

5th November, 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, Richard Corish, George Hadden.

Matthew Lymbery, Robert Coffey, John J. Kirwan, James Mrphy.

The minutes of meetings of 1st and 3rd. October 1917 were read and signed.

Liabilities which had accrued due up to the end of last month amounting in the aggregate to £1508. 16. 9 were submitted to the meeting, and having been examined were approved and an Advice Note was signed to enable the Treasurer to pay them on presentation to him of Paying Orders numbered from 100 to 126 inclusive.

Summary and Reconcilement of Treasurer's Account for the month ended the last day of October 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.	1213. 10. 2
Total sums received to close of last month.	459. 2. 4
TOTAL	1672. 12. 6
Balance due to Treasurer as per last Statement.	- . -
Payments ordered at this meeting.	1508. 16. 9
Net Balance due by Treasurer (being difference of above Totals)	163. 15. 9

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

Balance per Bank Books due by Treasurer	1674. 0. 2
Outstanding Orders (including those issued at this Meeting)	1510. 4. 5
Net Balance as above due by Treasurer.	163. 15. 9

With reference to minutes of 1st Ultimo, a letter was read from Miss Harrison, Hon. Secretary to the Vacant Land Cultivation Society, Dublin. Miss Harrison considered that certain Sections of the Scotch Allotments Act of 1892 should be made applicable to Ireland, but the meeting considered that the provisions referred to were capable of being usefully employed in large cities rather than a small urban area such as Wexford. But by a letter received from the Local Government Board under date of 16th October 1917 (No.50997) attention was called to the terms of the Local Government (Allotments & Land Cultivation) (Ireland) Act 1917, which had received the Royal Assent so recently as 2nd. August last, and which, it was seen, afforded ample powers in the matter of providing land and letting it in allotments to town dwellers. In virtue of this Enactment, the Local Government Board for Ireland had been invested with authority to make Sealed Orders extending to Local Authorities all necessary powers required to carry into effect Allotment Schemes. This was enough to meet the needs of Wexford Corporation, and it was decided to call together the

Allotments Committee that was appointed on 6th January last to see if there are town dwellers willing to take plots, and then, if there are, to find out where land can be acquired proportionate to the number of would-be allotment holders.

The meeting further decided, on the motion of Alderman Sinnott, seconded by Alderman Corish, to ask the Town Clerk to thank Miss Harrison for the information she had been kind enough to afford the Corporation in the matter.

With reference to minutes of meeting of 3rd. Ultimo, a letter from the Local Government Board under date of 23rd. October 1917, No.51123, was read. The Board stated that they had not made any Order fixing the price of coal, nor had The Retail Coal Prices Order 1917 been circulated to Irish Local Authorities by the Coal Controller, and a letter dated 30th October 1917, No. D.3856.P.R from the Controller of Coal Mines was also read asking for particulars of the prices of coal in Wexford for the pre-war period of October 1913, and the prices charged at the present time. The information asked for was presumably required with a view to the Controller making an Order affecting Wexford in the near future.

It was suggested that a Committee of members should be appointed to obtain answers to the queries asked, although from the private nature of them it was very doubtful whether the Coal Merchants would give answers, as the Corporation had no legal power to demand the requisite information.

However the suggestion was approved, and the following were appointed to form the Committee, viz:- Aldermen Sinnott, Hadden, Corish, and McGuire.

A letter under date of 16th October 1917 from the Association of Irish Municipal Authorities was read communicating the fact that the Association was arranging to bring under the notice of Government the claims of Urban Authorities in Ireland to a proportionate share in the Grants promised by Government in aid of housing of workers in towns, and asking what was the number of additional working class dwellings required to supply Wexford with a sufficiency of such houses, and the probable cost of providing them.

Regarding this matter, the meeting was informed that from investigations made by a Committee which had inspected the town about two years back, the number of additional dwellings required to satisfy the reasonable needs of the working classes was not less than 250, and it was decided to furnish the Association with this number together with a free estimate of the probable cost of providing them.

A circular letter from the Local Government Board under date of 12th October 1917, No.49,123, intimating that the Board were prepared, under certain conditions, to pay half the cost of food and milk in necessitous cases in connection with a Maternity and Child Welfare Scheme, was submitted to the meeting. No action was taken in the matter, as the meeting did not see that there was sufficient additional encouragement to justify the Corporation in modifying the decision which they had hitherto on more than one occasion come to as to deferring the question of formulating a Maternity and Child Welfare Scheme until after the end of the War.

A recommendation was submitted from the School Attendance Committee in favour of

increasing the salary of the School Attendance Officer (Mrs Pettit) from £36 to £50 a year. The School Attendance Committee on their own volition, had made the recommendation, not only because of the increased cost of living, but also by reason of the efficient manner in which that Officer had discharged her duties, and it had been passed under review by the Finance and Works Committee and endorsed.

The recommendation was adopted on the motion of Alderman Corish seconded by Alderman McGuire, but only on a Division being taken, whereupon five voted for and two against the motion. Two members abstained from voting.

A recommendation from the Finance and Works Committee brought up was in favour of the labourers in the employment of the Corporation being granted an increase of 4/- per week in their wages. The present wages of these workmen was 18/6 per week, and they had applied to the Committee to have their wages raised to £1. 4. 0 each per week. They based their request on the ground that the increased cost of living rendered the purchase value of 24/- equivalent to 12/- in pre-war time. The Committee had considered that the claim was well founded, but thought that 22/6 per week would be a reasonable wage at the present for a labourer, and on the motion of Alderman Corish, seconded by Councillor Lymbery, the recommendation was unanimously adopted.

It was suggested that in view of the demands made, and to be made, on the Corporation for increased stipends by officers and employes, it was most desirable that the state of the Corporation resources should be reviewed in order that the Corporation might satisfy themselves, and incidentally the ratepayers, that reasonable economy was practised in the administration of the Municipal monies, having regard to the increased cost of living consequent on war conditions.

The suggestion commended itself to the meeting, and on the motion of Alderman Hadden seconded by Alderman Corish, the question was referred to the Finance and Works Committee meeting on 14th Instant.

A draft memorial from the Harbour Commissioners and Wexford Corporation addressed to the Treasury asking for assistance in the matter of dredging the Wexford Harbour was brought under notice. This draft had been gone over by the Finance and Works Committee and approved, and it was now for the Corporation to formally adopt it, if thought well, and on the motion of Alderman Sinnott, seconded by Alderman McGuire, it was

Resolved:- That upon the draft Memorial being engrossed, the Corporation Seal be affixed thereto and attested in the usual way by the signatures of the Mayor and Town Clerk.

A resolution in the following terms was read from the Clones Urban Council

"That we, the Urban District Council of Clones, petition the Government to withdraw the restrictions prohibiting the shipping of horses from Irish Ports to England and Scotland, and which restrictions tend to destroy the Horse Trade of this Country, and will have the effect of preventing farmers

bredding young horses next year."

On the motion of Alderman Sinnott, seconded by Alderman Hadden the unanimous endorsement of the meeting was given to this resolution.

A resolution from Rathdrum Rural District Council was read. It contained a protest in a general way, against the existing system of governing Ireland, and called for the removal of Major Price, Dublin Police Intelligence Officer, from his position.

This resolution, which was proposed by Alderman Corish and seconded by Councillor Murphy failed to be carried. It was defeated on a Division by a vote of 7 to 2.

A communication from Dr. J. B. Skeffington, late Senior Inspector National Education, was drawn attention to, but the meeting refused to entertain it. It had reference to the executions which were unlawfully and unjustifiably carried out at the command of Captain Bowen Colthurst at Easter, 1916.

James Sinnott Dec 3/17

3rd. December, 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:-

Alderman James Sinnott (in the chair)

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

Councillors:- James McMahon, John Walsh, Matthew Lymbery, Thomas Rossiter, Richard gibson, Robert Coffey, John J. Kirwan, Thomas O'Brien, Michael Martin, 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 £1214. 16. 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 227 to 162 inclusive.

Summary and Reconcilement of Treasurer's Account for the month ended the last day of November 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.	163. 15. 9
Total sums received to close of last month.	720. 11. 2
TOTAL	884. 6. 11
Balance due to Treasurer as per last Statement.	- . -
Payments ordered at this meeting.	TOTAL 1214. 16. 2
Net Balance due To Treasurer (being difference of above Totals)	330. 9. 3

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

Balance per Bank Books due by Treasurer	885. 14. 7
Outstanding Orders (including those issued at this Meeting)	1216. 3. 10
Net Balance as above due to treasurer.	330. 9. 3

The recent selection and endorsement thereof by the Holy See, of Dr. William Codd, P. P. Blackwater, to the dignity of Bishop of the Diocese of Ferns, was a subject introduced. Delight and gratification was expressed at the fact that Father Codd had been deemed worthy to fill this high Episcopal Office, not only because of his great intellectual attainments, but because of his being a native of the town of Wexford wherein he had resided all his life till the last five years.

Thereupon the following resolution was proposed by Alderman Sinnott and seconded by Alderman Carty was unanimously adopted.

RESOLVED:- That we, the Wexford Corporation congratulate our fellow-citizen Father W. Codd, P. P. and wish to give expression to our extreme pleasure and gratification on his appointment to the Bishopric of this the Ancient See of Ferns.

Applications from Corporation workmen and officers for increased remuneration for their services consequent on the increased cost of procuring the necessaries of life, were brought under the notice of the meeting.

All the cases hereinunder referred to had been under the consideration of the Finance and Works Committee. The Committee, recognizing the justice of the claim in each case, had duly made recommendations.

In the case of the five carters employed by the Corporation, the Committee had recommended that their present wage of £1. 16. 0 a week each should be raised to £2. 5. 0 each per week, and that the increase should date from 7th November 1917, the date of their application, except one (A. Byrne) who was but a recent addition to the staff of carters.

On the motion of Alderman Corish seconded by Councillor Rossiter this recommendation was adopted, on a division, whereupon the voting was 11 to 2. The gravedigger at Crosstown Cemetery whose remuneration was 7/- per each grave opened, was in the opinion of the Committee, entitled to 8/- per grave opened as from the date of his application, viz. 14th November 1917, and on the motion of Councillor Coffey seconded by Councillor McMahon the increase was granted.

The Caretaker of Crosstown Cemetery who had also applied on 14th November 1917 for a reconsideration of the terms of his employment, was recommended to have his wages raised from 18/- to 20/- per week from the date of application, and on the motion of Councillor Coffey, seconded by Councillor Lymbery, the Committee's recommendation was adopted.

The Poor Rate Collector's application for an increase of his remuneration was the next case dealt with. He had at present received about £70 a year, including £6. paid him for services in connection with preparing, verifying, and posting annually copies of a Schedule of uncollected Rate. The Committee was in favour of his being granted an increase which would bring his total remuneration up to £86 a year, more or less, but the rate of his poundage was to be regulated on the principle of the scale dated 19th April 1905.

On the motion of Councillor Rossiter seconded by Councillor McMahon the recommendation was adopted.

The wages of the Foerman of Works, which was 27/- a week, was recommended to be increased to 30/- a week. on the motion of Alderman Corish seconded by Councillor Coffey the recommendation was adopted with the proviso that the increase should take effect from 27th November, 1917.

To meet the claim in the case of the Town Surveyor, the Committee decided it was necessary to make an addition of £30 a year to his salary bringing this up to £180 per annum in respect of the dual office of Town Surveyor and Superintendent of Waterworks.

On the motion of Councillor Coffey, seconded by Councillor Rossiter the Committee's decision was ratified, but with the understanding that £15. a year was to be added to the office of Town Surveyor and £15. a year to that of Superintendent of Waterworks and also subject to any formal sanction required to be obtained from the Local Government Board.

A letter from the Local Government Board under date of 16th November 1917, No57641, and a resolution from the Wexford Trades and Labour Council were read. These urged the expediency of the adoption in Wexford of a Maternity and Child Welfare Scheme, under which it might be possible for the Council to requisition the Half-time services of a Nurse employed by any local voluntary Association and pay half her salary, and of this half a moiety would be recouped out of the Exchequer Grant. The putting into effect of such a Scheme, it was alleged by the Trades Council, would be the means of securing a supply of milk and distributing it at a reasonable cost.

On the motion of Alderman Corish seconded by Alderman Carty, it was
RESOLVED:- That steps be taken to have all former resolutions on this subject rescinded in a regular way, and with a view to the possibility of framing a Maternity and Child Welfare Scheme, and also ~~devising~~ devising a means of increasing supplies of milk to the town, a Committee be appointed, and that this consist of Aldermen Hadden, Corish, Carty, Councillors Lymbery, McMahon, in addition to the Mayor.

An Abstract of the Accounts of the Council for the financial year ended 31st March 1917, as audited by Mr. J. More O'Ferrall, was laid before the meeting. It was accompanied by the Auditor's Report in which attention was drawn to an outlay of £25. 18. 6 due by a Miss Pitt of North Main Street. This amount was spent on the work of providing a privy and ashpit on private property, and had not yet been recovered.

In this case, it was explained, every effort had been made to collect the debt, short of sueing at Quarter Sessions, but to take this step was inadvisable, according to the Corporation Solicitor, as the woman had very scant means and her property was mortgaged.

The matter was referred to the Finance and Works Committee.

A resolution from the Wexford Technical Instruction Committee was submitted. The purport of it was that Technical Instruction in Ireland was inadequately financed.

It appeared that the Treasury had refused to supplement the present State Endowment, and that a Grant from the Exchequer of £110,000 per annum was required, in addition to the existing Grants, to develop Technical Education. The Council were asked to make a protest against the parsimony of the Treasury in the matter, and on the motion of Alderman Carty, seconded by Alderman Corish, the resolutions were adopted.

Attention was called by Councillor McMahon to the insufficient lighting of the Quays after dark. He suggested that the concession made to the Harbour Commissioners by the Council in respect of lighting some of the lamps on the Quays should be enlarged by the Council taking on themselves the cost of maintaining three additional lights.

This proposal was referred to the Finance and Works Committee, who were asked to visit the Quays and report.

A copy of a resolution received from the Corporation of Cork was read. It embodied a vigorous protest against the mode adopted by Major Bowen, President, and Mr. Wolfe, Crown Solicitor, of conducting a recent Court Martial Trial in Cork. The occasion was the trial of members of the Sinn Fein Party who had taken up a militant attitude against constituted authority in furtherance of that Party's declared policy of establishing a Republican system of government in Ireland, severed from all connection with England.

The meeting considered that the wording of the resolution was exaggerated, but on the motion of Alderman Carty, seconded by Councillor Coffey, it was RESOLVED:- That the slighting observation made by Major Bowen in reference to the use of the Irish Language calls for our strongest condemnation, as we feel proud of the efforts made to cherish the ancient Gaelic language of this Country.

A letter from the Gaelic League, Dublin, intimating that steps were being taken to erect a Hall in Dublin in memory of the late Thomas Ashe, and asking that a Committee should be formed to collect subscriptions towards the Fund to be raised for this object, was read.

Alderman Corish proposed that the undertaking should^{be} commended by this Council to the favourable consideration of the public.

The motion was seconded by Councillor Walsh, but was lost on a Division being taken, five members voting for and six against it.

Nicholas Kybur
Mayor
Jan 7 1918

7th January, 1918.

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, William H. McGuire, Frank Carty.

Councillors:- John J. Kirwan, James murphy, Joseph Doyle, Matthew lymbery, James McMahon, Michael Martin.

The minutes of last meeting were read and signed.

Liabilities whihh had accrued due up to the end of last month, amounting in the aggregate to £255. 4. 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 163 to 180 inclusive.

Summary and Reconcilement of Treasurer's Account for the month ended the last day of December 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 monthly Statement.			
Total sums received to close of last month.	897.	16.	0
	TOTAL	897.	16. 0
Balance due to Treasurer as per last monthly Statement.	330.	0.	3
Payments ordered at this meeting.	255.	4.	4
	TOTAL	585.	13. 7
Net Balance due by Treasurer (being difference of above Totals)	312.	3.	2

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

Balance per Bank Books due by Treasurer.	568.	15.	2
Outstanding Orders (including those issued at this meeting)	256.	12.	0
Net Balance as above due by Treasurer.	312.	3.	2

Referring to minutes of last meeting, the following is a copy of a letter received from the Bishop-Elect of the Diocese of Ferns in reply to a letter congratulating him, on behalf of the Council.

Balekwater, Enniscorthy, Co. Wexford.

5th December, 1917.

Dear Mr. Browne, Will you be good enough to express my thanks to the members of the Corporation for their kind resolution, and to accept them yourself for the good wishes you convey.

Believe me, Dear Mr. Browne, Yours very truly,

W. Codd.

There was submitted to the meeting a copy of a Sealed Order made by the Local Government Board under date of 17th December 1917, pursuant to the Local Government (Allotments & Land Cultivation) (Ireland) Act 1917. In virtue of this Order it was possible for the Council to hire land and let it out to persons earning wages

inside the Municipal Area, whether they resided inside the Municipal Area or not. The extent of an allotment was restricted to one-eighth of an acre, and it was not permissible to let an allotment to any person already holding one-eighth of an acre of land. Rent was to be charged for each allotment, and the rents were to be sufficient, in the aggregate, to cover the cost gone to by the Council in connection with an Allotments Scheme.

These are a few of the prominent provisions of the Order, which also, inter alia, provided for supplying seed, manure, and implements, and also for giving prizes to encourage the efficient cultivation of allotment plots.

A copy resolution from the housing Committee of the Limerick Corporation was read, as follows.

"That this Meeting, realizing the bad housing conditions that exist in the Towns and Cities of Ireland, are of opinion that this question can only be satisfactorily solved on National lines; and as the Government have recognized this by their Scheme for National Housing, to be put into operation at the termination of the War, we demand that in the best interests of the country and the workers therein, it is imperative that a sufficient sum of money be provided, immediately, for the re-housing of the Working Classes in the Towns and Cities of Ireland, as has already been done in the country for the Agricultural Labourers."

This resolution commended itself to the meeting, and was unanimously adopted on the motion of Alderman Carty seconded by Alderman Corish.

The necessity for Government granting Loans at a low rate of interest for providing town dwellers with houses was as obvious as it was in the case of the housing of agricultural labourers, and furthermore, the following resolution on the motion of Alderman Carty seconded by Alderman Sinnott, was passed.

That in view of financial aid from the Treasury, we appoint a Committee to prepare a General Housing Scheme for Wexford.

Thereupon the Committee was appointed consisting of Aldermen Carty, Sinnott, McGuire, Hadden, Corish, and Councillors McMahon, Martin, Lynbery, in addition to the Mayor.

The following is a copy of a resolution received from the Dublin Corporation and read.

"That we, the members of the Dublin Corporation, having learned that certain members of the Irish Civil Service have been victimized by dismissal, transfer to other Offices, or by having adverse records made against them upon secret reports, demand that the evidence upon which they have been victimized shall be produced, and that the Officers concerned shall be given a fair opportunity of meeting the charges upon which they have been penalised.

Failing the production of evidence or the formulation of direct charges, we demand that the adverse records be expunged and that those victimized by dismissal or transfer, be restored to their various offices.

The wisdom of adopting this resolution was questioned as there was no specific cases of victimization mentioned, and the meeting had no knowledge of any such cases, but yet, on the motion of Alderman Corish seconded by Councillor Martin, the resolution was adopted after a certain amount of discussion.

A recommendation made by the Finance and Works Committee in favour of the salary of the Carstaker of the Town Hall being increased by £2. 8. 0 per annum, thus bringing the salary up to £10. 8. 0 a year was brought forward, and was adopted on the motion of Alderman Corish seconded by Councillor Martin.

Councillor Martin proposed that the Government should be requested to give full executive powers to the Irish Food Control Committee seeing that as it was constituted at present it was invested only with advisory powers, and that its recommendations were not treated with the respect which they deserved, and seeing also that because of the lack of full authority, two prominent members of the Committee had found it incumbent on them to resign membership thereof.

The motion was seconded by Councillor McMahon, and was adopted, and it was decided to send copies of it to the Irish party, the Labour Party, and the Food Controller.

A circular letter from the Department under date of 31st December 1917 No. 3151, forwarding Orders made under the Maintenance of Live Stock Act 1915, was read.

The Department requested that the Council should take steps to prevent the slaughter of any animals in contravention of the Orders and to report any instance of an intended contravention.

The animals to which the Orders referred were, Sucking Calves, Breeding Sows, Cattle in Calf, Young Female Cattle, and Milch Cows.

It was decided to instruct the Inspectors under the Dairies &c. Order to prevent, as far as in their power lay, or to report, the slaughter of any animal to which the Orders applied.

Nicholas Byrne
Mayor

Jan 23 1918

23rd. January, 1918.

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, William H. McGuire, Richard Corish,
Joseph Kelly, Frank Carty.

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

The minutes of meeting of 7th January Instant were read and signed, and thereupon the meeting 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 and seconded by Councillor Keating, viz:-

That Alderman William H. McGuire be and is hereby elected Mayor of Wexford for the year commencing this day and until his Successor be appointed and shall have accepted Office as such.

The proposer and seconder of this motion paid a high tribute of praise to McGuire's Alderman's efficiency and attention to civic affairs since he had become a member of the Corporation, and expressed confidence in his thorough fitness to fill the Office to which they desired him to be elected, while, at the same time, they regretted that the outgoing Mayor was unable to see his way to retain Office for a further year.

The motion was well and appropriately supported by Councillor James Browne. Thereupon Alderman Corish proposed the following motion, which was seconded by Councillor Walsh, viz:-

That Alderman Francis Carty be and is hereby elected Mayor of Wexford for the year commencing this day, and until his Successor be appointed and shall have accepted Office as such.

This motion was supported by Councillors McMahon and O'Brien.

The proposer and seconder and supporters of this motion warmly united in testifying to the characteristics of Alderman Carty as a citizen, and as a zealous member of the Corporation for the last eleven years during which period he had taken an active part in the administration of the Borough. No other member was proposed for Office, and thereupon a Poll was taken with the following result.

There voted for the election of Alderman McGuire:-

Councillors M. Browne, Ffrench, James Browne, Joseph Doyle, Coffey, Cowman, Kirwan, Keating, Gibson, Lymbery, and Aldermen Kelly, Sinnott, and The Mayor (13)

There voted for the election of Alderman Carty:-

Councillors McMahon, Martin, O'Brien, Walsh, Rossiter, and Alderman Corish (6)

Neither of the nominees for Office decided to vote.

Thereupon Alderman McGuire was declared elected, and on being installed made the statutory declaration of acceptance of Office.

The new Mayor in returning thanks for being elected, touched on many topics of vital interest to the people of the town in the coming year. He drew attention to the necessity for obtaining and retaining in the town food supplies in view of the possible shortage of such, the probability of an increase in local Rates, the need to be prepared at the close of the war to obtain Loans on easy terms for Housing Schemes, the revival of the trade of the Port. He hoped that before his year of office was run out the war would be over, and that he would have the privilege of welcoming back to Wexford the survivors of the Wexfordmen who had joined the Army and Navy.

Alderman Carty also returned thanks to his supporters. In the matter of politics he had stood by the Constitutional Movement, but so far as this election was concerned, it had no political significance for him. He was given a mind and would exercise it as he thought fit so long as he held any public office. He estimated that 1,000 men from Wexford and its vicinity had joined the fighting forces, and he held that there was no section of the town but had sympathy with these Wexfordmen. The Mayor proposed the following resolution in felicitous terms. In doing so he said this was the first duty cast upon him as Chairman of the Council and it was a most pleasing one.

The motion was seconded by Councillor Gibson, and it was spoken to by Councillors Keating and Memahon, and Alderman Corish.

It was passed with acclamation and ran as follows:-

That we take this opportunity to tender our heartfelt thanks to the outgoing Mayor, Councillor Nicholas Byrne, for his untiring efforts to promote the welfare of the town for the last two years, during which he worthily filled the Office of Mayor of Wexford. As Chief Magistrate of the Borough, and as First Citizen of the Town, he displayed zeal, courtesy, and impartiality in the discharge of all his onerous public functions, and he carries with him in his retirement the good wishes of each and every one of the Community of the Borough of Wexford.

Councillor Byrne returned thanks. He said his actions for the last two years may have pleased some, and for this he was more than gratified, but it may not have met with the approval of others. However he felt he had nothing to regret because if he were elected again he would not be able to see his way to deviate from the line of action he had followed during his tenure of Office.

Attention was called to the occurrence of a sad event in the family of Alderman Kelly. His brother, the Rev. Thomas Kelly of the Order of the Irish Christian Brothers had been called to his eternal reward. Alderman Sinnott proposed that an expression of sympathy from the Council should be conveyed to their Colleague, Alderman Kelly in his bereavement, and that the meeting should be adjourned out of respect to the memory of the deceased gentleman.

The motion was seconded by Councillor Byrne, and was spoken to in feeling terms by

Alderman Corish, Councillor Lymbery, Alderman Carty, and Councillor Gibson, and was passed unanimously.

It was arranged that the business of the meeting should be resumed at half past seven o'clock p. m. on this day.

4th Feb'y. 1918

Wm. H. McGuire
Mayor

23rd. January, 1918.

An adjourned Statutory Meeting of the Council was held this day in the Town Clerk's Office at 7. 30 p. m.

The members present were:-

William H. McGuire, Esq. Mayor (in the chair)

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

Councillors:- Robert Coffey, Philip Cowman, James McMahon, Nicholas Byrne, Matthew Lymbery., David R. Keating, James Browne, John Walsh, Richard Gibson, Joseph Doyle, James Murphy, James French.

Re. appointing the dates of three Quarterly Meetings to be held in the ensuing year, in addition to this day's meeting, it was decided to have them held on Monday, 6th May at noon, Wednesday, 7th August at 7. 30 p. m., and Monday, 4th November at 7. 30 p. m.

Re the appointment of Standing Committees for the year, it was resolved, on the motion of Councillor James Browne, seconded by Councillor Byrne, that the Finance and Works, Waterworks, and public Health Committees be formed of the entire Council, and that the Technical Instruction Committee consist of the same members as at present constitute it.

The desirability of naming a Committee to see what were the requirements of the Town in regard to street maintenance and structural improvements as a step preparatory to making Rates for next financial year was discussed, and it was decided to appoint such Committee, and that it consist of three members from each Ward, viz;- Aldermen Corish and Kelly and Councillor Murphy; Alderman Sinnott and Councillors Byrne and Lymbery, and Alderman Carty and Councillors McMahon and Gibson.

A circular letter from the Mayor of Waterford was read. It bore reference to a disaster which had occurred at sea early in Christmas week to two vessels trading with the Port of Waterford resulting in the loss of 83 lives. A collection had been opened for the immediate relief of the dependants of the lost crews, and the Wexford Corporation were asked to assist in collecting subscriptions in aid of this most deserving object.

The appeal met with the warm sympathy of the meeting, and as practical evidence of such sympathy, it was arranged that the whole Council should meet on Wednesday, 30th Instant, to devise means to organize a collection locally.

Furthermore, on the motion of Alderman Carty seconded by Councillor McMahon, it was
RESOLVED:- That this Council, feeling for the afflicted Citizens of Waterford,
beg to tender to the Mayor of that City a true and heartfelt condolence on the sad
calamity which has befallen his fellow-citizens.

A Deputation from the Association of National Teachers from Wexford District
waited on the meeting. It consisted of Messrs Breen and Goold. Their purpose was
to elicit the support of the Corporation in favour of increasing the Treasury
Grant for Primary Education in Ireland. They stated that the salaries of
Teachers were so low in amount that there was no inducement offered to capable men
to join the service of the Commissioners of National Education, and the consequence
would be the system would fall below the proper standard. They stated that Public
Bodies were asked to co-operate with the Dublin Corporation and the Trades Council
in putting a case before the Chief Secretary for an amelioration of the situation,
and also asked that the Council would be good enough to depute two of its members to
attend in Dublin on an early date at an All-Ireland meeting of Bodies to be called
in support of the Teachers' demands.

The meeting was impressed by the strength of the case made out, and acceded to the
request to appoint two Delegates, namely Alderman Corish (a member of the Trades
Council) and Councillor Keating, who were good enough to signify their willingness
to act as such.

A Deputation from the Wexford Trades and Labour Council, who was accompanied by
Colonel Bryan, who acted as spokesman on the occasion, came before the meeting.
Their object was to draw attention, in good time, to the likelihood of a shortage
of food supplies before the garnering of the Harvest of 1918. In their opinion,
it was a wise precautionary measure to purchase large available quantities of
cereals and potatoes as soon as possible, and hold them in reserve until needed.
Their plan was for the Corporation to get together a number of the well-to-do
residents, who would raise a sum of say, £20,000 on their own security. The risk
of any serious loss on the transaction might be freely discounted, and if there
should prove to be a small loss the men having a stake in the town were, no doubt,
sufficiently public-spirited at the present critical juncture to undertake the
small risk.

After giving a sympathetic hearing to the Deputation, the meeting came to the
conclusion to adjourn the consideration of the question for a week to enable
members to gather further information as to the quantity of commodities available
for Wexford Market, and also to give them time to make up their minds as to the
practicability of launching the project without serious loss to those who may
become guarantors.

4th Feb 1918
W. J. G. Mayor

4th February 1918.

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:-

William H. McGuire, Esq., Mayor (in the chair)

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

Councillors:- Matthew Lymbery, Richard Gibson, Michael Martin,
Thomas Rossiter, Nicholas Byrne, Richard Doyle, Philip Cowman
John Walsh, Robert Coffey, James Murphy, David R. Keating,
James McMahon, Thomas O'Brien, James 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 £296 10. 2 were laid before the meeting, and having been examined were found correct and an Advice note was signed to enable the Treasurer to pay them on presentation to him of Paying Orders numbered from 181 to 196 inclusive.

Summary and Reconciliation of Treasurer's Account for the month ended the last day of January 1918, including the payments made at the Meeting held to day.

SUMMARY.

Balance due by Treasurer as per last Statement.	312. 3. 2
Total sums received to close of last month.	626. 4. 0
TOTAL	938. 7. 2
Balance due to Treasurer as per last Statement.	- . -
Payments ordered at this meeting.	296. 10. 2
TOTAL	296. 10. 2
Net Balance due by Treasurer (being difference of above Totals)	641. 17. 0

RECONCILEMENT.

