

5th February 1912.

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

The members present were;-

Howard Rowe Esq., mayor (in the chair)

Aldermen:- Walter Walsh, George Hadden James Sinnott.

Councillors:- Nicholas Prendergast, James Hore, Paul J. Carroll, John O'Connor, Nicholas Byrne,, Patrick Clancy, James Goodisson, Joseph Kingsberry, James Memahon, Joseph Kelly, Richard Gibson, Francis Carty, and Thomas O'Brien.

The minutes of meeting of 23rd. January 1912 were read and signed.

The following is a copy of a letter which was read from the Under Secretary, Dublin Castle, under date of 3rd. Instant.

"Referring to your letter of the 27th November last, I am directed by the Lords Justices to acquaint you, for the information of the Municipal Council of Wexford, that it has been decided that the area of charge for the extra police employed in connection with the trade dispute at Wexford shall be the county-at-large." With reference to resolution of 6th November last, whereby the question of rents due on dwellings provided by the Council for the working classes was deferred for three months, a special report from the Rent Collector was submitted. This showed that the arrears to the 1st Instant had accumulated to £106. 15. 9. Of this sum, £64. 5. 0 was seen to be due by 22 of the occupiers who were deprived of their employment by reason of the trade dispute which had sprung up in the town between employers and their workmen engaged in the iron industries. The balance of £42.10.9 was seen to be due by 62 of the tenants who had not been affected by the labour troubles, and the remaining 33 tenants had paid up in full.

Presumably in anticipation of the above subject being brought up this day for consideration, a letter sent in by those of the tenants that have been out of employment, was read wherein they expressed thanks for the indulgence shown them by the Council, and an assurance that they would clear off all arrears of rent within a reasonable time after a settlement of the labour dispute would have been brought about. The following order was thereupon made.

That in view of an early reconciliation between employers and employed, no action be taken for the present in respect of the arrears due by the tenants concerned in the lock-out, but as regards the other delinquent tenants, instructions be given to the Collector to press for payment of the amounts due in each case where the arrears exceed £1. 0. 0.

The following is a summary of a report from the lamp Committee.

A lamp in Ram Street to be moved up in line with the gable of house on south side of that street. A pillar lamp on a corner of Monck Street to be put on an angle bracket on the wall of an adjoining yard. In Mary's lane the lamp to be shifted to the opposite side of the lane and fixed as high as possible on an angle of a stone wall.

A bracket lamp to be put up in Foundry lane, and lamp in Waterloo Road, situate between the College houses and Corry's Terrace to be shifted from 25 to 30 feet nearer Corry's Terrace and placed at the opposite side of the road.

This recommendation was adopted, and on the question of lamps, it was further Ordered:- That the lamp on the ventilating shaft in the Bullring be converted into an ordinary pillar lamp by taking down the ventilating shaft and transferring the pillar at the corner of Monck Street to the Bullring.

The Secretary of the Wexford Gas Company stated by letter in reference to an order made on 3rd. January last, that he had called all the lamplighters before him and cautioned them that if any neglect was reported he would not overlook it, but as to the lamp reported out on Christmas Morning at 5.25 a. m. he said the lamplighters asserted positively that they did not extinguish it. If it was out at the hour by mentioned one thing was quite certain that it was not extinguished by any of their lamplighters. He asked that if any future cases of the kind occurred that early notice should be given to him at least the day after the cause of complaint arose. On this letter having been read, Alderman Walsh, who was the author of the complaint about the gas being out on Christmas Morning repeated what he had said at last meeting that he saw a man using the ordinary lamplighters pole extinguishing the lamp in question at the hour mentioned, and he took occasion at the time to pay particular attention to the incident.

He proposed that the terms of the Gas Company's letter be deemed unsatisfactory.

The motion was seconded by Councillor Prendergast and was adopted.

Councillor O'Connor proposed the following motion, which was seconded by Councillor Carroll and adopted.

That we feel impressed by the urgent necessity for some strong and diplomatic effort being made to bring about a settlement between the owners of the Foundries and their former workers, With this object we suggest that arbitration should be proposed between the masters and the representatives of the workers.

This evoked a discussion on a proposal which had appeared in the local Press and which emanated from the New Ross Board of Guardians. This was that a Conference of Delegates from all the Public Bodies in the County should meet and devise a means of ending, if possible, the labour dispute in Wexford Town. It was hoped that a Conference of the kind would command influence enough to induce the disputants on both sides to compose their differences. The result was that His Worship, The Mayor, Alderman Sinnott and Councillor O'Connor were appointed as Delegates from the Wexford Municipal Council to the proposed Conference.

Liabilities which had accrued this day, amounting in the aggregate to £260. 6. 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 488 to 500 and from 1 to 9 inclusive.

Summary and Reconciliation of Treasurer's Account for the month ended the last day of January 1912, including the payments made at the meeting held on this day.

SUMMARY.

Balance due by Treasurer as per last Statement.	594. 8. 3
Total sum received to close of last month.	681. 1. 11
TOTAL	1275. 10. 2
Balance due to Treasurer as per last Statement.	- . -
Payments ordered at this meeting.	260. 6. 8
TOTAL	260. 6. 8
Net Balance due by Treasurer (being difference of above Totals)	1015. 3. 6

RECONCILEMENT.

Balance per Bank Books due by Treasurer.	1275. 10. 2
Outstanding Orders (including those issued at present meeting)	260. 6. 8
Net Balance as above due by Treasurer.	1015. 3. 6

Robert Hanton
Chairman
Mar. 4th 1912

4th March 1912.

A Statutable 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:-

Aldermen. George Madden, James Sinnott, Benjamin Hughes,
Robert Hanton, Walter Walsh.

Councillors. Paul J. Carrall, Joseph Kingsbury, Nicholas Byrne,
Richard Gibson, Francis Carty, James French, James H. Hanton,
Joseph Kelly, Nicholas Prndergast, Patrick Blaney,
Joseph Doyle, Thomas O'Brien, Michael Browne.

In the absence of the Mayor, Alderman Hanton was moved to, and
took the Chair.

The minutes of meeting of 5th February last were read & signed.

Liabilities which

amounting in the aggregate to £ 856:17:2 were submitted and having been examined were approved and an Order Note was signed to enable the Treasurer to pay them on presentation to him of Paying Orders numbered from 10 to 34 inclusive.

Summary and Reconciliation of Treasurer's Account for the month ended the last day of February 1912 including the payments made at meeting held on this day.

Summary.

Balance due by Treasurer as per last Statement	£ 1015: 3: 6
Total sums received to close of last month	755: 17: 8
Total	£ 1771: 1: 2

Balance due to Treasurer as per last Statement	- - -
Payments ordered at this meeting	856: 17: 2
Total	856: 17: 2

Net Balance due by Treasurer (being difference of above Totals)	914: 14: 0
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Reconciliation

Balance per Bank Books	1775: 3: 8
Outstanding Orders (including those issued at this meeting)	860: 19: 0
Net Balance as above due by Treasurer	£ 914: 14: 0

There were submitted to the meeting two notices served on the Town Clerk under the Criminal Injury to Property Act. In one the members of the St Brigids Pipe and Drum Band, Wexford intimated their intention to apply to the next ensuing County Court for payment to them of a sum of Ten Pounds as compensation for loss sustained by them by reason of the fact that their Bandroom was entered and property therein maliciously damaged.

The other was from John Belton notifying his intention to apply to the County Court for an award of £15 which he claimed as compensation for malicious injury done on a motor car.

It was ordered that the Corporation Solicitor be instructed to appear on behalf of the Council on the hearing of the application and to provide such evidence as he may be able to procure against Mr Belton's application, but in both cases to raise the question of value.

The Account of the Wexford Borough Council of Rate in lieu

of County less were produced. They had been under examination by the Finance Committee.

The Committee made the following Recommendation.

That there be written off as irrecoverable items of Rate amounting to £15:2:6 in the case of the Borough Rate, and items amounting to £46:18:6 in the case of Rate in lieu of County less and the balance of items outstanding i. e. £5:8:3½ and £11:12:9¾ respectively be carried forward as Arrears.

The recommendation was adopted.

Howard Rowe Mayor
3 April 1912

11th March 1912.

A Special Meeting of the Council was held this day, pursuant to the Mayor's requisition, at the Town Clerk's Office at half past seven o'clock p.m. to consider the enforcement of the Shops Act 1911 in the Wexford Municipal Area.

The members present were:-

Howard Rowe Esq. Mayor (in the Chair)

Aldermen - Walter Walsh, Benjamin Hughes, Robert Stanton, James Sinnott, George Madden.

Councillors. Patrick Delaney, Nicholas Byrne, Paul J. Connell, Frank Leahy, James French, James Goodisson, Joseph Kingsbury, Joseph Kelly, Michael Browne.

The question which the meeting was called to consider was very fully gone into. There was alleged to be a sufficient majority of Traders in favour of having all shops affected by the Act closed for half a day on one appointed day in each week, but opinion was divided on the point.

The result of the deliberations was the adoption of the following Resolution, as proposed by Alderman Sinnott, seconded by Councillor Leahy:-

"That the Town Clerk be instructed to write to the Under Secretary to the Lord Lieutenant requesting that a Commissioner be appointed to hold a Local Inquiry to ascertain the extent to which there is a demand for early closing in the Wexford Municipal Area, pursuant to Section 3 of the Shops Act 1911, and if such a demand is found to exist, to assist and co-operate with the Council in taking steps preliminary to making a Closing Order"

Howard Rowe Mayor
April 3-1912

27th March. 1912

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:—

Howard Rowe Esq. Mayor in the chair

Aldermen - Benjamin Hughes. James Summitt. Robert Hunter
Walter Walsh

Councillors - Paul J. Farrell. Nicholas Byrne. Frank Kelly
James Mox. Nicholas O'Donnoghue. James
Garrison. Patrick Haney. Richard Gibson
Joseph Knigsterry. Joseph Kelly. Mick Brown.

Attention was made to the large sum of arrears of rent outstanding in respect of dwellings provided under the Housing Acts. These arrears accrued due during the recent labour troubles in Bedford and were due principally by persons who had been affected by the dispute but it was seen from an account furnished by the Rent Collector that the delinquents had been making but little effort to reduce their indebtedness to the Council since the differences between employers and employed had been

settled over a month ago. Such being the case the action of the delinquents was criticized, having regard to the fact that they had been shown every indulgence during the period they had been out of employment.

The following order was made

That it go as an instruction to the Rent Collector to demand from all occupiers of houses where rent is in arrears a payment of one shilling per week in the case of cottagers and Sixpence per week in the case of labourers in addition to the current weekly rent.

Estimates of the expenditures 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 the ^{estimates} balances in the hands of the Treasurer, there remained to be provided by means of the rates leviable on the District the following sums:—

By a Poor Rate	£1925. 4. 4
By a Borough Rate	930. 1. 9
By a Rate in lieu of tithes less	1295. 14. 5
By Rates Rates	1307. 10. 5

Attached to the Estimate of sums to be raised by a Poor Rate was a recommendation from the Finance Committee under date of 20th March instant as to the making of a Poor Rate at a rate of $\frac{2}{4}$ in the Pound. and on the motion of councillor Byrne seconded by councillor Smith it was Resolved. That the Prorogage of the Poor Rate in respect of the coming financial year be fixed at $\frac{2}{4}$ in the Pound.

it was Resolved on the motion of Councillor Kelly seconded by Councillor Browdergast that the per centage of this Rate be fixed at one shilling

As to the sum to be raised by means of a Rate in lieu oferty fees it was stated that it was desirable to include in the Estimate an item of £275, this being the sum demanded by Mr Sumner as the purchase price of some old dwelling houses and ruins at Westgate which it had been suggested ought to be bought by the Council in order to widen the thoroughfare - The negotiations with Mr Sumner had not yet been closed, but the money might be required at any moment - However the suggestion to include the £275 was not approved of but an understanding was come to that it should be raised by means of an over-chaff if necessary. and thereupon on the motion of Councillor Kelly seconded by Alderman Summitt it was

Resolved - That the Estimate of expenses to be provided by means of a Rate in lieu oferty fees be adopted and that the per centage of the Rate be fixed at $1\frac{1}{6}$

Regarding the Estimate of expenses to be raised by means of Rates the following motion was adopted as proposed by Alderman Walsh and seconded by Alderman Stanton.

That the per centage of the Domestic Water Rate to be levied in the coming financial year be fixed at 11^d and of the Public Rate at 8^d

Howard Home Mayor

3 April 1912

3rd April 1912.

A Special meeting of the Council was held this day (pursuant to the Mayor's Requisition) at the Town Clerk's Office at half past seven o'clock p. m.

The members present were;-

Howard Rowe Esq. mayor (in the chair)

Aldermen:- Benjamin Hughes, Walter Walsh, James Sinnott, James J. Stafford.

Councillors:- Joseph Kelly, Nicholas Byrne, James Hore, Joseph Doyle, Patrick Clancy, Paul J. Carroll, Nicholas Prendergast, Joseph Kingsberry, Francis Carty, James Goodisson, James Ffrench.

The minutes of meetings of 4th 11th, and 27th march 1912 were read and signed.

Liabilities which had accrued due up to the end of last month, amounting in the aggregate to £252. 2. 6 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 35 to 51 inclusive.

Summary and Reconcilement of Treasurer's Account for the month ended the last day of March 1912, 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.	£	914.	4.	0
Total sums received to close of last month.		677.	8.	2
	TOTAL	1591.	12.	2
Balance due to Treasurer as per last statement.		-.	-.	-
Payments ordered at this meeting.		252.	2.	6
	TOTAL	252.	2.	6
Net Balance due by Treasurer.		1339.	9.	8

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

Balance per Bank Books due By Treasurer.	1591.	12.	2
Outstanding Orders (including those issued at this meeting)	252.	2.	6
Net Balance as above due by Treasurer.	1339.	9.	8

A copy of a Resolution adopted by the Dublin Industrial Development Association was submitted from that Body, together with a request that the Council should adopt a similar Resolution, and on the motion of Councillor Kelly, seconded by Alderman Sinnott, the resolution was adopted as follows.

"That inasmuch as the Contracts for supplies to the War Office, Admiralty, and Post Office in Ireland are not arranged so as to provide for the making of such Contracts in Ireland, but in certain centres in England, we request the Government to make early provision that the control of all such contracts, in so far as they affect supplies for Ireland, should be placed in the hands of the responsible officials in Ireland of these Departments, so that Ireland may, in future, secure an equitable share of the Expenditure."

A copy of a Resolution passed by the Irish Cattle Traders' and Stock Owners' Association, Dublin, was submitted from that Body accompanied with a request that a like resolution should be adopted by the Council, and on the motion of Councillor Carty, seconded by

Councillor Clancy, the Resolution was adopted as follows.

"That this meeting strongly approves of the Meat marking (Ireland) Bill, again introduced by Mr. William Field, M. P., and calls upon every Irish M. P. to support it; we likewise request that facilities should be afforded by the Government to pass this Measure into law this Session, as it is practically a non-contentious Bill, with the simple object of preventing fraud, for which a precedent already exists in the Merchandise marks Bill, which does not protect the home industry."

The following order was made

That a concrete footpath be laid down in Temperance Row, but that the work of laying the path be not commenced until footpaths already ordered to be laid down have been completed.

On the motion of Councillor Clancy, seconded by Councillor Doyle it was Resolved:- That the Town Surveyor be instructed to have erected in Patrick's Square, in a suitable position convenient to Allen Street, a water tap in connection with the old-time water system.

With regard to minuted of 11th March on which occasion a resolution was adopted requesting His Excellency, The Lord Lieutenant, to appoint a Commissioner under the Shops Act, 1911, which was due to come into operation on 1st May next, it was suggested that as no Commissioner had, as yet, been appointed, steps should be taken by the Council, on whom the enforcement of the Act rested, to ascertain the opinion of all the shopkeepers in the town on the question of closing their places of business on one week-day of each week.

The matter was considered, and on the motion of Alderman Stafford, seconded by Alderman Sinnott, it was

R E S O L V E D ; - That circulars be got out and distributed by the Town Sergeant to all the shops asking such of the shopkeepers on whom closing was compulsory by the Act to name one day in the week which appeared to them most convenient to close on, and asking shopkeepers who were exempted from closing to state whether they were willing to close their shops on the fixed half-holiday so as to admit of a general half holiday being observed throughout the town.

Howard Rowe

April 24 1912

15th April 1912.

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

The business for which the meeting was convened was for the purpose of considering which had been received under the Shops Act, 1911 from Shopkeepers engaged in business within the Municipal Area of Wexford.

The members present were:-

Howard Rowe, Esq., Mayor (in the chair)

Aldermen:- Benjamin Hughes, James Sinnott, James J. Stafford, George Hadden, Robert Hanton.

Councillors:- Joseph Doyle, Patrick Clancy, Paul J. Carroll, Frank Carty, Joseph Kelly, James Goodisson, Nicholas Byrne, James McMahon.

The following Resolutions were duly adopted;

Proposed by The Right Worshipful, The mayor.

Seconded by Alderman Sinnott.

R E S O L V E D :- That we proceed to enforce the provisions of the Shops Act, 1911 in the Municipal Area of Wexford.

Proposed by The Right Worshipful, The mayor

Seconded by Councillor Byrne.

R E S O L V E D :- That we fix on Thursday for the weekly half-holiday, except when ever a Fair takes place on Thursday, in which case the weekly half-holiday shall be held on Wednesday, and except whenever a Catholic Church Holyday takes place during the week that day is to be reckoned as the half holiday instead of Thursday.

Note;- This Order applies to Drapers and Pawnbrokers, Hairdressers, Chemists, Leather Merchants, Delph Dealers, Jewellers, Ironmongers, Flour and Meal Dealers, Boot and Shoe Dealers, Saddlers, Shipchandlers, Coal Merchants, Grocers.

Howard Rowe

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24th April 1912.

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

The members present were:-

Howard Rowe Esq., Mayor (in the chair)

Aldermen:- James Sinnott, Benjamin Hughes, Robert Hanton.

Councillors:- Joseph Kelly, Patrick Clancy, Nicholas Byrne, Paul J. Carroll,
Francis Carty, Richard Gibson.

The minutes of meetings of 3rd. and 15th April 1912 were read and signed.

The making of Rates was proceeded with, whereupon the four following Resolutions were unanimously adopted, and thereupon the different Rates referred to in the Resolutions were made and the Books containing them were duly sealed and signed.

Proposed by Alderman Sinnott, Seconded by Councillor Carty.

RESOLVED:- That a Borough Rate of One Shilling in the Pound be made on the net assessable value of property within the Borough of Wexford to supply the deficiency in the Borough Fund, as shown in an Estimate of Expenses required to permit of the Municipal Administration of said Borough being carried out, as considered and adopted on 27th March 1912.

Proposed by Councillor Kelly, Seconded by Councillor Byrne.

RESOLVED:- That an assessment of One Shilling and Sixpence in the Pound on the assessable value of property within the town of Wexford be laid on, pursuant to the Local Government Board (Ireland) Provisional Order (Wexford) Confirmation Act, 1873, and Acts incorporated with and amending the same, as per an Estimate duly considered and adopted on 27th March 1912.

Proposed by Councillor Carroll, seconded by Alderman Hanton.

RESOLVED:- That an assessment of One Shilling and Sevenpence in the Pound, viz., a Domestic Rate of Elevenpence and a Public Rate of Eightpence on the rateable value of property within the town of Wexford be laid on pursuant to the Local Government Board (Ireland) Provisional Orders (Dalkey, &c.) Confirmation Act, 1876, and Acts incorporated with and amending the same, as per Estimate duly considered and adopted on 27th March 1912.

Proposed by Councillor Byrne, Seconded by Councillor Kelly.

RESOLVED:- That a Poor Rate of Two Shillings and Fourpence in the Pound be made on the assessable value of property within the Urban District of Wexford, as per an Estimate of Expenses to be raised by a Poor Rate on said Urban District, considered and adopted on 27th March 1912.

Howard Rowe Mayor
May 6-1912

6th May 1912.

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

The members present were:-

Howard Rowe Esq., Mayor (in the chair)

Aldermen:- Walter Walsh, George Hadden, Benjamin Hughes.

Councillors:- Nicholas Byrne, Paul J. Carroll, Richard Gibson, Patrick Clancy,
James Hore, Thomas O'Brien, Nicholas Prendergast, Joseph Kelly,
Michael Browne, Francis Caty, John O'Connor.

The minutes of meeting of 24th April 1912 were read and signed.

Liabilities which had accrued due up to the end of last month amounting in the aggregate to £1361. 18. 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 52 to 81 inclusive.

Summary and Reconcilement of Treasurer's Account for the month ended the last day of April 1912, 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.	1339. 9. 8
Total sums received to close of last month.	121. 1. 10
TOTAL	1460. 11. 6
Balance due to Treasurer as per last Statement.	- . -
Payments ordered at this meeting.	1361. 18. 7
TOTAL	1361. 18. 7
Net Balance due by Treasurer (being difference of above Totals)	98. 12. 11

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

Balance per bank Books due by Treasurer.	1473. 16. 6
Outstanding Orders (including those issued at this meeting)	1375. 3. 7
Net Balance as above due by Treasurer.	98. 12. 11

Included in the Accounts passed this day for payment was an item of £39 claimed by the Town Clerk for extra services rendered by him in connection with the carrying out of a Scheme for providing 39 labourer's dwellings from its inception to its completion. The payment of the remuneration had been recommended by the Finance and Works Committee.

Councillors Clancy and O'Brien objected to such a claim being recognized, and moved that the question be deferred for a month, alleging that they were not aware of what was the extra complement of work which the Scheme imposed on the Town Clerk, and holding also that the £39 should be given to the occupiers of the houses in the shape of a reduction of rent. Three other members, namely, Alderman Walsh, and Councillors Kelly and Prendergast, also objected, but these did not press their objection when it was pointed out that there were no less than three precedents

for granting the extra remuneration sought. The last Scheme of houses was the fourth which had been carried to completion by the Council, and in connection with the three first Schemes, remuneration on the scale now applied for had been unanimously recognized.

Thereupon Councillor Byrne proposed as an amendment that the £39. should be paid. The motion was seconded by Councillor Gibson, and on being put was carried, those against it being only the proposer and seconder of the motion.

There was also included in the Accounts, an item of £6. payable to Mr. T. Godfrey, Poor Rate Collector, for services rendered by him in connection with making out a Schedule of Uncollected Rate in the form required by the Local Government Board, and having ten copies of the document prepared and posted at specified places throughout the Urban District.

The payment had been recommended by the Finance Committee.

A letter from the Local Government Board dated 17th April 1912, No.45616. 1911, was read. It contained a request for information as to how the matter of a proposal to provide additional dwellings for the accommodation of the working classes stood at present.

The matter was given full consideration whereupon it was decided to inform the Local Government Board that the Council were not desirous to proceed with the scheme for providing additional houses with undue haste owing to the difficulty of building houses at a sufficiently low price to enable them to be let at a moderate rent, that is to say a rent of 2/6 a week per house.

A communication from Her Excellency, the Countess of Aberdeen, dated 4th May 1912 was read, intimating that it was proposed to hold a Conference between the Women's National Health Association and all the local Health Authorities in Ireland with reference to the national scheme for the suppression of Tuberculosis, and inviting the Council to appoint Delegates to attend the Conference, which, as at present arranged, was to be held on 23rd. and 24th May 1912, in Dublin.

Among the subjects proposed for discussion was housing and sanitation.

On the motion of His Worship, The Mayor, seconded by Councillor Byrne, it was decided to appoint Alderman as a Delegate to the Conference, he having kindly consented to represent the Council on the occasion.

Councillor O'Connor proposed the following motion which was seconded by Councillor Carroll and adopted unanimously.

That we, the members of the Wexford Municipal Council hereby heartily congratulate Mr. John E. Redmond and the Irish Parliamentary Party on their great achievement in bringing Home Rule to its present satisfactory position, and we earnestly hope that no obstacle will be placed in the way of its passing into law in the near future, when it is sure to bring to Ireland peace, prosperity and contentment.

There was submitted to the meeting a copy of the Shops Act, 1912, together with copy of Regulations made thereunder by the Local Government Board, and regarding the

Act and Regulations was a circular and booklet containing an explanation of the various provisions of the Act, so far as it affected Ireland.

It was pointed out that the Act was very difficult to interpret, but with the aid of the booklet it might be possible to find out what were the exact powers of the Council, so it was decided to send for 24 copies, and on receipt of them to call a Special Meeting to consider the Act.

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Francis Carty
Chairman

3rd. June 1912.

A Statutable 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:-

Aldermen:- Benjamin Hughes, Walter Walsh, Robert Hanton.

Councillors:- Paul J. Carroll, James McMahon, Joseph Doyle, Patrick Clancy, Francis Carty, Joseph Kingsberry, Nicholas Prendergast, Richard Gibson, Nicholas Byrne, Joseph Kelly.

On the motion of Councillor Byrne seconded by Councillor McMahon, Councillor Carty was moved to and took the chair in the absence of the Mayor.

The minutes of meeting of 6th May 1912 were read and signed.

Liabilities which had accrued due up to the end of last month amounting in the aggregate to £827. 0. 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 82 to 116 inclusive.

Summary and Reconcilement of Treasurer's Account for the month ended the last day of May 1912, 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.	98. 12. 11
Total sums received to close of last month.	470. 11. 4
TOTAL	569. 4. 3
Balance due to Treasurer as per last Statement.	- . -
Payments ordered at this meeting.	827. 0. 4
TOTAL	827. 0. 4
Net Balance due to Treasurer (being difference of above Totals)	257. 16. 1

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

Balance per Bank Books due by Treasurer.	572. 17. 11
Outstanding Orders (including those issued at this Meeting)	830. 14. 0
Net Balance as above due to Treasurer	157. 11. 1

On the financial business being disposed of, the Chairman took occasion to refer to the recent demise of the late Mrs O'Connor, wife of Councillor John O'Connor, and proposed the following motion which was seconded by Councillor McMahon and adopted unanimously.

