 : 9
TOTAL	844 : 3 : 8
balance due to Treasurer as per last Statement.	- : - : -
Payments ordered at this meeting.	865 : 9 : 4
TOTAL.	865 : 9 : 4
Net balance due to Treasurer (being difference of above totals)	21 : 5 : 8

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

balance per Bank Books due by Treasurer.	844 : 3 : 8
Outstanding Orders (including those issued at this Meeting)	865 : 9 : 4
Net Balance as above due to Treasurer.	21 : 5 : 8

The Secretary of the Commissioners of National Education, by letter dated 1st May 1907, drew attention to the fact that the period of service of the School Attendance Committee for Wexford would terminate on 31st July next, and requested that five persons be appointed by the Corporation to be members of the new Committee from 1st August 1907.

Thereupon the following were appointed to serve as members of the Committee viz Councillors Rowe, Kelly, Stafford, and Messrs Matthew J. Furlong and James Hore, being half of the full number of members of that Committee.

A letter was read from the Hon. John J. McGee, a high placed official of the Canadian Government who was at present on a visit to his native town of Wexford. Mr. McGee stated he had seen since the time of his last visit marked improvement in every way. He took a laudable pride in the progress of the town having its welfare at heart. He wished to offer a prize of £1. each to the occupiers of

of the five neatest-kept houses within the town of a valuation of £2. 10. 0 and under. He would give the prizes each year for three years, and asked the Mayor and Borough Surveyor to undertake the task of awarding them.

Alderman Hadden proposed that a Committee of the Council should be appointed to formulate a scheme under which the prizes would be thrown open to competition, specifying the conditions which intending competitors would be expected to comply with. The motion was seconded by Councillor Hughes and was adopted.

The Committee was appointed. It comprised Aldermen Hadden and Walsh, and Councillors Hughes, Kingsberry, Frank O'Connor, and Carty.

It was pointed out that Rev. Patrick Doyle, Catholic Administrator of Wexford had been appointed to the pastoral charge of the Parish of Lady's Island. HE HAD been a member of the Technical Instruction Committee, and it was necessary to fill up the vacancy caused by his translation to his new sphere of labour.

Thereupon on the motion of Councillor Hughes, seconded by Alderman Hadden, it was decided to appoint the Rev. P. O'Connor the present Administrator vice Father Doyle.

A letter from the Hon. Secretary of a Committee engaged in making arrangements for the unveiling of a Memorial erected in New Ross to the memory of the Insurgents who fought at the Battle of New Ross in 1798, was read. The Committee invited the Corporation to be present in State at the Unveiling Ceremony which would be held on 23rd. June Inst. On the matter being considered it was decided on the motion of Councillor Frank O'Connor seconded by Councillor John O'Connor, to inform the Committee that the Corporation intended to be represented at the proposed Ceremony.

It was reported that one of the watering carts had almost worn out, but it was possible to put it into a state of thorough efficiency again if there was a sum of £18, more or less, laid out on it for repair. Whereupon it was decided to invite tenders for putting the cart into repair from any of the local Firms qualified to do such work.

There was submitted to the meeting a communication from a Body calling itself the Dungannon Club, Belfast. It animadverted on the Irish Councils Bill recently introduced in the House of Commons by the Chief Secretary, and inter alia advocated the withdrawal of Irish Parliamentary Representatives from the House of Commons. The letter was marked "read".

A copy of a resolution adopted by the Public Health Committee of Waterford was submitted. It ran as follows:-

" That we invite the Public Bodies of the Counties of Waterford, Kilkenny, Tipperary, and Wexford, to send, at a time and place to be agreed on, three delegates each, to confer as to the best means of checking the ravages which Consumption is making in these Counties. In the event of a practical scheme being agreed to at the Conference, the Counties named would be expected to contribute proportionately towards carrying the scheme into effect. At the same time it is thought that, the disease being so widespread and so difficult to cope with effectually, a substantial grant or subsidy should be required from the Government as a condition precedent to levying any Rate

for the purpose".

The meeting approved of the holding of the proposed Conference and selected His Worship, The Mayor, Alderman Hadden and Councillor Kelly to represent the Council thereat, but decided not to bind itself to help the financing of any scheme until same is first considered and approved by the Council.

A Mrs Furlong, widow of the late Matthew Furlong, Stone mason (recently deceased) applied by letter for a gratuity in consideration of her husband's faithful services, which extended over a period of twenty five years, as an employe of the Corporation.

It was pointed out that the application could not be entertained, in as much as the Council as a Public Body had no funds at its disposal out of which assistance could be given in such cases, and it was decided to inform the applicant of this fact while sympathising with her in her loss.

Ordered:- That the Town Clerk be asked to ascertain the price at which the Gas Company would be prepared to continue the public lighting of the streets for the entire year round in future instead of for nine months in the year as at present.

Robert Hanton
June 5th 1907

5th June 1907.

An adjourned Special meeting of the Council was held this day at the Town Clerk's Office at half past seven o'clock p. m.

The members present were:-

Robert Hanton Esq., Mayor (in the chair)

Aldermen:- Walter Walsh, Matthew Doyle.

Councillors:- Howard Rowe, Benjamin Hughes, Frank Carty, Joseph Kelly,
Joseph Doyle, James Goodisson, Frank O'Connor, Thomas O'Brien,
John J. Kehoe.

The minutes of last meeting were read and signed.

The meeting took into consideration the terms of a letter which was read from Messrs Huggard and Brennan, Solicitors, who requested permission to renew negotiations in behalf of the agricultural tenants on the Corporation lands for the purchase by the tenants of their holdings, pursuant to the Irish Land Act 1903. Regarding the question, it was pointed out that there was adopted on 8th November 1905 a resolution whereby it was decided to sell the lands at such price as would, when invested at 3 per cent interest, produce an income equal in amount to the present net rent of such lands.

The tenants were still prepared to adhere to their original offer of 24 years purchase, notwithstanding the fact that they maintained that land had gone down in

value since 1903.

In the course of a discussion which followed the reading of this letter, it was considered by some members that money could be invested at a higher rate of interest than 3 per cent in sound securities, while others contended that it would be inimical to the interests of the ratepayers to part with the land on easier terms than were expressed in the resolution of 8th November 1905.

The result of the discussion was the acceptance of a notice of motion from Alderman Doyle in the following terms.

I beg to give notice that I will move that the resolution agreeing to sell the land at the rate of 3% be rescinded, and that negotiations be opened with the view of disposing of the land to the agricultural tenants.

The subject of a dispute between the Firm of Kynocks Limited, of Arklow, and the Home Office regarding the use of certain ingredients in the manufacture of explosives, was introduced by the Mayor, and thereupon it was resolved on the motion of Alderman Doyle, seconded by Councillor Kehoe.

That we protest in the strongest manner possible against the vexatious action of the Home Office in putting obstacles in the way of Messrs Kynock & Company Limited, in carrying on their manufacturing trade in Arklow, and we request His Worship, the Mayor to attend the Meeting to be held in Arklow on Saturday next, to show by his presence there that the people of Wexford fully sympathise with Arklow in the threatened loss to the latter town of an important industry.

Robert Hanton
June 1906/1907

19th June 1907.

A Special Meeting of the Council was held this day at the Town Clerk's Office at half past seven o'clock p. m.

The members present were:-

Robert Hanton Esq., Mayor (in the chair)

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

Councillors:- Benjamin Hughes, James J. Stafford, Frank O'Connor, James Goodisson, Joseph Kelly, Joseph Kingsberry, Joseph Doyle, Thomas O'Brien, Frank Carty, John O'Connor.

The minutes of meeting of 5th June Instant were read and signed.

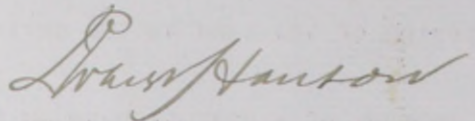
Allusion was made to the loss which the entire community of the town had sustained by the recent demise of Mr Martin Pierce, Proprietor of the Mill Road Iron Works.

Councillor F. O'Connor moved:- That we have heard with deep regret of the death of the late Mr. Martin Pierce, and we desire to give his bereaved relatives an expression of our deep sympathy in their sorrow.

Alderman Doyle seconded the motion which was adopted unanimously.

The attendance of sixteen members was necessary in order to proceed with the business for which the meeting was summoned, namely, the question of revoking a resolution passed on 8th November 1905 whereby it was decided to sell the Corporation lands to the agricultural holders thereof at such price as would, when invested at 3% interest, produce an income equal in amount to the present net rent of these lands.

As the requisite number of members were not present it was decided that the meeting should stand adjourned until Wednesday 26th Instant at half past seven p.m



26th June 1907.

An adjourned meeting of the Council was held this day at the Town Clerk's Office at half past seven o'clock p. m.

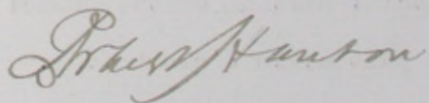
The members present were:-

Robert Hanton Esq., Mayor (in the chair)

Aldermen:- Matthew Doyle, John Tyghe.

Councillors:- Benjamin Hughes, Howard Rowe, James J. Stafford, Frank O'Connor, James Goodisson, Frank Carty, John J. Kehoe, Joseph Kelly, Thomas O'Brien.

As the attendance of members was below the number competent to deal with the question of revoking the resolution of 8th November 1905 relating to the sale of the Corporate lands, it was decided to adjourn the question until Monday, 1st July Prox.



1st July 1907.

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

The members present were:-

Robert Hanton Esq., Mayor (in the chair)

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

Councillors:- Richard Gibson, Patrick Byrne, Frank O'Connor, Howard Rowe, John O'Connor, Joseph Kelly, Benjamin Hughes, Thomas O'Brien, Joseph Kingsberry.

The minutes of proceedings of 26th June 1907 were read and signed.

Liabilities which had accrued due up to the end of last month amounting in the aggregate to £206. 4. 7 were submitted to the meeting and having been examined were approved and an Advice Note was signed to enable the Treasurer to pay them on presentation to him of Paying Orders numbered from 235 to 248 inclusive.

Summary and Reconcilement of Treasurer's Account for the month ended the last day of June 1907, including the payments made at the Meeting held on this day.

S U M M A R Y .

	£	s	d
Balance due by Treasurer as per last Statement.	-	:	-
Total sum received to close of last month.	984	:	18 : 6
TOTAL	984	:	18 : 6
Balance due to Treasurer as per last Statement.	21	:	5 : 8
Payments ordered at this Meeting.	206	:	4 : 7
TOTAL	227	:	10 : 3
Net Balance due by Treasurer (being difference of above totals)	757	:	8 : 3

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

Balance per Bank Books due by Treasurer.	1392	:	14 : 6
Outstanding orders (including those issued at this Meeting)	635	:	6 : 3
Net Balance as above due by Treasurer.	757	:	8 : 3

Referring to minutes of proceedings of 1st October 1906, on which occasion a Committee was appointed and invested with plenary powers to induce strangers to visit Wexford as a tourist resort, the Committee had, amongst other things, brought out a guide book of the town. The production of this brochure involved the employment of Mr. Simon McGuire, Editor of the Wexford Free Press, to revise the manuscript of the booklet, and the Committee had agreed to pay that gentleman for his services a sum of £5. Among the accounts passed this day for payment there was therefore included an item of £5. payable to Mr McGuire in consonance with the Committee's recommendation.