Balance per Bank Books due by Treasurer.	992. 19. 2
Outstanding Orders, including those issued at this Meeting.	351. 2. 2
Net Balance as above due by Treasurer.	641. 17. 0

The following is a copy of a letter which was read. It was received in response to a resolution of condolence passed to Alderman Joseph Kelly at last meeting.

South Main Street, Wexford, 1st Feb. 1918

Dear Sir,

Allow me to thank you for your letter of 24th Ult. conveying to me the sympathy of the members of the Corporation on the death of my brother, Rev. Br. T. F. Kelly. Such expressions of sympathy tend in a large way to mitigate the sorrow caused by the loss of a dear departed one.

Will you kindly convey to my Colleagues in the Corporation the sincere thanks of myself and the members of my family for their great kindness.

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As for your kind remarks, all I can say is that I shall cherish them in my memory as words of deep feeling and sincere regard for my dear brother.

Yours very faithfully.

W. A. Browne, Esq. Town Clerk.

Joseph Kelly.

An application having been made by the Town Clerk for an increase of salary, the Finance and Works Committee inquired into the merits of the application. Through the mayor they had communicated with towns in Ireland of the same size and population as Wexford, and had received eight replies showing the salaries that the Town Clerks of these towns enjoyed. These salaries ranged from £275 paid in Queenstown to £455 in Clonmel, but it was seen that in the case of Wexford the Town Clerk was senior in point of service, he having been in Office for 30 years, while his salary was only £275. nett.

The Committee had recommended that the salary should be increased by £50. a year, as from 1st December last, the date on which the application was put in.

On the motion of Councillor Coffey, seconded by Councillor Rossiter, the recommendation was unanimously adopted.

The Mayor having resigned his membership of the School Attendance Committee because of the many additional public duties which he had to perform in his capacity as Mayor, the meeting was asked to appoint a person to fill the vacancy on the Committee made by the resignation, and on the motion of Councillor Keating, seconded by Councillor Coffey, it was

RESOLVED:- That Councillor Cowman be appointed a member of the Committee to serve for the unexpired portion of the mayor's term of Office.

A circular letter from the Local Government Board under date of 1st February 1918, and bearing the number 4402 was read. It drew attention to the provisions of the Education (provision of Meals) (Ireland- Act 1917. The Act accompanied the circular. By this it was permissible for the Council to set apart in the forthcoming Rate Estimates, any sum they thought necessary to provide food for school children, and moreover, it was incumbent on the Treasury to re-coup half the sum expended in pursuance of the Act, subject to the approval of the Local Government Board. The limit of expenditure imposed by the former Provision of Meals Acts was removed therefore as a consequence.

On the motion of Alderman Corish, seconded by Councillor Memahan, it was

Resolved:- That the question as to whether the contribution made to the Schools hitherto under these Acts have been sufficient for the purpose, and as to what would be the measure of an increased Grant, if such were required, to feed the children in a reasonable way, be referred to the School Attendance Committee for their opinion thereon.

At the request of the Cookstown Urban Council, the following resolution was adopted, on the motion of Councillor Martin seconded by Councillor Memahan.

That this Council feels strongly the necessity of encouraging farmers and plotheolders to grow greater quantities of potatoes, oats, and wheat, in view of the

grave danger of shortage of food in this country.

That the want of confidence created by the failure of the Government to carry out last season's pledge of £6. per ton for potatoes to the smaller farmers and plotheholders, will have a disastrous effect in the coming season, and that it is highly desirable that the government should at once announce their intention of fulfilling their promise, which would restore public confidence in the arrangement made for the coming crops, and make it clear that all sellers of a ton and upwards will be treated alike, and thus assist materially to increase the 1918 supply of potatoes.

A letter dated 15th January, 1918, No. 62412, from the Local Government Board was read. It contained approval of the remuneration of the poor Rate Collector being increased to £36 a year, so long as he lodges 40% of his half-yearly collection by the 31st July and 31st December in each half-year respectively.

A letter dated 16th January 1918 and numbered 62412, from the same public Department, was read and contained approval of the increase of salary granted to the Town Surveyor and Superintendent of Waterworks on 3rd. December 1917. Councillor D. R. Keating made allusion to a recent Parliamentary Election in South Armagh whereat a Mr. P. Donnelly was returned as member of Parliament in the interests of the Irish Parliamentary Party.

The Councillor proposed that the congratulations of the Corporation should be tendered to Mr. Donnelly on his victory at the Poll.

The Mayor expressed the opinion that this question was not in order, although without doubt, there had been many precedents for adopting political resolutions of the kind, and although he was in full accord with the sentiments contained in the resolution.

However he yielded to the evident sense of the majority and decided to entertain the motion, which was seconded by Councillor Nicholas Byrne.

The proposition met with a certain amount of opposition, but was carried on a show of hands, when 10 members voted for and only 3 against it,

4th March 1918

[Signature]
Mayor

ADDRESS

From The Mayor, Aldermen and Burgesses of the Borough of Wexford
TO

The Most Rev. Dr. Codd

On the Occasion of his Consecration as Lord Bishop of the Diocese of Ferns,
ON THE TWENTY-FIFTH DAY OF FEBRUARY, A.D. 1918.

Most Rev. Dear Sir,

WE, the Municipal Council of Wexford, with the full acquiescence of the entire Community of the Ancient Capital Town of your Diocese, beg leave, respectfully, on this momentous day, to couple with a sincere and heartfelt expression of our congratulations an assurance of reverence for your Person, and fealty towards the dignified and responsible Office which you have been called upon to fill.

Wexford, your Lordship's natal town, where you have spent your whole lifetime up to the present, with the exception of two brief intervals necessitated by your Collegiate Course in Rome and your recent Pastorate of Blackwater, rejoices to find that one of her sons has been deemed worthy, by Divine Providence, to fill the Episcopal Throne of St. Aidan.

Your Lordship is, so far, the last link in the chain of Prelates that reaches back not only to the days of St. Aidan, but long before him, and even long before the illustrious Patron of Ireland himself, to the first Christian Missionary that ever carried the Cross to Ireland, the Sainted Palladius of Begerin, who was followed by his great disciple St. Ibar, who spread the light throughout Hy-Kinsellagh.

It is difficult for us, Your Lordship's fellow-townsmen, who are familiar with your endearing disposition, and who have been witnesses of your attractive but unobtrusive personality, to convey through the medium of words the pleasure we feel at the prospect of being submissive and loyal members of your flock for very many years to come.

In the high honour which has been conferred upon you we presume to consider ourselves sharers, and sincerely hope that the onerous task which you have consented to perform will be ameliorated to the fullest extent by the willing and ready co-operation of your Spiritual Children.

The Corporate Seal of the Borough of Wexford was
affixed hereto per unanimous Resolution of the Municipal
Council on the Twentieth day of February, 1918, in the
presence of

Wm A. Mc Guire Mayor.

Wm A. Browne Town Clerk.

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4th March, 1918.

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:-

William H. McGuire, Esq., Mayor (in the chair)

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

Councillors:- John Walsh, Nicholas Byrne, Matthew lymbery, John J. Kirwan, Robert Coffey, Thomas Rossiter, James monahan, Michael Martin, Thomas O'Brien, James Murphy, David R. Keating.

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 £1112, 15. 7 were laid before the meeting, and having been examined were approved, and an Advice note was signed to enable the Treasurer to pay them on presentation to him of Paying Orders numbered from 197 to 226 inclusive.

Summary and Reconcilement of Treasurer's Account for the month ended the last day of February 1918, including payments made at meeting held on this day.

S U M M A R Y.

Balance due by Treasurer as per last Statement.	641. 17. 0
Total sums received to close of last month.	785. 19. 9
TOTAL	1425. 16. 9
Balance due to Treasurer as per last Statement.	- - -
Payments ordered at this meeting.	1112. 15. 7
TOTAL	1112. 15. 7
net Balance due by Treasurer (being difference of above totals)	313. 1. 2

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

Balance per Bank Books due by Treasurer.	1427. 18. 7
Outstanding Orders (including those issued at this meeting-	1114. 17. 5
Net Balance as above due by Treasurer.	313. 1. 2

Included in the Accounts above referred to was an account for £37. 14. 5 being composed of items of Borough Rate assessed on the valuation of all the Working Class Dwellings provided by the Council. By the terms of the letting of these houses the occupiers were free from responsibility for the payment of Rates, but although it seemed irregular for the Council to pay Rates to be lodged to their own credit immediately, yet it was explained that the transaction from a legal point of view was not an anomalous one.

However, it was decided that in the work of applotting future rates, no assessment was to be made on items of Valuation placed on Dwellings provided for the Working Classes by the Council.

Recommendations for increases of salary to be given to the Town Sergeant, the Sanitary SubOfficer, and the Caretaker of Coolree Reservoir were presented by the Finance and Works committee.

In the case of the Town Sergeant the increase to which he was entitled, in the opinion of the Committee, was 4/- a week, in the case of the Sanitary Sub-Officer, 3/- a week, and in that of the Caretaker of the Reservoir, 2/- a week.

The meeting considered that the increases mentioned were not disproportionate to the rise in prices of all kinds of commodities, and on the motion of Councillor Coffey, seconded by Councillor Lymbery, the recommendations were adopted unanimously.

The Fire Brigade, having waited on the Finance and Works Committee and made application for a supply of additional appliances, but especially for a motor vehicle, the Committee abstained from taking any decisive action, but came to the conclusion to refer the matter to the present general Meeting.

It was possible, in the opinion of the Brigade, to purchase a second-hand motor car and build on the chassis of it a Body so constructed as to accommodate the fire appliances. The cost involved was to be £120, more or less.

The meeting expressed no hostility to providing the vehicle, but as there was a likelihood of the Rates for the coming Financial year experiencing an inordinate rise, it was decided, on the motion of Alderman Sinnott seconded by Councillor Byrne, to defer action pending the completion of the Rate Estimates at present in course of preparation.

The Waterworks Committee reported on the result of the collection of the Water Rates for the year ending 31st March 1918. The Collector had performed his duty in a most efficient way. Of the total sum to be collected, namely, £829. 15. 6½ there remained at the close of the year only £8. 15. 7½ outstanding, and this, on examination was all found to be irrecoverable and to be written off the books.

The recommendation was adopted.

27th March 1918

W. J. Sinnott
Chairman

13th March, 1918.

at
A Special Meeting of the Council was held this day/the Town Clerk's Office at half past seven o'clock p. m. It was summoned specially for the purpose of paying a tribute of respect and sorrow to the memory of the late John E. Redmond, whose lamented death, on the 6th Instant, had plunged Ireland into mourning, and evoked expressions of sorrow from the people of the United Kingdom from the Sovereign down.

The members present on the occasion were;-

William H. McGuire, Esq., Mayor (in the chair)

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

Councillors:- Jas Brown, Richard Gibson, David R. Keating, Thomas Rossiter, Richard Doyle, Matthew Lymbery, John Walsh, James Murphy, James McMahon, Nicholas Byrne, Philip Cowman, Thomas O'Brien.

His Worship, The Mayor, on rising to propose the following Resolution referred in affecting terms to the departed Statesman, touching on the many great qualities which distinguished him in his public, as well as his private career, and the indebtedness the Country was under to him for his ~~whole life and successful~~ ^{lifelong} endeavour to ameliorate the condition of the people.

The Mayor's elegium was followed by eloquent and sincere expressions of lament delivered by Alderman Sinnott (who ably seconded the Resolution) and by Aldermen Carty, Kelly, and Corish, and Councillors Byrne, Keating, McMahon, Gibson, James Brown, Walsh, Rossiter, and O'Brien.

Thereupon the Resolution was put and was carried unanimously, all persons in the room standing up to mark the solemnity of the occasion.

The resolution was as follows:-

RESOLVED:- That filled with profound sorrow at the great calamity which has overtaken Ireland in the death of the late John Edward Redmond, we the Municipal Council of Wexford have assembled together in humble submission to the dispensations of Providence to condole in a spirit of brotherhood with the Irish People and and especially with our fellow-townsmen in the loss of our incomparable Leader. We who have been familiar with him from the days of his childhood, are aware, and we wish solemnly to emphasise the fact, that he was actuated by the purest and most unselfish motives in furthering the cause to which he devoted his great abilities, his unrivalled eloquence, and indeed every public act of his life.

The sacrifice he made in early manhood in abandoning his inviting prospects at the Bar to follow a life of public usefulness in the Senate/^{was} worthy of his noble character. Mr. Redmond's whole career was one of strenuous untiring effort for the welfare of his Nation, who will hold the memory of a great-souled Irishman dear in their hearts for generations to come.

While dissolving this Meeting out of veneration for the Mighty Dead, we hereby respectfully express our sincere and heartfelt condolence with the sorrowing members of Mr. Redmond's family, but especially with his bereaved relict, Mrs Redmond, in her bereavement.

Before the meeting separated Alderman Sinnott asked for permission to mention that according to newspaper reports it had been decided by the Irish Parliamentary Party to elect Mr. John Dillon M. P., to the vacant Leadership. The Alderman proposed that Mr. Dillon was to be congratulated on his accession to the Chairmanship of the party, and the Party on the choice they had made. The proposition was seconded by Councillor Keating, who also expressed his gratification at the wisdom displayed by the Party in selecting a well-tried and life-long Nationalist as their Head. The motion was supported by Councillor Memahon, and on being put was carried, Alderman O'Grish dissenting.

27th March 1918

Wm. H. McGuire
Mayor

27th March, 1918.

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

The members present were:-

William H. McGuire, Esq., Mayor (in the chair)

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

Councillors:- Nicholas Byrne, James Memahon, James Ffrench, Richard Gibson, Matthew Lymbery, James Browne, Philip Cowman, James Murphy, Thomas Rossiter, David R. Keating, Michael Martin, Richard Doyle.

The minutes of meetings of 4th and 13th March 1918 were read and signed. Estimates of the expenditure necessary to administer the Civic affairs of the Borough in the financial year commencing 1st April next, were submitted. According to these 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 at the close of the current year, there remained to be provided by means of Rates to be levied on the District, the following sums.

By Water Rates.	:	:	:	:	:	:	£ 1123. 4. 0
By Poor Rate.	:	:	:	:	:	:	3209. 12. 2
By Special Rate.	:	:	:	:	:	:	1777. 1. 4
By Borough Rate.	:	:	:	:	:	:	1995. 7. 2

As to the Water Rates, the meeting, on reviewing the items of Receipt and Expenditure set forth in the Estimate, decided to fix the Poundage of these Rates at 1/4, viz: a Domestic Water Rate of 10d in the £ and a Public Water Rate of 6d. in the £.

As to the poor Rate Estimate, it was accompanied by a Recommendation from the Finance Committee under date of 20th Instant, that the poundage of this Rate should be fixed at $3/6$, but as it was seen that a Rate of one penny less than $3/6$ would suffice to meet all demands, it was resolved, on the motion of Alderman Kelly, seconded by Councillor Lymbery to fix the Poundage of the Poor Rate at $3/5$.

The Estimate of Receipts and Expenditure to be raised by a Special Rate, or legally speaking, a Rate in lieu of County Cess, showed that a Rate of 2/- in the £ was required. This was according to a recommendation of a Special Works Committee to whom was confided the work of inspecting various localities throughout the town and finding out where necessary repairs were required on streets, sewers, and footpaths.

Included in the Estimate was a sum of £900 set down to provide 2,000 tons of broken stones, and an item of £171. 10. 0 to be devoted to the construction of concrete footpaths in Trimmers Lane and William Street.

Attention was specially directed to these two sums, and discussion followed thereupon, with the result that it was resolved on the motion of Councillor Lymbery seconded by Councillor Byrne, to reduce the £900 item by £100, and on the motion of Councillor Byrne seconded by ~~Alderman Hadden~~ Councillor French, it was resolved to expunge the item of £171. 10. 0 entirely.

Thereupon on the motion of Councillor Byrne, seconded by Alderman Hadden, it was Resolved:- That having regard to the reduction made in the total of the Estimate the Poundage of the Rate in lieu of County Cess be fixed at $1/8$.

The expenditure to be defrayed out of the Borough Fund for the year, and the moneys payable into this Fund from sources irrespective of Rates, as set forth in an Estimate thereof, was reviewed by the meeting. The inclusion of an item of £150 to finance a Maternity and Child Welfare Scheme gave rise to a long discussion. Opinions differed as to the utility of such a Measure for Wexford, but in the result it was decided on the motion of Alderman Hadden, seconded by Alderman Carty, that the item should remain in the estimate, in view of the likelihood of a Maternity and Child Welfare Scheme being put into operation in the immediate future.

Included also in the Estimate was a sum of £151. 10. 0 for the purpose of carrying out the Education (Provision of Meals)(Ireland) Acts 1914 to 1917.

This item represented the sum raised by a Rate of Twopence in the pound.

The question of increasing the contribution under the Acts having, per decision of meeting of 4th Ultmo. been referred to the School Attendance Committee, and the Committee having made investigations, recommended that it was proper and necessary that the contribution should be doubled under the enlarged powers granted to the Council under recent legislation.

Thereupon the following resolution was adopted on the motion of Councillor Rossiter, seconded by Councillor J. J. Byrne.

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That the contribution from the Borough Fund for providing food for necessitous

school children in the National Schools in the town, and also in schools where only a nominal school fee is charged, be doubled in view of one-half of this Grant being re-couped by Government, and that the item of £151. 10. 0 inserted in the Estimate for the purposes of the provision of Meals Acts be allowed to remain therein.

The examination of the Estimate having then concluded, it was resolved, on the motion of Alderman Sinnott, seconded by Alderman Hadden, that the Poundage of the Borough Rate for the ensuing financial year be fixed at Two Shillings.

W. H. McGuire
(Mayor)

3rd. April, 1918.

A monthly 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:-

William H. McGuire, Esq., Mayor (in the chair)

Alderman:- Joseph Kelly.

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

The minutes of meeting of 27th March 1918 were read and signed.

Liabilities which had accrued due up to the end of last month, amounting in the aggregate to £369. 19. 2, were submitted to the meeting, and having been examined were approved, and an Advice note was signed to enable the Treasurer to pay them on presentation to him of Paying Orders numbered from 227 to 238 inclusive.

Summary and Reconcilement of Treasurer's Account for the month ended the last day of March 1918, including the payments made at the meeting held on this day.

SUMMARY.

Balance due by Treasurer as per last Statement.	£ 313. 1. 2
Total sums received to close of last month.	898. 7. 11
TOTAL	1211. 9. 1
Balance due to Treasurer as per last Statement.	- . -
Payments ordered at this meeting.	369. 19. 2

RECONCILEMENT.

Balance per Bank Books due by Treasurer.	1212. 16. 9
Outstanding Orders	6. 10
Net Balance, as above, due by Treasurer.	841. 9. 11

An ordinary copy of the Council Minutes for the month of April 1918.

There was submitted to the meeting the following copies of documents received in relation to the fixing of the retail prices of house coal, viz:-

A circular dated 23rd. March 1918 from the Controller of Coal Mines, London, the reference number being, D.7000. P. R.

A Sealed Order from the Irish Local Government Board under date of 11th September 1917, imposing on Local Authorities the functions assigned to Local Authorities in England by the Retail Coal Prices Order 1917.

Copies of the aforesaid Order.

Tables showing the maximum rates of freights between Great Britain and Ireland.

From these it was seen that the obligation was cast on the Council to regulate the prices to be charged for house coal imported from England in the Urban District of Wexford.

Before fixing the prices it was incumbent on the Council to obtain from local merchants a statement showing the prices of different qualities of coal purchased by them at the present time, and in the twelve months prior to the war, together with the present rates of freights and also to ascertain the expenses incurred by the merchants in connection with the storing of coal, the discharging of vessels, and the distribution of coal. The entire mode of determining prices was fully prescribed.

On fully considering the question the meeting came to the conclusion to refer it to a Committee composed of the following members who were entrusted with the task of collecting the information required, viz: Councillors French, Cowman, James Browne, and Martin, Alderman Corish, and The Mayor.

A circular letter from the Director of Cross-Channel Transportation, under date of 28th March 1918, was read. It directed the attention of the Council to the importance of reducing the consumption of coal in Ireland, in view of the fact that the quantity of sea borne coal coming into Ireland had been reduced by 1,300,000 tons per annum, as a considerable number of vessels hitherto employed in the coal trade had to be used in other ways by reason of the exigencies of War.

The Council were asked to take such measures as they saw fit to induce coal consumers to aim at saving coal and artificial light to the extent of 25% at the least.

The subject of this circular was also referred to the above-named Committee to advise as to the best means of bringing about the desired object.

The making of conditions preliminary to the appointment of a person to serve as Collector of Borough Rate and Special Rate to fill the vacancy caused by the death of the late Collector, was gone into. On its being seen that the amount of the remuneration in the case came to £95 odd at a poundage of 7½d, it was proposed by Alderman Kelly that the poundage should be fixed at 6d., having regard to the proposed increase of the rate of the Assessments in question.

The motion was seconded by Councillor Cowman.

But Councillor O'Brien proposed that the Poundage should be left at 7½d, and

Councillor Coffey seconded the motion.

On a Division the first motion was carried, nine members voting for it and only six against it.

It was further arranged that the incoming Collector should furnish Security in the sum of £300 from an approved Fidelity Guarantee Society, and that application for the Office should be invited from competent persons, prepared to submit testimonials of character from present or last employer, by advertisement in the Press against Wednesday, the 17th Instant.

A recommendation from the Finance and Works Committee as to the Assistant Town Clerk being granted an increase of £15 a year in his salary was brought forward, and on the motion of Councillor McMahon, seconded by Councillor Coffey, the recommendation was unanimously adopted.

A notice of application for compensation for Criminal Injury to Property as served on the Council in behalf of Mr. Matthew O'Connor of 4, North Main Street, was submitted. It appeared that on Sunday, 24th March last, the window of his premises was broken in time of public commotion, and the cost of the damage done was £5. 10. 0, which he intended to apply for at the next Sitting of the County Court.

It was decided to refer the application to the Corporation Solicitor to see that proof of value will be adduced at the hearing of the Case, and the interests of the Town safeguarded as far as justice may appertain.

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 had made the following Recommendation. That there be written off as irrecoverable items of Borough Rate amounting to £20. 18. 6 and items of Rate in lieu of County Cess amounting to £20. 5. 9, and that the balance of items outstanding, i. e. £6. 11. 4 and £9. 19. 11 respectively be carried forward into the coming years Rate Book as Arrears.

The Recommendation was adopted.

A circular letter from the Local Government Board dated 12th March 1918 (No.23.M.) was read. It intimated that in the administration of Separation Allowances the system had been modified in a few particulars in the case of Soldiers' dependants availing of the facilities of rate-aided Institutions.

A circular from the same Department under date of 28th March 1918, (No.12747) was also read. It pointed out that the practice which had been recognized hitherto of allowing the ailing poor in critical cases into Workhouses with a view to the immediate transferring of the cases to extern hospitals for special treatment, was held to be illegal, and that therefore it was necessary that Sanitary Authorities would in future have to fall back on the ample powers of the Public Health Act 1878, Sections 155 & 156 in dealing with such cases.

The contents of these circulars were noted, though the questions were not ones that only distantly affected the functions of the Council.

17th April 1918

W. H. McGuire
Mayor

17th April, 1918.

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:-

William H. McGuire, Esq., Mayor (in the chair)

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

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

The following Resolution was unanimously adopted. It was introduced in stirring terms by the Mayor, and in an animated discussion which followed its introduction was warmly supported by Councillor McMahon, Councillor Byrne, Alderman Sinnott, Councillor Keating, Alderman Carty, and Alderman Corish.

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

RESOLVED:- That we, the members of the Wexford Corporation, desire to protest in the strongest possible manner against the action of the British Government in endeavouring to force a blood-tax on the youth and manhood of Ireland through the operation of a Conscription Act. We assert that the Irish Nation has a right to be consulted on this vital matter, and we demand that the government withdraw the Act and let an Irish Parliament decide as to the necessity of putting conscription in force in Ireland.

We wish to warn the Government of the grave consequences that will undoubtedly follow if they persist in endeavouring to put the Act into force without the acquiescence or consent of the Irish People.

It was then arranged that a copy of the Resolution should be sent by telegraph to the Lord Mayor of Dublin to allow of its being submitted to a Conference which was to be held the next day, and was to be called together to devise the best means of opposing the application of the system of conscription to Ireland, and for the Mayor to convene a General Meeting of the inhabitants of the town on Monday, 22nd. Instant, to consider the situation.

The minutes of last meeting were then read and signed, and 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 these Rates were duly signed and signed.

Proposed by Alderman Corish, seconded by Councillor McMahon.

RESOLVED:- That a Borough Rate of Two Shillings in the Pound (being One Shilling for General Town Purposes and One Shilling 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 27th March 1918.

Proposed by Alderman Sinnott, seconded by Alderman Kelly.

RESOLVED:- That an Assessment of One Shilling and Eightpence 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 27th March 1918.

Proposed by Councillor James Browne, seconded by Alderman Corish.

RESOLVED:- That an Assessment of One Shilling and Fourpence in the Pound, viz. a Domestic Rate of Twopence and a Public Rate of Sixpence 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 27th March 1918.

Proposed by Councillor Byrne, seconded by Councillor McMahon.

RESOLVED:- That a Poor Rate of Three Shillings and Fivepence 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 27th March 1918.

The appointment of a Rate Collector on the terms and conditions prescribed at meeting on 3rd. Instant was proceeded with.

There were four applicants for the position. These were Patrick Browne, Thomas Parle, Nicholas Furlong, and Patrick Gordon.

There was a Poll taken of the members present to ascertain the measure of support which each applicant possessed, whereupon Patrick Browne was declared elected, the poll being as follows;

FOR BROWNE:- Councillors Murphy, James Browne, Rossiter, Martin,
Richard Doyle, Michael Browne, Walsh, O'Brien, McMahon,
Aldermen Kelly and Corish. 11.

FOR PARLE:- Councillors Coffey, Cowman, Byrne, Keating and
Alderman Sinnott. 5

FOR FURLONG:- Councillor Gibson, Alderman Carty, and The Mayor. 3

There was no vote cast for Patrick Gordon.

6th May, 1918.

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

The members present were:-

William H. McGuire, Esq., Mayor (in the chair)

Aldermen:- Frank Carty, Richard Corish.

Councillors:- James Murphy, Matthew Lymbery, James McMahon, Richard Gibson, Thomas Rossiter.

Liabilities which had accrued due up to the end of last month amounting in the aggregate to ££1412. 6. 6, were submitted to the meeting, and having been examined were approved, and an Advice Note was signed to enable the Treasurer to pay them on presentation to him of Paying Orders numbered from 239 to 268 inclusive.

Summary and Reconciliation of Treasurer's Account for the month ended the last day of April 1918, 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)	842. 17. 7
Total sums received to close of last month.	103. 5. 11
TOTAL	945. 3. 6
Balance due to Treasurer as per last Statement.	-
Payments ordered at this meeting.	1412. 6. 6
TOTAL	466. 3. 0
Net Balance due to Treasurer.	466. 3. 0

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

Balance per Bank Books due by Treasurer	945. 3. 6
Outstanding Orders (including those issued at this meeting)	1412. 6. 6
Net Balance as above due to Treasurer.	466. 3. 0

The minutes of last meeting having been read and signed, the Mayor referred to a bereavement that had befallen Councillor D. R. Keating. Councillor Keating's son, Lieutenant Timothy Keating, had been killed on the field of battle since the date of last meeting, and it was appropriate that an expression of condolence should be conveyed, in behalf of the members of the Corporation, to their worthy and respected Colleague in the sad circumstances.

The Mayor moved that a letter of condolence be sent to Councillor Keating.

The motion was seconded by Alderman Corish, and spoken to in sympathetic terms by him and Councillor Lymbery, Alderman Carty, Councillors McMahon, Murphy, and Gibson, and on being put was carried unanimously, the members rising to their feet in token of their regret.

Four Collecting Books to be furnished to the Rate Collectors were submitted.

They were proper copies of the Rate books for the current financial year. They,

and the Warrants attached to them to empower the Collectors to levy the various items of Rates, required to be sealed and signed, and on the motion of Alderman Corish seconded by Councillor Lymbery it was decided to perform this legal formality, which was accordingly done.

Among the items of expenditure included in the liabilities defrayed this day was a sum of £4. to be distributed equally among the superunemaries employed to write up and applot the Rate Books. This was done on the recommendation of the Finance & Works Committee owing to the difficulty that had been experienced in obtaining the services of competent hands to do the work at the usual remuneration.

Applications for the renewal of two Cinematograph Licences were submitted in respect of the Theatre Royal and the Cinema Palace for one year.

The conditions under which such Licences were hitherto issued were reviewed and it was seen that it was not necessary to embody any further restrictions but fault was found because of the flagrant disregard of two important rules, one requiring that the passages leading to the exits of the houses should be kept clear during the exposition of the films, and the other providing for the adequate lighting of the floor.

In connection with this it was suggested that a few members of the Council who were habitués of the Cinema houses might, with advantage, act as a Vigilance Committee and report as occasion might arise on any gross violation of the Regulations, and Aldermen Corish and Carty and Councillor Murphy undertook to be the members of such Committee.

Thereupon on the motion of Alderman Carty seconded by Councillor Bossiter fresh Licences were sealed and signed.

A communication from the Controller of paper was read. It was dated 25th April 1918, and contained a request that the Council should join in an effort which was being made to reclaim waste paper, which had become valuable because of the reduced imports of paper and pulp, attributable to the War. To reclaim paper was not only a national duty, but would prove to be a paying commercial undertaking which could be carried on for the benefit of the Ratepayers.

There was no expression of opinion given on this matter, but it was referred to the Finance and Works Committee to deal with.

Copy resolutions received from the Tralee Rural District Council were read advocating the resignation of their positions as magistrates of all holders of the Commission of the Peace, the return in a Body from Parliament of the Irish members of parliament, the refusal by farmers to pay further Annuities to the Government, and the refusal of Local Public Bodies to Administer Local Government as a protest against the application of the Conscription Act to Ireland.

These resolutions were marked "read".

Councillor McMahon took occasion to refer to the departure from Wexford of

Mr. Robert Brennan., late reporter in Wexford for the Enniscorthy Echo.