"That we, the members of the Wexford Corporation, offer our sympathy to Councillor John O'Connor on the death of his wife."

Furthermore it was unanimously decided to adjourn the meeting to Wednesday 5th Instant, as a mark of respect towards the memory of the deceased lady.

James Hore - 5/8/12

5th June 1912.

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

The members in attendance were:-

Aldermen:- Robert Hanton, Benjamin Hughes.

Councillors:- James Hore, Patrick Clancy, Nicholas Byrne, Frank Carty, Nicholas Prendergast, Joseph Kelly, Richard Gibson, Joseph Doyle, Paul J. Carroll.

In the absence of the mayor the Chair was taken by Councillor Hore, he having been moved thereto by Councillor Kelly, seconded by Councillor Carty.

The minutes of meeting of the 3rd. instant were read and signed, and in reference thereto the following from Councillor O'Connor was read.

Allen Street, Wexford. 5th June 1912.

Dear Mr. Browne, Kindly convey my heartfelt gratitude to the members of the Corporation for their vote of sympathy in my affliction. I also wish to thank yourself for your kind expression of sorrow.

Believe me, Dear Mr. Browne, Yours faithfully,

John O'Connor.

A letter from the Wexford Trader's Association under date of 20th May 1912 intimated that that Body had decided to establish a Horse Fair in Wexford to be held in conjunction with the existing Fair, and intended to open the proposed Horse Fair on September 3rd. next. The Association asked the Council to pay the cost of advertising in connection with the matter.

It was pointed out that no body of persons had authority to establish a Fair in Wexford except the Council, who were subjected to the requirements of the Markets and Fairs Acts, and it was then a matter of doubtful legality whether the cost of advertising could be gone to without the Fairs having been first legally established.

Nevertheless, on the motion of Councillor Kelly seconded by Councillor Carty it was unanimously resolved that the request of the Wexford Traders Association be complied with.

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A letter from the Rosslare Race Committee was read containing a request that the Council would change the date of the weekly half holiday under the Shops Act which will fall on Thursday, 4th July next, to Tuesday, 2nd. of that month, the latter being the date on which the Annual Rosslare Races and Regatta will be held.

It was ordered that the Committee be written to and informed that the Council had no power to comply with the request as the weekly half holiday in Wexford had not yet been legally appointed, and suggesting that if the members of the Race Committee would wait on the shopkeepers, the latter would probably agree to close their places of business on 2nd. July.

Per notice given by Councillor Carroll that member proposed.

That the wages of the Caretaker of the Bathing Place should be increased from 12/- to 14/- per week.

The motion was seconded by Councillor Carty and passed.

By direction of the Finance and Works Committee tenders had been invited in respect of taking down and re-building portion of the wall of St. Michael's Graveyard, but the tender box was found to contain only one tender.

This was from William Browne of Green Street, who, it was seen, was prepared to do the work according to specification for a sum of £25., but the offer was not accepted, as the Town Surveyor's estimate of the cost was £17.

It was decided to postpone taking any action in the matter for the present.

A letter from six of the residents of King Street Upper was read requesting that a footpath should be laid down in front of their dwellings on the south side of that street.

It was ordered:- That the request be granted, but that the laying of the path be not proceeded with until footpaths already ordered for construction will have been completed.

The Waterworks Committee reported on the Water Rate Account. Of the outstanding items of Rate, the sum of £22. 9. 7 was found to be irrecoverable, and the remainder, £2. 8. 10 to be carried forward as Collectible.

The Report was adopted.

Rowena Rowell
June 14-1912

14th June 1912.

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;-

Howard Rowe Esq., Mayor (in the chair)

Aldermen;- James Sinnott, George Hadden, Benjamin Hughes.

Councillors:- James McMahon, Joseph Doyle, James Goodisson, Patrick Clancy, Richard Gibson, Frank Carty, Joseph Kingsberry, Joseph Kelly, Michael Browne.

The minutes of meeting of 5th June 1912 were read and signed.

The present meeting was called to consider a motion directing that such steps as might be necessary might be taken to legally carry out the Shops Act, 1912 and a second motion directing that steps should be taken to appoint an Inspector under that Act, and furthermore, to hear an expression of opinion from the Housing Committee as to the possibility of providing cheap houses for the working classes. Regarding the Shops Act, a lengthy discussion took place in the course of which it was contended that the requisitions received from Traders in the early part of April last, before the Regulations of the Lord Lieutenant under the Act were made, would still hold good in case the Council determined to put the Act into force regarding the appointment of Thursday in each week as the day on which shops should be closed at 1. 30 p. m.

This view was differed from by some of those present, and in order to have the point settled the following queries were propounded for submission to the Corporation Solicitor, and it was decided to adjourn the Meeting at its rising to Monday next, to receive the Solicitor's replies.

1. What are the necessary formalities to be carried out in order to enforce the Shops Act?

2. Whether the signed requisitions which have been accepted from Traders are sufficient, or must we seek again their votes on the question?

As to the housing question, the Mayor made a statement. He said that the Housing Committee had met, and had obtained plans, elevations, and sections of a dwelling house, which, if approved of by the Council and also by the Local Government Board, was capable of being built in the opinion of the Committee, at such a cost as would allow of its being let at 2/2 or thereabouts a week without any consequential loss to the ratepayers. It would be a three-roomed dwelling, and would be provided with a scullery and up-to-date sanitary conveniences in the yard at the rear. The Committee were in favour of a scheme of dwellings of this class being formulated, but the question was would the rooms be of sufficient capacity to satisfy the requirements of the Local Government Board.

At this point a letter dated 12th June 1912, No.25,736, which was received opportunely from the Local Government Board was read in which the Board asked to be furnished with a copy of the report of the Committee to which the question of

the practicability of formulating a cheap housing scheme was referred on the 23rd. August last.

The question was considered, with the result that the Town Surveyor was instructed to prepare also a plan, elevation, and sections of a slightly larger house which would be capable of being let at say 2/6 per week, so that a housing scheme might be made embracing two classes of cheap dwellings, and that on these plans being prepared, the Local Government Board be asked to signify their approval of them, before any further steps be taken in the matter.

The Mayor read a letter he had received from the Private Secretary to Sir Henry Robinson, Vice President of the Local Government Board, in which it was stated that the money received for the relief of distress in Ireland due to the Coal Strike, was subscribed in New Zealand through the medium of the newspaper "The Christ Church Weekly" as well as "The Hawkes Bay Tribune."

Of this money £50 was received by the Mayor, who took occasion to state that it was much needed at the time owing to local trade troubles, and he had distributed it ~~in~~ ~~equal parts~~ to the three local charitable Associations, namely, The Wexford Clothing Society, the St. Vincent de Paul Society, and the Wexford Branch of the Women's Health Association.

His Worship proposed that the best thanks of the Council be respectfully tendered to Sir Henry Robinson for the consideration shown by him towards the inhabitants of Wexford in the matter of the distribution of the funds placed at his disposal by the people of New Zealand; such thanks are in an especial manner due to him because of his kindness in treating Wexford in an exceptionally generous way; that an expression of gratitude from this Council be put on record for the generosity of the people of New Zealand in subscribing for the relief of distress in this Country, and for the kindness of the two Journals, The Christ Church Weekly Press and the Hawkes Bay Tribune, through whose columns the money was subscribed.

The motion was seconded by Alderman Hadden and was carried unanimously.

Howard Rowe
June 17 1912

17th June 1912.

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;-

Howard Rowe Esq., mayor (in the chair)

Aldermen:- James Sinnott, George Hadden, Walter Walsh, ~~Walter Walsh~~, Benjamin Hughes

Councillors:- Joseph Kelly, Richard Gibson, Joseph Kingsberry, ~~Richard Gibson~~, James Goodison

Frank Carty, Joseph Doyle, James Memahon, Nicholas Prendergast,

Patrick Clancy.

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The minutes of meeting of 14th June 1912 were read and signed.

Pursuant to decision come to on 14th Instant, regarding the taking of the Corporation Solicitor's opinion on the question of enforcing the Shops Act, 1912, a letter received from the Solicitor was read. He was of opinion that the means adopted by the Council to obtain the votes of Traders on the point as to Thursday in each week being appointed as the day on which shops should be closed at one o'clock were not in conformity with the Act, and that the formalities required by the Rules issued by the Lord Lieutenant would, in the first instance, have to be complied with. He also pointed out that it was imperative on all shopkeepers to close their shops for half a day on one day in the week, but in order to accomplish the object the Council had in view, namely, to compel all shops to be closed for half a day on Thursday, it was necessary to make a half holiday order. He also drew attention to the fact that it was the duty of the Council to appoint an Inspector under Section 13 of the Enactment.

A letter was also read from the Shop Assistants' Association asking that an Inspector should be appointed, as they had received complaints from Traders and their Assistants about infringements of the Act being a matter of frequent occurrence.

There was also handed in to the meeting, a number of applications from the Traders of certain classes including Drapers, Ironmongers, Boot and Shoe Dealers &c., to have Thursday appointed as the day of the weekly half holiday. All these matters were fully deliberated on with the result that the following resolutions were adopted, viz:-

Proposed by Alderman Sinnott, seconded by Alderman Hadden.

That the necessary steps be immediately taken to enforce the Shops Act in Wexford.

Alderman Walsh and Councillor Kelly requested that their names should be taken down as members objecting to this Resolution.

Proposed by His Worship, The Mayor, seconded by Councillor Gibson.

That the necessary steps be taken to have Thursday fixed as the day of the weekly half holiday in Wexford.

Proposed by Alderman Hadden, seconded by Councillor Clancy.

That an Inspector be appointed under the Shops Act 1912.

This Resolution was carried on a Poll being taken, whereupon Councillors Clancy, Doyle, Carty, Gibson, Kingsberry, Goodisson, Aldermen Hadden, Sinnott, and the Mayor (9) voted for and Councillors Prendergast, McMahon, Kelly, Aldermen Hughes, and Walsh (5) voted against.

On the question of the remuneration to be paid to the Inspector, the following three motions were submitted.

Proposed by Councillor Clancy, seconded by Councillor Doyle.

That the salary be fixed at £15. per year.

Proposed by Councillor Prendergast, seconded by Councillor Carty.

That the salary to be paid the Inspector be £10. but be in respect of one year only.

Proposed by Councillor McMahon, seconded by Councillor Gibson,

That the salary to be paid the inspector be £12. but be for one year only.

on a division being taken on the last amendment, it was found that seven were against and six in favour of it, and it was declared lost.

Thereupon the sense of the meeting was taken on the second amendment, as to the salary being fixed at £10 for one year, and the adoption of this amendment was then unanimously acquiesced in.

Howard Rowe Mayor
July 1-1912

1st July 1912.

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

The members present were:-

Howard Rowe Esq., Mayor (in the chair)

Aldermen:- Benjamin Hughes, George Hadden, James Sinnott, Robert Hanton.

Councillors:- Paul J. Carroll, James Ffrench, James Hore, Patrick Clancy, Joseph Doyle, Nicholas Byrne, Nicholas Prendergast, Thomas O'Brien, Joseph Kelly, John O'Connor, Richard Gibson, Joseph Kingsberry, James Goodisson, 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 £214. 12. 11 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 117 to 133 inclusive.

Summary and Reconcilement of Treasurer's Account for the last day of June 1912, including the payments made on this day.

S U M M A R Y .

Balance due by Treasurer as per last Statement.	- . - .
Total sums received to close of last month.	1256. 11. 11
TOTAL	1256. 11. 11
Balance due to Treasurer as per last Statement.	257. 16. 1
Payments ordered at this meeting.	214. 12. 11
TOTAL	472. 9. 0
Net Balance due by Treasurer (being difference of above Totals)	784. 2. 11

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

Balance per Bank Books due by Treasurer.	1002. 9. 6
Outstanding Orders (including those issued at this meeting)	218. 6. 7
Net Balance as above due by Treasurer.	784. 2. 11

A Deputation from the Wexford Harbour Commissioners attended the meeting. It consisted of Messrs Houston, Kehoe, McGuire, and Moran. The object of the visit

was to induce the Urban Council to improve the sewerage system of the Crescent Quay. The Deputation alleged that the main sewer on the Crescent Quay delivered into the basin of the Crescent, and the consequence was that the mud which accumulated by the action of the tide on the bottom of the basin was kept in a very offensive condition and gave forth a bad odour at time of low tide. The Deputation suggested that the portion of the main drainage system which was to be constructed through the Crescent Quay ought to be proceeded with as soon as possible. This suggestion was adopted, and it was decided to commence the work of constructing a section of the main drainage in the Crescent Quay in the present year, but on condition that the mud lying on the bed of the basin be taken away by the Harbour Commissioners.

With regard to meeting of 27th March 1912, a recommendation from the Finance and Works Committee was brought under consideration. This Committee had made a provisional agreement with Mr. Gannon, through his Agent Mr. Taylor, in respect of the purchase, by the Council, of the owners' interest in two dwelling houses and the ruins of others with a view to the widening of Spawell Road. Mr. Gannon, whilst not anxious to part with his property, was prepared to accept £275 for his interest therein (as per letter read from Mr. Taylor of 21st June 1912) subject to the Council paying £10 per annum as portion of the head-rent, or, the Landlord failing to accept the Council as tenants, subject to the Council paying Mr. Gannon a rent of £10 a year for the ground at rear of the houses, in which case he would be willing to grant a Lease for 800 years, and subject also to the Council paying all the expenses connected with proving title, and Mr. Taylor's commission of 5% on the purchase price. The Committee had made a computation in company with Mr. Taylor, and had come to the conclusion that Mr. Gannon's demand was not unreasonable. The present meeting then went into computations to test the merits of the Committee's valuation, and the result was that on the motion of His Worship, The Mayor, seconded by Alderman Hadden, Mr. Gannon's terms were accepted subject to the opinion of the Corporation Solicitor on the point as to whether the Corporation were not bound to purchase the premises out and out instead of paying a fine and a rent for it.

With regard to minutes of 5th June 1912, the Finance and Works Committee who had received a scheme of advertising in respect of the proposed opening of a Horse Fair in Wexford from the Wexford Traders' Association recommended that a sum of £25 should be allocated out of the Borough Fund towards the cost in question. The Wexford Traders' Association had requested that advertisements should be published in the months of September, October, November and December next in certain newspapers of which they had furnished a list to the Committee. Compliance with the request of the Association would involve an outlay of £45. 17. 0, but the Finance and Works Committee could not see its way to recommend the spending of so large a sum as that but were not opposed to £25 being paid for advertising by way of an experiment. On the motion of Councillor Kelly, seconded by Alderman Sinnott, the recommendation to spend £25 on the advertising of the proposed Horse Fair was adopted.

Two letters were read, one from the Town Clerk of Newry, and the other from the Town Clerk of Sligo, containing information under the Government of Ireland Bill now before Parliament the number of seats allocated to Urban Centres for Membership of

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the proposed Irish Parliament was inadequate and urging on the Wexford Council the importance of joining with other Boroughs in making representations to the House of Commons that all towns in Ireland of a population of 8,000 and upwards should have a member apiece to represent them in the forthcoming Irish House of Commons.

On the motion of His Worship, The Mayor, seconded by Councillor Carroll, it was RESOLVED:- That the Town Clerk be directed to write to the Prime Minister, the Chief Secretary for Ireland, and Mr. John E. Redmond M. P., and also to the two Representatives in Parliament of the County Wexford, Mr. Peter French and Sir Thomas H. Grattan Esmonde, advocating the claim of the ancient Borough of Wexford to be granted the right to elect a member of the Irish House of Commons, considering that anterior to the Act of Union Wexford Borough elected two members to represent it in the Irish Parliament, and until the passing of the Redistribution of Seats Act, the Electors of Wexford enjoyed the right to return a member to the House of Commons of the United Kingdom.

An application was read from the Carters and Labourers in the employment of the Council for an increase of wages. The carters were in receipt of 4/6 a day as wages and the Labourers 2/4 a day. They made the request on the ground of the increased cost of living within recent years, and the Carters asked to be paid 5/- a day, and the labourers 2/8.

There was an expression of opinion given by the meeting in favour of entertaining the request but the matter was referred to the Finance and Works Committee to report thereon.

Alderman Hadden stated that as a Delegate from the Wexford Urban Council he had attended the Health Conference which had been held in Dublin under the Presidency of H. E. the Countess of Aberdeen. At this Conference attention was drawn to the disparity which existed between the terms on which Housing Loans were granted to Boards of Guardians and to Urban Councils. Boards of Guardians were in the position to borrow money at $3\frac{1}{2}\%$ annuity, and towards the payment of this a contribution of 36% was made by Government, thus bringing the actual payment down to less than $2\frac{1}{4}\%$. Urban Councils, however, were obliged to pay $3\frac{1}{2}\%$ interest and 2% towards a Sinking Fund.

Alderman Hadden suggested that an effort should be made to induce all the Urban District Councils in Ireland to take concerted action with a view to having Urban Councils put on a footing of equality with Boards of Guardians in the matter of Housing Loans. He proposed that all Urban Councils in Ireland should be circularized on the subject.

The motion was seconded by Councillor Gibson and was adopted.

The following motion was passed on the motion of Councillor Carroll, seconded by Alderman Sinnott.

That the Meetings of the Standing Committees which are at present held on Wednesdays be held only on alternate Wednesdays until further orders.

It was decided to advertise in the Local Press for an Inspector under the Shops

Act 1912 in accordance with resolution come to on 17th June 1912, the appointment to be made at next Quarterly Meeting which was due to be held on 7th August Prox.

Howard Rowe
ang 7-1912

31st July 1912.

A 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 electing a Harbour Commissioner as provided by the Wexford Harbour Act, 1874, and Acts amending the same.

The members present were:-

James Sinnott, Esq., Alderman (in the chair)

Aldermen:- Benjamin Hughes, Robert Hanton.

Councillors:- Joseph Doyle, Patrick Clancy, Paul J. Carroll, James Hore, Richard Gibson, Michael Browne, James McMahon, Thomas O'Brien, Frank Carty.

The Secretary of the Harbour Board notified that only one member of the Council namely, Alderman James Sinnott, had been nominated as required previous to the meeting being held, and thereupon on the motion of Councillor Gibson, seconded by Councillor Clancy, it was unanimously

R E S O L V E D:- That Alderman James Sinnott be and is hereby elected a Harbour Commissioner to represent the Corporation for one year from this day. Alderman Sinnott returned thanks for his Election.

Howard Rowe
ang 7-1912

7th August 1912.

A Quarterly 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:-

Howard Rowe Esq., Mayor (in the chair)

Aldermen:- Benjamin Hughes, James Sinnott, Walter Walsh.

Councillors:- John Murphy, Nicholas Byrne, Michael Browne, James Hore, Joseph Kelly, Nicholas Prendergast, James Goodisson, John O'Connor, Joseph Kingsberry, Richard Gibson, Paul J. Carroll, Frank Carty, Thomas O'Brien, James M'mahon, Patrick Clancy, Joseph Doyle.

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 £653. ©. Wexford Borough Council

were approved, and an Advice Note was signed to enable the Treasurer to pay

them on presentation to him of Paying Orders numbered from 134 to 146 inclusive.

Summary and Reconciliation of Treasurer's Account for the month ended the last day of July 1912, 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.	784. 2. 11
Total sums received to close of last month.	733. 18. 0
TOTAL	1518. 0. 11
Balance due to Treasurer as per last Statement.	- . -
Payments ordered at this meeting.	653. 6. 1
TOTAL	653. 6. 1
Net Balance due by Treasurer (being difference of above Totals)	864. 14. 10

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

Balance per Bank Books due by Treasurer.	1528. 3. 10
Outstanding Orders (including those issued at this Meeting)	663. 9. 0
Net Balance as above due by Treasurer.	864. 14. 10

With reference to minutes of 17th June last, on which date the Council decided to appoint an Inspector under the Shops Act 1912, there were submitted two applications for appointment to the post.

These were from Matthew J. Furlong of Main Street, and John Kehoe, Town Sergeant. There was a difference of opinion as to which should be appointed, and a Poll was taken with the result that 19 members voted, out of whom 10 voted for Kehoe and 9 for Furlong.

John Kehoe was accordingly appointed as Inspector of Shops under the Act mentioned at a salary of £10 for one year.

With reference to minutes of meeting of 1st July last on which date an application for an increase of wages was received from the Carters and Labourers in the employment of the Council and was referred to the Finance and Works Committee to report thereon, the following recommendation was received from the Finance and Works Committee.

That the Carters be granted an increase of wages of sixpence per day, thus bringing their wages up to five shillings a day, and the labourers twopence per day, thus bringing their wages up to two shillings and sixpence a day, and as regards Catholic Church Holydays, on which days manual labour is suspended in Wexford and no wages paid in respect of them, that all the employees of the Council be paid a day's wages each in respect of each of these Holydays.

On the motion of Councillor Clancy seconded by Councillor Kelly the recommendation was unanimously adopted and it was decided further that the increase of wages should date from 31st July 1912 being the date of the last pay-day.

A letter from the National Health Insurance Commissioners under date of 11th July 1912 was read in which the Commission intimated that they were prepared to

consider Schemes submitted by Local Authorities to make provision for certain classes of their permanent employes in respect of sickness and disablement not less favourable than the corresponding benefits conferred by Part 1. of the National Insurance Act.

On the motion of Alderman Walsh seconded by Councillor Kelly, it was resolved that the Town Clerk and Town Surveyor consider whether it would be to advantage to formulate a Scheme under the National Health Insurance Act and report on the question.

A report was read from a Committee appointed to select a place to be used as a Dumping Ground. From this it appeared the Committee had viewed some land at the rear of John Street where existed an abandoned excavation capable of holding some thousands of tons of filling material. The land in question was part of the leasehold property of the Corporation and was let to a tenant by the year. There was a means of access to it from John Street on ground over which the Corporation employes had a right-of-way. The excavation might, with advantage, be filled up but to use it as a Dumping Ground it would be necessary to obtain, for a small consideration, from Mr. Lymberry and from Mrs Walsh, permission for the general public to bring horses and carts from the street to the excavation. It was also necessary that a man, under a nominal wage, should be placed in charge to see that no refuse of an offensive nature was brought to the place, as the excavation was within a short distance of the Reservoir of the old-time water system of the town.

on the motion of Councillor Kelly seconded by Councillor Carroll the report was adopted, and the Committee were asked to arrange all the details requisite for making the place available.

A copy of a resolution adopted by Sinn Fein, 6, Harcourt Street, Dublin, was read. This resolution contained a protest against the action of the Government in placing restrictions on the cattle trade of Ireland because Foot & Mouth disease was supposed to exist in the village of Swords.

No action was taken in the matter, as members were of opinion that the efforts of the Department of Agriculture to stamp out the disease were to be commended instead of being condemned.

A letter was read from the Town Tenants' League, Rutland Square, Dublin, communicating the fact that a Convention of the League was arranged to be held on 28th August Instant, and containing request that the Wexford Urban Council should appoint Delegates to the Convention.

It was decided to ask the Mayor, Alderman Hadden and Councillor McMahon to represent the Council on the occasion, as the interests of town tenants was peculiarly a matter concerning Urban Councils.

An application from the Caretaker of the Town Hall was submitted. He asked to be paid for his services by a weekly wage so that his position might be improved.

The present way of remunerating him by fee did not allow, in his opinion, of adequate recompense for his services.

It was seen on reference to the books that the sum he had received in the previous year was £11. 1. 6.

The consideration of the matter was adjourned, and in the meantime he was to be asked to state why it was that the gas bill of the Town Hall for Quarter ended 30th June last was exceptionally high in amount.

There were submitted from the Local Government Board two Sealed Orders issued under the Public Roads (Ireland) Act, 1911. One prescribed Regulations under Section 1 of the Act, and the other under Section 6. They were both numbered 21,183, and prescribed, first, the manner of bringing to account expenses recovered in respect of damage done to a road, and secondly the method of applying fees in respect of licences granted to locomotives.

The contents of the Sealed Orders were noted.

Howard Rowe

Sep-2-1912

2nd. September 1912.

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

The members present were:-

The members present were:-

Howard Rowe, Esq., Mayor (in the chair)

Aldermen:- James Sinnott, Benjamin Hughes, Walter Walsh.

Councillors:- James McMahon, Paul J. Carroll, John O'Connor, Thomas O'Brien,
Joseph Doyle, Michael Browne, Joseph Kingsberry, Nicholas Byrne,
Patrick Clancy, Joseph Killy, Frank Carty, James Goodisson.

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 £769. 15. 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 form 147 to 164 inclusive.

Summary and Reconcilement of Treasurer's Account for the month ended the last day of August 1912, 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.	£ 864. 14. 10
Total sums received to close of last month.	751. 17. 8
	TOTAL 1616. 12. 6
Balance due to Treasurer as per last Statement.	- . -
payments ordered at this meeting	769. 15. 0
	TOTAL 769. 15. 0
Net Balance due by Treasurer	864. 17. 6

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Balance per Bank Books due by Treasurer	1616. 12. 6
Outstanding Orders.	769. 15. 0
Net Balance as above due by Treasurer.	864. 17. 6

The question of renewing the appointment of a Veterinary Inspector under the Dairies &c. Order 1908, for a further year or of making the appointment a permanent one was considered, with the result that on the motion of Alderman Hughes, seconded by Councillor Kelly, the following motion was adopted.

That Mr. Francis Staples, V. S., be re-appointed as Veterinary Inspector to assist in administering the Dairies and Cowsheds Order, 1908 within the Urban Area of Wexford for one year from this date at a salary of £15.

An application was read from David Bennett, Foreman of Works, for an increase of his wages. The wages was £1. a week, and the Finance and Works Committee had considered the question, and recommended that the wages should be increased by two shillings a week, and on the motion of Councillor Doyle, seconded by Councillor Kingsberry, the recommendation was adopted.

