

3rd. January, 1916.

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:- Richard Corish, Frank Carty, George Hadden, Joseph Kelly,
Robert Hanton.

Councillors:- James Ffrench, William H. McGuire, Nicholas Byrne, Joseph Doyle,
James McMahon, John Walsh, James Murphy, Philip Cowman,
John J. Kirwan, David R. Keating, Richard Gibson, Thomas O'Brien,
Richard Doyle, Thomas Rossiter, Robert Coffey.

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 £559. 1. 10 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 90 to 105 inclusive.

Summary and Reconcilement of Treasurer's Account for the month ended the last day of December 1915, including the payments made at the meeting held on this day.

S U M M A R Y .

	ORDINARY	LOAN
Balance due by Treasurer as per last Statement.	-. -. -	306. 6. 11
Total sums received to close of last month.	739. 2. 11	2. 6. 9
TOTALS	739. 2. 11	308. 13. 8
Balance due to Treasurer as per last Statement	476. 6. 9	-. -. -
Payments ordered at this meeting.	259. 19. 10	299. 2. 0
TOTALS	736. 6. 7	299. 2. 0
Net Balance due by Treasurer.	2. 16. 4	9. 11. 8

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

Balance per Bank Books due by Treasurer	264. 15. 2	308. 13. 8
Outstanding Orders.	261. 18. 10	299. 2. 0
Net Balance as above due by Treasurer	2. 16. 4	9. 11. 8

Allusion was made to the recent death in U. S. A. of Captain Edward O'Meagher Condon, on whom the Corporation of Wexford did themselves the honour of conferring the Honorary Freedom of the Borough of Wexford on the occasion of his visit to Wexford on 5th October 1909. Captain O'Meagher Condon, who was of Irish birth, was an active member of the Fenian Brotherhood, and was one of the five Patriots condemned to death in Manchester 1867 for the ostensible murder of a Police Sergeant Brett, but in reality for aiding in the rescue of two fellow-members of the Fenian Organization. His sentence was commuted to penal servitude because of his being a naturalized Citizen of the United States and a Captain in the American Army, and he on the expiration of his term of penal servitude, took up his residence in the land of his adoption, where he was looked up to and honoured, and where above all he was a living illustration of the principles of

the Irish Parliamentary Party.

A motion expressing condolence on the loss of this distinguished Irishman was proposed by Councillor McGuire. It was seconded by Councillor McMahon. It was supported by Councillor Keating and The mayor. All four joined in paying a touching and glowing tribute to the memory of the deceased, and the motion, on being put, was carried unanimously.

The following is a motion which was cordially accepted and unanimously adopted.
Proposed By Alderman Carty and seconded by Alderman Kelly.

That we, the Wexford Corporation, do hereby offer the Most Rev. Dr. Browne. Lord Bishop of Ferns, our heartfelt congratulations on the attainment of the Golden Jubilee of his Priesthood, and ask him on behalf of the citizens of Wexford, in the midst of whom he has laboured for more than forty years, to accept their respectful homage and best wishes, and pray God that His Lordship may be spared to continue for many more years his beneficial and holy work.

The following is a copy letter received from Councillor Michael Browne in response to an expression of sympathy conveyed to him at the request of the Finance and Works Committee.

Commercial Quay, Wexford. 3rd. January 1916.

Dear Sir, Will you please convey to the Mayor and Corporation my very sincere thanks for their vote of sympathy on the occasion of my dear old mother's death, and also to yourself for your kind words of sympathy in my bereavement.

Yours truly, Michael Browne.

Mr. F. Staples, V. S., Inspector under the Dairies &c. Order, intimated that he was leaving Wexford for twelve months to take up a Commission in the Army Veterinary Corps. He stated that he would be much obliged to the Council to grant him leave of absence for that time. He stated also that Mr. F. W. Taylor, V. S., New Ross had undertaken to do duty for him until his return.

The Order made on this matter was as follows:-

That we accede with pleasure to the request of Mr. Staples, but adjourn the appointment of a temporary substitute until meeting to be held on 24th Instant to allow of advertisements being issued inviting applications for the office at the same remuneration as was paid to Mr. Staples.

Allusion was made to the marked falling off in the supply of milk to the town within the last year. It was stated that the number of milch cows kept for supplying milk had been reduced by no less than 85. This was due to various causes, among which was included the enhanced price to be obtained for cattle and the scarcity of workmen owing to the War.

The result of a long debate on the subject was the appointment of a Committee to investigate the cause of the scarcity and devise means to alleviate it, the Committee consisting of Aldermen Kelly, Carty, Hadden, Corish, and Councillors Kirwan, Cowman, and Keating.

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Attention was called to the necessity of applying for a further advance of the

Housing Loan, and determining what the amount of the advance was to be. Up to the present there had been received advances amounting to £4,500, out of which payments amounting to £4496. 15. 0 had been made on foot of the seventeen houses already built, and there was still due in respect of them £292. It was essential that this sum should be obtained at once in order to defray actual undischarged liabilities, but another matter that required immediate attention was the erection of a boundary wall on the land purchased from the Nuns of St. John of God, but not yet built on. This piece of land being at present derelict and subject to trespass of all kinds, required to be protected, and as by Agreement with the Nuns the Council were required to erect a boundary wall, it was most advisable that this wall should be put up at once, as the Council would be compelled to put it up sooner or later.

On considering this question, the meeting decided that application for an advance of £500 should be made to the Commissioners of Works, this small sum being deemed sufficient to meet immediate wants, leaving the question of applying for the balance of the Loan of £10,000 to such time as the Council will be in a position to commence building operations at Windmills Hill.

Tenders received as follows in response to advertisements were opened and dealt with For constructing a privy ashpit and drain on private premises in North Main Street belonging to Miss Catherine Pitt, Mrs Mary O'Connor, Builder, offered to do the necessary work in conformity with the specification thereof for a sum of £25. 18. 6 This was the only tender received in respect of the execution of this work. The amount demanded was seen to be £3. over the amount of the Surveyor's estimate, but as the cost of building had gone up since the estimate was prepared, the tender was accepted on the motion of Councillor McMahon, seconded by Councillor Kirwan.

The reason for doing this work for a private individual was that Miss Pitt being in indigent circumstances was unable to afford the expense attendant on it, but had entered into a written agreement with the Council to clear off the debt by instalments as is shown on Minutes of Public Health Committee of 22nd. September 1915.

For supplying two scavenging carts, two tenders were received.

One was from Simon Lambert and the other from Thomas Dempsey. The former offered to provide the carts for a sum of £22, and the latter for £24.

On the motion of Alderman Kelly seconded by Councillor McGuire, the tender of Mr. Simon Lambert was accepted.

A circular letter from the Local Government Board under date of 7th December 1915, No.183/M was read. It drew attention to the provisions of the Elections and Registration Act 1915, in virtue of which the Municipal Elections due to be held in Wexford Borough on 15th of the present month were abrogated, and any changes consequent thereon and incidental to the membership of the Council were duly provided for.

The contents of the circular were noted.

With reference to minutes of 6th December 1915, a further application from Mr. G. W. Taylor for a sum of five pounds, being amount of a half year's rent claimed by Mr.

Gannon out of premises acquired from him at Westgate, was submitted. In compliance with order made on that occasion, the matter of bringing about an arrangement whereby

the Corporation would be put in the position of paying this rent direct to the Head landlord, Mr. Hogan, had been referred to the Corporation, but as yet he had not solved the difficulty, although he was in communication with Mr. Hogan. It was ordered:- That Mr. O'Connor be urged to expedite settlement of the question. It having been found, on inquiry, that the cost of supplying the usual uniform for the Town Sergeant would be increased from £6. 8. 0 per annum as heretofore to £7. 7. 0 in the present year, and the matter having been brought under notice, it was decided that the cost of the uniform be limited to £7. 7. 0 until further orders.

James Sinnott Mayor
Jan'y 24/16

24th January, 1916.

A Quarterly 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, Richard Corish, George Hadden Frank Carty,
Joseph Kelly.

Councillors:- William H. McGuire, James French, Richard Gibson, David R. Keating,
John Walsh, James Murphy, John J. Kirwan, Philip Cowman,
Richard Doyle, Joseph Doyle, James Browne, Nicholas Byrne,
James McMahon, Thomas Rossiter, Michael Martin, Thomas O'Brien,
Michael Browne, Robert Coffey.

The minutes of meeting of 3rd. January, 1916 were read and signed.

Pursuant to Section 94(11) of the Local Government (Ireland) Act, 1908, the business of electing a Mayor was proceeded with, whereupon on the motion of Alderman Hanton, seconded by Alderman Carty, it was unanimously,

RESOLVED:- That Councillor Nicholas Byrne be and is hereby elected mayor of Wexford for the ensuing year, and until his Successor be appointed and shall have accepted Office.

Councillor Byrne 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 Councillor Keating, seconded by Councillor McGuire, and supported by Alderman Hadden and Councillor McMahon, was unanimously adopted.

That we tender to the outgoing Mayor, Alderman James Sinnott, an expression of sincere thanks for the zeal and ability which he displayed in the discharge of his public duties during the past three years, and for his unfailing dignity and courtesy during that exceptionally onerous period, and trust that the interest he has always displayed in everything tending for the betterment of his native town will continue unabated.

In connection with this matter a letter was sent from the Corporation Solicitor who

was unavoidable absent from the meeting, paying a glowing tribute to the public work of Alderman Sinnott during his term of Office, and emphasizing the fact that his services were always willingly placed at the disposal of his fellow-townsmen. Alderman Sinnott in suitable terms acknowledged the Council's appreciation of his services.

With reference to the congratulatory resolution passed on the 3rd. Instant to the Most Rev. Dr. Browne, Lord Bishop of Ferns, on the attainment of the Golden Jubilee of his Ordination, the following letter was read and was ordered to be inserted on the minutes

Summerhill, Wexford.

9th January, 1916.

Mr. Mayor and Gentlemen,

I beg to return you my very grateful thanks for the resolution which you passed at your late meeting congratulating me on the Golden Jubilee of my ordination, It was kind of you to pass this resolution, and I am most grateful to you. Your action in this matter is a proof that the bond of union between the clergy and laity in this country is as strong as ever it was.

Yours faithfully,

The Mayor & Corporation.

James Browne.

It was ordered that the three Quarterly Meetings of the Council to be held previous to 15th January 1917 be fixed to be held on Monday, 1st May at 7. 30 p. m, on Wednesday, 9th August at 7. 30 p. m., and on Monday, 6th November at noon.

The advisability of departing from the custom which had hitherto prevailed of appointing the entire Council on the Standing Committees was advocated on the ground that it would lead to greater efficiency if these Committees were composed of a lesser number of members than 24.

Alderman Sinnott proposed that the principle of small Committees be admitted, and the appointment of members to form the Finance & Works, Waterworks, and Public Health Committees deferred to Wednesday, 26th Instant.

This motion was seconded by Councillor McGuire, but Alderman Kelly proposed as an amendment that these three Committees be composed of the entire Council for the ensuing year.

Alderman Hanton seconded this amendment which on being put to the meeting was carried by 15 votes to 9.

It was arranged that the Technical Instruction Committee be composed of the following seven members of the Council, viz: The Mayor, Aldermen Carty, Corish, Hadden, Councillors Ffrench, McGuire, and Rossiter, in addition to the Protestant Rector of Wexford, Venerable Archdeacon Latham, the Catholic Administrator Rev. Thomas Hore, Miss M. O'Connor, and Messrs Howard Rowe, James Hore, and Joseph S. Thompson.

The appointment of a temporary Veterinary Inspector under the Dairies, Cowsheds and Milkshops Order of 1908 in room of Mr. F. Staples, V. S., at present on War Service, as arranged at meeting of 3rd. instant, was then proceeded with.

It was announced that in response to advertisements two applications had been received.

One was from Mr. Richard McGuire, V. S., of Ballyvaughan, and the other from Mr.

B. Hickey, V. S., of Custom House Quay, Wexford.

As both gentlemen were equally qualified, a Poll was taken to decide which of them should be appointed when there voted

For Mr. Malone:- Councillors McMahon, O'Brien, Kirwan, Martin, Walsh, Rossiter, Gibson, Aldermen Carty, Hanton, Hadden, Corish and Sinnott. 12.

For Mr. Hickey:- Councillors M. Browne, J. Browne, J. Doyle, R. Doyle, Coffey, Cowman, Murphy, French, McGuire, Keating, Alderman Kelly, and The Mayor. 12.

As both Candidates received an equal number of votes, the Mayor gave a casting vote in favour of Mr. Hickey and declared him elected Veterinary Inspector pro tem.

Attention was called to the action of the Treasury in withholding Irish Departmental Grants hitherto made in aid of educational and other purposes.

It was suggested that the Wexford Urban Council should fall into line with other Public Bodies in the Country in protesting against the withdrawal of these Grants, and Alderman Corish proposed that a letter be sent to Mr. John E. Redmond, M. P., requesting him and the Irish Parliamentary party to make a strenuous effort to have the decision of the Treasury in the matter revoked.

The motion was seconded by Councillor Rossiter and adopted unanimously.

Nicholas Byrne

7th February, 1916.

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

The members in attendance were:-

Nicholas Byrne Esq., Mayor (in the chair)

Aldermen:- James Sinnott, Richard Corish, Joseph Kelly, George Hadden, Frank Carty.

Councillors:- James McMahon, John J. Kirwan, Philip Cowman, John Walsh, James French, Thomas Rossiter, William H. McGuire, David R. Keating, Richard Gibson, James Murphy.

The minutes of meeting of 24th January 1916 were read and signed.

The Mayor alluded to the sad event which had occurred since the day of the last meeting whereby the Council had lost one of its most valued members and Wexford one of its most respected citizens. He referred to the death, on the 3rd. Instant, of the late Alderman Robert Hanton. The deceased, during his life, was looked to for guidance by the members of the Council because of his great abilities, long experience in public affairs, and his amiable disposition. His life was spent in doing acts of kindness and alleviating the condition of his less fortunate fellow townsmen, with the result that he was revered by the entire community of the town.

His Worship submitted for adoption the following resolution

RESOLVED:- That we, the Municipal Council of Wexford, in general meeting assembled,

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take this opportunity to express our profound sorrow on the removal from amongst us by the hand of death of the late Alderman Robert Hanton.

As a member of this Council for over twenty years, as Mayor of Wexford for two years, as a gentleman of wide-spread business interests in his native town, as a magistrate of the County, as Chairman of the Harbour Board, and as an ardent friend and supporter of Mr John E. Redmond, M. P. and his Party through sunshine and storm, he was always actuated by motives of the highest standard, and this, coupled with his personal qualities, which were distinguished by courtesy, sympathy, and kindness, never failed to evoke the confidence of those with whom he came in contact, and rendered him, undoubtedly, one of Wexford's most influential citizens.

That we tender to Mrs Hanton and her family an expression of our heartfelt sympathy in the great bereavement with which it has pleased Divine Providence to visit her and them.

That this Meeting do stand adjourned as a mark of respect to the memory of our late revered Colleague.

The motion was seconded by Alderman Sinnott who referred in touching terms to the merits and perfections of his late lamented friend.

These tributes of appreciation were followed by graceful expressions of sorrow from Alderman Hadden, Councillor McGuire, Alderman Carty, Councillor McMahon, Councillor Gibson, Alderman Corish, Councillor French, Councillor Rossiter, Councillor Kirwan, and Councillor Walsh.

The motion was put and Carried in respectful silence.

Before separating the meeting was referred by the Mayor to another sad event affecting Councillor James Browne. Mr. Browne had lost, by death, his esteemed brother, Thomas. He (The Mayor) was sure that all the members of the Council sympathized to the fullest extent with Councillor Browne in his sorrow, and took the opportunity to propose the following motion

That we, the Corporation of Wexford, tender to our Colleague, Mr. James Browne, and the members of his family our sympathy in their sad bereavement.

This motion was seconded by Councillor Rossiter, and on being put to the meeting was also unanimously adopted in silence.

It was then arranged that the business of the meeting was to be resumed on Wednesday, 9th Instant.

Nicholas Byrne

9th February, 1916.

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:-

Nicholas Byrne Esq., Mayor (in the chair)

Aldermen:- Richard Corish, James Sinnott, Frank Carty.

Councillors:- James McMahon, John Walsh, David R. Keating, William H. McGuire, James Pfrech, Joseph Doyle, John J. Kirwan, Richard Doyle, Philip Cowman, James Murphy, Richard Gibson, Michael Martin.

Liabilities which had accrued due up to the end of last month amounting in the aggregate to £506. 4. 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 106 to 132 inclusive.

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

S U M M A R Y .

	ORDINARY	LOAN.
Balance due by Treasurer as per last statement.	2. 16. 4	9. 11. 8
Total sums received to close of last month.	642. 18. 2	- . -
TOTALS	645. 14. 6	9. 11. 8
Balance due to Treasurer as per last statement.	- . -	- . -
Payments ordered at this meeting.	363. 15. 5	142. 9. 2
TOTALS.	363. 15. 5	142. 9. 2
Net Balance due by Treasurer(Ordinary)	281. 19. 1	- . -
Net Balance due to Treasurer (Loan)	- . -	132. 17. 6

RECONCILEMENT.

Balance per Bank books due by Treasurer.	651. 2. 6	9. 11. 8
Outstanding Orders	369. 3. 5	142. 9. 2
Net Balance due by Treasurer (Ordinary)	281. 19. 1	- . -
Net Balance due to Treasurer (Loan)	- . -	132. 17. 6

Included in the accounts was an item of £1. 4. 0 being the cost of 24 shrubs planted in Crosstown Cemetery which was taken exception to by Alderman Corish for the reason that an order to obtain the shrubs was not given by the Finance and Works Committee. He held that the planting of shrubs should be classified as improvements as distinguished from repairs.

However there was no question raised as to value, and the account was passed for payment.

With reference to minutes of 3rd. January last, on which occasion it was decided to apply for an instalment of £500 on foot of the Housing Loan, a letter was read from the Local Government Board under date of 4th February 1916 (No.5214)

In this communication the Board had notified that they had recommended the issue of a sum of £289. 14. 0 only as this was sufficient to defray all expenditure and liabilities of the 17 houses erected, but that the erection of the remaining 27 houses must be postponed.

An application from the Association of Irish Municipal Authorities for £2. 2. 0 being the Council's annual subscription for the current year towards the funds of the Association was submitted. The payment of this item was a question that had come before the Finance Committee, and this Committee had recommended that the subscription should be discontinued.

The consideration of the matter was adjourned until next meeting to allow of its being inserted on the summons paper for that meeting.

A letter from the Local Government Board under date of 3rd. February 1916, No.5725, was read. It contained intimation that the Board saw no objection to the temporary appointment, as Veterinary Inspector, of Mr. Bartholomew Hickey, V. S., who was appointed on 24th Ultimo, in room of Mr. F. Staples.

An Abstract of the Accounts of the Council for the Financial Year ended 31st. March 1915, as audited by Mr. J. More O'Ferrall, Local Government Auditor, was laid before the meeting. It was accompanied by the Auditor's Report which contained no comment except that the accounts were presented for audit with great care and accuracy, and the various accounting officers had performed their duties very creditably.

A copy of a resolution from the Urban District Council of Athlone was read. According to this the Athlone Council were of opinion that it was only through the Irish Party that the town tenants of Ireland could achieve any benefit, and were desirous to urge the Party to take over complete control of the Town Tenants' Organization, but no action was taken on the matter, as on the motion of Alderman Corish, seconded by Alderman Sinnott, the resolution was marked "read".

At the instance of the Wexford Branch of the Typographical Association, the following resolution, on the motion of Councillor McGuire, seconded by Councillor Martin, was unanimously adopted.

"That we strongly protest against the proposed drastic restrictions on the importation of paper pulp, which if put into operation will cause the closing down of a large number of firms in the paper manufacturing, printing, and allied trades, and inflict a great amount of hardship and unemployment on the workers in those trades and will also, by vastly increasing the cost of paper put a very heavy tax on business of every description. We request the Government to allow sufficient raw material to be imported to prevent any serious dislocation of industry."

Nicholas Byrne

9th February, 1916.

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 member of the Corporation to serve as a Harbour Commissioner in room of His Worship, The Mayor, until 3rd. August 1916.

The members of the Council present were:-

Nicholas Byrne Esq., Mayor (in the chair)

Aldermen:- Richard Corish, James Sinnott, Frank Carty.

Councillors:- James McMahon, John Walsh, David R. Keating, William H. McGuire, James Ffrench, Joseph Doyle, John J. Kirwan, Richard Doyle, Philip Cowman, James Murphy, Richard Gibson, Michael Martin.

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

RESOLVED:- That Alderman James Sinnott be and is hereby elected a Harbour Commissioner to represent the Corporation until 3rd. August, 1916.

Alderman Sinnott returned thanks for his election.

Nicholas Byrne

6th March, 1916.

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

The Members present were:-

Nicholas Byrne, Esq., Mayor (in the chair)

Aldermen:- Frank Carty, Richard Corish, Joseph Kelly.

Councillors:- Robert Coffey, Joseph Doyle, Philip Cowman, William H. McGuire, John Walsh, James Ffrench, James McMahon, Richard Gibson, Michael Browne, James Murphy.

The minutes of meetings of 7th and 9th February Ultio. were read and signed.

Liabilities which had accrued due up to the end of last month, amounting in the aggregate to £1123. 3. 1 were submitted, and having been examined and found correct were approved, and an Advice Note was signed to enable the Treasurer to pay them on presentation to him of Paying Orders numbered from 133 to 163 inclusive.

Summary and Reconciliation of Treasurer's Account for the month ended the last day of February, 1916, including the payments made at the meeting held on this day.

SUMMARY.

	ORDINARY	LOAN
Balance due by Treasurer as per last Statement.	281. 19. 1	- . -
Total sums received to close of last month.	766. 1. 5	289. 14. 0
TOTALS	1048. 0. 6	289. 14. 0
Balance due to Treasurer as per last Statement	- . -	132. 17. 6
Payments ordered at this meeting	970. 3. 1	153. 0. 0
TOTALS	970. 3. 1	285. 17. 6
Net Balances due by Treasurer (being difference of above Totals)	77. 17. 5	3. 16. 6

RECONCILEMENT.

Balance per Bank Books due by Treasurer	1063. 12. 3	156. 16. 6
Outstanding Orders	985. 14. 10	153. 0. 0
Net Balance as above due by Treasurer.	77. 17. 5	3. 16. 6

With reference to the minutes of 7th Ultimo, two letters were received as follows:-

42, John Street, Wexford.

5th March, 1916.

Dear Mr. Browne,

Myself and the members of my family were deeply touched by and very grateful for the kind resolution of sympathy passed unanimously by the Corporation on the 7th February in reference to the death of my husband. He was very proud indeed to be a member of the Wexford Corporation, and during the long span of time, namely 20 years, through which he was privileged to be a member of the Municipal Council of Wexford, he received nothing but the greatest kindness from his Colleagues and the Officials. He often spoke to me of the great personal kindness which they, one and all, invariably showed him. We are very grateful indeed to the Corporation, not only for their kind resolution of sympathy, but also for their attending publicly at his funeral, for which we could not be grateful enough. As for your good self, one of his best friends, your consoling letter was only what we would expect from you. We beg of you to convey to the Corporation the expression of our sincere thanks and kindly accept for yourself also our very best thanks for your kindness to him during life and to us since his sad and unexpected death.

Believe me, dear Mr. Browne, Yours very sincerely,

Margaret M. Hanton.

John Street, Wexford,

6th March, 1916.

Dear Mr. Browne,

Please convey to His Worship, The Mayor and to my fellow-members of the Corporation, my thanks for the kind vote of sympathy passed and tendered to me and family on the death of my brother. I also wish to thank you personally for your kind words and expression of regret, which I appreciate very much.

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James Browne.

A vacancy having arisen in the Office of Alderman for St. Iberius Ward by the death of the late Alderman Hanton, the meeting proceeded to co-opt a person to fill the vacant office pursuant to the Elections and Registration Act 1915 (5&6 Geo. V) Thereupon on the motion of Councillor Cowman seconded by Councillor Coffey it was unanimously Resolved:- That Councillor McGuire be and is hereby chosen to be an Alderman for St. Iberius Ward to hold office during the unexpired portion of the late Alderman Hanton's term of office.