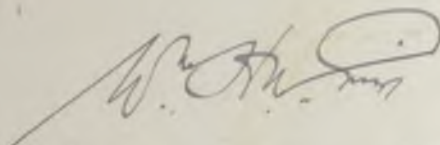
Mr. Brennan, it appeared, had obtained a lucrative position in Dublin. It was one which his abilities and merits entitled him to and he (Mr. McMahon) proposed that the Council should express their warm congratulation on Mr. Brennan's promotion.

The motion was seconded by Alderman Carty, and was passed nem. con.

A letter from Patrick Breen, secretary of the Guild of Brick and Stone Layers was read pointing out that the Council had in their employment a non-unionist mason. The Guild did not consider this fair under present conditions. Every trade unionist had to contribute to a Defence Fund from which non-unionists were clear. The Guild hoped the Council would see that a trade unionist was employed and thereby prevent friction.

The meeting treated the request contained in this letter in a sympathetic spirit and referred the matter to the Town Surveyor to report to the Finance and Works Committee thereon.

3rd June 1918



3rd. June, 1918.

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:-

William H. McGuire, Esq., Mayor (in the chair)

Aldermen:- Richard Corish, George Hadden.

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

Liabilities which had accrued due up to the end of last month, amounting in the aggregate to £1276. 6. 0, were submitted, and having been examined were approved, and an Advice Note was signed to enable the Treasurer to pay them on presentation to him of Paying Orders numbered from 269 to 303 inclusive.

Summary and reconciliation of Treasurer's Account for the month ended the last day of May 1918, including the payments made at meeting held on this day.

S U M M A R Y.

Balance due by Treasure, as per last Statement.

Total sums received to close of last month. 1083. 2. 7

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S U M M A R Y (continued)

Balance due to treasurer as per last Statement.	466. 3. 0
Payments ordered at this meeting.	1276. 6. 0
TOTAL	1742. 9. 0
net Balance due to Treasurer (being difference of Totals)	659. 6. 5

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

Balance per Bank Books due by Treasurer	616. 19. 7
Outstanding Orders (including those issued at present meeting)	1276. 6. 0
Net Balance as above due to Treasurer.	659. 6. 5

The minutes of last meeting were read and signed, and with reference thereto the following letter was read and was ordered to be inserted on the minutes.

Ardara, Wexford.

15th May, 1918.

Dear Mr. Browne,

Kindly convey to the Mayor and fellow-members of the Corporation my most sincere and heartfelt thanks for their kind vote of sympathy on the great loss my family and self have sustained in the death of a dear and gallant son who has died for a principle he considered right and best for the interests of his Country.

I also wish at the same time to mark my deeply-felt thanks for the kindly sympathy you have personally expressed in conveying the message All together help to lighten the grief and sorrow which I, through the Divine Will, have been called upon now to bear.

Yours truly, D. R. Keating.

Recommendations from the Finance & Works Committee in favour of granting increases of remuneration because of the all-round rise in prices, in the following cases were submitted, and resolutions thereon were adopted as hereunder set forth.

Proposed by Alderman Corish, seconded by Councillor Coffey.

That the Poundage paid to Thomas parle, Water Rate Collector, be increased from 9d. to 10d. from the beginning of the current financial year.

Proposed by Councillor Rossiter, seconded by Councillor Martin.

That the wages of all carters in the service of the Council be increased from £2. 5. 0 to £3. 0. 0 a week from and after 15th May, 1918, being the date of application for such increase.

Proposed by Alderman Corish, seconded by Councillor Walsh.

That the wages of all labourers in the service of the corporation be increased from £1. 2. 6 to £1. 7. 0 a week, from and after 15th May 1918.

Proposed by Alderman Corish, seconded by Councillor Martin.

That the wages of the foreman of Works be increased from £1. 10. 0 to

£1. 16. 0 a week from 22nd. May 1918, this being the date of the Foreman's application for additional remuneration.

Proposed by Councillor Martin, seconded by Councillor Keating.

That the wages of the Turncock be increased from £1. 8. 0 to £1.10. 0 a week from 15th May 1918.

Proposed by Alderman Corish, seconded by Councillor Walsh.

That the remuneration of the Caretaker of the Town Hall be increased from £10. 8. 0 to £14. 6. 0 a year, this to be in addition to his fees and commissions on Town hall lettings and to date from 15th May 1918, and that the Office Cleaner have her wages increased from £9. 0. 0. to £10. 8. 0 a year from the same date.

In the case of the Cinema Inspector, this Officer had tendered his resignation inasmuch as the remuneration of £2. a year allowed him was incommensurate with the duty he had to perform.

He had been asked by the Committee if he would withdraw his resignation if he were allowed £5. a year for his services in seeing that the Regulations were complied with.

This amount he consented to accept, and the Committee thereupon recommended that a salary of £5 a year should be attached to the Office.

This recommendation the meeting unanimously adopted.

It was noticed that no application had been received from the Sanitary Sub-Officer, and it was suggested that he should be granted a further increase of salary.

The suggestion commended itself to the meeting, and on the motion of Alderman Corish seconded by Councillor Rossiter, it was decided that the case should be taken into consideration by the Finance & Works Committee upon the Sanitary Sub-Officer being invited to apply, and that any increase granted should date from the day of present meeting.

The Irish Association of Municipal Authorities by letter which was read intimated that this year's Conference would be held in Londonderry, and that they would be glad to know if any member or officer of the Council would be good enough to contribute to the Agenda by reading a paper or otherwise. Any suggestion or information that would go to make the Conference useful or interesting would be acceptable.

At the request of the meeting the Town Clerk undertook to submit a statement on reform of municipal administration, if between now and the holding of the Conference in October it occurred to him that there were any points on which reform was called for.

Arising out of a letter from Portrush complaining of a recent increase of 50% in railway fares all over Ireland, attention was directed to the advisability of endeavouring to induce the Railway Company to resume the custom of running a local Sunday train from Wexford to Rosslare during the Summer months.

The obtainment of this concession for the town would be fully appreciated and availed of by all classes, and it gave an opportunity not within the reach of everybody on week-days, to spend a few hours at the seaside. It was unanimously decided to communicate with the Railway Company on the subject, requesting them to confer the favour desired on the inhabitants of Wexford.

Attention was called to a græevance under which the town laboured by a recent alteration in the train service from Dublin to Wexford. The special mail train which used to arrive in Wexford at 9. 20 a. m. and leave at 4. 20 p. m. allowed a period of seven hours in which business men could deal with and answer their English letters, but owing to the alteration in the time-able, this train now arrived at 12.0 noon, and returned at 3. 0 p. m. The three hours thus allowed to traders to deal with their English correspondence had proved to be wholly inadequate, and efforts made to obtain an extension of this period had proved to be unavailing. Such being the case, and as there was real and substantial grounds for complaint, it was pronounced to be incumbent on the traders of the town, in conjunction with the Council, to make a supreme effort to bring about an alteration in the time-table suited to the town's requirements.

In a discussion which arose, it was stated that the curtailment of the mail service corresponding to the one under discussion on the four trunk lines from the Metropolis involved a curtailment, in the case of Belfast, of only one hour, in the case of Cork, of 1 hour and 25 minutes, in the case of Galway, of 1 hour and 55 minutes, while in Wexford, as was shown above, it was no less than 4 hours in the day.

A Committee was therefore suggested to take such steps as might appear proper to bring about the desired object.

The Committee was ^{appointed} ~~appointed~~. It contained the name of the Mayor, and representatives of the Corporation, of the Firms of Traders and Manufacturers, and Newspapers, together with the Solicitors and Banks. Reference was made to the strike that had occurred at the firm of Messrs Philip Pierce & Co. whereby a section of the workmen of that Firm declined to continue in their employment. The men's action was dictated by the refusal of the Firm to recognize their claim to an increase of wages, and as to the praiseworthy part taken by His Worship, the Mayor in bringing about a reconciliation between employer and employed, the following resolution was adopted unanimously.

It was proposed by Councillor Coffey and seconded by Alderman Hadden, viz. That we, the members of the Corporation, on behalf of the Citizens of Wexford, beg to tender our sincere thanks to our worthy Mayor, Alderman W. H. McGuire, on the happy and successful result of his intervention in the recent trade dispute, by which he has proved once again his deep interest and concern in all matters affecting the welfare of his fellow-townsmen.

Tenders in respect of supplying a cooking range to be put in the kitchen of the Town Hall were opened.

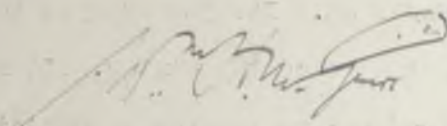
They were from James McEvoy, James J. Stafford, and Matthew Harpur. The first-named offered to supply a range at the price of £8. 0. 0., the second at £6. 12. 6, and the third at £5. 0. 0, but in the last case the article was a second-hand one, but stated to be in perfect condition.

The Order made on the matter was:-

That the tender of matthew Harpur be accepted if the range offered by him is found, on inspection by the Town Surveyor, to be value for the price asked, but if not, that the tender of James J. Stafford be accepted.

The Town Sergeant having been granted, on 4th June 1917, a War Bonus of £4. in respect of the year ended 2nd. May last, and no diminution in prices having come about, he applied to the meeting to do him the favour to continue the Grant, and on the motion of Alderman Corish seconded by Councillor Lymbery, it was decided to accede to the request, and further, that the Bonus should be paid in quarterly instalments until the termination of the War.

10th July 1918



1st July, 1918.

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

The members present were:-

William H. McGuire, Esq., Mayor (in the chair)

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

Councillors:- James McMahon, Matthew Lymbery, John J. Kirwan, Richard Gibson.

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 £344. 9. 11 were submitted, and having been examined were approved, and an Advice Note was signed to enable the treasurer to pay them on presentation to him of Paying Orders numbered from 304 to 327 inclusive.

Summary and reconciliation of Treasurer's Account for the month ended the last day of June 1918, including the payments made at the meeting held on this day.

S U M M A R Y.

Balance due by Treasurer as per last Statement.	- . -
Total sums received to close of last month. TOTAL	1236. 7. 4
Balance due to treasurer as per last Statement.	659. 6. 5
Payments ordered at this meeting.	344. 9. 11
TOTAL	1003. 16. 4

Net Balance due by Treasurer (the difference of

above totals)

232. 11. 0

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

Balance per Bank Books due by Treasurer.	577. 0. 11
Outstanding Orders (including those issued at this meeting)	344. 9. 11
Net balance as above due by Treasurer.	232. 11. 0

A circular letter from the Local Government Board under date of 27th June 1918, and numbered 23543, was read. It contained a recent amendment of the Defence of the realm Regulations with regard to extended facilities for the keeping of pigs in Ireland. This made it lawful to keep pigs in any premises, locality, or place, with permission of the Local Authority, and for the Local Government Board to over-ride by Order a refusal by the Local Authority of a permission to keep pigs if such refusal was considered unreasonable.

The aim of the amendment was to encourage an increase in the food production of the Country.

A circular letter from the same Board under date of 27th June 1918, and numbered 28095, was read. Its purport was to secure in good time supplies of milk for towns in the coming winter. It recommended Local Authorities to induce milk purveyors to reserve a sufficient daily supply of fresh milk for the use of nursing mothers, and also pointed out that arrangements could be made, if necessary, for the supply of dried milk which was found to be a most suitable substitute for fresh milk for infants, and was to be obtainable through the Ministry of food.

This matter was referred to the Committee engaged in considering a Maternity & Child Welfare Scheme.

With reference to minutes of 3rd. Ultimo, a letter received from the General Post Office, London, under date of 22nd. June 1918 was read. It intimated that in view of the circumstances which had rendered necessary the recent curtailment of train services in Ireland, the postmaster-General would not be justified in revising the existing mail service between Dublin and Wexford.

It was decided to call together the Committee appointed on 3rd. Ultimo, of Corporation members and business men of the town for the purpose of devising a means to bring about an earlier arrival of the mail train which at present reaches Wexford each day at noon.

Notification of an increase of 2/6 per ton in the pit price of coal, from the Coal Mines Department of the Board of Trade, was read. This enabled the local Coal Merchants to charge an equal increase in price, but it was said by members present that the coal prices had been increased locally by more than 2/6 per ton. In justice to the Coal Merchants, however, it was said that they had been obliged to grant an increase of wages recently.

However, it was decided to call together the Retail Coal Prices Committee, appointed on 5th November last, to reconsider the situation and endeavour

to determine the prices to be charged for the various qualities of coal until such time as the necessity for a further revision of prices will arise.

A circular letter under date of 21st June 1918 from the Local Government Board, No. 79. M. was read. It drew attention to the necessity of furnishing the Ministry of National Service with a monthly list of plans of any building or construction work, and particulars as to the nature of intended buildings and the materials to be used. This information was required to facilitate the dealing with applications for Licences for construction work, but was only needed to be furnished in cases where the cost would exceed £250.

The matter was referred to the Town Surveyor to deal with.

The portion of this circular referring to the rationing of horses did not apply to Wexford, as the Urban Council did not own the horses employed by them. With reference to minutes of 3rd. June Ultimo, the Finance and Works Committee recommended that the salary of the Sanitary Sub-Officer be increased from £65. to £72. 16. 0 a year because of the increase in the cost of living.

The recommendation was unanimously adopted, and it was further resolved that the increase should commence from 3rd. June last.

The same Committee having dealt with applications from the Caretaker of Crosstown Cemetery, and the Gravedigger at the Cemetery for increases of remuneration, came to the conclusion that the Caretaker was entitled to 25/- a week instead of £1., and that the Gravedigger should be paid at the rate of 10/- per grave for opening graves instead of 8/-.

The Recommendations of the Committee were adopted.

The following Resolution was unanimously adopted on the motion of Alderman Carty and seconded by Councillor Keating.

"That we, the Wexford Corporation, representing the people of Wexford, wish to join with the Americans in our midst in celebrating the one hundred and forty-second Anniversary of the Declaration of America's Independence on July 4th.

That a copy of this Resolution be forwarded to the Commander of the U. S. Sea-Plane Station at Ferrybank.

7th August 1918

7th August 1918.

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:-

William H. McGuire, Esq., Mayor (in the chair)

Aldermen:- George Hadden, James Sinnott, Frank Carty.

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

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 £730. 1. 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 328 to 348 inclusive.

Summary and reconciliation of Treasurer's Account for the month ended the last day of July 1918, including the payments made at meeting held on this day.

S U M M A R Y.

Balance due by Treasurer as per last Statement.	232. 11. 0
Total sums received to close of last month.	893. 8. 1
TOTAL	1125. 19. 1
Balance due to Treasurer as per last Statement.	- . -
Payments ordered at this meeting.	730. 1. 2
TOTAL	730. 1. 2
Net Balance due by Treasurer (being difference of above Totals)	395. 17. 11

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

Balance per Bank Books due by treasurer	1125. 19. 1
Outstanding Orders (including those issued at this meeting)	730. 1. 2
Net Balance as above due by Treasurer.	395. 17. 11

Included in the Accounts passed this day for payment was a sum of £10. payable to the Town Clerk. In virtue of the Wexford Harbour Acts it was incumbent on the Town Clerk to prepare annually a list of voters to which was affixed a remuneration of £10. Since the Harbour Elections had been suspended three years ago by Parliament as a War Measure, there was no necessity for these Lists, and the Harbour Commissioners were under no obligation to pay the £10, but as this sum formed part of the Town Clerk's salary, the Corporation paid it, as they were in duty bound to do.

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The precedent for payment was set up in August last year.

The meeting was invited to consider the propriety of purchasing a plot of ground in West Gate belonging to Mr. M. A. Ennis. This plot was surrounded by a wall and railing, and projected a distance of 17 feet beyond the line of the street. It was 39 feet long and contained 74 square yards, and was a source of danger to traffic. It was subject to a head-rent of £5. a year, but Mr. Ennis was prepared to make it over to the Corporation free of rent on being paid a sum of £125, to allow of its being let in with the street. The proposed improvement was admittedly a much needed one, and had been in contemplation for many years. In fact it would have been carried out before now were it not that the Council and Mr. Ennis could not come to terms about the purchase price. On the present occasion, however, some of the well-to-do residents of the town offered to contribute £45 towards the purchase if the Council saw their way to pay £80, a sum representing a rate of one penny in the Pound.

The question of acquiring the plot on the above conditions had been brought under the consideration of the Finance and Works Committee, and the Committee, after expressing gratification at the praiseworthy public spirit of the intending subscribers, came at once to the unanimous conclusion to recommend the Council to acquire the plot.

on the motion of Alderman Sinnott seconded by Alderman Hadden the recommendation was adopted, one condition being that the material in the wall and railing was to be the property of the Council.

A report from a Sub-Committee was read on the subject of the cost attendant on the system of domestic scavenging in Wexford. From this it was seen that the cost of the dust-bin service, as distinguished from the work of emptying ashpits, will come to £184. 12. 0 in the present year, and the charges for emptying the bins under the existing scale will come to only £48. 10. 0.

The Sub-Committee recommended that a charge should be made for emptying all and every dustbin: that in case of houses valued above £6. the charge should be £1. 0. 0. per year, and in the case of houses valued at £6. and downwards, the charge should be 7/6 a year. The increased charge was computed to bring in £117. 5. 0 a year, reducing the deficiency to be borne by the Ratepayers under this heading to £67. 7. 0.

As to the ashpits the cost of emptying them came to 2/1 per load. Under the present scale the charge was differential according to valuation. In some cases it was 1/6 per load, and in others it was 1/- per load. The Committee recommended that an all-round charge of 2/- per load should be made in future, with the exception of the houses valued at £3. and under.

In these last mentioned cases the charge at present was sixpence per ashpit, although an ashpit might contain several loads. Nevertheless the Sub-Committee did not recommend any change to be made in these latter charges. The Sub-Committee did not wish to put any obstacle in the way of the removal of refuse from the poorer classes of houses, although last year the cost borne by the

Ratepayers was over £63 in respect of houses valued at £3. and under.

On the motion of Alderman Hadden seconded by Councillor Byrne, the report was adopted.

A resolution in the following terms received from New Ross Rural Council was read. It was unanimously adopted after a brief discussion.

" Considering that Ireland, especially the south-eastern part of it, is so abundantly supplied by nature with the clay deposits used in the manufacture of every kind of earthenware we are convinced that an earnest and united effort should be made to resume this highly essential industry so native to the soil of Ireland.

Now that coal, the key to all industrial effort, is being once more mined in our midst, and that cross channel pottery supplies are running so low as to necessitate a rationing system in the near future, we consider that a golden opportunity presents itself to exploit just a little of our own mineral wealth.

To this end we would recommend the instant formation of Industrial and Research Societies throughout Wexford and Kilkenny, having for their purpose the industrial awakening of our mills, stilled by legislation in this country in the past.

We also desire to thank Johnson Pasha, our County Wexford pottery expert, for his invaluable experimental spadework in this direction already."

Notification from the Association of Municipal Authorities of Ireland as to the appointment of ~~the date~~ the holding of a Conference of the Association at the City Hall Dublin, on 10th and 11th Prox was submitted. The Mayor and Alderman Hadden having been asked, and having consented to attend the Conference as representatives of the Council, these two members were duly appointed as Delegates.

A man named M. Kehoe, an occupant of one of the Corporation dwellings at Carrigeen, having applied for permission to erect a stable ~~at~~ ~~on the ground~~ for a pony at the rear of his house, and the request having come before the Finance and Works Committee, it was referred to a small Visiting Committee, as there were difficulties in the way of granting it. The land at the rear of the 26 houses was formerly used as a stone depot by the Council, and all the tenants had a means of access to it. The Visiting Committee recommended that as the ground was not now utilized by the Council it ought to be divided into 26 allotments, appropriating one to each house at a nominal rent of one penny a month, then allow the tenants to utilize the plots for the production of vegetables or the provision of out-offices, such as stables or pigstyes. The recommendation was adopted.

A resolution from the Clones Urban District Council relative to the exportation of milch cows was submitted and was ordered to be marked

"read."

Attention was called by Alderman Sinnott to a family bereavement which had befallen Alderman Joseph Kelly. It appeared that Alderman Kelly's sister, Mother Mary Mechtilde of the Order of Mercy nuns, had lately been called to her Eternal Reward at Moville, Co. Derry. She had been for many years a venerated member of this Order, and some of the older members of the Council had remembered her in her youth and expressed deep sorrow at her death.

Alderman Sinnott proposed that the deep condolence of the Council be conveyed to Alderman Kelly on the sad event.

The motion was seconded by Alderman Hadden in touching terms, and was duly adopted.

2nd Sept. 1918
[Signature]
Mayor

2nd. September, 1918.

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

The members present were:-

William H. McGuire, Esq., mayor (in the chair)

Alderman:- Richard Corish.

Councillors:- James Murphy, John Walsh, James McMahon, Matthew Lymbery, Robert Coffey, David R. Keating, Thomas Rossiter, and 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 £1134. 10. 0. were submitted and having been examined were approved and an Advice Note was signed to enable the Treasurer to pay them on presentation to him of Paying Orders numbered from 350 to 372 inclusive. Summary and reconciliation of the Treasurer's Account for the month ended the last day of August, including the payments made at the meeting held on this day.

S U M M A R Y.

Balance due by Treasurer, as per last Statement.	395. 17. 11
Total sums received to close of last month.	980. 7. 1
TOTAL	1376. 5. 0
Balance due to treasurer, as per last Statement.	- . -
Payments ordered at this meeting.	1134. 10. 0
Net Balance due by Treasurer (being difference of above)	241. 15. 0

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

Balance per Bank Books due by Treasurer	1378. 7. 6
Outstanding Orders (including those now issued)	1136. 12. 6
Net Balance as above due by Treasurer.	241. 15. 0

The following is a copy of a letter read and ordered to be inserted on the minutes.

South Main Street, Wexford.

1st September, 1918.

Dear Sir, Please convey to my Colleagues in the Corporation my sincere thanks for their kind vote of sympathy on the death of my dear sister.

I also wish to thank you for your own kind expression.

W. A. Browne, Esq.

Yours sincerely, Joseph Kelly.

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 Councillor Lymbery, it was

RESOLVED:- That a Veterinary Inspector be appointed for one year at a salary of £15., and that Mr. B. Hicky, V. S., be re-appointed to the Office as temporary substitute for Mr. Staples, V. S.

Recommendations from the Finance & Works Committee were submitted. They went in favour of the Turncock's wages being increased from 30/- to 36/- a week, and of the wages of the labourers in the service of the council being increased from 27/- to 30/- per week.

The matter was considered, and on the motion of Alderman Corish, seconded by Councillor Martin, the recommendations were adopted.

Attention was called to the work of constructing a Naval Seaplane Station at present in course of erection at Ferrybank. This structure was being put up for the United States Navy, and certain public rights-of-way had been unceremoniously taken away.

There had been, from time immemorial, a right, by the public, of access to and user of the road and pier, which latter formed the abutment of the old demolished Wexford Bridge. It appeared that, at present, it was not permissible for any civilian to approach the place without being possessed of an Authorization. The right of user of Ferrybank was a great acquisition to the town, as it was a constant practice with the residents to resort to it for recreation purposes.

Ferrybank was outside the control of the Urban Council, but as it was vested in the County Council it was maintained that it was the bounden duty of the latter to see that the public rights were secured in the matter by proper Legal Instrument, or that, at least, these rights should be restored on the conclusion of the War.

Alderman Corish proposed that the Town Clerk should write to the County Council conveying to them the views of this Urban Council in the matter, and requesting them to take the needful action.

The motion was seconded by Councillor Murphy and adopted.

With reference to minutes of last meeting, on which date it was decided to add one penny a month to the rents of workers' dwellings at Carrigeen,

it was maintained by the Finance and Works Committee that the imposing of this trifling rent was doing an act beneath the dignity of a Public Body, and as there was no legal necessity for it, the decision should be deemed to be inoperative.

Thereupon on the motion of Councillor Coffey seconded by Councillor Rossiter, it was resolved that the suggestion of the Committee in the matter be adopted. A circular from the Local Government Board under date of 29th August 1918, the reference number being 97.M/1918, was read, drawing attention to the provisions of the Parliament and Local Elections Act 1918, in virtue of which the Statutory Elections of Borough Councillors were further postponed for one year.

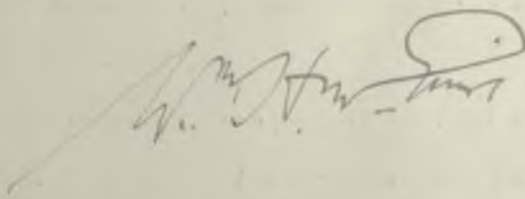
The provisions of the Act were read and noted.

The following is a copy of a resolution received from the Wexford Trades and Labour Council.

" That in view of the urgent need for more houses in Wexford, and in order that a fair share of the proposed State Grant for housing be secured to the town, we request the Corporation to at once take the necessary steps to formulate a Scheme for the building of 300 self-contained houses on the cottage system, each house to be provided with at least three sleeping apartments, scullery, w. c., and bath, and plot of ground of at least one-eighth of an acre, for cultivation. we are altogether opposed to any further building on the few remaining open spaces in the town as being against the well-being of the Community and opposed to all modern ideas, and are strongly of opinion that all new houses should be built on virgin soil, and suggest that the proposed new road from John Street to Air Hill would make a suitable site for the houses to be erected under the proposed new Scheme."

The terms of this resolution met with approval, and on the motion of Councillor Martin seconded by Alderman Corish, they were endorsed on the part of the Council, and in order to be prepared to put them into effect on the moment that money will be available from the promised Imperial Grants for housing purposes over the whole United Kingdom, it was resolved that the Housing Committee of the Council be called together on an early date to devise a Scheme for the acquisition of land to allow of the opening of a road from George Street to Air Hill, and also the provision of sites for cottages and gardens.

27th Oct. 1918



7th October, 1918.

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

The members present were:-

William H. McGuire, Esq., Mayor (in the chair)

Aldermen:- Frank Carty, Richard Corish.

Councillors:- Matthew Lymbery, Richard Gibson, James Murphy,
Robert Coffey, Michael Martin, John J. Kirwan,
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 £471. 5. 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 373 to 392.

Summary and Reconcilement of Treasurer's Account for the month ended the last day of September 1918, 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.	241. 15. 0
Total sums received to close of last month.	715. 14. 7
TOTAL	957. 9. 7
Net Balance due to Treasurer as per last Statement.	- . -
Payments ordered at this meeting.	471. 5. 2
TOTAL	471. 5. 2
Net Balance due by Treasurer (being difference of above Totals)	486. 4. 5

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

Balance per Bank Books due by Treasurer.	957. 9. 7
Outstanding Orders, including those issued at this meeting.	471. 5. 2
Net Balance, as above, due by Treasurer.	486. 4. 5

Adverting to minutes of 5th February 1917, on which occasion a resolution was passed deferring the consideration of a Maternity and Child Welfare Scheme until the termination of the War, Alderman Carty proposed that this resolution should be rescinded, and the motion was seconded by Councillor Coffey.

(Notice of intention to propose the rescinding had been duly given to members seven days beforehand)

After a brief discussion the motion was put and was carried unanimously.

Thereupon the question of adopting a Maternity and Child Welfare Scheme was introduced. The Scheme, which had been settled on by a Special Committee appointed on 3rd. December 1917, was briefly expounded, It provided for the appointment of a lady to act as Health Visitor. Her duties were to be to visit the homes of expectant and nursing mothers in

poor circumstances of life, and of children under five years of age of the poorer classes. The chief object of her work was to instruct such mothers as to how they were to treat themselves and their babies, and also to see that children under five were looked after, properly nourished, and kept, as far as possible, in a good state of health. The Health Visitor's qualifications were to be such as would satisfy the requirements of the Local Government Board, and her salary was to be £100 a year, and one condition of her appointment was that she was to devote her entire time to the discharge of the duties of the Office.

The Scheme also provided for the obtainment of a supply of milk to the town to supplement present resources. The milk was to be distributed from a station situated in Corn Market, and charged for at the prices current in the town, but in cases of extreme poverty, properly authenticated, it was to be distributed free of charge. The remuneration for the use of the house and attendant would be part of the cost connected with the Scheme, and would be arranged for by the Committee in due course.

Thereupon it was proposed by Alderman Corish.

That the Scheme as above outlined be adopted by this Council.

The motion was seconded by Councillor Coffey and was passed unanimously.

Furthermore it was proposed by Alderman Carty, seconded by Councillor Martin and passed: That the Committee entrusted with the organizing of the Scheme be re-appointed and invested with power to co-opt any persons, especially any ladies, who would be willing to give their services voluntarily to the work of supervising the operation of the Scheme, but that the appointment of the Health Visitor be made by the Council on 4th Proximo, after notice in the Dublin and Wexford newspapers.

A copy Sealed Order made by the Local Government Board under date of 20th September 1918 was submitted. This Order was made in virtue of the Education (Provision of Meals) (Ireland) Acts 1914 to 1917. It prescribed the arrangements to be made for the provision of meals for necessitous school children as a condition precedent to local authorities being entitled to recoupment of one half the expense gone to under the Acts.

The Board took power to themselves to be satisfied, through the agency of one of their Inspectors if necessary, of the adequacy of such arrangements, and the efficient working of them, and also the necessity of food being given in any and every case. Properly certified accounts were also required to be kept.

This matter, on the motion of Alderman Carty, seconded by Councillor Lymbery, was referred to the School Attendance Committee for their opinion as to the feasibility of carrying out the elaborate regulations prescribed, considering the smallness of the sum allocated out of the Rates for the purpose of the Acts, namely, £151. 10. 0.

A Deed of Assignment of a plot of ground at West Gate from the Owners of the plot to the Corporation was submitted and its execution was duly sealed and signed.

Two ~~Four~~ tenders received in respect of executing all the printing work to be done for the Council for one year were submitted, but without being opened were referred to the Finance and Works Committee to deal with. Four tenders in respect of painting work to be done on seven working class dwellings belonging to the Council at Monument Place were opened and read.

They were from John Butler of High Street, M. Furlong & Sons, Spawell Road, and James Carty, Waterloo Road. These three intending Contractors offered to do the work according to specification for £14. apiece. The fourth was from William McEvoy of Temperance Row, who asked £20. The coincidence of the amount of the three first-mentioned tenders was noted, and one of them was selected by lot, whereupon Mr. Butler succeeded in obtaining the contract.