With regard to minutes of 7th August last, on which occasion a Committee was asked to arrange for making available an excavation in land at rear of John Street, as a Dumping Ground, it was seen from letters read that there were difficulties in the way of using the place. It appeared that Mr Lymberry could not see his way to allow the public to bring horses and carts over the ground in his possession at John Street, notwithstanding the fact that the Urban Council had the right to send their employes, with or without horses and carts over the ground as often as necessary. Of course allowing the general public to bring laden carts over the place was quite a different thing from letting the Corporation servants pass over it. Another objection to granting the leave asked for was Mr. Lymberry contemplated selling the field in question, and if a public carway was on the land at the time of the intended sale the value of the property would be considerably deteriorated. Mrs Walsh the tenant of the land where the excavation existed informed the Council, through her Solicitor, that she was willing to facilitate them in every way provided they gave her reasonable compensation for the loss she would sustain by reason of the proposed dumping ground being opened on her land. She required also that a paling should be put around the excavation so as to prevent her cattle from being injured in case any of them should have the misfortune to tread on broken bottles or other such things.

The matter was referred to the Dumping Ground Committee.

With reference to minutes of 14th June last, a letter dated 29th August 1912, No. 45020 from the Local Government Board was read relative to the Scheme proposed to be carried out by the Corporation of Wexford for the erection of houses for the working classes. The Board stated that the plans of the proposed houses forwarded to them, complied, generally, with the Board's requirements. The Board also stated that where concrete was found to be the cheapest building material available its use was not objected to provided the components used were suitable. Thereupon it was decided to appoint a Committee composed of the entire Council to select sites for the proposed buildings.

It was pointed out with regard to the Shops Act, 1912, that the Register of Shops required to be made out in pursuance of the Act had been completed and the next

step to be taken towards making an Order compelling shops to be closed for a half a day on Thursdays in each week was to publish a notice inviting Traders to inspect the Register.

To carry out the formalities necessary to be gone through in order to put the Act into operation in accordance with the Rules thereunder, made by the Lord Lieutenant, without incurring the risk of leaving the intended Order open to the charge of containing a flaw, or being challenged in a Court of Law, it was necessary to call to aid the services of the Corporation Solicitor, and it was decided that Mr. O'Connor's ^{services} should be requisitioned in the matter.

Howard Rowe Mayor

Oct 7-1912

7th October 1912.

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

Howard Rowe, Esq., Mayor (in the chair)

Aldermen:- Benjamin Hughes, James Sinnott, George hadden, Walter Walsh,
Robert Hanton.

Councillors:- Paul J. Carroll, James Hore, Joseph Kelly, Nicholas Prendergast,
Joseph Kingsberry, Patrick Clancy, Joseph Doyle, James McMahon,
John O'Connor, Richard Gibson, Michael Browne, Francis Carty,
Thomas O'Brien.

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 £403. 12. 3 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 165 to 186 inclusive.

Summary and Reconcilement of Treasurer's Account for the month ended the last day of September 1912, 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 monthly Statement.	£ 845. 17. 6
Total sums received to close of last month.	316. 10. 9
TOTAL	1163. 8. 3
Balance due to Treasurer as per last Statement.	- . -
Payments ordered at this meeting.	403. 12. 3
TOTAL	403. 12. 3
Net Balance due by Treasurer.	759. 16. 0

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

Balance per Bank Books due by Treasurer.	1163. 8. 3
Outstanding Orders.	403. 12. 3
Net Balance as above due by Treasurer.	759. 16. 0

With reference to decision come to on 1st July last to make an effort to have Urban

Councils put on a footing of equality with Boards of Guardians as regards the terms on which Housing Loans were obtainable from Government, it was announced that 69 towns in Ireland had been written to and asked to co-operate with Wexford in bringing the equity of the case of Irish Urban Councils in the matter before the proper Authorities. Correspondence which had also taken place between the Town Clerk and the Private Secretary to The Lord Lieutenant was read, whereby it was seen that His Excellency had acceded to the request of the Wexford Corporation to receive a Deputation on the subject. Of the number of towns written to replies had been received from 31, and all these, without exception, contained expressions of entire approval of the movement started by Wexford. Each of the Urban Councils heard from had appointed Delegates to go on the Deputation. There were 42 Delegates in all appointed representing Councils in every quarter of Ireland. It was also shown from a letter read that an Association interested in the question of Housing and Town Planning in Ireland had evinced much sympathy in the Movement, and proposed to hold a Conference on the day previous to the date to be fixed for the Deputation to be received, and had invited all delegates to attend the Conference to discuss points of interest relating to housing accommodation in Irish Towns and how to improve it. It was arranged that so far as at present could be foreseen the Deputation would be received sometime in the present month of October, but the exact date had not yet been settled on.

This was a brief account of the steps that had been taken in the matter since the 1st July last, and at the present stage it remained with the Wexford Corporation to appoint Delegates from Wexford.

Satisfaction was expressed at what had been done, and on the motion of Councillor Kelly, seconded by Councillor Hore, the following members were appointed to represent Wexford on the occasion of the interview with His Excellency, namely, His Worship, The Mayor, Aldermen Hanton, Hadden, and Sinnott, and Councillors McMahon and Kelly, and that upon the date of the reception being fixed, all the Delegates nominated throughout the Country be written to advising them of the fixture.

With regard to minutes of 2nd. September last, on which occasion a Committee was appointed to select sites in connection with a proposed Scheme for houses for the working classes, it was stated the Committee had put advertisements in the local papers inviting persons who had land to dispose of suitable for the purpose to furnish to the present meeting particulars, in writing, of any ground they were prepared to sell or let. In response to the advertisements, letters received were read, drawing attention to six plots of ground which were in the possession of the undermentioned persons.

Johanna Lambert, Miss Hayes, Mrs. Commiskey, John E. Barry, John Kirwan, and Robert Harvey. These would-be vendors stated in all cases the complement of ground they were willing to part with, but only in some instances was the acceptable rent or purchase price stated. There was nothing to show the relative merits of the different offers, without, some of the Council first

visiting the various plots of ground referred to and see as to their suitability for the purpose, and then comparing the terms on which they were obtainable,

In the circumstances the whole matter was referred to the Housing Committee.

With regard to minutes of 1st July last, on which date a sum of £25. was voted out of the Borough Fund to defray the expense in connection with advertising a monthly Horse Fair in Wexford, a copy of a resolution received from the Wexford Traders' Association was submitted. This said, in effect, that as a Horse Fair had been successfully held in Wexford on 3rd. September, and as there was a prospect of a monthly Horse Fair being a continuous success, the Association asked the Council to have a monthly Fair legally established and advertised accordingly.

Councillor Carty thereupon proposed.

"That the Town Clerk be instructed to take the necessary steps to legally establish the Wexford ^{Horse} Fair."

This proposition did not commend itself to the meeting, but it was suggested that the question of complying with the Market and Fairs Acts might be too hasty a step to take until the success of the Fairs was assured, but the Council might usefully continue to advertise them.

Councillor Kelly then proposed that an announcement of the Cattle Fairs, including the Horse Fairs, being due to be held on the 3rd. of each month be advertised.

This proposition was seconded by Councillor Carroll and was adopted, Alderman Walsh dissenting.

Further discussion as to the mode of advertising resulted in an arrangement being made to allocate £20 out of the Borough Fund for the purpose of advertising from the present up to March next, but to give prominence in the announcements that the Horse Fairs would be held on those dates.

The Waterworks Committee recommended to favorable consideration an application from the Turncock for an increase of wages. They were satisfied from the man's long period of service and his close attention to work that he deserved some measure of encouragement. The wages, which was £1. a week, might, in justice be raised to £1. 4. 0 a week.

Councillor Gibson, who was seconded by Councillor Carroll, proposed that the recommendation should be acted on, but the motion did not meet with general approval, and Councillor Prendergast, who was seconded by Councillor Hore, proposed that the increase of wages in the case be limited to 2/- a week. However, on a show of hands being made, the motion for the increase of 4/- a week was carried by a majority twelve being for and three against it.

It was reported that the Finance and Works Committee had been engaged in considering an application from the Caretaker of the Town Hall for the payment to him of a small wage in addition to his perquisites. For the last year he had only received £11. 1. 6, as emoluments, and this was, on the face of it, inadequate recompense for his services.

The Committee recommended that he be paid 2/- a week as Caretaker.

The recommended was ^{advocated} by the motion of Councillor Prendergast seconded by Councillor Carroll.

Tenders received in respect of supplies of cement were submitted. They were from The Wexford Timber Co and Messrs Thompson Bros. Wexford. The two Firms offered to supply the material at the one price, namely, 40/- per ton. In the circumstances it was decided to chose of the tenders by lot, and the Wexford Timber Co's name happened to be the one that was drawn, and that Company's tender was declared accepted.

At this stage the meeting adjourned to Wednesday, 9th Instant, to dispose of the further business specified on the agenda.

Howard Rowe

Nov 4 1912

9th October 1912.

An adjourned Statutable 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:-

Howard Rowe, Esq., Mayor (in the chair)

Aldermen:- Benjamin Hughes, Walter Walsh, James Sinnott, Robert Hanton, George Hadden.

Councillors:- Joseph Kingsberry, James Hore, Richard Gibson, Nicholas Byrne, Paul J. Carroll, Patrick Clancy, Joseph Doyle, Nicholas Prendergast, Francis Carty, Joseph Kelly

Tenders received in respect of painting work required to be done on 78 working class dwellings were opened and read. They were from two competitors, namely, John Butler, and James Carty. A condition of the Surveyor's specification of the work was that the houses were to be divided into lots, and tendered for according to such allotment.

CARRIGEEN AND ROCHE'S ROAD-26 HOUSES.

John Butler was prepared to accept for painting these houses. £ 12. 18. 0

James Carty. DO DO 12. 12. 3

HILL STREET-18 HOUSES.

John Butler was prepared to accept for painting these houses. 9. 0. 0.

James Carty. DO DO 8. 17. 6

MONUMENT PLACE- 7 HOUSES.

John Butler was prepared to accept for painting these houses. 3. 19. 0

James Carty DO DO 5. 16. 9

In these cases the lowest tender was accepted in each case, that is to say, James Carty's tender was accepted in respect of the houses in Carrigeen Street and Roche's Road and Hill Street, and John Butler's in respect of the houses at Monument Place.

EMMET PLACE-15 HOUSES.

John Butler was prepared to accept for painting these houses 7. 10. 0

WILLIAM STREET-12 HOUSES.

John Butler was prepared to accept for painting these houses 6. 0. 0

James Carty's tender contained no reference to the last-mentioned 27 houses, and

therefore the tenders of John Butler in respect of them were accepted.

For executing structural improvements and repairs on a number of working class dwellings, as per specification thereof, there was but one tender received. This was from Aiden Redmond who was satisfied to carry the specification into effect for the sum of £114. 7. 8.

A summary of the work and prices sought was as follows:-

Roches Road and Carrigeen.	:	:	:	:	:	:	:	:	£	51.	6.	0
Hill Street.:	:	:	:	:	:	:	:	:		27.	9.	0
Emmet Place.:	:	:	:	:	:	:	:	:		29.	16.	8
Monument Place.:	:	:	:	:	:	:	:	:		3.	7.	6
William Street :	:	:	:	:	:	:	:	:		1.	18.	0
John's Gate Street. :	:	:	:	:	:	:	:	:		0.	10.	6

Mr. Redmond's offer in respect of the two first-mentioned lots was rejected, as the prices he demanded were enormously in excess of the estimated cost of the work, but it was decided to accept the tender in respect of the remaining four lots.

A communication was submitted from the Wexford Victuallers Association calling on the Council to express to the Department of Agriculture and Technical Instruction a protest against the Department granting a subsidy to the Wexford Meat Supply Society. In this matter there was a difference of opinion amongst the members as to whether the Council would be justified in complying with the request of the victuallers, but before taking any definite step, it was necessary for the Council to be armed with fuller information, and it was decided to request the victuallers to send some of the members of their Association to a Meeting of the Council on Wednesday next, 16th Inst., to discuss the points at issue.

It was stated that two members of the School Attendance Committee had become disqualified as members of that Committee by reason of the fact that they had not attended any meeting of the Committee for the last six months, and it had become necessary to appoint in their stead, two persons who were willing to act as members until August 1913, and on the motion of Alderman Hanton, seconded by Councillor Byrne, Councillors Carroll and Gibson were appointed in the place of the delinquents.

A letter from the Irish Industrial Association was read. This Association was to hold a Conference in Londonderry on 17th and 18th Instant, and they requested the Council to appoint two of their number as Delegates to the Conference. The meeting refused to appoint Delegates as requested, for the reason that the travelling expenses gone to by two members in attending last year's Conference were disallowed by the Auditor, on the ground that they were illegal payments, although it was shown by a letter from Belfast, that Delegates expenses were a legal charge in that City on the Municipal Funds.

Thereupon it was decided to write to the Secretary of the Industrial Association stating the case of Wexford, and asking him to make an endeavour to obtain for Wexford the same privileges as were enjoyed by Belfast in the matter.

16th October 1912.

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:-

Howard Rowe Esq., Mayor (in the chair)

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

Councillors:- Paul J. Carroll, Richard Gibson, Patrick Clancy, James Hore, Nicholas Byrne, Joseph Doyle, Joseph Kelly, Francis Carty, James Ffrench, Joseph Kingsberry, Thomas O'Brien, James Goodisson.

Messrs Thomas Furlong, John Kirwan, Andrew Furlong, and John McGoldrick, attended the meeting as a Deputation from the Wexford Victuallers Association to expound their views on the proposed application of the Wexford meat Supply Company to the Department for a Grant of £1500 to enable the latter Company to provide an offal-treating plant. The Deputation said that they had no objection to the Supply Company doing business in Wexford on recognized trading lines, but they were opposed to a co-operative trading society being backed up by Government funds. The principle was pernicious and was calculated to discourage private initiative and individual effort. The Meat supply Company were applying for this Grant on the plea that it was to be used in starting a new local industry, but the subsidy should not be given under any such guise, for the Deputation maintained that the Wexford Victuallers were putting every particle of what might be designated "offal" to the utmost utility in carrying out the industrial side of their business. The question was discussed at considerable length, whereupon it was decided to hear the other side, and to that end to adjourn the meeting at its rising to Friday 18th Instant, and ask one or two of the Directors of the Meat Supply Company to attend it.

The members of the present Deputation were also invited to be present on the occasion.

Tenders received in respect of printing and supplying all the books, forms, and placards required by the Council for one year were submitted to the meeting. They were from four of the local printing works, viz: The People Office, The Free Press Office, John English & Co., and Walter Manrahan. One of the conditions under which intending Contractors were required to perform the work was that their employees were to be paid the minimum standard wages prevailing in the town as per resolutions of the Council of 3rd. July 1899, and 2nd. March 1903.

The meeting went over the items contained in each of the four tenders seriatim, and marked such items as proved to be the cheapest "approved."

Howard Rowe

Nov 4-12

18th October 1912.

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:-

Howard Rowe, Esq., Mayor (in the chair)

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

Councillors:- James McMahon, Patrick Clancy, Paul J. Carroll, Richard Gibson, James Hore, Nicholas Byrne, James Goodisson, Francis Carty, James French, Joseph Kelly, Nicholas Prendergast, Thomas O'Brien.

On assembling the meeting was joined by three representatives of the Wexford Meat Supply Co., as per invitation sent to them, who included Captain Loftus A. Bryan.

This gentleman, who spoke in behalf of the Company, said, inter alia, that the purpose for which the Company intended to apply for the subsidy was to obtain money to enable them to turn to account the entire of the offal of the carcasses of animals slaughtered in their abattoir. In order to turn the by-products of the business to the greatest possible advantage, it was necessary to erect machinery such as the great packing Firms of Chicago were furnished with. He said what his Company proposed to do was tantamount to starting a new Industry in connection with their present business, which was done on the co-operative system; and whether they obtained a public grant or not, they would erect the requisite plant. Money from the Department to afford a stimulus to infant industries was available, as was seen in the case of Drogheda, where a grant had been made for the erection of an abattoir, and he failed to see how, under the circumstances, the local victuallers would be affected if a share of the money came to Wexford, more especially as if the proposed industry were established, they would have a market for their offals much better than they had at present. On being questioned, Captain Bryan gave an undertaking that all the money from Government would be exclusively applied to the procurement of machinery.

A letter from Mr. T. L. Esmonde, President of the Wexford Meat Supply Company, who was unable to attend, was read. It outlined the position of affairs, as fully explained by Captain Bryan.

The representatives of the Meat Supply Company then retired after having thanked the meeting for the reception that had been given to them, and the Deputation from the Victuallers' Association presented themselves for further hearing. They stated as regards the offer which had been made by the Meat Company to sell the rough portions of the meat not suitable for export to the local victuallers at such a price as would enable them to retail it with profit, that the victuallers, as a rule, were left with a sufficient quantity of the rough meat to supply their customers. They re-iterated the points made by them at the last meeting in favour of their contention against the grant being made.

Thereupon The Mayor proposed the following motion, which was seconded by Councillor Prendergast, viz:-

That Having heard the views of the Wexford Victuallers' Association on the

question of a grant from the Department of Agriculture and Technical Instruction to the Wexford Meat Supply Company, and also the views of the Directors of said Company as to this grant, this Council is of opinion that it is wrong in principle and unfair to independent traders that the Government should subsidise the Wexford Meat Supply Company, or any other co-operative Society.

Before this motion was put, a motion proposed by Alderman Hadden, seconded by Councillor Carty to the following effect was put to the meeting, viz.

That this Council offer no opposition to a Grant being made to the Wexford Meat Supply Company on condition that the whole of the carcasses of meat, including the by-products, be exported.

This motion failed to be carried.

The original motion was then put and also failed to be carried, seven members being for and eight against it.

The meeting then ended.

Howard Rowe Nov 4-12

4th November 1912.

A Quarterly 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:-

Howard Rowe, Esq., Mayor (in the chair)

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

Councillors:- James McMahon, Joseph Doyle, Patrick Clancy, Nicholas Byrne, James Ffrench, Paul J. Carroll, Richard Gibson, Nicholas Prendergast, John Murphy, Michael Browne, Thomas O'Brien.

Liabilities which had accrued due up to the end of last month amounting in the aggregate to £1387. 1. 5 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 187 to 210 inclusive.

Summary and Reconciliation of Treasurer's Account for the month ended the last day of October 1912, 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 monthly statement.	£ 759. 16. 0
Total sums received to close of last month.	850. 11. 11
TOTAL	1610. 7. 11
Balance due to Treasurer as per last Statement.	- . -
Payments ordered at this meeting.	1387. 1. 5
TOTAL	1387. 1. 5
Net Balance due by Treasurer.	223. 6. 6

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

Balance per Bank Books due by Treasurer.	1616. 12. 11
Outstanding Orders (including those issued at this meeting)	1393. 6. 5
Net Balance as above due by Treasurer.	223. 6. 6

The minutes of four next previous meetings were read and signed. Notwithstanding the fact that Councillor Carroll challenged the accuracy of a minute of 7th October whereby a sum of £20 was allocated for the purpose of advertising the Wexford Fairs, the Minutes of that Meeting were confirmed. He, as seconder of the motion in question, asserted that £10 was the sum allocated, not £20, and he objected to the Minute being left unaltered. The proposer and seconder omitted to put the motion into writing, and the view taken was that Councillor Carroll's memory was at fault on the point.

With regard to minutes of 7th October last, on which date six members of the Council were appointed to represent Wexford on an all Ireland Deputation to wait on The Lord Lieutenant to place the views of the Urban Councils of Ireland before His Excellency in reference to the claim of Urban Councils being granted Housing Loans on the same terms as they were granted to Rural Councils, the Mayor and Alderman Hadden stated what had taken place since, which was, briefly, as follows:

The Delegates, as had been previously arranged, met in Dublin on Thursday, 24th October last, and four of them acted as spokesmen namely, Alderman Hadden, Wexford, Mr. Larminie, Castlebar; Alderman Dr. King Kerr, Belfast; and Mr. O'Neill, Chairman of Pembroke Council. His Excellency received the Deputation in a most courteous manner and having heard what they had to say expressed his sympathy with the movement and his desire to promote the object in view and promised to put the matter before the Government.

The Delegates had taken occasion, before they separated, to appoint a Provisional Committee to look after the interests of Urban Councils generally. Subsequently this Committee had met and as a first step had decided that an endeavour should be made to form a Council of Urban Councils on the same lines as the County Councils' General Council. Furthermore the Committee had waited on the Vice President of the Local Government Board and had drawn attention to several questions affecting Urban Councils. Sir Henry Robinson concurred with the views of the Committee as to forming a General Council of Urban Councils, and said he would allow expenses of the Delegates to this General Council (whose first meeting was to be held in Dublin on 11th December next) being defrayed out of the resources of Urban Councils, and also that he would obtain legal sanction for the expenses of Delegates to all future meetings of the General Council being paid.

The meeting expressed satisfaction at what had been done.

With regard to minutes of 2nd. September last, the meeting was invited to make an Order under the Shops Act, 1912, in respect of fixing Thursday as the weekly half-holiday in the case of such traders as the majority of whom required that day to be fixed.

On this subject a letter from the Corporation Solicitor was read pointing out that as required by law, a plebiscite of shopkeepers had been taken on the question of a general Weekly Half-Holiday on Thursdays, and the result was as was shown in the table hereunder.

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NON-EXEMPTED TRADES.

NAMES OF TRADE.	NO. ENGAGED IN TRADE.	NO. VOTING " YES "	NO. VOTING " NO "	NO. NOT VOTING
1. Coal Merchants.	9	3	5	1
2. Drapers.	30	24	6	-
3. Hairdressers.	15	4	11	-
4. Ironmongers.	13	4	7	2
5. Jewellers.	4	3	1	-
6. Provision Merchants.	15	6	6	3
7. Saddlers.	4	2	2	-
8. Boot & Shoe Dealers.	9	9	-	-
9. Delph Retailers.	8	4	4	-
10. Flour & Meal Dealers.	20	7	12	1
11. Sellers of Gas Mantles and Gas Residuals.	1	-	-	1
12. Leather Merchants.	3	2	1	-
13. Stationers.	10	3	3	4
14. Ship Chandler.	1	-	1	-
Timber Merchants.	2	-	1	1

EXEMPTED TRADES.

1. Sale by Retail of Intoxicating liquors.	76	27	44	5
2. Sale of Refreshments	1	-	-	1
3. Sale of Motor, Cycle, and Air Craft Supplies and Accessories to Travellers.	3	2	1	-
4. Sale of Newspapers and Periodicals.	1	-	-	1
5. Meat.	19	8	7	4
6. Fish.	2	-	1	1
7. Milk.	18	-	12	6
8. Bread.	39	7	25	7
9. Confectionery.	9	3	4	2
10. Fruit.	14	3	9	2
11. Vegetables.	20	4	8	8
12. Tobacco and Smokers' Requisites.	11	3	6	2
13. Sale of Medicines and Medical and Surgical Appliances.	3	1	2	-

From the foregoing it was seen that the majority of the shopkeepers in every class of non-exempted Trades were against Thursday being fixed as the day of the day of the weekly half-holiday, with the exception of the following:-

(1) Drapers, (2) Jewellers, (3) Sellers and Retailers of Leather, (4) Sellers

and Retailers of Books and Stationery, and in the case of the Exempted Trades, there

was only one class of Shopkeepers, namely, "Sellers of Motor, Cycle, and Aircraft

Supplies and Accessories to Travellers" in favour of Thursday being fixed as the day of the Weekly Half Holiday. The letter from the Corporation Solicitor contained a form of Order suited to the requirements of the case. This he suggested should be adopted.

Thereupon His Worship, The Mayor, moved;-

That the Order for Weekly Half-Holiday in the form submitted be and is hereby made, and that the Corporate Seal be affixed thereto.

The motion was seconded by Alderman Hadden.

It was found necessary to take a Poll on this motion, whereupon the votes were given with the following result.

FOR THE MOTION:- Councillors Browne, Murpshy, Gibson, Ffrench, Byrne, Aldermen Sinnott, Hadden, Hughes, The Mayor. 9 .

AGAINST:- Councillors O'Brien, Carroll, Carroll, Clancy, Doyle, and Alderman Walsh. 5

DECLINED TO VOTE:- Councillors Prendergast and McMahon. 2 .

The motion was declared Carried.

The following is a copy of the Order referred to.

S H O P S A C T, 1912 .

ORDER FOR WEEKLY HALF-HOLIDAY WITHIN THE URBAN DISTRICT OF WEXFORD .

The Municipal Council of Wexford hereby order, pursuant to the powers vested in them by the Shops Act, 1912, that every Shop of the Five Classes of Trades mentioned hereunder, within the Urban District of Wexford, shall (save as otherwise provided by that Act) be closed for the serving of customers not later than One O'clock in the afternoon on one day in every week, namely, on every Thursday in every week (or, at option of shopkeeper, on Saturday of every week).

1. Save and except when a Wexford Public Fair Day happens to fall on a Thursday in any week, then in such a week every such Shop within the said District shall be so closed for the half-holiday, not on the Thursday, but (in lieu of Thursday) on the day before the Fair Day, namely, Wednesday in that week.

2. And also save and except that whenever a Roman Catholic Holyday happens to fall on any day other than Sunday in any week, then in such a week, every such Shop within the said District shall be so closed for the half-holiday on such Roman Catholic Holyday (in lieu of the Thursday half-holiday in that week) and in such a case any such Shop in the said District need not close for the half-holiday on the Thursday in that week.

NON-EXEMPTED TRADES .

EXEMPTED TRADE .

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| 1. Drapers. | 1. Sale of Motor, Cycle, and |
| 2. Jewellers. | Air-Craft Supplies and |
| 3. Sellers and Retailers of Leather. | Accessories to Travellers. |
| 4. Sellers and Retailers of Boots and Shoes. | |

The Corporate Seal affixed hereto pursuant to Resolution of 4th

November 1912, in presence of: Howard Rowe, Mayor of Wexford.

Wm. A. Browne, Town Clerk.