Alderman McGuire returned thanks in suitable terms for the compliment paid to him by being the choice of his fellow-members to fill the vacant Aldermanship.

An application from the Association of Irish Municipal Authorities for £2. 2. 0, being the Council's annual subscription towards the funds of the Association, was considered. This matter was one which was deferred from last meeting. It had been before the Finance and Works Committee, and this Committee recommended that no further contribution be made to the Association.

Alderman Kelly proposed that the recommendation of the Committee be adopted.

The motion was seconded by Alderman McGuire, but on being put it was found that there was a sharp difference of opinion among members. This necessitated the taking of a Division, whereupon 7 voted for and 6 against the motion which was declared carried.

A report was submitted from Sir Charles Cameron, Analyst, on the samples of food submitted to him for Quarter ended 31st December 1915. The articles dealt with consisted of 22 kinds of food, milk, drugs, and intoxicating drink, and the number of samples of these articles was 112.

With the exception of one specimen of milk and two specimens of buttermilk, all the samples were pure.

The Accounts of the Collector of Borough Rate and of Rate in lieu of County Cess, and also of the Collector of Towns Improvement Rate, were produced. They had been under examination by the Finance and Works Committee. The Committee made the following Recommendation.

That there be written off as irrecoverable items of Borough Rate amounting to £26. 7. 10^g, items of Rate in lieu of Co. Cess of £40. 19. 6, and items of Towns Improvement Rate of £6. 10. 4^g, and that the balance of items outstanding, i. e., £5.18. 0^g, £10. 6. 5^g, and £4. 10. 6^g respectively be carried forward as arrears. The recommendation was adopted.

Attention was called to the terms of the Lenten Pastoral of the Most Rev. Dr. Browne, Lord Bishop of Ferns, which was promulgated on Sunday, 5th Instant. It appeared that His Lordship had taken occasion to comment, in a general way, on the growing tendency of the public to indulge in amusements, making special allusion to the exceptionally great patronage extended to Cinema Entertainments.

It was suggested that in deference to His Lordship's views the opportunities to attend Cinema Shows should be lessened within the Lenten period.

It was also stated that some of the pictures exhibited in the cinema houses were not

always of a desirable kind and were calculated to injure the morals of young persons, and on the motion of Alderman Corish seconded by Councillor Murphy, it was decided to request the Proprietors of the Cinema Halls not to open their places of entertainment on Sundays during Lent, and also to be good enough to exercise, as far as possible, supervision over the reproduction of any films likely to offend against morals.

It was ordered that Licences under the Petroleum Acts for one year be issued to the Anglo American Oil Company and the British Petroleum Company authorizing the storing of Petrol on Crescent Quay and at South Wexford Railway Station.

Nicholas Byrne

22nd. March, 1916.

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

The members present were:-

Nicholas Byrne, Esq., Mayor (in the chair)

Aldermen:- James Sinnott, Richard Corish, George Hadden, Joseph Kelly, Frank Carty
William H. McGuire.

Councillors:- John Walsh, James Murphy, Joseph Doyle, James Browne, John J. Kirwan,
Robert Coffey, David R. Keating, Michael Browne, Thomas O'Brien,
James McMahon, Michael Martin, Richard Gibson, Thomas Rossiter,
James Ffrench.

The minutes of meeting of 6th March Instant were read and signed.

Estimates of the expenditure necessary to carry on the municipal administration of the Borough in the coming financial year were taken into consideration. It was seen that after carrying to credit the different items of income accruing from sources other than Rates, and taking into account also the estimated Balances in favour or against the four Accounts kept by the Treasurer, there remained to be provided by means of Rates to be levied on the District the following sums:-

By a Poor Rate.	:	:	:	:	:	:	:	:	:	:	£ 2437. 15. 7
By a Borough Rate.	:	:	:	:	:	:	:	:	:	:	1419. 4. 4
By Special Rate and Towns Improvement Rate.	:	:	:	:	:	:	:	:	:	:	2043. 3. 7
By Water Rates.	:	:	:	:	:	:	:	:	:	:	1294. 8. 6

Attached to the Estimate of sums to be raised by a Poor Rate was a recommendation from the Finance Committee under date of 8th March Instant as to the making of a Poor Rate at a Poundage of $2/8$

A discussion arose on the tendency, in recent years, of the Rates increasing, and it was suggested that as a check on the spending of money, the Council should ascertain what the increase was due to. It was stated that the proper way to do this was for the Council to have before them Tables for the last seven years showing under the various heads of account the amounts provided in each case at the

beginning of each Financial Year and the sums spent in the course of each such year in each case.

It was Ordered:- That a Return showing the information required should be furnished to the Council.

With regard to the Estimate of expenditure to be borne out of the Borough Fund it was seen that a Borough Rate of $1/3$ in the £. was not sufficient to raise the full sum required, and that there would be a deficiency at the end of the year of £267, notwithstanding the fact that a Poundage of $1/3$ was the maximum Poundage capable of being assessed in the coming year, and to relieve the position, to some extent, it was decided to strike out an item of £126 included in the Estimate for providing water closets at working class dwellings in Hill Street.

Also in connection with the matter of making a Borough Rate, a letter was read from the Harbour Board demanding that a sum of £71. 5. 1 which had accrued due to the Gas Company for lighting the Quays and the streets leading thereto for the half-year ended 31st December last should be paid by the Council, and pointing out that the receipts from the Port Dues had diminished to such an extent that the Board were no longer able to maintain these public lights.

The action of the Harbour Board in calling on the Council to defray this liability was prompted by an opinion from the Solicitor General on the construction of the Wexford Harbour Act. According to him the burden of the duty of lighting, repairing, cleansing, and draining the Quays and the approaches thereto would fall on the Council if the state of the Harbour Finances did not permit of this work being done by the Harbour Board, but then, on the other hand, in consideration of the relief to be afforded to the Harbour Board under these heads of account, the Harbour Board would be constrained to hand over any surplus monies in their hands after defraying their other legitimate expenses in pursuance of Section 107 of the Act, and after having also done everything they could to raise revenue within their Statutory powers.

The meeting took no action in the way of making provision for affording relief to the Harbour Board in the ensuing financial year.

With regard to the Estimate of expenses to be paid out of the Special Rate, it was decided to strike out of this Estimate an item of £77 set down for the purpose of constructing new footpaths.

The foregoing matters evoked a long discussion, the result of which was that the Poundage of the Rates, as specified in the Estimates, were fixed upon, as a preliminary to the formal making of these Rates at a future date as follows:-

A Borough Rate of $1/3$ in the Pound.

A Rate in lieu of County Cess of 2/- in the £

A Towns Improvement Rate of 4d. in the £.

A Poor Rate of $2/8$ in the £.

Water Rates of $1/6$ in the £.

3rd. April. 1916.

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:-

Nicholas Byrne, Esq., Mayor (in the chair)

Aldermen:- James Sinnott, George Hadden, Frank Carty, William H. McGuire,
Richard Corish, Joseph Kelly.

Councillors:- John Walsh, Joseph Doyle, Philip Cowman, Michael Martin, James Murphy,
Robert Coffey, David R. Keating, James McMahon, Richard Gibson,
Thomas O'Brien, Michael Browne, John J. Kirwan.

The minutes of last meeting were read and signed.

The Waterworks Committee reported on the result of the collection of the Water Rates for the year ended 31st March 1916. The Collector had performed his duty in a most efficient way. Of the total sum that was to be collected, namely, £1254. 4. 2, there remained at the close of the year only £23. 8. 11 outstanding. Of this latter sum it was found that £18. 8. 10 was irrecoverable, and the Balance, £5. 0. 1 was to be deemed to be collectible arrears.

The report was adopted.

A series of resolutions on the subject of the over-taxation of Ireland was read.

These emanated from a Body calling itself the Irish Financial Relations Committee, and also from the Dublin Corporation.

According to these the taxes imposed on Ireland last year and foreshadowed for this year constituted a burden the Country could not bear, and requested the Irish Representatives in Parliament to resist such or any increase as being contrary to the Act of Union and the Home Rule Act.

On the introduction of this matter His Worship The Mayor proposed that the resolutions should be marked "read" as he maintained that until the termination of the War they were premature, and the object of the promoters of the over-taxation Movement was clearly to hamper the Irish Parliamentary Party.

The motion was seconded by Councillor Keating, whereupon a long discussion ensued and was joined in by eleven of the members present.

The result was that 15 members voted for and 4 against the motion which was declared carried.

A communication from the Urban District Council of Athlone was read, and thereupon the following motion was adopted on the proposition of Alderman Carty, seconded by Alderman Corish.

That we, the members of the Wexford Urban Council hereby call on our Parliamentary Representatives to demand from the Prime Minister a definite promise of the repeal of the Penal Laws, under which the Irish Franciscan Order is an 'illegal body' and the Members of the Community 'outlaws' and that, in the interval, the Local Government Board through its Auditor or any other Officials, be prohibited from enforcing these Penal Laws against Irish Franciscans.

That we request every Public Board in Ireland to adopt this Resolution, and so

create such a public opinion as will sweep out of existence these iniquitous Laws, long since believed dead, but as seen by the recent ill-considered action of the Local Government Board, liable at any time to be resuscitated and hurled at the Heads of this great Religious Community, to whom Ireland owes so much.

That a copy of this Resolution be sent to John E. Redmond, Esq., M. P.

A resolution from the Urban District Council of Galway was read and thereupon the following motion was adopted on the proposition of Councillor Kirwan seconded by Alderman McGuire.

That we, the members of the Wexford Urban District Council protest against the practice by the Government of granting subsidies to Co-operative Societies, which run in competition against the traders of the Country, and also against the unfair policy of exempting such Societies from Income-Tax, which the ordinary traders are compelled to pay. Experience has led us to the opinion that the trade of such Societies is being carried on in opposition to the town trader, who has to exist without any such subsidies, and in addition, to meet increased charges for Income-Tax and the heavy Rates prevailing in the Urban Districts and town areas in Ireland.

That copies of this resolution be sent to the Chief Secretary, Mr. T. W. Russell, M. P., and Mr. P. French, M. P.

With reference to minutes of 6th March Ultimo, on which occasion it was decided to discontinue giving any further recognition to the Association of Irish Municipal Authorities, a notice^{was} given by Alderman Madden that he would propose the rescinding of the resolution passed on the subject at the next monthly meeting.

He stated that among the things contemplated by the Association was to bring about Legislation to facilitate the acquisition, by Municipal Authorities, of land for the improvement of towns.

The notice was accepted.

Accounts which had accrued due up to the end of last month, amounting in the aggregate to £320. 18. 9 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 164 to 177 inclusive.

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

S U M M A R Y .

	ORDINARY.	LOAN.
Balance due by Treasurer as per last Statement.	£ 77. 17. 5	£ 3. 16. 6
Total sums received to close of last month.	727. 18. 1	- . - . -
TOTALS	£ 805. 15. 6	3. 16. 6
Balance due to Treasurer as per last Statement.	- . - . -	- . - . -
Payments ordered at this meeting.	320. 18. 9	- . - . -
TOTALS	320. 18. 9	- . - . -
Net Balance due by treasurer.	484. 16. 9	3. 16. 6

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Balance per Bank Books due by Treasurer	807. 14. 6	3. 16. 6
Outstanding Orders	322. 17. 9	- . - . -
Net Balance as above due by Treasurer	484. 16. 9	3. 16. 6

19th April, 1916.

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:-

Nicholas Byrne Esq., Mayor (in the chair)

Aldermen:- Frank Carty, William H. McGuire, George Hadden, Richard Corish,
Joseph Kelly.

Councillors:- James Browne, James Murphy, John Walsh, James McMahon, Joseph Doyle,
Thomas O'Brien, Robert Coffey, Richard Gibson, Michael Martin.

The minutes of last meeting were read and signed.

A question was asked as to whether any provision had been made for affording relief to necessitous school children in view of the making of Rates for the service of the current financial year, and it was explained that there was no such provision made, for the reason that the limit placed by Statute on the Borough Rate did not admit of it. Nevertheless, the meeting decided that there should be distributed amongst the schools a sum equivalent to what would be raised by a Rate of $\frac{1}{2}$ d in the £.

The making of Rates was proceeded with, whereupon the five next following Resolutions were adopted, and thereupon the different Rates referred to in the resolutions having been made the Books containing such Rates were duly sealed and signed.

Proposed by Councillor Coffey, Seconded by Alderman McGuire.

RESOLVED:- That a Borough Rate of One Shilling and Three Pence in the Pound (being One Shilling for General Town Purposes and Threepence for Sanitary Purposes) 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 22nd. March 1916.

Proposed by Alderman Carty, seconded by Councillor Coffey.

RESOLVED:- That an Assessment of Two Shillings 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 22nd. March 1916.

Proposed by Councillor Murphy, Seconded by Councillor McMahon.

RESOLVED:- That an Assessment of Fourpence in the Pound on the net assessable value of property within the town of Wexford be laid on pursuant to the Towns Improvement (Ireland) Act, 1847, and the amending or extending Acts incorporated therewith, as per an Estimate duly considered and adopted on the 22nd. March 1916.

Proposed by Councillor James Browne, Seconded by Councillor Joseph Doyle.

RESOLVED:- That a Poor Rate of Two Shillings and Eightpence in the Pound be made on the net 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 22nd. March 1916.

Proposed by Alderman Kelly, Seconded by Alderman Corish.

RESOLVED:- That an Assessment of One Shilling and Sixpence in the Pound, viz., a Domestic Rate of Tenpence 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 the 22nd. March 1916.

The necessity of economising in the matter of the public lights, having regard to the increased cost of gas, was a question put down for consideration. The Gas Committee who on a recent occasion had inspected the entire town after dark, recommended that 45 of the town lamps might be dispensed with for the present without causing much, if any, inconvenience. In coming to this conclusion the Committee had the assistance of Mr. Lyne, Secretary of the Gas Works, who had furnished a list of about 50 lamps which it was possible to discontinue.

The Committee also, having regard to the alleged insolvency of the Harbour Board, recommended that 8 lamps out of the number formerly kept lighting by the Harbour Board, should be maintained at the expense of the Corporation.

The two recommendations were adopted, the first on the motion of Alderman Kelly, seconded by Alderman Hadden, and the second on the motion of Alderman Kelly seconded by Alderman McGuire.

With regard to minutes of last meeting, on which occasion a notice was accepted from Alderman Hadden intimating that he proposed the rescinding of a resolution whereby it was decided to give no further recognition to the Association of Irish Municipal Authorities. He proposed that the resolution in question be rescinded. In so doing he stated that it was most desirable for Irish Towns to combine to have their interests watched in view of the great changes that will be brought about by modern legislation and by the tendency of the day to organize public opinion.

The motion was seconded by Alderman Carty and was adopted.

Thereupon on the motion of Alderman Kelly seconded by Councillor Murphy it was resolved that the application of the Association of Irish Municipal Authorities for a subscription of £2. 2. 0 towards the funds of the Association for the current year be granted.

Two tenders received for supplying 4 close fire ranges to be fixed in dwelling houses recently erected at West Gate were opened and read. These were to be put in instead of the four existing ranges which were complained of by the tenants as being most unsatisfactory.

The tenders were from Mr. Matthew Harpur and Mr. W. R. Hamilton. The former offered to supply the articles required, according to specification, at the price of £4. 5. 0 each, and the latter £4. 10. 0 each.

The lower tender was accepted.

1st May, 1916

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:-

Nicholas Byrne, Esq., Mayor (in the chair)

Aldermen:- James Sinnott, Richard Corish, Joseph Kelly, Frank Carty, William H. McGuire.

Councillors:- David R. Keating, James McMahon, Michale Martin, Thomas O'Brien, Richard Doyle, James Murphy.

Liabilities which had accrued due up to the end of last month, amounting in the aggregate to £1335. 10. 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 178 to 202 inclusive.

Summary and Reconciliation of Treasurer's Account for the month ended the last day of April 1916, including the payments made at the meeting held on this day.

S U M M A R Y .

	ORDINARY	LOAN
Balance due by Treasurer as per last Statement.	484. 16. 9	3. 16. 6
Total sums received to close of last month.	169. 3. 2	- . -
TOTALS	653. 19. 11	3. 16. 6
Balance due to Treasurer as per last Statement.	- . -	- . -
Payments ordered at this meeting.	1335. 10. 7	- . -
Balance due to Treasurer (Ordinary)	681. 10. 8	
Balance due by Treasurer (Loan)		3. 16. 6

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

Balance per Bank Books due by Treasurer	655. 18. 11	3. 16. 6
Outstanding Orders.	1337. 9. 7	- . -
Net Balance as above due to Treasurer (Ordinary)	681. 10. 8	
Net Balance as above due by Treasurer (Loan)		3. 16. 6

His Worship, The Mayor, upon the Meeting opening, took occasion to express his thanks for the calm and self-respecting demeanour of the inhabitants of the town during the past week. The Rebellion which had broken out in the Metropolis, and simultaneously in various parts of the Country, including the neighbouring town of Enniscorthy, was of a sufficiently exciting character to lead unthinking people to do deeds of hostility towards constituted authority.

The revolutionary spirit displayed by the Sinn Fein and Larkinite Organizations, fostered by German agents, was the cause of the loss of hundreds of lives and the destruction of millions worth of property.

He felt more than proud of the good and faithful inhabitants who stood up loyally to preserve the peace of the town.

He thanked Colonel Jameson Davis and the officers and men of the National Volunteers for the services they had rendered to the town and considered that

the town was particularly fortunate in having a humane and considerate gentleman such as Colonel French as Commanding Officer in Wexford during the trying period. The discussion which followed in support of the Mayor's observations was joined in by most of the members present.

The question of prescribing the conditions under which Licenses for Cinematograph Exhibitions in respect of year commencing 1st May 1916 should be granted was introduced and discussed, with the result that it was decided that in addition to the general regulations in force, the following conditions should be inserted in the Licenses.

1. No film of a character suggestive of evil to be projected.
2. No public exhibition to be held before 8. 30 p. m. on Sundays.
3. No public exhibition to be given on any of the Sundays in Lent.

The Finance Committee having made a recommendation that the services of Mr. N. J. Cosgrave should be retained as Collector of Town Improvement Rate for the current year on the same terms and conditions as appertained to his appointment last year, and as it was not likely that the making of this Rate would again be necessary, the recommendation was adopted on the motion of Alderman Kelly, seconded by Councillor Keating.

Nicholas Byrne

10th May, 1916.

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:-

Nicholas Byrne, Esq., Mayor (in the chair)

Aldermen:- James Sinnott, William H. McGuire, Joseph Kelly, Frank Carty.

Councillors:- James McMahon, Joseph Doyle, James Browne, Thomas O'Brien,
Richard Doyle, Robert Coffey, David R. Keating, Richard Gibson,
James French, Michael Browne, John J. Kirwan.

The minutes of meetings of 19th April and of 1st May 1916 were read and signed.

The Mayor introduced the following Resolution for the consideration of which the meeting was convened. In doing so he reprobated the attempted Rebellion of Easter week. It was a brainless enterprise, and was destined to be a failure for the reason that it had not the sympathy, not to speak of the support of the Irish people at large, who were faithful followers of Mr. John Redmond and the Irish Party. This was abundantly evident, so far as Wexford was concerned, on the occasion of Mr. Redmond's public reception in Wexford on 4th October 1914.

On the conclusion of his remarks, of which the foregoing is a summary, he proposed.

" That is as much as a small and insignificant section of Irishmen have, at the bidding of the German Government, taken up an attitude of armed hostility towards the Sovereign and people of the County, as Mayor and Municipal

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Council of Wexford, in Special Meeting assembled, as representing the sensible and loyal inhabitants of the town, emphatically repudiate the action of these misguided Irishmen who have allowed themselves to be led into Rebellion through the persuasion of paid foreign emissaries, and we take this the earliest opportunity to re-iterate our allegiance to the Throne and Government, in accordance with the settled and consistent policy of the distinguished Leader of the Irish people, Mr. John E. Redmond, M. P. and his trustworthy followers in Parliament.

And that a copy of this Resolution be forwarded to The Right Hon. The Prime Minister, and Mr. John E. Redmond, M. P."

The motion was seconded by Alderman Sinnott who supported it in very eloquent terms and made sorrowful allusion to the trouble and pain of mind which the unfortunate occurrence had brought on Mr. Redmond who had devoted the last 40 years of his life to the work of obtaining remedial legislation for Ireland. The resolution was warmly supported by Councillors McMahon, Keating, Aldermen Carty and McGuire, and Councillor O'Brien, and was carried unanimously.

The following resolution, on the motion of Alderman Carty seconded by Councillor McMahon was likewise adopted.

That we ask the Government to deal leniently with the rank and file of our misguided fellow-countrymen for their action in the recent rising.

The following letter was ordered to be inserted on the minutes.

County Inspector's Office,

Royal Irish Constabulary.

Wexford, 6th May, 1916.

Nicholas Byrne, Esq., J. P.,

Mayor of Wexford.

Sir,

On behalf of the police I take this the first available opportunity to tender to you and to the citizens of Wexford associated with you my deep appreciation for the very valuable assistance freely given by you and them in the preservation of law and order during the recent lamentable disturbance.

I am,

Sir,

Your obedient Servant,

R. Sharpe,

County Inspector.

Nicholas Byrne

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5th June, 1916.

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

The members present were:-

Nicholas Byrne, Esq., Mayor (in the chair)

Aldermen:- William H. McGuire, Frank Carty, James Sinnott, George Hadden, Richard Corish.

Councillors:- David R. Keating, James Murphy, Richard Gibson, Joseph Doyle, James McMahon, Robert Coffey, John Walsh, Thomas Rossiter, James Ffrench, Thomas O'Brien, Michael Martin.

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 £995. 16. 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 224 to 250 inclusive.

Summary and Reconcilement of Treasurer's Account for the month ended the last day of May 1916, including the payments made at the meeting held on this day.

S U M M A R Y .

	ORDINARY	Loan
Balance due by Treasurer as per last Statement.	-. -. -	3. 16. 6
Total sums received to close of last month.	910. 17. 10	-. -. -
TOTALS	£ 910. 17. 10	3. 16. 6
Balance due to Treasurer as per last Statement.	681. 10. 8	-. -. -
Payments ordered at this meeting.	992. 0. 0	3. 16. 6
TOTALS	1673. 10. 8	3. 16. 6
Net Balance due to Treasurer (being difference of above Totals)	762. 12. 10	-. -. -

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

Balance per Bank Books due by Treasurer	231. 6. 2	3. 16. 6
Outstanding Orders (including those issued at this meeting)	993. 19. 0	3. 16. 6
Net Balance as above due to Treasurer.	762. 12. 10	-. -. -

A vacancy having arisen in the office of Councillor for St. Iberius Ward by the chosing, on 6th March last, of Councillor McGuire as Alderman, the meeting proceeded to co-opt a person to fill the vacant office, pursuant to the Elections and Registration act 1915 (5 & 6 Geo. V.)

Thereupon on the motion of Alderman McGuire, seconded by Alderman Sinnott, it was unanimously Resolved:- That Mr. Matthew Lymberry of John Street, Wexford, be and is hereby chosen to be a Councillor for St. Iberius Ward to hold Office during the unexpired portion of ex-Councillor McGuire's term of Office.

An intimation from the Commissioners of national Education was submitted showing that the period of service of the School Attendance for the Borough 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 5th August next, and thereupon the following gentlemen were appointed, viz. Messrs William H. McGuire, Richard Corish, John Walsh, Nicholas Prendergast, and James Hore.

An application from five of the Corporation workmen engaged at the work of constructing a main sewer at Crescent Quay was read. The men asked for an increase in their wages to be paid them during the period they were to be employed at the sewer, as the work was of an exacting nature requiring them to be standing in filthy water and dealing with sewage.

The Order made in the case was that the men were to be granted a temporary increase of three shillings a week from this date if, in the opinion of a Committee to be appointed these employees were entitled to such extra remuneration.

A Committee was then appointed consisting of The Mayor, Aldermen Sinnott, Corish, McGuire, and Councillors Martin and Walsh, and were requested to visit the work at once, and decide for or against the increase being granted.

Attention was called to the fact that numbers of men were leaving the town weekly to take up munition work in Great Britian, with the consequence that a scarcity of labouring men existed.