A copy resolution from the Dublin Branch of the Irish Drapers Assistants Association was read. This Branch of the Association advocated the closing of all shops engaged in the drapery and allied trades at five o'clock p. m. on week days. They requested the co-operation of Public Bodies in an endeavour to bring about the desired object. This matter, on the suggestion of Councillor Martin, was adjourned for a month.

A copy resolution passed by the Wicklow Urban Council was read. The Council was engaged in an effort to have the train leaving Harcourt Street for Wexford daily at 3. 0. p. m. put back to 6. 5 p. m. as the present evening train service was a source of inconvenience and expense to the travelling public without affording any corresponding benefit. It was decided to take no action in this case, as the meeting did not consider itself sufficiently well-informed on the point at the present time to justify them in asking for an alteration in the train service in question.

Nicholas Byrne
Chairman
Oct 21 1918

WEXFORD URBAN DISTRICT.

MATERNITY AND CHILD WELFARE.

DUTIES OF HEALTH VISITOR.

1. As the Health Visitor's work will be conducted amongst the homes of the poor, it is of prime importance that she should exercise considerable tact in the discharge of her duties, so that her visits may be welcomed, and her advice and suggestions availed of.
2. She shall visit the homes of expectant poor mothers, giving such advice as may be found needful, and shall supervise, as far as may be, the necessary food and clothing for mothers and infants, as well as preparation for confinement.
3. Her post natal visits shall commence within 8 or 10 days of the birth, and she shall endeavour to come into contact with the midwife or doctor attending the case, so as to ascertain any special information concerning it, taking care, however, not to interfere in any way with the professional duties of the doctor or midwife.
4. The object of the first visit after birth shall be to see that the mother is comfortable and the baby in good health, and to urge the great importance of breast feeding; subsequent visits shall be paid as often as found necessary, having regard to the health of the infant or other young children, the habits and knowledge of the mother, and the character of the domestic surroundings; they shall be utilized for the instruction of the mother in the feeding of her infant, and when breast feeding is not possible, as to what other food to use, how to prepare it, and how often to give it; they shall also be availed of to advise the mother as to the ventilation and cleanliness of her dwelling, and the clothing and general hygienic care of her infant and children, especially those under 5 years of age, while if anything that calls for a doctor's care is discovered, the mother shall be instructed to obtain the necessary medical treatment.
5. She shall visit the homes of children under 5 years of age in order to give their mothers any necessary advice, while, if in the course of the discharge of her duties she shall discover any case of infectious disease, tuberculosis, or insanitary conditions, she shall bring the circumstances under the notice of the Medical Officer of Health.
6. She shall visit, at frequent intervals, the various schools throughout the District, with a view to observing the general condition of all the children in attendance and noting cases requiring her special attention in their homes.

7. She shall investigate the circumstances of applicants for a supply of milk, so as to ensure that a charge for it will be made commensurate with the means of the applicant, and that the supply will be given free of charge only in cases of extreme poverty.

8. The Health Visitor shall carry with her a book and note therein particulars of the conditions and progress of the various cases attended by her for subsequent transfer to a more detailed and systematic Register to be carefully compiled by her from time to time, and to contain information under the following headings. (1) date of first and subsequent visits. (2) Name and address of patient. (3) Date of birth of infant. (4) Occupation of father. (5) Number of family. (6) Number of children under 5 years of age. (7) Number of rooms occupied by family. (8) General sanitary condition, cleanliness and surroundings (9) Method of feeding infant. (10) Appearance of infant or children, any ailments. (11) Observations.

9. Should arrangements be made at any time hereafter for the opening of a Maternity Centre, at which the attendance of mothers with babies and expectant mothers, will be arranged for on one fixed evening each week, the Health Visitor shall be in attendance to assist the Medical Officer of Health in conducting infant consultations and giving advice and prescribing the necessary treatment in the case of expectant and nursing mothers, infants, and young children, as well as in cases in which she may require medical assistance, as for instance, when she finds that notwithstanding her advice and attention, a delicate child is not making satisfactory progress.

10. She shall attend all meetings of the Public Health Committee when requested by the Executive Sanitary Officer,

QUALIFICATIONS.

The Health Visitor shall possess the qualifications of a "Trained" Nurse with experience in Midwifery, as well as in the care and management of infants and young children. A "Trained" Nurse means one who has resided for not less than two years in a general clinical or other hospital recognized by the Local Government Board, and who, after examination, has obtained from such hospital a Certificate of proficiency in nursing.

SALARY AND TERMS OF APPOINTMENT.

The salary of the Health Visitor shall be one hundred pounds a year, inclusive. She shall be deemed to be a whole-time officer, and her appointment shall be terminable by a month's notice from either side.

4th November 1918.

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

The Members present were:—

James Semmott Esq. Alderman (in the chair)

Aldermen - Frank Jesty, Richard Jorish, George Madden.

Councillors - John Walsh, Richard Gibson, Robert Joffey.

Philip Jorman, Thomas Poxiter, James Murphy, Michael Norton, James Byrne, Thomas O'Brien, John L. Kavanagh.

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 £1526.18.2 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 393 to 416 inclusive.

There was read a letter from the Mayor whose absence was due to illness. Concerning the recent dispute between the Reading Gas Co and their employees and the consequent possibility of the Town being deprived of a supply of gas he had taken steps to ascertain what was the position of affairs. He had seen three of the Directors of the company who intimated that they had a good case for standing out against the men's demands and that the stock of gas would last for only a little over twentyfour hours. Unfortunately at this point he had contracted influenza and had asked the ex-Mayor to follow up the action initiated by the writer.

Regarding this matter it was announced that the Directors had given way because of the serious inconvenience to be caused to the Town for the want of a gas supply but only until the Shareholders would be

called together to say if they would submit to the demand. His Worship also in his letter, suggested advisableness of spraying the streets with disinfectants as a precaution against the infection of influenza germs.

This suggestion was referred to the Medical Officer of Health for his advice thereon. as in addition to other measures taken by the Public Health Committee to combat the disease it was perhaps a useful and timely step to disinfect the streets and sewers.

"The appointment of a lady to act as 'Health Visitor' under a Maternity and Child Relief Scheme adopted on 7th ultimo was proceeded with - For the office fourteen applications had been received and these had been gone over by a Committee including Councillor Byrne (Chairman) and Aldermen. Jesty, Jorish, Semitt and Madden and Councillor Lynderry. This Committee had recommended the acceptance of the application of a Miss Frances M. Daly of Ballymahon, Longford. Her diplomas of which she was possessed of six, showed that she was a fully trained Medical, Surgical, Fever and Maternity Nurse of nine years experience. Having regard to the Committee's recommendation the present Meeting after a cursory examination of the other applications for the post unanimously adopted the following resolution on the motion of Alderman Jorish seconded by Councillor Jesty -

"That Miss Frances M. Daly be appointed as Health Visitor on the terms specified in the presented list of duties and subject to the sanction of the Local Government Board."

The question of opening a new road from John Street to Arkhill in continuation of Georges Street with the object of making building ground available to either public or private enterprises was brought under consideration by a

recommendation from the Housing Committee. The cost of constructing the proposed road was set down at £6,000 to which was to be added compensation for land rights and other expenses, all taken together was estimated to bring the entire cost up to £10,000. The repayment of a loan of this amount would necessitate the granting assessment of a Town Improvement Rate of Tenpence for fifty years.

This whole question was referred back to the Housing Committee for reconsideration.

Recommendations from the Finance and Parks Committee in favour of granting increases of remuneration in the following cases were considered and were dealt with in manner hereinafter stated: -

Proposed by Councillor Pissiter, seconded by Councillor Murphy and unanimously.

Resolved - That the Salary of the Town Clerk be increased by £30 a year and from the 1st June 1918, per former decision.

Proposed by Alderman Perish

That the Salary of the Town Surveyor be increased by £20 a year and from the 9th October 1918.

This was seconded by Councillor Dulch but it met with opposition, as Alderman Hadden moved that the question of granting the increase should be deferred until a Special Committee would have an opportunity to review the financial affairs of the Council and report as to whether due economy was studied in administering the Municipal funds. This motion was seconded by Councillor Joffe but on being put it failed to be carried five members voting for and eight against it.

The original motion was then put and carried.

Proposed by Alderman Hadden, seconded by Councillor

Lynberry and passed unanimously

That the Salary of the Assistant Town Clerk be increased by £20 a year.

It was Ordered Alderman Hadden seconded.

That the Salary of the Medical Officer of Health be increased by £9. a year

Proposed by Councillor Joffey, seconded by Alderman Jorish and adopted

That the Salary of the Town Sergeant be increased by £7. 16s and that of the Janitor of Town Hall by £5. 4s a year and the wages of the porters by $\frac{5}{16}$ a week, this last mentioned increase to date from the 9th October, 1918.

Proposed by Alderman Jorish, seconded by Councillor O'Brien

That the Salary of the Sanitary Sub-officer be increased by £5. 4. 0 and that of the Janitor of Reservoir by £5. 4. 0 a year each but by way only of a *bonus*

In these two cases it was proposed by Councillor Joffey and seconded by Councillor Jorish that the recommendation of the Committee should be rejected. but on a division this motion was lost. Whereupon the original motion was carried by a substantial majority -

Proposed by Councillor Pissitt seconded by Councillor O'Brien

That the remuneration of the Rent collector be increased from Five per cent to Six per cent in respect of weekly rents collected and lodged, but that the present commission of Five per cent on collection of half-yearly rents remain as it was -

On the conclusion of the foregoing business Alderman Hadden proposed that a Special Financial Committee be appointed to inquire into the various sources of revenue and expenditure and see if and where it was possible to augment under one head and save on the other. It was proper, having regard to the difficulties which the Council had

reached that the Council should give exceptional attention to the financial side of their business.

The motion was seconded by Aldermen Forish and was adopted. The following Members being nominated to serve on the Committee namely: — Aldermen Madden, Simmott, Forish, Kelly, Councillors, Gibson, Fernon and J^s Brown.

The Auditor's Report on his examination of the Municipal Accounts for year ended 31st March 1918, accompanied by an Abstract of the Accounts, was submitted. The only item which called for animadversion was the arrears of rents due on the Working class Dwellings. These had doubled within the year and required looking after.

Wm. H. Guire
Mayor

2nd Decr. 1918.

2nd December 1918.

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

The Members present were: —

William H. H^c Guire Esq^r Mayor in the chair
Aldermen — Richard Forish, Joseph Kelly, James Simmott, Frank Larty, George Madden.
Councillors — Matthew Lymberry, Robert Coffey, John J. Morris, Richard Gibson.

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 £1189.15.6 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 417 to 442 inclusive. On the opening of the Meeting Alderman Kelly made reference in touching terms to a family bereavement which had befallen a member of the Council. Since the day of last General Meeting Councillor Pissiter had lost by death both his father and his brother and it was befitting the occasion that the Council should pay a token of respect to the memory of these two respected Herefordmen. Mr Kelly proposed that this Meeting should stand adjourned to Wednesday the 4th Instant and that an expression of condolence should be transmitted to Councillor Pissiter. This motion was seconded by the Mayor and was passed unanimously.

Following on this a general motion was adopted expressive of the Council's sympathy with all the many residents of the Town who were mourning the death of relatives who were carried off in the recent epidemic of influenza but in ~~six~~ form cases individual resolutions of condolence were passed namely

To Mr Thomas Pierce on the death of his son Mr Pierce Jun^r a resident of Embsaybury as proposed by the Mayor and seconded by Alderman Forty -

To the Reverend Matthew Hickham C. F. Hereford on the death of his Mother as proposed by Alderman Forish seconded by Alderman Forty

To Mr Patrick Myrto of Talbot Street, Hereford on the death of his daughter Mrs Katherine Forish. Passed on the motion of Alderman Forish seconded by Alderman Forty.

To the Venerable Archdeacon Latham, Protestant Rector of Hereford on the death of his wife Mrs Latham. Passed on the motion of Alderman Summitt and was seconded by Councillor Latham.

The meeting although it stood adjourned went into Committee at this point to deal with a matter ~~that~~ requiring immediate attention - It appeared that the present was an unfortunate time for the Council to negotiate for the acquisition of a vacant house in Fisher's Row adjoining on Helene Street in order to permit of the frontage in the latter street being widened - The gable of the house projected 3 feet 8 inches beyond the regular line of the street leaving the frontage only 2 feet 3 inches wide for a length of 18 feet 4 inches. Besides which the house stood out in an ^{un}signifi-~~ably~~ way, and it was advisable to make an ^{etc} ~~arrangement~~ for ~~the~~ purchase before it was ~~of~~ - Sept -

The question was considered and the appointment of a Committee to inspect the place and ^{to that end} obtain quotations as to cost by which was meant, which the suggested improvement was calculated to involve was agreed to.

The following Gentlemen undertaking to act on the Committee
namely Alderman Summitt, Madden, Irish, Kelly and
Premier Lymbury and to proceed with their instructions
on tomorrow 3rd Instant -

8th Jan'y 1919

N. M. G.

4th December 1918.

The business of meeting adjourned from 2nd Instant
was resumed this day, the Gentlemen present being: -

William H. M^r. James League Mayor in the chair.

Aldermen - James Summitt, Richard Irish, George Madden
Joseph Kelly, Frank Jarty -

Freeholders - Matthew Lymbury, James Birn, Robert Liffey
James Murphy, Richard Gibson -

Following is a copy of letter received from the Venerable Archdeacon Latham being the only acknowledgement up to the present from recipients of expressions of sorrow sent out after last meeting.

The Rectory, Wexford. 3rd Dec 1918.

Dear Mr Curran. Will you please give my best thanks to the Municipal Council for the kind letter of sympathy which at their request you have written - I am very grateful to them and to you also for your personal commiseration - I am thankful indeed that the chosen representatives of the town in which we spent so many happy years of our life should appreciate one who ever loved to keep in the background and do all the good she could quietly - Sincerely yours.

J. M. Latham

The committee appointed on 2nd Instant made known that they had carried out an inspection in William Street and were in favour of the opportunity being taken to do the widening of the footpath. For this purpose the Owner of the house in question would have to be compensated for loss of ground and for taking down the present and building up a new gable wall.

The committee had elicited from him the terms on which he was prepared to sell the portion of the house required - These as per letter read from him were:-

Purchase price to be £50; the Corporation putting up a proper gable end furnished with a door and two windows as the present gable was, and covering and making good the roof at the public expense. The house was held in fee -

The resolution adopted on this question, as proposed by Alderman Kelly and seconded by Alderman Madden, was—
That Mr Frank Sreen be offered £45 in consideration of his taking away a portion of his house in Bellican Street so as to let in with the frontage a piece of ground measuring 18 feet 4 inches by 3 feet 8 inches and of taking all responsibility in connection with such alteration.

The inadequacy of the public lighting was a question brought up. The full number of lamps provided for the Town was 165 and that was reduced to 115 as a war necessity. At present not even the latter number had been kept lighting and the Works Committee had appointed a temporary Inspector to see after them. His report showed that only 70 in all had been lighting during the four nights he had made his rounds. A letter from the Gas Company corroborated the report but the company had been making every endeavour to repair and glaze further lamps and after a short time the full 115 (as last year) would be lighting. The company had been hampered by war restrictions, but they were doing all in their power to leave no room for complaint. The possibility of taking any further steps towards improving the public lighting was not discussed under the circumstances.

A Report from Sir Charles Cameron was submitted. He had analysed 46 articles of food and drink during Quarter ended with September 1918. This included

14 specimens of milk 9 of buttermilk 6 of whiskey 4 of
port wine, 3 of butter 3 of ale 2 of starch 1 of margarine
and 4 of drugs - One of the specimens of buttermilk
was adulterated with added water - The summons
taken out in this case had to be withdrawn as the
portion of the sample retained to ease a prosecution
on had broken the bottle -

The need for making representations in the proper
quarter to bring about an improvement in the mail
service from Dublin to Exford was a matter introduced -
It was stated that at the present juncture there
were valid grounds for believing that ^{by} a vigorous
effort on the part of the mercantile community of
Exford united by Ennisworthy and New Ross it was
possible to have the pre-war train service restored
or at least to obtain a satisfactory measure of
improvement and on the motion of Ald^r Madden
seconded by Ald^r Summitt it was decided to call
together the committee of traders, bankers and
professional men be appointed on 3rd June last
to see what was best to be done and ask for the
co-operation of some of the leading residents of
Ennisworthy and New Ross.

8th Aug. 1919

W. H. Summitt

8th January, 1919.

A 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:-

William H. McGuire, Esq., (mayor) in the chair.

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

Councillors:- Nicholas Byrne, Robert Coffey, Matthew Lymbery, John Walsh,
Richard Gibson, James Browne, Thomas Rossiter, James Murphy,
Michael Martin.

The minutes of 2nd. and 4th December 1919 were read and signed.

Referring to meeting of 2nd. December 1918, there were submitted four letters conveying thanks for letters of condolence sent out pursuant to resolutions passed on that day.

They were from Councillors Thomas Rossiter, Mr. Patrick Myrtle, Dr. Thomas Pierse, and Father Matthew Wickham, C. C.

Alderman Sinnott referred to the recent death of Mr. Patrick Kelly, a brother of Alderman Joseph Kelly.

The speaker expressed his sincere sorrow at the death of the deceased gentleman, and proposed that the meeting should stand adjourned for one week out of respect to his memory, and as a tribute of sorrow to Alderman Kelly.

The motion was seconded by Alderman Carty, and was supported by Councillors Lymbery, Coffey, Murphy, and Alderman Corish.

The question was put from the Chair in touching terms and was carried unanimously.

Thereupon reference was made by Alderman Carty to the lamented death of the Reverend P. F. Kavanagh, O. F. M. Father Kavanagh was a native of the old town of Wexford, and the old natives were proud of him. He was a distinguished man of letters, an ardent Irish patriot, but then, excelling all and everything, his life was one of holiness and devotion to the great Saint he had taken as his exemplar; in fact Father Kavanagh was a zealous Catholic Priest, and a true Disciple of the great Saint Francis of Assisi.

This motion was received with sorrowful unanimity and passed.

15th Jan. 1919

Wm. H. McGuire

15th January, 1919.

An adjourned Meeting of the Council was held this day at the Town Clerk's Office at 7. 30 p. m.

The members present were:-

William H. McGuire, Esq., Mayor (in the chair)

Aldermen:- Frank Carty, George Hadden, Richard Corish.

Councillors:- Nicholas Byrne, John Walsh, Philip Cowman, James Murphy,
John J. Kirwan, James Browne, Michael Martin, Thomas O'Brien.

The minutes of meeting of 8th January 1919 were read and signed, and in reference thereto two letters were read in acknowledgment of the receipt of letters of condolence transmitted in compliance with orders made on that day. They were from Alderman Joseph Kelly, and from the Very Rev. Father Alfred, O. F. M., Guardian, Wexford Priary. The former expressed thanks for the sympathy tendered to him on the death of his brother, Patrick Kelly, and the latter thanks and deep appreciation for the well-merited sympathy expressed at the loss of a notable member of the Brotherhood of Franciscans in the person of the late Rev. P. F. Kavanagh. The Wexford Volunteer Fire Brigade per a communication from the Hon. Sec. of the Brigade, submitted their resignation. The Brigade were convinced that they were not in a position to carry out effectively the duties of the Brigade, as they believed that the day was gone by when it was possible to run efficiently a Fire Brigade on voluntary lines.

The meeting considered the matter, and to see what was best to be done in the circumstances, decided to ask the Hon. Secretary to get together a few of his Colleagues to come to the weekly Committee meeting on Wednesday night next.

With regard to minutes of 4th December 1918, on which occasion it was decided to offer Mr. Frank Swan a sum of £45 in consideration of his taking away a portion of his house in William Street, as on that day properly specified, the Finance and Works Committee, who had been in communication with Mr. Swan ever since, had recommended, as a result of a process of bargaining, that he should be paid £50 instead of £45.

It was for the present meeting then to sanction the payment of the additional £5. and on the motion of Alderman Corish seconded by Councillor Byrne, it was resolved that the demand of £50 should be paid in the case, but not until provision was made for the amount in the forthcoming Rate Estimates.

A circular letter from the Local Government Board was read. The reference number of it was 61,878, and the date 23rd. December 1918. This letter communicated the intention of the Treasury to lend Building Loans in the near future in certain cases of urgency.

By the purport of this circular it was possible for the Council to obtain the residue of the Building Loan of £10,000 which the Government had agreed

to lend to Wexford before the outbreak of the War, and of which £4789. 14. 0 had, as yet, only been lent.

This did not satisfy the members present at the meeting. It did not go far enough, as, in the opinion of the Corporation, there was a demand for at least 250 new dwellings to satisfy the requirements of the town. The Housing Committee of the Corporation was confronted with the difficult question of obtaining money to carry out building operations, not only by way of Loan, but also as a free State Grant, for it had to be recognized that the building of working class houses requiring to be state-aided, considering that the present-day cost of building was so great that it was not possible for a Local Authority to provide houses and let them without serious loss at such a rent as the working classes could be reasonably expected to pay.

This whole matter was referred to the Housing Committee which was appointed on 7th January 1918, and which consisted of nine members, and it was decided to invite a few members from the Wexford Trades and Labour Council to join the Committee and assist them with their advice.

The Special Financial Committee appointed on 4th November last sent in a recommendation, it being the first which they proposed to submit. This recommendation applied to the charges in respect of Crosstown Cemetery. The present Scale of Charges was adopted so far back as 1908, but owing to the diminished value of money due to increases of wages, the prices were now 100 per cent below what they ought to be, and they recommended, in the first place, that the charges for the grave spaces should be doubled. In the next place they recommended that the Column of Charges applicable to children under 10 years of age should be altogether abolished, as it cost as much to open a grave for a child as for an up-grown person.

Then in the case of free graves, the Committee recommended that the ground should be given free, but that the charge of 10/- paid by the Corporation for opening the grave should be imposed.

A further recommendation of the Committee was that no grave should be opened at a charge less than 10/- which was the actual amount paid to the gravedigger for opening a grave.

The present meeting investigated the Committee's recommendations to the fullest extent, and satisfied themselves as to how the proposed change of prices would operate in the different cases. The meeting spent a good deal of time over the matter, and the conclusion come to was as follows:-

Proposed by Alderman Corish, seconded by Councillor Cowman.

That the grave spaces priced at £5., £4. 10., and £3. 10. be increased in price by 50%, and that the price of all other grave spaces, except those priced at 10/- each (in which it is not considered desirable to make any change) be increased by 25%; that the differential charge in the case of children under 10 years of age be abolished, and in the case of free graves, the cost paid for opening them, namely, 10/- be charged, and that in cases at present where

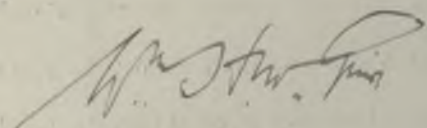
5/- is charged for opening graves, this charge be increased to 10/-

The opportunity which at present presented itself to purchase, as a bargain, the electric light plant put up by the American Government at Ferrybank for the purposes of the Seaplane Station, was brought under notice. It was stated that this plant, if it was found to be adaptable to the purposes of lighting the town by electricity, should be acquired. The question of the adaptability of the plant to the town uses was not known, but it was well and fitting that full particulars about it should be obtained.

It was suggested that the Committee consisting of The Mayor, Aldermen Sinnott, Carty, Corish, and Hadden, and Councillors James Browne, and Nicholas Byrne, who had already discussed the question of purchasing the electric plant at Ferrybank, should be formally appointed by this Council Meeting and invested with authority to employ an expert Electrician to visit Ferrybank and report thereon, but chiefly to report on the proper and most economical means of providing the town of Wexford with electric light.

It was mentioned that at the present time there was an Electrical Expert named Tierney engaged in providing electric light for St. Pater's College and the Bishop's residence, and it was well that the Committee should be endowed with authority to employ this Expert at the expense of the Corporation, if necessary.

This recommendation was approved of.



23rd Jan. 1919

23rd. January, 1919.

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

The members in attendance were:-

William H. McGuire, Esq., Mayor (in the chair)

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

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

The minutes of meeting of 15th January 1919 were read and signed, and thereupon the meeting proceeded to elect a Mayor for the then ensuing year, whereupon it was proposed by Alderman Sinnott, seconded by

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Alderman Hadden.

That our present Mayor, Alderman William H. McGuire, be and is hereby elected Mayor of Wexford for the next ensuing year, and until his Successor be appointed and shall have accepted the Office of Mayor.

This motion was put and carried unanimously, it having been supported by Councillors Byrne and McMahon, Alderman Corish, being the Senior Alderman of the Borough acting as Chairman for the time being.

The newly-appointed mayor thereupon made and subscribed a Declaration of acceptance of Office, and returned thanks for his re-election.

The appointment of the dates of three Quarterly Meetings to be held in the ensuing year subsequent to this day which was fixed by Statute, was considered.

In the course of the deliberation on the subject it was maintained that the monthly meetings of the Council, which were required to be held on the first Monday of each month at noon, should be fixed for the first Wednesday of each month at 7. 30 p. m, so as to consult the convenience of the members of the Council, and in order that steps should be taken to bring about this desired object, Alderman Corish gave notice that at next meeting of the Council to be held on 3rd. February 1919, he would propose that all the Statutory Monthly meetings of the Council should assemble on the first Wednesday of each month at 7. 30 p. m., and until this question be disposed of that the fixing of quarter days be deferred.

This proposal was agreed to.

Regarding the appointment of Standing Committees for the year it was decided, on the suggestion of Councillor James Browne that the Finance and Works, Waterworks, and Public Health Committees be composed of the entire Council for the ensuing year.

The names composing the Technical Instruction Committee required revision. One member of the Committee appointed last year had died, and another had put in no appearance of any of the 16 meetings held within the year. A Return of the attendances of the 13 members of the Committee was produced, and on consideration the following two motions were adopted, viz:-

Proposed by Alderman Sinnott, seconded by Alderman Kelly.

That the following seven members of the Council, namely, The Mayor, Aldermen Hadden, Carty, Corish, and Councillors Byrne, French, and Rossiter be appointed as members of the Committee.

Proposed by Councillor Byrne, seconded by Alderman Corish.

That the following five non-members of the Council be appointed, namely, Mr. Howard Rowe, Archdeacon Latham, Rev. T. Hore, Adm., Mr. James Hore, and Mr. Herbert Thompson, and that the sixth vacancy be left open pending the appointment of a nominee of the Wexford Trades and Labour Council.

On the motion of Alderman Sinnott, seconded by Councillor McMahon, it was Resolved:- That the Special Works Committee, consisting of three members from each of the three Wards of the Borough be appointed as was done this day twelve

months back to inspect the entire town and make recommendations as to the most urgent works and improvements required to be done preparatory to the compilation of the Rate Estimates in respect of the coming Financial Year, the members of the said Committee being, Aldermen Corish, Kelly, and Councillor Murphy; Alderman Sinnott and Councillors Byrne and Lymbery, and Alderman Carty and Councillors McMahon and Gibson. Regarding an Account due from the U. S. Seaplane Station at Ferrybank for water supplied by meter from the town resources, the amount of the account for Quarter ended 1st October 1918 was impugned by the Authorities at Ferrybank. The amount chargeable by virtue of the Scale of Charges for water used was £452. 18. 6, which included £41. 9. 6 for extra charges and meter rent. The Commanding Officer at the Ferrybank Station felt assured that the quantity of water registered by the meter, namely, 10,792,000 gallons for the Quarter in question, could not have been used. The quantity was immeasurably greater than was consumed at any other Seaplane Station in Ireland of the same size as Ferrybank, and was even ^{much} greater than the quantity consumed at the chief Seaplane Station at Queenstown.

The Waterworks Committee, at their meetings on three different occasions, had discussed the question of the refusal of the payment of this Bill, and finally had appointed a Sub-Committee consisting of the Mayor, Alderman Hadden and Councillor Byrne to meet a Mr. Morton, a Representative of the Ferrybank Authorities, at the request of these Authorities.

A meeting between this gentleman and the members of the Sub-Committee had taken place on 17th January 1919, and the result was that the Committee agreed, subject to the approval of the Council, to reduce the charge of ninepence per 1,000 gallons to sixpence, and to reduce the charge in respect of the meter to £10. This meant a reduction of the Account by £168. 5. 10. This provisional agreement applied only to the Quarter that had been impugned, and it was now for this General Meeting of the Council to ratify or not the Sub-Committee's action.

The recommendation of the Committee, as above outlined, was unanimously adopted.

Attention was drawn to the desirability of calling together a joint meeting of the Corporation and the Harbour Commissioners, with a view to steps being taken to obtain a Free Grant from Government for the purpose of deepening the Harbour. The obtainment of such a Grant was absolutely essential to the keeping open of the Port, as the financial embarrassment of the Harbour Commissioners left no means to that Body to do the work of dredging. Through the agency of Mr. Lindsay, M. P. an assurance had been given that in the near future the Steamship "Wexford Coast" would resume her sailings between Wexford and Liverpool, and the deepening of that part of the Harbour called "Gull Bar" was urgently needed, and it

was decided to write to the Secretary of the Harbour Commissioners on the subject. Reference having been made to the announcement that the Roads Board were about to make Grants towards the upkeep of main lines of roads, and a case having been made out in December, 1914 in support of a Grant being made towards the improvement of the line of roads from Wexford Bridge to Maudlintown, including the Quays, and properly put before the Roads Board at the time, it was decided that the Town Surveyor should see the County Surveyor with a view to the proceedings taken in the matter being revived.

2nd Feby. 1919

3rd. February, 1919.

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:-

William H. McGuire, Esq., Mayor (in the chair)

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

Councillors:- Matthew Lymbery, David R. Keating, James Murphy, John Walsh, Thomas Rossiter, Richard Gibson, Thomas O'Brien, James Browne.

The minutes of last meeting were read and signed.

The question of changing the time of holding the monthly meetings of the Council from the first Monday of the month to the first Wednesday of the month at 7. 30 p. m. was brought under consideration, whereupon the following resolution, as proposed by Alderman Corish and seconded by Alderman Carty was unanimously adopted.