The following is a copy of a letter received from Mrs E. Cullimore. The letter was received in acknowledgment of a note communicating to her the condolences of the Council on the death of her late husband, pursuant to resolution passed on the 29th May last.

Stone Bridge, Wexford,

11th June 1907.

William A. Browne Esq., Town Clerk.

Dear Sir,

For your kind letter of the 4th Instant and copy of resolution of the Corporation conveying their sympathy upon the death of my late husband, I can only very sincerely thank you and the members of the Corporation for their great kindness and thoughtfulness. My late husband at all times appreciated highly all the kindness he received from his brother members and yourself.

Very sincerely yours, Elizabeth Cullimore.

The Secretary of the Wexford Gas Company by letter stated in reply to a query put to him that the charge for supplying gas to and doing the work of lighting and extinguishing the public lamps of the town would be £2. 15. 6 per lamp if it should be decided by the Council to keep them lighting after dark for the whole year round in future instead of for nine months in each year, as was the practice under present arrangements. But if the lighting period was prolonged to ten months of the year the charge would be only £2. 11. 6 per lamp.

On this matter being considered it was seen that the maintenance of the lights for the whole year would entail an additional outlay of £50 per annum. The opinion was expressed that this outlay was not justified by the measure of convenience which the lighting of the lamps in Summer would afford.

Councillor Rowe proposed that the consideration of the question be deferred sine die.

The motion was seconded by Alderman Hadden and adopted.

IN reference to an order sent to the Gas Company for two public lamps to be erected on Distillery Road, the Secretary of that Company by letter drew attention to the very long space there would be between the proposed two lamps. The distance between the two would be about 360 feet, whereas the longest distance from lamp to lamp should be about 165 feet. He suggested that the Committee that selected the sites for the lamps ought to reconsider their decision.

Thereupon on the motion of Councillor Byrne, seconded by Councillor Frank O'Connor, it was resolved to ask the Lamp Committee to visit Distillery Road again accompanied by the MANager of the Gas COMPANY to see if it was possible to fall in with the Company's suggestion.

It was reported that the Inspector of Food & Drugs had obtained a sample of butter which was exposed for sale in the Market by one Jane Brien of Jamestown Oylgate. The sample had been submitted to analysis by the Borough Analyst, Sir Charles A. Cameron, and according to a certificate which was produced from that Officer, the butter proved to contain 17 per cent of water. This was but one per cent over the standard quantity, and having regard to this fact, the question was worth considering whether proceedings should be instituted in the case. All the magistrates could be expected to do was to impose a nominal fine. On the matter being considered it was decided not to prosecute in the case.

Two tenders received in respect of doing the work of repairing a watering cart were opened and read. They were from the firm of Thompson Brothers of Custom House Quay, and from Matthew Harpur, Ironmonger, Main Street.

The former were prepared to make the requisite repairs according to specification for £13. 10. 0 and the latter for £9. 5. 0

Mr Harpur's tender was accepted.

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A notice from Foote & Milne, Limited of Victoria Street, London, Electrical

Engineers, was submitted. This firm intimated their intention to apply to the Board of Trade on or before 21st December next for a Provisional Order to enable them to supply electricity within the area of the Urban District of Wexford.

Thereupon it was decided for the Town Clerk to write to the firm in question, asking for particulars of the proposed Provisional Order lest it might contain any conditions inimical to the interests of Wexford.

A copy of a resolution adopted by the Waterford County Council was read from which it appeared that the Waterford Council considered that the principle of the English Small Holdings and Allotments Bill should be extended to Ireland, but no action was taken thereon as the meeting did not feel competent to deal with the matter of hand.

A plan, elevations, and sections of nine dwellings about to be built by Captain Morris at King Street were submitted. They were found, on examination, to conform to the requirements of the Public Health Act and Towns Improvement Acts, and were therefore approved.

At this stage of the proceedings Councillor Hughes withdrew from the meeting.

At this stage of the proceedings Councillor Frank Carty entered the Council Chamber.

A proposal to revoke a resolution of 8th November 1905 relating to the sale of the Corporation lands was a question on the agenda for consideration, but it was deferred to Wednesday next, 10th Instant as the number of members present was not sufficient to warrant the rescission of a resolution.

Frank Hanton

aug 6 1907

10th July 1907.

A Special Meeting of the Council was held this day at the Town Clerk's Office at half past seven o'clock p. m.

The members present were:-

Robert Hanton Esq. Mayor (in the chair)

Aldermen:- Matthew Doyle, John Tyghe.

Councillors:- Benjamin Hughes, Richard Gibson, James Goodisson, Joseph Kingsberry, James Hore, Frank Carty, Frank O'Connor, Thomas O'Brien.

The meeting was convened for the purpose of rescinding, if thought well, a resolution of 8th November '1905, whereby it was agreed to sell the agricultural holdings on the Corporate Estate to the tenants thereof on certain specified terms, the object being to adopt a resolution, if thought well, by which the agreement to sell would be re-endorsed but the demand of the Corporation would be abated down to what was known as "twentyfour years' purchase" as offered by the tenants.

The attendance of members was too meagre to permit of a resolution being legally rescinded. This being the sixth attempt to bring a sufficient number of members together to deal with the question, it was agreed to allow it to pass.

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Frank Hanton

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1st August 1907.

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

There were in attendance.

Robert Hanton Esq., Mayor (in the chair)

Aldermen:- James Sinnott.

Councillors:- Benjamin Hughes, Frank Carty, James Hore, Joseph Doyle, Frank O'Connor, Joseph Kelly, John J. Kehoe.

The Secretary of the Harbour Board notified that only one member of the Council, namely Councillor Benjamin Hughes, had been nominated as required previous to the meeting being held, and therefore on the motion of Councillor Frank O'Connor, seconded by Councillor Kehoe, it was unanimously

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

Councillor Hughes returned thanks for his election.

Robert Hanton
Aug 7th, 1907

6th August 1907.

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

The members present were:-

Robert Hanton Esq., Mayor (in the chair)

Aldermen:- George Hadden, James Sinnott.

Councillors:- Howard Rowe, Joseph Kingsberry, Frank O'Connor, Frank Carty, James Goodisson, Joseph Doyle, Patrick Byrne, Thomas O'Brien, Benjamin Hughes, Joseph Kelly, James Hore.

The minutes of last meeting were read and signed.

Liabilities which had accrued due up to the end of last month, amounting in the aggregate to £547. 8. 7 were laid before the meeting and having been examined were approved, and an Advice Note was signed to enable the Treasurer to pay them on presentation to him of Paying Orders numbered from 249 to 267.

Summary and Reconciliation of Treasurer's Account for the month ending the last day of July 1907, including the payments made at the meeting held on this day.

S U M M A R Y .

	£ : s : d
Balance due by Treasurer as per last Statement.	757 : 8 : 3
Total sum received to close of last month.	700 : 15 : 0
TOTAL	1458 : 3 : 3

Balance due to Treasurer as per last Statement.	- : - : -
Payments ordered at above-mentioned Meeting.	547 : 8 : 7
TOTAL	547 : 8 : 7
net Balance due by Treasurer (being difference of above Totals)	910 : 14 : 8

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

Balance per Bank Books due by Treasurer.	1458 : 3 : 3
Outstanding orders (including those issued at this meeting)	547 : 8 : 7
Net Balance as above due by Treasurer.	910 ; 14 : 8

Councillor Frank O'Connor in accordance with notice which had been previously given by him, proposed

"That the Honorary Freedom of this, the Ancient Borough of Wexford, be conferred on Mr. John E. Redmond, M. P., the present-day Chairman of the Irish Parliamentary Party, in recognition of his faithful, loyal, and well-directed efforts in the promotion of the well-being of Ireland, and as a mark of the esteem in which he, a distinguished son of Wexford, is held by his fellow townsmen."

In submitting the motion COUNcillor O'Connor took occasion to pay a graceful tribute of appreciation to Mr. REDmond's services as a Public Man, and expressed admiration of the singular ability and statesmanship he had displayed during his career as an Irish Parliamentary Representative for the last 25 years.

The motion was seconded by Councillor Carty who referred in appropriate terms to Mr. Redmond's unselfish devotion to the cause he consistently espoused, and also to the many proofs which were to be seen in the town of the spirit of beneficence by which Mr. Redmond's ancestors were animated towards the people.

The motion was put and carried unanimously.

In declaring it passed, the Mayor expressed a high encomium on Mr. Redmond, and pleasure at the action of the Council in bestowing a well-merited distinction on a fellow-townsmen.

The following is a copy of a report read:.

The opening of a new road from John Street to St. Peter's Road at Airhill is perhaps the most urgent of the many much-needed wants of Wexford at the present day. It is acknowledged in Wexford that in order to relieve congestion in over-crowded areas, it is necessary to open up land to be utilized as sites for buildings in healthy localities. It has also been admitted that the land lying at the rear of John Street, on account of its elevated position and the beautiful and expansive views to be obtained therefrom, is an ideal site for dwellings of any class, large or small. Sharing these views strongly, your Committee have examined the ground in question and made inquiries as to the best steps to be followed to provide a road from the top of George Street to the Convent of Mercy. Your Committee find that the distance between the two points mentioned is about 800 yards, and that the line of the proposed road-way will take the form of a slight curve, as can be seen by the accompanying map.

As the opening of a new road materially enhances the value of the adjoining land by reason of the fact that it at once converts the latter from ordinary cultivable land into eligible building sites, and acting on the principle that any outlay on the part of the public should ultimately redound to the benefit of the public, your Committee consider that not only the strip of land required for the road, but the land adjoining it on both sides, should also be acquired by the Council and disposed of as occasion arises on lease or to purchasers.

Your Committee therefore recommend that a strip of land of 800 yards in length with a maximum width of 350 feet should be acquired. As to the mode of acquisition they are strongly of opinion the Council should purchase through the medium of special legislation. This will be found in the long run to be the most satisfactory way to proceed, as it has been found that it will be difficult to reconcile persons whose interests will be affected by the Scheme to the loss of their lands, or satisfy their demands for the loss. Moreover, the Council have not the power to speculate or trade in land unless under special circumstances with the sanction of Parliament.

The suggested width of 350 feet will allow of a roadway 50 feet wide being constructed leaving a margin of 150 feet on each side for the accommodation of houses with yards and gardens attached to them.