It was suggested that pressure should be brought on the Labour Exchange Authorities to prevent them from draining the town of workmen, as there were no men to work on the Quays, and ship owners were refusing to charter vessels for the Port.

This matter was referred to the above last named Committee to investigate, with a view to preventing a further exodus of workers from the town.

A communication from the Dublin Industrial Development Association was read asking the Council to co-operate in obtaining Government war contracts for Ireland, by furnishing the names of local manufacturers willing to undertake such contracts.

It was stated, however, that any employer competent to undertake Government work had but to communicate with the War Office in order to have himself recognized as a person willing to undertake War Contracts.

However, it was decided to furnish a list to the Industrial Association, and the following were appointed a Committee to prepare it, viz. Aldermen Carty and Hadden, Councillors Keating, McMahon, and The Mayor.

A letter was read from the Local Government Board under date of 11th May 1916, No.64745 showing that the proportionate amount of the Irish Housing Fund payable to the Corporation in respect of year ended 31st March last was £78. 9. 8.

A letter was read from the Local Government Board dated 26th May 1916, pointing out that in virtue of the Education (Provision of Meals) Act 1916 the rating limit had been raised from a halfpenny to a penny in the Pound and that the limit as to the duration of the Act of 1914 had been repealed.

It was suggested that an attempt should be made to obtain a Grant from the Roads Board towards the work of putting the Wexford Quays into a proper state of repair. Grants towards the upkeep of main roads were being made in England, and it would be very easy to make out a good case in respect of the Quays. They formed part of the main road from Dublin to Rosslare Pier, and their structural peculiarities and the road

surface were far below the requirements of modern traffic.

It was ordered that the Town Clerk communicate with the Secretary of the Harbour Commissioners on the subject.

Nicholas Byrne

3rd. July, 1916.

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:-

Nicholas Byrne, Esq., Mayor (in the chair)

Aldermen:- James Sinnott, William H. McGuire, Frank Carty, Richard Corish, Joseph Kelly, George Hadden.

Councillors:- David R. Keating, James McMahon, James Murphy, Matthew Lymberry, Philip Cowman, Joseph Doyle, John J. Kirwan, Richard Gibson, Robert Coffey, Michael Martin.

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 £225. 15. 10, 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 251 to 268 inclusive.

Summary and Reconcilement of Treasurer's Account for the month ended the last day of June, 1916, including the payments made at the meeting held on this day.

S U M M A R Y .

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Balance due by Treasurer as per last Statement.	-	-	-
Total sums received to close of last month.	1239.	8.	11
TOTAL	1239.	8.	11
Balance due to Treasurer as per last Statement.	762.	12.	10
Payments ordered at this meeting.	225.	15.	10
TOTAL	988.	8.	8
Net Balance due by Treasurer (being difference of above Totals)	251.	0.	3

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

Balance per Bank Books due by Treasurer.	478.	15.	1
Outstanding Orders (including those issued at this meeting)	227.	14.	10
Net Balance, as above, due by Treasurer.	251.	0.	3

A resolution from the Committee of management for the County Wexford under the Tuberculosis (Prevention) Act 1908 was read. It contained a request that the Corporation should consider the advisability of adopting the Tuberculosis (Conditions of Notification) Ireland Order 1909. It also intimated that Dr. O'Connor, the Tuberculosis Officer, would be glad to assist the Corporation with advice on this question, if desired.

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This question of making the disease known as Tuberculosis of the Lung/of the Notifiable Diseases in Wexford Urban District had been, hitherto, under consideration more than once, the last occasion being 7th April 1915, but no action had been taken in the matter pending the erection of a projected Tuberculosis Sanatorium in Wexford.

On full consideration it was decided that the present meeting at its rising, should stand adjourned to Wednesday, 5th instant, at 7. 30 p. m. to permit of Dr. O'Connor having an opportunity to explain the effects of the suggested adoption of Part I of the Tuberculosis (Prevention) Ireland Act 1908, and of the Conditions of Notification Order made thereunder.

A communication from the Local Government Board under date of 8th June 1916 was submitted. It dealt with the provisions of the Notification of Births (Extension) Act 1915 enabling Local Authorities to make arrangements for attending to the health of expectant mothers, and nursing mothers, and of children under five years of age. The provisions of the Act also enabled a Local Authority to form a Committee constituted chiefly of members of the Local Authority, with the addition of members of Societies interested in Motherhood and Child Welfare work.

The circular drew attention to the fact that a Grant of £5000 in aid of approved schemes for Maternity and Child Welfare had been included in the Estimates to be submitted to parliament, but that a contribution out of this Grant in aid of any local scheme was to be based on the expenditure incurred and was not to extend to more than one-half of net expenditure approved by the Local Government Board.

However, in cases where the Sanitary Authority were not disposed to take action, or to cover the whole ground, the Local Government Board was prepared to deal with applications from voluntary agencies for a contribution.

After discussion the meeting came to the conclusion to refer the matter to the Wexford Branch of the Women's National Health Association, requesting the Branch to compile a Scheme suitable to local requirements, and subject to the approval of the Council.

It was intimated by letter that the Association of Municipal Authorities of Ireland were to meet in Annual Conference on 26th and 27th September next in the City Hall, Belfast, and that the Wexford Corporation were entitled to appoint two Representatives to attend and vote at the Conference, whereupon the Mayor and Alderman Hadden were appointed as Delegates, these two members having consented to act as such.

It was intimated by letter from the Department, under date of 30th June Ultimo, that an Officer from the Department had obtained eight samples of butter for analysis which having been submitted to the Public Analyst of the Borough, they all proved to be pure.

A series of resolutions adopted by a Conference of Irish Nationalists held in Omagh on 7th Ultimo were brought before the meeting. The substance of the resolutions was that in the opinion of the Conference, any settlement of the Irish Question which would exclude any part of Ulster from the operation of the Government was

deserving of resolute opposition at the hands of the Irish Parliamentary party, and that the present circumstances in which the United Kingdom was placed afforded an unprecedented opportunity to secure a satisfactory and permanent settlement.

Thereupon Alderman Sinnott moved that the subject of the resolutions be not entertained and the motion was seconded by Councillor Keating.

In supporting this motion, the Proposer and Seconder of it, as well as Councillor McMahon and His Worship, The Mayor, held the view that as the confidence of the vast majority of the Irish people in the Irish Parliamentary Party was unimpaired by recent events, and as the Party had led the Country with unwaivering devotion to the cause of Self-Government for Ireland, it was the duty of the people to be guided by the advice of Mr. John E. Redmond and the Party, who in the present critical state of affairs were in favour of a temporary settlement pending the conclusion of the War on the lines of six of the Ulster Counties being left unaffected by the operation of the Home Rule Act.

The motion was put and carried, Alderman Corish and Councillor Martin dissenting. The attention of the meeting was directed, by Alderman Kelly, to the cases of the few persons arrested in Wexford and imprisoned for their connection with the Sinn Fein movement. He advocated the immediate release of these prisoners, as there had been no charge preferred against them, and they were being detained without trial. At the time of the Rising on Easter Monday, there was, fortunately, no trouble in Wexford town, as the residents had volunteered their services and had succeeded in maintaining order.

Thereupon several other members present took part in a discussion which ensued and took up the same attitude as Alderman Kelly, maintaining that it was most unwise and unjust to detain the prisoners without giving them the right of a fair trial.

The Mayor, however, pointed out that the Irish Party were doing all that in their power lay to secure the release of political prisoners, and the result was that it was resolved to communicate with Mr. J. E. Redmond, M. P. on the subject of the Wexford untried prisoners, asking him to press on the Prime Minister the justice of re-considering their case.

With reference to order made on 3rd. November last in pursuance of which an unsuccessful effort was made to have the S.S. "Wexford Coast" restored to her owners, it was mentioned that this ship was to be surrendered by the Admiralty to her Owners in the course of the next eight days. In the circumstances it was most desirable to have the cross-channel service between Liverpool and Wexford resumed, and to remind Messrs Powell, Bacon, and Hough Ltd. of their inferential promise to replace the steamer on the Wexford Service.

It was decided, apart altogether from any steps that may be taken by the Harbour Board in the matter, that the Town Clerk communicate with the Steamship Company in question, guaranteeing the support of the traders of the town if the Company would be able to see their way to place the steamer on the Wexford Station again.

5th July, 1916.

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 mmembers present were:-

Alderman Sinnott, who acted as Chairman in the absence of the Mayor.

Also present.

Aldermen:- George Hadden, Joseph Kelly, William H. McGuire, Frank Carty.

Councillors:- John J. Kirwan, Robert Coffey, Richard Gibson, Matthew Lymberry,
David R. Keating, Thomas Rossiter.

Dr. O'Connor, Medical Tuberculosis Officer for the County, was also in attendance by invitation.

The purpose for which the meeting met was to hear an explanation from Dr. O'Connor of the effects and advantages of classifying Pulmonary Tuberculosis as one of the notifiable diseases within the Urban Area of Wexford.

He stated that under the system of compulsory notification of Tuberculosis of the Lung only such cases would be dealt with as those of an infected person sleeping in the same room with others, or engaged in handling articles of human food intended for sale. Neither would a case be taken from under the care of a doctor attending a patient, nor would the case be notifiable if the attendant doctor considered the home conditions satisfactory. But the chief merit of the system was that a Register would be kept of all cases notified to the Executive Sanitary Officer. No one would have access to this Register but the Medical Officer of Health and the County Tuberculosis officer. Another advantage of it was that disinfection work would be carried out and compensation paid to poor people for furniture or articles destroyed in the process of disinfection. Further it enabled a Medical Practitioner to keep under observation and examination, members of a family and contacts in which a case of pulmonary tuberculosis might occur, and gives him an opportunity to treat cases in the earlier stages of the disease. Where the housing accommodation is insufficient and isolation is not practicable, it might be possible to secure isolation of another kind, as the County Committee was empowered to provide shelters for patients treated in their own homes. In the case of a workman certified to be suffering from the disease that man could not be compelled to absent himself from his work.

At the conclusion of a long and interesting discussion, the meeting decided to adjourn the consideration of the question for a short period, to allow of members of the Corporation an opportunity to study and appreciate to the full, the statement made by Dr. O'Connor.

The Chairman thanked Dr. O'Connor for the assistance afforded by him to the meeting, and was sure that the Council would be able to come to an early decision on the subject having regard to the light thrown on it by Dr. O'Connor's explanation. Sympathetic allusion was made to the loss of Midshipman John Henry Grattan Esmonde at the great naval battle fought off Jutland on 31st May last between the British and German Navies.

Midshipman Esmonde was the son of Sir Thomas H. Grattan Esmonde, Bart, of Ballynastra

Gorey, County Wexford, and had also taken part in the naval victory off the Falkland Islands.

He was a lad of about 16 years of age, and proved himself to be a juvenile hero.

His father, Sir Thomas Grattan Esmonde, as M. P. for North Wexford, always placed his services at the disposal of the Council on any occasion when he was requested to do so, in obtaining any favours or concessions for the town from Government, and on the motion of the Chairman, seconded by Alderman Kelly, it was

Resolved Unanimously:- That we, the Municipal Council of Wexford, at this, our first meeting after the sad event, respectfully beg to express our heartfelt condolence with Sir Thomas Grattan Esmonde in his heavy bereavement.

Richard Corish
2-8-16

2nd. August, 1916.

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.

The members present were:-

Alderman Corish (in the chair)

Also present:-

Alderman Carty.

Councillors :- James McMahon, Richard Doyle, Matthew Lymberry, Philip Cowman.

The minutes of meetings of 3rd. and 5th July 1916 were read and signed.

The Secretary of the Harbour Board notified that only one member, namely, Alderman James Sinnott, had been nominated as required previous to the meeting being held, and thereupon on the motion of Councillor McMahon, seconded by Alderman Carty, it was Unanimously Resolved:- That Alderman James Sinnott be and is hereby elected a Harbour Commissioner to represent the Corporation for one year from this day.

The Chairman drew attention to a bereavement which had fallen on Councillor James Browne by the death, on this day, of his brother Joseph.

The deceased was a native of the town, and his death was very much regretted by the public.

The Chairman proposed that an expression of sympathy be conveyed to Councillor Browne on the occurrence of the sad event.

The motion was seconded by Councillor Cowman, and adopted unanimously.

Nicholas Byrne

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9th August, 1916.

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:-

Nicholas Byrne, Esq., Mayor (in the chair)

Aldermen:- Richard Corish, William H. McGuire, Frank Carty, George Hadden.

Councillors:- Matthew Lymberry, Philip Cowman, Richard Doyle, Richard Gibson,
John J. Kirwan, James McMahon, Robert Coffey, Thomas O'Brien,
Michael Martin.

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 £679. 16. 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 269 to 281 inclusive.

Summary and Reconcilement of Treasurer's Account for the month ended the last day of July 1916, 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.	£	251.	0.	3
Total sums received to close of last month.		734.	7.	2
	TOTAL	985.	7.	5
Balance due to Treasurer as per last Statement.		-.	-.	-
Payments ordered at this meeting.		679.	16.	4
	TOTAL	679.	16.	4
Net Balance due by Treasurer, being difference of above Totals.		305.	11.	1

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

Balance per Bank Books due by Treasurer.	987.	6.	5
Outstanding Orders (including those issued at this meeting)	681.	15.	4
Net Balance as above due by Treasurer.	305.	11.	1

The following are copies of two letters which it was decided to insert on these minutes.

House of Commons.

14. 7. '16.

Dear Mr. Browne,

Lady Esmonde and I are both deeply grateful to the Corporation of Wexford for the Resolution they have been good enough to pass on our son's death in the Battle of Jutland, and to you for the kind words with which you sent us their resolution. Will you kindly convey to the Corporation the expression of our very sincere thanks, and especially to Alderman Sinnott and to Alderman Kelly. Our friends have been more than kind to us in our great sorrow. I find it impossible to convey how deeply we have been comforted, and our sorrow has been lessened by their sympathy

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Sincerely yours, Thomas H. Grattan Esmonde.

John Street, Wexford.

9th August, 1916.

Dear Mr. Browne,

Will you kindly convey to the Mayor and Members of the Corporation my thanks, and the thanks of my family, for their kind vote of sympathy with us on the death of my brother, Joseph. He will be a great loss to his young children. I also wish to thank you for your kind reference.

Yours faithfully, James Browne.

With regard to minutes of 5th July last, there was brought under consideration the question of adding Pulmonary Tuberculosis to the list of notifiable diseases within the Urban District of Wexford, having regard to the discussion which took place on the subject on that day with the help of Dr. O'Connor, Tuberculosis Officer for the County Wexford.

The introduction of this question was followed by a long discussion in which the majority of the members present participated, and from which it was evident that members were equally divided in opinion as ^{to} the merits of compulsory notification. In the result, however, the meeting came to the conclusion to have a Special Meeting summoned by fourteen clear days notice, as required by the Tuberculosis (Prevention) Ireland Act 1908, to be held on Monday, 4th September next, to adopt Part I of this Enactment, if thought well, and thereupon decided to receive from Alderman McGuire a notice of his intention to move the rescinding of resolution of 7th September, 1914, whereby this question was deferred pending the erection of a Tuberculosis Sanatorium in Wexford.

The following is a copy of a report read, viz:-

"The undersigned Special Committee beg to draw attention to an old dilapidated house in Trimmers Lane which is part of the property bought last November. This house, in its present condition, is of no possible value to the Corporation, as it is completely gutted. It is situate at the south side of Trimmers Lane, and adjoins yard of Mr. O'Connor's offices, and would be of more value to him than to any other person, for the reason that the purchase of it would enable him to enlarge his yard. Consequently, Mr. O'Connor signified his willingness to buy it on such terms as may be agreed on. After having inspected this ruins, the Committee came to the conclusion to recommend the Corporation to sell it to Mr. O'Connor, as they are of opinion that if it were put up for sale by auction no other offer would be forthcoming. As to the purchase price, the Committee are of opinion that the fair principle on which to charge is that of a proportionate price according to area. The Committee accordingly ascertained that the full area purchased contained 996 square yards, as can be seen from the accompanying schedule of measurement and map furnished by the Town Surveyor, and that the area of the house is 64 square yards.

The Committee find that the entire sum paid for Trimmers Lane was £570. 0. 10 (which includes £43. 2. 9 law expenses) and that the proportion of this for 64 yards is £36. 11. 10. No doubt £36. 11. 10 is the fair proportion, but because of the backward

position of the house, which is up a short distance in the lane, and of the poor locality, the Committee are of opinion that the equitable price to be charged for the house is £30, on the condition that the purchaser will pay the legal expenses connected with the Conveyance.

The Committee are not aware whether or not Mr. O'Connor will purchase on these terms. The Committee, which consists of The Mayor, and Aldermen Kelly, Sinnott, and Corish, and Councillors Cowman and Kirwan, beg to submit the foregoing as their Report and Recommendation.

Dated the 2nd. day of August, 1916.

Signed on behalf of the Committee.

Nicholas Byrne, Mayor."

Thereupon it was unanimously resolved, on the motion of Alderman Hadden seconded by Alderman Carty to adopt this report and recommendation.

Attention was drawn to the fact that provision had been made in the Rate Estimates in March last for improving Trimmers Lane. The projected work had not yet been gone on with owing to pressure of work in other parts of the town. The specification in respect of the building of a wall was prepared and there was a sufficiency of broken stones in stock, to make the surface of the road and the question was would the work be proceeded with at once, but as considerable difficulty was found in procuring road material to repair the road surface in other parts of the town there was objection raised to the road surface of Trimmers Lane being done, at present, in the circumstances it was decided to obtain tenders in respect of the building of the wall only, on the motion of Alderman Hadden seconded by Alderman Corish.

An important letter from Messrs M. J. O'Connor & Co. Solicitors to the Corporation was read bearing on the case pending between the National Bank and the Harbour Commissioners. The Bank had proceeded against the Harbour Board in the Court of Chancery for the recovery of £15,000 lent on mortgage. This being so, and having regard to the opinion of the Solicitor-General as to the Corporation being liable in a certain set of circumstances (vide minutes of 22nd. March last) to maintain the Quays &c., a Committee of the Corporation consulted Messrs O'Connor & Co. as to the proper legal steps to be taken to safeguard the interests of the ratepayers in the case. This Committee consisted of Aldermen Carty, Corish, McGuire, and Councillor Keating. It met on four different occasions and was attended by Mr. M. J. O'Connor. Mr. O'Connor advised, with the further advice of the Solicitor-General, that the Corporation had no locus standi in the case but that the proper step to take was to send a letter to the Registrar so that he might lay it before the Judge at the hearing of the action in October, and give notice to the Harbour Commissioners that the Corporation proposed to repair the Quays, but would take steps to enforce payment of the outlay incurred thereby.

This letter and notice had been duly sent.

Apart altogether from taking legal steps as outlined above the Committee made an effort to obtain a Grant from the Road Board towards the expense of putting the surface of the Quays in good order. The Committee authorized Mr. O'Connor

on his own suggestion, to take advantage of an early visit which he was making to London to visit the offices of the Road Board and represent the true facts of the case, pointing out that no matter how desirous the Corporation were to repair the Quays they had no resources in the current financial year, as no provision was made for this outlay at the beginning of the year.

Mr. O'Connor failed in his mission, as a letter which was read from Mr. Maybury of the Road Board under date of 20th July 1916 testified. It appeared the Road Board was precluded from making a Grant to any road work during the period of the War unless the repairs were essential for naval or military purposes.

Well, as the Quays of Wexford formed part of the main road from Dublin to Ballygeary Pier and seemed to be capable of being used for military purposes if necessary, the Committee requested Mr. O'Connor to obtain an expression of opinion from Colonel French, Officer Commanding the Troops in County Wexford, as to whether the Quays were suitable for military requirements or not.

Colonel French was kind enough to reply. He stated, inter alia, that he could not conscientiously say that the Quay was a highway of military importance.

The meeting, on fully considering this matter, deemed it wise to adjourn it until judgment be delivered in the action of the National Bank versus the Harbour Commissioners.

A copy resolution received from the Nenagh Urban Council under date of 3rd. August 1916 was read. The purport of it was that the Leaders and Members of the Irish Parliamentary Party deserved well of the Country because of the political sagacity they displayed in dealing with the recent proposals for the settlement of the Irish Question. That the appointment of a Unionist Executive in Dublin Castle, the continuance of Martial Law, and the revival of coercion was a series of outrages on the feelings of the Irish People.

And that the Irish Party be called on to return to Ireland to re-organize the people to carry out the supreme political purpose of the Nation in the destruction of alien misgovernment and the achievement of National Self Government.

The adoption of a similar resolution was proposed by Councillor McMahon, but this motion was not seconded. Some members expressed the opinion that it was a work of supererogation for the Corporation of Wexford to pass a vote of confidence in the Irish Party and Mr. John E. Redmond, M. P.

Nicholas Byrne

4th September, 1916.

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:-

Nicholas Byrne, Esq., Mayor (in the chair)

Aldermen:- George Hadden, William H. McGuire, Richard Corish, Frank Carty.

Councillors:- James McMahon, Matthew Lymberry, James Murphy, John Walsh,
Thomas O'Brien, Robert Coffey, Joseph Doyle, John J. Kirwan,
Michael Martin, Thomas Rossiter.

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 £913. 15. 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 282 to 302 inclusive.

Summary and Reconcilement of Treasurer's Account for the last day of August 1916, 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.	£ 305. 11. 1
Total sums received to close of last month.	1138. 6. 11
	TOTAL 1443. 18. 0
Balance due to Treasurer as per last Statement.	- . -
Payments ordered at this meeting.	913. 15. 0
	TOTAL 913. 15. 0
Net Balance due by Treasurer (being difference of above totals)	530. 3. 0

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

Balance per Bank Books due by Treasurer	1445. 17. 0
Outstanding Orders (including those issued at this meeting)	915. 14. 0
Net Balance as above due by Treasurer.	530. 3. 0

Pursuant to notice given by and accepted from Alderman McGuire, on 9th August Ultimo, that member proposed.

That a resolution adopted on 7th September 1914, whereby the question of adopting Part I of the Tuberculosis Prevention (Ireland) Act 1908 was deferred pending the erection of a sanatorium in Wexford, be hereby rescinded.

The motion was seconded by Councillor Coffey and discussed, whereupon it was found necessary to take a division which resulted in eight members voting for and seven against the motion.

The motion was declared carried.

Thereupon Alderman McGuire proposed a motion which was seconded by Councillor Coffey in the following terms.

That this meeting, specially convened by fourteen clear days notice, to consider the question of putting into force the provisions of the Tuberculosis Prevention

(Ireland) Act, 1908, as far as said Enactment applies to the notification of the form of Tuberculosis known as Tuberculosis of the Lung, do hereby adopt Part I of said Enactment, and do further resolve that said adoption will come into effect 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, viz. Tuesday, 10th October 1916.

The submission of this motion was followed by a long discussion in which almost all the members present took part. Opinion appeared to be equally divided on the question of adoption. It would be impracticable to summarize here all the arguments pro and con, but it is proper to state that they were marked by reasonableness, evidence that the merits of the case had been well studied, and a sympathetic care for the feelings of the poorer classes.

However, there were two points in particular on which the meeting desired to have further information. These were: First, as to the isolation of patients in cases where there was no spare room in a dwelling house, and Second, as to whether in the case where there was no spare room, and where also the yard at the rear of a house was too small to allow of a shelter being put up, was there any possible means of isolating a patient short of removing him to hospital.

On the whole it was thought well to consult Dr. O'Connor, Tuberculosis Officer, again before taking any further steps in the matter, and thereupon it was decided to adjourn the meeting at its rising to Wednesday, 6th Instant, and to invite Dr. O'Connor to attend.

The re-appointing of a Veterinary Inspector under the Dairies, Cowsheds &c. Order 1908, was one of the questions down for consideration, as this office was not a permanent one, but only filled each year from September to September.

Inquiry was made by members as to what services had been rendered in connection with the administration of the Order since the date of the temporary appointment of Mr. Hickey, V. S. on 23rd. January last, and it was found that he had furnished his report book on only one occasion since that date.

In the circumstances the Meeting decided to adjourn the question of renewing the appointment till Wednesday, 6th Instant, to allow of Mr. Hickey furnishing a statement explanatory of the apparently meagre services rendered by him up to the present.