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A copy of the report of the Local Government Auditor, Mr. J. More O'Ferrall, was submitted. It referred to the Municipal Accounts for the year ended 31st March 1912, and was accompanied by an Abstract of said Accounts. Among the matters to which attention was drawn was one of considerable importance to members of the Corporation, and is explained by the following extract from the Report.

" During the recent labour troubles, the Council, by resolution, directed their Rent Collector not to press the tenants of their houses for rent, wherever the tenants were concerned in the dispute. Up to the close of the period under audit, no direct loss to the ratepayers had accrued through this action, but the members of the Council, who were present on the occasion of the passing of the resolution, must be prepared to accept full responsibility for any loss that may be caused thereby."

It was mentioned that the amount of the arrears of rent at present was £93, the most of which was due by workmen who were affected by the labour dispute in Wexford. The meeting recognized the necessity of the Council putting pressure on the delinquent tenants so that a substantial reduction of the arrears would be effected in the current financial year.

The Wexford Lecture Association applied to have additional seating accommodation provided for the Town Hall. It appeared that forms were preferable to chairs, and six of these would suffice for present needs. The Finance Committee had recommended that the request be granted. It was mentioned that for the last ten years the sum laid out on furniture for the Town Hall amounted to only £17. 5. 10.

The recommendation was adopted.

With regard to minutes of 1st July last relating to the proposed purchase by the Council of premises belonging to a Mr. Gannon at Westgate, a letter received from the Corporation Solicitor was read communicating the fact that the original lease was not to be had. Mr. Gannon, who had been written to, stated it was not in his possession, but that Dr. Browne, Solicitor of New Ross, had it. The latter, on being communicated with also stated it was not in his possession. The Corporation Solicitor intimated that unless the original lease were found there was no use of proceeding any further in the matter. What had been done in the interval since 1st July last was that Counsel's opinion had been obtained on the point whether the premises on being acquired could be pulled down and portion of the ground on which it stood let in with the street, and the portion at rear which would not be utilized in widening the street be used by the Council as sites for five working class dwellings. Counsel's opinion was that in order to accomplish the object in view it would be necessary to formulate two Schemes, one for widening the street under the Towns Improvement Act, and the other for providing dwellings under the Housing of the Working Classes Acts. Having this advice before them the Street Improvement Committee directed the Corporation Solicitor to proceed with the work of proving title, a business in which he had been engaged up till the unfortunate loss of the original lease was disclosed.

The proceedings having been carried up to this point, and some legal expenses gone

to, the present meeting decided to prosecute enquiries further, and so to instruct the Corporation Solicitor to communicate with the Head Landlord, Mr. Hogan, and see if it were possible, with his assistance, if an arrangement could be come to by which the premises could be acquired by the Council.

Howard Rowe

Dec. 2-1912

2nd. December 1912.

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

The members prewent were:-

Howard Rowe, Esq., Mayor (in the chair)

Aldermen:- Benjamin Hughes, George Hadden, James Sinnott, Walter Walsh,
Robert Manton.

Councillors:- James Hore, Nicholas Prendergast, Joseph Doyle, Paul J. Carroll,
John O'Connor, James McMahon, Frank Carty, Joseph Kelly, Joseph Kingsberry
Michael Browne, Richard Gibson, Nicholas Byrne, Thomas O'Brien,
Patrick Clancy.

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 £890. 3. 3 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 211 to 243 inclusive.

Summary and Reconcilement of Treasurer's Account for the month ended the last day of November 1912, 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.	£ 223. 6. 6
Total sums received to close of last month.	745. 11. 8
TOTAL	968. 18. 2
Balance due to Treasurer as per last Statement.	- . -
Payments ordered at this meeting.	890. 3. 3
TOTAL	890. 3. 3
Net Balance due by Treasurer (being difference of above Totals)	78. 14. 11

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

Balance per Bank Books due by Treasurer.	968. 18. 2
Outstanding Orders (including those issued at this meeting)	890. 3. 3
Net Balance as above due by Treasurer.	78. 14. 11

The obligation to make an Exemption Order under the Shops Act, 1912, was brought under notice. According to the Act mentioned certain classes of traders were entitled to

claim exemption from the requirement to close their shops on any half day in the week. Since the date of last meeting, the votes of the said Traders had been taken and the result was is shown in the subjoined printed table.

RESULT OF VOTES TAKEN

With a view to ascertaining the wishes of the undermentioned classes of Traders as to being Exempted from Closing for any Half Day under the Shops Act, 1912.

NAME OF TRADE.	Number engaged in Trade.	Number Voting "YES."	Number Voting "NO."	Number Not Voting.	Total.	RESULT.
Hairdressers	15	12	3	...	15	Majority in favour of Exemption.
Ironmongers	12	9	3	...	12	
Ship Chandler	1	1	1	do.
Timber Merchants	2	1	...	1	2	do.
Flour and Meal Dealers	21	17	4	...	21	do.
Coal Merchants	9	8	1	...	9	do.
Saddlers	4	4	4	do.
Stationers	8	6	2	...	8	do.
Delph Retailers	8	5	...	3	8	do.
Provision Merchants	14	6	5	3	14	do.
Sale of Tobacco & Smokers' Requisites	6	4	2	...	6	do.
Sale of Medicines & Medical and Surgical Appliances	3	2	1	...	3	do.

W. Hanrahan, Printer, Wexford.

As was seen from the Table a majority of the votes in each class of trade set forth therein was in favour of exemption, and accordingly it became premtory on the Council to make the Order. A draft of the necessary order, as framed by the Corporation, Solicitor, was submitted, and thereupon the following resolution was adopted, as proposed by Councillor Carty, and seconded by Councillor McMahon.

That the Exemption Order in the form suggested be, and is hereby, made, and that the Corporation Seal be affixed thereto.

The following is a copy of the Order.

SHOPS ACT 1912.

EXEMPTION ORDER exempting the following Traders within the Urban District of Wexford from closing for any half holiday under the Act.

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WHEREAS the Municipal Council of Wexford being the Local Authority under the

As t have reason to believe that a majority of the occupiers of shops of the following particular classes within the Urban District of Wexford are in favour of being wholly exempted from the provisions of Section 4 Sub-Sections 1, 2, and 3 of the Shops Act, 1912.

AND WHEREAS they have taken steps to ascertain the wishes of such occupiers by a vote being taken with the result that at least one-half of the votes recorded by the occupiers of said shops within the urban District of Wexford are in favour of exemption.

THE MUNICIPAL COUNCIL OF WEXFORD HEREBY ORDER pursuant to the powers vested in them by the Shops Act, 1912, Section 4, that all the said shops of all the said classes within the Urban District of Wexford shall be wholly exempted from the provisions of Section 4, Sub-Sections 1, 2, and 3.

The following are the classes of traders to whom the above Exemption Order applies. Hairdressers, Ironmongers, Ship Chandlers, Timber Merchants, Flour and Meal Dealers, Coal Merchants, Saddlers, Stationers, Delph Retailers, Provision Merchants, Sellers of Tobacco and Smokers' Requisites, Sellers of Medicines and Medical and Surgical Appliances.

The Corporate Seal affixed hereto., pursuant to Resolution of 2nd. December 1912, in presence of,

Howard Rowe, Mayor of Wexford.

Wm. A. Browne, Town Clerk.

With regard to Section 1(2) of the Act it was resolved on the motion of Alderman Sinnott, seconded by Councillor kingsberry.

That it go as an instruction to the Shop Inspector to require all Shopkeepers to expose in their shops where assistants are employed a notice in the prescribed form showing the day of the week on which such assistants are to be allowed a half holiday. Communications were submitted from Mr. Finlay Heron, Town Clerk, Blackrock, Co. Dublin, containing an invitation to the Council to appoint a Delegate to a Conference to be held in the City Hall, Dublin, on Wednesday, 11th December Instant, with a view to forming a General Council representing Municipal Authorities in Ireland. The proposed formation of this Council was referred to at last meeting and was approved of.

From a Sealed Order of the Local Government Board, under date of 19th November 1912, it was seen that the appointment of a Delegate should be made in conformity with that Order, under which it was permissible for the Council to pay the reasonable expenses incurred by any member or by the Clerk, in attending such Conference, or any reasonable expenses incurred in purchasing the Reports of the proceedings of such Conferences. Thereupon on the motion of Councillor McMahon, seconded by Councillor Clancy, it was Resolved:- That Alderman Hadden be appointed to represent Wexford Municipal Council on that occasion, and that a sum of £2. 2. 0 be allocated to be paid for copies of the report of the Conference, the number of copies of such report to be such as the Conference may think it necessary to furnish to each Urban District.

A memorial from a number of the residents of Main Street was read, drawing attention to a grievance under which they laboured by the closing of the thoroughfare

known as Sinnott's Lane. They were all business people and the position they were put in by the closing of the lane was that a person on the Quay was prevented from coming through a public thoroughfare leading up from the Quay directly in front of their shops. This was the means of diverting a considerable amount of traffic away from their place of business, especially during the corn season. They saw not the slightest necessity for closing the lane, and requested the Corporation to have it opened again and kept free from obstruction.

This gave rise to a discussion from which it appeared that the laneway had been closed by the erection of a wooden barrier across it by Mr. J. J. Stafford. The exact time at which the barrier was erected did not transpire, but it must have been within the last two years.

The result of the discussion was that on the motion of Councillor Carroll, seconded by Councillor Byrne, it was

Resolved:- That a Committee of six members of the Council be appointed to visit Sinnott's lane and see how the public rights had been infringed upon, and if necessary obtain the assistance of the Corporation Solicitor in the matter.

The Committee was then named and included the following members, Councillors Carroll Byrne, and O'Brien, Aldermen Walsh and Sinnott, and The mayor.

Two Officials of the Wexford Meat Supply Co. waited on the meeting and were permitted to make an application. It appeared that the Meat Supply Co. required to take in a supply of water from the Wexford Town Water System, and as the distance from the nearest main to the Company's premises was exceptionally far, and the communication pipe would have to be laid underneath a railway track, the pipe was required to be a cast-iron one. The Company were anxious for permission to put in a pipe of a certain weight, not as heavy as the specimen cast-iron pipes on view at the Town Hall, but sufficiently heavy to resist the pressure of the water from the water system. The reason why the Company made the request was that the lighter pipes were available at once, whereas ones of the requisite weight were not available for a month longer, and would be unnecessarily expensive.

On being referred to the Town Surveyor stated that in his opinion the pipe which was wanted to be laid was sufficiently strong to stand the pressure, but nevertheless, the meeting decided that it would be unwise to comply with the application fearing the setting up of a bad precedent.

The meeting adjourned until the 4th Instant.

Rowland Rowe Dec 11 -12

4th December 1912.

An adjourned Statutable Meeting of the Council was held this day at the Town Clerk's Office at half past seven p. m. to dispose of business which was due to be transacted but was not entered upon, on the 2nd. Instant.

The members present were:-

James Sinnott, Esq., Alderman (in the chair)

Aldermen:- Benjamin Hughes, Walter Walsh, Robert Hanton.

Councillors;- Paul J. Carroll, Patrick Claney, Joseph Kingsberry, Joseph Doyle, Michael Browne, James Hore, Frank Carty, Nicholas Byrne, Joseph Kelly, Richard Gibson.

A circular letter from the Town Clerk, Omagh, was read showing that the Urban Council of that town had taken legal action to obtain a pronouncement from the Superior Courts on the point whether any portion of premises belonging to Railway Companies save and except only the ground on which the rails were laid and on either side thereof were required to be brought within the category of "railway" and thus be subject only to one-fourth rating pursuant to the Towns Improvement Act. In the case brought on by the Omagh Council, the Railway Company concerned, namely the Great Northern Co., had appealed to the Court of Appeal to have the judgement of the Lord Chief Baron, Mr. Justice Kenny, and Mr. Justice Wright, reversed, and it was of the utmost importance to Urban Councils to have the judgement upheld, because according to it the duty was cast on the Commissioner of Valuation in dealing with Railway premises to describe which portion was to be classed as "railway" and which portion otherwise. The Urban Council considered that they should not be left single-handed to fight this question further, and requested all other Urban Councils affected by it to join in bearing a pro rata share of the expenses to be gone to arguing the case in the Court of Appeal. The consideration of this matter was postponed sine die pending the obtainment of further information on the question.

There was read from the Wexford Rural District Council a copy of a Resolution passed by them expressing the opinion that the National Insurance Act required amendment especially as regards agricultural employees; that it placed unnecessarily heavy burdens on farmers and country labourers, and that while every other class of the community could pass the tax on to the consumer, the farmers could not do so. This resolution was sent to the Wexford Urban Council for adoption by them, but the opinion was expressed that in view of the attention which the Irish parliamentary Party were obliged to give to the Home Rule Bill in Parliament, it was inopportune to impose any increase of labour on them in connection with the Insurance Act, and on the motion of Councillor Carroll seconded by Alderman Hanton the consideration of the question was postponed for six months.

A letter was read from the Wexford Traders' Association calling attention, in a general way, to infringements of the Shops Act, 1912 in the town, and instructions were given to the Shop Inspector to use diligence in bringing any breaches of the Act before the notice of the Council.

A letter was read from the Wexford Volunteer Fire Brigade announcing the fact that Mr. J. S. Thompson had resigned the Office of Hon. Captain to the Brigade, and that Mr. Rex Thompson, Custom House Quay had been elected to fill the vacancy which had consequently arisen.

The Chairman proposed that the best thanks of the Council be tendered to the retiring Captain of the Brigade for the valuable services he had rendered to the town

as organizer of the Fire Brigade and Captain of it for the last seventeen years. The motion was seconded in very pleasing and appropriate terms by Councillor Carty and was unanimously adopted.

The following is a copy of a resolution received from the Wexford Branch of the Typographical Society.

"That we the members of the Wexford Branch of the Typographical Association strongly condemn the practice adopted by local traders and merchants of sending their printing work away while it can be executed as cheaply and efficiently by the local Firms, and that we consider it the duty of local Firms to obtain their printing work locally whenever possible."

Of this resolution the meeting approved to the fullest extent.

A letter from the Corporation Solicitor with regard to the question raised by Messrs Doyle & Co., Salskar Iron Works, as to the liability of the Corporation to provide a main sewer in place of a defective sewer under the premises of the Selskar Iron Works, and tenders received in respect of repairs of working class dwellings, were submitted but were not entertained.

It was decided to adjourn the meeting to Wednesday, 11th Instant, and in the meantime to ask the Committee to report against that date on the question of the main sewer and to invite tenders by advertisement in respect of structural repairs on the houses.

Howard Rowe

Dec 11-12

11th December 1912.

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

The membris present were:-

Howard Rowe, Esq., Mayor (in the chair)

Aldermen:- Walter Walsh, James Sinnott, Benjamin Hughes, Robert Hanton.

Councillors:- Joseph Kelly, Paul J. Carroll, Richard Gibson, Nicholas Byrne, James Hore, James McMahon, Thomas O'Brien, Joseph Doyle, Patrick Clancy, Joseph Kingsberry, Frank Carty.

The minutes of meetings of 2nd. and 4th December 1912 were read and signed.

With the permission of the meeting two gentlemen named O'Keefe and Lalor, made a verbal statement. They said they were deputed, by a body formed in the County Limerick, called the Evicted Tenants' Association, to visit parts of Ireland and bring under the notice of Public Bodies the necessity of a movement being set on foot with the object of re-instating what were known as the Evicted Tenants of Ireland. They said that at the time of the passing of the Evicted Tenants Act of 1907 there were some 8000 tenants awaiting an ordanance of Parliament to be restored to their holdings, but by the action of the House of Lords the number whose cases were deemed to be genuine was fixed at 2000. Of the latter the Estates Commissioners, since the passing of the Act, had been able to deal with less than 500. This had left the bulk of the Evicted

Tenants without hope of amelioration in their condition in view of the fact that the Act referred to was due to expire on the last day of the present year. They urged the meeting to adopt a resolution requesting the Government to introduce legislation, whereby the work of settling all the Evicted Tenants of Ireland in suitable homesteads would be accomplished without unnecessary delay. They also said that the efforts which the Association which they represented were making, were being made with the cognizance of the Irish parliamentary party.

The meeting expressed sympathy with the objects of the Association, but did not consider it advisable to pass a resolution instant, as members were not sufficiently well-informed on the points raised to justify them in doing so, and adjourned the consideration of the question to next monthly meeting.

With reference to minutes of meeting of 2nd. Instant, the Mayor stated that the Special Committee appointed on that date had met and visited Sinnott's Lane. They had seen that a wooden barrier, as was stated, had been erected the whole way across the lane, which was a public thoroughfare leading from the Main Street to the Quay, and the Committee had given instructions to the Corporation Solicitor to write to Mr. Stafford calling on him to remove this barrier within 24 hours. There was then read from the Solicitor a letter he had received in reply from Mr. Stafford which was accompanied by a copy letter which Mr. Stafford had occasion to write in September 1910 to the District Inspector of Police drawing attention to misconduct which he alleged had been habitually carried on in the locality, and also accompanied by a Memorial counter to the one received from the residents of Main Street South on the 2nd. Instant, containing an allegation that in the interests of public health and morals, not only Sinnott's Lane, but other lanes in the neighbourhood should be closed.

A long discussion followed on the reading of the above-mentioned correspondence, and as it was seen that Mr. Stafford had omitted to comply with the demand made upon him by the Solicitor as to removing the barrier within 24 hours, it was urged that the Council as representing the people of Wexford, should have the barrier removed at once, as there was no doubt that the lane was a public thoroughfare and had been so from time immemorial. However about the authority of the Council in the matter, there was a query asked as to whether the duty of breaking down the barrier did not rest with the Harbour Commissioners rather than the Urban Council. Under the Harbour Act the cleaning, lighting, and repairing of the Quays and the approaches thereto was an obligation cast on the Harbour Commissioners, and was always fulfilled by that Board. Then it was proper to ascertain what was the legal position of the Urban Council, and to that end it was desirable to consult the Corporation Solicitor. That the Council should take this step was also advocated and met with considerable support. However, Alderman Walsh proposed that instructions be given to the Town Surveyor to have the barrier across the thoroughfare known as Sinnott's Lane, removed by the Staff under his charge, and to proceed at once with the work of removing the obstruction. This motion was seconded by Councillor O'Brien, but although it was well supported it was not put to the meeting. **©: Wexford Borough Council** For Home proposed by way of an amendment, the following motion which was seconded by Alderman Hughes, viz:-

That this Council consult Mr. O'Connor and have his opinion regarding the powers of the Corporation with reference to the erection in Sinnott's lane.

This was put and was declared carried.

A poll was then taken on Mr Hore's amendment as a substantive motion, and the voting was as follows:-

FOR:- Councillors Doyle, McMahon, Hore, Gibson, Carty, Aldermen Hughes, and Hanton, and The Mayor. 8

AGAINST:- Councillors Kingsberry, Clancy, O'Brien, Byrne, Carroll, and Aldermen Sinnott and Walsh. 7

Councillor Kelly declined to vote.

It was then resolved on the motion of Alderman Walsh, seconded by Councillor Carroll that the Committee that visited Sinnott's Lane be re-appointed to receive the opinion of the Corporation Solicitor, and that this meeting at its rising stand adjourned to Wednesday, 18th Instant, to receive a report from the Committee.

With regard to minutes of 4th Instant as a result of a communication from Messrs Wm. Doyle and Co., Selskar Iron Works, the Works Sub-Committee had examined a defective main sewer lying under the premises of Messrs Doyle's Works. The sewer had been constructed about 21 years ago through newly-reclaimed land which had hitherto been a swamp. In the course of time the Selskar Iron Works were extended so that the ground where the sewer lay had been covered in by a shed and in this shed machinery had been placed. Messrs Doyle made the extensions without having first notified the Council of the intention to build on the sewer, and the question was whether in these circumstances it was the Corporation or Messrs Doyle, who were bound to make good any damage done. According to the Town Surveyor the sewer was worthless but that even though it had been built on it would have sagged and gone out of order by the process of the sinking and consolidating of the newly made ground. The Corporation Solicitor, whose opinion had been obtained, advised that the cost of making a new sewer, which was estimated to be £60, would be money well spent out of the Corporation resources, as in case of litigation, law costs might be anything, up to £200, and the Sub-Committee then decided to make the following recommendation.

"That having examined the premises of Messrs Doyle and Co, and obtained legal advice and gone fully into the question of the liability of the Corporation in connection with the sewer complained of, we recommend that the present sewer be abandoned and a new sewer be constructed instead through the open yard belonging to messrs Doyle & Co."

Thereupon on the motion of Alderman Hanton seconded by Councillor Carroll, it was Resolved:- That the recommendation of the Committee be acted upon, and that in making next years Rate, provision be made for the cost of making the sewer in question.

The Rent Collector made a special report on the delinquency of some of the tenants of workmens houses in Distillery Road. In the cases of Thomas Hayden, Martin Duggan, John McGrath, Martin Walsh, and Patrick Cogley, there was no, or very

little, endeavour made to reduce the large arrears which had accrued due in the time of the labour disputes in Wexford. The Agent considered it absolutely necessary that these tenants should be made feel that they must pay their current rents regularly, along with a payment in reduction of arrears.

On the motion of Alderman Walsh, seconded by Councillor Byrne, it was resolved that the above five tenants be served with notice to quit their habitations, with a view to proceedings being taken to recover possession of the houses.

Tenders received in respect of sundry structural repairs on working class dwellings were opened. They were from the following.

Aidan Redmond, who offered to do the work for			£ 89. 10. 0
John Browne,	Do.	Do	67. 6. 0
Wm. Browne,	Do.	Do.	60. 0. 0
Wm. Murphy	Do.	Do.	45. 0. 0
Wm. Keane, (who offered to do only a portion of the work)			40. 2. 0

William Murphy's tender being found to be the lowest of those who offered to carry out the entire work specified, was accepted conditionally. The condition was that he should provide sureties for the due fulfilment of the contract, as the sum he was prepared to accept was much below the amount of the Town Surveyor's estimate of the cost of the work. Failing William Murphy's acceptance of the contract on those terms, the next lowest tender, that of William Browne, was accepted.

With reference to minutes of 4th Instant, a further letter from the Town Clerk of Omagh was read. He stated that the full contribution which the Wexford Urban Council would be asked to make towards the expense of fighting in the Superior Courts, the question of the liability of Railway Companies to pay rates in full on their property except only such part of it as could reasonably be determined to be "railway" would not exceed £10. They also stated that the Local Government Board, on the question of the power of Urban Councils to make a contribution, had informed them that it was a well-recognized maxim of law that Urban and other Councils were entitled to spend the public funds in a reasonable manner in the Superior Courts in defence of the general body of ratepayers against measures which would adversely affect their interests. It was ordered that a sum of £10 be allocated to be paid to the Omagh Urban Council as Wexford's share of the cost of the proceedings referred to.

Howard Rowe

Dec 18-12

18th December 1912.

An adjourned Statutable 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:-

Howard Rowe, Esq., mayor (in the chair)

Aldermen:- Walter Walsh, James Sinnott, Benjamin Hughes, Robert Hanton, James J. Stafford.

Councillors:- Paul J. Carroll, Joseph Doyle, Thomas O'Brien, James McMahon, Michael Browne, Nicholas Byrne, John O'Connor, Nicholas Prendergast, James Hore, Richard Gibson, Joseph Kingsberry, Frank Carty, Joseph Kelly, Patrick Clancy.

The minutes of meeting of 11th December 1912 were read and signed.

With regard to minutes of 11th Instant, embodying an Order requiring the Corporation Solicitor to be consulted as to the powers of the Urban Council in the matter of removing a barrier in Sinnott's Lane, a letter received from the Solicitor was read. In this he stated that as the question involved some technical legal points, he had taken it on himself to obtain the opinion of Mr. Stephen Ronan, K. C. The opinion of Mr. Ronan had been submitted to the Committee which had been re-appointed on the 11th Instant, and the Committee had made a recommendation grounded on the advice of Counsel. The principal query asked of Counsel was this, namely, was it not the right of any individual member of the general public to break down the barrier, as it lay across a laneway which had been, from time immemorial, a public thoroughfare, and if so, was it not the duty, or at least proper, for the Corporation, as representing the Community of the town of Wexford, to have the barrier broken down. Mr. Ronan, in answer, stated that it was undoubtedly the right of the public to remove the barrier, but that the Corporation might instruct their Officials to remove it, but in following this course, the Corporation might leave themselves open to an action for exceeding their duty. Counsel also pointed out other ways in which the case could be dealt with by the Corporation, and the recommendation of the Committee was worded as follows.

" Your Committee having taken legal advice as to the powers of the Corporation with reference to dealing with the barrier which has been erected across Sinnott's Lane, recommend to the Corporation that they should instruct their officials to break down the barrier at once. "

After some discussion, it was proposed by Councillor Byrne, and seconded by Councillor Clancy, that the recommendation of the Committee be adopted.

The motion was put to the meeting and was declared carried.

In response to the request of members the Mayor, nevertheless, consented to take a Poll on the question, and the result was as follows.

FOR. Councillors Clancy, Kelly, Carty, Kingsberry, Gibson, Prendergast, Hore, Byrne, Browne, O'Brien, Doyle, Carroll, Aldermen Sinnott, Walsh, the Mayor 15
AGAINST. Councillors O'Connor, McMahon, Nicholas Prendergast, Michael Browne, Nicholas Byrne, John O'Connor, Richard Gibson, Joseph Kingsberry, Frank Carty, Joseph Kelly, Patrick Clancy, Aldermen Hanton, Hughes, Stafford, Walsh 4
DECLINED TO VOTE. Alderman Hanton. 1

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Howard Rowe

6th January 1913

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

The members present were:-

Howard Rowe, Esq., Mayor (in the chair)

Aldermen:- Benjamin Hughes, Robert Hanton, George Hadden.

Councillors:- Joseph Doyle, James McMahon, Richard Gibson, James Goodisson, Nicholas Prendergast, Joseph Kingsberry.