It will be necessary to include in the Scheme the removal of a standing dwelling house occupied by a man named Reid, and owned by a Mr. Rossiter. The situation of this house is familiar to all the members of the Council. Your Committee are loth to cause the occupier any needless inconvenience, but of course it is not at all permissible that the convenience of the individual should stand in the way of the public well-being, and the taking down of the house is indispensable.

Your Committee however wish to throw out the suggestion that the house should be left intact until such time as the new road is completed and a new house erected by the Corporation for the use of Mr. Reid, he paying such reasonable rent as may be agreed on.

Dated this 29th day of July 1907.

Signed on behalf of the Committee.

Robert Hanton, Mayor.

A brief discussion on this matter resulted in the adoption of the following resolution as proposed by Alderman Hadden and seconded by Councillor Hore.

That the Report be deemed to be received by the Council, but that no action be taken thereon pending the submission of reports from the proposed Town Hall Committee and the proposed People's Park Committee, and that these Committees be urged to furnish reports on the subjects respectively referred to them against next meeting of the Council.

A Report was read from the Special Committee on the dilapidated condition of a dwelling house occupied by a Mrs Reynolds in Cornmarket. The building which was part of the ancient estate of the Corporation was let at a yearly rent of £10. It was in danger of falling as an inspection of it amply proved. To make it secure

and habitable would involve an outlay which the Council would not be justified in incurring in such a bad case. The Committee recommended that the house should be demolished, and any useful material saved in the process of demolition should be sold. They came to no conclusion on the question of re-building. They considered that until the building was taken down and the ground on which it stood was cleared, it was premature to say how the ground could be utilized to the best advantage. This matter having been considered it was resolved to take down the house as recommended and to take the necessary steps, legal and otherwise, to that end, but that before the question of rebuilding be decided, the Town Surveyor be asked to furnish a plan and elevation of a house adapted to the size and formation of the ground.

On the recommendation of the Finance And Works Committee a new 9 inch sewer was ordered to be constructed in Francis street. Three of the houses in that street were not provided with proper drains, and two others were drained at the rear into the drain of a neighbouring house. The estimated cost to be incurred in the matter was £21. 5. 0 including the cost of removing ten cubic yards of rock. It was decided to have the making of the sewer done on the contract system and so to invite tenders in respect of the work in accordance with a specification to be prepared by the Town Surveyor.

A recommendation from the same Committee was adopted as to making an improvement on the section of the Butter market which was screened off for the use of Fish Vendors. This portion of the market, although being under the roof was not well enough sheltered overhead. To carry the screen in glass up to the roof provided with sashes capable of being opened occasionally to allow of the place being ventilated was estimated to cost £17. It was decided to obtain tenders in respect of doing the work on a specification thereof being prepared.

It was reported that a sum of £33. 3. 3 had been received from the Estates Commissioners in respect of the sale of a small plot of land at Clonard, marked No. 34 on the map of the Corporation lands. The holder, Mrs Martha Mary Browne, had agreed to sell her estate, of which this plot formed part, to her tenants. To permit of the sale being effected it was necessary that the Corporation, as head landlords, should sell their interest in the plot to her. This they consented to do in consideration of receiving "twentyseven years purchase". On this basis (the head rent being £1. 3. 1) the purchase money amounted to the above mentioned £33. 3. 3 and this the Finance Committee who had dealt with the matter, thought it would be well to invest in British Consols.

The meeting on consideration of the question, directed that the sum should be invested in Bank of Ireland Stock which was a Trustee Investment yielding a higher rate of interest than Consols.

It was ordered:- That the external doors of the Town Hall, inside and out, and the window sashes, inside and out, be painted and the Cellars and Kitchen limewashed.

The proposal to erect two Webb Ventilating Lamps in connection with the Main Drainage System of St. Salvator was considered. A requisition being made from the Gas Company as to the charge for supplying gas to the lamps all the year round and attending to the

lighting and extinguishing of them. One of the lamps was to be fitted with three incandescent burners and the other with two burners. The Company, per their reply of 6th August Instant, which was read, offered to render the necessary services in the case of the three-burner light at a charge of £7. 19. 0 per annum, and in the case of the two-burner light at £5. 6. 0 per annum, provided the Corporation supplied the posts and lamps and maintained them in order.

Thereupon on the motion of Councillor Hughes seconded by Councillor Carty it was Resolved:- That the two lamps be provided and lighted on the terms offered by the Gas Company.

Robert Hanton
Sep 2nd 1907

2nd September 1907.

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

The members present were:-

Robert Hanton Esq., Mayor (in the chair)

Aldermen:- Walter Walsh, George Hadden.

Councillors:- Nicholas Gaul, Frank Carty, James Hore, Benjamin Hughes,
Howard Rowe, Joseph Kelly, James Goodisson, Frank O'Connor,
Richard Gibson.

The minutes of meeting of 6th August 1907 were read and signed.

Liabilities which had accrued due up to the end of last month and amounting in the aggregate to £693. 11. 7 were submitted and having been examined were approved and an Advice Note was signed to enable the Treasurer to pay them on presentation to him of Paying Orders numbered from 268 to 291 inclusive.

Summary and Reconcilement of Treasurer's Account for the month ending the last day of August 1907 including the payments made at meeting held on this day.

S U M M A R Y .

Balance due by Treasurer as per last Statement.	910 : 14 : 8
Total sum received to close of last month.	619 : 12 : 2
TOTAL	1530 : 6 : 10
Balance due to Treasurer as per last Statement.	- : - : -
Payments ordered at above-mentioned meeting.	693 : 11 : 7
TOTAL	693 : 11 : 7
Net Balance due by Treasurer (being difference of above Totals)	836 : 15 : 3

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

Balance per Bank Books due by Treasurer.	1530 : 6 : 10
Outstanding Orders (including those issued at this Meeting)	693 : 11 : 7
Net Balance as above due by Treasurer.	836 : 15 : 3

A communication from the Local Government Board dated 12th August 1907 (No.81/M/1907) was read. The Department named had under consideration the revision and codification of the existing Orders and Regulations relating to the administrative control of dairies, cowsheds and milkshops in Ireland. They proposed to issue a General Order, of which a draft accompanied the communication, containing standard provisions the object of which were to provide for a wholesome supply of milk. The Department expressed the wish, before promulgating the Order, to consult the various Urban and Rural Sanitary Authorities with regard to its terms and they asked that any observations or suggestions which the Urban Council of Wexford wished to offer might be transmitted to the Office of the Department without delay.

The meeting considered that this matter was one which could not be dealt with conveniently and efficiently except by a Special Committee, thereupon on the motion of Councillor Hore, seconded by Alderman Hadden, it was

Resolved:- That the terms of the Draft Order be taken into consideration by a Committee consisting of Alderman Walsh and Councillors Hore, Kelly, Carty, Gibson and Gaul, with a view to the Draft Order being amended, if amendment appear necessary.

With reference to minutes of 1st July last, it was announced that the Lamp Committee, with the assistance of the Manager of the Gas Works, had settled on the position of two additional lamps on Distillery Road, and as a consequence of having re-considered their decision with regard to the sites of these lamps on a former occasion, had found it essential to recommend that a third lamp should be erected at another point on the Road, which they had marked out.

The Committee recommendation was adopted in the case.

Arising out of the foregoing question, there was attention called to the necessity for having a gas lamp erected in Main Street between Anne Street and Keyser's Lane, and an additional lamp in Duke Street, and two additional ones on Airhill Road, in the vicinity of Juliamount, and the Committee were requested to visit the localities named at some convenient time and report on the complaints made as to these places being inadequately lighted after dark.

It was pointed out by direction of the Committee engaged in framing a code of bye-laws that it was desirable to enlarge the Committee in order to ensure the attendance of a quorum at future meetings thereof. The labours of the Committee had proved to be onerous, much more so than had been anticipated, and it was evident that members could not spare time enough to devote to the work imposed upon them. The scant attendance at meetings of the Committee had showed this to be the case.

There was no action taken by the meeting in the matter.

As per decision come to at last meeting, it was announced that tenders had been invited in respect of the execution of the following works, in accordance with specification namely, making improvement on section of market used by fish dealers, painting the woodwork of the Town Hall, and opening a sewer in Francis Street.

In respect of the first mentioned there were two tenders lodged. They were from M.

O'Connor, Building Contractor, and from John Parle, Carpenter.

The former was prepared to do the work for £21. 10. 0, and the latter for £19. After discussion it was decided to defer the question of accepting a tender in this case sine die, by reason of the fact that in view of the provision of Municipal Buildings in the near future it might be found necessary to make considerable structural alterations in the Market, and furthermore, that the receipts from the fishmarket did not justify an outlay in adapting the place to the fanciful wants of the fish vendors.

In respect of the painting to be done on the Town Hall, there were three tenders lodged. These were from Michael Furlong, Painter, Spawell Road, Patrick Boggan, Monck Street; and Furlong Brothers, Painters, Waterloo Road.

The intending Contractors offered to do the work for the sum of £16. 7. 6, £9. 7. 0, and £7. 18. 6 respectively.

It was ordered:- That the lowest tender, namely that of Furlong Brothers be accepted.

In respect of the work of constructing the sewer there was no tender lodged, whereupon it was ordered that the Town Surveyor be instructed to carry out the work on the direct labour system.

Ordered:- That the name of Alderman Tyghe be added to the list of names of the Proposed Park, New Road, and Town Hall Committees.

A letter from Mr. John Edward Redmond M. P. was announced as having been received. It was in reply to a letter conveying to him the desire of the Corporation to confer on him the distinction of the Honorary Freedom of the Borough of Wexford. It was taken as read, as it had already appeared in the Dublin and Wexford newspapers. Mr. Redmond expressed his grateful thanks to the Corporation for the compliment they proposed to do him, stating that there was no honour could be offered to him which he could more value than the Freedom of the Borough of Wexford.

John Stanton
Act. 7th 1907

WEXFORD AND MR. REDMOND.

THE FREEDOM OF THE BOROUGH.

MR. REDMOND'S REPLY.

THE IRISH PARTY AND ITS CRITICS.

SIR THOMAS ESMONDE'S POSITION.

SINN FEIN AND THE ELECTORS OF IRELAND.

Mr. John Redmond, M.P., has received the following letter:—

Town Clerk's Office, Wexford,
12th August, 1907.

Dear Sir—The Corporation of Wexford propose to do themselves the pleasure to confer on you the Honorary Freedom of the Borough of Wexford.

They have had it in contemplation to take this step for many years, but they consider that no more opportune time for showing appreciation of your merits could present itself than at the present juncture, when efforts have been made by malcontents to deprecate Parliamentary action, and to undervalue your services as Leader of the Irish Party.