There was read from the Local Government Board a letter, No. 33,747, and dated 11th August 1916 relative to the proceedings of the Corporation on 3rd. July Ultimo, on which occasion the preparation of a Scheme for maternity and Child-Welfare was entrusted to the Wexford Branch of the Women's National Health Association.

Relative to this matter the Local Government Board were of opinion that a town like Wexford should be favoured with the services of a properly qualified Nurse to be appointed by the Sanitary Authority under such a Scheme, and to act under the direction of the Medical Officer of Health.

It was ordered **©: Wexford Borough Council** to be delegated to the Women's National Health Association

(Wexford Branch) so that they may, if thought well, include the appointment of a Nurse in any Scheme they may contrive for Maternity and Child Welfare.

With reference to minutes of last meeting, two tenders were received in response to advertisements in respect of the work of building a wall in Trimmers Lane.

They were from Mrs Mary O'Connor, Builder, who offered to carry the specification of the work into execution on being paid £55, and from William Browne, Green Street, who was prepared to do the same work for £60. 10. 0

The tender of Mrs O'Connor was accepted.

There was read from the Irish Association of Gas Managers, a resolution adopted by that Body at a meeting held in Dublin on 15th August 1916.

The Association requested that a similar resolution should be adopted by the Council and a copy of it sent to the M. P. for South Wexford.

The request was unanimously agreed to, and the resolution adopted as follows:-

"That this meeting views with the gravest apprehension the present condition of the coal supply to Ireland, and is convinced, should this condition not be speedily relieved that many of the smaller gasworks and other industries must shut down, with consequent loss and inconvenience to the public. We therefore urge upon the Government the extreme and immediate necessity for adopting such measures as will assure an adequate supply of coal at reasonable prices, including sea carriage."

There was read from the Irish Trade Union Congress and Labour Party copies of 4 Resolutions adopted at a Conference of the National Executive of that Organization. Two of these resolutions did not affect Wexford, as the principles enunciated in them had been, for many years, acted on by the Corporation. These principles were that printing work should be done in a "Fair Wage" house, and that encouragement should be given to Irish manufacture.

As to the third resolution relative to what the Executive considered ought to be the minimum weekly wages of workmen, viz. 30/- a week, the meeting entertained the question raised, but did not see its way to setting down the minimum wage at any stated amount.

The meeting amended the resolution so that it read as follows, and was unanimously adopted on the motion of Councillor Martin seconded by Alderman McGuire.

That owing to the increased cost of all articles requisite for the upkeep of their workmen and their families at the present time, this Urban Council considers that the minimum weekly wages of workmen employed by Public Boards and other employers should not be less than the recognized rate of wages paid respectively in any particular trade in Wexford Urban District.

The fourth resolution as to executing out door work in winter time where at all possible was not entertained.

There was read a letter from Mr. M. J. O'Connor intimating that he was satisfied to pay the sum of Thirty Pounds as the purchase price of a ruinous cabin in Trimmers Lane as fixed by the Corporation at last meeting.

6th September, 1916.

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:-

Nicholas Byrne, Esq., Mayor (in the chair)

Aldermen:- Joseph Kelly, Richard Corish, Frank Carty, William H. McGuire, George Hadden.

Councillors:- Thomas Rossiter, Matthew Lymbery, James McMahon, James French, Thomas O'Brien, John Walsh, James Murphy, James Browne, Richard Gibson, Robert Coffey, John J. Kirwan, Richard Doyle, Joseph Doyle, Michale Martin, Philip Cowman.

Dr. O'Connor, County Tuberculosis Officer, was also in attendance.

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

Dr. O'Connor favoured the meeting with a statement showing what would be the effect of the adoption of Part I of the Tuberculosis Prevention (Ireland) Act 1908.

He said, among other things, that the primary object was to enable him to find out where cases of pulmonary tuberculosis existed, and take means to prevent the spread of the disease. In consumption, infection was conveyed by means of the sputum being allowed to dry up and get into the air in small particles which were breathed by healthy persons and therefore the proper disposal of the sputum was the chief object to be attained. This could be best accomplished by putting a patient in a separate room or bed, or better still, by isolating the patient. On the point of isolation there was no power whatever given to compel a patient, against his own wishes, to be removed to hospital or sanatorium. There was no power of compulsion, but the system enabled the Tuberculosis Officer, on coming into touch with the case, to induce the patient, by moral suasion, and by teaching him how to act, to prevent him from communicating the disease to members of his family, or to other persons with whom he might come into contact. In case where a consumptive handling provisions in a shop came under the notice of a medical practitioner, it would be the duty of the medical practitioner to report the case, and if it should be found that the patient was expectorating sputum containing germs of the disease, he could be induced to attend the Tuberculosis Dispensary, where he would be properly advised, but there could be no compulsion used on him to leave his place of employment. No publicity was to be given to the case, not even was the employer to be informed of it. A case needed not to be reported in the early stages of the disease, but only when it became infectious, and then it was not compulsory for members of the patient's family, or contacts with the patient, to submit themselves for examination. On the point as to whether the necessary information of the existence of cases of consumption could not be obtained from the Register kept at Poor Law Dispensaries, Dr. O'Connor said there were numerous cases of consumption that were never treated at Poor Law Dispensaries, and these cases could never be found out unless by means of compulsory notification.

The discussion which followed was marked by brevity, in as much as the arguments pro

and con, were exhausted at four previous meetings held on 3rd. July 1916, 5th July 1916, 9th August 1916, and 4th September 1916.

Alderman McGuire proposed his motion of 4th Instant.

It was seconded by Councillor Coffey.

It was in the following terms:-

"That this meeting, specially convened by fourteen clear days notice to consider the question of putting into force the provisions of the Tuberculosis Prevention (Ireland) Act 1908, as far as said Enactment applies to the notification of the form of Tuberculosis known as Tuberculosis of the Lung, do hereby adopt Part I of said Enactment, and do further resolve that said adoption will come into effect 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, viz. Tuesday, 10th October, 1916."

A Poll was taken on the question, whereupon the motion was declared carried by a majority of twelve to nine.

The polling was as follows:-

For the motion.	Councillors Joseph Doyle, Cowman, Kirwan, Coffey, Gibson, James Browne, Murphy, Ffrench, Aldermen Hadden, McGuire, Carty, The Mayor.	12.
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Against.	Councillors Martin, Richard Doyle, Walsh, O'Brien, McMahon, Lymbery, Rossiter, Aldermen Corish and Kelly.	9.
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With regard to minutes of 4th Instant, Mr. B. Hickey, V. S. furnished an explanation of his laches in connection with submitting a monthly report of his inspections of Cowsheds, &c. This was accompanied by his Inspection Book. This showed that since his appointment he had made five inspections of all the cowsheds and cattle in the Urban Area periodically. He stated the reason he overlooked the formality of sending the book in since the beginning of the Summer was because all cows were kept on grass at and cowsheds were not in use/all as Wexford Urban milk-dealers milked their cows in the fields in the Summer.

The explanation was deemed sufficient, and on the motion of Councillor Coffey, seconded by Councillor Murphy, it was unanimously

RESOLVED:- That a Veterinary Inspector be appointed under the Dairies, Cowsheds &c. Order 1908 for one year, at a salary of £15, and that Mr. B. Hickey, V. S. be re-appointed to the Office as temporary substitute for Mr. Staples, V. S.

Nicholas Byrne

3rd October 1916

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

The members present were:-

Nicholas Byrne, Esq., Mayor (in the chair)

Aldermen:- George Hadden, William H. McGuire, Richard Corish, James Sinnott, Frank Carty, Joseph Kelly.

Councillors:- Matthew Lymbery, Richard Gibson, David R. Keating, James Murphy, Joseph Doyle, James McMahon.

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 £913. 15. 0 were submitted, and having been examined and found correct were approved, and an Advice Note was signed to enable the Treasurer to pay them on presentation to him of Paying Orders numbered from 303 to 321 inclusive.

Summary and Reconcilement of Treasurer's Account for the month ended the last day of September 1916, 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.	£ 530. 3. 0
Total sums received to close of last month.	734. 4. 2
TOTAL	1264. 7. 2
Balance due to Treasurer as per last Statement.	- . -
Payments ordered at this meeting.	230 18 9
	913. 15. 0
TOTAL	230 18 9
	913. 15. 0
Net Balance due by Treasurer (being difference of above Totals)	1033 8 6
	350. 12. 2

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

Balance per Bank Books due by Treasurer	1266. 6. 2
Outstanding Orders (including those issued at this Meeting)	232 18 9
	915. 14. 0
Net Balance as above due by Treasurer.	1033 8 6
	350. 12. 2

His Worship, The Mayor, took the opportunity to present to Nicholas Doyle of Michael Street, Wexford, a Certificate from the Royal Humane Society and a money-prize of £1. for an act of bravery which he had performed at Ferry Bank in saving life. It appeared that Mr. Doyle had, at the risk of his own life, jumped into the water and had rescued from drowning a lad named Sampson.

Attention was called to the fact that many of the Cowkeepers supplying new milk to the town had raised the price from 3d. to 4d. per quart since the 1st October, and it was suggested that in the interests of the very poor an effort should be made to have the price abated. Of course it was admitted that the question was one in which the Corporation had no legal right, to interfere, as it came within the region of economics, yet it was thought well to endeavour to make the Cowkeepers realize that the exceptional necessity of the time required them to make a sacrifice by lowering the price of milk to some extent, no matter how small.

In the result it was decided to call together, on an early date, a Committee which

was appointed on 3rd. January last, with the object of investigating the milk question, in the hope that some means might be devised to secure a reduction in the price of milk.

Tenders had been invited in respect of doing the printing-work of the Council for one year, but the meeting decided to postpone the meeting to Wednesday, 4th Instant, for the purpose of dealing with these tenders.

Nicholas Byrne

4th October, 1916.

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:-

Nicholas Byrne, Esq., Mayor (in the chair)

Aldermen:- Richard Corish, Joseph Kelly, William H. McGuire, Frank Carty.

Councillors:- Matthew Lymbery, Richard Gibson, James Browne, Michael Martin,
David R. Keating, John J. Kirwan, Joseph Doyle, Philip Cowman,
James French, Michael Browne, Thomas Rossiter, Robert Coffey.

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 three of the local printing works, namely, The People Office, The Free Press Office, and John English & Co.

One of the conditions under which intending contractors were required to perform the work was that their employes were to be paid not less than the minimum standard wages paid in the town, as per resolutions of the Council of 3rd. July 1899 and 2nd. March 1903.

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

Nicholas Byrne

6th November 1916.

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

The members present were:-

Nicholas Byrne Esq., Mayor (in the chair)

Aldermen:- Richard Corish, William H. McGuire, George Hadden, Frank Carty.

Councillors:- John J. Kirwan, Thomas Rossiter, Matthew Lynbery, Joseph Doyle,
Michael Martin, James McMahon, Richard Doyle, Richard Gibson,
Thomas O'Brien.

The minutes of 2nd. and 4th October 1916 were read and signed.

Liabilities which had accrued due up to the end of last month, amounting in the aggregate to £1399. 1. 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 numbred from 322 to 345 inclusive.

Summary and Reconcilement of Treasurer's Account for the month ended the last day of October 1916, 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.	£1033. 8. 5
Total sums received to close of last month.	523. 1. 9
TOTAL	1556. 10. 2
Balance due to Treasurer as per last Statement.	- . -
Payments ordered at this meeting.	1399. 1. 7
TOTAL	1399. 1. 7
Net Balance due by Treasurer (being difference of above Totals)	157. 8. 7

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

Balance per Bank Books due by Treasurer	1558. 9. 2
Outstanding Orders (including those issued at this meeting)	1401. 0. 7
Net Balance as above due by Treasurer.	157. 8. 7

Attention was called to the water-mark of the paper on which the list of Bills submitted this day for payment was printed. The work of printing this list had been done by the Firm of John Englihs & Co.who, by the terms of their contract, were bound to use paper of Irish manufacture only in any work done for the Corporation. Doubt was expressed as to this paper being of Irish manufacture, and it was decided to write to the Contractors and catechise them on the subject.

His Worship, The Mayor, alluded to a sad bereavement which had befallen a worthy member of the Council in the person of Councillor James Browne. Since the date of last meeting, Councillor Browne had lost his revered partner-in-life. This last visitation of Providence evoked the sympathy of the community of the town for the reason that he had met with three family bereavements within the last nine months by the deaths of his two brothers and his wife.

His Worship proposed that an expression of sympathy be conveyed to Mr. Browne

The motion was seconded by Councillor Lymberry in feeling terms and was unanimously adopted.

Councillor Rossiter then took occasion to refer to the recent death of a daughter of Councillor Martin. Mr. Martin was a respected member of the Council and his sad bereavement elicited the sympathy of his many friends.

Councillor Rossiter proposed that the condolence of the Council be tendered to him. This motion was seconded by Alderman Corish and was unanimously adopted.

A letter was read from the Secretary of the Gas Company under date of 4th October 1916, notifying^{that} the increase to £4. 1. 10 per lamp per annum which was made on 1st July last by the Company in the cost of maintaining the public lights would have to be subjected to a further increase of 13/- per lamp, or £4. 14. 10 per lamp per annum.

The charge to private consumers of 2/7 per 1000 cubic feet, since the outbreak of the war, had been increased to 4/2 per 1000 by periodic increments.

The meeting noted the contents of the letter, and having no alternative, agreed to the price announced, and in virtue of a recommendation from a Special Gas Committee decided to have the unused gas lamp at the Rock's Lane, Folly, re-lighted, to have one of the gas lamps hitherto maintained by the Harbour Commissioners at Commercial Quay relighted at the expense of the Council, but this was to be done without prejudice to the legal position of the Corporation in relation to the Wexford Harbour Board, or, in other words, as an act of grace, and also that the position of one of the present gas lights in William Street be shifted.

With reference to Section 3 (2) of the Tuberculosis Prevention (Ireland) Act 1908, a letter from the County Council was read communicating their approval of the action of the Corporation on 6th September last in adopting part I of the aforesaid Act.

In relation to the same question, a letter from the Local Government Board was read under date of 26th October 1916 (No. 49209) ^{forwarding} for the guidance of the Executive Sanitary Officer an explanatory memorandum on the objects of the Act. Accompanying the letter were also copies of the Tuberculosis Regulations (Ireland) Order 1909, and the Tuberculosis (Conditions of Notification) Ireland Order 1909.

These documents being voluminous, and prescribing the system to be followed and the forms to be used in operating the Act, were referred to the Public Health Committee to be dealt with.

The following is a copy of a Report read from a Special Committee.

"The question of the increase in the price of milk to 4d. a quart was referred to this Committee on the 2nd. Ultimo to investigate in the interests of householders, but especially of the very poor, with the object, if possible, of bringing about a lowering of the price. The first step taken by the Committee was to communicate with other towns, by which means it was ascertained that the price of milk in Enniscorthy was 3d. a quart, in New Ross, 3d. per quart, in Tipperary, 3d. per quart, in Dundalk 4d. per quart, and in Drogheda 4d. per quart.

The Committee also ~~communicated~~ ^{consulted} with Mr. Edward McMillan, of Great Clonard, asking him if he would be prepared to send supplies of milk to the town to make good any

scarcity for the winter season, and if so to state the price at which he would be prepared to deliver the milk.

Mr. McQuillan, in replying, stated that he was not in a position, at the present time, to supply any milk, but that he did not consider 4d. per quart for delivery twice a day an exorbitant price for good milk for the next six months.

In view of the foregoing information, the Committee thought it well to consult the Cowkeepers of the town to see if they could see their way to abate the price, which is now 4d. a quart all over the Urban Area.

Accordingly the Committee wrote to all the Cowkeepers resident in the Borough, requesting them to be good enough to meet the Committee in Conference on the subject. Of course, the Committee did not intend to insinuate that the Cowkeepers were over-charging unduly, but wished to be in a position to show milk consumers that they were not wrongly dealt with, if in a friendly interchange of views, the Cowkeepers were in a position to prove to the satisfaction of the Committee that it was not possible to reduce the price.

The Committee, however, regret to announce that they have failed to bring about the proposed Conference, as out of the 21 Cowkeepers in the town only three responded, only two of whom were willing to meet the Committee.

Dated this 3rd. day of November 1916.

(Signed) Nicholas Byrne, Mayor."

On the suggestion of His Worship, The Mayor, this report was adopted.

An Abstract of the Municipal Accounts for the Financial Year ended 31st March 1916, as audited by Mr. J. More O'Ferrall, Local Government Auditor, was laid before the meeting. It was accompanied by the Auditor's Report which contained no comment except that the Accounts had been prepared and presented for audit in a most creditable manner.

Great satisfaction was expressed at the favourable character of the Report.

Recommendations made by the Finance and Works Committee were brought under notice.

From these it appeared that four of the Employees of the Corporation had applied for an increase of remuneration because of the increase in the cost of living occasioned by the war.

On considering the applications the Committee had come to the conclusion to pay an additional 3/- a week to David Bennett, Foreman of Works, from 18th October 1916, the date of his application, to pay Patrick Healy, Grave-digger, 1/- per grave, and Patrick O'Brien, Caretaker of Town Hall, 16/- a year additional from 4th October 1916, the date of their applications, and to pay John Kehoe, Town Sergeant, £5. 10. 0 a year from the day of this date, subject, of course, to the approval of the Council.

These recommendations were unanimously adopted, on the motion of Alderman Corish, seconded by Councillor Rossiter.

A letter from the labourers on the Staff of workmen in the service of the Council was read. They requested that the Corporation should increase their wages up to £1. a week because of the cost of living having gone up, and the matter was referred to the Finance & Works Committee so as to afford an opportunity to make out what was the

average weekly wages paid to the men, as their wages varied according as the character of the work was more or less objectionable.

The following are copies of Resolutions received from Wexford Board of Guardians and from the Dublin Corporation.

"That we, the Wexford Board of Guardians, and the representatives of the Rural District of Wexford, hereby request the Government to release the Irish Political Prisoners, who were induced to join an ill-conceived and senseless uprising, and by so granting their release show the people of Ireland that England does not harbour any ill-feeling towards this country which the Irish love so much."

"That we, the members of the Dublin Municipal Council, are of opinion that the time has arrived for the Irish Nation to unite in demanding the release of our fellow-countrymen and women interned in English Prisons without trial, and Amnesty for those who have been sentenced to terms of imprisonment, and pending their release we request the Government to consider the advisability of treating them as Political Prisoners: that to give practical effect to this motion twenty members of this Council be now appointed (one for each Ward) to make arrangements, in conjunction with the National and Labour Bodies of the Country, for the holding of an All-Ireland Convention for the purpose of establishing a Political Prisoners' Amnesty Association and that copies of this resolution be sent to all Public Boards, Trade Unions, Trades Councils, and National Organizations, and that they be invited to appoint delegates to act and join in whatever steps the Association may think proper to obtain the release of all Irish prisoners arrested and imprisoned in connection with the 'Rising' of Easter Week, 1916."

Alderman McGuire proposed and Councillor Lymbery seconded the adoption of a like resolution to the one adopted by the Guardians, but this was objected to unless a like resolution to the one from Dublin were also adopted.

The meeting fell in with the latter view and adopted both resolutions, but as to appointing Delegates to an All-Ireland Convention, a proposal embodied in the resolution from Dublin Corporation, the meeting took no action.

The following are copies of two Resolutions received from Kerry County Council

"That we again protest against the partition of our Country in any shape or form. That such a settlement would only unsettle the question, and perpetuate religious and civil strife, and would be a serious set-back to Constitutional agitation in Ireland. To partition Ireland is not the way to emancipate her, and at best, is a gamble with the liberties of the country. If the Irish question is to be referred to the 'Imperial Conference' it should be presented, not in a mutilated form, but in the way it has been handed down to us for an undivided and indivisible Nation. We are also of opinion that our claim to full Self-Government for an undivided Ireland should be submitted to the International Peace Conference which is to preserve the integrity of the 'Small Nationalities' of Europe, and we request that steps be taken accordingly to appeal to the various Governments concerned."

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"That we warn the Government of the grave consequences of any attempt to enforce

Conscription on Ireland, which would result in turmoil and bloodshed, and which, if at all, should only be imposed by an Irish Parliament. English Rulers are to blame in not giving to Ireland that Self-Government granted to her other Colonies and States which have enjoyed full legislative and fiscal freedom, so-unlike the inadequate, imperfect, and financially unsound measure we are promised, which gives neither legislative nor fiscal freedom. We must also add that Ireland is seriously depopulated, with agriculture and industries in a backward state; that she has no world-wide Colonies or commerce to protect or extend, and it is indenfeisible, therefore, to demand equality of sacrifice when there is not, and cannot be, equality of benefit."

On the motion of Alderman Corish seconded by Councillor McMahon, these resolutions were adopted.

The following resolution was unanimously adopted at the instance of the Wexford Branch of the Irish National Foresters.

"That we strongly protest against the action of those responsible for the present prohibitive prices of home-grown foodstuffs, and we urge upon the people of the Country to at once take steps to stop the exportation of same, particularly potatoes, the staple food of the people, the scarcity of which is threatening the country with famine."

On the motion of Councillor Rossiter, seconded by Councillor McMahon, the following resolution was adopted.

"That in view of the alarming outlook owing to the increasing scarcity, and enormous cost of foodstuffs in Ireland, the Municipal Council of Wexford most strongly urge on the Department of Agriculture and the Irish Members of Parliament, the urgent necessity of conserving the supply of potatoes by at once prohibiting their export from the Country. We also urge the Irish people to use their utmost endeavours to prevent anyone buying up and storing potatoes for the purpose of export."

Nicholas Byrne

4th December, 1916.

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:-

Nicholas Byrne, Esq., Mayor (in the chair)

Aldermen:- James Sinnott, Richard Corish, Joseph Kelly, William H. McGuire, Frank Carty.

Councillors:- James McMahon, Thomas Rossiter, James Murphy, Matthew Lymbery, Philip Cowann, David R. Keating, John J. Kirwan, Thomas O'Brien, Michael Martin.

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 £978. 0. 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 346 to 373 inclusive.

Summary and Reconcilement of Treasurer's Account for the month ended the last day of November 1916 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. 8. 7
Total sums received to close of last month.	835. 1. 9
TOTAL	992. 10. 4
Balance due to Treasurer as per last Statement.	- . -
Payments ordered at this meeting.	978. 0. 3
net Balance due by Treasurer (being difference of above Totals)	14. 10. 1

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

Balance per Bank Books due by Treasurer	997. 11. 10
Outstanding Orders including those issued at this Meeting.	983. 1. 9
net Balance as above due by Treasurer.	14. 10. 1

His Worship, The Mayor, upon the opening of the meeting, stated that he considered it to be his duty to refer to the recent demise of a fellow-townsmen, Mr. W. H. Hadden. As everyone was aware, Mr. Hadden was a business man of exceptional capacity, but not only because of his aptitude for business, but because of his uprightness and his stirring worth, he evoked the confidence of the public. Above and before all the poor of Wexford had lost one of their greatest friends in the death of Mr. Hadden, for in his quite unassuming way he had been more than generous to them, in fact his consideration for the poor was the most salient feature of his character. His Worship proposed a resolution in the following terms:-

RESOLVED:- That we beg to put on record an expression of our unfeigned regret at the death of our late fellow-townsmen, Mr. W. Hadden. Although of a retiring disposition and abstaining from taking any part in the public affairs of his native town, he was, nevertheless, well and widely known by the inhabitants of Wexford not only for the

exemplary character of his private life but for his transparent sincerity, his well-meaning intentions, and his integrity in his dealings with his fellow-man. His benevolence to the poor, as was well understood, for many years was unstinted and bestowed in a most unobtrusive way.

That we tender to his brother, Alderman Hadden, our heartfelt sympathy in his sad bereavement.

This resolution was seconded by Alderman Sinnott and supported by Councillor Keating, Councillor McMahon, Councillor Lymberry, and Alderman Carty, who, one and all, paid a graceful tribute to the memory of the deceased gentleman, and endorsed, in every way, the encomiums that fell from the Chair.

The motion was passed unanimously.

Referring to minutes of last meeting, the following are copies of letters which were read and ordered to be inserted on these minutes.