It was suggested, on the initiative of a recent Finance and Works Committee, that the present Council meeting should be adjourned to some future day by reason of the fact that this day was a Catholic Holyday. Some of the members present dissented from any adjournment taking place, but His Worship, The Mayor, guided by the evident sense of the meeting, declared the present meeting adjourned to Wednesday next, 8th Instant at half past seven o'clock p. m.

Howard Rowe

8th January 1913.

An adjourned Statutable 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:-

Howard Rowe, Esq., Mayor (in the chair)

Aldermen:- James Sinnott, Benjamin Hughes, Walter Walsh, Robert Hanton.

Councillors:- James McMahon, Joseph Doyle, Michael Browne, Nicholas Byrne, Paul J. Carroll, James Ffrench, James Hore, Nicholas Prendergast, Joseph Kelly, James Goodisson, Frank Carty.

The minutes of meeting of 6th January 1913 were read and signed.

Liabilities which had accrued due up to the end of last month, amounting in the aggregate to £164. 15. 3 were laid before the meeting, and having been examined were approved, and an Advice Note was signed in order to enable the Treasurer to pay them on presentation to him of Paying Orders numberd from 244 to 254 inclusive. Summary and Reconcilement of Treasurer's Account for the month ended the last day of December 1912 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.	£ 78. 14. 11
Total sum received to close of last month.	633. 2. 9
TOTAL	711. 17. 8
Balance due to Treasurer as per last Statement.	- . -
Payments ordered at this meeting.	164. 15. 3
TOTAL	164. 15. 3

Net Balance due by Treasurer (being difference above Totals) 547. 2. 5

RECONCILEMENT.

Balance per Bank Books due by Treasurer.	£153 : 25 : 3 711 : 17 : 8
Outstanding Orders (including those issued at this Meeting)	164 : 15 : 3
Net Balance due by Treasurer.	547 : 2 : 5

Dr. T. Pierse, Medical Officer of Health, attended the meeting and stated that there had come under his notice two cases of Scarlatina in Wexford Urban District. He had reported these cases to the Local Government Board, and in compliance with instructions received by him from that Department, he wished to impress on the Council the importance of adopting the Infectious Disease (Notification) Act, 1889. He was satisfied that if early information of the occurrence of a case of an infectious disease was given to the Urban Sanitary Authority so that prompt steps might be taken to isolate a patient and have infected articles or premises disinfected, it would be the means of preventing the spread of disease. He strongly urged on the Council, therefore, the desirability of adopting the Act in question.

The matter was discussed, but as it was one which had been before the Council on several previous occasions without any decision having been arrived at, it was thought well to take no immediate action, but the matter was referred to the Public Health Committee to report thereon on an early date.

With reference to minutes of 11th Ultimo, the question of measures being taken to urge on the Government the justice of introducing into Parliament a Bill designed to ameliorate the condition of those victims of the Irish Land Agitation who came within the category of what were called the Irish Evicted Tenants was discussed, and on the motion of Councillor Carroll, seconded by Alderman Sinnott, it was

RESOLVED:- That the Government be asked to take into favourable consideration, with a view to legislation being obtained to put those people into agricultural holdings or if possible to restore them to their former holdings.

Councillor Carty brought under notice the fact that a Scheme adopted for providing a Cemetery at Crosstown, Wexford, had never fully been completed, although the Cemetery had been opened in the year 1892. The Scheme, besides providing for the purchasing and laying out of land for the purpose of a Burial Ground, included the provision of two Mortuary Chapels. These had never been erected and as the accounts showed an annual excess of receipts over expenditure on foot of Crosstown Cemetery, he urged that the time had arrived when the omission in the Scheme should be supplied. As was to be seen from the map of the Cemetery a portion of the ground was allotted as sites for Mortuary Chapels. He suggested that drawings of suitable buildings, and an estimate of the cost thereof should be prepared. After some discussion a resolution as follows was adopted.

Proposed by Councillor Carty and seconded by Alderman Walsh.

That the matter of erecting the Mortuary Chapels be considered by a Committee of the entire Council and a report be made thereon.

NOTICE OF RESULT OF ELECTIONS

BOROUGH OF WEXFORD.

Election of Councillors for the above Borough

IN THE YEAR 1913.

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 Table hereunder opposite to the Numbers entered in Column 5, have been declared duly Elected Councillors, respectively, for the Wards opposite to the Names of which, in Column 1, the Names of such Candidates are entered.

COUNCILLORS.

WARDS. 1	NAMES OF CANDIDATES.		PLACES OF ABODE. 4	Number of Votes Re- corded 5	NAMES OF CANDIDATES ELECTED. 6
	SURNAMES 2	OTHER NAMES 3			
St. Iberius	Bergin	Myles	Gibson Street	111	PAUL JOSEPH CARROLL
St. Iberius	Carroll	Paul Joseph	Main Street North	290	
St. Iberius	Goodison	James	John Street	118	
St. Iberius	McGuire	William Hugh	Commercial Quay	321	WILLIAM HUGH McGUIRE
St. Mary's	Coffey	Robert	Main Street South	318	
St. Mary's	Corish	Richard	35 William Street	437	
St. Mary's	Hore	James	George Street	313	JOHN WALSH
St. Mary's	Walsh	John	Bride Street	325	
St. Selskar	Carty	Francis	Main Street North	228	
St. Selskar	Gibson	Richard	Ardruadh, Spawell Road	214	RICHARD GIBSON
St. Selskar	Martin	Michael	Trinity Street	87	

Dated this 17th day of January, 1913.

WILLIAM A. BROWNE,

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A letter was read from Mr. Houston, Officer in charge of the Customs, Wexford. He required to know with reference to an Order made by the Public Health Committee on 22nd. November 1905 appointing The Island Side of Wexford harbour as a Boarding Station for "infected" ships, whether the Council would approve of the same place as a Boarding Station in the cases of vessels deemed to be "suspected" as defined by the Local Government Board Order dated 21st. January 1908.

The following Order was made

That the Boarding Station at Island Side to be used in cases of "infected" vessels be also appointed as a Boarding Station in the cases of vessels deemed to be "suspected".

Howard Rowe

23rd. January 1913.

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

The members present were:-

Howard Rowe, Esq., mayor (in the chair)

Aldermen:- Robert Hanton, Benjamin Hughes, James Sinnott, ~~Benjamin Hughes~~ *Walter Walsh*.

Councillors:- Patrick Clancy, Joseph Doyle, Nicholas Byrne, Joseph Kelly, Thomas O'Brien, James McMahon, William H. McGuire, Richard Corish, John Walsh, Joseph Kingsberry, Richard Gibson, John O'Connor.

The minutes of meeting of 8th January 1913 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 Hanton seconded by Councillor Byrne, it was unanimously

RESOLVED:- That James Sinnott, Esq., Alderman, be and is hereby elected Mayor of Wexford for the ensuing year, and until his Successor be appointed and shall have accepted Office.

Alderman Sinnott 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.

The following resolution, as proposed by His Worship, The mayor, seconded by Alderman Walsh, and supported by Councillors McMahon, Clancy, and Kelly, was unanimously adopted.

That the heartfelt thanks of this Council be and are hereby tendered to the retiring Mayor of Wexford, Howard Rowe, Esquire, for the distinguished manner in which he filled the Office of Chief Magistrate for the last two years, a period during which the duties appertaining to his high office proved to be of an exceptionally trying character owing to unrest among the local workers and the march of events in the United Kingdom.

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He spared no effort to bring about an amicable settlement of the labour dispute,

and during his tenure of office, in his representative capacity, he attended the Coronation of the Sovereign, while in the realm of politics he assisted in the deliberations of the Irish Nation at a Convention where the Government of Ireland Bill was submitted to the people of this country.

He also showed the spirit of patriotism by which he has always been actuated by joining the Mayors of the towns of Ireland in welcoming the Prime Minister on the occasion of his memorable visit to Dublin to assure the Irish People of the determination of the Government to pass the Bill into Law.

His actions were always marked with a high sense of civic rectitude, and the zeal and impartiality with which he discharged his duties were equalled only by his dignity and courtesy.

Councillor Rowe in suitable terms acknowledged the Council's appreciation of his services as Mayor, and proposed the following resolution, which was seconded by Alderman Hanton, and carried unanimously.

That we, the Members of the Wexford Municipal Council, present to Mr. Redmond and the Irish Party our hearty congratulations on the passing of the Third Reading of the Home Rule Bill.

It was ordered that the three Quarterly Meetings of the Council to be held previous to 15th January 1914 be fixed to be held on Monday, 5th May, 1913 at noon, Wednesday, 6th August 1913, at half past seven o'clock p. m., and Monday 3rd. November 1913 at 7. 30 p. m.

The appointment of Committees was then proceeded with, and on the motion of Alderman Walsh, seconded by Councillor Kelly, it was

RESOLVED:- That the Finance and Works, Waterworks, and Public Health Committees be composed of the entire Council for the ensuing year.

It was further determined, on the motion of Councillor Kelly, seconded by Alderman Hanton.

That the Technical Instruction Committee for the ensuing year be formed of the following seven members of the Corporation, Aldermen Walsh, Hadden, and Hughes, and Councillors Rowe, Carty, Byrne, and Corish, in addition to the Protestant Rector, Venerable Archdeacon Latham, the Catholic Administrator, Rev. Thomas Hore, and Messrs Joseph S. Thompson, Richard Walsh, Patrick Hanrahan, and James Hore. Councillor Corish proposed and Councillor Claney seconded the following resolution which was unanimously adopted.

That we, the members of the Municipal Council, strongly protest against the sentence meted out to Arkins, the young peasant from Clare, for having refused to inform on his comrades: that we think the sentence was out of all proportion to the crime, and that copies of this resolution be sent to Mr. Birrell, Mr. Redmond, and Mr. French.

James Smith
July 3/13

3rd. February 1913.

A 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:-

James Sinnott, Esq., mayor (in the chair)

Aldermen:- Walter Walsh, Benjamin Hughes, Robert Hanton, George Hadden.

Councillors:- Joseph Kelly, Paul J. Carroll, Nicholas Byrne, William H. McGuire, James French, Howard Rowe, Patrick Clancy, John Walsh, Joseph Kingsberry, Richard Gibson, Nicholas Prendergast, Richard Corish, Michael Browne, Thomas O'Brien.

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 £238. 1. 3 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 255 to 270 inclusive.

Summary and Reconciliation of Treasurer's Account for the month ended the last day of January 1913, including the payments made at the meeting held on this day.

SUMMARY.

Balance due by Treasurer as per last Statement.	£	547.	2.	5
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Total sums received to close of last month.		646.	3.	1
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TOTAL		1193.	5.	6
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Balance due to Treasurer as per last Statement.		-.	-.	-
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Payments ordered at this meeting.		238.	1.	3
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TOTAL		238.	1.	3
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Net Balance due by Treasurer (being difference of above Totals)		955.	4.	3
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RECONCILEMENT.

Balance per Bank Books due by Treasurer.		1193.	5.	6
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Outstanding Orders		238.	1.	3
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Net Balance as above due by Treasurer.		955.	4.	3
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From a report from the Finance and Works Committee it was seen that malicious injury had been done by some unknown individuals on the drinking fountain in the Bullring. Two of the columns of polished granite, about three inches in diameter, ornamenting the front of the structure, had been broken into pieces, and there was no clue to the authors of the outrage. The Committee had recommended that steps should be taken to find out, by offering a reward, information as to the person or persons by whom the deed was perpetrated.

Thereupon on the motion of Councillor Kelly, seconded by Councillor French, it was Resolved:- That a reward of Five Pounds be offered to any one giving information that would lead to the identification or conviction of the culprits.

A letter was read from Mr. Lynn, Secretary of the Wexford Gas Company, in answer to complaints made about the public lighting at a meeting of the Finance and Works

Committee and conveyed to him. According to these complainst, there were three of the public lamps not alight in King Street on St. Stephen's Night, and one lamp was out in Hill Street on the night of the 8th January. Mr. Lyns stated that the most practical way of getting prompt attention to any lamp that might happen to be out would be to report it to the Gas Works without delay. He had no doubt the complainst were well-founded, but he had to point out that lamps lighted at the right time had been extinguished by disorderly persons and not only this, but were deliberately broken, notwithstanding the vigilance of the Police, to whom all cases of breakage were reported. Twelve of these cases had occurred within the previous six days.

A discussion on this matter resulted in the adoption of the following motion, as proposed by Councillor Kelly, and seconded by Councillor Byrne.

That a Committee consisting of Alderman Hadden, and Councillors Corish, Howe, ^{Kelly} and Byrne, be asked to see Mr. Lyne and discuss with him the best means of improving the general lighting of the town, and to that end to make any suggestions that may occur to them.

A letter was read from Mr. Finlay Heron, Town Clerk, Blackrock, Co. Dublin, and Hon. Secretary of the newly-formed Body named the Association of Municipal Authorities of Ireland. Mr. Heron therein requested to be furnished with a statement of what Wexford Municipal Council regarded as the most pressing reforms in the existing Municipal Law affecting their District in order that the Executive Committee of the Association might report to the General Council with a view of endeavouring to have reforms made in the law in the near future. He also requested that two representatives of the Council should be appointed to attend meetings of the Association, as according to the Rules of that Body, Wexford Urban Council, being a member of the Body, had the power to appoint Delegates.

In relation to the same subject a letter was read from the Local Government Board, No.67,350, forwarding a Sealed Order dated 23rd. January 1913, whereby the power was granted to every Urban District Council to appoint two members, or their Clerk, to attend any Conference or Meeting of the Association within the meaning of the terms of the Sealed Order, and pay the reasonable expenses of such Delegates.

In the course of a discussion which arose on the foregoing questions, it was considered that the most urgent necessity of the Urban District of Wexford was the provision of additional accommodation for the working classes, but it was impossible, having regard to the increased cost of building within recent years, to provide dwellings capable of being let at a rent within the means of the working classes without encroaching on the Municipal Fund. In these circumstances the only alternative was for the Government to come to the assistance of Local Authorities and devise means whereby Housing Loans would be granted on much easier terms than were at present required.

It was ordered that Mr. Finlay Heron be informed of the views of this Council as stated, regarding the provision of additional housing accommodation, and on the motion of Alderman Hanton, seconded by Councillor Carroll, it was

RESOLVED:- That His Worship, the Mayor, and Alderman hadden be hereby appointed to represent this Council on the Association of Municipal Authorities of Ireland, and that the number of copies of the reports of the Association to be supplied to this Council be fixed at four.

Referring to minutes of 8th January last, on which occasion the question of adopting the Infectious Disease (Notification) Act, 1889 was referred to the Public Health Committee to report thereon, it was mentioned that the Committee had been divided in opinion, and had left the matter to be decided by the Council.

Thereupon Councillor McGuire proposed and Alderman Walsh seconded the following motion, viz:-

That the necessary legal steps to be taken with a view to the adoption of the Infectious Disease (Notification) Act, 1889, within the Urban District of Wexford. But Councillor Byrne submitted a proposition, which was seconded by Councillor Carroll, that the question of adopting the Act be deferred for six months.

On the latter motion being put to the meeting it was defeated, seven members voting for and nine against it.

Councillor McGuire's motion was then put and carried, ten voting for and only seven against it.

A letter from the Local Government Board of 13th January, 1913 No.66849, was read containing a request that the Council would place a room in their Offices at the disposal of the Audit Department of the National Health Insurance Commission for the purpose of the auditing of the Accounts of Approved Societies.

The reason for making the request was that a great number of the smaller Societies had no offices of their own, and it was undesirable that formal audits should be conducted either in private dwelling houses or on licensed premises.

It was ordered:- That the Local Government Board be informed that the Council regret that they have no office available for the purpose, as the present office accommodation is insufficient for Municipal purposes, and will be until the contemplated new Municipal Offices will have been provided.

James Simons
March 13/13

3rd. March, 1913.

A Statutable 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:-

James Sinnott, Esq., Mayor (in the chair)

Aldermen:- Benjamin Hughes, Walter Walsh, Robert Hanton.

Councillors:- Frank Carty, Paul J. Carroll, Patrick Clancy, Richard Corish, John Walsh, William H. McGuire, Nicholas Prendergest, James Ffrench, Howard Rowe, Richard Gibson, John O'Connor, Joseph Kingsberry, Joseph Doyle, Nicholas Byrne, Thomas O'Brien.

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 £863. 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 271 to 297 inclusive.

Summary and Reconcilement of Treasurer's Account for the month ended the last day of February 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.	955. 4. 3
Total sums received to close of last month.	607. 10. 1
TOTAL	1562. 14. 4
Balance due to Treasurer as per last Statement.	- . -
Payments ordered at this meeting.	863. 18. 10
Net Balance due by Treasurer (being difference of above)	698. 15. 6

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

Balance per Bank Books due by Treasurer.	1562. 14. 4
Outstanding Orders including those issued at this Meeting.	863. 18. 10
Net Balance as above due by Treasurer.	698. 15. 6

Included in the accounts passed this day for payment there were items of expenditure amounting to £40. 13. 10 in connection with advertising Wexford Fair. These expenses were gone to in pursuance of a Resolution passed on 1st. July, 1912, and on 7th October, 1912. The first resolution voted a sum of £25, and the second a sum of £20 towards the object mentioned. The whole of the £25 had been spent and out of the £20 a sum of £15. 13. 10 had been laid out. Regarding the last-mentioned item Councillor Carroll objected to its being paid maintaining that the item should have limited to £10.

Pursuant to an arrangement come to at Meeting on 3rd. February last, the following motion was proposed by Councillor McGuire and seconded by Alderman Walsh, viz:-

RESOLVED:- That this meeting, specially convened by fourteen days notice to consider the question of putting into force the Infectious Disease (Notification) Act, 1889 within the Urban Sanitary District of Wexford, do hereby adopt said Enactment, and that this resolution be put into operation on the expiration of not less than one

month from the first publication thereof in the local Press, and by handbills posted or circulated throughout the said Urban District.

The motion having been discussed it was seen that there was considerable opposition to the passing of it, but it was carried on a show of hands - twelve members being for and seven against it.

A proposition was made by Councillor Corish, of which he had given notice, to the effect that steps should be taken to obtain a Sealed Order from the Local Government Board legalizing the holding of all monthly meetings of the Council at night, except Quarterly Meetings. The motion was seconded by Councillor Clancy, but was defeated on a show of hands, nine members being for and ten against it.

A communication from Mr. R. Finlay Heron, Hon. Secretary of the Association of Municipal Authorities of Ireland was read, intimating that strenuous efforts were being made by the Association to secure from the Government additional aid to cover the inevitable loss entailed on Local Authorities in providing proper dwellings for the working classes in cities and towns, as it was obvious that in a short time the Grant under the "Clancy" Act would be entirely insufficient to meet this loss, and urging on the Council the advisability of making an endeavour to induce the Government to grant such additional aid.

on the motion of Councillor Rowe, seconded by Alderman Hanton, it was

RESOLVED:- That the attention of the Government be drawn to the inadequacy of proper housing accommodation for the working classes in Urban Areas in Ireland, due to no lack of sympathy on the part of Urban Authorities for the working classes or enterprise in the direction of ameliorating their condition, but to the fact that it is impossible at the present day to provide dwellings and let them at a rent that working men would be in a position to pay without adding to the increasing burdens of the Ratepayers.

That this state of affairs is due to the cost of building, which has increased at least 25% within the last three years, and that the Government be respectfully asked to assist Local Authorities in solving the housing problem by granting Loans for the purpose on terms equivalent to Loans granted to Rural Authorities in Ireland under the Labourers Acts, or by enlarging the Funds out of which Grants are made under the Housing of the Working Classes Act, 1908.

Having regard to minutes of 3rd. Ultimo, a report from a Gas Committee appointed on that day was read. It appeared the Committee had had an interview with Mr. Lyne, Manager of the Gas Works, about the unsatisfactory manner in which the lighting of the town had been done for some months past. It was elicited from him inter alia, that owing to previous complaints the Company had been obliged to adopt an automatic system of lighting the public lamps. The Company had been doing everything in their power to leave no ground for complaint, but were unable to cope with the task because of the misdeeds of mischievous persons. From 1st. January last to the 4th February there had been no less than 50 lamps smashed maliciously. On the question of pressure he showed that the pressure under which the gas was supplied was higher than was

required by Act of Parliament. He undertook to bring before his Directors the views which the Committee held in favour of the pressure being increased.

It was ordered:- That the same Committee be re-appointed to deal with any further complaints that may arise regarding the lighting of the town by the Gas Co., and that any individual member who might wish to interest himself in the matter be requested to take note of any lamp that may not be lighting after dark, or any place where a lamp may be required and report the matter.

It was pointed out that the Wexford fair which was due to be held on 1st May next would fall on Ascension Thursday which was a Catholic Holyday, and it would be well to alter the date of holding yhat Fair. It was suggested that advertisements should be published in the local press notifying the public that the Fair to be held on 1st May would lapse, but that a Fair would be held on the next following day.

This suggestion commended itself to the meeting and was adopted.

A recommendation from the Finance and Works Committee was brought under notice. It contained a suggestion that some structural improvements should be made in the Fish Market. It was stated that the cost of doing the work would not exceed £12.

It was ordered:- That no action be taken in the matter for a month, but that the work be done at the expiration of that period provided no satisfactory reply be received from Lord Muskerry, with whom negotiations were being carried on, for the purpose of obtaining an extension of the Lease of the Market ground.

The Accounts of the Collector of Borough Rate and of Rate in lieu of County Cess were produced. They had been under examination by the Finance Committee.

The Committee made the following recommendation:- That there be written off as irrecoverable items of Rate amounting to £30. 2. 4 in the case of the Borough Rate and items amounting to £44. 17. 10 in the case of Rate in lieu of County Cess, and the balance of items outstanding, i. e. £3. 9. 2 and £5. 15. 5 respectively be carried forward as arrears.

The recommendation was adopted.

The following resolution was adopted unanimously, on the motion of Councillor Corish seconded by Councillor Clancy.

That while thanking His Excellency, The Lord Lieutenant of Ireland for his gracious act of clemency towards Patrick Arkins who was convicted and sentenced to seven years penal servitude, but was liberated after three months imprisonment on the representation of members of the Irish parliamentary Party and others, we respectfully request that His Excellency will be able to see his way to make a further concession in the case by granting Arkins a free pardon.

That copies of this resolution be sent to His Excellency; the Right Hon. The Chief Secretary for Ireland, The leader of the Irish Parliamentary party, and the member for South Wexford.

James Smith
4/13

26th March 1913.

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

The members present were:-

James Sinnott Esq., Mayor (in the chair)

Aldermen:- Walter Walsh, George Hadden, Benjamin Hughes, Robert Hanton.

Councillors:- James McMahon, Patrick Clancy, Nicholas Byrne, James Ffrench, Nicholas Prendergast, Joseph Kelly, Joseph Doyle, Richard Gibson, Michael Browne, Richard Corish, John O'Connor, Howard Rowe, Thomas O'Brien, Frank Carty.

On the meeting being opened the Mayor referred to the regrettable fact that Captain Hugh McGuire had died on the morning of this date. The deceased gentleman had formerly been, for many years, a member of the Council and had occupied the office of Mayor for two years. He had always taken an interest in public affairs, and had done his share of the public business of the town as a Harbour Commissioner and sometime a poor Law Guardian. His loss as a public man would be severely felt in Wexford, and the mayor proposed. That the Meeting, after having disposed of any business that would not admit of delay, stand adjourned to the day of next monthly meeting as a tribute of respect to the memory of Captain McGuire.

The proposition was seconded by Alderman Hadden who said he had known Captain McGuire all his life and held him in the highest esteem. He had been associated with him in a local enterprise for promoting the fishing industry, and were it not for the strong attitude taken by Captian McGuire in times of difficulty, the Company would, in all likelihood, have failed.

Other members spoke in favour of the proposition which, on being put to the meeting was carried unanimously, and it was ordered that the sympathy of the Council be conveyed to Captaim McGuire's son, Mr. W. H. McGuire, a respected member of this Council.

Estimates 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 the estimated Balances in the hands of the Treasurer, there remained to be provided by means of the Rates leviable on the District the following sums.

By a Poor Rate.	:	:	:	:	:	:	:	:	:	:	£	2071.	16.	4
By a Borough Rate.	:	:	:	:	:	:	:	:	:	:		903.	1.	9
By a Rate in lieu of County Cess.	:	:	:	:	:	:	:	:	:	:		1457.	15.	2
By Water Rates.	:	:	:	:	:	:	:	:	:	:		1324.	4.	9

Attached to the estimate of sums to be raised by a poor Rate was a recommendation from the Finance Committee under date of 19th march Instant, as to the making of a Poor Rate at a rate of 2/4 in the Pound, and on the motion of Councillor Byrne seconded by Councillor Doyle, it was

Resolved:- That the Poundage of the poor Rate in respect of the coming financial year be fixed at 2/4 in the Pound.

With regard to the sum to be raised by a Borough Rate, it was resolved, on the motion of Councillor Kelly, seconded by Councillor Ffrench that the poundage of this Rate be fixed at one shilling.

As to the sum of £1457. 15. 2 required to be raised by means of a Rate in lieu of County Cess, it was considered that by practising economy in connection with the work of general repairs of streets, it might be possible to do the repairs at a lower cost than was included in the Estimate. No serious objection was raised to reducing the amount to such an extent as would allow of the sum of twopence being taken off the rate of the estimated Rate of 1/8 in the £, and on the motion of Councillor Kelly, seconded by Councillor Ffrench, it was

Resolved:- That the Estimate of Expenses to be provided by means of a Rate in lieu of County Cess, as amended, be adopted, and that the poundage of the Rate be fixed at 1/6.

Regarding the Estimate of Expenses to be raised by means of Water Rates, the following motion was adopted, as proposed by Councillor Prendergast and seconded by Alderman Walsh.

That the poundage of the Domestic Water Rate to be levied in the coming financial year be fixed at Eleven pence, and of the Public Rate at Nine pence.