The following are the terms of the resolution which was unanimously passed at a general meeting on the 6th instant, whereby the Corporation decided to exercise the privilege to bestow the Freedom in your case. The distinction is a slight one, but it is the only one in their power to grant, and will, I am sure, be accepted, not only as a mark of esteem for your personal qualities, but for what it signifies at the present moment:—

"That the Honorary Freedom of this, the ancient Borough of Wexford, be conferred on Mr. John E. Redmond, M.P., the present-day Chairman of the Irish Parliamentary Party, in recognition of his faithful, loyal, and well-directed efforts in the promotion of the well-being of Ireland, and as a mark of the esteem in which he, a distinguished son of Wexford, is held by his fellow-townsmen."

I shall, at any time you may find it convenient to you, be glad to arrange for the formality to be gone through in the matter.—Yours faithfully,

WM. A. BROWNE,
Town Clerk.

John E. Redmond, Esq., M.P.,
House of Commons, London.

Mr. John Redmond has replied as follows:—

House of Commons,
14th August, 1907.

Dear Sir—I beg to acknowledge receipt of your letter of the 12th inst., in which you enclose copy of the unanimous resolution of the Corporation of Wexford conferring upon me the Freedom of the Borough.

I am sure it is unnecessary for me to say that I am deeply touched by this evidence of the confidence and goodwill of my fellow-Wexfordmen. My proudest possession is the memory of the honourable connection of my family with Wexford. That connection goes back hundreds of years, and within the last half-century three generations of us have represented the old Borough in Parliament. No honour could be offered to me by any people in the world which I could more value than the Freedom of the Borough of Wexford, and I return my grateful thanks to those who conferred it upon me.

In your letter you say that this honour has a public and political as well as a personal significance. For that reason it is all the more welcome to me.

At all moments of trouble or disappointment the dormant sources of mischief in Irish public life always spring into active vitality. Since the disappointment over the Irish Council Bill all sorts and conditions of men, whose only bond of sympathy is a deep hostility to the Irish Party, and who, for the most part, never gave a day's work or made the smallest sacrifice for the Irish movement, have suddenly become active for mischief and the promotion of disension. Their hostility to the Irish Party springs from the most diverse reasons. Some of them, to my personal knowledge, are disgruntled because they tried, and failed, to get into the Irish Party and Parliament themselves. Some because, having got into Parliament, they speedily found their level, and have discovered that they do not appreciate the hard and often thankless work which so many of the old members of the Party have uncomplainingly performed for the past twenty years or more.

Recent events will, however, no doubt have their use. The absurd pretence that the best way of forwarding the National cause is to withdraw the National representatives from Parliament—that is to say, to disfranchise Ireland, to throw away the weapon by the use of which all the victories of the past 25 years have been won for the freedom and prosperity of the people, to leave all outstanding Irish questions—not only Home Rule, but Education, Finance, and Land Reform—to the exclusive management of the Ulster Unionists—this policy has been condemned and repudiated in unmistakable fashion by Ireland. Its advocates have not dared to take the verdict of the people in any part of Ireland.

In Kilkenny and in Wicklow Sinn Fein was not heard of in the recent election. In South Longford, rendered vacant by the lamented illness of that brave and loyal member of the Party, Mr. Blake, Sinn Fein won't show its face. In Leitrim, in open defiance of the Party pledge, Sinn Fein in the person of Mr. Dolan has run away from the poll; and in North Wexford the only clear and definite thing which stands out from the strange and perplexing situation is that if Sir Thomas Esmonde is a Sinn Feiner, which I take

leave to doubt, he is quite determined not to submit that issue to the people of Wexford, who, it is manifest, are unanimously opposed to it, as is natural in a community noted for its sense as much as its courage.

The absurdity of the "Abstention Policy," the one plank of the Sinn Fein programme which is not to be found also in the programme of the United Irish League, has therefore been sufficiently demonstrated.

It now behoves the country to make the policy of the Irish Party an effective and practical one.

There are two or three points upon which there ought to be general agreement:

1. There must be an Irish Parliamentary Party.

I don't believe any responsible and sane man can dispute this.

2. That Party to be of any value must be united, pledge-bound, and independent of all British Parties.

The Party is as the country makes it. I do not elect or nominate its members. The Party does not co-opt. The country itself is responsible for the composition of the Party. If all its members are not the best suited for Parliamentary work the constituencies are the people to blame; but speaking of the present Party, as a whole, I say emphatically it is composed of honest, unselfish Nationalists, who are far less amenable to British influences and

far more independent of British Parties than many of their critics—men who, while many of their opponents are seeking place and office for themselves or their friends, have never asked the favour of even a Postmastership from this or any other Government—as I can say for myself after nearly 27 years in Parliament.

3. It has been said that a new policy is needed. I have tried in vain to find out what (outside the discarded abstention policy) is meant by this cry.

Apparently some people think all would be right if Mr. W. O'Brien and Mr. Healy were asked to rejoin the Party. Let me say, so far as Mr. O'Brien is concerned, no such invitation is needed. He has been invited to rejoin the Party again and again—invited by me, by the Party, by the Directory, and by the National Convention; but apparently he is unwilling to join the Party and be bound like anyone else by the Party pledge.

Mr. Healy's position is different; but if the country wants him back it surely can say so. The moment the Directory or the National Convention invites him back, no one—least of all I—would stand in the way of the will of the Nation being carried into effect.

What, then, is the new policy? The only new policy I have seen mentioned is Sir T. Esmonde's brilliant suggestion, that we should ask the Government to give us Home Rule by Letters Patent, as in the case of the Transvaal! A simple and simple-minded policy surely. But he strangely forgets there is a small obstacle in the way in the shape of the Act of Union.

There are, everyone recognises, new forces stirring in the country. The Gaelic League, with all its developments, its intellectual and industrial revival, all should make for strengthening the National forces instead of being turned, as some of the opponents of the Irish Party seek, into causes of fresh discord and disension, by representing us as opponents.

There is, however, doubtless in some places confusion and doubt, no matter how engendered. Take, for example, the position in North Wexford. That position cannot remain as it is. Sir Thomas Esmonde has repudiated and denounced the policy of the Irish Party. He has been called upon by that Party to fulfil his pledge by vacating his seat, so as to allow the electors to decide upon the issue raised. He has not done so. He has now announced he is willing to act with the Party "or any other set of men" who put the National Question in the forefront. This won't do. Is he or is he not a member of the Irish Party, bound so long as he is a member of the Party to accept the policy and decisions of the majority of his colleagues and to "sit, act, and vote with them"? There is no such thing as a "conditional" member of the Party. Even for Sir T. Esmonde such a select class inside the Party cannot be created. If he is to be a member of the Party, he must be on an equality, and nothing more, with every member of it. The country is entitled to ask, his constituents are entitled to ask, and the Irish Party will want to know is he or is he not an ordinary pledge-bound member of the Party.

I have no doubt or misgiving about the future. The country is behind the Irish Party, and the Irish Party will do its duty to the country. The cranks and the cynics, the doubters, the well-recognised professional critics have all had their innings for the past few weeks. They will get their answer from every quarter of Ireland before the harvest is saved.

It will give me great pleasure to arrange a little later on to visit Wexford to receive the Freedom.

Very truly yours,

J. E. REDMOND.

W. A. Browne, Esq.,
Town Clerk.

7th October 1907.

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

The members present were:-

Robert Hanton Esq., Mayor (in the chair)

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

Councillors:- Richard Gibson, Benjamin Hughes, Joseph Kingsberry, James Hore, Frank O'Connor, John J. Kehoe, John O'Connor, Frank Carty, Joseph Kelly, Howard Rowe.

The minutes of meeting of 2nd September 1907 were read and signed.

Liabilities which had accrued due up to the end of last month amounting in the aggregate to £225. 7. 8 were submitted and having been examined were approved and an Advice Note was signed to enable the Treasurer to pay them on presentatio to him of Paying Orders numbered from 292 to 309 inclusive.

Summary and Reconcilement of Treasurer's Account for the month ended the last day of September 1907, including the payments made at the Meeting held on this day.

S U M M A R Y .

Balance due by Treasurer as per last Statement.	836 : 15 : 3
Total sum received to close of last month.	758 : 3 : 10
TOTAL	1594 : 19 : 1
Balance due to Treasurer as per last Statement.	- : - : -
Payments ordered at above mentioned meeting.	225 : 7 : 8
TOTAL	225 : 7 : 8
Net Balance due by Treasurer (being difference of above Totals)	1369 : 11 : 5

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

Balance per Bank Books due by Treasurer	1594 : 19 : 1
Outstanding Orders (including those issued at this Meeting)	225 : 7 : 8
Net Balance as above due by Treasurer.	1369 : 11 : 5

On the motion of Councillor John O'Connor seconded by Councillor John J. Kehoe It was Resolved:- That in common with other Nationalist Representative Public Bodies throughout Ireland, this Corporation enters its strong protest against the gross judicial scandal, amounting to a shameful prostitution of justice, which has taken place recently at Waterford in connection with the hearing of Lord Ashtown's Compenstaion Claim, and hereby join heartily in the universal demand now being made for a public sworn inquiry into the circumstances of the Bomb affair.

Copies of this resolution to be sent to His Honor, County Court Judge Fitzgerald, the Chief Secretary and Mr. John E. Redmond M. P.

Mr. James Morris applied by letter to have a footpath laid in King Street. He had lately erected four new houses and intended to erect five more. The front of the houses had been set back from the line of the street a distance of three feet at one point, and of eighteen inches at another. In consideration of widening the thoroughfare he asked that a footpath should be laid down in front of the houses.

On the motion of Councillor Hughes seconded by Councillor John J. Kehoe, it was Resolved:- That the application be granted, and in order to encourage builders to improve the town that the work be proceeded with as soon as the houses are ready for occupation.

The Finance & Works Committee recommended that a pipe sewer should be laid in William Street at a cost of £20. Four of the houses in that street were drained into the land at the rear as there was no sewer in the street in front of them. The consequence was that a nuisance was created on the land.

On the motion of Councillor Hughes, seconded by Councillor Rowe, the recommendation was adopted.

Messrs Henry Thompson and Son by letter drew attention to the fact that the drain from their house at Noth Main Street, Wexford, was left unconnected with the main drainage system at the time when the system was being constructed. In consequence of the omission the drainage from the house failed to be carried off and a nuisance arose. Regarding this matter the Town Surveyor explained that the case was an exceptional one. As he was laying the line of pipes in connection with the main drainage system, he found the house in question to be unoccupied and a drain connecting it with the old-time main sewer to be obsolete and choked. He took the precaution, however, to leave a junction pipe opposite the house so that the drain, on being made perfect, could be connected with the main pipe without any difficulty.

On the motion of Alderman Tyghe, seconded by Alderman Doyle, it was Resolved:- That the letter be referred to the Town Surveyor to act thereon as he thought fit.

A plan and elevation of a building intended to be erected in Cornamrket in place of the existing dilapidated premises belonging to the Corporation, and occupied as a dwelling house and a Weights & Measures Office, was submitted. It was prepared by the Town Surveyor pursuant to order made on 6th August last, and showed that a three-storey dwelling house, as well as a one-storey building for the use of the Inspector of Weights and Measures could be erected.