John Street, Wexford, 29th November 1916

Dear Sir, I beg to thank the Mayor and Corporation of Wexford for the vote of sympathy passed with me in my sad bereavement occasioned by the death of my wife. I also wish to thank you specially for your kind words which I fully appreciate.

W. A. Browne, Esq. Town Clerk.

Yours faithfully, James Browne.

Trinity Street, Wexford, 1st Dec. 1916.

Dear Mr. Browne, Will you kindly convey to the members of the Council my grateful thanks for their kind message of sympathy with me in my bereavement. I also wish to thank you personally for your sympathy which I appreciate very much.

W. A. Browne, Esq. Town Clerk.

Yours truly, Michael Martin.

With reference to minutes of last meeting, a letter from Messrs John English & Co. was received in which they admitted that the paper on which the list of Bills was printed for the last meeting was not of Irish manufacture. This paper was inadvertently used, but it was of superior quality to the Irish-made paper. The matter was a trivial one as the whole cost of the paper did not exceed twopence.

A report from the Public Lighting Committee was read embodying a recommendation in favour of curtailing the hours during which the public lamps were kept lighting at night. By existing arrangements the lamps were kept lighting from nightfall till daylight, and as the cost attendant on the public lighting had been increased from £3. 0. 9 to £4. 14. 10 per lamp since 1st October 1915, it was necessary that the Ratepayers should submit to some inconvenience during the war-period, if the Council desired to retrench under this heading.

The Committee recommended that the lamps should be put out at mid-night from 15th December to the close of the current annual lighting season, 30th June next. This recommendation, which was based on the principle of obtaining the maximum of economy from the minimum of inconvenience, would, if adopted, effect a saving of £83. 12. 6, and this was equal to a saving of £154 per annum.

A suggestion was made that for the Christmas Season the lights should be kept lighting

all night, as at present, but as it was stated that if the new system were started ~~on 15th December it would not be convenient or economical to fall in with this suggestion, the meeting came to the conclusion to adopt the following resolution~~ on 15th December it would not be convenient or economical to fall in with this suggestion, the meeting came to the conclusion to adopt the following resolution which was proposed by Alderman Kelly and seconded by Councillor McMahon.

That the Committee recommendation be adopted, but with the substitution of 1st January next for 15th December 1916.

The same Committee recommended that a lamp should be erected at the entrance to Trimmers Lane East from Selskar Street. A lamp at this point was badly needed, because this uninhabited lane was used after dark as a urinal and as a receptacle for nuisances by undiserables.

Councillor Cowman proposed that this recommendation should not be adopted, as to adopt it would be inconsistent with the action of the Corporation in endeavouring to economise in the matter of the public lights.

This motion was seconded by Councillor Kirwan which was lost on a division by the casting vote of the Mayor, the voting being six for and six against.

Councillor McMahon proposed that the lamp be erected as the case was an exceptional one.

The motion was seconded by Alderman Carty and was carried by the casting vote of the Mayor, six members voting for and six against it.

A third motion on the subject, as proposed by Alderman Corish and seconded by Councillor Martin and which was to the effect that before the lamp in question would be ordered that the Lamp Committee be requested to inspect all the lamps of the town and report thereon was not put to the meeting in view of the terms of the last foregoing resolution.

Committee recommendations were made advocating the granting of increases of wages to Corporation employes in the undermentioned cases and at the following rates:-

Caretaker of Crosstown Cemetery to be paid three shillings a week.

Nine labourers one shilling a week each.

Five carters three shillings a week each.

Sanitary Sub-Officer one shilling a week.

Turncock three shillings a week.

Office cleaner two shillings a month.

The following series of resolutions bearing on the suggested increases were passed.

Proposed by Alderman Carty, seconded by Alderman McGuire.

That the recommendation in the case of the Caretaker of Crosstown Cemetery be adopted and that it take effect from 4th October last, the date of his application for a reconsideration of his salary.

Proposed by Alderman Carty, seconded by Councillor Keating.

That the increase of wages recommended to be paid to the labourers on the Staff of the Corporation be fixed at 1/6 per man per week.

The recommendation to pay the carters three shillings a week additional was adopted men. con.

In the case of the Sanitary Sub Officer where an increase of one shilling a week was recommended in his salary, Alderman Kelly proposed that the recommendation be adopted.

The motion was seconded by Alderman McGuire.

But it encountered opposition because of the smallness of the proposed increase, and Alderman Corish and Councillor Rossiter respectively proposed and seconded an amendment, the purpose of which was to raise the increment to three shillings a week. This amendment was put to the meeting but failed to be carried five members voting for and eight against it.

The original motion was then put and carried, the voting being nine for and none against.

Proposed by Councillor McMahon, seconded by Alderman Sinnott and passed.

That the Committee Recommendation in the case of the Turncock be adopted.

Proposed by Alderman Corish, seconded by Councillor Keating and passed as follows.

That the Office Cleaner's remuneration be increased by two shillings a month.

A resolution in the following terms received from Enniscorthy Urban Council was read.

That we, the Urban District Council of Enniscorthy, request the Dublin and South Eastern Railway Company to stop the Down Mail at Palace East, so as to give a connection with the Great Southern and Western Railway, and to delay the 5.30 p. m. from Harcourt Street to 6.0'clock p. m. so as to allow passengers by the day boat from Holyhead to proceed to their destination the same evening.

This resolution was unanimously adopted on the suggestion of Councillor Keating.

Attention was called to the neglected condition of the Quays. They had been allowed to fall into a bad state of disrepair through the financial difficulties of the Harbours Board, and it was urged that it behoved the Corporation to take up the work of repairing and cleansing the surface of the Quays.

The responsibility of the Corporation in this matter was clearly set forth in legal opinions obtained from the Solicitor General vide minutes of 22nd. March and 9th

August
~~March~~ 1916.

According to these the duty was cast on the Corporation in the case of the insolvency of the Harbours Board, to maintain the Quays, but before taking action the Corporation should satisfy themselves that the Harbours Commissioners were unable to meet their statutory liabilities and had done everything within their powers to raise revenue, and that the revenue so raised had been applied in the appropriate way, as defined by Section 107 of the Harbours Act. In the absence of proof that the Harbours Board were in need of assistance, and in view of the fact that they had lately obtained £1600 by the sale of the dredger, and also of the fact that the case between the National Bank and the Harbours Commissioners had not been proceeded with in October, the date fixed for the trial, it was contended on the other hand that it would be in the highest degree inadvisable for the Corporation to move without making further investigation.

The situation had altered materially since the question of repairing the Quays was last under the consideration of the Corporation, and in the circumstances it was

decided to proceed cautiously and refer the matter to a Committee of the entire Council to be held on the 6th Instant.

Nicholas Byrne
Mayor
Jan 3 1917

3rd. January, 1917.

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

The members present were:-

Nicholas Byrne, Esq., Mayor (in the chair)

Aldermen:- James Sinnott, Richard Corish, George Hadden, Frank Carty,
William H. McGuire.

Councillors:- Matthew Lymberry, James McMahon, Robert Coffey, David R. Keating,
Joseph Doyle, Richard Gibson, John J. Kirwan, Philip Cowman,
Thomas Rossiter, James Browne, James Murphy

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 £216. 10. 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 374 to 389 inclusive.

Summary and Reconciliation of Treasurer's Account for the 1st day of December 1916, including the payments ordered at this meeting.

SUMMARY.

Balance due by Treasurer as per last Statement.	14. 10. 1
Total sums received to close of last month.	743. 17. 10
TOTAL	758. 7. 11
Balance due to Treasurer as per last Statement.	-- -- --
Payments ordered at this meeting.	216. 10. 6
TOTAL	216. 10. 6
Net Balance due by Treasurer (being difference of above Totals)	541. 17. 5

RECONCILEMENT.

Balance per Bank Books due by Treasurer.	761. 14. 7
Outstanding Orders including those issued at this meeting.	219. 17. 2
Net Balance as above due by Treasurer.	541. 17. 5

With reference to minutes of last meeting, the following letter was read.

Springfield, Wexford. 12th December 1916.

Dear Mr. Browne,

Would you please convey to the members of the Corporation my warmest thanks for their kind resolution of condolence with me upon the death of my brother. I am deeply touched by the generous reference to his personal character

and devotion, though he himself would have shrunk from such high appreciation. I wish, specially, to thank the Mayor; Alderman Sinnott, and the other gentlemen who spoke to the resolution with so much kindness and delicate consideration. My brother and I were associated in business for over forty years, and of course it is natural that I should now feel his loss. I can only say that I value very highly indeed the kindness and sympathy shown by the Corporation to me and my family in our bereavement. I also thank you very heartily for your touching sympathy and kind words.

Yours faithfully, George Hadden.

A Committee Report on the Trimmers Lane improvement operations was read. The Committee visited the locality on the 7th Ultimo on the suggestion of Mr. O'Connor, Solicitor, with the object of inspecting a stable which projected beyond the line of the street at the South Side. The enterprise displayed by the Corporation in pulling down most of the dwellings in this Lane, and opening up the present fine Square, was much to the credit of the Town, but the improvement would be left incomplete until the stable was also demolished, as it stood out about seven feet beyond the front of the adjoining premises. The Owners were Messrs Cooper of Wexford, and the Occupier, Patrick Tumbleton. The former were prepared to sell their interest for £63, which included £3. for law costs, and the latter was willing to accept £10 as compensation for being disturbed. The Committee considered these terms truly moderate, as the Owners would be obliged to forfeit £5. 4. 0 a year as rent, and the tenant, on giving up the stable, which had a frontage of 58 feet 8 inches, would be under the necessity of erecting another at the rear of his dwelling house. The Committee strongly urged the Council to acquire the building and pull it down. The net cost of the work of opening the Square, which was all but finished, was £507. 2. 11.

Alderman Carty proposed that the Report of the Committee be adopted.

The proposition was seconded by Alderman Sinnott.

Discussion on the question revealed a certain amount of antagonism to the motion.

Alderman Corish, a member of the Committee, protested against it because of an irregularity of procedure which was countenanced by the Committee. Mr. O'Connor, without previous instructions and quite on his own volition, had opened and completed negotiations for the purchase of the building.

Touching this point, a letter from Mr. O'Connor was read in which he claimed that his action in the matter was dictated only by a desire to forward the interests of the Corporation, and that any step taken by him was, of course, conditional on Corporation approval. If the Council did not think well of buying there was no harm done.

The motion was put whereupon 12 members voted for adoption, 2 against, and 3 omitted to vote.

A motion proposed by Alderman Carty and seconded by Councillor Rossiter with the object of promoting a Scheme to enable plots of land to be allocated to town dwellers for tillage purposes, was withdrawn, after discussion.

In view of the measures to be taken by the Corporation with the help of the Vacant Land Cultivation Society, for the purpose of affording employment in the use of land under cultivation in Wexford, the motion was deemed premature.

The necessity for revising the existing Market Bye laws was a question introduced. It was urged that the custom of forestalling which prevailed in Wexford was detrimental to the interests of consumers of marketable commodities. It was the means of forcing up prices, as there was no regulation regarding it. Dealers in commodities sold in the Market were not concerned as to how prices ranged. Price did not affect them. Their study was to secure profits, and it was necessary that they should be prohibited from purchasing before an appointed hour in the day so as to give consumers purchasers opportunity to buy at market prices.

Alderman Corish proposed that the Bye Laws be revised by a Committee of the entire Council, and the motion was seconded by Councillor Rossiter.

Against this proposal to revise, it was held that the exigency of Supply and Demand was the factor that dominated prices, and that no Provision could be imported into the Bye Laws to govern a case where commodities were sold by sample and delivered afterwards.

However there was no serious opposition to the proposed revision being made, and the motion, on being put, was carried.

A Committee that visited Trespan Rock to the rear of the Faythe and arranged for the opening of a Stone Quarry recommended that the present rent of £5. a year paid for the use of the Corporation Manure Depot should be increased to £10 a year.

The only means of access to the Quarry for carts was through this Depot, and Mr. Kelly, the Owner, had dealt with the Committee in a liberal spirit and consented to accept an additional rent of £5. for affording the carting facilities needed over his land.

Alderman Sinnott proposed that the recommendation be adopted.

The motion was seconded by Councillor Coffey and was passed.

A letter from the Dublin and South Eastern Railway Company was read. It had reference to a Resolution adopted at last meeting. The Directors had complied with the request to alter the 5. 30 p. m. train from Harcourt Street so that it will leave that Station at 6. 5 p. m. on 1st January 1917.

As to the question of stopping the down mail train at Palace East, the Directors had no power in the matter, as the Mail Train was entirely under Post office control. In this case it was decided to write to the Commission of four Railway managers at present representing the Railway Interests of the Government in Ireland, and bring under notice the inconvenience to the travelling public which the non-stopping of the train at Palace East caused.

With reference to minutes of last meeting, a letter from the Harbour Commissioners was read wherein they stated that they were doing their utmost to keep the Quays cleaned and repaired, but that they were experiencing considerable difficulty in procuring metalling.

The following two resolutions were unanimously adopted. They were submitted to the meeting at the request of the County Borough Council of Waterford.

That we call on the Government to at once fix a standard weight and price at which Bread must be sold, as we consider the present intentions of the Government

will be frustrated if Bakers are still allowed to sell loaves of various sizes and at exorbitant prices.

That we desire to draw the attention of the Government to the enormous waste of sugar entailed by the manufacture of confectionery and sweets in unnecessarily large quantities, and hereby call on the Authorities to place some restriction on such manufacture with a view to ensuring a sufficient supply of sugar for the working classes.

Nicholas Byrne

6th January, 1917.

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

The members present were:-

Nicholas Byrne Esq., Mayor (in the chair)

Aldermen:- James Sinnott, George Hadden, Frank Carty, Richard Corish, Joseph Kelly.

Councillors:- Matthew Lymberry, Michael Martin, David R. Keating, James Browne, Joseph Doyle, Thomas Rossiter, Richard Gibson, Robert Coffey, James McMahon.

Mr. J. E. Geoghegan, M. A., a representative of the Vacant Land Cultivation Society of Dublin, was also in attendance, per courtesy of the Society.

The meeting was summoned for the purpose of devising a Scheme to stimulate the cultivation of land in and adjacent to Wexford Town on the authority of a communication dated 3rd. January 1917, No.4.M. 1917. from the Local Government Board which was submitted. From this it appeared that the Council would be given powers to acquire land by agreement for a period of four years. The Council had the option to divide this land into allotments and let it to eligible working men to enable them to produce potatoes and oats with seeds supplied, where necessary, or by taking land and cultivating it for the production of potatoes and oats on the direct labour system, or by providing present occupiers of land with seed potatoes and oats if they were willing to increase the area of land under tillage in the current season. The Government were prepared to advance money to defray preliminary expenses, including all facilities for working the plots, and the cost of putting the Scheme into operation was to be apportioned and charged to the beneficiaries under it.

Before going into the consideration of the subject, Mr. Geoghegan was requested to explain the methods by which the Vacant Land Cultivation Society dealt with allotments.

The Society were a Body of voluntary workers, but were not solely a philanthropic organization, as they were in receipt of a subsidy from the Development Commissioners which was applied to the payment of an Inspector and an Instructor, &c.

Any lands the Society had acquired were divided into plots of one-eighths of an acre in area, and these were allotted to applicants by ballot. Up to the present the Society had allocated 400 plots to cultivators, and to show how much allotments were appreciated, there were no less than 900 cases awaiting attention.

The operations of the Society, so far, had been most successful, there were no bad debts on their books, and as to the cultivators, they had good reason to be pleased with their venture, as the number of cases where there was a shortage of crops did not exceed two per. cent.

On a suggestion being made that the Wexford County Council should be applied to for the services of an Agricultural Instructor to teach inexperienced holders how to utilize their plots to the best advantage in the cultivation of potatoes and oats, Mr. Geoghegan stated that the Society would be pleased to help by placing the services of an Instructor at the disposal of the Council, free of charge, whenever available. Mr. Humphrey, the Society's Organizer, would be also ready, at any time, to furnish advice by letter. This was Mr. Geoghegan's statement in outline.

In the course of discussion, queries were put to him and suggestions were thrown out as to the best means of initiating a Scheme in accordance with the views of the Local Government Board. It was the opinion that the first step to be taken was to see if land was to be had and then to ascertain the number of working men that was disposed to take up allotments and till them. Although the undertaking of the Vacant Land Cultivation Society was self-supporting in Dublin, it was possible that a scheme of allotments in Wexford might involve some loss to the Ratepayers, and if this came to be anything serious because of an unfavourable season, it was reasonable that the Local Government Board should make good any loss accruing.

If the Council could reckon on the Loan being granted free of interest, the chance of the Scheme being launched and worked energetically would be greatly enhanced. The result of the discussion was the adoption of the following resolution and Order. First, as proposed by Alderman Carty and seconded by Alderman Hadden.

That a Committee of Five be appointed to supervise the carrying out of an Allotment Scheme, as laid down by the Local Government Board, but that the entire Committee consist of members of the Council.

The Committee was named and included The Mayor, and Aldermen Sinnott, Corish, Hadden, and Carty.

Secondly, Ordered:- That as an encouragement to the Council to make a vigorous effort to increase the area of land under cultivation, we respectfully submit that the Government should undertake to be responsible for any loss that might be incurred by Local Urban Authorities in connection with the provision of allotments for towns, seeing that urban ratepayers in the present war crisis are unable to meet the demands made upon them owing to the high prices of food and the unprecedented weight of Imperial Taxation, and that as it is not the province of towns to further the enlargement of tillage areas, it is our opinion that in this instance towns are entitled to special consideration at the hands of the Government.

At the conclusion of the meeting Alderman Sinnott proposed in appropriate terms that the thanks of the Meeting be tendered to Mr. Geoghegan for his goodness in attending and affording the useful information which he had given.

The motion was seconded by Alderman Carty who also referred in a complimentary way to Mr. Geoghegan because of the valuable points he had made clear out of the wealth of his experience.

The motion was put and carried unanimously.

The Mayor proffered the thanks of the meeting to the visitor and said the Council felt indebted to him for his services, more particularly as he was a voluntary worker in a praiseworthy cause.

Mr. Geoghegan expressed his thanks for the favour done him and said that he, and the other members of the Vacant land Cultivation Society, were anxious to further, in every way and at any time, the object which the Society had at heart.

Nicholas Byrne

23rd. January 1917.

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

The members present were:-

Nicholas Byrne, Esq., Mayor (in the chair)

Aldermen:- James Sinnott, Joseph Kelly, Frank Carty, George Hadden,
Richard Corish, William H. McGuire.

Councillors:- Philip Cowman, Thomas O'Brien, James Browne, Matthew Lymberry,
Joseph Doyle, Robert Coffey, David R. Keating, James McMahon,
Richard Gibson, Thomas Rossiter, Michael Martin.

The minutes of meetings of 3rd. January 1917 and of 6th January 1917 were read and signed.

Before the commencement of the business of the day opportunity was taken to call attention to three family bereavements which had occurred since the date of last meeting. These were due to the recent deaths of Mr. William Keating, Mrs Peter Ffrench of Harpoonstown, and Mrs Power at New York.

Heartfelt sympathy was expressed in all three cases with the bereaved and resolutions were adopted as follows.

Proposed by The Mayor and seconded by Alderman Sinnott.

Resolved:- That we hereby tender to Councillor David R. Keating our sincere condolence in the loss which has lately befallen him in the death of his late respected brother, William.

Councillor Keating, who was present at the meeting, thanked the members for their kind consideration, stating it was a solace in the circumstances to feel that he had the sympathy of the Council.

Proposed by The Mayor, seconded by Councillor McMahon, and

Resolved:- That we have heard, with regret, of the recent death of Mrs Ffrench, and

desire to tender to Mr. Peter Ffrench, M. P. an expression of deep sympathy on an event which has deprived him of his late partner-in-life.

Proposed by Alderman Sinnott, Seconded by Alderman McGuire, and

Resolved:- That having learned, through announcements in the Press, of the recent death of Mrs Power of New York, whereby Mr. John E. Redmond, M. P. has sustained the loss of a beloved daughter, we hereby assure Mr. Redmond of our sense of deep sorrow at the sad occurrence, and unite with other Public Bodies in offering our respectful condolences thereon.

The meeting then proceeded to elect a Mayor, pursuant to Section 94 (11) of the Local Government (Ireland) Act 1898, whereupon the following motion was proposed by Alderman Sinnott, seconded by Alderman Kelly and supported by Councillor Keating, Alderman Carty, Councillor James Browne, and Alderman McGuire, viz.

That our present mayor, Councillor Nicholas Byrne be and is hereby re-elected Mayor of Wexford for the next ensuing year and until his successor be appointed and shall have accepted office.

The motion was put and carried unanimously, Alderman Hadden acting in the place of the Mayor for the time being.

The Mayor thereupon made and subscribed a Declaration of acceptance of Office and returned thanks for his re-election.

It was decided that the three Quarterly Meetings to be held previous to 15th January 1918 be fixed to be held on Monday 7th May 1917 at noon, Wednesday, 1st August 1917 at 7. 30 p. m. and Monday 5th November 1917 at noon.

The question of appointing the Committees known as the Standing Committees gave rise to discussion. It was submitted that in virtue of present arrangements whereby these Committees, which were formed of all the members of the Council and met once a week and the business disposed of promiscuously, was not working in a satisfactory manner, but that to produce efficiency it was necessary to divide the Committee work into two parts and have each part attended to in a regular and systematic way on alternate Wednesdays.

As to the size and composition of these Committees it was decided that this was a point which should be settled first, and it was proposed by Councillor McMahon, and seconded by Alderman Kelly, that the Finance & Works, Waterworks, and Public Health Committees should include all the members of the Council for the year.

This motion was carried on a division being taken, ten members being for and six against it.

Then on the question of apportioning the Committee work to each alternate Wednesday, it was seen, on reflection, that it was for the Committees themselves rather than the Council to adopt measures to arrange their own system of work, and it was decided on the motion of Alderman Corish seconded by Alderman Hadden, to leave this question to the Committees for settlement.

On the question of appointing a Technical Instruction Committee for one year, it was proposed by Alderman Sinnott, seconded by Alderman Kelly and supported by Councillor Keating, Alderman Carty, Councillor James Browne, and Alderman McGuire, viz.

Resolved;- That the Technical Instruction Committee be composed of the following

seven members of the Council, viz. The Mayor, Aldermen Carty, Corish, Hadden, McGuire, Councillors French and Rossiter, in addition to the Protestant Rector of Wexford, Venerable Archdeacon Latham; the Catholic Administrator, Rev. Thomas Hore, Miss M. O'Connor and Messrs Howard Rowe, James Hore, and Joseph S. Thompson.

The question of abstaining from giving any further support to the Association of Municipal Authorities of Ireland was brought up on a recommendation from the Finance Committee. This Committee at their meeting on 17th Instant, had come to the conclusion that the application from the Association for the usual annual contribution should be refused on the ground that the work of the Association, so far as could be seen, had not resulted in any material advantage to Wexford.

Councillor Rossiter proposed that the Committee recommendation in the case be adopted. Councillor Cowman seconded the motion.

Discussion followed, and having regard to the smallness of the contribution the fresh arguments adduced in favour of recognizing the Association prevailed and influenced the opinion of members, and on a division the motion was lost, five only being for and nine against its adoption.

Having regard to this decision the following motion was proposed by Councillor Coffey and seconded by Alderman Hadden.

That the application from the Association of Irish Municipal Authorities for a contribution of £2. 2. 0 to the funds of that Body be granted.

This motion was carried, but there was a division taken thereon, whereupon ten members voted for and four against it.

Reference was made to the announcement which appeared in the Press that Mr. James O'Connor had been called upon to undertake the responsibilities attaching to the Attorney Generalship of Ireland, one of the highest Offices of State in this Country. Gratification was expressed by members present at finding that he had been the recipient of such a coveted mark of distinction, and occasion was taken to submit a motion of congratulation which was adopted unanimously.

It was proposed from the Chair and seconded by Alderman Sinnott in the following terms.

That we tender to The Right Honorable James O'Connor, K. C. our heartiest congratulations on his promotion to the dignified position of His Majesty's Attorney-General for Ireland.