James Sinnott
4/13

7th April, 1913.

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

The members present were:-

James Sinnott, Esq., Mayor (in the chair)

Aldermen:- Benjamin Hughes, George Hadden, Robert Hanton.

Councillors:- James McMahon, Nicholas Byrne, Richard Corish, John Walsh, William H. McGuire, Nicholas Prendergast, Paul Joseph Carroll, Richard Gibson, James Ffrench, Frank Carty, Joseph Kelly, Joseph Kingsberry, Patrick Clancy, Michael Browne, Howard Rowe, John O'Connor, Thomas O'Brien.

The minutes of meeting of 3rd. and of 26th March 1913 were read and signed.

Liabilities which had accrued due up to the end of last month, amounting in the aggregate to ££335. 9. 2 were laid before the meeting, and having been examined were approved, and an Advice Note was signed to enable the Treasurer to apy them on presentation to him of Paying Orders numbered from 298 to 316 inclusive.

Summary and Reconcilement of Treasurer's Account for the month ended the last day of March, 1913, including the payments made at the meeting held on this day.

SUMMARY.

Balance due by Treasurer as per last Statement.	£ 698. 15. 6
Total sums received to close of last month.	711. 16. 8
TOTAL	1410. 12. 2
Balance due to Treasurer as per last Statement.	- . -
Payments ordered at this meeting.	335. 9. 2
TOTAL	335. 9. 2
Net Balance due by Treasurer (being difference of above Totals)	1075. 3. 0

RECONCILEMENT.

Balance per Bank Books due by Treasurer.	1410. 12. 2
Outstanding Orders (including those issued at this meeting)	335. 9. 2
Net Balance as above due by Treasurer	1075. 3. 0

As the outcome of a suggestion from the Finance and Works Committee the Mayor, having consulted the Corporation, and the latter having written to Messrs Little and Nunn offering on the part of the Corporation to pay a sum of £200 for an extension to 200 years of a Lease of premises in the Bullring occupied by the present Butter Market, and held at present at a yearly rent of £50, and a reply having been received from the Solicitor, said reply was submitted to the meeting. It was in the following terms.

George Street, Wexford.

12th march, 1913.

Dear Sirs, We put your letter of the 21st Ultimo before the Hon. Mrs Deane Morgan and Lord Muskerry who having fully considered the matter do not see their way to accept the proposal made by the Corporation, but in order to try and facilitate the Corporation in building a new Town Hall they have authorised us to say that they would be willing to accept a surrender of the existing Lease under which the premises in the Bullring and Common Quay Street intended as the site for the new Hall are held, and to make a new Lease of these premises to the Corporation for the term of 200 years commencing from the 25th instant, at the yearly rent of £60 (sixty pounds) the Lease to be prepared by the Lessors' Solicitors, all expenses in connection with the transaction, also the increment value or other duty arising and claimed by the Revenue on the occasion, to be paid by the Corporation, provided this offer is accepted within a week from this date.

Yours truly, Little & Nunn.

Messrs M. J. O'Connor & Co., Solicitors.

The terms of the foregoing letter having been under the consideration of a Committee of the entire Council on the 19th Ultimo, the Committee had made the following recommendation to the Council.

"That the offer of Lord Muskerry to extend the Lease of the Butter Market on payment of an additional rent of £10 a year, to allow of a Town Hall and Municipal Offices being erected, be accepted."

A general discussion arose thereupon and in the course of it, it was urged that a piece of ground situate at the rear of Rowe Street Upper, and which was available at the present time, was a desirable place as a site for the proposed Town Hall and Municipal Offices, and that before coming to a conclusion as to the premises in the Bullring, it would be well to consider the merits of the ground in Rowe Street.

However Councillor McGuire proposed that the recommendation of the Committee be adopted.

The motion was seconded by Councillor Corish.

Before this motion was put Alderman Hadden proposed.

That the merits of the piece of ground in Rowe Street as a site for a Town Hall and Offices be taken into consideration.

This motion was seconded by Councillor Ffrench, but on being put was defeated.

Then Alderman Hanton proposed that the question of accepting the offer of the Hon Mrs Deane Morgan and Lord Muskerry be adjourned in order to allow of the suitability and prices of other available sites being considered.

Councillor Gibson seconded this motion, but it was lost on a division, eight members voting for and eleven against it.

The original motion was then put and was carried on a division, thirteen members being for and eight against.

From the same Committee of the entire Council as is above referred to, and which met on the 19th Ultimo, there was submitted a recommendation in the following terms.

"That Mr. Thomas Bent be offered £250 for his interest in a piece of ground at Hill Street on which to erect working class dwellings, his demand for the ground being £300."

From Mr. Bent's letter which was read, it was seen that he required to be paid £300 for his interest in the ground in question (which was capable of forming sites for fifteen houses of the class intended) exclusive of the legal costs incident to the transfer of the land to the Corporation.

Councillor Kelly proposed that the recommendation be adopted, and this motion, on being seconded by Councillor Byrne, was passed.

From the same Committee of the Whole House there was brought before the meeting a recommendation in the following terms.

"That portion of a field at Windmills Hill belonging to the Community of St. John of God, be purchased as a site for working class dwellings."
Accompanying this recommendation was a letter of which the following is a copy.

"The Sisters of St. John of God are willing to sell to the Wexford Corporation that portion at the Hills which is marked yellow on the enclosed Draft map for the sum of Six Hundred Pounds (£600) free of all legal expenses conditionally.

1. That a stone wall seven feet high above ground level on their side be built from point A to point B marked on the map.

2. That present Manure Depot be removed from where it is.

3. That none but better-class dwellings are built on frontage of Bettiville Roadside of plot.

In making this offer the Sisters of St. John of God wish it understood that for no other purpose would the ground be offered, but for the building of better houses for the working classes. 5th April, 1913."

The number of houses capable of being built on this ground was shown to be about fifty.

Thereupon Councillor Byrne proposed.

That the offer of the Nuns of the Community of St. John of God be accepted on the conditions set forth in their letter of 5th Instant.

This motion was seconded by Councillor Carroll.

In the course of a discussion which followed attention was called to a plot of ground at the rear of John Street belonging to Mr. Lymberry and which was about to be sold in the near future by auction. The purchase of this ground was advocated as a preferable site for houses to the one at the Windmills Hill as it had the advantage of being more convenient to places of employment.

Alderman Hadden proposed that the question of accepting the offer of the Community of St. John of God be deferred for a month pending the inquiry as to other ground being obtainable.

This motion was seconded by Councillor Gibson, but failed to be carried, as on a division only two members voted for and fourteen against it.

The original motion was then put and was carried nem. con.

With regard to an Exemption Order made by the Council on 2nd. December last, pursuant to the provisions of Section 4(4) of the Shops Act, 1912, an application signed by seven out of the twelve shopkeepers engaged in the trade of Ironmongers within the Urban Area was submitted. According to this the signatories were desirous of having an Order made revoking the Exemption Order referred to, in so far as their trade was concerned, and of having a Half Holiday Order made under the Act affecting their particular class of trade in similar terms to the half holiday Order which was made on 4th November, 1912.

On the motion of Councillor Rowe, seconded by Councillor McGuire, it was

Resolved:- That the necessary legal steps be taken to comply with the request of the Ironmongers.

With reference to a resolution passed on 26th Ultimo, the following is a copy of a letter which was ordered to be inserted on the minutes.

Quay, Wexford.

2nd. April, 1913.

Dear Mr. Browne, Please convey to the Mayor, Alderman Hadden and the other members of the Wexford Municipal Council my sincere thanks, and the thanks of the other members of my family, for the kindly expression of sorrow at the death of my father, and for their kindness in allowing the meeting of Wednesday last to stand adjourned as a tribute of respect.

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I must also thank you personally for your own expression of

sympathy in our bereavement.

Yours faithfully,

Wm. H. McGuire.

To Wm. A. Browne, Esq., Town Clerk.

James Sinnott
Apr 23/13

14th April, 1913.

An informal meeting of the Council which was summoned hurriedly together on this date to consider the terms of a letter received from Messrs Little and Nunn with regard to the proposed making of a Lease of premises in the Bullring, was held this day when the following members attended.

James Sinnott, Esq., Mayor (in the chair)

Aldermen:- Benjamin Hughes, Robert Hanton, George Hadden.

Councillors:- Joseph Kelly, John O'Connor, William H. McGuire, Joseph Doyle,
John Walsh, Paul J. Carroll, James McMahon, Howard Rowe, Richard Corish
Joseph Kingsberry, Patrick Clancy, Thomas O'Brien, Michael Browne.

The following are copies of communications which were read.

From the Town Clerk to Messrs Little & Nunn, under date of 8th. instant.

Referring to a letter of yours dated 12th March, 1913, addressed to Messrs M. J. O'Connor & Co., Solicitors, and containing the terms on which the Hon. Mrs Deane Morgan and Lord Muskerry were prepared to accept a surrender of the existing lease of premises in the Bullring and Common Quay Street, and to make a new lease for a term of 200 years, I beg leave to state that a General Meeting of the Corporation of Wexford was held on yesterday when the question of accepting a new lease at a rent of £60 a year was considered. The result was that a resolution was passed whereby the Corporation decided to accept the new lease.

You are, no doubt, aware that before a loan can be raised to allow of the proposed Town Hall and Municipal Offices being provided, it is necessary, under Statute, for the Corporation to make representations to the Local Government Board for Ireland to show that the necessity for providing such buildings exists, and that the raising of the necessary Loan is justified. Before the Local Government Board will give sanction to the Loan, they must be furnished with plans, elevations, and sections of the proposed buildings, together with an Estimate of the cost of them, and the Department will also hold a Local Inquiry to ascertain whether the buildings, as shown on the plans, are suitable to the requirements of the town.

I do not foresee any difficulty in the way of satisfying the requirements of the Local Government Board, but no architect has yet been employed to prepare plans &c., and I am sure, no matter how expeditiously all preliminaries are carried out, the Corporation will not be in a position to borrow the money and commence building operations for many months hence.

Under the above circumstances I am sure, that should the Local Government Board

happen to refuse to sanction the Loan (an event which is most unlikely) and if the Corporation consequently will be put in such a position as will prevent them from accepting the new lease, the Landlords will not consider that they have been in any way disparaged by the Corporation, and will forgive the latter for putting them to what is apparently needless trouble in the matter.

From Messrs Little & Nunn to the Town Clerk under date of 11th April, 1913.

Referring to your letter of the 8th inst, it would appear from the 1st. paragraph that the Corporation had accepted the offer of a new Lease for 200 years to commence from the 25th Ultimo at the yearly rent of £60 contained in our letter to Messrs M. J. O'Connor & Co. of the 12th ulto unconditionally, but the 2nd. and 3rd. paragraphs seem to imply that they did so only provisionally on obtaining a loan from the Local Government Board for Ireland to enable them to build the proposed new Town hall in which they might not succeed for many months or possibly at all. Under these circumstances would you kindly inform us definitely whether the offer made to the Corporation in our letter of the 12th ulto has been accepted or not so that we may know if we are to instruct the Hon. Mrs Deane Morgan's and Lord Muskerry's Solicitors to prepare the Lease.

The meeting in considering the terms of the foregoing letters signified, in the first place, unqualified approval of the terms of the Town Clerk's letter, and in reference to the letter of Messrs Little & Nunn, a minute was drawn up of which the following is a copy.

" The Town Clerk to write to Messrs Little and Nunn instructing them to prepare a Lease for 200 years of premises in Bullring on the terms specified in their letter addressed to Messrs M. J. O'Connor and Co. of 12th March 1913, but the Corporation do not pledge themselves to execute the lease on their part until such time as they will be in a position in a legal way to execute such lease, and provided also that the Landlords' will not include in the proposed Lease any clause requiring the Corporation to build any particular class of Building on the premises."

The following members were then appointed as a Committee to consult with the Borough Surveyor as to the designs for a Town Hall deemed most suitable to the requirements of the town, and the adaptability of the proposed site, viz:-

His Worship, The Mayor, Aldermen Hanton and Hadden, and Councillors Kelly, McGuire, and Corish.

James Smith
Apr 23/13

23rd. April, 1913.

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

The members present were:-

James Sinnott, Esq., Mayor (in the chair)

Aldermen:- Benjamin Hughes, Robert Hanton.

Councillors:- Howard Rowe, James McMahon, Joseph Doyle, Nicholas Byrne,
Richard Corish, John Walsh, Joseph Kelly, Nicholas Prendergast,
William H. McGuire, Frank Carty, Patrick Clancy, James Ffrench,
Paul J. Carroll

The minutes of meeting of 7th April, 1913 were read and signed.

The making of Rates was proceeded with, whereupon the four following Resolutions were unanimously adopted, and thereupon the different Rates referred to in the Resolutions were made and the Books containing them were duly sealed and signed.

Proposed by Councillor Rowe, seconded by Councillor Carroll.

RESOLVED:- That a Borough Rate of One Shilling in the Pound be made on the net assessable value of property within the Borough of Wexford to supply the deficiency in the Borough Fund, as shown in an Estimate of Expenses required to permit of the Municipal Administration of said Borough being carried out, as considered and adopted on 26th March, 1913.

Proposed by Councillor McMahon, seconded by Councillor Corish.

RESOLVED:- That an assessment of One Shilling and Sixpence in the Pound on the net assessable value of property within the town of Wexford be laid on pursuant to the Local Government Board (Ireland) Provisional Order (Wexford) Confirmation Act, 1873, and Acts incorporated with and amending the same, as per an Estimate duly considered and adopted on the 26th March, 1913.

Proposed by Councillor Doyle, seconded by Councillor Kelly.

RESOLVED:- That an assessment of One Shilling and Eightpence in the Pound, viz., a Domestic Rate of Elevenpence, and a Public Rate of Ninepence on the rateable value of property within the town of Wexford be laid on pursuant to the Local Government Board (Ireland) Provisional Orders (Dalkey, &c.) Confirmation Act, 1876, and Acts incorporated with and amending the same, as per Estimate duly considered and adopted on the 26th March, 1913.

Proposed by Councillor Prendergast, seconded by Councillor McGuire.

RESOLVED:- That a Poor Rate of Two Shillings and Fourpence in the Pound be made on the assessable value of property within the Urban District of Wexford, as per an Estimate of Expenses to be raised by a Poor Rate on said Urban District, considered and adopted on 26th March, 1913.

With reference to the minutes of an informal meeting of the Council which was summoned hurriedly together on the 14th Instant, to deal with a letter from Messrs Little and Nunn requiring an immediate answer, and on which occasion it

was decided to inform them, inter alia, that the Corporation would not be prepared to accept the Lease of premises in Bullring pending the sanction of the Local Government Board to the Scheme of the proposed Town Hall, there was read a further letter from Messrs Little & Nunn. This communication intimated, inter alia, that unless the writers were informed within a week that the Corporation would accept unconditionally the offer made in letter of 12th march Ultimo to the Corporation Solicitor (vide minutes of 7th April, Instant) and that the Corporation agree to execute the Lease within three months, such Lease to contain a covenant requiring the Corporation to build, within three years, a new Town Hall on the premises in the Bullring, that the offer to make the new Lease would be withdrawn altogether.

This subject was given full and serious consideration, and the conclusion come to was that the Council had no alternative, in order to safeguard themselves against any danger of the Scheme for the Town Hall being disapproved by the Local Government Board, but to adhere to the terms of the minute of the 14th Inst, that is to say.

That Messrs Little and Nunn be instructed to prepare a Lease for 200 years of premises in the Bullring at a rent of £60 a year, such Lease to be executed on the part of the Corporation upon the Scheme for the proposed Town Hall being sanctioned by the Local Government Board, and not until that event takes place, and on condition also that no covenant be included in the Lease requiring any particular class of building to be erected.

James Sinnott
May 5/13

5th May, 1913.

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

The members present were;-

James Sinnott, Esq., mayor (in the chair)

Aldermen:- Robert Hanton, Benjamin Hughes.

Councillors:- Joseph Doyle, John Walsh, William H. McGuire, Patrick Clancy,
paul J. Carroll, Frank Carty, Howard Rowe, Joseph Kingsberry,
Richard Gibson, Richard Corish, Michael Browne, Nicholas Prendergast,
Joseph Kelly, Thomas O'Brien.

The minutes of meetings of 14th and 23rd. April 1913 were read and signed.

Liabilities which had accrued due up to the end of last month, amounting in the aggregate to £1212. 3. 3 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 317 to 336 inclusive.

Summary and Reconciliation of Treasurer's Account for the month ended the last day of April, 1913, 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.	£1075. 3. 0
Total sums received to close the month	107. 15. 6
TOTAL	1182. 18. 6

S U M M A R Y. (continued)

Balance due to Treasurer as per last statemnt.	- . -
payments ordered at this meeting.	1212. 3. 3
TOTAL	1212. 3. 3
Net Balance due To Treasurer (being difference of above Totals)	29. 4. 9

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

Balance per Bank Books due by Treasurer	1182. 18. 6
Outstanding Orders (including those issued at this meeting)	1212. 3. 3
Net Balance as above due to Treasurer.	29. 4. 9

With reference to minutes of 7th April last, it was announced that all the Iron-Mongers in the town had been furnished with voting papers to enable them to intimate their wish as to whether or not an Order should be made revoking, as far as that Class of Trade was concerned, an Exemption Order which was made on 2nd. December last under the Shops Act, 1912, and also whether or no a Weekly half Holiday Order should be made in respect of the same class of Traders.

These voting papers were produced and showed that out of the twelve Ironmongers trading in the Urban Area seven were in favour of the proposed Revocation Order, and of the proposed Weekly Half Holiday Order being made, and that the remaining five declined to vote.

This being so, it was seen that the state of the voting warranted the making of the two orders.

There was submitted the form in which the proposed Revocation Order, as prepared by the Corporation Solicitor, was to be adopted, and thereupon Councillor Carroll proposed the following motion which was seconded by Councillor Rowe and passed That a Revocation Order in the terms suggested, be and is hereby made, and that the Corporate Seal be affixed thereto.

The following is a copy of the Order referred to.

WHEREAS a majority of Shop-keepers carrying on the trade of Ironmongery within the Urban District of Wexford approve of the revocation of an Exemption Order as it applies to them.

NOW, THEREFORE, THE URBAN DISTRICT COUNCIL OF WEXFORD hereby order, pursuant to the powers vested in them by the Shops Act, 1912, that the said Exemption Order of the 2nd. day of December 1912 shall be, and the same is hereby revoked, in so far as the said shopkeepers carrying on the Ironmongery trade are concerned, but not otherwise.

The Corporation Seal affixed hereto, pursuant to Resolution of 5th May, 1913, in presence of:-

James Sinnott, Mayor Of Wexford.

Wm. A. Browne, Town Clerk.

There was then produced a Draft of the intended Weekly Half Holiday Order, and on the motion of Councillor Rowe, seconded by Councillor Carroll, it was

RESOLVED:- That a Weekly Half Holiday Order in the terms submitted be and is

hereby made, and that the Corporation Seal be affixed thereto.

The following is a copy of the Order.

HALF-HOLIDAY ORDER SO FAR AS THE SHOP-KEEPERS CARRYING ON THE TRADE OF
IRONMONGERY ARE CONCERNED WITHIN THE URBAN DISTRICT OF WEXFORD.

THE WEXFORD URBAN DISTRICT COUNCIL hereby order, pursuant to the powers vested in them by the Shops Act, 1912, that every shop carrying on the trade of Ironmongery within the area of the urban District of Wexford shall be closed for the serving of customers not later than one o'clock in the afternoon on one day in every week, viz., on every Thursday in every week (or at option of the shopkeeper, on Saturday of every week)

1. Save and except when a Wexford Public Fair Day happens to fall on a Thursday in any week, then in such a week, every such shop within the said District shall be so closed for a half-Holiday, not on the Thursday, but (in lieu of the Thursday) on the day before the Fair Day; namely, Wednesday in that week.

2. And also save and except that whenever a Roman Catholic Holyday happens to fall on any day other than Sunday in any week, then, in such a week, every such shop within the said District shall be so closed for the Half-Holiday on such Roman Catholic Holyday (in lieu of the Thursday half-holiday in that week) and in such a case any such shop in the said District need not close for the half-holiday on the Thursday in that week.

The Corporation Seal affixed hereto pursuant to
Resolution of 5th May, 1913, in presence of:-

James Sinnott, mayor of Wexford.

Wm. A. Browne, Town Clerk.

With reference to minutes of the 7th Ultimo, on which occasion it was decided to offer Mr. Thomas Bent a sum of £250 as the purchase price of a piece of ground at Hill Street which was deemed suitable as a site for fifteen dwellings to be erected under the Housing Acts, a letter from Messrs P. J. O'Flaherty & Sons was read. From this it appeared that Mr. Bent was about acquiring the fee simple of land at Hill Street at a cost of £500 in all. The portion required by the Corporation contained almost the entire frontage, and if he parted with that portion there would be left only a vegetable garden and three small existing houses. Under the circumstances he did not consider the price he had asked (£300) at all too much, but he was not prepared to accept £250.

The matter having been deliberated on, a motion as proposed by Councillor Carty and seconded by Alderman Hughes was adopted in the following terms, Councillor Prendergast dissenting.

That as the plot of ground in Hill Street, the subject of Messrs O'Flaherty's letter, would form one of the most desirable sites to be had in Wexford for houses for the working classes, and inasmuch as the price demanded for it compares favourably with the prices paid by the Council heretofore for the fee simple of land, Mr. Bent be

paid £300 on his conveying to the Corporation the ownership of a portion of the land measuring 185 feet by 90 feet, more or less.

With reference to minutes of 4th November last a letter was read from the Corporation Solicitor wherein it was stated, with regard to the proposal to purchase premises at Westgate belonging to Mr. Gannon, that Mr. Lupton, B. L., from whom a legal opinion had been obtained, had approved of the title, but as to the difficulty about the missing lease, the Corporation Solicitor was of opinion that if Mr. Gannon made a Declaration that the Lease had been mislaid, the Corporation would be safe in acquiring the premises.

Accompanying the letter was a letter from Mr. Gannon intimating his readiness to make the requisite Declaration, together with the case submitted to Mr. Lupton and his instructions as to the mode of procedure to be followed in the matter of proving title.

Thereupon on the motion of Councillor Rowe, seconded by Alderman Hanton it was resolved, Councillor Prendergast dissenting.

That the premises at Westgate forming portion of the Gannon property be acquired on the terms assented to on 1st July last in order that the existing buildings might be cleared away so as to provide sites for working class houses, and incidentally to take occasion to widen the street at Westgate.

On a suggestion being made as to the advisableness of appointing a Committee to devise, in concert with the Town Surveyor, designs of houses best adapted to the needs of the working classes, having regard to the position of the contemplated sites and the conditions under which they were to be acquired, the following members were appointed as a Committee.

Aldermen Hanton, Walsh, Hadden, Councillors McGuire, Clancy, Carroll, Kelly, Rowe, Corish, Kingsberry, Doyle, Carty,

A complaint was made by Councillor Clancy that provisions unfit for human food were exposed for sale in shops in the town. There was no particular instance of this reprehensible act mentioned, but the inference was that it was a matter of general occurrence. The action of the offending shopkeepers was unadverted on, and it was decided that the attention of the Inspector of Food and Drugs be called to the gravamen of the complaint, and a suggestion be made to him to extend his watchfulness to provision shops to see if violations of the Food & Drugs Acts were occurring.

An order was made as follows:-

That the footpath on the east side of Roche's Road, the footpath in front of Tate's School, and a footpath on the west side of Joseph Street be all laid in concrete upon the completion of proposed concrete footpaths hitherto ordered to be made.

The Waterworks Committee reported on the Water Rate Account. Of the outstanding items of Rate, the sum of £22. 9. 6½ was found to be irrecoverable, and the remainder £10. 5. 7½ to be carried forward as collectible.

The Report was adopted.

James Smith June 2/13

2nd. June 1913.

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

The members present were:-

James Sinnott, Esq., Mayor (in the chair)

Aldermen:- George Hadden, Robert Manton.

Councillors:- Joseph Doyle, Nicholas Byrne, John Walsh, James French, Howard Rowe, Michael Browne, Joseph Kelly, Richard Corish, William H. McGuire, Frank Carty, John O'Connor, Joseph Kingsberry, Patrick Clancy, Richard Gibson, Thomas O'Brien.

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 ££810. 18. 1 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 337 to 360 inclusive.

Summary and Reconciliation of Treasurer's Account for the month ended the last day of May, 1913, 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.	- . -
Total sum received to close of last month.	997. 6. 11
TOTAL	997. 6. 11
Balance due to Treasurer as per last Statement.	29. 4. 9
Payments ordered at this meeting.	810. 18. 1
TOTAL	840. 2. 10
Net Balance due by Treasurer (being difference of above Totals)	157. 4. 1

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

Balance per Bank Books due by Treasurer.	968. 2. 2
Outstanding Orders (including those issued at this meeting)	810. 18. 1
net Balance as above due by Treasurer.	157. 4. 1

With reference to an entry contained on minutes of last meeting a letter from Messrs P. J. O'Flaherty and Son, Solicitors, was read. In behalf of their Client, Mr. Bent, they stated that he would accept the £300 proposed to be paid to him conditionally on the Council agreeing to leave a passage at the end of the row of houses intended to be built as a means of access from the street to his garden at the rear, and also on their agreeing to erect a boundary wall between the garden and the rear of the houses. A long discussion ensued, with the result that the following resolution was unanimously adopted, as proposed by Alderman Hadden and seconded by Councillor Gibson.

That further action with regard to purchase of Bent's site be deferred until the next Monthly Meeting in order to receive a full report from the Housing Committee in reference to an alternative site or sites.

That the said Housing Committee be requested to inquire and report as to whether

the enlargement of the Scheme would decrease the cost perhouse and the consequent rent.

A report was read from a Special Committee appointed to see if it were advisable to revise the charges payable by householders in connection with the work of domestic scavenging.