The consideration of the matter was deferred as there was no arrangement yet made as to how the necessary money to defray the cost of erecting such building was to be met.

A circular letter dated 27th September 1907, No.46767, from the Local Government Board was submitted. It contained a notice which had been issued by the Lords Commissioners of His Majesty's Treasury, in pursuance of the Public Works Loans Act, 1897 fixing

the rate of interest to be charged on Loans advanced out of the Local Loans Fund on the security of local rates.

The rate of interest chargeable on a Loan repayable in a period not exceeding thirty years was to be $3\frac{1}{2}$ per cent. per annum, and not exceeding fifty years $3\frac{1}{2}$ per cent per annum.

A circular letter dated 30th September 1907, No.45880, from the same Department was read. It pointed out, inter alia, the importance of forwarding Petitions for Provisional Orders requiring Parliamentary sanction against certain specific dates, so that the Orders of the Houses of Parliament regarding Private Bills could be complied with, and thus ensure that the Bills would be dealt with by Parliament in the Session ensuing on the lodgment of the Petition.

Robert Stanton
Nov 7th 1907

THE HONORARY FREEDOM OF THE BOROUGH OF WEXFORD WAS CONFERRED ON JOHN EDWARD REDMOND ESQUIRE, M. P., THIS TWENTYFIRST DAY OF OCTOBER 1907, PURSUANT TO RESOLUTION OF COUNCIL OF 6th DAY OF AUGUST, 1907.

J. Redmond

SIGNATURE OF RECEPIENT.

Robert Stanton

MAYOR.

Wm. A. Burns

TOWN CLERK.

7th November 1907.

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

Robert Hanton Esq., Mayor (in the chair)

Aldermen:- John Tyne, James Sinnott.

Councillors:- Howard Rowe, Benjamin Hughes, Joseph Kelly, Richard Gibson,
Frank Carty, Frank O'Connor.

The minutes of meeting of 7th October 1907 were read and signed.

Liabilities which had accrued due up to the end of last month amounting in the aggregate to £1159. 3. 2 were submitted and having been examined were approved and an Advice Note was signed to enable the Treasurer to pay them on presentation to him of Paying Orders numbered from 310 to 332 inclusive.

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

S U M M A R Y .

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Balance due by Treasurer as per last statement.	1369	11	5
Total sum received to close of last month.	391	3	1
TOTAL	1760	14	6
Balance due to Treasurer as per last statement.	-	-	-
Payments ordered at present meeting.	1159	3	2
TOTAL	1159	3	2
Net Balance due by Treasurer (being difference of above Totals)	601	11	4

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

Balance per Bank Books due by Treasurer	1832	8	4
Outstanding Orders (including those issued at this Meeting)	1230	17	0
Net Balance as above due by Treasurer.	601	11	4

Attention was called to the fact that among the entries on the agenda there appeared two questions of unusual consequence. One was the projected opening of a new road from John Street to Airhill, and the other the proposed provision of a new Town Hall and Municipal Offices. It was urged that having regard to the importance of these questions, it was not advisable for the present meeting to deal with them, seeing that the attendance of members on the present occasion was meagre. The suggestion appealed to the sense of those present when was adopted a motion in the following terms:-

Proposed by Councillor Carty, seconded by Alderman Sinnott and

Resolved:- That a Committee consisting of the entire Council be formed for the purpose of meeting together on Wednesday the 20th November Instant and discussing the two questions mentioned in all their bearings.

The following is a copy of the Auditor's Report which was read.

"I have the honour to report that I have audited the accounts of Wexford Corporation for the financial year ended 31st March 1907, and I beg to transmit herewith, two copies of the abstracts duly certified.

The collections of the several rates levied for the period, as also the rents from Corporate Estate and Artizans Dwellings, were generally satisfactory.

The receipts under the several heads as specified in the abstract were duly brought to account, and the various items of expenditure adequately vouched.

Amongst the latter I have found it necessary to disallow certain payments; my reasons therefor have been stated at foot of the surcharges on the books. In one of these the amount represents the price paid for a strip of ground which has been let into the street to widen it, but for which no legal conveyance of title was obtained. At the previous audit I found it necessary to make a surcharge in a somewhat similar case of the plot of ground adjoining this one, and though the surcharge in that instance was on appeal discharged on its merits, I feel bound to surcharge in this case, as in my opinion the payment is unfounded and inadequately vouched when no legal title has been conveyed.

I have also disallowed certain items in connection with advertising Wexford as a tourist resort, as further expenditure has been incurred under this head in the following year, it would appear more expedient to deal now with the cases in the period under audit rather than postpone all till next occasion, so that the position of the Corporation may be determined before further expenditure is incurred.

The accounts evince much care in their preparation, and were submitted for audit in a highly satisfactory manner."

With regard to the disallowance of a sum of £15 in respect of widening the thoroughfare at Selskar Street, as referred to in the Report, a letter from Mr. O'Connor was read. Mr. O'Connor was the recipient of a sum of £35 from the Corporation in consideration of his widening and improving the street at a point convenient to his office. Out of this amount he had paid Messrs Stopford and Turner £15 by reason of the fact that they had allowed a plot of ground to be let in with the street. These gentlemen were unable to give a legal conveyance of title and consequently they accepted the abated price of £15 for suffering the plot to be dedicated to the public. The remaining £20 was applied to the erection of a railing enclosing a plantation on portion of the plot. Mr O'Connor maintained, and it was admitted on all sides that the improvement was a vast and necessary one in the quarter where it was made. He had appeared before the Auditor and pointed this out but unfortunately the latter in the strict discharge of his duty could not deem the price paid to Messrs Stopford and Turner to be a legal charge on the Municipal Funds. Mr. O'Connor's object in writing was to induce the Members of the Council affected by the surcharge to appeal to the Local Government Board against the Auditor's decision. He was sure the Department would be considerate enough to relieve them of their responsibility under the circumstances.

As to the disallowance of three items amounting to £7. 5. 0 expended in connection with advertising Wexford as a tourist resort, it was pointed out to the Meeting that before incurring any expenditure under this head, the Corporation had consulted Counsel. Counsel's opinion went to show that the necessary power

was given by the Municipal Corporations Act 1840 in the case, but this view seemed to be an erroneous one. The Local Government Board however were in possession of the facts from the time the proposal was first adopted and it was on the well-meant advice of that Department that legal opinion was obtained. It rested with the Local Government Board to remit the surcharge if an appeal for a remission thereof were made to them.

The meeting decided to support any action that might be taken with the object of obtaining from the Local Government Board a remission of the surcharge in both cases.

A communication from the Local Government Board (No. 72,102 : 1906) dated 16th October 1907, was read. The Department requested to be informed with regard to the bye-laws proposed to be made by the Corporation, how far the matter had progressed up to the present.

It was ordered:- That the attention of the Committee engaged in the work of framing the proposed bye-laws be called to the letter.

A communication from the same the same Department dated 1st November 1907 No53911, was read. It contained an intimation of the intention of the Local Government Board to issue an Order expressing approval of the sale, by the Corporation, of a head rent payable by Mrs M. M. Browne out of a small plot of land at Clonard.

Having regard to the terms of the foregoing communication, it was pointed out that a sum of £10. 11. 10, Bank of Ireland Stock, had been purchased with the proceeds of the sale of the land, and it was necessary that the Council should give power for receiving and signing Warrants for dividends payable on the Stock.

Proposed by Alderman Sinnott and seconded by Councillor F. O'Connor.

That the Mayor for the time being and the Town Clerk be authorized to receive the Warrants for Dividends on the Stock in question and sign them in behalf of the Council, and that the Bank of Ireland be authorized under the Corporate Seal to accept these receipts for dividends from these functionaries as receipts from the Council.

A circular letter from the same Department dated 30th October 1907 No. 127. M. was read. it was accompanied by a copy of the Public Health Acts Amendment Act, 1907. This Act embodied many provisions which had frequently been introduced into local Acts in recent years and among other things it dealt with streets and buildings, sanitary matters, infectious diseases, common lodging houses and recreation grounds. Part 1. of the Act was due to come into force on 1st January 1908, but as to the other parts, it was provided that they could be brought into operation according as occasion required.

A circular letter from the same Department No123. M. and dated 18th October 1907 was read. This was accompanied by a copy of the Advertisements Regulation Act 1907 under which Local Authorities were empowered to make Bye Laws respecting the exhibition of advertisements. The object of the Act was to regulate and control advertisement hoardings and billboards, and to prevent the exhibition of advertisements injuriously affecting the amenities of a public park or pleasure

promenade, or disfiguring the natural beauty of a landscape.

Captain James Morris pointed out per letter that he had lately erected four dwelling houses on a plot of land at King Street. he proposed to build five additional houses in the near future on the same plot and thus utilize all the frontage. At Meeting on the 7th Ultimo, there was a footpath directed to be laid in front of the four existing houses. That was desirable so far as it went, but in view of his intention to carry out further building operations he urged that the footpath should be laid from end to end of the frontage. The application was granted.

A letter from the Corporation Solicitor which was read showed that legal proceedings brought against a Mrs Cullen of Traceystown for selling butter in Wexford which contained an excessive quantity of moisture resulted in the offender being fined £1. together with 15/- costs. The case was tried at Wexford Petty Sessions and Mr. Duignan, Inspector attached to the Department of Agriculture and Technical Instruction attended and gave evidence.

Relative to an order made at last meeting, it was announced that tenders had been invited by advertisement in the Press in respect of the opening of a new sewer in William Street. There was no response to the invitation, and the time within which tenders were to be lodged had expired.

Ordered:- That the Town Surveyor be directed to have the work of constructing the sewer done on the direct labour system.

It was announced that Mr. O'Connor, Solicitor, had lost a Paying Order for £15. 9. 8 being the amount of a Bill for miscellaneous law costs passed for payment at meeting of 7th Ultimo.

It was ordered that a duplicate Paying Order be issued to him on notification being sent to the National Bank of the loss of the original Order.

Robert Hanton
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2nd December 1907.

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

The members present were:-

Robert Hanton Esq., Mayor (in the chair)

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

Councillors:- James Hore, Frank Carty, James J. Stafford, Benjamin Hughes,
John J. Kehoe, Frank O'Connor.

The minutes of proceedings of meeting of 7th November 1907 were read and signed.

Libailities which had accrued up to the end of last month amounting in the

aggregate to £860. 14. 4 were laid before the meeting and having been examined and found correct were approved and an Advice Note was signed to enable the Treasurer to pay them on presentation to him of Paying Orders numbered from 334 to 361.

Summary and Reconciliation of Treasurer's Account for the month ended the last day of November 1907, including the payments made on this day.

S U M M A R Y .