That in choosing him for this high Office, His Majesty has given our worthy fellow-townsmen a gracious recognition of well-earned merit, and an earnest of further advancement to Membership of the Supreme Judicial Tribunal of Ireland.

That in recording our sincere pleasure at this happy in Mr. O'Connor's career, we feel assured we are expressing the cordial sentiments of the entire community of the town of Wexford, by whom he was well and honourably known from his childhood upwards.

It was announced that the Allotments Committee, which had been appointed on 6th Inst. had been actively engaged in discharge of the duties entrusted to them. They had

obtained the use of land in the following cases: From His Lordship, Dr. Browne, waste ground at Old Pound, rent free; from Mr. J. B. Pettigres, field at King Street at a nominal rent; from Mr. M. Kavanagh, waste ground for the use of Tenants in Trinity Street, free, and a plot of land at Windmills Hill, Corporation property, will be available for tillage due to a concession made by the Nuns of St. John of God.

The Committee had also had advertisements published requesting holders of land to submit offers to let for the purposes of the Allotments Scheme, and had also invited applications from prospective cultivators to take allotments for the production of vegetables.

The Committee found that the response to their advertisements had been very discouraging, so far. No offers to let land had been received, and only sixteen applications from would-be users of allotments had been sent in. The number of applicants for allotments was most insignificant, considering there were about 2,200 householders in the town of Wexford, and plainly denoted that an Allotments Scheme for Wexford would not be attended, unfortunately, with any marked success.

Nicholas Byrne

5th February 1917.

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

The members present were:-

Nicholas Byrne, Esq., Mayor (in the chair)

Aldermen:- James Sinnott, William H. McGuire, Frank Carty, Richard Corish,
George Hadden, Joseph Kelly.

Councillors:- Matthew Lymbery, David R. Keating, Richard Gibson, James McMahon,
Robert Coffey, Joseph Doyle, John J. Kirwan, James Browne,
Thomas Rossiter, Michael Martin.

The minutes of last meeting were read and signed.

Accounts which had accrued due up to the end of last month amounting in the aggregate to ££195. 3. 8 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 392 to 405 inclusive.

Summary and Reconcilement of Treasurer's Account for the month ended the last day of January 1917, 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.	541. 17. 5
Total sums received to close of last month.	816. 8. 9

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S U M M A R Y. (continued)

Balance due to Treasurer as per last Statement.	- . -
Payments ordered at this meeting.	195. 3. 8
TOTAL	195. 3. 8
Net Balance due by Treasurer (being difference of above Totals)	1163. 2. 6

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

Balance per Bank Books due by Treasurer.	1439. 10. 4
Outstanding Orders (including those issued at this Meeting)	276. 7. 10
Net Balance as above due by Treasurer.	1163. 2. 6

Amongst the accounts passed this day for payment were two items to which attention was specially drawn. One, amounting to £9. 15. 1 was the cost attendant for Quarter on the carrying out of the Food and Drugs Acts, and the other, amounting to £16. 10. 0 was the cost of material used in the work of laying crossings at King Street and Redmond Place.

There was no definite order made as to reducing the expenses under these headings, but the feeling was that a curtailment of expenses was desirable.

A war bonus of £3. 0. 0 granted by the School Attendance Committee to Mark Furlong, School Attendance Officer, was also part of the payments of the day.

Per previous arrangement, Mr. John Maddock and Mr. William Sheil came before the meeting in order to be presented with two silver medals and diplomas which had been awarded by His Majesty, the King of Norway in recognition of services rendered in assisting to rescue the shipwrecked crew of the Norwegian brig "Lillesand" of Christianssand which had been abandoned in the North Atlantic Ocean on 6th January 1916.

In making the presentations His Worship, the Mayor, took the opportunity to announce that at the time of the rescue Messrs Maddock and Sheil were Chief Mate and Boatswain respectively of the Steamship "Cluden" of London, and they, with other members of the crew of the latter ship, effected the rescue. He was sure that the spirit of bravery displayed on the occasion illustrated the humanitarian impulses that actuated the majority of mankind, after all.

He congratulated both of the recipients on behalf of the people of Wexford.

In returning thanks, Mr. Maddock said that in the circumstances he only did what he considered to be was his bounden duty. The risk at sea was serious at the present time, but sailors would not hesitate to lose their lives, if necessary, in an endeavour to save the lives of others.

Mr. Sheil expressed entire concurrence with these sentiments, and also tendered his thanks for the favour done him by the King of Norway.

A motion submitted at last meeting by Councillor McMahon and adjourned to present day's meeting was further adjourned till next meeting of the Council. It bore upon the question of the prohibition of the exportation of oats from this country, and the object in view was to have the prohibition order modified.

A report was submitted from the Technical Instruction Committee. The Committee had succeeded in acquiring valuable premises at West Gate for the purpose of carrying on the work of the Technical Institute. The reasons for taking this step were, first, that the classes had outgrown the accommodation of the present buildings, and second, that the Department had condemned the use of the rooms taken up by the Domestic Economy Classes, with the result that the Committee would be compelled to make extensive alterations and erect additions at a cost of over £4,000. 0. 0.

At this time it was found that the premises at West Gate were available. They were visited by the Committee and by a Department Inspector and subsequently by the Assistant Secretary of the Department for Technical Instruction and obtained their full approval. The premises consisted of two large houses embracing two large gardens, and out-offices. They stood on $1\frac{1}{2}$ acres of ground. Subject to Corporation approval they would be purchased from the middle landlord, subject to a head-rent of £31. 0. 0 a year and held for ever under a fee farm grant. Portion of the premises consisting of a dwelling house and Tennis Club Court, were let at the present time and brought in a rent of £62 a year, and the unlet portion consisted of a large dwelling house including a motor garage. This house, until a few months back, was in the possession of Dr. O'Connor who paid a yearly rent of £35, and it was this that was intended to be put to the use of a Technical School immediately. The purchase price was £750 towards meeting which the Committee had in hands £537, and it was expected that the balance would be raised by the sale of the present Technical Institute which was purchased 13 years ago for £400, and since then had been considerably enlarged by structural additions.

In support of the proposal the meeting was favoured by the presence of four representatives of the Technical Institute, namely, Mr. Howard Rowe, Chairman, Mr. J. S. Thompson, The venerable Archdeacon Latham, and Mr. Ernest Lousley, Secretary. They urged on the Corporation the wisdom of ratifying the action of the Committee in the matter.

In the course of discussion it was asserted by members interested in Technical Instruction that the project would certainly involve the Corporation in no additional consequence expense, and as a ~~result~~ of the purchase they would never be asked to increase the present contribution of one penny in the Pound on the valuation of the Borough. Alderman Hadden moved that the report of the Technical Instruction Committee be adopted formally.

The motion was seconded by Alderman McGuire, but as it evoked some opposition, it was put to a Division, whereupon 14 members voted for and 2 against it. The motion was declared carried.

A circular from the Local Government Board dated 31st January 1917, No.26.M. was submitted. It drew attention to the provisions of the Public Authorities and Bodies (Loans) Act 1916 enabling Urban Councils to borrow money for the purpose of investing it in the new Government War Loan under certain conditions.

As far as Wexford was concerned it was seen that it was open to the Corporation to raise from their Treasurer a sum of £5,210 for investment, this being the balance

unissued by the Board of Works of a Loan of £10,000 to be borrowed under Mortgage Deed of 1st March 1915. Through the exigences of the War the Board of Works were constrained to suspend the transmission of the remainder of this Loan.

So far as could be seen at the present time, it was the opinion that no financial advantage would accrue from availing of the privileges conferred by the Act. The meeting did not manifest any desire to carry out any financial operation in aid of the War Loan and deferred further consideration of the matter to an unspecified date, but at least until the receipt of the further information promised by the Local Government Board.

The particulars of a scheme framed by the Wexford Branch of the Women's National Health Association was brought forward. The Scheme was compiled in conformity with a circular from the Local Government Board dated 8th June 1916, No.34.M. in reference to maternity and child welfare. It was possible under the Notification of Births (Extension) Act 1915 for Local Authorities to make arrangements for attention to be given to the health of expectant mothers and nursing mothers, and to children under five years of age.

The Association proposed to employ a Health Visitor at a salary of £100 a year, whose duties, inter alia, would be to visit the homes of expectant poor mothers and give advice in such cases, to see that delicate babies and children under five years were treated and fed in a suitable way and medically treated, if required. The cost of putting the scheme into operation would amount to £156 per annum. Of this sum half would be recouped through the Association, as definitely promised to the Public Health Committee on 3rd. January 1917 by Mrs Foran of Listowel who was engaged in the work of promoting Maternity and Child Welfare Schemes.

After a motion proposed and seconded by Alderman Sinnott and Councillor Rossiter respectively in favour of putting the Scheme into operation had been submitted, and discussed a second motion proposed by Alderman Carty and seconded by Alderman Kelly respectively was put to the meeting and carried by ten votes to five, viz:- That the consideration of a maternity and Child Welfare Scheme for the Urban District of Wexford be deferred pending the termination of the War.

A copy of a resolution from the Cork County Council was read advocating a revision of the law relating to compensation for malicious injuries in Ireland, so as to bring it into conformity with the English system.

This resolution was incomplete inasmuch as it did not specify what was the composition and powers of the Tribunal that adjudicated in such cases in England.

The receipt of another copy resolution from the same County Council containing a plea for the release of the Irish Political Prisoners and a copy of a resolution from the Rural District Council of Navan, urging the claims of Ireland to representation at a European Peace Conference to be held on the conclusion of the War was announced.

The consideration of all three resolutions was deferred to next monthly meeting.

Responses, as follow, were received to resolutions of condolence in two cases, and a resolution of condolence in one case, adopted at meeting of 23rd. ultimo, and

and transmitted to the three gentlemen concerned.

Aughavanagh, Aughrim, Co. Wicklow.

Mr. Redmond and family return their sincere gratitude for sympathy extended to them in their recent bereavement.

Harpoonstown, Wexford. 26th January 1917.

Dear Sir, Please convey to the Wexford Municipal Council my sincere thanks for their expressions of sympathy so kindly joined in by yourself.

W. A. Browne, Esq.

Yours faithfully, Peter French.

Law Room, Dublin Castle, 1st February 1917

My dear Mr. Browne,

I am most deeply grateful to the Corporation of Wexford for their kindness in passing such a flattering resolution on my appointment. I shall value that resolution always as one of my best possessions. There is a very warm corner in my heart for Wexford, for I have many grateful memories of pleasant associations with my fellow-townsmen, from whom I received so much encouragement and kindness.

I thank you, personally, for your kind references,

W. A. Browne, Esq.

Very sincerely yours, James O'Connor.

Nicholas Byrne

£4,750 in
The Finance Committee invested £5,000 in War Loan on 16th February 1917. Letters from L. G. B. authorizing investment in hands of National Bank who lent the money.

W. A. Browne
5th March, 1917.

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

The members present were:-

Nicholas Byrne, Esq., Mayor (in the chair)

Aldermen:- Richard Corish, William H. McGuire, George Hadden, Frank Carty, Joseph Kelly.

Councillors:- Matthew Lymbery, Richard Doyle, Philip Cowman, Robert Coffey, Joseph Doyle, David R. Keating, Richard Gibson, John J. Kirwan, James Browne, James McMahon.

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 £1018. 4. 2 were submitted and having been examined were approved and an Advice note was signed to enable the Treasurer to pay them on presentation to him of Paying Orders numbered from 406 to 436 inclusive.

Summary and Reconcilement of Treasurer's Account for the month ended the last day of February 1917, including the payments made at meeting held on this day.

SUMMARY.

Balance due by Treasurer as per last Statement.	1163. 2. 6
Total sums received to close of last month.	756. 4. 7
TOTAL	1919. 7. 1
Balance due to Treasurer as per last Statement.	- . -
Payments ordered at this meeting.	1018. 4. 2
TOTAL	1018. 4. 2
Net Balance due by Treasurer (being difference of above Totals)	901. 2. 11

RECONCILEMENT.

Balance per Bank Books due by Treasurer	2016. 8. 6
Outstanding Orders including those issued at this meeting.	1115. 5. 7
Net Balance as above due by Treasurer.	901. 2. 11

A communication was read from the Under Secretary under date of 19th February 1917, (No.3725) It had reference to the action taken by the Home Office with the object of checking in England and Wales the exhibition of objectionable films in cinematograph houses. It embodied also model conditions to be inserted in cinematograph licences dealing not only with objectionable films but with offensive posters or programmes, add with inadequate lighting in the auditorium, and contained a suggestion that these conditions should be inserted in licences issued by Local Authorities in Ireland. After brief discussion it was decided on the motion of Councillor Coffey seconded by Councillor Keating that the model conditions referred to be adopted in their entirety as follows.

1. No film shall be shewn which is likely to be injurious to morality or to encourage or incite to crime, or to lead to disorder, or to be offensive to public feeling, or which contains any offensive representation of living persons. If the licensing authority serve a notice on the Licensee that they object to the exhibition of any film on any of the grounds aforesaid, that film shall not be shewn.
2. No film shall be shewn unless three clear days notice, stating the name and subject of the film, together with a copy of any synopsis or description used or issued in connection with the film, has been given to the licensing authority; and the licensee shall within that period, if the licensing authority so require, exhibit the film to such persons as they may direct.
3. Films which have been examined by any persons on behalf of the licensing authority shall be exhibited exactly in the form in which they were passed for exhibition, without any alterations or additions, unless the consent of the licensing authority to such alterations or additions has previously been obtained.
4. No poster, advertisement, sketch, synopsis or programme of a film shall be displayed sold or supplied either inside or outside the premises which is likely to be injurious to morality or to encourage or incite to crime, or to lead to disorder, or to be offensive to public feeling, or which contains any offensive representations of living persons.
5. Every part of the premises to which the public are admitted shall be so lighted

during the whole of the time it is open to the public as to make it possible to see clearly over the whole area.

An Interim Report from the Allotments Committee was read. This Committee, since the date of its appointment on 5th January had met eleven times. They had conducted a good deal of correspondence, and had had interviews with several persons, including His Lordship, Dr. Browne, Bishop of Ferns, and had inspected pieces of land in different parts of the town. They had issued advertisements inviting holders in or convenient to the town to submit offers to let any portions of land that it was at all possible for them to spare, but to the regret of the Committee there was no response to the invitation. They had also requested, by advertisement, workmen to apply for the Allotments, but only 27 applications were received. They had succeeded, however, in obtaining, free of charge, a piece of waste ground at Old Pound, and a low-lying field at King Street, and had turned into use a piece of ground purchased by the Council about two years ago at Windmills Hill. These grounds were capable of being divided into twelve allotments, and were assigned by lot to twelve of the applicants, but in the case of King Street and Old Pound, the land proved not suited to tillage and the prospective cultivators declined to take it. The land at Windmills Hill had been let to six cultivators at a rent of 10/- each per annum to be applied towards the payment of a sum of £8. 18. 0 cost of erecting a temporary paling.

Regret was expressed at this discouraging result of the labours of the Committee, but it was hoped that the compulsory powers to be conferred in cases where an approved scheme was adopted would be attended with success, perhaps not this year, but in all likelihood next.

The Waterworks Committee reported on the result of the collection of the Water Rates for the year ending 31st March 1917. The Collector had performed his duty in a most efficient way. Of the total sum to be collected, namely, £1259. 11. 0 there remained at the close of the year only £19. 2. 9 outstanding. Of this latter sum it was found that £18. 10. 8 was irrecoverable leaving only 12/1 to be collected. The report was adopted.

A letter from this Collector was read containing a request for an increase of remuneration. He was paid at the rate of 8d, in the pound on all moneys collected and lodged, whereas his immediate predecessor in office was paid at the rate of 9d. in the Pound. Expenses of collection had increased in many ways, and the work was more difficult owing to the war and the consequent shortage of money.

On the motion of Alderman Hadden seconded by Councillor McMahon, it was Resolved:- That the rate of poundage paid to the Water Rate Collector be increased by one penny, thereby putting him on a footing of equality, as regards remuneration, with the last Collector.

With reference to minutes of last meeting, a motion having for its object the modification of an Order of the Department of Agriculture regarding the exportation of oats from Ireland was withdrawn by Councillor McMahon.

With reference to minutes of last meeting, a motion similar to one adopted by the Cork County Council was passed on the proposition of Councillor Coffey seconded

by Alderman Corish, viz.

Resolved:- That this Council strongly approve of the Resolution of the County Down County Council requesting a revision of the law relating to compensation for malicious injuries in Ireland, and we strongly urge the Irish members of Parliament to take steps to have the law affecting Ireland in this matter revised and brought into line with the law at present prevailing in Great Britain.

With reference to minutes of last meeting also the following copy of a resolution adopted by the Rural District Council of Cavan, and received for adoption by the Wexford Urban District Council was read, viz.

Now that it seems likely that the Peace Conference, which will decide the future of most of the small Nationalities of Europe, will very soon be called together, we claim that the Irish Nation, one of the oldest of European Nations, and one whose interests will be directly affected by the result of the War, should have representation at this Peace Conference, just as Belgium, Roumania, and other small Nations.

In the course of a discussion which was altogether of a political character, and in which it was made clear that the interests of Ireland on this point as well as on all others, were in the safe keeping of the Irish Parliamentary Party, the rejection of the proposition was moved by Councillor Keating and seconded by Councillor Coffey.

The question of rejection was put to a Division, whereupon 15 members voted for and only one against it.

A communication from the Town Clerk of Dublin was read. It included a resolution of which the following is a copy.

"That this Council desires to call the attention of the Government to the distress that will inevitably arise in the home countries when War is over: it is of opinion public works of an extensive nature will have to be initiated to meet this serious difficulty: such works cannot be commenced or carried out without full and careful consideration. It is desirable that the matter should now be fully and carefully considered both by the Government and by the public representative bodies, so that in the prevention of distress public works will be started which will materially and permanently benefit the country generally.

This Council is of opinion that the creation of a great harbour at Galway to deal with Canadian and American trade through Ireland would be an undertaking of vast importance to the people of Ireland and to the people of Great Britain, bring the home countries into quicker and closer relationship with Canada and America, and therefore urges upon the Government the advisability of assisting in this project."

The meeting saw no objection to the project being given a chance to mature in the public mind and on the motion of Alderman Corish seconded by Councillor Keating, it was decided to endorse the action of Dublin Corporation in the matter.

A form of Memorial drawn up by a Body named the Irish Women's Council was submitted. This Body requested that the Corporation should obtain the signatures of women in the town to the memorial the object of which was to draw the attention of foreign countries to the treatment of the Irish Political Prisoners, who, it was claimed, were entitled to be treated as Prisoners of War.

As to this request, it was pointed out that it was a matter of public notoriety that some members of the Irish Parliamentary Party were continuously agitating for an amelioration of the condition of the prisoners, and that consequently the action of the Irish Women's Council was uncalled for and had, quite evidently, a sinister object behind it.

The refusal of the request was proposed by Alderman McGuire and seconded from the Chair.

A Division was taken on the question of refusal, whereupon fifteen members voted for and only one against it, and it was declared carried.

*Nicholas Byrne Mayor
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21st March, 1917.

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:-

Nicholas Byrne, Esq., Mayor (in the chair)

Aldermen:- Richard Corish, George Hadden, Joseph Kelly, William H. McGuire, Frank Carty.

Councillors:- Matthew Lymbery, James Browne, James Murphy, Richard Doyle, John Walsh, Michael Martin, Robert Coffey, David R. Keating, Richard Gibson, John J. Kirwan.

The minutes of meeting of 5th March 1917 were read and signed.

Estimates of the expenditure necessary to carry on the municipal administration of the Borough in the coming financial year were taken into consideration. It was seen that after carrying to credit the different items of income accruing from sources other than Rates, and taking into account the estimated Balances in favour of the four accounts kept by the Treasurer, there remained to be provided by means of Rates to be levied on the District the following sums:-

	£	s.	d.
By a Poor Rate.: : : : : : : : : :	2758.	18.	8
By Water Rates.: : : : : : : : : :	851.	13.	5
By a Special Rate. : : : : : : : : :	2144.	8.	5
By a Borough Rate. : : : : : : : : :	1440.	5.	8

Attached to the Estimate of sums to be raised by a Poor Rate was a recommendation from the Finance Committee under date of 14th March Instant as to the making of a Poor Rate at a poundage of 3/-, and on the motion of Councillor Coffey, seconded by Councillor James Browne it was

Resolved:- That the Poundage of the poor Rate for the service of the year ending 31st March 1918 be fixed at three shillings in the pound, as recommended by the Finance Committee.

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With regard to the Estimate of expenses to be raised by means of Water Rates, it was proposed by Alderman McGuire, seconded by Councillor Coffey, and

Resolved:- That the poundage of the Water Rates be fixed as follows: Domestic Rate, Eightpence in the Pound. Public Rate, Fourpence in the Pound.

Regarding the Estimate of monies required to be raised by a Special Rate, there was discussion. Included among the items to be expended was a sum of £800, being cost attendant on quarrying 4,000 tons of stones. In view of the desirability of relieving the rate burden it was considered that this item should be reduced to £400, leaving the remainder to be provided for in the Estimate in respect of the year commencing 1st April 1918.

The idea commended itself to the meeting, and on the motion of Alderman McGuire, seconded by Councillor Coffey, it was decided to reduce the item from £800 to £400. Another item of £85. 8. 0 cost of two footpaths for Trimmers Lane was dealt with on the same principle, and on the motion of Councillor Coffey seconded by Councillor Murphy, it was decided to reduce the item by £45. 0. 0, and to construct but one footpath in the present year, leaving the second footpath to be provided for in the Estimate in respect of the year 1918.

Thereupon on the motion of Alderman Kelly seconded by Councillor Coffey, it was Resolved:p That the poundage of the Special Rate be fixed to be levied at One Shilling and Tenpence.

The Estimate of Receipts and Expenses in connection with the Borough Fund was then considered. On the suggestion of Alderman Corish an item of £39 set apart to provide food for necessitous school children was increased to double that amount, being what would be raised by a Rate of one penny in the Pound, more or less.

Alderman Hadden proposed that a sum of £78 should be added also to provide water closets for houses at Hill Street, the property of the Corporation.

This motion was seconded by Alderman Carty, but was lost on a division, six members voting for and nine against it, but a motion as proposed by Alderman Corish and seconded by Councillor Martin was carried as to the insertion of an item of £54 to be applied to the construction of a sewer for the efficient drainage of dwellings the property of the Corporation at Roche's Road.

The Estimate having been amended in conformity with the decisions come to, it was adopted, and it was agreed that the poundage of the Borough Rate should be settled on at One Shilling and Sixpence.

Nicholas Byrne
Mayor
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2nd. April 1917.

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

The members present were:-

Nicholas Byrne, Esq., Mayor (in the chair)

Aldermen:- Richard Corish, James Sinnott, Joseph Kelly, William H. McGuire, Frank Carty, George Hadden.

Councillors:- Joseph Doyle, Philip Cowman, Michael Martin, Robert Coffey, Richard Gibson, David R. Keating, James Browne, John J. Kirwan.

The minutes of meeting of 21st March 1917 were read and signed.

With regard to minutes of 6th September 1915, on which date the proposed improvement at Trimmers Lane was dealt with, an item of £130 was set down as the probable sum to be realized by the sale of four houses; these not being required to be taken down. They were sold by public auction, by direction of the Finance and Works Committee and were purchased by Mrs Laurence Meyer for a sum of £110, but subject to the condition that within six months from taking possession a sum of £100 should be expended in putting the houses into fair habitable order to the satisfaction of the Town Surveyor. The Deed of Assignment in the case was submitted to the present meeting for execution, if the meeting thought fit to seal it on the part of the Council.

The transaction was approved and the Corporation Seal was thereupon duly affixed to the Document, the purchase price having been lodged with the Corporation Solicitor, and a written guarantee furnished that the wishes of the Committee as regards the work of repairs would be carried out.

With reference to minutes of 3rd. January 1917, on which occasion it was decided to take steps towards revising the Market Bye-laws chiefly with a view to preventing, or failing that checking, the practice of forestalling prevalent in Wexford, an opinion from the Attorney-General on a case sent to him was read. From this it appeared that the offence of forestalling, either at common law or under Statute, was abolished by 7 & 8 Vic. Cap. 29 Sec. 1. This Act was repealed by the Statute Law Revision Act 1892, but by the operation of Section 38(2) of the Interpretation Act 1889 the repeal did not revive the offence which had been abolished by it.