Resolved:- That the Local Government Board for Ireland are hereby requested to make an Order altering the time of holding the Monthly Meetings of the Council from the first Monday of each month to the first Wednesday of each month at half past seven o'clock in the evening, in virtue of the powers conferred on the Local Government Board by Section 14 of the Local Government (Ireland) Act 1902.

The fixing of the dates of three Quarterly meetings of the Council in 1919 (the first Quarter Day being fixed by Statute) was considered, and the following dates and hours were appointed, viz: Wednesday, 7th May at 7. 30 p. m., Wednesday, 6th August, at 7. 30 p. m., and Wednesday 5th November at 7. 30 p. m. The Special Financial Committee appointed on 4th November last sent in a recommendation, it being the second one of a number which they contemplated making.

This referred to a piece of land sub-let to a tenant at the rear of John Street. The Corporation held this land under lease, and except a portion on which the Reservoir of the Dublin Waterworks System stood, it was all in possession of the Sub-tenant. The rent paid by the Corporation was £30 a year, but the rent

charged on the sub-tenant, Mrs Catherine Walsh, was £11. 1. 6 a year.

The Committee were of opinion that although she had been in possession for 33 years as a yearly tenant, it was right and equitable to demand an increased rent, as the land was situate inside the town. The Committee had been in communication with her, and she had offered, as a compromise, to pay £16 a year, if a guarantee were given that no further increase would be demanded. The Committee approved of the offer on the terms mentioned, but as to the guarantee, that was to go for whatever it was worth, as future members of the Council might not feel themselves bound by the action of the present-day members.

On the motion of Alderman Sinnott seconded by Councillor Bessiter, the recommendation was adopted.

A third recommendation from the same Committee was submitted. It went in favour of revising the charges in connection with the system of domestic scavenging. On account of increased wages the cost of emptying ashpits had increased, and the Committee held that a charge of 2/- per ashpit should be made in the case of all houses valued at £3. and under, whereas the price hitherto charged was only sixpence per ashpit. In all other cases the Committee recommended that the actual cost of emptying, which was 2/11 per load, should be charged instead of 2/- per load as at present.

The meeting considered that this matter was one which might usefully be subjected to further consideration in Committee, especially the charge in the case of the valuations of £3. and under, and decided to refer the recommendation to the notice of the Finance and Works Committee.

The same Committee made a recommendation with regard to the wages of the Foreman of Works. This man's wages, which was 36/- a week, was considered by this Special Financial Committee to be fairly entitled to be increased by 1/6 a week. The Committee were in favour of the Council granting such increase, and on the motion of Alderman Sinnott seconded by Councillor Keating, the recommendation was adopted, but with the proviso that the increase should commence from 1st January 1919.

The Finance and Works Committee recommended that the labourers in the service of the Corporation should have their wages increased from 30/- to 32/- a week. This was due to a demand made by the Irish Transport and General Workers' Union, as 32/- per week was the minimum rate of wages paid to labourers in Wexford.

On the motion of Alderman Corish, seconded by Councillor O'Brien, this recommendation was duly adopted.

Referring to minutes of 15th Ultimo, a letter from the Secretary of the Wexford Trades and Labour Council was read. This was in response to an invitation sent to that Council, proposing a few of their members to join the Housing Committee of the Corporation. This Council had

nominated Messrs Philip Lacy of George Street, Thomas Walsh of Mary Street, and Patrick White of King Street.

The meeting decided to co-opt these three gentlemen on the Housing Committee. Referring to minutes of 23rd. Ultimo, when it was decided to leave vacant one of the appointments to membership of the Wexford Technical Instruction Committee in order to allow of a nominee of the Trades and Labour Council being put on the Committee, it was decided on the motion of Councillor Rossiter seconded by Alderman Corish to appoint Mr. Patrick White of King Street to fill the vacant Office, he being the Secretary of the aforesaid Trades Council.

A copy of a Resolution received from the Wexford Trades and Labour Council was read. It was drafted in terms severely condemnatory of the alleged inaction of the Coal Prices Committee of the Corporation. This Committee had omitted to fix prices in respect of the various qualities of household coal, and this was the open charge made by the Trades Council. As a matter of fact this Committee had met in June last on more than one occasion, and had gone around the Coal Merchants. From what they gathered they were of opinion, at the time, that the fixing of prices would prove to be of no protection to consumers, considering the terms of the instructions received from Government. They came to the conclusion that during the continuance of the war no good object was to be achieved, from the consumers point of view, to fix prices, but when the Committee were called on again in December last, although they could see no very urgent necessity to fix prices, they complied with the Coal Controller's demand and promulgated in the local newspapers the prices fixed. The present meeting, after hearing all that had been done in the case, came to the conclusion that the resolution of the Trades and Labour Council was not justified.

2nd July 1919

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3rd. March, 1919.

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:-

William H. McGuire, Esq., Mayor (in the chair)

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

Councillors:- Robert Coffey, Nicholas Byrne, Matthew Lymbery,
John Walsh, Thomas Rossiter, David R. Keating,
Richard Gibson, James Murphy, Michael Martin,
James Browne, Thomas O'Brien.

The minutes of last meeting were read and signed.

Liabilities which had accrued due up to the end of last month, amounting in the aggregate to £1340. 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 484 to 500 and from 1 to 18.

A Memorial from the residents of the Bullring and of a street leading into it called Common Quay Street was submitted. An old house situate in the latter street had recently become vacant by the death of the tenant. This house was part of the ancient estate of the Corporation, and was let from time immemorial at a nominal rent of sixpence a year. It stood out several feet beyond the line of the street, and the Memorialists requested the Corporation to take it down.

The meeting considered the matter, and expressed the opinion that advantage should be taken of the opportunity to remove the house, but yet decided to refer the question of demolishing it to the consideration of the Special Financial Committee which was engaged in the task of increasing the revenue of the Corporation, and had already increased it in some instances.

Among the Bills passed this day for payment were the Grants payable under the Provision of Meals Acts. These Grants, on the present occasion, were confined to schools under the control of the Commissioners of National Education, although hitherto the schools conducted by the Christian Brothers had been given their share of the contribution. Attention was called to this fact by the School Attendance Committee, who had kindly placed their services at public disposal in the capacity of a School Meals Committee, as defined by the Acts.

The meeting fully considered this question, with the result that the following resolution, as proposed by Councillor Rossiter, and seconded by Councillor Murphy, was unanimously adopted.

That the amended ruling of the Special Financial Board under the

Education (Provision of Meals)(Ireland) Acts, 1914 to 1917, as conveyed in their letter of 18th November 1918, whereby necessitous children attending schools other than schools under the control of the Commissioners of National Education, have been deprived of the benefits of the Acts, is, in the opinion of this Council unjust and unconstitutional.

Accordingly this Council requests the Local Government Board to take such steps as may be necessary to have the existing Acts amended, so that they will apply to all schools where education is given free, or at a nominal charge.

A letter from the Local Government Board under date of 25th February 1919, No.506, was submitted. It contained the Board's approval of an increase of salary given to the Medical Officer of Health on 4th November last, and an increased war bonus allowed to the Sanitary Sub-Officer on the same occasion.

A letter from the same Department under date of 12th February, 1919 No. 506, was read. It had reference to the increase of salary of £20 a year allowed to the Town Surveyor on the 4th November 1918. In this case the Local Government Board requested to be furnished with a considered statement with respect to the manner in which the Surveyor's duties were discharged, and the reasons for a re-consideration of his salary, in view of the fact that it was increased only a year ago.

Regarding this matter the meeting considered that the action of the Council was justified. Besides the diminished value of money, the further grounds on which the increase was granted was that the Surveyor had discharged his duties well and efficiently. The belief was expressed that the Surveyor's work had been augmented within recent times, and that he was even still underpaid.

The Volunteer Fire Brigade, having definitely resigned, a sub-Committee of the Council submitted a recommendation as to the best course to be taken in the circumstances. With the assistance of a Mr. William Byrne, a Pensioner from the Dublin Fire Brigade, this Committee came to the conclusion that the services of four working men should be engaged, preferably men employed about building work, and be given a retaining fee of £3. a year each, and provided with helmets. These men were to be put under a short course of training by Mr. Byrne, and paid five shillings apiece for each lesson given them. They were also to be paid something for each occasion on which they would be called on to extinguish fires. Mr. Byrne also would have to be remunerated for his temporary services in connection with the training of the men.

On the motion of Alderman Kelly seconded by Councillor Byrne this recommendation was adopted, and it was decided to advertise in the local newspapers for applications for the posts.

A recommendation from the Finance and Works Committee was submitted. This Committee decided that the charge for emptying ashpits in connection with the system of domestic scavenging should be increased from sixpence per ashpit to sixpence per load, in the case of houses valued at 10s. and under because of

the cost attendant on this work having doubled within recent times.

This recommendation was adopted on the motion of Alderman Kelly seconded by Alderman Corish, but with this proviso, that the charge of sixpence per load should apply to all houses valued for rating purposes from £4. downwards, instead of from £3. downwards.

A report from Sir Charles Cameron, Analyst, in respect of Quarter ended 31st December 1918, was read. During this period 47 articles of food and drink were subjected to analysis. Two specimens of milk proved to be adulterated with added water, and four specimens of buttermilk were adulterated with added water. One of the specimens of dripping was found to be suet or tallow.

It was mentioned that prosecutions had been instituted in the seven delinquent cases, but in the case of the substitute for dripping, the prosecution failed.

The Accounts of the Water Rate Collector were brought under notice, they having been gone into by the Waterworks Committee. Of the total items of Rate there remained only £5. 15. 0 outstanding at the close of the collection. Of this sum £4. 14. 6 was written off as irrecoverable, being items assessed on premises that fell vacant during the year, and the balance, £2. 0. 6 was carried forward as collectible arrears.

The Committee's action was ratified.

A letter from the Local Government Board under date of 25th February 1919 (No.5440) was read. It had reference to the revision made on 15th January 1919 in the Scale of Charges in respect of interments in Crosstown Cemetery, which revision was subject to the sanction of the Local Government Board. At present the Urban District Council, acting as a Burial Board, donated grave spaces free of charge to the poor, and also carried out interments in these gravespaces free of charge, but under the revised Scale the ground was still to be given free, but a charge of Ten Shillings was to be made for burying, and this was the actual charge paid to the gravedigger for doing the work of opening and closing a grave.

The Local Government Board suggested that the Council should accept a fee of Five Shillings for opening and closing a grave in these cases. However the meeting did not see its way to fall in with the views of the Local Government Board on the point, for the reason that it was the duty of the Wexford Board of Guardians to provide free grave spaces for the poor, and also because the Burial Board were compelled to pay Ten Shillings for opening such graves.

Copies were read of two resolutions from the New Ross Board of Guardians and the Naas Board of Guardians asking for relaxation of the treatment of political prisoners

These resolutions were not discussed, but Alderman Carty submitted a resolution of his own which he contended was the appropriate motion to adopt at the present juncture. It was in the following terms, and having been seconded by Councillor Martin was adopted nem. con.

"That we demand the immediate release of all interned Irish political prisoners now in English and Irish Gaols."

That as the war is now over we believe the time has come when the Government should grant a general amnesty for all Irish political prisoners."

26th March 1919

26th March, 1919.

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:-

William H. McGuire, Esq., Mayor (in the chair)

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

Councillors:- Nicholas Byrne, Matthew Lymbery, James Browne, Richard Gibson, Robert Coffey, John J. Kirwan.

The minutes of meeting of 3rd. March 1919 were read and signed.

Estimates of the expenditure necessary to administer the civic affairs of the Borough in the financial year commencing 1st April next were submitted.

According to these 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 at the close of the current year, there remained to be provided by means of Rates to be levied on the District the following sums.

By a Rate in lieu of County Cess.	:	:	:	:	:	£	3123.	13.	7
By a Borough Rate.	:	:	:	:	:	:	2103.	6.	0
By Water Rates.	:	:	:	:	:	:	833.	14.	10
By Poor Rate.	:	:	:	:	:	:	3471.	10.	10

As to the Estimate of expenses to defray which the Rate in lieu of County Cess was leviable, it was seen that it was necessary to levy a Rate of 3/7 in the Pound, but as the Special Act limited the maximum Poundage of this Rate to 2/-, it was for the meeting to see where items of proposed expenditure was capable of being reduced in amount, or expunged altogether.

The meeting thereupon went over the items included in the Estimate seriatim, with the following results.

On the motion of Councillor Lymbery, seconded by Councillor Byrne, it was resolved:- That the Council should provide for 1000 tons of broken

stones be reduced to £675 to provide 1,500 tons of broken stones.

On the motion of Councillor James Browne, seconded by Councillor Byrne, it was resolved:- That the item of £65. 3. 8 for laying new crossings be struck out.

On the motion of Councillor James Browne, seconded by Councillor Byrne, it was resolved:- That the item of £126 in respect of repairing gravelled footpaths be reduced to £87. 0. 0.

On the motion of Councillor Coffey, seconded by Councillor Byrne, it was resolved:- That the item of £190. 18. 0 set apart for the work of repairing the surface of Spawell Road be reduced to £100. 0.00.

As to the undermentioned five items, it was decided to deal with them in the following way, viz:-

£30. 10. 0 for laying water tables from Charlotte Street to Bullring to be struck out, but to be transferred to the Borough Fund Estimate.

£500. 0. 0 for scavenging and watering streets to be reduced to £300, but the £200 struck out to be transferred to the Borough Rate Estimate.

£100. 0. 0 for repairing and cleansing sewers to be struck out, but to be transferred to the Borough Rate Estimate.

£140. 0. 0 for constructing a new sewer in Parnell Street to be reduced to £25. 0. 0., but the £25. 0. 0 to be transferred to the Borough Rate Estimate.

£10. 0. 0 for rent of manure depot at Faythe to be struck out, but to be transferred to the Borough Rate Estimate.

This action on the part of the meeting reduced the amount to be provided to £1773. 1. 11, and a Rate in lieu of County Cess of 2/- in the pound was thereupon agreed to.

The Estimate of expenses to be defrayed out of the Borough Fund was then gone over seriatim, and the result was that no alteration was made therein with the exception of adding thereto the five above-mentioned transferred sums, amounting in the aggregate to £365. 10. 6 as being for Sanitary Purposes.

This brought the amount to be provided for by the Borough Rate up to £2468. 16. 0, and thereupon a Borough Rate of 2/8 in the pound was agreed to, namely, 1/- in the Pound for General Town Purposes, and 1/8 in the Pound for Sanitary Purposes.

As to the Water Rates, the meeting on reviewing the items of Receipt and Expenditure, as set forth in the Estimate, decided to fix the Poundage of these Rates at One Shilling, viz:- a Domestic Water Rate of 8d in the Pound, and a Public Water Rate of 4d. in the Pound.

As to the Poor Rate Estimate it was accompanied by a Recommendation from the Finance Committee under date of the 5th Instant, that the poundage of this Rate be fixed at 1/6 in the Pound, and the sum of £100 in the Pound was agreed to.

On the motion of Councillor Lymbery it was unanimously decided to increase the remuneration of Miss Kate McEvoy from 7/- to 10/- per week for her services in connection with the Maternity and Child Welfare Scheme, namely, for acting as distributor of milk and placing her house, the Tuskar Dining Rooms, at the disposal of the Corporation as a Milk Depot.

7th April 1919

W. B. J.

7th April, 1919.

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

The members present were:-

William H. McGuire, Esq., Mayor (in the chair)

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

Councillors:- David R. Keating, Matthew Lymbery, James Murphy, Michael Browne, Richard Gibson, Thomas O'Brien, Michael Martin, John J. Kirwan.

The minutes of last meeting were read and signed.

Liabilities which had accrued up to the end of march 1919, amounting in the aggregate to £557. 18. 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 19 to 43 inclusive. Summary and Reconcilement of Treasurer's Account for the year ended 31st March 1919, including the payments made at the meeting held on this day.

SUMMARY.

Balance due by Treasurer at end of February 1919.	£ 350. 12. 11
Total sums received to close of March 1919.	1098. 4. 10
	TOTAL 1448. 17. 9
Balance due to Treasurer at end of February 1919.	-
Payments ordered at this meeting.	557. 18. 4
	TOTAL 557. 18. 4
Net Balance due by Treasurer (being difference of above Totals)	890. 19. 5

RECONCILEMENT.

Balance per Bank Books due by Treasurer.	1448. 17. 9
Outstanding Orders (including those issued at this Meeting)	557. 18. 4
Net Balance, as above, due by Treasurer.	890. 19. 5

A letter under date of 31st March 1919, and numbered 49. M., from the Local Government Board was read. It set forth the proposals of Government with

regard to the provision of houses for the working classes, and the measure of assistance to be given by Government in connection with the provision of such houses. It was seen that Schemes prepared under the Housing of the Working Classes Act 1890, and submitted in complete form to the Local Government Board before 15th April 1920, would be entitled to financial State assistance, not by way of a reduction of interest below the current market rate, but by way of a subsidy in aid. This subsidy would be calculated on a basis estimated to relieve the Local Authority of any loss incurred within a maximum of One Pound for One pound of the rent actually collected from the occupiers. Schemes so subsidised would not be entitled to any share of the Irish Housing Fund. Designs for suitable and economical types of houses would be supplied by the Local Government Board in due time. In order to be entitled to obtain the full measure of the subsidy, it was of course incumbent of Local Authorities to exercise due economy in making building contracts, and to see that the highest obtainable rent was got out of the houses.

This circular letter was referred to the Housing Committee, but it was decided to request the Local Government Board to be good enough to state, for the guidance of this Council, what would be a reasonable rent to charge a workingman in the following two cases, viz:

- (1) A house capable of being let, without involving any loss to the Ratepayers, at Fifteen Shillings a week, and
- (2) A house capable of being let, without involving any loss, at Ten Shillings a week.

It was also decided to ask the Local Government Board to state if this Council could look forward, in the near future, to obtaining the privilege of the expected visit from Dr. Cowan, who on inspecting the location of the proposed sites of houses in Wexford, and the line of the projected new road, would, no doubt, be able to afford the Council much valuable advice.

A letter from Messrs Little & Elgee, Solicitors, was read. They requested the Corporation to sell a head-rent of £2. 6. 2 a year received out of part of the Townparks of Wexford. This land was demised under Lease for 999 years from 2nd. September 1737, and was held by the Representatives of John Boxwell. Messrs Elgee mentioned £50. as the purchase price, being at the rate of 21½ years' purchase. This matter was referred to the Special Financial Committee to see if the sum offered was sufficient to produce the head-rent from investment in Trustee Securities, but it was to be understood that any costs gone to in proving Title, should be borne by the purchaser.

A suggestion as to dispensing with the public lighting on 15th instant

and during the period of operation of the Daylight Saving Act in the present year, viz. 30th September, was submitted, but it was resolved, on the motion of Alderman Kelly, seconded by Councillor Lymbery, to have the lights extinguished from 15th April to 1st September only.

With reference to minutes of 3rd. March 1919, eight applications were received for appointment as members of the Fire Brigade in course of being organized.

The applicants were. W. Buckley, Nicholas McEvoy, Temperance Row, John Power, Gibson Street, Thomas McEvoy, Carcur, John Keeling, John's Gate, Philip Lacy, John Street; Thomas Roche, John Street, and Frank Bolger, Monument Place.

On the motion of Alderman Corish, seconded by Alderman Sinnott, it was resolved to appoint John Keeling, Philip Lacy, Thomas Roche, and Frank Bolger, they being masons by occupation, active young men used to house construction and climbing ladders.

A recommendation from the Special Financial Committee was brought under notice. It had reference to the present nominal charges made for the use of the Town Hall. These charges were:-

For use of the Hall in the daytime.	Five Shillings.
For use of it from 8 p. m. till 10 p. m.	Five Shillings.
For use of it from 8 p. m. till midnight.	Ten Shillings.
For all night.	One Pound.

and for the use of the hall in the evening for Lectures. Two Shillings & Sixpence

The recommendation was in favour of these charges being doubled, but in the case of lectures, that the charge be raised to Ten Shillings. The receipts from the lettings were not sufficient to pay for the gas consumed and the Caretaker's remuneration, and in the current year the repairs to be done on the floor alone will cost, at least, £100.

Thereupon Alderman Kelly moved that the recommendation be adopted.

The motion was seconded by Alderman Sinnott.

But an amendment, as proposed by Alderman Corish and seconded by Councillor Martin to the effect that the charges be increased by 50% only was put, and on a Division failed to be carried, the voting being 4 for and 9 against.

The original motion was then put and carried.

Arising out of this matter it was also ordered that the letting of the Town Hall in future be only of a temporary character, and with this object in view that the Special Financial Committee be asked to prescribe regulations for future lettings.

A letter from the Office of National Education drew attention to the fact that the period of service of the School Attendance Committee would shortly terminate, and that it was necessary to appoint five persons as nominees of the Corporation to serve for a period of three years, the appointment of the remaining five members resting with the Commissioners of National Education.

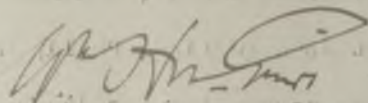
Thereupon the following gentlemen were appointed to act, viz. Alderman Corish,

Councillors Philip Cowman and John Walsh, and Messrs James Hore and Nicholas Prendergast.

A recommendation from the School Attendance Committee was read as to increasing the salary of the Secretary of that Committee from £12. to £20. a year, and on the motion of Alderman Corish seconded by Councillor O'Brien the recommendation was adopted.

Among the Bills passed this day for payment was an item of £3. to Mr. N. J. Cosgrave for acting as temporary Gas Inspector at the request of the Finance and Works Committee for twelve nights during January, February, and March.

16th April 1919



16th April, 1919.

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:-

William H. McGuire, Esq., Mayor (in the chair)

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

Councillors:- Nicholas Byrne, Matthew Lymbery, John Walsh,

Philip Cowman, David R. Keating.

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

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

Proposed by Alderman Corish.

Seconded by Alderman Sinnott.

RESOLVED:- That a Borough Rate of Two Shillings and Eight Pence in the Pound (being One Shilling for General Town Purposes and One Shilling and Eight pence 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, amended, and adopted on the 26th day of March 1919.

Proposed by Councillor Byrne.

Seconded by Councillor Lymbery.

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, amended, and adopted on the 26th day of March 1919.

Proposed by Alderman Carty.

Seconded by Councillor Cowman.

RESOLVED:- That an Assessment of One Shilling in the Pound, viz; a Domestic Rate of Eight Pence and a Public Rate of Four pence 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 the 26th day of March 1919.

Proposed by Alderman Kelly.

Seconded by Councillor Murphy.

RESOLVED:- That a poor Rate of Three Shillings and Ninepence 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 the 26th day of March 1919.

E. H. C.

7th May 1919

H. J. C.

7th May, 1919.

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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:-

William H. McGuire, Esq., Mayor ^{in the chair}

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

Councillors:- Nicholas Byrne, Robert Coffey.

The minutes of meeting of 16th April, 1919 were read and signed.

Libailities which had accrued due up to the end of last month, amounting in the aggregate to £1555. 15. 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 44 to 69 inclusive.

Upon the financial business being disposed of, His Worship, the Mayor called attention to an exceptionally sad affliction which that day had befallen a worthy member of the Council, Mr. Philip Cowman, whose partner-in-life had been called to her Reward, leaving behind her eight infant offsprings, the eldest of whom was only nine years old. The case was probably one without parallel in Wexford within living memory.

His Worship proposed that the meeting should adjourn for a week out

of respect to the memory of the deceased, and as a token of sympathy with an esteemed Colleague.

The motion was seconded by Alderman Kelly, and spoken to by him in touching terms. Indeed all the members present united in expressing their sincere and heartfelt sorrow at the untoward event.

The motion was put and carried in respectful silence, all present standing up to betoken their assent.

14th May 1919.

14th May, 1919.

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:-

William H. McGuire, Esq., Mayor (in the chair)

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

Councillors:- John Walsh, James McMahon, Nicholas Byrne, James Murphy,

Thomas Rossiter, Matthew Lymbery, Robert Coffey,

David R. Keating, Richard Gibson, John J. Kirwan,

James Browne, Michael Martin.

The minutes of meeting of 7th May, 1919 were read and signed.

A Sealed Order issued by the Local Government Board was submitted.

The effect of it was to alter the dates and hours of holding Statutory Meetings under the Towns Improvement (Ireland) Act 1854, from twelve o'clock, noon, on the first Monday of each month, to half past seven o'clock p. m. on the first Wednesday of each month.

Applications for the renewal of two Cinematograph Licences were submitted in respect of the Theatre Royal and the Cinema Palace for one year. The conditions under which such Licences were hitherto issued were reviewed, and it was seen that it was not necessary to embody any further restrictions, and thereupon on the motion of Councillor Byrne, seconded by Alderman Sinnott, fresh Licences were sealed and signed.

Four Collecting Books to be furnished to the Rate Collectors were submitted. They were proper copies of the Rate Books for the current financial year. They, and the Warrants attached to them to empower the Collectors to levy the various items of Rates, required to be sealed and signed, and it was decided to perform this legal formality which was accordingly done.

A letter under date of 28th April 1919 from Mr. Charles H. O'Connor, Local Government Inspector, was read. The purport of it was that land at rear of John Street which the Council proposed to acquire as sites

for working class dwellings, and which, in order to open up this area, required to have new roads constructed through it, had been under consideration. As to the desire of the Council to obtain a State Grant towards the cost of constructing the roads, it was pointed out that this was a matter which had to be dealt with by the Committee controlling the Demobilisation and Development Fund, but if the local Government Board were given an assurance from the Council that the sites in question would be utilized as sites for artisans dwellings, and if the Board were furnished with an estimate of the cost of constructing the roads referred to, they would lay the matter before the Development &c. Committee for consideration. The question having been duly considered and satisfaction having been expressed at the import of the communication, it was decided, on the motion of Alderman Carty seconded by Alderman Corish, that the Town Surveyor be instructed to take the necessary levels and prepare a plan of the proposed roads as well as an estimate of constructing them, and consequent on these particulars being furnished, that measures be taken to ascertain the price to be paid for the land for the purpose of the roads, and that the assurance asked for be given as a sine qua non.

An extract from a report following on a visit paid by Mr. Cowan, Local Government Board's Engineering Inspector, to Wexford on 12th April 1919, was submitted. As per arrangement Mr. Cowan was shown the various sites for working class houses which the Corporation had in contemplation. Of these the two most eligible were the site in the possession of the Council at Windmills Hill which might properly be used for the erection of a small number of houses soon, and the area at rere of John Street to be opened up by a new road from the Monument to Summerhill Cross Roads, with a branch to George Street. On this area of land of about 35 acres, a thoroughly satisfactory scheme on the best lines could be carried out.

This important report was referred to the Housing Committee to deal with. The following resolution was adopted unanimously, on the motion of Alderman Carty, seconded by Alderman Kelly, viz:

"That we, the Wexford Corporation, request the Railway Executive to restore the pre-war train service on Sundays from Wexford to Rosslare, as we consider it a great benefit to the people, from a health point of view, to have the service on Sundays during the summer months."

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 had made the following Recommendation. That there be written off as irrecoverable, items of Borough Rate amounting to £25. 5. 10½, and items of Rate in lieu of County Cess amounting to £19. 1. 2, and that the balance of items outstanding, i. e. £10. 7. 0, and £10. 9. 4 respectively, be carried forward into the coming year's Rate

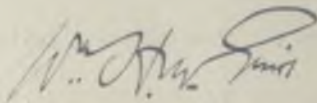
Books as Arrears.

The Recommendation was adopted.

A Scale of Charges in connection with Crosstown Cemetery, being a copy of an amended Scale framed on 3rd. March last was submitted for formal adoption preliminary to being sent to the Local Government Board for formal sanction by that Board, whereupon on the motion of Councillor Coffey, seconded by Alderman Carty, it was

RESOLVED:- That the Common Seal of the Council be affixed to the Scale in testimony of its adoption by this meeting, and that the Sealing be attested in the usual way by the signatures of the Mayor and the Town Clerk.

4th June 1919



4th June, 1919.

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:-

William H. McGuire, Esq., Mayor (in the chair)

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

Councillors:- David R. Keating, Matthew Lymbery, James Murphy, James McMahon, Nicholas Byrne, Robert Coffey, John Walsh, Richard Gibson, Thomas O'Brien, Michael Martin, John J. Kirwan.

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 £1268. 14. 11 were submitted and having been examined were approved and an Advice Note was signed to enable the Treasurer to pay them on presentation to him of Paying Orders numbered from 70 to 95 inclusive.

The following letters were read and were ordered to be inserted on the minutes.

38, Main Street, Wexford.

28/5/'19.

Dear Mr. Browne, Will you kindly convey to His Worship, the Mayor and my brother members of the Corporation the deep appreciation of myself and family for the most kind resolution of condolence, and our sincere thanks for the sympathetic references expressed at the meeting of the Corporation.

Allow me also to thank you very much for your own kind words of sympathy.

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Philip Cowman.

Mount George, Wexford.

31st May, 1919.

Dear Mr. Browne, I desire to return my most sincere thanks to the Wexford Corporation for their kind vote of sympathy to me in my recent sad bereavement.

Yours sincerely,

T. Pierse.

A notice served by the Wexford Gas Consumers' Company was submitted. From this it was gathered that the Company had made application to the Board of Trade for an Order to modify their Statutory powers by authorizing them to increase their present rate of dividend on their "A" Shares, "B" Shares, and "C" Shares to $7\frac{1}{2}\%$, $3\frac{1}{4}\%$, and $3\frac{1}{4}\%$ respectively. If the Corporation considered that the proposed increase was inequitable, it was open to them to make representations to the Board of Trade within a specified time with respect to the aforesaid application.

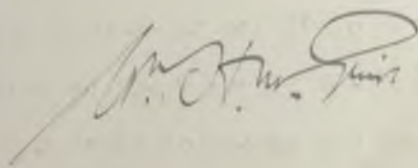
The meeting did not consider the modest increase asked for was in any way burdensome on gas consumers, and on the motion of Councillor Byrne, seconded by Alderman Hadden it was

RESOLVED:- That the application of the Gas Consumers' Company be allowed to go forward unchallenged.