The Committee recommended that householders electing to keep dustbins should be required to provide bins of the standard size, and in order to make the charges for emptying the bins commensurate with the service rendered, that occupiers of business premises should be obliged to pay 10/- a year per bin, but in cases where occupiers elected to keep no dustbin, but required ashpits to be emptied, that a charge of 2/- per cartload be made for removing the contents of ashpits.

The matter after having been discussed, was referred to the Finance and Works Committee to permit of that Committee reviewing the recommendation.

The advisableness of amending Rule 14 of the Waterworks Regulations as to the employment of plumbers, pursuant to a recommendation of the Waterworks Committee, was considered. The Committee had received a communication signed by eleven plumbers, wherein a complaint was lodged against the action of Mr. W. R. Hamilton, Ironmonger, Bullring, in employing a man to do plumbing work in connection with the Wexford Water System who, it was alleged, was not a recognized plumber, and whose work, it was also alleged, had to be undone by a competent plumber. According to the Rule in question, no one but a master plumber was allowed to be enrolled as an authorized Waterworks plumber, but there was nothing to prevent him from engaging unqualified assistants, and the Committee, in order to prohibit the employment of unqualified assistants, came to the conclusion to have not only Master Plumbers, but journeymen plumbers registered, and suggested that by inserting the words "or journeyman" after the word "master" where it occurred in two places in the Rule, it would suffice to prohibit the employment of incompetent plumbers in future.

On the motion of Councillor McGuire seconded by Councillor Corish, it was unanimously RESOLVED:- That in accordance with the recommendation of the Waterworks Committee, there be inserted after the word "master" where it occurs in the first line and the eighth line of Rule 14 of the Waterworks Regulations, the words "or journeyman".

An intimation from the Commissioners of National Education was submitted showing that the period of service of the School Attendance Committee was about to expire, and that it was necessary for the Council to appoint five persons to act as members of the Committee for three years commencing 1st August next, and thereupon the following gentlemen were appointed viz; Messrs William H. McGuire, Richard Corish, Nicholas Prendergast, James Hore, and Thomas O'Brien.

A recommendation from the Finance and Works Committee was submitted. It had reference to a house in Johns Gate Street which was part of the ancient Estate of the Corporation. This house was let at 16/8 per month, exclusive of Rates, but in the opinion of the Estate Agent this rent was too high. The reputation of the locality where the premises were situated was not so good as it used to be, and as

a consequence if was found difficult to let the house, which was at present idle. As an inducement to a likely tenant, the Committee were in favour of a slight reduction of rent being made, and of the house being let at $\frac{3}{4}$ a week, the tenant being required to pay Borough Rate and Poor Rate.

The recommendation was adopted.

James Sinnott
July 8/13

7th July, 1913.

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

The members present were:-

James Sinnott, Esq., Mayor (in the chair)

Aldermen:- Benjamin Hughes, George Hadden, Robert Hanton, Walter Walsh.

Councillors:- Joseph Doyle, Joseph Kelly, John O'Connor, Paul J. Carroll, Wm. H. McGuire, Nicholas Prendergast, Nicholas Byrne, John Walsh, Patrick Clancy, Richard Corish, Howard Rowe, James McMahon, Francis Carty.

The minutes of meeting of 2nd. June 1913 were read and signed.

Liabilities which had accrued due up to the end of June amounting in the aggregate to £249. 8. 2 were submitted and having been examined were approved, and an Advice Note was signed to enable the Treasurer to pay then on presentation to him of Paying Orders numbered from 261 to 386 inclusive.

Summary and Reconcilement of Treasurer's Account for the month ended the last day of June, 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.	157. 4. 1
Total sum received to close of last month.	764. 8. 6
TOTAL	921. 12. 7
Balance due to Treasurer as per last Statement.	- . -
Payments made at this meeting.	249. 8. 2
Net Balance due by Treasurer.	672. 4. 5

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

Balance per Bank books due by Treasurer.	921. 12. 7
Outstanding Orders.	249. 8. 2
Net Balance as above due by Treasurer.	672. 4. 5

The meeting having been opened, the Mayor took occasion to advert to the recent demise of Mrs O'Connor, the late revered wife of Mr. M. J. O'Connor, Land Agent of the Corporation, and mother of Mr. M. J. O'Connor, Junior, Corporation Solicitor. He proposed as a tribute of respect to her memory, that the meeting should stand adjourned until Wednesday, next, and that an expression of sympathy should be conveyed in behalf of the Corporation, to Mr. O'Connor Senior, in his bereavement.

The motion was seconded by Councillor Clancy. It was supported by other members present, who referred to the deceased lady's many good qualities and virtues, and was passed unanimously in silence.

The meeting thereupon dissolved.

James Sinnott
July 9/13

9th July, 1913.

An adjourned Statutable 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:-

James Sinnott, ^{Mayor} Mayor (in the chair)

Aldermen:- Benjamin Hughes, George Hadden, Robert Hanton.

Councillors:- James McMahon, Richard Corish, Paul J. Carroll, Nicholas Byrne, Patrick Clancy, John Walsh, Joseph Kelly, Frank Carty, Joseph Doyle, Nicholas Prendergast, Michael Browne, John O'Connor, Howard Rowe, William H. McGuire, Thomas O'Brien.

The minutes of meeting of 7th July, 1913 were read and signed.

With reference to a resolution on minutes of 2nd. June last, whereby it was decided before making any further offer to Mr. Bent in respect of the proposed purchase of a plot of ground at Hill Street, to refer to the Housing Committee the matter of acquiring an alternative site or sites, and also the question whether an enlargement of the present proposed Scheme would result in a reduction of the cost per house, the Committee made the following Recommendation.

"The Housing Committee, to which the question of selecting sites as alternative to the ground belonging to Mr. Bent was referred, have considered the suitability of a field at Windmills Hill belonging to Mr. Bain, and a field at rere of John Street in the possession of Mr. Lymberry, and have come to the conclusion that the ground at Hill Street belonging to Mr. Bent is the preferable plot, and recommend the acquisition of it, provided it can be had for the sum of £275."

Thereupon the following motion was proposed by Councillor Carroll and seconded by Councillor Byrne viz;-

That the report of the Housing Committee be adopted.

A Poll having been taken this motion was carried, the voting being

FOR. Councillors Rowe, McGuire, O'Connor, Browne, Doyle, Carty, Kelly, Byrne, Carroll Aldermen Hanton, Hughes, The Mayor. 12.

AGAINST. Councillors O'Brien, Prendergast, Walsh, Clancy, Corish, McMahon, Alderman Hadden. 7

In connection with the housing problem in Wexford, Alderman Hadden proposed the following motion which was seconded by Councillor Carty and adopted unanimously.

That a Committee be appointed to ascertain the amount of surplus received in aid of the building scheme already carried out under the Clancy Act; to consider (a) whether this surplus should not be used for the repayment of capital due on housing loans

or be applied in some other way for the reduction of rents; (b) whether the future grants under the Act should not be dealt with as affording a relief of 25 per cent. in the payment of instalments so long as they reach such proportion; (c) as to whether the balances, if any, in excess of 25 per cent should not be dealt with as suggested under heading (a) also to review the whole financial situation in regard to incomings and outgoings, in order to ascertain if it is possible to reduce rents, all the building schemes carried out by the Corporation to be regarded as coming within the scope of this inquiry.

Councillor Rowe drew attention to the shape of the plot of ground to be taken as a site for dwellings at Windmills Hill. He had been under the impression that it would take the form of a square, more or less, but the part lying towards Coolcots Lane would run in the form of a triangle, and be at too great a distance from places of employment. He disapproved of houses being built on the portion opposite the Fair Green. On his suggestion the Housing Committee were instructed to visit the ground and report thereon.

The term of office of the present Shop Inspector being due to expire next month, there was brought under notice the necessity for appointing a Shop Inspector as required by the Act. The Inspector came before the meeting and stated that he did not care to continue in office as the duties were more laborious than he had expected. He had a dislike to performing them, and besides the salary of £10 a year was inadequate.

The matter having been discussed with him, ^{and} the following resolution having been passed he agreed to act however.

Proposed by Councillor Kelly, seconded by Councillor Corish.

That John Kehoe be re-appointed Inspector of Shops and that his salary be increased by £2. a year.

A circular from the Enniscorthy Branch of the Town Tenants' League was read. It contained an invitation to the Corporation to appoint Delegates to attend a public meeting to be held on Sunday, 13th Instant under the auspices of the Branch.

Councillors McMahon and Carty were requested to represent the Corporation on the occasion.

Two tenders in respect of supplying stones to be broken for road metalling were opened. They were from James Wadding who offered to supply 600 tons according to a sample which accompanied his tender, at the rate of 2/9 per ton, and from William Sullivan who offered to supply 500 tons according to a sample at the rate of 2/8 per ton. The sample submitted by James Wadding was found to be of a harder quality than that sent in by William Sullivan.

Notwithstanding the difference in price both tenders were accepted inasmuch as the quantity offered to be supplied was little enough to meet the requirements of the town for a year.

A tender received from the Wexford Timber Company was opened, it being the only one sent in in response to invitation for tenders. This Company was prepared to supply Cooper's cement at the rate of 45/- per ton, this being the present current rate.

the tender was accepted.

The following was a copy of a letter which it was decided to insert on the minutes. It was a reply to a letter of condolence sent in compliance with an order made at last meeting.

James Sinnott Aug 6/13

Weston, Wexford.

9th July, 1913.

Dear Mr. Browne,

Will you kindly convey to the Mayor and Corporation of Wexford my indebtedness to them for their kind expressions of sympathy on the death of my wife. I also much appreciate your remembrance of me in my sorrow.

Believe me,

Yours faithfully,

Michael J. O'Connor.

Wm. A. Browne, Esq.,
Town Clerk.

James Sinnott Aug 6/13

6th August, 1913.

A 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 electing a Harbour Commissioner as provided by the Wexford harbour Act, 1874, and acts amending the same.

The members present were:-

James Sinnott, Esq., Mayor (in the chair)

Aldermen:- Benjamin Hughes, Walter Walsh, Robert Hanton.

Councillors:- Patrick Clancy, John Walsh, William H. McGuire, Frank Carty, James Ffrench, Nicholas Byrne, Joseph Kelly, Joseph Doyle, John O'Connor, Howard Rowe, Michael Browne, James McMahon, Thomas O'Brien, Joseph Kingsberry.

Two nominations were produced as received from the Secretary of the Harbour Board.

They were in respect of the Candidature of Councillor Nicholas Byrne and Councillor Richard Corish.

Thereupon the mayor proposed that Councillor Byrne be elected a Harbour Commissioner. The motion was seconded by Councillor McGuire.

Councillor Clancy proposed that Councillor Corish be elected a Harbour Commissioner. This motion was seconded by Councillor O'Brien.

To ascertain the views of the meeting as to the suitability of the two candidates a Poll was taken, when there voted

FOR COUNCILLOR BYRNE:- Councillors McMahon, Browne, Rowe, O'Connor, Doyle, Kelly, Byrne, Ffrench, Carty, McGuire, Aldermen Hanton, Walsh, Hughes, and the Mayor. 14.

FOR COUNCILLOR CORISH:- Councillors O'Brien, Kingsberry, Walsh, Clancy. 4

Thereupon Councillor Byrne was declared duly elected.

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6th August, 1913.

A Quarterly 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:-

James Sinnott, Esq., Mayor (in the chair)

Aldermen:- Benjamin Hughes, Walter Walsh, Robert Hanton.

Councillors:- Patrick Clancy, William H. McGuire, Frank Carty, Nicholas Byrne, Joseph Kelly, Joseph Doyle, John O'Connor, Howard Rowe, James McMahon, Michael Browne.

The minutes of meeting of 9th July, 1913 were read and signed.

Liabilities which had accrued due up to the end of last month amounting in the aggregate to ££658. 4. 4, were submitted and having been examined were approved, and an Advice Note was signed to enable the Treasurer to apy them on presentation to him of Paying Orders numbered from 387 to 410 inclusive.

Summary and Reconcilement of Treasurer's Account for the month ended the last day of July, 1913 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.	£ 672. 4. 5
Total sums received to close of last month.	645. 18. 2
TOTAL	1318. 2. 7
Net Balance due to Treasurer as per last statement.	- . -
Payments ordered at this meeting.	658. 4. 4
TOTAL	658. 4. 4
Net Balance due by Treasurer (being difference of above Totals)	659. 18. 3

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

Balance per Bank Books due by Treasurer	1330. 7. 7
Outstanding Orders (including those issued at this Meeting)	670. 9. 4
Net Balance as above due by Treasurer	659. 18. 3

The Mayor referred in suitable terms to the recent death of the late Mr. John O'Callaghan, a prominent Irish American Citizen, and proposed the following resolution which was seconded by Alderman Hanton and adopted unanimously.

That this Council have heard with feelings of profound regret, of the recent lamented death of Mr. John O'Callaghan, of Boston, U. S. A., Secretary of the United Irish League of America, who was enrolled an Honorary Burgess of the Borough of Wexford on the 9th day of October, 1909, in recognition of his colossal labours in America in furthering the Policy of the Irish Parliamentary Party, and we desire that an expression of deepest sympathy be conveyed to his bereaved family from his fellow-burgesses of Wexford.

The following is a copy of a Report read.

The Finance and Works Committee have been engaged in considering the advisableness of extending the period of the year during which the street lamps are

kept lighting.

They have been in communication with the Gas Company, and find that the Co. will be prepared to light the lamps for a period of ten months at a cost of £2. 17. 8 per lamp, whereas the present charge is £2. 14. 3; and they will be prepared to light them for twelve months at a cost of £3. 0. 9 per lamp subject to the adoption of a time table for the months of June and July, whereby the lamps will not be required to be lighted until 9. 30 p. m. and will be allowed to be extinguished at 1. 15 a. m.

The present cost of lighting is £460. 10. 9 per annum, and in order to have the town lighted all the year around, there must be added to this an additional sum of £53. 12. 6 a year, but the Committee are of opinion that this will be money well spent, and recommend that the lamps be lighted in future for the whole year round. on the motion of Councillor Kelly, seconded by Councillor Byrne the recommendation of the Committee was adopted.

Referring to minutes of 23rd. April last a letter under date of 30th July, 1913, was read from Messrs Little and Nunn, Solicitors, containing an inquiry as to whether the Corporation were prepared to definitely undertake to complete a lease of premises in the Bullring for a term of 200 years at a rent of £60 as from 25th March 1914, if Mrs Deane Morgan and Lord Muskerry were still willing to grant such a lease?

It was ordered:- That a plan and design be obtained as soon as possible of the intended Municipal building with a view to obtaining the necessary sanction to erect it, and that Messrs Little and Nunn be informed that the Council regret to be unable to give a definite answer to their letter pending the obtainment of sanction which no doubt will be received against 25th march next.

In compliance with decision come to on 9th Ultimo, the Housing Committee made a report as the result of a visit paid by them to a field proposed to be taken from the Community of St. John of God Nuns at Windmills Hill. The report showed that this land was capable of serving as sites for about fifty houses, but the Committee saw two fatal objections to purchasing it. In the first place it would be all but impossible to let so large a number of houses as fifty in the locality, and secondly the land was not convenient to places of employment in the town. The Committee took occasion to visit other land to see as to their eligibility as sites, but saw that the only way to open up sites in the north end of the town was to construct the proposed new road from John Street to Airhill.

The following motion was adopted, as proposed by Councillor Rowe seconded by Councillor Doyle.

That the Report be sent back to the Housing Committee for further consideration with an instruction to them to consider how the end of the field near the houses in Monument Place would serve as a site for a smaller number of houses than fifty.

With regard to minutes of last meeting a letter was read from Messrs P. J. O'Flaherty and Son, Solicitors, communicating the fact that their client, Mr. Bent, was satisfied to accept £275 for his interest in piece of ground at Hill Street,

and it was decided, Councillor Clancy dissenting, that plans &c. for thirteen houses for Hill Street be prepared and together with an application for sanction to a Loan, be forwarded to the Local Government Board.

A letter was read from the Town Tenants' League, of which there was to be a Convention held in Dublin on Thursday, 28th August next. The Executive of the Organization requested the Council to appoint two, or more, Delegates to attend the Convention, and the Mayor Alderman Hanton, and Councillor Carty were requested to represent the Council on the occasion.

A letter received from the Urban Council of Cashel was read. It contained a resolution adopted by that Body approving of Municipal Bodies establishing a Central County Council on the same lines as was the General Council of/Councils formed, but disapproving of the existing Association of Municipal Authorities in Ireland in as much as the latter, by their rules, don't allow discussion of political questions, and having regard to the fact that Municipal objects can be attained only through political action the example of County Councils should be followed and a Conference of all Urban Authorities should be called together with a view to forming a new Association of Urban Councils to supersede the existing one.

This proposal of the Cashel Urban Council appeared to commend itself to the majority of those present, but the further consideration of the question was deferred.

A letter No. 38046, under date of 23rd. July, 1913 from the Local Government Board was read. It had reference to a resolution of the Council of 9th Ultimo, which related to the Fund established under the Housing Act of 1908, and called attention to the provisions of Section 5 (5) of that Act as to the application of sums payable to Local Authorities under the Section.

The Section in question was read for the meeting and the contents of it were noted.

James Sinnott
Sept 1/13

1st September, 1913.

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

James Sinnott, Esq., mayor (in the chair)

Aldermen:- George Hadden, Benjamin Hughes, Walter Walsh.

Councillors;- William H. McGuire, Joseph Doyle, Richard Corish, Frank Carty, patrick Clancy, Howard Rowe, Michael Browne.

The minutes of meeting of 6th August, 1913 were read and signed.

Liabilities which had accrued due up to the end of last month, amounting in the aggregate to £913. 17. 11, were submitted and havin 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 411 to 432 inclusive.

August 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.	£ 659. 18. 3
Total sums received to close of last month.	710. 17. 9
TOTAL	£1370. 16. 0
Balance due to Treasurer as per last Statement.	- . - . -
Payments ordered at this meeting.	913. 17. 11
TOTAL	913. 17. 11
Net Balance due by Treasurer (being difference of above Totals)	456. 18. 1

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

Balance per Bank Books due by Treasurer.	1370. 16. 0
Outstanding Orders (including those issued at this meeting)	913. 17. 11
Net balance as above due by Treasurer.	£ 456. 18. 1

A report was read from a Committee that visited Windmills Hill to ascertain the origin of a nuisance on the premises of Mrs Hore. On inspecting the Well called "The Baths" they found that the overflow from it was polluted in its course by drainage from houses. The Committee did not care to fix the responsibility in the matter on any particular person until a main sewer had been provided by the Corporation to afford proper facilities for the drainage of the houses at Windmills Hill.

The consideration of this question was adjourned to next meeting.

A communication was read from the Irish Divisional Council of the Railway Clerks' Association calling attention to the inadequate salaries paid to Railway Clerical Staffs and requesting Public Bodies to withdraw their objection to an increase of four per cent in freight rates proposed by the Irish Railway Company's on condition that an undertaking was given that a sufficient sum would be allocated from such increase in rates to provide for an adequate improvement of the conditions of their Staffs, and that so far as the Clerical Staff is concerned, arrangements be made to ensure the immediate adoption of the terms of the National Scale of Salaries as laid down by the Railway Clerks' Association; and that Station Masters and Senior Clerks holding positions of more than ordinary responsibility will attain a salary of not less than £200 per annum.

The meeting expressed sympathy with the objects which the Divisional Council had in view, and decided to write in support of them to the Railway and Canal Commissioners and the General Managers of the G. S. & W. and D. & S. E. Railways.

The following is a copy of a Resolution received from the Rathkeale Rural District Council. It was duly considered by the meeting and adopted.

"That in respect of the Grant of One Million Pounds proposed to be made in Mr. Birrell's recently-introduced Land Bill, for the carrying out of Improvement Schemes under the Labourers' Acts, we are of opinion that the amount will be quite inadequate for the purpose, and therefore earnestly urge on the Chief Secretary for Ireland and the Irish Parliamentary Party the necessity and advisability of

increasing the advance to, at least, two Millions, which will undoubtedly be required to provide suitable housing accommodation for the deserving labourers of this Country."

Attention was called to the action of the Cunard Steamship Company in refusing to allow their Mail Steamships to call at Queenstown in future, and on the motion of Councillor Corish, seconded by Councillor Clancy, it was

Resolved:- That the Postmaster-General, Mr. John E. Redmond, M. P., and Mr. Peter Ffrench, M. P., be written to on the subject of the threatened new departure of the Cunard Steamship Company with a view to the Company being required to continue calling at Queenstown.

James Sinnott
Sept 17/13

17th September, 1913.

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:-

James Sinnott, Esq. mayor (in the chair)

Aldermen:- Benjamin Hughes, Walter Walsh.

Councillors:- Patrick Clancy, Thomas O'Brien, Nicholas Byrne, Howard Rowe, Joseph Doyle, Joseph Kelly, William H. McGuire, Frank Carty.

The minutes of last meeting were read and signed.

The purpose for which the meeting was called was to consider the terms of a letter from Mr. Finlay Heron, Hon. Sec. of the Association of Municipal Authorities in Ireland, who requested to be informed whether the Delegates appointed by the Wexford Corporation to attend the Annual Conference of the Association, which was due to be held on 15th and 16th October next, intended to read any papers, or move the adoption of any Resolution at the Conference.

The letter referred to was duly read, and was afforded full and due consideration, the upshot of which was that on the motion of Councillor Kelly seconded by Councillor Clancy, it was unanimously

RESOLVED:- That our Representatives at the forthcoming Conference be instructed to endeavour to have expunged from the Book of Rules of the Association in question the following words which are inserted in italics between Rule 2 and Rule 3, viz: "No political matters to be introduced or form part of the business of the Association" as this Council endorses the views of the Urban Council of Cashel regarding the essentiality of the Association reserving its right to resort to political or parliamentary action at any time it should be under the necessity so to do.

James Sinnott
Oct 6/13

6th. October, 1913.

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

The members present were:-

James Sinnott, Esq., mayor (in the chair)

Aldermen:- Benjamin Hughes, Walter Walsh, George Hadden.

Councillors:- James McMahon, Joseph Doyle, Howard Rowe, William H. McGuire, Joseph Kelly, Joseph Kingsberry, Richard Gibson, Frank Carty, Nicholas Byrne, Michael Browne, Patrick Clancy, Richard Corish.

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 £277. 14. 3 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 433 to 451 inclusive.

Summary and Reconcilement of Treasurer's Account for the month ended the last day of September, 1913, including the payments made on this day.

S U M M A R Y ,

Balance due by Treasurer as per last monthly Statement.	£ 456. 18. 1
Total sums received to close of last month.	392. 1 . 10
TOTAL	848. 19. 11
Balance due to Treasurer as per last monthly statement	- . - . -
Total sum ordered for payment at this meeting.	277. 14. 3

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

Balance per Bank Books due by Treasurer.	848. 19. 11
Outstanding Orders (including payments ordered at this meeting)	277. 14. 3
Net Balance due by Treasurer.	571. 5. 8

A Committee report the consid-ration of which was deferred from 1st September last was submitted to the meeting. It dealt with the existence of a nuisance on the premises of Mrs Hore at Windmills Hill. The nuisance arose from the overflow from a public well at the Fair Green being polluted in its course through premises adjoining Mrs Hore's premises. The Committee were reluctant to attach blame to anyone in particular, because of the fact that there was no main sewer to permit of the drainage of the houses on the Fair Green being carried away.

The making of the necessary new sewer was proposed, but as the report contained no estimate of the cost of constructing a sewer, it was decided to refer the report back to the Committee who were requested to furnish full details including cost of construction.

The question of the appointment of Mr. Francis Staples as Veterinary Inspector under the Dairies, Cowsheds, and Milkshops Order of 1908 was brought forward, as his last year of office had expired since date of last meeting of the Council.

In reference to this matter there was read from the Local Government Board a letter dated 8th September 1913, No.48567:1912, wherein the Local Government Board

requested to be informed whether the Council proposed to appoint Mr. Staples permanently as Veterinary Inspector or only for another year.

As a result of a discussion on this subject, a motion, as proposed by Councillor Kelly, seconded by Councillor Doyle was adopted as follows:-

That Mr. Francis Staples be re-appointed as Veterinary Inspector under the Dairies Order for one year at a salary of £15.

Tenders received in respect of printing and supplying all the books, forms, and placards required for one year were submitted to the meeting. They were from four of the local printing works, viz: The People Office, The Free Press Office, John English & Co., and Walter Hanrahan. One of the conditions under which intending Contractors were required to perform the work was that their employees were to be paid the minimum standard wages prevailing in the town as per resolutions of the Council of 3rd. July 1899, and 2nd. March, 1903.

The meeting went over the items contained in the four tenders seriatim, and marked such items as proved to be the cheapest "accepted."

Two tenders received in respect of supplying circular sewer pipes, as per specification prepared by the Town Surveyor were opened. They were from Messrs Matthew Harpur and Son, Wexford, and Mr. Aiden Redmond, Henrietta Street, Wexford. It was seen that neither of the intending Contractors complied with the terms of the specification and advertisement, inasmuch as M. Harpur and Son offered to supply pipes of 21 inch diameter whereas pipes of 22 inch diameter were required, and Mr. Redmond omitted to furnish a sample of the pipes he intended to supply. In the circumstances it was resolved, on the motion of Councillor Byrne, seconded by Councillor Rowe, that advertisements be issued again inviting fresh tenders to be sent in by suppliers of pipes.

For the work of re-building portions of the boundary wall of St. Michael's Graveyard there was but one tender received. This was from Mr. Aiden Redmond, and he was prepared to execute the work required to be done in conformity with the terms of the specification in consideration of being paid a sum of £52. 10. 0. There being only one tender the Town Surveyor was referred to, and he stated that his estimate of the cost of the work was £31. 15. 0, and that he would be able to execute the work at that cost. Nevertheless, Councillor Kingsberry proposed that the tender be accepted.