It consequently followed that forestalling was not now an offence. The only thing the Corporation could provide against was anything that could deprive them of Tolls to which they were entitled. As to the Fairs there was no power to make Bye-Laws for a Fair, but if the Corporation wished to change the date and locality for holding same, then it was open to them to proceed by representation to the Lord Lieutenant in Council according to 31 & 32 Vic. Cap 12. Sec. 3.

Having regard to the terms of this opinion and the expense attendant on the framing, confirming, and promulgating a fresh set of market Bye-Laws, the meeting came to the conclusion to take no further action in the matter.

A resolution from the County Wexford Committee of Agriculture and Technical

Instruction was read requesting the Corporation to provide for the marketing of fruit and vegetables, which owing to the high price of food caused by the War had become articles of household use.

It was ordered that the Committee be informed in reply that the established vegetable market was situated at Corn market, and that a market for fruit was held in the market Buildings in the Bull Ring and in the open air on the Quay.

A letter from the Local Government Board under date of 5th March 1917, No.8978, was read. It had reference to the action of the Corporation on 5th February 1917 in deferring the adoption of a maternity and Child Welfare Scheme until the close of the War, and impressed on the Corporation the importance of giving the subject immediate attention, having regard to the high death rate among infants in Wexford. The meeting gave the question serious consideration, but concluded to adhere to the decision already come to for the reason that the need to practise economy in the administration of public funds was equally important with the launching of a Child Welfare Scheme.

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 and Works Committee. The Committee made the following recommendation.

That there be written off as irrecoverable items of Borough Rate amounting to £25. 18. 10, and items of Rate in lieu of County Cess of £39. 6. 11½, and that the balance of items outstanding, i. e. 18/9 and £1. 10. 0 respectively, be carried forward as arrears.

The recommendation was adopted.

A letter from Count Plunkett who was recently elected M. P. for one of the Divisions of County Roscommon was produced. This individual was an adherent of the Sinn Féin Party in Ireland, and was about to start a propaganda to forward the principles of that party. He was endeavouring to assemble in Dublin on 19th of the present month a Convention composed of representatives of the Public Bodies of the County for the purpose of gathering public opinion on Sinn Féin doctrine.

The introduction of this subject was signalized by evidence of fierce hostility to the entertainment of the question, but as there appeared to be some members present friendly to Count Plunkett's views a debate of an entirely political character was entered upon. It was proposed that the letter should be cast into the waste paper basket. The suggestion met with support, and properly to elicit feeling thereon a division was taken when 12 members voted for and 2 against the proposal.

A resolution from an Association of Vintners Assistants in Dublin, protesting against the restrictions about to be imposed, as alleged, on the Licensed and Allied Trades was read, but as the meeting was not sufficiently well informed and as the resolution was drafted in vague and general terms, it was decided to adjourn the consideration of it for the present.

A copy resolution from the Municipal Council of Dublin was taken into consideration. Its object was to protest against the excessive exportation of food from Ireland, and

to call on the Government to take steps to prevent it, and to secure a regular supply of food at prices within the reach of the working classes.

The adoption of this resolution was proposed by Alderman Corish and seconded by Councillor Martin, but the motion was defeated, as it was held that it was unwise to hamper the activities of the Department of Agriculture in the matter of safeguarding food supplies or of exporting food.

Liabilities which had accrued up to the end of the last month, amounting in the aggregate to £615. 10. 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 437 to 459 inclusive.

Summary and Reconcilement of Treasurer's Account for the month ended the last day of March 1917, 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.	901. 2. 11
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Total sums received to close of last month.	1025. 18. 7
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TOTAL	1927. 1. 6
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Balance due to Treasurer as per last Statement.	-- -- --
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Payments ordered at this meeting.	615. 10. 5
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Net Balance due by Treasurer (being difference of above)	1311. 11. 1
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R E C O N C I L E M E N T .

Balance per Bank Books due by Treasurer.	1929. 0. 0
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Outstanding Orders (including those issued at this Meeting)	617. 8. 11
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Net Balance as above due by Treasurer.	1311. 11. 1
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Nicholas Byrne
Mayor
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18th April, 1917.

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:-

Nicholas Byrne, Esq., Mayor (in the chair)

Aldermen:- Richard Corish, William H. McGuire, Frank Carty, Joseph Kelly,
George Hadden.

Councillors:- Matthew Lymbery, John J. Kirwan, John Walsh, Richard Gibson,
Philip Cowman, James Browne, Robert Coffey, Joseph Doyle.

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

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

Proposed by Alderman Corish.

Seconded by Councillor Lymbery.

RESOLVED:- That a Borough Rate of One Shilling and Sixpence in the Pound ^{Shilling} (Being One/ for General Town Purposes and Sixpence for Sanitary Purposes) 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 21st March 1917.

Proposed by Alderman Kelly.

Seconded by Councillor Joseph Doyle.

RESOLVED:- That an Assessment of One Shilling and Tenpence 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 21st March 1917.

Proposed by Alderman McGuire.

Seconded by Councillor James Browne.

RESOLVED:- That an Assessment of One Shilling in the Pound, viz a Domestic Rate of Eightpence and a Public Rate of Fourpence 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 an Estimate duly considered and adopted on 21st March 1917.

Proposed by Councillor Coffey.

Seconded by Councillor Lymbery.

RESOLVED:- That a Poor Rate of Three Shillings in the Pound be made on the net assessable value of property within the Urban District of Wexford, as per an Estimate of Expenses to be raised by a Poor Rate on the said Urban District, considered and adopted on 21st March 1917.

Nicholas Byrne
Mayor
May 7 - 1917

7th May, 1917.

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

The members present were:-

Nicholas Byrne, Esq., Mayor (in the chair)

Aldermen:- Joseph Kelly, Richard Corish, William H. McGuire, James Sinnott, Frank Carty.

Councillors:- Joseph Doyle, Richard Gibson, Robert Coffey, Philip Cowman, James Murphy, Richard Doyle, Matthew Lymbery.

The meeting resolved itself into Committee to deal with the case of Walter Walsh, an absconding Rent Collector. This man had disappeared, and his wife and family stated they could give no clue whatever to his whereabouts. On its becoming known, on Tuesday, 1st May, that he had absconded, possession was taken of his books, which were examined, with the result that a sum of £90, so far as could then be ascertained, was due by him. Next day the case was brought under the notice of the Finance Committee who appointed Mr. N. J. Cosgrave as Collector of Rents, pro. tem. Mr. Cosgrave was at present engaged on calling on the tenants, but was not, as yet, in a position to state what was exactly due, so as to enable a claim to be made on the Fidelity Guarantee Company who were responsible for the delinquent's defalcation. The case had been duly reported to the Guarantee Company who had asked, among other things, if the Corporation intended to prosecute the defaulting Collector.

Directions were now asked for on the entire case, whereupon it was decided to lay informations as soon as the exact amount of the defalcation be found out, and to refer the arrangement of the terms and conditions pertaining to the appointment of a new Collector to the Finance and Works Committee.

The minutes of last meeting were then read and signed.

Liabilities which had accrued due up to the end of last month, amounting in the aggregate to £1512. 15. 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 460 to 495 inclusive.

Summary and reconciliation of Treasurer's Account for the month ended the last day of April, 1917, including the payments made at the meeting held on this day.

S U M M A R Y .

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Balance per Bank Books due by Treasurer.	1311.	11.	1
Total sums received to close of last month.	120.	19.	3
TOTAL	1432.	10.	4
Balance due to Treasurer as per last Statement.	-.	-.	-
Payments ordered at this Meeting.	1512.	15.	7
TOTAL	1512.	15.	7
Net Balance due to Treasurer(being difference of above Totals)	80.	5.	3

RECONCILEMENT.

Balance per Bank Book due by Treasurer.	1436. 18. 10.
Outstanding Orders.	1517. 4. 1
Net Balance as above due by treasurer.	80. 5. 3

A copy resolution adopted by the Municipal Council of Dublin was submitted.

It was framed in the following terms.

"Whereas the British House of Commons has unanimously conveyed to the Russian Duma the following resolution.

That this House sends to the Duma its fraternal greetings, and tenders to the Russian people its heartfelt congratulations in full confidence that they will lead not only to the rapid and happy progress of the Russian nation, but to the prosecution with renewed steadiness and vigour of the war against the stronghold of autocratic militarism which threatens the liberty of Europe.

And whereas the provisional Government of Russia has issued the following Proclamation.

Yielding to the imperious demands of the national conscience in the name of historic justice and in commemoration of the definite triumph of the new regime, founded upon right and liberty, we order a general political amnesty.

It is hereby resolved that this meeting of the Public Corporation representing all shades of political opinion, hereby demands that the British Government shall adopt a similar policy to that upon which they have congratulated the Provisional Government of Russia, and declare a general amnesty of Irish Political Prisoners, and a revocation of the recent order of deportation upon other Irishmen.

The resolution was accompanied with a request for its endorsement by the Municipal Council of Wexford, and thereupon on the motion of Alderman Carty seconded by Councillor Murphy, it was

Resolved:- That the request be complied with.

A communication from 44 Oakley Road, Ranelagh, Dublin, from persons interested in the Countess de Markievicz was submitted. It contained a statement as to the prison treatment of this lady who had taken a prominent part in the Sinn Fein upheaval that had occurred in Dublin in Easter Week 1916, and was consequently sent to penal servitude for life by Court Martial. It contained a complaint of her treatment in prison, and a request that a resolution similar to the following should be adopted, and on the motion of Alderman Corish seconded by Alderman Kelly it was resolved to comply with the request.

the resolution is as follows.

That we protest in the strongest manner possible against the unjust and cruel treatment which is being meted out to the Countess de Markievicz in Aylesbury Convict Jail, and that we respectfully but firmly demand that until her release she receive the same privileges as the other Irish Prisoners now in Lewes Jail, namely, isolation from other prisoners, and a daily visit from an outside friend.

A letter from the Dublin Industrial Development Association was read. This Association requested that the Wexford Municipal Council would give countenance to the projected establishment, on a colossal scale, of a motor tractor factory in the City of Cork by the adoption of a resolution in the following terms.

The meeting was unanimously in favour of the project, and on the motion of Alderman Sinnott, seconded by Alderman McGuire, it was

Resolved:- That this Council congratulates the citizens of Cork on the coming of the Ford Tractor Factory to that City, and assures the Company promoting the Scheme of its support and good wishes.

Two applications received for renewal of Cinematograph Licences were submitted, but in connection with this matter attention was drawn to a circular received from Mr. T. P. O'Connor M. P., Censor of Films, bringing under notice a list of films he had passed for exhibition.

The present was the opportune time for the Corporation to make it mandatory on Cinema Licensees to exhibit no films except those included in the list. It appeared, however, that it would impose a serious hardship on the Proprietors of the Cinema houses in Wexford to make it a condition that the censored films in question should alone be hired, at least for the present year.

The consideration of this matter resulted in the meeting deciding to issue the Licences, but the condition to be embodied in them were to be settled on by the Finance and Works Committee after hearing what the Managers of the Cinema houses had to say on the subject, from their point of view.

Nicholas Byrne
Mayor
Jan 4 1917

4th June, 1917.

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:-

Nicholas Byrne, Esq., Mayor (in the chair)

Aldermen:- George Hadden, William H. McGuire, Joseph Kelly, Frank Carty, Richard Corish.

Councillors:- James Browne, Joseph Doyle, James Murphy, Richard Gibson,

Matthew Lymbery, David R. Keating, John Walsh, Thomas Rossiter,

Mihhael Martin, Thomas O'Brien, James McMahon, Richard Doyle,

John J. Kirwan, Robert Ceffey, Michael Browne.

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 £1045. 6. 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 496 to 500 and from 1 to 19 inclusive.

Summary and Reconcilement of Treasurer's Account for the month ended the last day of May 1917, including the payments made at the meeting held on this day.

SUMMARY.

Balance per Bank Books as per last Statemnt.	- . -
Total sums received to close of last month.	1214. 2. 7
TOTAL	1214. 2. 7
Balance per Bank Books due to Treasurer.	80. 5. 3
Payments ordered at this meeting.	1045. 6. 4
TOTAL	1125. 11. 7
Net Balance due by Treasurer.	88. 11. 0

RECONCILEMENT.

Balance per Bank Books due by Treasurer.	1135. 15. 10
Outst anding Orders.	1047. 4. 10
Net Balance as above due by Treasurer.	88. 11. 0

With reference to minutes of last meeting it was announced that the Finance Committee had settled on the terms of appointment of a Rent Collector. These were that the new Collector was to be obliged to make weekly ledgments of all monies collected, and to furnish a Fidelity Guarantee Bond in a sum of £150; the remuneration of one shilling in the Pound and his duties regarding the keeping and having his books checked were to be the same as his predecessor's had been.

This was approved of.

The appointment of a new Collector was then made.

There were six applicants for the Office, namely, Patrick Tracey, Nicholas J. Cosgrave, John Howlin, Nicholas Furlong, Patrick Browne, and Patrick Ennis.

To see which of these was to be appointed a poll of the members present was taken, whereupon 5 voted for Cosgrave, 4 for Furlong, 10 for Browne, and 2 for Ennis.

A second poll was then taken as a result of which 9 members voted for Cosgrave, 2 for Furlong, and 10 for Browne.

A final poll was then taken as between Cosgrave and Browne when the voting was as follows:-

For Cosgrave:- Councillors M. Browne, Coffey, Kirwan, Keating, Lymbeey, Gibson, J. Doyle, Aldermen Carty, McGuire, Hadden, and The Mayor. 11

For Browne:- Councillors R. Doyle, McMahon, O'Brien, Martin, Rossiter, Walsh, Murphy, J. Browne, Aldermen Corish and Kelly. 10

Thereupon Mr. Cosgrave became appointed.

With reference to minutes of proceedings of 3rd. January last, on which occasion it was decided to pull down an old stable at Trimmers Lane, the Finance and Works Committee who had taken charge of this matter had had the stable demolished by contract. Mr. John Browne, the Contractor in the case, took down the building for the sake of the old material in it, and in addition had agreed to pay the Committee £1. 10. by way of bonus.

The ground had now been cleared, and it was now necessary to provide a wall and railing

Tenders for this new work had been invited by advertisement, but only one tender had been lodged.

This on being opened was found to be from Mrs Mary O'Connor, Builder. She offered to do the work in accordance with the terms of the specification for a sum of £68. 10. 0.

This was about £10 higher than the estimated cost of the work, but as the cost of building materials had increased since the time the estimate was prepared the amount of the tender was not deemed excessive, and accordingly on the motion of Alderman Hadden, seconded by Alderman Kelly, the tender was accepted.

Two circulars were read from the Local Government Board. Both were dated 16th May 1917, and were numbered, one, 85. M., and the other 87. M. They had reference to the question of Maternity and Child Welfare. These following on a letter from the Local Government Board under date of 30th April last, No. 18997, urging the adoption of an attenuated Scheme of Maternity and Child Welfare were considered uncalled for, having regard to the terms of decision come to by this Urban Council on 2nd. April last.

The meeting refused to entertain the subject again, but consented to deal with it as soon as it became reasonably apparent that the end of the War was approaching. A memorial was read from ten residents of Parnell Street. They asked that the present footpath existing on the South Side of that street should be continued the whole way up to Castle Hill.

The matter was referred to the Town Surveyor to report upon.

On the motion of Alderman Kelly seconded by Councillor Coffey the three following recommendations from the Finance and Works Committee were adopted.

(1) That a War Bonus of £4. be granted to the Town Sergeant for one year commencing 2nd. May 1917 in quarterly payments of £1. each.

(2) That MR. N. J. Cosgrave be paid for his services as Collector of Rents pro. tem. a sum of £5. in addition to the ordinary commission of 1/- in the £.

(3) That the offer of Mr. Laurence Kirwan of £3. for the use of the piece of evicted land belonging to the Corporation at Summerhill, and generally known as

"The Brickfields" until Christmas 1917 be accepted.

On the motion of Alderman Carty seconded by Alderman Hadden the following resolution was unanimously adopted.

"That a Grant be made by Government without further delay for Education, Primary, Elementary, and Technical, in Ireland proportionate to the Grant for England and Scotland.

That as this is a very urgent and pressing matter, Mr. Duke be requested to make known, as soon as possible, the amount of Ireland's share of this supplementary Grant."

Michael Byrne

Mayor

July 2 1917

20th June, 1917.

A meeting of the Council was held this day at the Town Clerk's Office at 7. 30. p. m.
The members present on the occasion were:-

Nicholas Byrne, Esq., Mayor (in the chair)

Aldermen:- Richard Corish, George Hadden, William H. McGuire, Frank Carty,
Joseph Kelly.

Councillors:- David R. Keating, Matthew Lymbery, James McMahon, James Browne,
John J. Kirwan, James Murphy, Michael Martin.

The meeting was convened to pay a tribute of respect to the memory of the late William H. K. Redmond.

On taking the Chair, the Mayor referred in touching terms to the recent death, on the Battlefields, of the deceased. His words were fully and sympathetically endorsed and assented to tacitly by all present, but several members took occasion to give utterance to their feelings of sorrow and bereavement at an event which deprived Wexford Town of an eminent and beloved fellow-townsmen. His Worship proposed the following motion which was seconded by Councillor Keating. Its adoption was accompanied by unmistakable signs of sincere regret.

RESOLVED:- That we, the Mayor, Aldermen, and Burgesses of the Borough of Wexford in General Meeting assembled, take this, the earliest opportunity, to express our profound and heartfelt sorrow at the death, in the Battle of Messines Ridge on 7th June 1917 of the late Major William H. K. Redmond. Major Redmond was a worthy descendant of one of the ancient families of Wexford, and because of the traditions attaching to his family, as well as his political principles at the time, he was elected in the year 1883 as Member of Parliament for the Borough of Wexford, A position which his late grand-uncle, John Edward Redmond, and his late father, William Archer Redmond, had filled before him.

Words fail us to express our admiration of the part which Major Redmond took in volunteering to join the Irish Brigade in the present unprecedented war, and we sincerely hope that the earliest possible opportunity will be taken to transfer his remains from their present resting-place in Belgium to the family Mausoleum in Wexford amidst the ruins of the Knights Templars Church of St. John's.

We hereby record our sincere sympathy with Mrs Redmond, his sorrowing relict, in her heavy bereavement, and also with Mr. John E. Redmond M. P. on the loss of a brother who hesitated not to sacrifice himself for what he truly believed to be was the real way to promote the Cause of Ireland.

A letter was read from Councillor Coffey communicating his inability to attend the meeting, but associating himself with any action the Corporation might think well of taking on the solemn occasion.

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Nicholas Byrne
Mayor
July 2 1917

2nd, July 1917.

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

The members present were:-

Nicholas Byrne, Esq., Mayor (in the chair)

Aldermen:- Joseph Kelly, Frank Carty, Richard Corish, William H. McGuire.

Councillors:- David R. Keating, Matthew Lymbery, James Browne, John J. Kirwan, Richard Gibson.

The minutes of meetings of 4th and 20th June 1917 were read and signed. Liabilities which had accrued due up to the end of last month, amounting in the aggregate to £309. 16. 9 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 20 to 43 inclusive.

Summary and Reconcilement of Treasurer's Account for the month ended the last day of June 1917, including the payments made at the meeting held on this day.

S U M M A R Y.

Balance per Bank Books due by Treasurer as per last Statement.	88. 11. 0
Total sums received to close of last month.	1131. - 6. 8
TOTAL	1219. 17. 8
Balance due to Treasurer as per last Statement.	- - -
Payments ordered at this meeting.	309. 16. 9
TOTAL	309. 16. 9
Net Balance due by Treasurer (being difference of above Totals)	910. 0. 11

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

Balance per Bank Books due by Treasurer.	1226. 16. 2
Outstanding Orders.	316. 15. 3
Net Balance as above due by Treasurer.	910. 0. 11

On the foregoing routine business being disposed of, His Worship, The Mayor referred to the death, on 21st Ultimo, of the late venerated Bishop of Ferns, Dr. Browne. His Lordship had been in failing health and had visited Malahide, Co. Dublin, for the benefit of his health, but the people of his Dioceses were shocked to hear that their great Prelate had been found dead in bed on the above date.

The Corporation had attended in a Body the Requiem Mass and funeral obsequies of the deceased Prelate in Enniscorthy Cathedral on Tuesday, 26th Ultimo.

His Worship proposed the following motion which was seconded by Alderman McGuire, and supported by several other members present, and was passed unanimously in respectful silence, as follows:-

RESOLVED:- That we, the Municipal Council of Wexford in General Meeting assembled, are bowed down with sorrow at the great affliction which has just befallen us, it having pleased Divine Providence, in His inscrutable wisdom, to take from among us our late beloved Bishop, Dr. Browne.

As a Curate in Wexford in the early days of his Priesthood, Dr. Browne endeared himself to the people of this Parish, and on the occasion of his elevation to the Episcopal Throne of Ferns, the parishoners rejoiced to find that he was called to keep alight the Lamp of the Sanctuary as one of the long line of Prelates since the days of St. Aidan.

Dr. Browne's benignity and condescension; his paternal solicitude for the material as well as the spiritual welfare of his Flock, enabled him to hold a warm place in their affections, but especially in the hearts of his parishoners of Wexford among whom he made his home for the last 33 years.

We have every reason to deplore his loss, for in his demise we will miss the loving care of a father and a friend.

That a copy of this resolution be sent to the Right Rev. The dean of Ferns, and that this meeting stand adjourned sine die out of respect to His Lordship's memory. A letter from Alderman Hadden was read regretting his inability to be present at the meeting owing to the pressure of another engagement.

Nicholas Byrne
Mayor
July 4 1917

4th July, 1917.

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:-

Nicholas Byrne, Esq., mayor (in the chair)

Aldermen:- James Sinnott, Joseph Kelly, Richard Corish, William H. McGuire,
Frank Carty.

Councillors:- Thomas Rossiter, John Walsh, Matthew Lymbery, Richard Gibson,
David R. Keating, James McMahon, Philip Cowman, James Murphy,
Robert Coffey, Michael Martin, Michael Browne, John J. Kiwan,
Thomas O'Brien.

The minutes of last meeting were read and signed.

A letter from Mr. Neale, General Manager of the Great Southern and Western Railway, was read informing the Council that at the request, by way of memorial, of 151 of the leading residents of the town, the Irish Railway Executive had made arrangements to run a summer service of Sunday trains from Wexford to Rosslare as heretofore on and from the 8th Instant, as an experiment.

Gratification was expressed by the meeting at finding that the concession sought for had been obtained, and thanks were tendered to the persons principally concerned in bringing about this desired object.

The following is a copy of a Resolution received from the Wexford Trades and Labour Council, viz:-

"That we strongly protest against the action of the Wexford Dairymen in refusing to make the usual summer reduction in the price of milk as we are of opinion that as there is now an abundance of grass for their cows, they can sell milk at the same price as they did last Summer."

This question was deliberated on, but it was held by about half of the members present that it was one which the Council had no power to entertain. However, a motion was proposed and seconded by Alderman Corish and Councillor McMahon respectively in favour of the Resolution being endorsed by the Council.

This motion was not put for the reason that an arrangement was come to whereby the matter was referred to a Committee appointed on 3rd. January 1916 to investigate the cause of the rise in the price of milk, and if possible, to bring about a lowering of the price.

It was further decided to allow this Committee to co-opt additional members of the Council, if necessary.

Another resolution from the Wexford Trades and Labour Council was read drawing attention to the decision come to by the Governors of the County Infirmary whereby surgical operation cases were sent to Dublin Hospitals. This, in the opinion of the Trades Council would be the means of inflicting unnecessary hardship and inconvenience on patients.

This matter was deliberated on, but as it was seen to be a case in which the Corporation could not, with propriety, pass judgment upon, there was no action taken. Two tenders received in response to advertisements were opened.

They proved to be from James McEvoy, South Main Street, Wexford, and from C. P. Glorney of 5 & 6 George's Quay, Dublin.

On being examined by the Town Surveyor, it was found that Mr. McEvoy's tender was the lower, and it was thereupon decided to accept his offer to supply the quantities of pipes required for the sum of £34. 0. 0.