A circular letter from the Dublin Citizens' Association was read. This Body had taken up the question of obtaining an increase of the Capitation Grants to Asylums, as also the Grants to Poor Law Unions to an extent proportionate to the increased cost of maintenance. The Association was desirous to ascertain the opinion of the different Contributory Bodies affected throughout Ireland, and wished to be informed what was the opinion of the Wexford Urban District Council on the subject, and on the motion of Councillor Byrne, seconded by Councillor Lymbery, it was

RESOLVED:- That the unqualified support of this Council be given to the action of the Dublin Citizens' Association in urging on the Government the equitableness of making future State Grants to Local Government Bodies commensurate with present-day prices, as contrasted with pre-war prices.

2nd July 1919.



2nd. July, 1919.

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:-

William H. McGuire, Esq., Mayor (in the chair)

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

Councillors:- Matthew Lymbery, John Walsh, James Browne,
Richard Gibson, James Murphy, David R. Keating,
Michael Martin, Thomas Rossiter, 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 £506. 3. 1 were submitted, and having been examined were found correct, and an Advice Note was signed to enable the Treasurer to pay them on presentation to him of Paying Orders numbered from 96 to 126 inclusive.

A letter from the Local Government Board dated 25th June 1919, and numbered 105, was read. Accompanying it was copy of the Local Government (Ireland) Act 1919, which applied the principle of proportional Representation to Local Government Elections in Ireland. It also called attention to the terms of the proviso to Section 1 (3) of the Act which enacted that if the Council of any Borough submitted to the Local Government Board a Scheme for the division of the Borough into Electoral Areas the Board would adopt the Scheme unless they saw good reason to the contrary.

Under such a Scheme it looked as if it was legally possible for the Council to alter the area of the present three Wards of the Borough and adjust the area to the population of each Ward, or possibly, it was permissible, with the sanction of the Local Government Board, to ignore the boundaries of the Wards and divide the Borough into four Electoral Divisions.

The prominent features of the Act in question were expounded to the meeting who were given to know that the present members of the Council would go out of Office in January next, and elections of Candidates to fill their places would be held on the 15th of that month, and that ~~that~~ the system of electing members annually would be substituted by a triennial election of the whole Body simultaneously. The consideration of this question was deferred for a month to give an opportunity to the Electors of the town to be consulted as to altering the ancient Divisions of the town which had already been delimited by a Charter of Incorporation from the Crown.

A letter from the Local Government Board under date of 14th June 1919 the reference number ~~being 105~~, was read, and the document accompanying it was also read, or rather the principal features of it were read

and explained. From this it was seen that Government had authorized the formation of Public Utility Societies for the purpose of providing dwelling houses. Seven or more persons, with a Secretary, could combine to form one of these Societies, and on complying with certain simple requirements, would have the power, on formulating a Housing Scheme, to obtain three-fourths of the Loan necessary to put the Scheme into effect from the Board of Works, but as an encouragement to such Societies to undertake building operations, the Government was prepared to contribute 30 per cent of the total loan charges. Consequently the Societies would be only required to find one-fourth of the Capital, and would be assisted to meet the annual charge on the Capital by a substantial Government subsidy.

The Order in this case was:- That copies of the leaflet be purchased and distributed so as to give the public a chance of knowing the facilities placed at their disposal in the matter of providing housing accommodation. A letter from the Acting Clerk of the Wexford Rural District Council was read. Owing to a recent decision in the King's Bench, in which it was held that only bona fide inmates of workhouses could be legally sent to special hospitals for Medical or Surgical treatment, the Council wished to join with the Corporation in putting in force the provisions of Sections 155 and 156 of the Public Health (Ireland) Act, 1878. By this means it would be possible to send patients to extern hospitals who although not inmates of workhouses or destitute yet were unable to afford the expense of special medical or surgical treatment.

In furtherance of the object in view the Rural Council desired to confer with the Corporation through the medium of four Representatives from each Body on the subject.

The question was fully deliberated on, and thereupon on the motion of Alderman Sinnott, seconded by Councillor Rossiter, it was resolved to appoint the following four members to meet the proposed Deputation from the Rural District Council and discuss the matter.

The members referred to were:p

His Worship, The Mayor, Aldermen Sinnott and Carty, and Councillor James Browne.

A report from Sir Charles Cameron was read on his analysis of articles of food and drink submitted to him during Quarter ended 31st March 1919. The number in all were 41, and included specimens of milk, buttermilk, intoxicating drink, butter, cheese, olive Oil, and margarine. One of the specimens of milk was found to be adulterated with 6.25 per cent of added water. In this case a prosecution was brought and a substantial fine imposed.

A letter was read from the Irish Association of Municipal Authorities appointing September 9th and 10th next as the date of holding the Annual Conference of the Association, and inviting the Council to appoint two

Representatives to attend the Meeting which was fixed to be held in Londonderry.

The meeting decided to depute His Worship, The Mayor, and Alderman Hadden as Delegates of the Council on the occasion.

Two tenders received in respect of the purchase of the grass on Crosstown Cemetery were opened. They were from Thomas Nolan of Redmond Place and George Browne of Commercial Quay. The former offered £9., and the latter £10. 5. 0.

The latter tender was accepted, subject to the purchase money being paid before the removal of the hay, and subject to the grass being cut to the satisfaction of the Council.

Two Committee recommendations were brought under notice. One was in favour of the wages of the Corporation labourers being increased from 32/- to 36/- a week, and the other was in favour of the wages of the Caretaker of Crosstown Cemetery being increased from 25/- to 30/- a week.

These recommendations were adopted nem. con. and with the proviso that the increases in the case of the labourers should date from 3rd. June 1919, and in the case of the Caretaker of the Cemetery from 18th June 1919.

6th Augst. 1919.

6th August, 1919.

A Special meeting of the Council was held this day at the Town Clerk's office at 7.30 p. m. for the purpose of electing a Harbour Commissioner as provided by the Wexford Harbour Act 1874 and Acts amending the same.

The members present were:-

William H. McGuire, Esq., Mayor (in the chair)

Aldermen:- James Sinnott, George Hadden, Frank Carty.

Councillors:- Richard Gibson, James Browne, Nicholas Byrne, Michael Martin, Joseph Doyle, Matthew Lymbery, John Walsh,
James McMahon, Philip Cowman, Robert Coffey.

The Secretary of the Harbour Board notified that only one member of the Council, namely, Alderman James Sinnott, had been nominated as required previous to the meeting being held, and thereupon on the motion of

Councillor Lymbery, seconded by Alderman Hadden, it was unanimously Resolved:- That Alderman 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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2nd Sept. 1919.

6th August, 1919.

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:-

William H. McGuire, Esq., mayor (in the chair)

Aldermen:- James Sinnott, George Hadden, Frank Carty.

Councillors:- Richard Gibson, James Browne, Nicholas Byrne, Michael Martin, Joseph Doyle, Matthew Lymbery, John Walsh, James Memahon, Philip Cowman, Robert Coffey, David R. Keating.

the minutes of meeting of 2nd July 1919 were read and signed.

Liabilities which had accrued due up to the end of last month amounting in the aggregate to £545. 4. 2 were submitted and having been examined were found correct and an Advice Note was signed to enable the Treasurer to pay them on presentation to him of Paying Orders numbered from 127 to 144 inclusive. Among the Accounts included in the foregoing amount was an item of £5, for which there had been no precedent. This was the amount of remuneration awarded by the Finance and Works Committee to William Byrne, an ex-member of the Dublin Fire Brigade, for his services in connection with the training of the four men forming the newly-organized Fire Brigade.

Regarding the Provisions of the Local Government (Ireland) Act, 1919, a subject which was under consideration at last meeting, but which was adjourned to the present meeting to permit of opinion being gathered throughout the town on the point as to whether it would be advisable to alter the areas of the ancient Ward Divisions of the Borough for municipal election purposes, the question was fully taken into consideration. Without looking beyond the strict terms of the Act, it seemed to be possible for the present Council, if they thought well, to divide the town into four Divisions, assigning six members to each Division, and to so form the Divisions that the number of electors in each Ward was to be as near as possible equal.

It was to be particularly noted, however, that the number of members composing the present Council was 24, and this, as well as the present three ancient Ward Divisions of the Borough, was fixed by Charter from the Crown.

However, should it be decided to alter the present Electoral Areas, it was necessary to prepare a Scheme of the proposed new Electoral Areas for the approval of the Local Government Board for Ireland.

The result of the deliberations on the question was that on the motion of Councillor James Browne, seconded by Councillor McMahon, it was unanimously Resolved:- That this Council decline to exercise the doubtful powers conferred on them by the Local Government (Ireland) Act 1919 in the matter of altering the areas of the existing Wards of the Borough, as the Council is of opinion that the powers of the Legislature cannot over-ride the terms of the Charter of the Borough of Wexford.

Referring to minutes of 14th May last, on which occasion it was decided to have plans of the proposed roads at the rear of John Street prepared, as also an estimate of the cost of constructing them, with a view to a Government Grant being obtained through the good offices of the Irish Local Government Board in aid of such cost, the meeting was made aware that the plans and estimates had been furnished to the Board in due course, but the well-meant efforts of the Local Government Board to obtain a favour for Wexford had not been attended with success as the following letter showed.

Local Government Board, Dublin.

2nd. August, 1919.

Dear Sir,

With further reference to your letter of the 2nd. Ultimo, I am desired to inform you that the application of the Corporation of Wexford for a grant towards the construction of certain roads on building sites proposed to be acquired for the erection of houses for the working classes was under consideration by the Inter-Departmental Committee at their meeting on the 25th instant. (?) Owing to their present commitments the Committee regret that they are unable to make a grant for these works.

The Town Clerk,

Yours faithfully,

Wexford.

Charles H. O'Connor.

Upon this letter being read members expressed their sense of disappointment at the terms of it, and it was decided to refer it to the Housing Committee appointed on 7th January 1918, with a view to memorializing the Inter-Departmental Committee, or else taking such steps in the matter as to the Committee might appear advisable.

A letter was read from the Secretary of the Wexford Technical Instruction Committee which contained the following resolution adopted by the Committee.

" That we recommend the Corporation to grant a lease of the Tennis Ground to the County Wexford Lawn Tennis Club for a period of 31 years from 1st March 1919, on terms similar to those of the Lease then expired."

In explanation of this resolution, it is necessary to state here that the Technical Instruction Committee received a rent of £12. a year from the Lawn Tennis Club under a Lease granted for five years from 31st March 1914 by the then owner of the Technical School premises. This lease contained a clause for a renewal of it for a further five years, but the club were anxious to obtain a lease for thirty one years for the portion of the ground of the School in their possession.

Opinion differed as to the wisdom of granting the lease for such a long period.

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and it was decided that the case should be given further consideration, and it was referred to the Finance and Works Committee, and to assist this Committee to arrive at a proper conclusion the following three members who were gentlemen experienced in the value of land property were asked to see the place and give advice on the matter, namely, Messrs Cowman, Lymbery, and J. Browne.

The question of putting a name on the space recently opened in Selskar, was considered. This space was hitherto occupied by a number of small uninhabitable dwellings which formed a lane known as Trimmers' Lane, and the persons having premises abutting on the area in question were anxious to have some appropriate name conferred on it.

After consideration the meeting decided to have it called "Selskar Avenue" and to have name-plates put up in the English and Irish Languages.

Letters were read from the Dublin Citizens' Association and the Pembroke (Co. Dublin) Urban Council. These Bodies animadverted on the financial clauses of the Irish Housing Bill at present before Parliament. The Bill was calculated to inflict an extra burden on the already overburdened Irish ratepayers. In proof of this an estimate given of the cost of providing a sufficiency of small dwellings for the City of Dublin went to show that the additional Rate involved by the provision of such houses would be 6/- in the £ approximately.

The two Bodies in question asked that steps should be taken to press on Parliament to apply to Ireland the financial conditions of the English and Scotch Housing Bill, whereby the liability of Local Authorities was limited to a Rate of one penny in the Pound.

This was a matter which was also referred to the Housing Committee above mentioned, which it was decided to call together on Monday next, 11th Inst. at 4. 0. p. m.

Recommendations from the Finance and Works Committee were brought forward as follows:-

That an increase of wages from 37/6 to 50/- a week should be given in the case of David Bennett, Foreman of Works, and an increase of wages from 4/- to 6/- a week in the case of Johanna Kirwan, Office Cleaner.

In the first-mentioned case it was proposed by Councillor Coffey, and seconded by Councillor Martin that the recommendation be adopted, but the apparent sense of the meeting was not in favour of the motion, it being considered that the suggested increase was too large.

Councillor James Browne thereupon proposed that the wages be increased from 37/6 to 45/- a week.

This was seconded by Councillor Byrne and was passed on a Division being taken, 8 members being for and 6 against it.

In the case of the Office Cleaner, the Committee Recommendation was adopted on the motion of Alderman Sinnott seconded by Councillor Coffey.

Complaining of the rugged and neglected state of the surface of the streets and roads of the town, Alderman Sinnott held that the present system under which the thoroughfares were maintained was clearly imperfect. He considered the state of disrepair into which they had gone was disgraceful. He was of the opinion that the contract system of doing this class of work should be given a trial, and he gave notice of his intention to move at next meeting that the present method of maintaining the streets on the direct labour principle should be given up and that the work should be done in future by contract.

The motion was accepted.

Miss Frances M. Daly, Health Visitor, having applied for an increase of salary, and for permission to take vacation, the application was referred by the Public Health Committee to the Committee of Ladies engaged in the task of supervising the working of the Maternity and Child Welfare Scheme in Wexford. These ladies were, of course, competent to judge of the measure of efficiency shown by the Health Visitor in the discharge of her duties, and to say if she was worthy of an increase of salary, and if her services could be dispensed with temporarily, considering that there was no one in Wexford qualified to act for her as a temporary substitute.

In this matter the Committee of Ladies made the following Recommendation

" Owing to the increased cost of living, this Committee have much pleasure in recommending Miss Daly for an increase of £10. in her salary, making a total of £110. Also that she be granted 18 days leave of absence from duty. "

Thereupon the following resolution was adopted on the motion of Councillor James Browne, seconded by Councillor Byrne.

That the recommendation be adopted, but that the increase of £10 a year in the salary be given subject to the approval of the Local Government Board.

A recommendation from the Finance and Works Committee was brought forward, with regard to the provision of 4 brass helmets and 4 belts furnished with axes for the use of the members of the newly-formed Fire Brigade. The Committee had been in communication with Shand, Mason, & Co., Fire Appliance manufacturers, London, as to the cost of these articles. The cost was seen to be £14., and the Committee recommended the purchase of the equipment.

The recommendation was adopted.

Messrs J. Doyle & Son, Plumbers, of Commercial Quay, applied by letter for permission to convey a supply of water by means of a half-inch pipe to two tanks to be placed by Mr. M. J. O'Connor in his fields at Westlands. These tanks were to be used for holding water for watering cattle.

The application was granted, but with the proviso that the water was to be supplied by meter, and the work of construction to be done to the satisfaction of the Superintendent of Waterworks.

A communication from the County Inspector, R. I. Constabulary, was read intimating that Sergeant Patrick White, Inspector of Food and Drugs for Wexford Urban District had now been promoted to the position of Head Constable and that Sergeant Michael Doyle would act as Inspector of Food and Drugs in future, if appointed to that Office.

It was Ordered:- That Sergeant Michael Doyle be hereby appointed as Inspector of Food and Drugs within the Urban District of Wexford.

2nd Sept. 1919

[Signature]

3rd. September, 1919.

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:-

William H. McGuire, Esq., Mayor (in the chair)

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

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

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 £1340. 15. 4 were submitted, and having been examined were found correct and an Advice Note was signed to enable the Treasurer to pay them on presentation to him of Paying Orders numbered from 145 to 179 inclusive.

Referring to minutes of 2nd. July last, the Committee appointed on that day after having had an interview with representatives of the rural District Council, recommended that the Corporation would be well advised to take over from the rural District Council the duty of sending to, and maintaining in, extern hospitals such of the sick poor of the town as required special medical or surgical treatment. Under this arrangement, subject to the sanction of the Local Government Board, it was necessary for the Corporation, upon a case being brought before them, to inquire into the merits of it, and upon its being found to be a deserving case, it was the duty of the Corporation to provide the funds necessary for the maintenance of the patient in hospital and also the expenses in connection with the conveying of the patient, together with a qualified attendant to and from the hospital, It was necessary also that the Corporation, with the consent of the Local Government

Board, should make terms with the Authorities of different Hospitals regarding the charge for the maintenance and treatment of patients.

The question having been duly considered, it was resolved on the motion of Councillor Byrne, seconded by Councillor McMahon, to adopt the Committee's Recommendation.

Referring to minutes of 6th August 1919, the question of maintaining and cleansing the surface of the streets was introduced by Alderman Sinnott, as per notice given by him. Before making any innovation in the present system of doing this work he moved that particulars as to the quantity of road metalling delivered on the streets for the last five years, and the cost attendant on domestic scavenging for that period should be ascertained and investigated by the Special Finance Committee appointed on 4th November 1918. The Committee would then be in a position to see if it was not possible to ensure efficiency in the performance of the work, while at the same time paying due regard to economy.

This was seconded by Councillor Byrne and adopted.

In connection with this matter it was decided to have a Return furnished showing the number of men employed on the work ten years ago as compared with the number employed at the present day.

Referring to minutes of last meeting, a recommendation from the Finance and Works Committee was considered. This Committee, on the advice of Councillors J. Browne, Cowman, and Lymbery, were in favour of acceding to the request of the Lawn Tennis Club for a 31 years' lease of the premises held by them at the rear of the Technical Institute, but in consideration of extending the term of the Lease from 5 years to 31 years, the Club should be required to pay a rent of £15. a year instead of £12. as at present.

The Club had expressed their willingness to submit to the increased rent, and thereupon the Recommendation was unanimously adopted.

It was announced that Mr. P. C. Cowan, Local Government Engineering Inspector, had paid a visit to Wexford on 2nd. September Instant. The visit was evoked by a letter sent to the Housing Department of the Local Government Board regarding a Housing Scheme for Wexford. Mr. Cowan called attention to the circular letter of the Local Government Board of 5th May, 1919, furnishing information as to the class of house to be built. He pointed out that the Government undertook to pay 5/9ths of the rents collected in compliance with the provisions of the Irish Housing Act, 1919, but the future houses for the accommodation of the working classes would be required to be equipped with modern sanitary arrangements, and to be set back from the line of the street.

The existing Scheme for the provision of 27 houses at Windmills Hill must be abandoned, and a fresh Scheme framed for a better class of

house than was intended, and in connection with the framing of any new Scheme the services of a professional Architect was required to be enlisted. Connected with the housing question also a printed circular was submitted, from a financial syndicate calling itself "The National Development Company of Ireland Limited." This Company was prepared to lend money for Irish housing purposes to the enormous extent of £150,000,000. The terms on which the Company were disposed to lend money was that the Loan was to be repaid in 50 years, the rate of Interest was to be 5% per annum, and this was to cover the re-payment of both Principal and interest in the period mentioned. This Company seemed to be a hurridely organized Concern. There was very little known of its standing or bona fides, so far. This matter, together with the next foregoing matter, was referred to the Housing Committee.

Recommendations from the Finance and Works Committee in the following cases were brought forward and dealt with in the manner hereinunder stated:-

1. The remuneration of the Town Sergeant, being at present £102. 14. 0 from all sources to be increased to £130. a year. Alderman Corish moved that this Recommendation be adopted. The motion was seconded by Councillor Walsh, but on a Division failed to be carried, but an amending motion, as proposed by Councillor James Browne, seconded by Councillor Coffey, raising the remuneration of the Sergeant by £13. a year as from 13th August last, was carried on a Division, nine being for and seven against.

2. James Kenny, Turncock, his wages of £1. 15. 0 a week to be increased to £2. 10. 0 a week. Alderman Corish proposed the adoption of the Recommendation. The proposition was seconded by Alderman Carty. This failed to be carried, but a motion as proposed by Councillor Byrne, and seconded by Councillor Keating, raising the wages to £2. 5. 0 a week was adopted on a Division, nine being for and four against it.

3. The remuneration of P. Healy, gravedigger, to be increased from 10/- per case to 11/- per case for his work in connection with the opening and closing of graves. This recommendation was adopted on the motion of Councillor James Browne, seconded by Councillor McMahon.

As per notice which had been accepted from Alderman Corish, that member proposed that the Resolution come to at last General Meeting in reference to the wages of the Foreman of Works Should be rescinded, and that the Recommendation of the Finance and Works Committee in favour of the wages being increased to £2. 10. 0 a week should be adopted.

This motion was seconded by Councillor McMahon, but failed to be carried on a Division, ten voting being seven for and eight against.

1st October, 1919.

A Statutable meetingg 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:-

William H. McGuire, Esq., Mayor (in the chair)

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

Councillors:- Matthew Lymbery, David R. Keating, Richard Gibson,
James Murphy, Nicholas Byrne, James Memahon, John Walsh,
Thomas O'Brien, Robert Coffey, James Browne,
Michael Martin, Thomas Rossiter, John J. Kirwan.

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 £387. 19. 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 180 to 201 inclusive.

Summary and Reconcilement of Treasurer's Account for the month ended the last day of September 1919, including the payments made at the meeting held on this day.

S U M M A R Y .

Balance due by Treasurer as per last Statement.	£ - . - . -
Total sums received to close of last month.	1201. 4. 3
TOTAL	1201. 4. 3
Balance due to Treasurer as per last Statement.	124. 13. 5
Payments ordered at this meeting.	387. 19. 4
TOTAL	512. 12. 9
Net Balance due by Treasurer (being difference of above Totals)	688. 11. 6

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

Balance per Bank books due by Treasurer.	1076. 10. 10
Outstanding Orders.	387. 19. 4
Net Balance as above due by Treasurer.	688. 11. 6

A Recommendation from the Special Finance Committee appointed on 4th November 1918 as to increasing the price to be charged for emptying dustbins and ashpits was taken into consideration. This Committee was in favour of the charge for emptying dustbins being increased from £1. to £2. per annum for the reason that the cost on the Council in connection with the emptying of dustbins came to £4. a week, whereas only about £95 had been received for doing the work. As to the emptying of ashpits, they recommended that in the case of dwellings valued from £4. downwards the charge should be increased from 6d to 1/- per load, and in all other cases, from 2/- to 3/- a load, inasmuch as

the cost to the Council came to 3/10 per load.

As there was a variety of opinion on the whole subject, it was decided to refer it to the General Finance and Works Committee to discuss and report thereon.

Regarding a requirement of the Local Government Auditor as to the form of certificate to be attached to the weekly wages account of workmen in the service of the Council, a letter from the Local Government Board under date of 25th September 1919 No.4961, was read pointing out that in cases where workmen were allowed to be paid for Roman Catholic holidays, the amounts payable to each man in respect of these days should be set forth on the wages account as an addendum, but in the case of men temporarily employed, these workmen should be paid only for time actually served.

On the motion of Alderman Corish seconded by Councillor Martin it was Resolved:- that all men permanently in the employment of the Council be paid in respect of Roman Catholic holidays, as has been the practice for many years past, notwithstanding the fact that no work has ever been done on these days, and that the form of Certificate be varied so as to bring it into conformity with the Auditor's requirements.

A notice served by the Wexford Gas Consumers' Company was submitted. This Company had made application to the Board of Trade for an Order to modify their Statutory powers as regarded the price to be charged for gas. At present the charge was limited to 5/- per 1,000 cubic feet, but to enable the Company to maintain their present rate of Dividend, as agreed to by the Council on 4th June last, they were seeking powers to abolish the limit of price.

The question was discussed, and the meeting came to the conclusion that if the Gas Company were permitted to take unrestricted powers over price it was right and proper that representations should be made to the Board of Trade giving the Council some control over the Reserve Fund and the Insurance Fund, and as the time to take action was short, the Special Finance Committee were authorized to deal with the case as they saw fit, fortified with advice from the Corporation Solicitor, and after consultation with the Manager of the Gas Works.

A letter from Messrs Little & Elgee, Solicitors, was read on a subject last dealt with on 7th April 1919, namely, the selling of a Head Rent of £2. 6. 2 a year out of part of the Corporation Estate at Clonard.

They offered to redeem the rent at 21½ years' purchase, or £50., but could not see their way to pay £62. as demanded by the Council. They pointed out that £50 invested in 5½ War Stock would purchase £52. 10. 0 Stock, or £2. 12. 6 annual dividend, leaving the Council in a better position in the matter than they were at present.

In an accompanying letter the Corporation Solicitor advised the acceptance of

the £50, and thereupon, on the motion of Councillor Byrne, seconded by Councillor James Browne, it was resolved to sell at this price.

Referring to minutes of last meeting a letter was read from the Local Government Board under date of 13th ultimo, the reference number being 46272. The Board drew attention to a list of charges to be made by some of the Dublin Hospitals for patients sent by the Wexford Rural District Council to Dublin for medical or surgical treatment.

They were as follows:- Jervis Street hospital, The Mater Hospital, The Skin and Cancer Hospital, St. Vincent's Hospital, The Royal City of Dublin Hospital, Mercer's Hospital, and the Eye and Ear Hospital, whose charge would be four shillings per day; the Coombe Hospital, and the National Maternity Hospital, who would accept patients at three shillings per day; and the Children's Hospital, Temple Street, and the National Children's Hospital, who would charge at the rate of fifteen shillings a week.

The Board asked to be informed if the Wexford Urban Council approved of these rates of payment in respect of patients to be sent from the town of Wexford.

Thereupon it was resolved:- That the charges mentioned be approved and that permission be obtained from the Local Government Board for the Council to enter into Agreements with the different Hospitals mentioned on these terms.

The inconvenience and annoyance suffered on Fair Days by the occupants of four dwelling houses belonging to the Corporation at West Gate was brought under notice. West Gate was one of the streets where cattle were allowed to stand for sale, and as there was no means of keeping them off the footpath, the tenants had no proper means of access to their houses while the Fair was going on, but not only that, but the footpath and the front walls of the houses were frequently being besmeared with cattle droppings. The tenants were continually complaining of this nuisance and there appeared to be no doubt about the complaints being well founded.

After due discussion it was resolved on the motion of Councillor McMahon seconded by Councillor Keating that a portable barrier be provided for use on Fair Days in front of the four houses at West Gate.

A recommendation from the waterworks Committee as to raising the wages of the Cartaker of Coolree Reservoir from 11/- to 13/- a week was brought up and was duly adopted.

Tenders received in respect of printing and supplying all the books, forms, and placards required for one year were submitted. They were from three of the local printing works, namely, "The People" Office, "The Free Press" Office, and Wexford Borough Council.

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 rate of wages paid in the town for a like class of work. 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."

5th Nov 1919

5th November, 1919.

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:-

William H. McGuire, Esq., Mayor (in the chair)

Aldermen:- Richard Corish, George Hadden.

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

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 £1789. 18. 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 202 to 235 inclusive.

A circular letter from the President of the Board of Trade was read. It was dated 21st October 1919. It dealt with the Provisions of the Profiteering Act, 1919, under which it was competent for the Board of Trade to empower Local Authorities to appoint Committees in their respective Districts to investigate and determine complaints of profiteering by retail traders. It was open, however, to any two or more Local Authorities to combine to appoint a joint Local Committee if it was considered advantageous to do so. The Act did not apply to all articles of merchandise, but only to such as the Board of Trade would declare it to be applicable. Directions as to the constitution powers and procedure of such Local Committees were to be issued by the Board of Trade at an early date. Any expenses of the Committee were seen to be chargeable on the Borough Fund in the case of Wexford.

In reference to this matter, a letter from the Clerk of the Wexford Rural District Council was read intimating that in the event of the Municipal Council appointing a Committee under the Act, the Rural Council would be glad to name a few of their number to serve on it.

Thereupon on the motion of Alderman Corish seconded by Councillor James Browne, it was

RESOLVED:- That a Local Committee be appointed under the Act for Wexford

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Urban District to act in co-operation with a Committee to be appointed by the Wexford Rural District Council.

Furthermore it was arranged that the Committee should consist of sixteen members, and that the following seven persons be appointed to act on the part of the town, namely, His Worship, The Mayor; Alderman Corish, and Councillors D. R. Keating, James Browne, Thomas Fossiter, John J. Kirwan, and James McMahon, and that the Rural Council should be asked to appoint seven persons to act.

The appointment of a Chairman of the Committee was a question which it was thought well to leave for settlement to the Committee themselves, yet the desire was expressed that the Mayor should be Chairman, and that the remaining members be left to the selection of the Committee, one of these to represent the trading interests, and the other the interests of employees.

A letter from the Local Government Board was read under date of 28th October 1919 (No.53643) This communication contained intimation that the Board had given directions for the preparation of an Order constituting, in the Borough of Wexford, Electoral Areas and assigning members thereto in the manner set forth in the draft Scheme forwarded to the Council on the 13th Ultimo.

The draft Scheme in question, which had been under consideration on two former occasions, namely, the 8th October and 22nd. October Ultimo, prescribed that the existing three Wards in the Borough were to be constituted the future three Electoral Areas under the Local Government (Ireland) Act 1919, and that the number of Municipal Representatives assigned to each Ward were to be: To St. Iberius Ward, seven members, to St. Marys Ward, eleven members, and to St. Selskar Ward six members. As there was no option but to submit to the ruling of the Local Government Board in the case, having regard to the terms of the Act, the meeting accepted the situation, although members again expressed dissatisfaction, inasmuch as the existing arrangement whereby eight members represented each Ward was to be superseded.

With reference to the minutes of 1st Ultimo when was discussed the action of the Wexford Gas Consumers Company in endeavouring to have all limit taken off the price of gas, a letter from the Board of Trade under date of 22nd. October 1919, communicating the decision of the Board in the matter, was read. The Board had made an Order fixing the price which the Company might charge to consumers at 5/6 per 1,000 cubic feet.

The maximum price hitherto chargeable had been 5/- per 1,000 cubic feet. The contents of the letter were noted and were deemed satisfactory.

A Recommendation from the Wexford Borough Council

followed up by a Recommendation from the General Finance and Works Committee was brought under notice.

Mrs Kate Pettit, School Attendance Officer, whose salary was £50 a year was a dutiful and painstaking Officer and merited an increase of remuneration owing to the diminished value of money, and both of the said Committees were in favour of increasing the salary of her Office to £76. a year.