Balance due by Treasurer as per last Statement.	£ 601 : 11 : 4
Total sum received to close of last month.	379 : 2 : 11
	TOTAL 980 : 14 : 3
Balance due to Treasurer as per last Statement.	- : - : -
Payments ordered at above-mentioned meeting.	860 : 14 : 4
	TOTAL 860 : 14 : 4
Net balance due by Treasurer (being difference of above Totals.)	119 : 19 : 11

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

Balance per Bank Book due by Treasurer.	1010 : 5 : 8
Outstanding Orders (including those issued at this Meeting)	890 : 5 : 9
Net Balance as above due by Treasurer.	119 : 19 : 11

It was announced that Thomas lacy had, for some weeks back, been unable through illness to discharge his duties as Town Sergeant and Toll Collector, and the probability was that he would be incapable of resuming them for some weeks to come. In his absence the duties had been performed by Edward Byrne with the knowledge of the Finance and Works Committee. The Committee had recommended that Byrne should be remunerated at the rate of seven shillings per week during the period within which the Council may require his services as substitute.

The recommendation was adopted.

By the receipt of a letter from the Town Clerk of Blackrock, there was brought under the notice of the meeting a proposal of Mr J. J. Clancy M. P. which was to the effect that Loans to enable the erection of dwellings for the working classes in Urban Districts in Ireland should be granted out of the Funds in the Post Office Savings Bank at a rate of interest below the rate at present charged on such Loans by the Treasury.

The rate of interest allowed to depositors in the Post Office Savings Bank was $2\frac{1}{2}\%$, and it was Mr Clancy's idea that the Government could obviously afford to make Loans out of the Funds in question without charging more than $2\frac{1}{4}\%$ interest, thus obtaining $\frac{1}{4}\%$ to cover all Departmental expenses in connection with the management of the Funds. Thereupon the following motion was adopted.

Proposed by Alderman Doyle, seconded by Councillor Stafford and

Resolved:- That this Council, having considered the proposal recently made by Mr. J. J. Clancy, K. C., M. P., for financing a comprehensive scheme of housing for the cities and towns of Ireland, hereby approves of those proposals as being both practical and adequate without involving any injustice to anyone or to any interest and we earnestly urge their acceptance on the Government.

By the receipt of a letter from the Secretary of the Kerry County Council attention was called to the inadequacy of the financial support given to the cause of Primary Education in Ireland. The importance of raising the Primary Education System to the highest level of efficiency had not been fully recognized and the time had arrived when efforts should be made to improve it in every possible way.

The attention of the meeting was also directed to the subject by a communication from the County Dublin National Teachers' Association, and thereupon on the motion of Councillor Stafford seconded by Councillor Kehoe it was

Resolved:- That this, the Wexford Corporation hereby expresses its support of the long-admitted claims for financial assistance in connection with Irish Primary Education.

That we demand that these claims shall be satisfactorily settled without further delay, and therefore request the Government to make in the forthcoming Estimates the necessary provision for the placing of Irish Primary Education as regards its financial claims on an equitable basis.

That copies of this resolution be sent to the Parliamentary Representatives of the County, to Mr. John E. Redmond, to the Chief Secretary for Ireland and to the Chancellor of the Exchequer.

The question as to the present system of managing Irish Railways being detrimental to the interests of Ireland was introduced by the receipt of a communication from the Irish County Councils General Council. The General Council was of opinion that the Railways should be put under one management, subject to the control of a Body representing the people of Ireland. This Body should be invested with legal power to purchase all the Railways, and to borrow money for that purpose on the security of the Railways themselves. This would enable the necessary money to be borrowed at a reasonable rate of interest. The Corporation of Wexford were asked to express an opinion on the matter. The question was discussed but was deferred for further consideration, in as much as the principle of offering the Rates as collateral security did not strike the Members present as being a desirable principle, at least so far as they could see at the present moment.

A local dancing class known as the Crescent Quadrille Class, notified by letter their desire to hold a Ball in the Town Hall on the night of 4th January next. They asked that the Corporation should make a concession in their case by allowing them the use of the building free of charge on the occasion, in as much as they used the Hall for their regular weekly practise dances, for which privilege they paid the stipulated charge of 5/- per night. They also asked that the latter charge should be reduced so as to encourage the promotion of a much needed source of recreation for the youth of the town.

Ordered:- THAT the request of the Class for the use of the Hall free on the 4th January be granted, but that the question of reducing the charge for the use of the building for practise dances, be deferred.

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Howard Rowe

6th January 1908.

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

There were in attendance:-

Howard Rowe Esq., T. C. (in the chair)

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

Councillors:- Joseph Kingsberry, michael Browne, John O'Connor, patrick Byrne, Thomas O'Brien, James Goodisson, John J. Kehoe, Joseph Kelly, Frank Carty, James Hore, Benjamin Hughes, Richard Gibson.

The minutes of proceedings of meeting of 2nd December 1907 were read and signed.

Liabilities which had accrued due up to the end of last month amounting in the aggregate to £170. 3. 11 were laid before the meeting, and having been examined were approved and an Advice Note was signed to enable the Treasurer to pay them on presentation to him of Paying Orders numbered from 362 to 382 inclusive.

Summary and Reconcilement of Treasurer's Account for the month ended the last day of December 1907 including the payments made at the meeting held on this day.

S U M M A R Y .

Balance due by Treasurer as per last Statement.	119 : 19 : 11
Total sum received to close of last month.	672 : 7 : 10
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TOTAL	792 : 7 : 9
Balance due to Treasurer as per last Statement.	- : - : -
Payments ordered at above-mentioned meeting.	170 : 3 : 11
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TOTAL.	170 : 3 : 11
Net Balance due by Treasurer (being difference of above Totals)	622 : 3 : 10

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

Balance per Bank Books due by Treasurer.	1221 : 9 : 5
Outstanding Orders (including those issued at this Meeting)	599 : 5 : 7
Net Balance as above due by Treasurer.	622 : 3 : 10

On the conclusion of the foregoing business, Councillor Kelly drew attention to the fact that this day was a Catholic Holyday. He proposed that the meeting do stand adjourned to Wednesday, 8th Instant.

The motion was seconded by Councillor Kingsberry and was passed.

Thomas Hanton
Jan 8 1908

8th January 1908.

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

The members present were:-

Robert Hanton Esq., Mayor (in the chair)

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

Councillors John J. Kehoe, Howard Rowe, James J. Stafford, Joseph Kingsberry,
Frank O'Connor, John O'Connor, Joseph Kelly, Benjamin Hughes,
patrick Byrne, James Goodisson, James Hore, Richard Gibson,
Michael Browne, Frank Carty.

The minutes of meeting of 6th January 1907 were read and signed.

The principal business of the meeting was to consider three questions of unusual importance. These were namely, the proposed opening of a new road from John Street to Airhill, the proposed opening of a Peoples' Park, and the proposed erection of a Town Hall and Municipal Offices.

Reports and recommendations from three Committees on the questions were submitted for adoption.

The new road Committee whose original report appears on minutes of 6th of August 1907, furnished the following supplementary report.

"Your Committee have given further attention to the proposal to open a new road from John Street to St. Peter's Road at Airhill, on which subject they furnished a Report on 29th July last. As a result of their renewed deliberations they find it necessary to modify their original recommendation in a few particulars. They also wish to supply some information as to the expenditure that the undertaking will involve.

Your Committee beleive that it is essential to the ultimate success of the undertaking that every incentive should be given to the building of good class residences, and therefore, in order to give the road an imposing appearance, it is desirable that the width be left 70 feet instead of 50 feet. This increase of width will necissitate the taking down of three houses in John Street instead of one as heretofore suggested.

It has also been found inexpedient to acquire a strip of land of a uniform width of 350 feet. This will be made clear by reference to the map, for in the case of two of the fields through which the road will pass, it will be sufficient to purchase a right of way, whereas in the other cases, the entire field will have to be acquired.

The entire complement of land required will be about nine acres, $3\frac{1}{2}$ of which will be devoted to the road proper, and the remainder appropriated to building sites.

The estimated cost of carrying the Scheme into effect is £5,050, which is

made up of the following items.

purchase of landlords' and Tenants' interest in $3\frac{1}{2}$ acres for the									
road proper @ £150 per acre. (£5. an acre at 30 years purchase.)									
									£ 525 : 0 : 0
Construction of road.	:	:	:	:	:	:	:	:	2000 : 0 : 0
Demolition of houses.	:	:	:	:	:	:	:	:	1000 : 0 : 0
Legal expenses.	:	:	:	:	:	:	:	:	200 : 0 : 0
Land to be acquired as building sites. ($5\frac{1}{2}$ acres @ £150 per acre)									825 : 0 : 0
Loss of rent and contingencies.	:	:	:	:	:	:	:	:	500 : 0 : 0
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									£ 5050 : 0 : 0

It must not be thought that this Capital Expenditure of £5050 will be of an unproductive nature, on the contrary, it may be possible to make the undertaking remunerative, as the following estimate will go to show.

If there were built 65 residences capable of being valued for rating purposes at £15. per house, or in all £975.

The ground rent for the frontage ought to bring in per annum	£ 133 : 0 : 0
While the Rates on the above valuation of £975 should produce	200 : 0 : 0
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	£ 333 : 0 : 0

A Loan of £5050 @ 5% to allow for interest and Sinking Fund

will be, per annum. : : : : : : : : £ 300 : 0 : 0

In face of the foregoing Financial Statement, and all the facts of the case, your Committee have no hesitation in recommending the Council to formulate and carry into effect, a Scheme for the opening of the proposed new road.

Dated this 28th day of November 1907.

Signed on behalf of the Committee.

Robert Hanton, Mayor."

The Peoples' Park Committee reported as follows:-

" Your Committee, as per instructions, have visited certain lands in the town which they deemed suitable for a Peoples' Park. In selecting a site your Committee set before themselves three objects. The first was that the Park should be within easy distance of the most congested parts of the town. The next was that the purchase money would be of such amount as would not inflict any appreciable increase in taxation, and the third was that the area of the site should be large enough to allow of the land being laid out in such a way as would present a variety of pleasing prospects, so as to attract people to it.

Your Committee inspected the field in George Street owned by Mrs Mary O'Connor. They found that this field of itself was too limited in size to be turned into what might be called a Public Park, although its position in the town was all that could be desired. In order to avail of this field, it would be necessary to acquire land at the rear of John Street which is divided up into numerous vegetable gardens. Your Committee inquired into the price at which Mrs O'Connor's field and the other lands could be obtained, but the demands made in each case were prohibitive. They

thereupon visited the lands lying between John Street and Airhill. Portion of these lands are held by the Corporation themselves and are let to a yearly tenant. The position of this land for a Peoples' Park is admirable, but would be made still more desirable if an adjoining field in the possession of the Nuns of the Presentation Convent were obtainable. Your Committee applied to the Rev. Mother of the Convent for the field in question, but she regretted her inability to dispose of it. However they are of opinion that the lands belonging to the Corporation would suffice for a Park if sufficient ground could be obtained to allow of a roadway being opened from John Street to Airhill.