With reference to minutes of meeting of 4th June last, it was seen from a report from the Town Surveyor that the cost of continuing a footpath on the south side of Parnell Street up to the corner of Castle Hill would come to £31. 12. 0, and on the motion of Alderman Corish seconded by Alderman Kelly it was resolved to have the proposed improvement carried out, but the motion met with a large measure of hostility. It was decided to issue Licences for the keeping of Petroleum under the Petroleum Act 1871 in the following two cases.

Messrs Thompson Brothers of Custom House Quay, Wexford.

Mr. John J. Kavanagh of George Street, Wexford.

Nicholas Kayser
Mayor
August 17

1st August, 1917.

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:-

Nicholas Byrne, Esq., Mayor (in the chair)

Aldermen:- Joseph Kelly, James Sinnott, William H. McGuire, Richard Corish, Frank Carty.

Councillors:- Matthew Lymbery, Richard Gibson, David R. Keating, John J. Kirwan, Philip Cowman, Robert Coffey, Richard Doyle, James Browne, James McMahon, Michael Martin, Thomas O'Brien, Joseph Doyle, James Murphy, John Walsh.

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 £703. 16. 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 44 to 58 inclusive.

Summary and Reconciliation of Treasurer's Account for the month ended the last day of July 1917, including the payments made at the meeting held on this day.

SUMMARY.

Balance due by Treasurer as per last monthly statement.	910. 0. 11
Total sums received to close of last month.	752. 6. 5
TOTAL	1662. 7. 4
Balance due to Treasurer as per last statement.	- - -
Payments ordered at this meeting.	703. 16. 5
TOTAL	703. 16. 6
Net Balance due by Treasurer (being difference of above Totals)	958. 10. 11

RECONCILEMENT.

Balance per Bank Books due by Treasurer.	1675. 6. 10
Outstanding Orders (including those issued at this Meeting)	716. 15. 11
Net Balance as above due by Treasurer.	958. 10. 11

The Town Clerk pointed out that under the terms of Resolution of 2nd. April 1888 fixing the salary of the person then to be appointed as Town Clerk, it was specified that a sum of £10 a year should be paid by the Harbour Commissioners as a contribution towards his salary.

This decision was come to at the time in virtue of the provisions of the Harbour Act, under which a sum of £10 was payable to the Town Clerk for preparing the Harbour Voters Lists.

For the last two years there was no need to make out these Lists, as Harbour Elections had been abrogated in consequence of the War. The result was that £20 had accrued due to him, and he applied to the present meeting to make good the deficiency in his salary.

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He also applied for payment of a sum of £17 for extra services rendered in connection

with the carrying out of a Scheme for providing 17 labourers dwellings. There were no less than four precedents for granting the remuneration sought. The Scheme of houses in question was the fifth which had been carried to completion by the Council, and in connection with the first four Schemes, remuneration on the scale of £1. per house had been duly granted.

These questions were deliberated on, whereupon it was unanimously decided to pay the amounts claimed.

An item set down on the agenda for consideration of the meeting was the question of adopting a Maternity & Child Welfare Scheme, the expense of carrying out which was to be limited to £50 a year for the present. Dr. T. J. Brown, Local Government Board Medical Inspector, had paid a visit of inspection to Wexford on 13th Ultimo, on which occasion he urged on the Mayor and the Executive Sanitary Officer the wisdom of adopting such a scheme for the Urban District of Wexford, pointing out that infant mortality in the Urban District was needlessly high, and stating that out of the £50 a year to be applied to the payment of a Nurse, the Local Government Board were prepared to contribute £25. a year.

This question was not entertained, members emphasizing their determination to take no action in the matter until the end of the War.

A communication from the Association of Irish Municipal Authorities was read announcing that a Conference was to be held in Limerick on 5th & 6th September 1917, and inviting affiliated Councils to appoint two Delegates to the Conference. Delegates attending thereat were entitled to bring forward for discussion any amendments which appeared to be needed in the existing Laws affecting Urban Councils, or any other matters calculated to promote the improved administration of municipal affairs.

On the motion of Councillor Coffey, seconded by Alderman Sinnott, it was resolved unanimously to appoint His Worship, The Mayor, and Alderman Hadden as the Delegates from Wexford; and to request these Delegates to bring before the Conference the need for proper facilities being obtained to enable Urban Councils to secure allotments of ground for tillage for town dwellers.

In deference to a wish expressed by members at meeting on 4th June last, there was put down for consideration a proposal then made, namely that the appointment of persons as officers of the Council should be made on the ballot system.

The present system whereby a member voted openly for the candidate of his choice was frequently attended with a certain amount of ill-favour, and by introducing the ballot system of voting on the occasion of these appointments, it would obviate, to a great extent, the risk of members incurring the loss of friendship of candidates whom a member did not feel called upon to support.

In opposition to the proposal, the view was expressed that it was due to the public to let it be seen how members had acted on occasions of appointing officers, as was also the view that a candidate canvassing should incur the penalty of entire disqualification for the post sought.

Alderman McGuire proposed that the ballot system should be introduced.

The motion was seconded by Councillor Keating, but on a division being taken, it was lost, nine members voting for and ten against it.

A letter was read from Messrs M. J. O'Connor & Co. Solicitors. It stated that the Committee of the Technical Institute had decided to sell to the National Foresters Benefir Society the Committee's interest in the premises at Main Street North, Wexford, formerly used as a Technical Institute. The School had been removed to West Gate, and was the subject of discussion by the Council on 7th February last. The purchase price was £240, as agreed on, and the Department had approved of the proposed sale. The formal approval of the Council was required to enable the transaction to be completed, and a Deed of Conveyance executed in the case.

The meeting unanimously decided to give the necessary approval in the matter. The Accounts in connection with a Towns Improvement Rate which was specially assessed to allow of improvements on Trimmers lane being carried into effect were submitted.

They had already been under the consideration of the Finance Committee with the result that the Committee had recommended that a sum of £10. 10. 4 should be written off, being chiefly items of Rate assessed on premises which had become vacant.

The recommendation was adopted.

The Finance & Works Committee having called on Mr. J. J. Stafford to pull down a barrier which he had taken the liberty to put up in Sinnott's Lane, a letter in response received from him was read. He said that he would have his building operations completed in a month's time, and he would then have the barrier removed, but he would have it removed at once if the Corporation were willing to take the risk of an accident occurring to the public passing under the scaffolding in the meantime. Members took umbrage at Mr. Stafford's action in this matter and repudiated all responsibility on the part of the Corporation. In the first place he had not applied for permission to erect the barrier, and in the next he was the person who erected the scaffolding. This was his own act, and if any accident ~~had~~ occurred he was, of course, the person responsible.

A divergency of opinion on the subject arose, and Alderman Kelly proposed that the letter be deemed a satisfactory conclusion of the matter, if, (in the event of the Town Surveyor on inspecting the barrier,) he considered there was no serious encroachment of the public rights.

The motion was seconded by Councillor Lymbery, but it was put to a poll, when 10 members voted for and 8 against, whereupon it was declared carried.

The voting was as follows:-

FOR Councillors McMahon, J. Browne, R. Doyle, Coffey, Cowman, Kirwan, Keating, Gibson, Lymbery, and Alderman Kelly. 10

AGAINST. Councillors Martin, O'Brien, J. Doyle, Murphy, Walsh, and Aldermen Corish, McGuire, and Sinnott. 8

Declined to Vote. Alderman Carty, and The Mayor.

A Bill at present before Parliament designed to amend the Law relating to the representation of the people was a subject introduced by Councillor Martin.

It appeared that this Bill consisted of two parts, one Part dealing with the proposed enlargement of the number of Electors in the United Kingdom., and the other Part dealing with a Redistribution of Seats for members of Parliament. Part I was to apply to Ireland as well as Great Britain, but Part II was to apply to Great Britain only. It appeared that a Committee of the County Council's General Council had disapproved of the Bill applying to Ireland pending the assembling of an Irish Parliament. Councillor Martin proposed. That the Representation of the People Bill be made to apply to Ireland.

The motion was seconded by Alderman Corish.

It evoked a warm discussion which wound up abruptly in the meeting unanimously adopting the motion.

On the suggestion of Alderman Sinnott, it was decided to send the resolution to the Members of Parliament for Wexford County.

A circular from the Local Government Board under date of 5th July 1917, reference number being 34234, on the subject of economizing timber, was read but as there were no constructional works of any account going on in the town where the use of timber was required, the meeting held the warning to save timber was not relevant at present, but would be borne in mind.

With reference to minutes of 2nd. July last, a letter received from the Dean of Ferns was read. It contained an acknowledgment of the receipt of a copy of the resolution of regret on the death of the late Bishop of Ferns passed on that day.

Nicholas Byrne, Mayor.
Sept 3 - 1917

1st August, 1917.

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.

The members present were:-

Nicholas Byrne, Esq., Mayor (in the chair)

Aldermen:- Joseph Kelly, James Sinnott, William H. McGuire, Richard Corish,
Frank Carty.

Councillors:- Matthew Lymbery, Richard Gibson, David R. Keating, John J. Kirwan,
Philip Cowman, Robert Coffey, Richard Doyle, James Browne,
James McMahon, Michael Martin, Thomas O'Brien, Joseph Doyle,
James Murphy, John Walsh.

The Secretary of the Harbour Board notified that only one member, namely Alderman James Sinnott, had been nominated as required previous to the meeting being held, and thereupon it was unanimously

Resolved:- 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.

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Nicholas Byrne Mayor

3rd. September, 1917.

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:-

Nicholas Byrne, Esq., mayor (in the chair)

Aldermen:- George Hadden, Jmes Sinnott, Joseph Kelly, Frank Carty, Richard Corish, William H. McGuire.

Councillors:- Philip Cowman, James Browne, John J. Kirwan, Robert Coffey, John Walsh, Michael Martin, Matthew Lymbery, James Monahan, 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 £1163. 12. 2 were submitted and having been examined were approved and an Advice Note was signed to enable the Treasurer to pay them on presentation to him of Paying Orders numbered from 59 to 87.

Summary and Reconcilement of Treasurer's Account for the month ended the last day of August 1917, 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.	£ 958. 10. 11
Total sums received to close of last month.	834. 8. 2
	TOTAL 1792. 19. 1
Balance due to Treasurer as per last Statement.	- . -
Payments ordered at this meeting.	1163. 12. 2
	TOTAL 1163. 12. 2
Net Balance due by Treasurer.	629. 6. 11

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

Balance per Bank Books due by Treasurer.	1796. 8. 3
Outstanding Orders	1167. 1. 4
Net Balance as above due by Treasurer.	629. 6. 11

With reference to minutes of last meeting a question was asked as to whether the subject of Urban Councils obtaining Parliamentary Powers to acquire lands by compulsion to be let out in allotments was to be raised by the Wexford Delegates at the Conference of Municipal Authorities to be held in Limerick on the 5th and 6th of present month. The Town Clerk mentioned that he had been in correspondence with the Hon. Secs of the Association and found that Mr. Field M. P. was to read a paper on the subject on the occasion of the Conference.

Attention was directed to the alleged falling off in the volume of trade done in the Port. It was asserted that the decrease was due to the silting up of the Harbour. It was suggested that a joint effort should be made by the Corporation and the Harbour Commissioners to obtain a Grant from the Treasury to carry out dredging operations.

The chance of obtaining Treasury assistance in the case was better than might be thought, seeing that the Dublin & South Western Railway Company had obtained a Grant of £10,000 to repair a damaged portion of their railway line.

Alderman Sinnott, as the representative of the Corporation on the Harbour Board, undertook to urge on the Harbour Board the desirability of applying for a Government Grant.

The question of appointing a Veterinary Inspector under the Dairies, Cowsheds, &c. Order 1908 was introduced and on the motion of Alderman Corish, seconded by Alderman Sinnott, it was

RESOLVED:- That a Veterinary Inspector be appointed for one year at a salary of £15. and that Mr. B. Hickey V. S. be re-appointed to the office as temporary substitute for Mr. Staples, V. S.

The question of admitting Press Representatives to meetings of the Finance & Works and Public Health Committees which, as a rule, were held once a week, was brought up by Councillor Martin, who proposed that the Committee meetings in question should be left open to the Press. He said he was asked by a local Association to which he belonged, to bring the matter under notice, and it was only due to the Ratepayers that they should be kept informed of all the business transacted by the Corporation. The motion was seconded by Alderman Corish, and was discussed.

It met with considerable opposition, members pointing out that in some cases it was most inexpedient to make public certain classes of business in the initial stage. Besides this, all important Committee business, especially as to the outlay of money, was brought before the general monthly meetings for ratification, and was there open to full discussion. Furthermore, the experiment of admitting the Press to Committee meetings was made some years ago, when it was found not to work satisfactorily.

The question was put, and on a division was defeated by 12 votes to 5.

A copy of a series of resolutions adopted by the Irish Trades Union Congress and Labour Party was submitted. This Association desired that the Council should endorse the principles enunciated in the resolutions. One of the resolutions dealt with the subject of fair wages in public contracts, and another with the subject of encouraging Irish Industries. As to these matters it was pointed out that the Council had, many years before, adopted similar resolutions and had acted regularly up to the principles of them.

On the suggestion of Alderman Sinnott, it was decided to adopt all the resolutions that were properly applicable to the town of Wexford.

These run as follow:-

FAIR WAGES IN PUBLIC CONTRACTS.

"That this Congress, representative of the organized workers of Ireland, again demands that all public bodies, in all contracts to be paid for out of public funds, should make provision against the dangers of sweating by inserting such conditions as may prevent the abuse arising from sub-letting, and that every effort should be made by them to secure the payment of such wages and conditions of employment as are generally recognized by the trades unions in each trade for competent workmen; that public advertisements be given only to those newspapers paying their workers recognized wages and conforming to recognized conditions of the trade; that the delegates to Congress pledge themselves collectively and individually to make this a

primal and test question for all candidates at the forthcoming elections for Borough, District, and County Councils and Poor Law Guardians; that the National Executive are hereby instructed to take all necessary steps to have the foregoing resolutions carried into effect."

IRISH INDUSTRIES.

"That this Congress calls on all Corporate Gas Manufacturers and other Public Bodies to have their Gas Meters, Lamps etc., made in Ireland by Irish Trades Union Labour, and furthermore, calls on Irish Farmers and Cow-keepers to have their dairy utensils made in Ireland by Trades Union Labour instead of having them imported from foreign countries."

DAY CLASSES IN TECHNICAL SCHOOLS.

"That in the opinion of this Congress and in order to fit Ireland to take her place industrially among the nations, Technical Instruction for apprentices to the various skilled trades should be made compulsory; that the classes should be held in the day time, wherever practicable, and wherever this is not practicable, the students should be allowed time off in lieu of the time spent in the classes."

SANITARY AND WASTE WATER INSPECTORS.

"That in all future Corporation appointments in Ireland to the Waste Water Inspectorial Staffs, practicable Plumbers should be appointed, and in all appointments as Sanitary Officers, practical plumbing should secure the majority of the marks for the examinations."

Alderman Corish proposed the following motion, viz:-

That this Council welcomes the Message of Peace sent to the Belligerent Nations by His Holiness Pope Benedict XV, that we express the hope that his non-partisan efforts will bring about a speedy termination of this terrible war, and bring to the world an era of international freedom.

The motion was seconded by Alderman Kelly and discussed.

Objection was raised to the inclusion in the motion of the words "bring to the world an era of international freedom". It was maintained that if these words were allowed to stand the feelings of the Council would be liable to be misunderstood, and

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Alderman/ submitted an amendment that there should be added to the motion the words "on the lines suggested by President Wilson."

This evoked long discussion. Alderman Corish objected to the addition being made to the motion unless the following words were also added, namely, "that is, that the people of all nations should be free to determine under what Government they chose to live." After further expressions of opinion it was decided to add the two amendments to the original motion which was adopted as a substantive resolution and runs as follows:-

That this Council welcomes the message of peace sent to the belligerent nations by His Holiness Pope Benedict XV; that we express the hope that his non-partisan efforts will bring about a speedy termination of this terrible war, and bring to the world an era of international freedom on the lines suggested by President Wilson, that is that the people of all Nations should be free to determine under what Government they chose to live.

1st October, 1917.

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

The members present were:-

Nicholas Byrne, Esq., Mayor (in the chair)

Aldermen:- William H. McGuire, George Hadden, Frank Carty, James Sinnott, Richard Corish, Joseph Kelly.

Councillors:- Matthew Lymbery, Richard Doyle, David R. Keating, John J. Kirwan, Joseph Doyle, James McMahon, Thomas Rossiter.

The minutes of last meeting were read.

Liabilities which had accrued due up to the end of last month, amounting in the aggregate to £186. 0. 10. were laid before the meeting, and having been examined were approved and an Advice Note was signed to enable the Treasurer to pay them on presentation to him of Paying Orders numbered from 88 to 99 inclusive.

Summary and Reconcilement of Treasurer's Account for the month ended the last day of September, 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.	629. 6. 11
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Total sums received to close of last month.	770. 4. 1
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TOTAL	1399. 11. 0
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Balance due to treasurer as per last Statement.	- . - . -
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Payments ordered at this meeting.	TOTAL	186. 0. 10
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Net Balance due by Treasurer (being difference of Totals)	1213. 10. 2
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R E C O N C I L E M E N T .

Balance per Bank Books due by Treasurer.	1400. 18. 8
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Outstanding Orders	187. 8. 6
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Net Balance as above due by Treasurer.	1213. 10. 2
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Immediately at the conclusion of the Financial business, Alderman Corish proposed:

That the sympathy of the Council be extended to the relatives of the late Thomas Ashe, who, as a result of his incarceration in Mountjoy Prison sacrificed his life to uphold his political principles as an adherent of the Sinn Fein Policy.

This young man had been imprisoned for a violation of the Defence of the Realm Act, but he maintained the right to be treated as a political prisoner on the ground that his offence was a political one. He refused to be treated as a criminal and abstained from using the food supplied to him.

It was generally believed, although the Inquest into the cause of his death had not concluded, that the treatment to which he had been subjected owing to his attitude, had caused his death.

The motion was seconded by Alderman Kelly, and supported in stirring terms by Councillors Keating, McMahon, and Alderman Carty, and adopted unanimously.

A letter was read from the Vacant Land Cultivation Society, of 20 Kildare Street, Dublin. According to this it appeared that the Chief Secretary for Ireland had stated that he had received no demand for a permanent Allotments Act ~~for Ireland~~ for Ireland.

This was in reference to the Movement having for its object the conferring of compulsory powers on Local Authorities to provide allotments for town dwellers. Well, the Vacant Land Cultivation Society recommended that the Council should adopt a resolution requesting the Chief Secretary to have an Act passed similar to the Allotments (Scotland) Act 1892, but containing provisions extending the powers conferred by the Labourers' (Ireland) Acts, 1883 to 1906.

The terms of the letter were of a highly technical character, but having regard to the peculiar circumstances, in the matter of allotments, of Wexford, where the Council had newly-acquired building ground and had let it out in allotments but wished to take back again the possession of the land directly the war needs for allotments ceased, it was decided, on the suggestion of Alderman Hadden, that the Town Clerk should ask the Local Government Board, the Agricultural Department, and the Vacant Land Cultivation Society, what was the scope of the Measure which the Chief Secretary was to be asked to pass into Law.

A question was raised about the abstention from work of a man named William Roche, Mason.

It appeared this man had remained idle for some days in consequence of a dispute between himself and the Foreman of Works and also the Town Surveyor. The point in dispute was that the mason, having been directed to find out a defect in the chimneys in some of the Corporation houses in Hill Street, was given a brush to pass through the chimneys. He tried one of the chimneys and found no structural defect, and then declined to test the others. His reason for the refusal was that this work was the proper work of a chimney sweep. The point was a nice one, and, as it was not, on the other hand, the office of a recognized Sweep to ascertain the cause of the chimneys smoking.

The Town Surveyor pointed out it was all but impossible to discriminate in this case between the employment of a mason and a sweep to find out what was wrong, and urged that the case was not one which should be dealt with by the Corporation. He drew attention to the fact that under the terms of his appointment he was invested with full and entire control over the masons in his charge, and with power to engage and dismiss them at will.

The meeting investigated the question up to a certain point, but then found it necessary to adjourn the consideration of the matter to Wednesday, 3rd. Instant, to give an opportunity to the mason to explain his side of the case.

A copy of two resolutions from the Wexford Trades and Labour Council were read. The first contained a request that the Corporation should take the necessary steps for putting into effect the provisions of the Retail Coal prices Order 1917, and the second a condemnation of the action of the Food Controller in fixing the growers' price of potatoes at £6. per ton.

The consideration of these resolutions were adjourned to Wednesday, 3rd. Instant, also.

A letter from the Secretary of the Gas Company was read. It had reference to a complaint made by the Council as to the extreme deficiency in the light afforded by the public lamps. The Company recognized the reasonableness of the complaint. The quality of the gas was not, of course, up to the standard, but they hoped by giving attention to the

cleaning of the globes of the lamps and the renewal of mantles to stop any further complaints.

Nicholas Byrne
Mayor
Nov 5 1917

3rd. October, 1917.

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:-

Nicholas Byrne, Esq., Mayor (in the chair)

Aldermen:- Richard Corish, James Sinnott, Joseph Kelly, William H. McGuire, Frank Carty.

Councillors:- David R. Keating, Joseph Doyle, John J. Kirwan, Matthew Lymbery, John

Walsh, James Browne, Philip Cowman, Richard Gibson, James McMahon, Robert Coffey, Michael Martin.

With regard to the resolution from the Wexford Trades & Labour Council complaining of the growers' price of potatoes being fixed at 25. per ton inasmuch as the action of the Food Controller in this matter had greatly increased the price of this staple food on the people of Ireland, it was decided on the motion of Alderman Kelly, seconded by Alderman Corish, that the resolution should be endorsed to the fullest extent.

In reference to the resolution from the Wexford Trades and Labour Council asking the Corporation to carry into effect "The Retail Coal Prices Order 1917", a letter was read from the Local Government Board under date of 8th September 1917, No. 44663.

In this communication the Board stated that they understood the Controller of Coal Mines was about to issue an Order fixing the price of coal and imposing on Local Authorities duties in regard to regulating the price so fixed. The Board were also preparing an Order on the subject, a copy of which would be sent to the Corporation in due course.

After discussion it was decided for the Town Clerk to ask the Local Government Board for a copy of any Order governing the price of coal which they may have made, or of "The Retail Coal Prices Order 1917" if this order applies to Ireland.

The consideration of the case of William Roche, Mason, was resumed, he being in attendance. From the statements made by the three parties concerned in the dispute it was gathered that what transpired at last meeting was substantially correct, but with the further information that the mason was a member of a Trade Union, and this

prohibited him from doing the work of any class of artizan except what was the recognized work of a mason. He had acted on principle, but as he had been told on the occasion that there was no other kind of mason work needed by the Corporation, and as his attendant had been taken from him, he considered himself no longer in the employment of the Town Surveyor. He had abstained from working for 3½ days.

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This was briefly all that came out at the investigation, which concluded by a

decision to re-instate Roche in his job, and to pay him his wages in respect of the period of time he stayed idle.

Three tenders in respect of painting work to be done on 15 houses at Roches Road and Carrigeen, according to specification, were opened.

They were from.

John Power of Talbot Street who offered to do the work for £13. 2. 6.

James Butler of 26, Talbot Street,	Do.	Do.	12. 0. 0
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M. Furlong & Sons, Spawell Road,	Do.	Do.	22. 10. 0
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The tender of James Butler, being the lowest, was accepted.

Tenders received in respect of printing and supplying all the books, forms, and placards for one year were opened. They were from two of the local printing works, namely, "The People" Office, and "The Free Press" Office. One of the conditions under which intending contractors were required to perform the work was that their employees were to be paid not less than the minimum standard wages paid in the town for a like class of work.

The meeting went over each of the items set forth in the tenders serially, and marked such items as proved to be the cheaper "Accepted".

A notice from the Local Government Auditor communicating his intention to commence the auditing, on the 16th Instant, of the Accounts of the Wexford Urban District Council for the financial year ended 31st March 1917 was read for the meeting.

Nicholas Byrne
Mayor
Nov 5 1914