Whereupon on the motion of Alderman Corish, seconded by Councillor Keating, the recommendation was adopted.

A letter received from Messrs Huggard & Brennan, Solicitors, was read. It appeared from this that their client, Mr. Timothy O'Leary, of John Street, had been driving a pony along John Street on Monday, 20th October 1919 when the pony's leg went into a hole in the ground, with the result that the pony was seriously damaged, as was also the trap yoked to the animal. The loss incurred by the accident was estimated at £50. It appeared also that the Gas Company had recently laid a pipe across the street at the particular point where the accident took place, and that one of the main sewers of the town passed under this particular point. The work done by the Gas Company in making good the excavation made by them in the street had apparently been done in a most negligent manner. Mr. O'Leary claimed £50 from either the Gas Company or the Corporation.

This was, briefly, the contents of the letter.

In behalf of the Corporation, Mr. O'Connor, Solicitor, had had the pony examined by Mr. Staples, V. S., and the latter found the injuries to the pony to be as stated, that the two knees had been badly injured, that the animal would not be fit for use for at least a month, and that it would be permanently disfigured.

The Corporation Solicitor had been in communication with the Gas Company's legal advisers, and they, on the part of the Company, had repudiated all liability in the matter.

The Town Surveyor, on being asked by the meeting to form an opinion as to how the accident occurred, stated, inter alia, that it was hard for him to do so, as he had known nothing about the opening of the ground, as in this case the Company, contrary to practice, had given him no intention to lay a pipe.

As it was impossible for the meeting, from the information at their disposal, to solve the question of responsibility, it was decided to let the case go into Court, if Mr. Timothy O'Leary in his discretion thought well of bringing it before a Legal Tribunal for full investigation.

12th Nov. 1919

Wm. H. Smith

12th November, 1919.

A Special Meeting of the Municipal 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:-

William H. McGuire, Esq., Mayor (in the chair)

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

Councillors:- Nicholas Byrne, John Walsh, Michael Martin,
James Browne, Thomas Rossiter, James Murphy,
Robert Coffey, James McMahon.

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

The meeting was summoned for the special purpose of preparing, for submission to the Local Government Board, a Housing Scheme pursuant to the Housing (Ireland) Act 1919.

Before entering on the business for which the meeting was so convened Alderman Carty asked for permission to introduce a motion in the following terms.

"That we, the Wexford Corporation, wish to express our deep regret at the death of our distinguished fellow-townsmen, Mr. M. A. Ennis, and respectfully tender our heartfelt sympathy to his sister, Miss Ennis."

The permission was granted nem. con., and Alderman Carty spoke of the services which the late Mr. Ennis rendered to his native town of Wexford in his lifetime in a public way.

The motion was seconded by Alderman Sinnott. His references to the deceased, with whom he had, on many occasions, been publicly associated, were couched in touching terms.

The motion was put and carried unanimously.

Thereupon a Form of Survey of the housing needs of the Urban District of Wexford was brought under the notice of the meeting to be dealt with finally.

The filling of this Form was a matter which had engaged the attention of the Officials of the Council and the Council also since the date of the receipt of it from the Housing Committee of the Local Government Board. The information obtained for the purpose of supplying answers to the queries propounded by the Committee was put in a concise way before the meeting, and it was pointed out, as per circular from the Secretary of the Housing Committee of 22nd. September last, No. 170.M., that if the Form bore evidence of having been carefully prepared, it would be regarded as the Scheme complying with the First Section of the Statute in question.

The meeting went over all the queries submitted, and inserted the

appropriate particulars, and on the completion of the Form it was found that the number of houses required during the next three years under the Scheme in hand was 300. This number was arrived at in the following way: It was considered that to meet the present unsatisfied demand for houses there was need for 185 new dwellings. To re-house persons to be displaced by the clearance of unhealthy areas. 29. To replace houses, which although fit for habitation, did not come up to a reasonable standard of comfort and amenity. 86. Thereupon all the details of the Scheme having been fully discussed and understood, it was formally adopted and signed on the motion of Councillor Byrne, seconded by Councillor McMahon.

At the request of the Irish Bank Officials Association, a resolution was adopted on the motion of Alderman Corish seconded by Alderman Carty, requesting the nine Irish Banks to recognize the Association. Organizations of Officials and Employees in every line of business were recognized at the present day, or the tendency was towards recognition, and it seemed inexplicable that the Banks should take up an attitude of hostility towards their Officials combining. Moreover, it would be well if the Banks would come to some settlement on this question, as the threatened Strike of Bank Clerks, if precipitated, would be the cause of disorganizing the financial transactions of the Country.

3rd Decr 1919 *Wm H. Hadden*

3rd. December, 1919.

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:-

William H. McGuire, Esq., Mayor (in the chair)

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

Councillors:- Richard Gibson, Nicholas Byrne, James McMahon, John Walsh, Matthew Lymbery, John J. Kirwan, Michael Browne, James Browne, Michael Martin, Robert Coffey.

The minutes of meeting of 12th November 1919 were read and signed.

Liabilities which had accrued due up to the end of last month, amounting in the aggregate to £1480. 12. 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 236 to 236 inclusive.

A circular letter from the Coal Controller for Ireland was read. It intimated that the Board of Trade had made an Order reducing by ten shillings per ton the pit-head price of all coal to be used for domestic and household

purposes, but it provided that Merchants would be compensated in respect of coal sold at reduced prices out of Stocks held at the end of November 1919.

It was announced that the local Coal Importers had been advised accordingly, and thereupon this letter was referred to the Coal Prices Committee to see as to issuing a fresh Schedule of Maximum retail prices for coal.

A letter was read from Mr. Patrick O'Leary of Park, Wexford. Mr. O'Leary being the Contractor for supplying milk in connection with the Maternity and Child Welfare Scheme pointed out that the term of his Contract had expired on the first of the present month, and before entering into a Contract for a further year he stated he required to be paid at the rate of 2/6 per gallon in respect of the first six months' supply, and at the rate of 2/- per gallon in respect of the second half year, instead of 2/- all round, as heretofore.

As there was no option but to accept the tender, the price demanded being the price current in the District, it was resolved on the motion of Councillor Lymbery, seconded by Councillor Byrne, to enter into a fresh Agreement with Mr. O'Leary for one year from 1st Inst.

A recommendation from the finance and Works Committee was brought under notice. The Town Sergeant having obtained no uniform for the current year because of the impossibility found by the Draper of obtaining the appropriate material, applied for the granting to the Sergeant of a suit of civilian clothes in lieu of the uniform which was a perquisite of his Office.

Thereupon it was resolved on the motion of Alderman Sinnott, seconded by Councillor Coffey to provide a suit of clothes as requested at an inclusive cost not exceeding £10., the sum paid for the last uniform being £10. 8. 0.

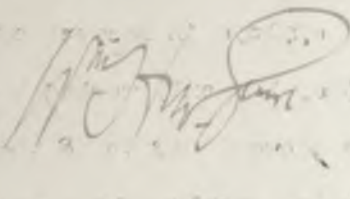
Attention having been drawn to the possible eligibility as a site for houses of the lately reclaimed swamp at the rear of the Loretto Convent, it was urged that the ground ought to be examined with a view to its acquisition in connection with the Scheme of working class dwellings recently adopted by the Council.

The decision come to in this matter was to refer it to the Housing Committee.

Allusion was made to the very serious outbreak of fire which occurred on Sunday, 23rd. Ultimo resulting in the complete destruction of Mr. Laurence McCarthy's Corn Store. Gratitude was expressed for the voluntary assistance rendered to the Fire Brigade in the effort to extinguish the fire on the occasion. One of the lines of hose happened to burst owing, probably, to well-meant but

untrained handling in the excitement of the moment. Special mention was made of the assistance afforded by the Police and Military, and it was resolved on the motion of Councillor Byrne seconded by Alderman Corish to convey to the Officers of the two Services mentioned the thanks of the Council. It was thought that the Fire Brigade was under-manned, and that it should be strengthened by the addition of three auxiliaries, and the appointment of three additional hands was resolved on, as per motion proposed by Alderman Sinnott and seconded by Alderman Corish.

It was further decided that the names and addresses of the Brigade Men be painted on a Notice Board and affixed on the Town Hall and also transmitted to the Police Authorities.

7th Jan 1920 

7th January, 1920.

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:-

William H. McGuire, Esq., Mayor (in the chair)

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

Councillors:- John Walsh, Nicholas Byrne, Philip Cowann, James McMahon, Thomas O'Brien, John J. Kirwan, 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 £768. 13. 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 267 to 290.

His Worship, The Mayor, drew attention to a loss which the Council had suffered by the then recent demise of Councillor David R. Keating. The deceased had been, for many years, an active and prominent member of the Council and he especially distinguished himself by his integrity and advocacy of every measure which he believed was calculated to advance the well-being of the town. He had always taken a deep interest in the political affairs of the Country, and had taken the side of the late Irish Parliamentary Party, whose Cause he consistently supported in a most fearless manner.

Notwithstanding the opposition he met with from time to time, he incurred no enmity, but rather the respect and esteem of friends and opponents alike.

His Worship proposed that an expression of condolence be conveyed to his sorrowing widow on the sad event which had deprived her of a worthy partner in life.

This motion was seconded by Alderman Sinnott. Alderman Sinnott said he had been acquainted with the deceased since the latter had come to reside in

Wexford over 30 years ago. During that long period he had been intimately associated with Mr. Keating, and he had always found him to be the soul of honour, courteous, and sympathetic in his feelings for his fellow-man. Alderman Sinnott deeply regretted the departure from life of his lamented friend.

The entire meeting evinced their sorrow at the sad occurrence, but in addition to the two foregoing, the following members gave verbal expression in touching terms to their sorrow on the death of their revered Colleague, namely, Councillor Byrne, Alderman Carty, Councillor McMahon, Alderman Corish, and Councillor Walsh.

Attention was called to the Workmen's Wages Book wherein was inserted the full wages of each employe in respect of St. Stephen's Day, although on this day they had only worked half time. The Town Surveyor's Certificate showed this to be the case, and it was necessary that the meeting should make a ruling on the case, in view of the fact that the men had been allowed their wages for Christmas Day, on which Festival, of course, they had done no work.

The meeting, after discussing the pros and cons of the matter, decided on the motion of Alderman Corish, seconded by Alderman Sinnott to allow payment for the full day of St. Stephen's Day, inasmuch as it had been the custom for many years to allow the men to take a half holiday on the day in question.

Referring to minutes of 3rd. December last, the members of the newly-appointed Fire Brigade made a claim against the Corporation for clothes destroyed at the outbreak of the fire at Mr. Laurence McCarthy's premises. The claims amounted to £57. 6. 8. They were brought before the Finance and Works Committee, and this Committee made a reduced offer which the men refused to accept. In the circumstances, the Finance and Works Committee referred the case to three of their number consisting of His Worship, The Mayor, Alderman Sinnott, and Alderman Corish, requesting them to interview the men again and authorizing them to make a compromise for which the Council would be responsible.

The Sub-Committee met on the 3rd. Instant, and Messrs McEvoy and P. Browne attended in behalf of the men.

The result was the making of a Recommendation that the men should be paid £48. 18. 11, as against £57. 6. 8 demanded.

This recommendation was ratified, and the amount ordered to be paid.

A Recommendation from the Finance and Works Committee was considered.

This Committee having had before them on two occasions, namely on the 10th and 17th December, 1919, applications from the Town Clerk, the Assistant Town Clerk, and the Town Surveyor for an increase of salary having regard to the increase of 1919-1920, and having had before

Salaries

them the circular letter from the Local Government Board of 13th June 1919, No. 99.M.1919, indicating what the Treasury had allowed in the shape of War Bonuses in the case of Civil Servants, this Committee had decided that the Town Clerk was entitled to, at least, an increase of £90., the Assistant Town Clerk, £60., and the Town Surveyor, £60 a year, as from 1st Instant. The matter having been considered fully by the present meeting, Alderman Sinnott proposed that the recommendation be adopted, which motion was seconded by Alderman Corish.

The motion was not adopted straight away, inasmuch as Councillor Cowman proposed that the question should be adjourned until the pending Elections for the re-formed Corporation were over. He took occasion to say that he was not opposed to the granting of these Bonuses, but on the eve of a change in the personnel of the Council, he was of opinion that the question should be left to the incoming Council to deal with.

This motion for adjournment was seconded by Councillor Kirwan, but it failed to be carried.

The original motion was then put and duly passed, no member at this stage actually opposing it.

A legal claim, served at the suit of the Venerable Archdeacon Iatham, Protestant Rector of Wexford, for £5 for damage done to the windows of St. Iberius Church, was brought under notice. The breaking of the windows was done by some person or persons unknown, and the members present at the meeting took occasion to characterize it as a most wanton and reprehensible act, done, probably by thoughtless juveniles.

Thereupon the meeting decided to refer the claim to the Corporation Solicitor, with instructions that he was to give it no contentious opposition when it came before the County Court Judge for disposal.

To preclude, as far as possible, the chance of any further claims being made against the Council by the members of the Fire Brigade for loss of clothes, the afore-mentioned Sub-Committee, on concluding their bargain with the men, took the opportunity to make a further Recommendation.

This was to the effect that the members of the Fire Brigade be provided with appropriate Uniforms consisting of boots, jackets, and trousers.

The present meeting, being the last one of the existing Council, the members intimated their wish to leave a heritage for the in-coming Council, and adjourned this matter sine die.

W. H. No. 100
30th Jan. 1920 Mayor of Wexford

30th January, 1920.

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

This was the first meeting held under the Local Government (Ireland) Act, 1919, an Enactment which prescribed for the first time for Municipal Elections to be held under the Proportional Representation system of election.

The Elections for the new Council took place on the 15th Instant, when the following 24 persons were elected, namely.

As Aldermen:- James Sinnott, James Larkin, Richard Corish, Patrick Clancy, George Hadden, Nicholas Connolly.

As Councillors:- Nicholas Byrne, Thomas Rossiter, Thomas Hayes, Philip Cowman, Herbert Thompson, James Grosbie, John Walsh, Michael Martin, Laurence Cummins, Thomas O'Brien, James Billington, David O'Neill, James Sinnott, Alice Mary Connolly, Francis Carty, Joseph Boyse, Richard Gibson, Mary Anne O'Connor.

It so happened that all the above Members were in attendance.

The Chair was taken by the outgoing Mayor, William H. McGuire, Esq., in pursuance of a Sealed Order made by the Local Government Board under date of 19th December 1919, entitled The Adaptation (Day of Annual and Quarterly Meeting) Order 1919.

It having been seen to that all the Members of the newly-elected Council had taken their Declarations of Acceptance of Office, the business of electing a Mayor was proceeded with.

The outgoing Mayor delivered a short farewell address, in the course of which he thanked the members of the extinct Council for the courtesy and assistance rendered to him during the two years he had occupied the Mayoral Chair, paying a special tribute of thanks to Councillor Byrne and Alderman Sinnott, who had had experience of the duties of the Mayoral Office.

He took opportunity, also, to welcome the two ladies who had been returned as members of the Council.

Upon motions being invited for the election of a new Mayor, Councillor Rossiter proposed that Alderman Richard Corish be elected to that Office, calling attention to the valuable public services rendered by Alderman Corish as a member of various local Boards, and his indefatigable exertions in promoting the interests of the working man for many years past.

The motion was seconded by Councillor Walsh in appropriate terms.

It was supported strongly by Alderman Clancy and Alderman Larkin.

Thereupon a second motion was proposed by Alderman Sinnott.

Alderman Sinnott was in favour of electing Alderman Hadden in

recognition of the latter's services extending over a period of 30 years as a member of the Wexford Municipal Council. Alderman Hadden had given years of untiring exertion to an endeavour to provide for the needs of the town in the matter of housing.

On this motion being seconded by Councillor Byrne and spoken to by him, it was supported by Councillors Thompson and Gibson.

Thereupon a Poll was taken with the following result:-

For Alderman Corish:- Councillors Boyse, Carty, James Sinnott, O'Neill, O'Brien, Cummins, Martin, Walsh, Crosbie, Hayes, Rossiter, Aldermen Connelly, Clancy, and Larkin. 14.

For Alderman Hadden:- Councillors Miss O'Connor, Gibson, Miss Fennell, Billington, Thompson, Cowman, Byrne, and Alderman Sinnott. 8

Neither of the nominees for Office decided to vote.

Thereupon Alderman Corish was declared elected, and on being installed made the Statutory Declaration of acceptance of Office.

The Mayor, in returning thanks for being chosen as Chief Magistrate of the town said, inter alia, that he did not propose to take the Oath required to constitute him a Justice of the Peace for the County, as he was opposed to British domination in Ireland. He regarded himself as the Standard Bearer of the Labour Cause in Wexford, and he attributed his election to his unremitting attachment to that Cause. In his opinion it was the first duty of the new Council to devote unremitting attention to the work of ameliorating the sanitary condition of the town. In respect of the public health no reasonable expense should be spared, notwithstanding that it might involve an increase of Rates, but at the same time, he intended to keep in view, as far as possible, the due interest of the Ratepayers.

The appointment of Committees was then deliberated on. On the suggestion of His Worship, The Mayor, it was agreed by the meeting to appoint a Public Health Committee which was to meet every alternate Wednesday night, and be charged with the task of dealing with sanitary reports, making all necessary orders thereon and seeing to the due enforcement of such orders, and to be responsible for all matters pertaining to health.

This Committee was then appointed, consisting of twelve members, being four from each of the three Wards, it being understood that the Mayor was an ex-officio member of all Committees.

For St. Iberius Ward:- Aldermen Sinnott and Larkin, and Councillors Rossiter and Hayes.

For St. Mary's Ward:- Alderman Clancy and Councillors Miss Fennell, Martin, and Billington.

For St. Selskar Ward:- Alderman Connelly and Councillors Miss O'Connor, Boyse, and Carty.

The Finance and Works Committee was then appointed. In accordance with the practice hitherto followed, it was agreed that this Committee should be composed of the entire members of the Council. It was to meet for the first time on Wednesday, 4th Prox, and thereafter on each alternate Wednesday evening.

As to the Technical Instruction Committee which is required to be made up of 13 members, namely 7 members of the Council and 6 non-members, the following were chosen, namely, Alderman Hadden, Councillors Carty, Thompson, Rossiter, O'Neill, Miss Pennell, and The Mayor 7

Mr. Howard Rowe, Venerable Archdeacon Latham, Rev. T. Hore, Adm., Mr. James Hore and Mr. Patrick White. 5

To make up the deficiency of one in the number of non-corporate members, it was decided to refer this question to the next General Meeting to be held on Wednesday, 4th Prox.

The members of the Housing Committee were selected. It was formed to include the names of Aldermen Hadden, Connolly, Sinnott, Larkin, and Councillors Miss O'Connor, Carty, Martin, and Byrne, together with Messrs Patrick White, Philip Leacy, and Thomas Walsh, as representing the Wexford Trades and Labour Council. *Housing*

The Coal Prices Committee was formed. Only three of the former Committee were now members of the Council, namely the present Mayor and Councillors Cowman and Martin, and to make up the full quota of six, it was decided to add an Alderman Clancy, and Councillors Gibson and Billington. *Mr. Ald. Hadden Mayor*

The question of appointing a Profiteering Committee was deferred till next meeting of the Council.

The fixing of the dates of three Quarterly meetings in the coming year was considered, the result being that the first Wednesday in May, the first Wednesday in August, and the first Wednesday in November next were appointed as Quarter Days.

A notice was given by Councillor Martin of his intention to bring under discussion at next meeting the neglected state of Wexford Harbour with a view to an endeavour being made to raise funds to permit of dredging operations being carried out.

The notice was accepted.

A. Lench
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4th February, 1920.

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

The members present were:-

Richard Corish, Esq., Mayor (in the chair)

Aldermen:- James Sinnott, Nicholas Connolly, James Larkin, Patrick Clancy, George Hadden.

Councillors:- Francis Carty, James Billington, Thomas Hayes, John Walsh, Nicholas Byrne, David O'Neill, James Grosbie, Herbert Thompson, Richard Gibson, Philip Cowman, Laurence Cummins, Thomas O'Brien, Joseph Beyse, James Sinnott, Michael Martin, Thomas Rossiter.

The minutes of meeting of 30th January 1920 were read and signed.

Liabilities which had accrued due up to the end of last month amounting in the aggregate to £603. 13. 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 291 to 306 inclusive. The appointment of a Committee under the Profiteering Act to work in concert with a Committee of the Rural District Council already appointed, was a matter which was brought under consideration. It was pointed out that two of the members of the Committee were to be women, that labour was to be adequately represented, and in furtherance of this latter object, members of the Committee were entitled to be paid travelling expenses or for loss of time. The expenses attendant on the Committee's proceedings were to be borne jointly by the two appointing Councils, and upon the Committee being formed, it was incumbent on them to appoint their own Chairman and Clerk. It was pointed out, furthermore, that the proceedings of the Committee were subject to certain Regulations which had already been prescribed by the Board of Trade.

It had already been arranged between the two appointing Councils that the Committee should consist of 14 members, and then it was for the present meeting to appoint seven of the members of the future Committee.

Thereupon on the motion of Alderman Sinnott, seconded by Councillor Byrne, It was resolved:- That in behalf of Wexford Urban District Council the following persons be requested to act as members of the Profiteering Committee, viz. His Worship, The Mayor, Councillor Miss O'Connor, Mrs Susan Stafford, Alderman Connolly, Councillor Carty, Councillor Rossiter, and Mr. Patrick White.

Thereupon it was mentioned that it was not desirable to convene the first meeting of the Committee pending the receipt from the Rural District Council of intimation of their willingness to pay half the expenses attendant on the administration of the Profiteering Act in Wexford Urban and Rural Districts.

Referring to minutes of last meeting. a point which was left unsettled on that date was the insertion in the list of the Technical Instruction Committee of one name in order to complete the list. Father Mark O'Byrne's name had been suggested, but there had been no assurance given that he would take up the duties of membership of this Committee.

However, the present meeting on hearing from Councillor Cummins that the clergyman in question was disposed to act, and on the proposition of Councillor Cummins as seconded by Alderman Hadden, it was

Resolved:- That the Rev. Mark O'Byrne be appointed as a member of the Technical Instruction Committee, thus completing the list of 13 members constituting said Committee.

Pursuant to notice given by and accepted from Councillor Martin on 30th Ultimo, that member brought under notice the neglected state of Wexford Harbour, and suggested that steps should be taken to raise money by public subscription to allow of dredging operations being carried out.

He was of opinion that the various Public Bodies concerned with the development of the Port, and not only these, but the various Organizations interested in trading, either in the capacity of employer or employed, should be called together by His Worship, The Mayor to devise means of obtaining funds in view of the impossibility of obtaining Government Aid, and he moved a resolution to this effect, which was seconded by Councillor Sinnott.

Councillor Thompson supported the motion pointing out that the efficiency of the Port was a matter that affected intimately every individual in the town. If Wexford Port were not kept open cross-channel goods would be diverted to other Ports leaving avoidable

Railway expenses to be paid, and thus increasing prices on consumers.

Alderman Hadden joined in the debate. He, of course, approved of the object in view, but considered that before asking the County Council, the Enniscorthy Urban Council, the Farmers' Union, the Wexford Employers Federation, and the Trades and Labour Council to meet the Corporation and the Harbour Board, it was well a small Committee of the Corporation should be appointed to formulate a Scheme and have it ready to submit to the different Organizations mentioned.

This suggestion was approved of, and the following were appointed a Committee to confer with the Harbour Board and frame the suggested Scheme, namely, Councillor Thompson, Alderman Hadden, Councillor Martin Councillor Billington, together with His Worship, The Mayor.

Referring to minutes of 7th January 1920, a Recommendation brought up on that date from a sub-Committee as to providing uniforms for the members of the newly-formed Fire Brigade, and thereupon adjourned sine die, was brought under the consideration of the present meeting.

The matter having been briefly discussed it was decided to refer it to

the Finance and Works Committee on the advice of Councillor Thompson, who had much experience as a member of the Volunteer Fire Brigade which had lately resigned their Office, but that it was to go as an instruction to the Committee that the requisite uniforms were to be, if possible, manufactured in Ireland.

Notification received from the Guild of Brick and Stone Layers was submitted. The members of the Wexford Branch demanded an increase of threepence per hour on present rate of wages, and also that the present 50 hour week should be reduced to 47 hours. The increased rate of wages and the curtailment of the hours of labour was to commence from 1st March Prox.

Alderman Larkin proposed that the Council, as employers, recognize the justice of the demand, and accordingly hereby agree to deal with any mason or masons in their service on the new terms, as laid down by the Guild. The motion was seconded by Alderman Connolly, but Alderman Sinnott moved an amendment which was seconded by Councillor Byrne to the effect that consideration of the matter be deferred pending action being taken by the Master Builders of the town.

The amendment was put and was defeated by a majority of 13 to 7.

The motion was then put and was carried, the voting being 14 for and 7 against.

A cheque from the Northern Assurance Company for £26 was produced. This was received in settlement of a claim for damage done on the Market Building in the Bull Ring on the occasion of the fire which broke out on the adjoining premises of Mr. Laurence McCarthy on Sunday, 23rd. November last.

Alderman Clancy gave notice of his intention to propose the revocation of a Resolution adopted by the Council on 10th May 1916. The Resolution in question was condemnatory of the action of a section of Irishmen who took up arms against the constituted Authority of the Country on 24th April 1916.

The notice was accepted.

H. Corish.

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3rd. March, 1920.

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:-

Richard Corish, Esq., Mayor (in the chair)

Aldermen:- James Larkin, James Sinnott, George Hadden.

Councillors:- Michael Martin, James Billington, Richard Gibson,
Philip Cowman, Herbert Thompson, James Sinnott,
Thomas Hayes, Alice Mary Pennell, Mary Anne
O'Connor, Francis Carty, Nicholas Byrne,
James Crosbie, Laurence Cummins, Thomas O'Brien,
John Walsh.

The minutes of meeting of 4th February, 1920 were read and signed.

Liabilities which had accrued due up to the end of last month, amounting in the aggregate to £1472. 5. 0 were submitted, and having been examined were approved, and an Advice Note was signed to enable the Treasurer to pay them on presentation to him of Paying Orders numbered from 307 to 334 inclusive.

In reference to the minutes of 7th January last, when the grant of a Bonus of £60. a year was granted to the Town Surveyor, a letter from the Local Government Board was read. This letter was numbered 12117, and dated 2nd. March 1920. The Local Government Board considered that as the Surveyor had obtained increased of salary on two recent occasions he did not appear to be eligible for the grant of a Bonus, but apart from this, it was necessary, before obtaining the approval of the Board to the Bonus, to show that the Surveyor devoted his whole time to the service of the Council.

In reference to this matter, it was stated that it seemed proper to regard the Town Surveyor as a whole-time Officer, inasmuch as whenever the Council required his services, he had to be on duty, and it was decided to press on the Local Government Board the justice of sanctioning the increase, having regard to the diminished value of money.

His worship, The Mayor, made allusion to the recent demise of the late Mr. Howard Rowe, an old and respected native of Wexford Town. The deceased had served as a member of the Council for many years, and for two years, namely in 1911 and '12 as Mayor. He had also acted for many years as the Chairman of the Technical Instruction Committee. His loss as a public man was very much to be deplored, but as an employer he was a model, and his private character was an example of integrity, courtesy, and kindness.

He proposed that the sympathy of the Council be expressed with Mrs

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Rowe at the loss of her estimable partner-in-life.

The motion was seconded by Councillor Carty in feeling terms.

Other members, namely, Alderman Hadden, Alderman Sinnott, Councillor Gibson, Councillor O'Brien, and Councillor Thompson, also took occasion to pay a tribute of respect to the memory of their late fellow-townsmen.

The motion was put and carried unanimously in respectful silence.

Referring to minutes of 4th Ultimo, a letter from the Clerk of the Rural District Council was read. This Council, although they had appointed seven of their number to act conjointly with seven persons appointed by the Urban Council as a Committee under the Profiteering Act, had refused to contribute anything towards the expense of administering the Act.

Under these circumstances the meeting decided, on the motion of Councillor Martin, seconded by Councillor Crosbie, to ignore the Rural Council in the matter of putting the Profiteering Act into operation, and that the seven persons already selected by the Council be a Committee under the Act in so far as the Urban District of Wexford is concerned, and that the initial meeting of the Committee be convened for Monday, 8th Instant, to make the preliminary arrangements as to appointing a Chairman and Clerk, and taking other measures for the proper working of the Act.

A communication was read from the Department of Technical Instruction under date of 28th February 1920, No.2477. According to this, the Department were prepared to make a special grant of £200 for the one year 1920-21, to provide further improved accommodation for the Technical Instruction Classes on condition that the Urban Council would make a Rate of twopence in the Pound for the year in question for the purposes of Technical Instruction, instead of one penny as hitherto.

Thereupon on the motion of Councillor Sinnott, seconded by Alderman Larkin it was resolved:- That in the forthcoming Rate Estimates there be included such sum as will be realized by a Rate of twopence in the Pound, in order to entitle the Committee to obtain the special grant mentioned. Pursuant to notice of motion accepted from Alderman Clancy on 4th Ultimo, that member proposed that the resolution of 10th May, 1916, condemnatory of the action of a section of Irishmen who took up arms against the constituted Authority of the Country on Easter Monday, 24th April 1916, should be rescinded.

The motion was seconded by Councillor Carty.

It was supported by Councillor Sinnott, Alderman Connolly, Councillor Cummins, Alderman Larkin, and The Mayor.

It was opposed by Councillor Byrne and Alderman Sinnott, who, respectively had proposed and seconded the impugned resolution, and by Councillor Miss O'Connor.

All these members, and others, expressed their views in a debate which

took place on the matter, and in the course of which it was explained that the requirements of the Act as to the revocation of Resolutions did not apply in this case, as it was not one within the province of an Urban District Council to deal with, being of a political character.

A Poll was taken on the question, whereupon there voted for the Motion:- Councillors O'Brien, Walsh, Cummins, Crosbie, Carty, Hayes, Sinnott, Martin, Alderman Connolly, Larkin, Clancy, and The Mayor. 12.

Against:- Councillors Byrne, Miss O'Connor, Miss Pennell, Thompson, Gibson, Common, Biddington, Aldermen Sinnott and Hadden. 9.