The Committee therefore recommend that the land in the occupation of the Council at the rear of John Street be set apart as a site for a Peoples' Park.

Dated this 28th day of November 1907.

Signed on behalf of the Committee.

Robert Hanton, Mayor. "

The Town Hall Committee made the following recommendation.

"That in view of other Schemes before the Council, this Committee recommend that the question of building a Town Hall and Municipal Offices be deferred for the present."

It was announced that a meeting of a Committee composed of the entire Council met on the 4th day of December 1907 and took all the questions referred to into consideration and came to the conclusion to make the following recommendation thereon.

"That it go as a recommendation from this, a Committee of the whole Council, that the Report and recommendation from the New Road Committee be adopted and a scheme formulated in accordance with the latter Committee's views for the opening of a new road from John Street to Airhill, but that the acquisition of the field occupied by the Reservoir be one of the matters to be included in the Scheme."

The meeting, after prolonged deliberation, decided, on the motion of Alderman Sinnott, seconded by Councillor Kehoe, to adjourn the debate to the first Monday in February next (this being the date of the next monthly meeting) pending the receipt of information from the owners and occupiers of the lands required for the purposes of the new road and park, as to the prices these persons will accept for surrendering their interest in the lands to the Council.

Attention was called to the fact that the Military Barracks at Wexford was no longer to be used by the War Office as quarters for the permanent Military Staff of Wexford District. The Staff consisted of over thirty members whose average earnings amounted to £250 a month, and they were about to be dispersed among different Regiments of the Line. It was reasonable to assume that a large share of the earnings of the Officers and Non-Commissioned Officers composing the Staff was put into circulation in the town, and the loss consequent on the closing of the Barrack as a permanent Military Station would be felt by the traders of the

town. It was suggested that an effort should be made to have the Staff retained in Wexford.

Thereupon, on the motion of Councillor Rowe, seconded by Alderman Hadden, it was Resolved:- That a Memorial be sent under the Corporate Seal to the Right Honorable the Secretary of State for War, praying him to re-consider his decision as to the contemplated removal from Wexford of the permanent Military Staff, and that a Committee consisting of the Mayor and Alderman Hadden and Councillor Stafford be appointed to frame the Memorial.

A letter received from Her Excellency, the Countess of Aberdeen, was read. A Central Tuberculosis Committee was formed by Her Excellency in Dublin with the object of disseminating information on the means to be employed in combatting the disease of Consumption. The mode adopted by the Central Committee to stimulate public interest in the subject was to send a Travelling Exhibition of sanitary appliances from town to town throughout the Country, and also to have a course of Lectures delivered in the towns visited. Wexford Corporation requested that the Committee should not overlook the claims of Wexford to a visit from the Exhibition. Her Excellency in her reply dated 4th January 1908, stated that it was possible for the Exhibition to visit Wexford in the second week of February 1908. It was seen, however, from a list of requirements of the Central Committee that the bringing of the Exhibition to the town would involve greater expense and labour than the Council were prepared to undergo at the present moment, and it was decided respectfully to inform Her Excellency that the Council would refrain from taking action in the matter until a later date.

Attention was called to the pressing necessity which existed for continuing the work of constructing a main drainage system in St. Selskar Ward. It was alleged that the residents of Monck Street complained of sewer gas entering their houses in consequence of the inefficiency of the sewerage system in that street. The completion of the main drainage work was greatly to be wished for, but it was pointed out that the sum allocated in the current financial year to allow the work being carried on had already been expended, and moreover, it was most inopportune at the present season of the year to carry on excavating operations.

However on the matter being considered it was decided to resume the work as soon as the Town Surveyor found the time suitable provided that the Bank will allow an overdraft of £150 or thereabouts to be made on current account free of interest.

Communications from the Local Government Board were submitted as follows:-

letter No. 58459 : 1907 dated 16th December 1907 wherewith was received a copy of the Factory and Workshop Act 1907.

Letter No. 50191 : 1907 dated 19th December 1907 wherewith was received an Order of the 11th December 1907 made by that Department as to the registration of Butter Factories &c., pursuant to the Butter and Margarine Act, 1907.

23rd January 1908.

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

The members present were:-

Robert Hanton Esq., Mayor (in the chair)

Aldermen:- Walter Walsh, Matthew Doyle, James J. Stafford, James Sinnott.

Councillors:- Richard Gibson, Joseph Doyle, Frank Carty, Nicholas Prendergast,
Joseph Kingsberry, Frank O'Connor, Benjamin Hughes, Patrick Clancy
Frederick J. Cogley, James Goodisson, Howard Rowe, Joseph Kelly,
John O'Connor.

The minutes of last meeting were read and signed.

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

Resolved:- That Robert Hanton Esq., our present Mayor, be, and is hereby elected Mayor for the year commencing this day and until his Successor be appointed and shall have accepted Office.

The mayor then made and subscribed a Declaration of acceptance of Office and returned thanks for his re-election.

Councillor Frank O'Connor drew attention to the happy fact that unity was again established in the ranks of the Irish parliamentary Party, and that all Nationalist members would present an unbroken front when Parliament assembled.

he moved:- That we, the members of the Wexford Corporation, have received with the most sincere gratification the news that Messrs J. E. Redmond, William O'Brien, T. M. Healy, and John Dillon have at last become united.

That we wish to express our great satisfaction at the fact that unity prevails in Nationalist circles.

That we offer the above named gentlemen our warmest congratulations, and beg to express the hope that they may be long spared to carry on the good work of ameliorating Ireland's wrongs.

And that a copy of the above resolution be sent to the gentlemen named.

The motion was seconded by Councillor Carty and was carried, Councillors Cogley and Clancy dissenting.

On the motion of Alderman Stafford, seconded by Alderman Sinnott, it was

Resolved:- That the three Quarterly Meetings to be held previous to 23rd. January 1909 be fixed to be held on Monday, 4th May at noon, Tuesday, 4th August at noon, and Monday, 2nd November at noon.

The appointment of Committees was then proceeded with, and on the motion of Councillor Hughes, seconded by Alderman Walsh, it was

Resolved:- That the Finance and Works, Waterworks, and Public Health Committees be composed of the entire Council during the ensuing year.

Councillor Hughes further proposed.

That the Technical Instruction Committee be formed of the following seven members of the Council, viz. The Mayor, Aldermen Walsh, Hadden, Stafford, Councillors Rowe, Hore, and Hughes, in addition to the protestant Rector of Wexford for the time being the Catholic Administrator of Wexford for the time being, the Superior of the Christian Brothers Wexford for the time being, and Messrs Michael A. Ennis, Joseph S. Thompson, and Richard Walsh.

The motion was seconded by Alderman Stafford and was adopted.

Councillor Rowe handed in the following notice of motion which was accepted.

I beg to give notice that at the next monthly meeting of the Corporation I will propose that this Council shall take immediate steps towards the erection of forty dwellings for the working classes.

With reference to an application made to the Local Government Board by three members of the Council for a remission of surcharges amounting to £7. 5. 0 made by the Auditor at the audit of the Corporate Accounts for year ended 31st March 1907, being in respect of expenditure for the purpose of advertising the town and neighbourhoods of Wexford as a tourist resort, the Board by letter dated 14th January 1908 No. 60584, stated that they found that the surcharges were lawfully but that the subject matter thereof was incurred under such circumstances as to make remission fair and equitable, and this being so they had made an Order directing that the Surcharges should be remitted. The Board further stated that they had confirmed the Auditor in his finding that Section 131 of 3 & 4 Vic. cap 108, which enabled the Corporation to apply the Borough Fund "for the public benefit &c. of the Borough" required as a condition precedent to the exercise of such power that there should be a surplus in the Borough Fund after certain specified charges had been defrayed therefrom

By a communication No. 60584 dated the 14th January 1908, which was read, the Local Government Board intimated their decision to discharge a Surcharge of £15, an item of account which was included in the Municipal Accounts for year ended 31st March 1907. Accompanying the letter was a copy of the Sealed Order made in the case by the Department. The item in question was portion of a claim paid to Mr. M. J. O'Connor, being compensation paid to him for a plot of ground at Selskar Street which was let in with that thoroughfare, but for which no legal title could be proved by the head landlord whose Agents were Messrs Stopford and Turner.

Wm. J. O'Connor
February 3rd 1908

3rd February 1908.

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

The members present were:-

Robert Hanton Esq. Mayor (in the chair)

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

Councillors:- Benjamin Hughes, Joseph Doyle, Richard Gibson, James Hore,
Joseph Kingsberry, Nicholas Prendergast, Patrick Clancy,
Frederick J. Cogley, Howard Rowe, Frank O'Connor,
Frank Carty, Joseph Kelly, John O'Connor.

The minutes of meeting of 23rd January 1908 were read and signed.

Liabilities which had accrued due up to the end of last month, amounting in the aggregate to £154. 9. 10, were laid before the meeting and having been examined were approved and an Advice Note was signed to enable the Treasurer to pay them on presentation to him of Paying Orders numbered from 383 to 389 inclusive.

Summary and Reconcilement of Treasurer's Account for the month ended the last day of January 1908, including the payments made at the meeting held on this day.

S U M M A R Y .

	£ : s : d
Balance due by Treasurer as per last monthly Statement.	622 : 3 : 10
Total sum received to close of month.	438 : 16 : 11
TOTAL	1061 ; 0 : 9
Balance due to Treasurer as per last monthly statement.	- : - : -
Payments ordered at above-mentioned meeting.	154 : 9 : 10
TOTAL	154 : 9 : 10
Net balance due by Treasurer (being difference of above totals)	906 : 10 : 11

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

Balance per Bank Books due by Treasurer.	1061 : 0 : 9
Outstanding Orders (including those issued at this meeting)	154 : 9 : 10
Net balance as above due by Treasurer.	906 : 10 : 11

Alderman Hadden drew attention to an item of £6. 6. 0 included in the accounts submitted for payment on this day. The sum in question was payable to Edward Byrne pursuant to order of 2nd December last for acting pro. tem. for a period of eighteen weeks as Town Sergeant, Toll Collector and Caretaker of Old Graveyards, in the absence of Thomas lacy who was prevented through illness from discharging his duties in the three capacities mentioned. The justice of the payment was not questioned, but the legality of it was, but on this latter point the meeting was re-assured, and the account was passed.

There were three important questions for the consideration of the meeting. These were the opening of a new road from John Street to St. Peter's Road at Airhill, the conversion into a People's park of land held by the Corporation on lease at the rear of John Street and known as the Pipe Fields, and the provision of forty dwellings for the accommodation of the working classes of the town. Regarding the order made on 8th January 1908, it was announced that the owners and occupiers of the lands required for the purposes of the proposed road and of the proposed Park had been communicated with and asked what they would accept in consideration of surrendering their interests in the lands, but up to the present there had been no response to the Town Clerk's overtures, except in the cases of the Rev. Mother of the Presentation Convent, of Lady Maurice Fitzgerald, and of Captain J. J. Percival. The letters received in these cases were read, but they were seen to afford no information on the essential point as to price.