This motion was seconded by Councillor Clancy, but Alderman Walsh proposed that the work of re-building the wall of St. Michael's Graveyard be entrusted to the Town Surveyor to be done by the Staff of men under his supervision.

This motion was seconded by Councillor Byrne.

A division was taken on the latter motion whereupon ten members voted for and five against it, and whereupon it was declared carried.

A letter received from Mr. A. Kehoe was read drawing attention to the need for a short piece of footpath being laid in King Street in front of three or four houses

belonging to him

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As this footpath had been ordered to be done hitherto, it was decided to have the

laying of it attended to at once.

A letter from the Limerick Industrial Association was read intimating that an Industrial Conference was due to be held in Limerick on 22nd. and 23rd. Instant, and containing an invitation to the Council to name two members to attend.

There was no action taken on this matter.

Attention was called to reports which appeared in the Press of the death, in New York of the late Patrick Ford, proprietor and editor of the Irish World, a paper which was published in New York. Allusion was made to the immense services which he had rendered to Ireland, his native Country, and to the fact that his whole life was ceaselessly devoted to the amelioration of the grievances which, from a Nationalist point of view, she laboured under.

A motion ^{to} the effect that an expression of condolence be inserted on the minutes was proposed by Councillor Corish, seconded by Councillor McMahon, and adopted unanimously.

James Sinnott
11/3/13

3rd. November, 1913.

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

The members present were:-

James Sinnott, Esq., mayor (in the chair)

Aldermen:- George Hadden, Benjamin Hughes, Walter Walsh.

Councillors:- Joseph Doyle, Frank Carty, Nicholas Byrne, James Ffrench, Joseph Kelly, William H. McGuire, James McMahon, Richard Corish, Patrick Clancy, John Walsh, Joseph Kingsberry, Howard Rowe, Thomas O'Brien.

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 ££1313.17. 3 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 452 to 469 inclusive.

Summary and Reconcilement of Treasurer's Account for the month ended the last day of October, 1913, 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	£ 571. 5. 8
Total sum received to close of last month.	601. 16. 0
	TOTAL 1173. 1. 8
Balance due to Reasurer as per last Statement.	- . -
Payments Ordered at this meeting.	1313. 17. 3
Net Balance due To Treasurer	140. 15. 7

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

Balance per Bank Books due by Treasurer	1173. 1. 8
Outstanding Orders.	1313. 17. 3
Net Balance as above due To Treasurer.	140. 15. 7

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A report from the Housing Committee was read. In addition to the piece of land to be obtained from Mr. Thomas Dent to serve as a site for thirteen houses for the working classes at Hill Street, this Committee had been directed to seek for further sites for houses in St. Selskar Ward. In compliance with this direction, the Committee had selected two places at Windmills Hill. One was a portion of a field belonging to the Community of St. John of God adjoining the manure depot, and the other was the manure depot itself. The former place would suffice to accommodate eighteen houses, and the latter nine houses. The purchase price of the Nuns' property was £300, and the manure depot was a corporation freehold. The Committee had much pleasure in stating that as a result of a good deal of correspondence with the Rev. Mother, this lady had consented to sell her interest at the Committee's own price. The Committee drew attention to the fact that the Corporation were now in a position to purchase, on the terms already decided on from Mr. Gannon, his interest in premises at Westgate, and to erect five dwellings. This made forty-five houses in all. The Committee did not consider it advisable that the proposed houses should be all of the one size, and accordingly recommended that of the twenty-seven to be built at Windmills Hill, eleven facing Newtown Road should be houses of five rooms each, four facing John Street should be of four rooms each, and twelve facing Tate's School should be three-roomed houses. As to the thirteen for Hill Street, they should be all four-roomed houses, and as to the five for Westgate, they should be five-roomed houses.

The Council proceeded to consider the recommendations contained in the report piecemeal. In the first place, it was decided unanimously not to deal with the portion of the Report referring to the premises at Westgate for the present, so as to allow of the Town Clerk writing to Mr. M. A. Ennis to know if he would be disposed to sell his interest in the plot of ground at West Gate adjoining Mr. Gannon's premises.

Councillor Carty proposed a motion which was seconded by Councillor Byrne, and adopted, viz:-

That the offer of the Nuns of the Community of St. John of God to sell their interest in a portion of their field containing 3 roods and 16 perches at Windmills Hill for a sum of £300 be accepted, subject to the terms of the letters from the Rev. Mother as to the Corporation paying legal expenses and erecting a boundary wall

The following motion was then proposed by Councillor Rowe and seconded by Councillor McMahon:-

That we adopt the recommendation of the Housing Committee to build eleven five-roomed houses on Newtown Road, twelve three-roomed houses on road leading to Coolcotts and four four-roomed houses opposite John Street.

As an amendment to this motion, Councillor Corish proposed, and Councillor Kelly seconded the following.

That eleven five-roomed and sixteen four-roomed houses be built on the plot at Windmills Hill partly belonging to the Nuns and partly belonging to the Corporation.

A division was taken on the amendment, whereupon the following voted for it, namely. Councillors Kingsberry, Walsh, Clancy, Corish, K Kelly, O'Brien and Alderman Hughes 7
Against:-Councillors Rowe, McMahon, McGuire, French, Byrne, Carty, Doyle, and Aldermen Hanton, Walsh, Hadden, and the Mayor. 11

The amendment was declared lost.

The motion was then put and declared carried.

A letter was read from Mr. James Browne intimating that he was prepared to let portion of a field at Grogan's Road to the Corporation as a manure depot at a rent of £3. a year.

This communication was sent, presumably, in view of the Council requiring a new manure depot instead of the one proposed to be done away with.

The matter was referred to a Committee consisting of The Mayor, and Councillors Clancy, Corish, McGuire, and Carty.

A letter was read from the Board of Trade dated 25th October, 1913, and numbered H.12688, transmitting a map and two plans showing a proposal of the Wexford Harbour Commissioners to reclaim the area of slobland lying between Crescent Quay and the Railway Viaduct, and requesting that the Board would be favoured with any observations the Corporation might desire to offer in the matter.

Alderman Walsh proposed a motion which was seconded by Councillor Rowe as follows That the whole Council, except such members as are members of the Harbour Commissioners, be a Committee to deal with letter from the Board of Trade as to the proposed reclamation of the Crescent.

As an amendment to this motion, Alderman Hadden proposed and Councillor McGuire seconded the following.

That the whole Council be appointed a Committee to report on the letter from the Board of Trade as to filling in the Crescent.

This amendment, on being put, was declared carried.

Two tenders received in respect of supplying sewer pipes and manhole covers were submitted. Before the tenders were opened, the Town Surveyor stated that in preparing the Specification for the main sewer to be laid on the Crescent Quay, he specified for pipes of 22 inches in diameter, but since then he had found out that a great number of pipemakers had given up making that size of pipe. Under the circumstances he thought it prudent to alter the specification in the matter of the diameter of the pipes, by reducing it from 22 inches to 21 inches. However he thought it well to mention that only one person called to see the altered specification since the new advertisements had been issued.

A discussion arose as to whether the tenders should be opened or not, and the result was that on the motion of Alderman Walsh, seconded by Councillor Corish, it was decided to open the tenders.

The tenders on being opened were found to be from Messrs M. Harpur and Son, Wexford, and from Mr. Aidan Redmond, of Henrietta Street, Wexford.

M. Harpur and Son were prepared to supply pipes according to specification for £115. and Mr. Redmond was prepared to supply them for £107.

For supplying five circular manhole covers of a weight of 3 cwt and 2 qrs each, Harpur and Son were prepared to supply them at £1. 18. 6 each, or in all £9. 12. 6, and Aidan Redmond was prepared to supply them of a weight of 5 cwt each for a sum of £15.

Alderman Hadden proposed that the tender of M. Harpur and Son be accepted for supplying the pipes and manholes, this Firm's tender being the lower one.

Councillor Ffrench seconded the motion.

Before the motion was put a motion was made by Councillor Corish by way of amendment to the effect that no tender should be accepted, but that fresh advertisements should be issued specifically inviting tenders for the supply of pipes of 21 inch diameter.

On the amendment being put six members voted for but eight against it.

It was declared lost.

The resolution was then put and carried by a majority of 8 to 6.

Attention was called to the fact that some of the large provincial towns had obtained assistance from the Road Board towards the cost of improving or repairing urban roads, and it was thought some action should be taken by Wexford Urban Council with a view to obtaining a grant-in-aid of the cost of maintaining the urban roads of Wexford. It was stated that Sligo had obtained a grant of £500 and a loan of £500 to be repaid without interest, and that Enniscorthy had also obtained a grant.

It was decided to refer the matter to the Finance and Works Committee.

James Sinnott
Dec 1/13

1st. December, 1913.

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

The members present were:-

James Sinnott, Esq., Mayor (in the chair)

Aldermen:- Benjamin Hughes, George Hadden, Walter Walsh, Robert Hanton.

Councillors:- James McMahon, Richard Corish, William H. McGuire, Richard Gibson, John Walsh, Joseph Doyle, Nicholas Byrne, Frank Carty, Joseph Kelly, Howard Rowe, Patrick Clancy, Michael Browne, Joseph Kingsberry, Thomas O'Brien.

The minutes of last meeting were read and signed.

Liabilities which had accrued due up to the end of last meont, amounting in the aggregate to £840. 7. 1 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 470 to 500 inclusive.

Summary and Receipts of Treasurer's account for the month ended the last day of

November, 1913 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.	- . -
Total sums received to close of last month.	907. 0. 11
TOTAL	907. 0. 11
Balance due to treasurer as per last statement.	140. 15. 7
Payments ordered at this meeting.	840. 7. 1
TOTAL	981. 2. 8
Net Balance due to Treasurer (being difference of above totals)	74. 1. 9

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

Balance per Bank Books due by Treasurer	835. 7. 6
Outstanding Orders (including those issued at this meeting)	909. 9. 3
Net Balance as above due to Treasurer.	74. 1. 9

Pursuant to notice given and accepted from Councillor Corish, that member proposed a motion to rescind a resolution passed on 3rd. Ultimo adopting a recommendation of the Housing Committee as to the erection of working class dwellings at Windmills Hill, but only in so far as the said resolution required that twelve three-roomed houses should be erected on the road leading to Coolcotts.

This motion was seconded by Councillor McMahon.

It was duly discussed, and on being put to the meeting was carried.

Thereupon the following motion, as proposed by Councillor Carty and seconded by Councillor McMahon was adopted, viz;

That on the site of the twelve three-roomed houses hitherto intended to be erected on road leading to Coolcotts, there be provision made in the Housing Scheme for the erection of only six three-roomed houses, in as much as the erection of three-roomed houses in Wexford is more or less an experiment, and that on the remaining portion of this site there be erected five four-roomed houses.

Alderman Walsh proposed that before the specifications of the new buildings were brought up for consideration that each member of the Council be supplied with copies of them to allow the members an opportunity to become conversant with all the details of the buildings and discuss them intelligently.

It was stated that there would be four different specifications required and to provide 24 copies of each of these would involve a good deal of printing work, but nevertheless, the motion on being seconded by Councillor McMahon was adopted with the proviso that the cost of procuring the copies should not exceed £8.

With regard to minutes of 3rd. Ultimo, on which occasion the subject of erecting houses at Westgate was deferred to allow of Mr. M. A. Ennis being communicated with and asked if he would be disposed to sell his interest in plot of ground adjoining the Gannon property, a letter received from Mr. Ennis was read communicating his willingness to sell his interest in the plot in question as he also owned the houses at the opposite side of the street, and he regarded the plot and the plantation it contained as an advantage to those houses, and enhanced their letting value.

This letter was referred to the Westgate Improvement Committee to be dealt with. A communication from the Co. Inspector, R. I. C was read intimating that Sergeant Patrick Scully, Inspector of Food and Drugs for Wexford Urban District, had been transferred from Wexford, and that Sergeant Patrick White would act as Inspector of Food and Drugs in future if appointed to that Office.

It was ordered:- That Sergeant Patrick White be hereby appointed as Inspector of Food and Drugs within the Urban District of Wexford.

The following resolution was unanimously adopted on the motion of Councillor Kelly, seconded by Councillor Corish.

That we request the Local Government Board, in all cases of Inquiry in this District, to appoint as official note-taker a local working Journalist.

Attention was called to the very unsatisfactory service which the Gas Company were giving in the matter of the lighting of the public lamps. Complaints were made, in a general way, on this score, but there was particular mention made of gas lamps in Castle Hill, John Street, and Spawell Road being altogether out on recent occasions, or otherwise the light was so defective that these places were in a state of gloom after dark. This state of things had been going on for some months back, and the time had arrived when it was absolutely necessary to apply a remedy.

Councillor Carty proposed that a Special Committee be appointed to devise ways and means of forcing the Gas Company to perform their duty in the matter.

Councillor Browne seconded the motion and it was adopted.

The Committee was formed and included the following members:-

Aldermen Hadden and Hanton, Councillors Carty, Browne, Clancy, McGuire, Corish, Rowe, and Kelly.

A communication from the Rathdrum Branch of the United Irish League was read. It appeared that a great Home Rule meeting was fixed to be held in Rathdrum on Sunday, 7th December, 1913, to afford the Nationalists of Wicklow and the adjoining Counties an opportunity to demonstrate their determination to support the demand for the legislative independence of Ireland on the lines of the Home Rule Bill. The Branch invited the Wexford Corporation to co-operate with Rathdrum in the effort to make the proposed Home Rule Demonstration worthy of the Cause and the occasion.

It was decided to inform the Branch that as many members of the Corporation as could find it convenient to attend would take part in the meeting.

James Linnell
Jan 5/14

5th January, 1914.

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

The members present were;-

James Sinnott, Esq., mayor (in the chair)

Aldermen:- George Hadden, Benjamin Hughes, Robert Hanton.

Councillors:- Joseph Doyle, William H. McGuire, Richard Corish, Richard Gibson,
Joseph Kelly, Patrick Clancy, Joseph Kingsberry, Nicholas Byrne,
James McMahon, 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 £233. 2. 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 1 to 17 inclusive.

Summary and Reconciliation of Treasurer's Account for the month ended the last day of December, 1913 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.	-.	-.	0
Total sums received to close of last month.	680.	13.	4
TOTAL	680.	13.	4
Balance due to Treasurer as per last Statement.	74.	1.	9
Payments ordered at this meeting.	233.	2.	7
TOTAL	307.	4.	4
Net Balance due by Treasurer (being difference of above Totals)	373.	9.	0

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

Balance per Bank Books due by Treasurer	606.	11.	7
Outstanding Orders (including those issued at this meeting)	233.	2.	7
Net Balance as above due by Treasurer.	373.	9.	0

With reference to the proposal of the Wexford Harbour Commissioners to reclaim the area of Sloblands at Wexford between the Crescent Quay and the Railway viaduct, a letter from the Board of Trade was read intimating that the condition on which the Wexford Corporation consented to the reclamation work being carried out would be complied with by the Wexford harbour Commissioners, that is to say, proper provision would be made for shelter for boats in another part of the Harbour.

A communication from the Royal Sanitary Institute was read conveying the information that a Congress of the Institute was fixed to be held in Blackpool from 6th to 11th July, 1914. The Institute requested the Urban Council to appoint Delegates to the Congress.

The matter was referred to the Finance and Works Committee to be dealt with.

There was submitted to the meeting a communication from the Local Government Board

No. 134. M. containing a copy of a General Order dated 5th December 1913. This Order revoked the Public Bodies Order, 1906, and amended the Public Bodies Order 1904

in so far as the qualifications of a person to be appointed as Poor Rate Collector was concerned. Among other amendments it removed the prohibition which applied to members of Public Bodies from being appointed as Poor Rate Collectors.

There was submitted a circular letter from the Local Government Board dated 4th December, 1913, No. 133. M. drawing special attention to the time within which the payment of debts payable out of the Poor Rate must be made, having regard to the statutory requirements of Section 51 (7) of the Local Government (Ireland) Act, 1898, as amended by Section 4 of the Local Government (Ireland) Act, 1902, and the Board had accordingly decided that they would not authorize in future extensions of the time for the payment of overdue accounts unless evidence was produced to show that the delay was unavoidable.

A letter was read from the Superintending Engineer, Post Office Telegraphs, Dublin, intimating that certain telegraph poles in Trinity Street, William Street, and Maudlintown, Wexford, would be provided with lagging and ornamental finials, in compliance with the request of the Corporation, and that arrangements were being made to have the work done at an early date.

There was submitted a letter from Mr. R. Finlay Heron, Hon. Secretary of the Association of Municipal Authorities of Ireland. It contained a draft form of Petition to be presented to the House of Commons praying that Legislation might be passed empowering the granting of financial aid to Municipal Authorities in carrying out Housing Schemes for the working classes in Ireland either by granting a Loan sufficient for the purpose at a low rate of interest and giving an extended period for the repayment of the Loan, or by providing a Fund the interest on which would be sufficient to meet the loss on Housing Schemes and also praying that the existing law might be amended so that unhealthy areas might be rapidly and inexpensively cleared.

It was decided, in regard to this matter, to refer it to the Housing Committee to amend it, if necessary, by inserting any arguments that would apply, in a special way, to the case.

The following is a copy of a report which was submitted.

Kingstown,

6th Dec. 1913.

Sir,

I have the honour to report that I have audited the accounts of the Wexford Urban District Council for the year ended the 31st March last, and to enclose duly certified abstracts thereof.

I was compelled to surcharge sums amounting to Forty Pounds, Three Shillings and Ten Pence, to Messrs James Sinnott, Howard Rowe, and Nicholas Prendergast, who authorized the payments by their signatures. These sums were paid, in respect of the advertising of the Wexford Fairs, and I can find no statutory authority for such expenditure.

The Town Clerk brought under my notice the fact that, owing to pressure of work in his office, he has for years been obliged to employ an assistant and to pay for

same out of his own pocket. In fact, I understand, that his assistant has been some eighteen years in his position. As the last-named is, undoubtedly, most capable, it would be a graceful act, on the part of the Council, both to him and their Clerk, to grant him official recognition.

The accounts were presented for audit in a most satisfactory manner.

I am, Sir,

Your obedient Servant,

J. More O'Ferrall,

Auditor.

The Secretary,

Local Government Board,

DUBLIN.

It was announced that the members affected by the surcharge had already made an appeal to the Local Government Board to remit it, having regard to the fact that the outlay, although it turned out to be an illegal one, was made for the general benefit of the inhabitants. The other question raised in the report was deferred, but the favourable consideration of it was earnestly pressed on the Council by the Mayor and McMahon.

James Sinnott
Jan 23/14

23rd. January, 1914.

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

The members present were:-

James Sinnott, Esq., Mayor (in the chair)

Aldermen:- Robert Hanton, Joseph Kelly, George Hadden.

Councillors:- John O'Connor, Nicholas Byrne, James McMahon, Paul J. Carroll,
William H. McGuire, Richard Corish, Frank Carty, Joseph Doyle,
Michael Browne, John Kirwan, Philip Cowman, Robert Coffey,
Richard Doyle, James Browne.

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 Hanton seconded by Alderman Hadden, and supported by Councillors Byrne, Corish, McMahon, Joseph Doyle, and Carroll, it was unanimously

RESOLVED:- That James Sinnott Esq., be and is hereby elected mayor of Wexford for the ensuing year, and until his Successor be appointed and shall have accepted the Office of Mayor.

The Mayor then made and subscribed a Declaration of acceptance of Office and returned thanks for it.

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NOTICE OF RESULT OF ELECTIONS.

BOROUGH OF WEXFORD.

Election of Aldermen & Councillors

For the above Borough in the Year 1914.

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

Aldermen.

WARDS.	NAMES OF CANDIDATES.		PLACES OF ABODE.	Number of Votes Recorded.	NAMES OF CANDIDATES ELECTED.
	Surname.	Other Names.			
1	2	3	4	5	6
St. Peter's Ward	Hanton	Robert	John Street	...	ROBERT HANTON
St. Mary's Ward	Kelly	Joseph	South Main Street	533	JOSEPH KELLY
St. Michael's Ward	O'Brien	Thomas	Bride Street	285	
	Hughes	Benjamin	North Main Street	...	BENJAMIN HUGHES

Councillors.

WARDS.	NAMES OF CANDIDATES.		PLACES OF ABODE.	Number of Votes Recorded.	NAMES OF CANDIDATES ELECTED.
	Surname.	Other Names.			
1	2	3	4	5	6
St. Peter's Ward	Clancy	Patrick	Mary Street	231	
"	Cowman	Phillip	North Main Street	273	PHILIP COWMAN
"	Kirwan	John Joseph	Mary Street	276	JOHN KIRWAN
"	Rossiter	Thomas	Grogan's Road	208	
St. Mary's Ward	Bergin	Myles	Gibson Street	49	
"	Coffey	Robert	South Main Street	471	ROBERT COFFEY
"	Doyle	Richard	South Main Street	379	RICHARD DOYLE
"	Martin	Michael	Trinity Street	316	
"	O'Neill	Michael	Faythe	357	
St. Michael's Ward	Browne	James	John Street	216	JAMES BROWNE
"	Doyle	Joseph	Commercial Quay	231	JOSEPH DOYLE
"	Kingsberry	Joseph	Castlehill Street	153	
"	Reid	Nicholas	1 William Street	130	

Dated this 19th day of January, 1914.

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WM. A. BROWNE, Returning Officer.

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ADDRESS

From the Municipal Council of Wexford,
TO

John Edward Redmond

Esq., M.P.



DEAR SIR,

WE, the Municipal Representatives of Wexford, avail of the opportunity which now affords itself to tender to you our sincere congratulations on the unique success which has distinguished your career from your early manhood.

As Wexfordmen we have, naturally, watched the progress of that career with more than ordinary interest, and at the time when you were selected by the Irish Parliamentary Party to be their Chairman and Leader, a glow of gratification lightened the bosoms of those who knew you from your boyhood, for they remembered that the great Wexford family of Redmond to which you belong produced many eminent men, but of all that long and revered line, they now recognise you to be its greatest and most distinguished member.

Since that memorable day in the annals of Wexford, (the 27th November, 1910), when on your return from your successful Mission to America you did your Native Town the honour to visit it, and in the old and historic Bullring you gave utterance to the inspiring words "All goes well with Home Rule" you filled our hearts with delight, and now, after a lapse of over three years, the effluxion of time has shown that your words were prophetic.

It is unnecessary for us to re-iterate our confidence in your statesmanship, and our admiration for your loyalty and devotion to the Motherland—the glorious Motherland of smiles and tears.

We, therefore, join in the popular acclaim that greets John Edward Redmond, and await with confidence the day when you will be hailed in an Irish Parliament as Liberator of your Country.

Sealed with the Seal of the Municipal Council of Wexford,
this 23rd day of January, A.D., 1914.

James Linnell

MAYOR,

Wm. A. Browne

TOWN CLERK.

ADDRESS

From the Municipal Council of Wexford

John Edward Redmond

DEAR SIR,

WE, the Municipal Commissioners of Wexford, avail of the opportunity which now offers itself to you, to express our warmest wishes for your success in the coming election.

As Wexfordmen we have naturally watched the progress of the contest with more than ordinary interest, and at the time when you were elected Mayor, we were proud to see you elected to the position of Mayor of Wexford, a position which you have held with credit and distinction.

Since that memorable day in the month of December, the last day of the year, when you were elected Mayor, we have seen you in the position of Mayor of Wexford, and we have seen you in the position of Mayor of Wexford, and we have seen you in the position of Mayor of Wexford, and we have seen you in the position of Mayor of Wexford.

It is unnecessary for us to reiterate our admiration of your loyalty and devotion to the Wexford Municipal Council, and of your devotion to the Wexford Municipal Council, and of your devotion to the Wexford Municipal Council.

We therefore join in the popular acclaim that greets John Edward Redmond, and we wish to express our confidence in you, when you will be called upon to represent Wexford in the coming election.

Yours faithfully,
The Mayor of Wexford.

TOWN CLERK.

Alderman Kelly made allusion to a sad event which had taken place on the 14th Instant in the family of Mr. Howard Rowe, ex-Mayor, who had lost, by death, his eldest son, Howard Coleman Rowe.

Alderman Kelly moved that an expression of sympathy be conveyed to the ex-mayor in his bereavement.

The motion was seconded by Alderman Hanton and was supported by Alderman Hadden who spoke of the great literary abilities of the deceased gentleman whose promising career was brought to a close, sad to say, on the publication of his latest and most successful work.

The Mayor, in putting the resolution which was carried unanimously, also paid a high tribute to the memory of the deceased whom he had known from his childhood.

It was decided that the three Quarterly Meetings to be held previous to 15th January 1915 be fixed to be held on Monday, 4th May, 1914 at noon, Wednesday, 5th August, 1914 at half past seven o'clock p. m., and Monday, 2nd. November, 1914 at noon.

The appointment of Committees was then proceeded with, and on the motion of Alderman Kelly seconded by Councillor Byrne, it was

RESOLVED:- That the Finance and Works, Waterworks, and Public Health Committees be composed of the entire Council during the ensuing year.

It was arranged that the Technical Instruction Committee be formed of the following seven members of the Council, viz:- Aldermen Hadden, Hughes, Councillors Byrne, Carty, Corish, McGuire, and Cowman, in addition to the Protestant Rector of Wexford, Archdeacon Iatham, the Catholic Administrator of Wexford, Rev. Thomas Hore, and Messrs James Hore, Patrick Hanrahan, Joseph S. Thompson, and Howard Rowe.

A congratulatory Address (a copy of which is attached hereto) to be presented to Mr. John Edward Redmond, M. P., on the occasion of the great Home Rule Demonstration to be held in the City of Waterford on Sunday next, 25th Instant, was read.

It was announced that the draft of the Address had been approved by the Finance and Works Committee, and thereupon on the motion of Councillor Carroll, seconded by Councillor McGuire, it was

RESOLVED:- That the Corporate Seal be affixed to the Address, and that it be signed by the Mayor and Town Clerk on behalf of the Council.

James Smith
July 2/14