At this juncture Alderman Doyle was permitted to make a fresh proposal which had for its object a convenient way of acquiring land for the road and sites for the dwellings. He suggested that the scheme for the road should be so modified that the main road should be constructed for only half the distance intended and then deflected at right angles towards Windmills Hill. By this means he showed it was possible to give access to lands which could be utilized as sites for working class dwellings, as well as sites for better class houses.

Alderman Doyle gave notice that he would move on an early day that what he proposed should be adopted, and after some deliberation on the part of the meeting the notice was accepted.

To give an opportunity to members of the Council to visit the lands in question, it was decided that the consideration of all the proposals of the day should be deferred, and thereupon the meeting was adjourned to Wednesday, the 19th Instant.

Robert Hanton
Mar 2nd 1908

19th February 1908.

An adjourned Statutable Meeting of the Council was held this day in the Town Clerk's Office at half past seven o'clock p. m.

The members present were:-

Robert Hanton Esq., Mayor (in the chair)

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

Councillors:- Michael Browne, James Goodisson, Frederick J. Cogley, Patrick Clancy, Nicholas Prendergast, Howard Rowe, Benjamin Hughes, Richard Gibson, James Hore, John O'Connor, Thomas O'Brien, Frank Carty, Joseph Kelly.

Immediately on taking the Chair, The Mayor made reference in touching terms to the death, on the 16th Instant, of Mr. John Green, who was for many years connected with the Council in the capacity of Consulting Sanitary Officer. It was

unnecessary to dilate in an assembly of Wexfordmen on the many amiable and endearing qualities of the deceased, whose body was at present awaiting interment and whose loss was mourned by every individual in the town.

His Worship proposed the following motion.

That we have heard with sentiments of unfeigned regret of the demise of our late revered fellow-townsmen Dr. John Crean, whose loss is lamented not alone by his own relatives but by the entire community of the Town of Wexford, that as a mark of respect to his memory this Meeting do stand adjourned to Monday, 2nd March next, and that an expression of our heartfelt sympathy be conveyed to Mrs Crean in her heavy bereavement.

The motion was seconded by Councillor Gibson, and was adopted with silent unanimity.

Robert Hanton
Mar 2nd 1908

2nd march 1908.

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

The members present were :-

Robert Hanton Esq., Mayor (in the chair)

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

Councillors:- Frederick J. Cogley, Patrick Clancy, Nicholas Prendergast,
Richard Gibson, Joseph Kingsberry, Richard Goodisson, Frank Carty,
Frank O'Connor, Howard Rowe, John O'Connor, Thomas O'Brien,
James Hore, Joseph Kelly, Benjamin Hughes.

The minutes of last meeting were read and signed.

Liabilities which had accrued due up to the end of last month amounting in the aggregate to £716 . 11. 4 were submitted and having been examined were approved and an advice note was signed to enable the Treasurer to pay them on presentation to him of Paying Orders numbered from 400 to 420 inclusive.

Summary and Reconcilement of Treasurer's Account for the month ending the last day of February 1908, including the payments made at the Meeting held on this day

S U M M A R Y .

Balance due by Treasurer as per last Statement.	906 : 10 : 11
Total sum received to close of last month.	751 : 10 : 8
TOTAL	1658 : 1 : 7
Payments ordered at above meeting.	716 ; 11 : 4
TOTAL.	716 : 11 ; 4
Net Balance due by Treasurer (being difference of above Totals)	941 : 10 : 3

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

Balance per Bank Books due by Treasurer.	1658 : 1 : 7
Outstanding Orders (including those issued at this Meeting)	716 : 11 : 4
Net Balance as above due by Treasurer.	941 : 10 ; 3

The principal questions set down for the consideration of the meeting were the proposed opening of a new road, the proposed conversion of land at Townparks into a People's park, and the provision of forty dwellings for the housing of the Working Classes. These were the first matters dealt with by the meeting, as the consideration of them had been adjourned from the 19th Ultio. out of respect for the memory of the late Dr. Crean.

Letters received from, or in behalf of, persons whose lands would be required for the purposes of the two first mentioned proposals, were read. They were from

- (1) Messrs Little & Nunn in behalf of Captain J. J. Percival.
- (2) Mr. Paul J. Carroll, North Main Street.
- (3) Mrs Mary A. McCarthy, Rowe Street.
- (4) Miss Elizabeth Hore, The Hills.
- (5) Messrs Little & Nunn in behalf of Lady Maurice FitzGerald.

(1) Captain Percival was not disposed to sell his interest in all the lands known as the "Old Pipewater Fields" held from him under lease by the Corporation, but he was willing to sell his interest in so much of the lands as was required for the proposed new road namely, 3 roods and 19 perches. He was prepared to accept as purchase money for this complement a sum of £140 free of all expense incidental to the sale and conveyance of it to the Corporation, but the rent at present payable under the above lease would be reduced by £4. 3. 4 a year.

From this it was seen that so far as the opening of a People's Park was concerned, it was impossible to obtain the lands required for that purpose otherwise than by means of special legislation.

(2) Mr. Carroll was satisfied to dispose of his interest in a portion of his land required for the purposes of the proposed road. The road would pass through his field for a distance of 600 feet, and would deprive him of 3 roods and 34 perches of land. As the line of the road would run through the middle of the field, the carrying out of the project would leave the rest of the field of very little use for grazing purposes. He was prepared to accept £200 for the loss of the land, provided that his rent were reduced by his Landlord by £5. 15. 6 a year.

(3) Mrs McCarthy, the immediate Lessor of the field known as the Sand Pit field, was indefinite in her reply. She would endeavour to come to terms with the Council if the Council were prepared to make any reasonable offer for her interest in the land.

(4) Miss Hore refused, point blank, to entertain the question of selling any portion of her land for the purpose of the road, or for any other purpose.

(5) Lady Maurice FitzGerald was willing to sell, subject to Mr. Carroll her tenant agreeing to accept an offer for her interest in the portion of the field required for the purpose of the road and held by Mr Carroll and

the Committee who had been appointed to draw up a Scheme under which the prizes would be awarded to competitors had omitted to act. A branch of a Body known as the Women's Health Association had, since then, been formed in Wexford, and it was possible to induce the Branch to take the matter up. It was suggested that they should be written to and asked to take charge of the distribution of the prizes. It was also suggested that Mr. McGee should be written to, in the event of the Branch consenting to act in the matter, and asked if he would adhere to his offer under the circumstances.

The two suggestions were adopted.

It was reported that the Finance Committee had taken into their consideration the case of Thomas Lacy, Town Sergeant &c. They had found that this Officer was, after a lapse of five months, still unfitted to perform his duties in consequence of his indisposition. They were slow to deprive a man in his position of life of his means of livelihood, but yet they had their duty to perform to the public. They recommended that the payment of seven shillings a week to his substitute should be discontinued on 1st March, but were satisfied to retain the services of the substitute for at least a further month, but at his, Lacy's, expense. The remuneration to the substitute was left as a matter of arrangement between the two men concerned.

This recommendation was approved of.

The Accounts of the Collector of Borough Rate and of Rate in lieu of County Cess were produced, with a view to closing them for the current financial year. They had been under the examination of the Finance Committee on the 26th Ultimo. The Committee, who had expressed satisfaction with the result of the Collections, made the following recommendation.

That there be written off as irrecoverable items amounting to £10. 6. 3, in the case of the Borough Rate, and items amounting to £22. 6. 0 in the case of the Rate in lieu of County Cess, and that the balance of items outstanding, i. e. £3. 19. 0 and £11. 11. 5 respectively, be carried into next year's books as arrears.

The Recommendation was adopted.

Robert Hanton
March 26th 1908

26th March 1908.

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

Robert Hanton Esq., Mayor (in the chair)

Councillors:- Howard Rowe, Nicholas Prendergast, James Hore, Benjamin Hughes, Joseph Kelly, Frank Carty, Frederick J. Cogley.

The minutes of meeting of 2nd March 1908 were read and signed.

Estimates prepared by the Town Clerk of the expenditure necessary to carry on the municipal administration of the Borough in the ensuing financial year were presented to the meeting and considered. It was seen that after carrying to credit the different

items of income accruing from sources other than rates, together with Balances in hands of Treasurer, there remained to be provided for by means of the rates leviable on the District, the following sums.

By a poor Rate.	:	:	:	:	:	:	:	£ 1813	:	3	:	4
By a Borough Rate.	:	:	:	:	:	:	:	865	:	15	:	5
By a Rate in lieu of County Cess.	:	:	:	:	:	:	:	1428	:	3	:	4
By Water Rates.	:	:	:	:	:	:	:	1485	:	12	:	6

Attached to the Estimate of sums to be raised by a Poor Rate was a recommendation from the Finance Committee under date of 18th March Instant, as to the making of the Poor Rate at a rate of $2\frac{1}{2}$ in the pound.

It was noted that no provision was made in the Estimates in connection with the proposal to treat the surface of the road at Redmond Road with a Steam Roller. The omission of any item of outlay under this heading was, after discussion, acquiesced in.

Thereupon on the motion of Councillor Rowe, seconded by Councillor Hore, the following resolution was unanimously adopted.

That the Estimates now submitted be adopted, but that the sum set down for contingencies be increased by £75. in the case of the Estimate of Expenses to be paid out of Rate in lieu of County Cess, that as a consequence of such adoption there be agreed upon a Borough Rate of one shilling, a Rate in lieu of County Cess of one shilling and eightpence, a Domestic Water Rate of one shilling, and a Public Water Rate of ninepence, and a Poor Rate of two shillings and twopence in the pound on the rateable value of property within the Borough of Wexford with a view to the making of such Rates within a reasonable period.

Mr. P. J. Cousins of Old Pound, brought under notice by letter the fact that a portion of the land at Trespan Rocks was at present untenanted. This land was designed by nature as an ideal site for a People's Park, and he was of opinion that advantage should be taken of the opportunity to provide a recreation ground where people could enjoy themselves during their hours of leisure. The initial outlay would be a mere bagatelle, as it was only necessary to acquire the land and keep the approaches to it in a state of cleanliness.

The matter having been considered, it was decided to appoint a Committee of the entire Council to meet on Monday, 30th Instant, with the object of having the lands inspected and their eligibility as a site for a People's Park reported on.

The Waterworks Committee reported on the Water Rate Account. Of the outstanding Rates the sum of £15. 19. 0 $\frac{1}{2}$ was found to be irrecoverable, and the rest of the outstanding Rate, viz:- £4. 3. 11 was collectible and to be carried forward as arrears.

This report was adopted nem. con.

Robert Hunter
April 6th 1908