Thereupon the resolution of 10th May 1916 referred to was duly expunged.

A letter was read from the Local Government Board under date of 27th February 1920, No. 5124. From the purport of this it was seen that it was necessary to make an arrangement with the Medical Officer of Health for certifying all cases in which free supplies of milk were given in connection with the Maternity and Child Welfare Scheme, in order that the Council could claim the Government's share of the expenses attendant on such Scheme.

This matter was referred to the Public Health Committee for consideration, who, it was arranged, were to call for the advice and guidance of the Committee of Ladies forming the Maternity and Child Welfare Committee.

A specially appointed Market Committee consisting of His Worship, The Mayor, Alderman Sinnott, and Councillors Carty, Hayes, and Gibson, met on 5th February, and visited the Market. Their business was to see if a suggestion emanating from the General Finance and Works Committee as to increasing the rent of the Stalls was a justifiable one, considering the diminished value of money, and also to see if it were advisable to construct additional Stalls.

Having discussed the matter fully the Committee came to the conclusion to recommend the Council to increase the rent of the Stalls by 50% in the case of the four Stalls in the occupation of Thomas Murlong, and the two Stalls in the occupation of James Roche, but as to the suggested additional Stalls, the Town Surveyor was to prepare an estimate of the cost of erecting one Stall similar to the existing ones, and another Stall on a somewhat more elaborate plan than the existing ones.

The Town Surveyor stated to present meeting that he estimated the cost of constructing the two class of Stalls contemplated at £45, and £65. respectively.

The question was discussed, and thereupon it was decided that the

rent of the Stalls above referred to be increased by 50%, but as to erecting additional Stalls, it was deemed proper that the same Market Committee should re-consider their recommendation.

Committee recommendations as to increases of remuneration applied for by employees of the Corporation were considered, and dealt with as hereinafter stated.

In the case of the Town Sergeant, the General Finance and Works Committee had recommended that his salary should be increased to £161. 0. 0. per annum, and that this sum was to include the remuneration paid to him from all and every source of his present various salaries, but exclusive of the cost of his uniform.

As to this matter, Councillor Byrne proposed that the inclusive salary should be fixed at £2. 10. 0 a week, and this motion was seconded by Councillor Miss O'Connor, but Alderman Connolly proposed that the Committee Recommendation as to fixing the salary of the Town Sergeant &c. at £161 a year should be adopted, which motion was seconded by Councillor Greshie. The latter motion was put to the meeting, whereupon eleven members voted for and nine against it, whereupon it was declared carried.

In the case of the Foreman of Works the recommendation was that his wages should be increased to £143 per annum, his pre-war wage being £57. 4. 0, and his present wage £2. 5. 0 a week, in other words, that his present wages should be increased by 10/- a week.

Thereupon on the motion of Councillor Walsh, seconded by Councillor O'Brien, the recommendation was adopted.

As to the application of the Sanitary Sub-Officer, the recommendation in his case was that the salary should be fixed at £104 a year, his pre-war salary having been £52. a year, and his present salary being £78. 0. 0. a year.

The question having been considered, it was proposed and seconded respectively by Councillor Walsh and Alderman Connolly.

That the recommendation as to paying a salary of £104 a year in the case be adopted.

This motion was put and carried.

The recommendation in the case of the labourers in the service of the Council was that their wages should be increased to £2. 0. 0 a week, their pre-war wages having been 15/- and their present wages being £1. 16. 0 a week.

The Recommendation, on the motion of Alderman Larkin, seconded by Alderman Connolly, was adopted.

In the case of the Carters, whose pre-war wages was £1. 10. 0 a week, and whose present wages was £3. 7. 6 a week, the Recommendation ran in favour of the wages being increased to £4. 0. 0 a week, and on the motion of Alderman Clancy, seconded by Alderman Larkin, this recommendation was also adopted.

A letter from the Wexford Council was brought under

notice. This Committee called on the Urban Council of Wexford to give official recognition to the Irish Language by having cheque books and stationery headings printed in the Irish Language.

There seemed to be no practical difficulty in the way of acceding to the above request, and it was decided to comply therewith.

With reference to minutes of 30th January last., on which date it was arranged that the meetings of the Public Health Committee and the Finance and Works Committee should be held on alternate Wednesday nights, His Worship, the Mayor, stated that he had found, from experience, that this arrangement was not conducive to efficiency, and he suggested that the Council would be well advised to fall back into the old system of having General Committee Meetings once a week.

His Worship's suggestion commended itself to the meeting, and thereupon it was adopted.

Councillor Thompson took occasion to point out that Wexford was much exposed to storms from its geographical position, and that in past years it had suffered great dislocation of business due to injury to overhead telephone wires. He understood that in several of the cities and towns in Ireland the main bundles of telephone wires were underground, and it was desirable that the postmaster-General should be approached with a view to having overhead wires put under surface in Wexford.

No member present saw any objection to Councillor Thompson's suggestion, and thereupon it was agreed that the Town Clerk should write to the Postal Authorities asking them to give up the system of overhead wires, so far as Wexford was concerned, if such a thing was practicable.

It was brought under the notice of the meeting by Councillor Carty that the present Irish Education Bill before parliament was not acceptable to the majority of the Irish people, and he proposed that a protest should be made by the Wexford Corporation against the Bill being passed.

Alderman Clancy endorsed the views of Councillor Carty, and seconded the proposition, which was supported by Councillor Martin and Alderman Connolly.

The motion was passed without dissent.

D. Barry
4. 4. 20

24th March, 1920.

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:-

Richard Corish, Esq., Mayor (in the chair)

Aldermen:- James Sinnott, Nicholas Connolly, Patrick Clancy,

James Larkin, George Hadden.

Councillors:- Nicholas Byrne, Frances Carty, Thomas O'Brien, John Walsh,

Herbert Thompson, Philip Cowman, James Sinnott, James Crosbie

Michael Martin, Thomas Hayes, Laurence Cummins, Richard

Gibson.

His Worship, The Mayor, took occasion to refer to the recent assassination of the Lord Mayor of Cork by a person or persons unknown, and speaking on the part of the townspeople of Wexford proposed that an expression of sympathy with the Lady Mayoress and the City of Cork should be put on record officially on the occurrence of this fearful tragedy.

The motion was seconded by Alderman Clancy. It was supported by Councillor Carty, Alderman Larkin, and Councillor Cummins, and was carried unanimously, with appropriate solemnity.

In accordance with the practice in such cases, it was understood that the sentiments entertained by the Corporation of Wexford in the matter was to be conveyed to Mrs MacCurtain and the Corporation of Cork.

The Estimates of Receipts and Expenditure in respect of the financial year commencing 1st April 1920 were taken into consideration. The items composing them had been reviewed by a Sub-Committee, on whose initiative attention was called to seven items of expenditure, namely, £796. 8. 0 for intended improvements on Artizans' Dwellings, £734. 18. 3 for re-laying public sewer at Trinity Street, William Street, and Maudlintown, £100. 0. 0 for maintenance of patients in Dublin Hospitals, £377. 0. 0 for Domestic Scavenging, £50. 0. 0 for repairs of Corporation Buildings, £50. 0. 0 for general maintenance of Waterworks, and £650. 0. 0 for Steam Rolling.

With regard to the first three items above-mentioned, the meeting saw there was no alternative but to leave them untouched, and decided accordingly.

As to the cost of Domestic Scavenging, the Sub-Committee were in favour of the differential charges made on householders for the services rendered under the system being increased, so that the charge of sixpence in certain cases should be increased to two shillings, and the charge of two shillings should be increased to three shillings and sixpence, so as to make the service nearly self supporting.

The weight of the opinion of present meeting, however, appeared to be averse to raising the charges to the extent suggested, and referred the matter back to the Sub-Committee for re-consideration.

The recommendations of the Sub-Committee as to inserting £200. 0. 0

instead of £50. 0. 0 for repairs to Corporation Buildings,

increasing the item of £50. 0. 0 for general maintenance of Water-

Works to £250. 0. 0, and reducing the item of £650. 0. 0 to

£500. 0. 0 in respect of Steam Rolling, upon being discussed

seriatim, were adopted.

At this stage a proposition was made by Councillor Martin as to

the propriety of paying the Mayor a salary, and proposed that such

salary should be fixed at £100. 0. 0 a year.

Alderman Larkin seconded this motion. Alderman Clancy supported

it, and it was passed unanimously.

Thereupon this item was also inserted, with the stipulation that

Mayor's salary was to accrue due as from the date of his election,

viz. 30th January, 1920.

Thereupon the four following resolutions were formally adopted.

As proposed by Councillor Byrne, seconded by Councillor Martin.

That the Poundage of the Water Rates be fixed at 2/-, that is to

say, 1/- for Domestic Purposes and 1/- for Public Purposes.

As proposed by Alderman Sinnott, seconded by Councillor Cowman.

That the Poundage of the Poor Rate be fixed at 4/9.

As proposed by Councillor Thompson, seconded by Councillor Crosbie.

That the Poundage of the Rate to be devoted to the maintenance and

improvement of streets be fixed at 2/10, that is to say, 2/- in

the £ as Rate in lieu of County Cess, and 10d. in the £ as Towns

Improvement Rate, this being 2d. less than was estimated for

because of the reduction of the cost of Steam Rolling by £100. 0. 0.

As proposed by Councillor Byrne, seconded by Alderman Larkin.

That the Poundage of the Borough Rate be fixed at 4/2, that is to

say, 1/- for General Town Purposes, and 3/2 for General Sanitary

Purposes..

With reference to minutes of 1st October last, on which occasion

it was resolved by the Council to sell a head-rent of £2. 6. 2 a

year received out of part of the Townparks of Wexford, attention

was called to the necessity of passing a formal resolution on the

matter. The land in this case was devised by the Council under

Lease for 999 years from 2nd. September 1737, and was held by the

Representatives of a John Boxwell. The sum agreed to be accepted

for relinquishing the head-rent was £50, and it was necessary for

the meeting to adopt a resolution undertaking to invest the £50.

in approved Security, for example, in Bank of Ireland Stock.

Thereupon on the motion of His Worship, the Mayor, seconded by

Councillor Byrne, it was

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Resolved:- That the sum of £50. 0. 0 to be obtained from the sale

Head Rent
Sale

of a head-rent of £2. 6. 2 a year received at present out of the Estate of the representatives of John Boxwell be invested in Bank of Ireland Stock, as was done in the case of the Estate of Martha and William Brown, where a head-rent was also sold by the Council.

A. Corish

4. 4. 20

7th April, 1920.

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;-

Richard Corish, Esq., Mayor (in the chair)

Aldermen:- George Hadden, James Larkin, Nicholas Connolly,
Patrick Clancy.

Councillors:- James Billington, Laurence Cummins, Thomas Hayes,
Mary Anne O'Connor, Alice Mary Fennell, Nicholas Byrne,
Richard Gibson, James Sinnott, David O'Neill, John Walsh,
James Crosbie, Thomas O'Brien, Herbert Thompson.

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 £935. 4. 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 336 to 360 inclusive.

Summary and Reconcilement of Treasurer's Account for the month ended on 31st March 1920, including the payments made at the meeting held on this day.

S U M M A R Y.

Balance due by Treasurer as per last Statement.	-
Total sums received to close of last month.	1711. 0. 1
TOTAL	£ 1711. 0. 1
Balance due to Treasurer, as per last Statement.	457. 17. 0
Payments ordered at this meeting.	935. 4. 8
Total	£ 1393. 1. 8
Net Balance due by Treasurer (being difference of above totals)	317. 18. 5

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

Balance per Bank Books due by Treasurer.	1253. 3. 1
Outstanding Orders (including those issued at this meeting)	935. 4. 8
Net Balance due by Treasurer	317. 18. 5

Copies of a Sealed Order made by the Local Government Board under date of 25th February 1920, were submitted. This Order constituted in the Urban District of Wexford three Poor Law Electoral Areas for the purposes of the Election of Guardians, and assigned the number of members for each of these Electoral Areas.

No. 1 Electoral Area was constituted to consist of St. Iberius Ward, No. 2 of St. Marys Ward, and No. 3 of St. Selskar Ward, and the number of members to represent each Area was set down as 4, 6, and 3, respectively.

The Special Financial Committee appointed on 3rd. March last made a recommendation regarding the Schedule of Prices in respect of Crosstown Cemetery. This Schedule came into force on 20th June last, but the Committee deemed the prices, at the present day, too moderate and considered that the Council would be justified in increasing them. With regard to the prices for ground sold, it was proper to increase them to the following extent:-

Spaces priced at £7. 10. 0 to be increased to £10. 0. 0., at £6. 15. 0, to £8. 10. 0., at £5. 5. 0 to £6. 10. 0., at £3. 15. 0 to £5. 0. 0., at £3. 2. 6 to £4. 0. 0., at £2. 10. 0 to £3. 0. 0., at £1. 17. 6 to £2. 5. 0., at £1. 5. 0 to £1. 10. 0., but in the case of spaces priced at 10/- and free spaces, no alteration was deemed advisable, as a concession to the very poor.

With regard to opening graves, in the cases where 15/- was the charge, this was to be increased to 20/-, and where 10/- was the charge, this was to be increased to 15/-, except in the cases where ground was taken up by the very poor, who were to be charged nothing more than the actual cost of the work of opening and closing graves. This recommendation was adopted unanimously, on the motion of Councillor Byrne seconded by Alderman Hadden.

A recommendation from the Finance and Works Committee was dealt with. It was in favour of charging 1/- per load for the removal of house refuse in the case of dwellings valued at £4. and under, and 3/- per load in all other cases.

The meeting on investigating this matter, did not ratify to the full the views of the Committee, but adopted the three following resolutions.

As proposed by Councillor Martin, seconded by Alderman Connolly.

That the charge, per load, to be made in the cases of premises valued at £5. and upwards be the actual cost gone to by the Council, which, at the present time is 4/3 per load, as certified by the Town Surveyor.

As proposed by Councillor Martin, seconded by Councillor Connolly.

That a charge of 1/- per load be made on dwellings valued at £3.

and under.

As proposed by Councillor Miss O'Connor, and seconded by Alderman Hadden. That the charge be 3/- a load on premises valued over £3. and under £5. Referring to the rule made by the Council on 7th August 1918, requiring that the dust-bin service should apply to houses valued at £6. and under on condition that a charge of 7/6 per year was paid, it was brought under notice that the occupants of 22 houses belonging to the Corporation at Distillery road had refused to pay this charge direct, but were willing, in lieu thereof, to subject themselves to an increased rent of twopence per week, in fact this twopence per week was imposed by the Finance Committee, subject to the approval of the Council.

Thereupon on the motion of Councillor Byrne, seconded by Councillor Crosbie, the proposed increase of rent was decided on.

A report from Sir Charles Cameron was made on his analysis of food and drink submitted to him during Quarter ended 31st December 1919. The number in all were 37, and included specimens of milk, buttermilk, intoxicating drink, butter, cheese, and margarine. All the specimens were found to be pure on being analysed. One specimen of water was sent forward on her own account by the Rev. Mother of the Convent, Wexford, and was found to be a polluted water.

In this case it was decided that the Sanitary Sub-Officer should ascertain the source from which the water was obtained, and notify the users that it was not fit for human consumption.

Pursuant to decision come to by the Special Finance Committee on 29th March last, which was subsequently, on 31st March, endorsed unanimously by the General Finance Committee, both of whom went fully into details of the question, and acting up to the spirit of the circular letters from the Local Government Board of 30th June 1919, No.99/M, and 4th March 1920, No.10545, and acknowledging the justice of the claims made in each particular case, the undermentioned three increases of salary were adopted nem. con., on the motion of Alderman Hadden, seconded by Alderman Connolly. The Town Clerk's salary to be increased by £82. 10. 0 a year, the Assistant Town Clerk's salary to be increased by £33. 18. 0 a year, and the Town Surveyor's salary by £120 a year, this latter sum to include the £60. increase voted to him on 7th January 1920.

The following increases were also granted as recommended by the Finance Committee.

As proposed by Councillor Byrne, seconded by Councillor Thompson.

That the salary of the Veterinary Inspector under the Dairies, and Cowsheds Order 1908 be increased from £15. to £30 a year.

As proposed by Councillor Crosbie, seconded by Alderman Larkin.

That the salary of the Veterinary Inspector be increased from £14. 6. 0 to £27. 6. 0. a year.

As proposed by Alderman Clancy seconded by Alderman Larkin.

That the salary of the Office Cleaner be increased from £15. 12. 0 to £20. 0. 0. a year.

As proposed by Councillor Mart in seconded by Councillor O'Neill.

That the wages of the Caretaker of Crosstown Cemetery be increased from 30/- to 32/6 a week, and the gravedigger be paid 12/- per interment instead of 11/- as at present.

As proposed by Councillor Byrne, seconded by Councillor Billington.

That the wages of the Turncock be increased from £2. 5. 0 to £2. 10. 0 a week.

As proposed by Councillor Martin seconded by Councillor O'Neill.

That the wages of the Caretaker of the Reservoir be increased from 13/- to 14/- a week.

On the proposition of Councillor Walsh, seconded by Councillor Crosbie, it was resolved that the decision come to on 3rd. March last to increase the wages of the workmen should take effect as from 1st February, 1920, this being the date from which the Irish Transport and General Workers' Union requested, on behalf of the men, that their wages should be increased.

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 who had made the following Recommendation.

That there be written off as irrecoverable items of Borough Rate amounting to £15. 8. 8 and items of Rate in lieu of County Cess amounting to £8. 4. 6¹/₂, and that the balance of items outstanding, i. e., £1. 1. 9 and £1. 4. 10¹/₂ respectively be carried into the coming year's Rate books as Arrears.

The Recommendation was adopted.

The Accounts of the Water rate collector were also brought under notice, they having been gone into by the Waterworks Committee. Of the total items of Rate there remained only £8. 8. 4 outstanding at the close of the collection. Of this sum £5. 13. 1 was written off as irrecoverable; being items assessed on premises that fell vacant during the year, and the balance, £2. 15. 3 was carried forward as Collectible Arrears.

The Committee's action was ratified.

P. McGuire, Corporation tenant, having made application to be relieved of the rates assessed on his dwelling in John's Gate Street, and having intimated his willingness in return to subject himself to an increase of rent; the meeting granted the request. The quid pro quo was ascertained to be an increase of 1/10 a week, on the supposition that the future Rate would be reduced accordingly.

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21. 4. 20

21st April, 1920.

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:-

Richard Corish, Esq., Mayor (in the chair)

Aldermen:- James Sinnott, Patrick Clancy, James Larkin, George Hadden, Nicholas Connolly.

Councillors:- James Sinnott, Francis Carty, Nicholas Byrne, John Walsh, Michael Martin, James Crosbie, Richard Gibson, and Laurence Cummins.

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

The making of Rates, as agreed to on 24th Ultimo, was proceeded with, and thereupon the four following Resolutions were unanimously adopted, and the different Rates referred to in the Resolutions having been made, the Books containing such rates were duly sealed and signed.

Proposed by Alderman Sinnott, Seconded by Councillor Crosbie.

RESOLVED:- That a Borough Rate of Four Shillings and Two Pence in the Pound (neing One Shilling for General Town Purposes and Three Shillings and Two Pence 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 be in, carried out, as considered, amended, and adopted, on the 24th day of March, 1920.

Proposed by Councillor Byrne, seconded by Alderman Larkin.

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, amended, and adopted on the 24th day of March, 1920.

Proposed by Councillor Byrne, seconded by Alderman Larkin.

RESOLVED:- That a Towns Improvement Rate of Tenpence 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, the Towns Improvement (Ireland) Act, 1854, and the amending and extending Acts incorporated therewith, as per an Estimate duly considered, amended, and adopted on the 24th day of March, 1920.

Proposed by Councillor Sinnott, seconded by Councillor Cummins.

RESOLVED:- That a Poor Rate of Four Shillings and Nine Pence 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 the 24th day of March, 1920.

Proposed by Councillor Carty, seconded by Councillor Martin.

RESOLVED:- That an Assessment of Two Shillings in the Pound, viz., a Domestic Rate of One Shilling, and a Public Rate of One Shilling 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, 1875, and Acts incorporated with and amending the same, as per an Estimate duly considered and adopted on the 24th day of March, 1920.

A Schedule of Prices and Charges in connection with Crosstown Cemetery, being copy of an amended Scale passed on the 7th Instant, was submitted in duplicate for formal adoption, preliminary to being sent to the Local Government Board for sanction by that Board, whereupon on the motion of Alderman Sinnott, seconded by Councillor Byrne, it was

RESOLVED:- That the Common Seal of the Municipal Council be affixed to the Scale, testifying to its adoption by this meeting and that the Sealing be attested in the usual way by the signatures of the Mayor and the Town Clerk.

R. Corish.

5th May, 1920.

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:-

Richard Corish, Esq., Mayor (in the chair)

Aldermen:- James Larkin, Nicholas Connolly, George Hadden, Patrick Clancy.

Councillors:- Alice Mary Fernell, James Sinnott, James Billington, Nicholas Byrne, John Walsh, Michael Martin, Thomas Hayes, Francis Carty, Laurence Cummins, James Crosbie, Joseph Boyse, Richard Gibson, David O'Neill, Thomas O'Brien, Thomas Rossiter.

The minutes of meeting of 21st April 1920 were read and signed.

Liabilities which had accrued due up to the end of last month, amounting in the aggregate to £1737. 12. 0 were submitted, and having been examined were approved and an Advice Note was signed to enable the Treasurer to pay them on presentation to him of Paying Orders numbered from 361 to 390 inclusive.

Among the items of expenditure included in the liabilities was a sum of £26. for the supernumeraries employed to write up and applot the Rate Books.

year, and was granted on the recommendation of the Finance and Works Committee owing to the difficulty experienced in obtaining the services of competent hands to do the work; owing also to the necessity of having to applot an additional Assessment, namely, Towns Improvement Rate. A notice of intention to apply to the Court of Quarter Sessions for compensation for Criminal Injury to property, was submitted. The proceedings were taken at the suit of the Commissioners of Inland Revenue, and were instituted for the recovery of £250 as compensation for the destruction, by persons unknown, of Income Tax documents on the night of the 3rd. April 1920. It appeared that these documents had been forcibly taken from the house of Mr. Thomas Parle, School Street, Wexford, Income Tax Collector.

After discussion it was proposed by Alderman Hadden, and seconded by Councillor Byrne, that the case should be placed in the hands of the Corporation Solicitor, so as to ensure the making of a proper defence in behalf of the Ratepayers of the town at the hearing of the application, but the evident sense of the meeting was opposed to such a measure being taken, and it was moved by Alderman Claney, seconded by Alderman Larkin that no notice whatever should be taken of the intended application and the proceedings be allowed to go by default. This latter motion was put to the meeting whereupon 14 members voted for and 4 against it.

This motion was declared carried.

An application for an increase of wages for the labourers in the service of the Council was made in their behalf by the Transport Workers' Union and was considered. Their present wages was £2. 0. 0. a week, and the workmen were looking for £2. 10. 0 a week as from the 1st Instant.

The matter had been before the Finance and Works Committee, and this Committee had recommended that the demand should be conceded.

The recommendation in the case was adopted unanimously.

Applications for the renewal of two Cinematograph Licences were submitted in respect of the Theatre Royal and the Cinema Palace, for one year. The conditions under which the Licences were hitherto issued were deemed to embody any restrictions necessary, and thereupon on the motion of Councillor Rossiter seconded by Councillor Byrne, fresh Licences were ordered to be issued.

It having been reported that two members of the School Attendance Committee had become disqualified for non-attendance, it was found necessary to appoint in their place two other persons who might be willing to act as nominees of the Council.

Councillors Rossiter and Sinnott having consented to serve as members

of the Committee were duly appointed as such in virtue of a motion proposed by Councillor Byrnes seconded by Councillor Cummins, and adopted.

A sum of £500 having been allocated in the Rate Estimates in the current year to allow of the surface of portion of the streets being treated with a Steam Roller, a recommendation from the Finance and Works Committee was dealt with.

This recommendation ran in favour of the work of Steam Rolling being commenced at Maudlinton and carried on into William Street to such distance as the sum earmarked would allow.

This recommendation was adopted on the motion of Councillor Byrne, seconded by Councillor Roskiter.

Tenders having been invited in respect of the construction of 31 water closets in Artizan's Dwellings in Hill Street and Roche's Road, namely, 18 for Hill Street and 13 for Roche's Road, it was found that only one tender had been lodged. This was from James McEvoy, Plumber, of Main Street. It was opened. The price asked for doing the work was deemed excessive by the Town Surveyor. B

In the circumstances it was decided to send around to the rest of the local plumbers a request that they might be able to see their way to furnish tenders against next General Meeting.

Accordingly in justice to Mr. McEvoy the amount of his tender was not disclosed to the meeting.

With regard to decision come to on the 7th Ultimo fixing the charge to be made for emptying ashpits at 3/- per load in the case of premises valued from £3. to £5., it was urged that this charge would prove to be a burden on occupants of the class of houses mentioned, and that it would be well if the decision were re-considered with a view to the charge being reduced. Ashpits

In the course of discussion on this matter it was pointed out that in many instances houses of a low valuation were occupied by well-to-do people, able to pay the actual cost gone to by the Corporation, and that therefore it was necessary that the question should be discussed in detail.

The propriety of going into the matter minutely was at once recognized, and the question was referred to the Finance and Works Committee for re-consideration.

With regard to decision come to on 3rd. March last, increasing the wages of the Town Sergeant and of the Foreman of Works, it was submitted by Councillor O'Brien that the decision should come into operation as from 31st December last, this being the date on which these two employes had made their application for a rise of remuneration. B

The proposal commended itself to the meeting, and it was adopted on the motion of Councillor O'Brien, seconded by Councillor Crosbie.

Alderman Larkin moved a proposition congratulating the Irish Labour Party for their action in bringing about a complete cessation of business throughout the Country with a view to coercing the Government to release Political Prisoners confined in Mountjoy Prison, and in imminent danger of losing their lives by starvation, as these men had taken the extreme step of going on ~~what was known as~~ "hunger strike."

The Irish Labour Party had accomplished their end, as the Government had given way and released the prisoners.

He also wished that the Council should thank such of the shopkeepers and merchants of the town as had paid the unearned wages to their employes in respect of the two days suspension of business.

This was seconded by Alderman Clancy, and on being put to the meeting was carried unanimously.

On the motion of Alderman Clancy seconded by Alderman Larkin the following resolution was adopted.

That this Urban Council, being convinced that a prosperous future is in store for this Country, consider it opportune to advise young people intending to emigrate, to re-consider their position and remain at home.

What gave rise to this Resolution was the receipt of a resolution from the Cove Urban Council, calling on Dail Eireann to prohibit emigration where possible, and to prohibit shipping agents from encouraging emigration.

As a general reduction of one penny per Quart in the price of milk had been made throughout the town as from 1st Instant, it was decided to make an equal reduction in the case of milk sold under the Maternity and Child Welfare Scheme.

A. Larkin.

2. 6. 20

2nd. June 1920.

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:-

Richard Corish, Esq., Mayor (in the chair)

Aldermen:- James larkin, Nicholas Connolly, George Hadden,
Patrick Clancy.

Councillors:- Francis Carty, Thomas Hayes, James Sinnott,
Thomas Rossiter, Richard Gibson, Alice Mary
Pennell, Mary Anne O'Connor, John Walsh,
James Crosbie, Laurence Curmons, David O'Neill,
Michael Martin.

The minutes of last meeting having been read exception was taken to the wording of the paragraph relating to the release of political prisoners. One line of the paragraph ran as follows:-

"These men had taken the extreme step of going on what was known as 'hunger strike'"

Four of the words of this sentence, namely, "what was known as", were alleged to be derogatory in a certain sense by Alderman Connolly, and were struck out of the minute.

Liabilities which had accrued due up to the end of last month, amounting in the aggregate to £1857. 14. 2 were submitted, and having been examined and found correct were passed for payment.

With reference to the minutes of 5th Ultimo, a legal notice served at the instance of the Commissioners of Inland revenue was read.

This document contained intimation of the withdrawal of an application for compensation for loss sustained by reason of criminal injury done to certain Income tax papers on 7th April last.

Apropos of this question, allusion was made to a letter which had appeared in the local newspapers from Mr. Thomas Parle, Water Rate Collector. This Officer also occupied the position of Collector of Income Tax, and it was in this latter capacity he had written to the Press in a way that was considered to be offensive to the Council.

It was proposed by Alderman Clancy and seconded by Councillor Hayes that Mr. Parle be asked to apologize for his uncalled-for act.

The motion was passed, Councillor Miss O'Connor dissenting.

A letter dated 29th May 1920, No.H.398/10/1920, from the Housing Committee of the Local Government Board, was read. With regard to the proposal of the Corporation to erect five specimen houses at Windmills Hill out of the unissued balance of the Housing Loan

sanctioned in August 1914, the communication intimated that such balance was obtainable, and that it would be treated as a Loan

under the Housing Act, 1919 as regards Government Subsidy and terms of repayment. Of course, lay-out plans, sections, and designs of the buildings would require the sanction of the Local Government Board.

Thereupon on the motion of Councillor Martin, seconded by Alderman Connolly the letter was referred to the Housing Committee of the Corporation, and in order to expedite building operations, it was arranged that a Special Meeting of the Council be convened for the 9th Instant to receive the Committee's advice as to the most appropriate plans and designs to be followed, and adopt same if thought well.

Pursuant to notice given by him, Councillor Rossiter moved that the charges prescribed on 7th April last in connection with the work of emptying ashpits should be revised so as to make the charge one shilling per load on dwellings valued at £4. and under, one shilling and sixpence a load on dwellings valued over £4. and under £5.

This gave rise to a short discussion, at the conclusion of which the following resolution, as proposed by Alderman Connolly, seconded by Alderman Larkin, was adopted, but was dissented from by Alderman Hadden, viz That the service rendered in relation to the emptying of ashpits be charged for at the rate of one shilling per cart load on dwellings valued at £4. and under, at two shillings on houses valued over £4 and up to £5, and three shillings per load in all other cases.

ashpits

Miss Frances M. Daly, Health Visitor under the Wexford Maternity and Child Welfare Scheme, having applied for an increase of salary, the question was first dealt with by the Finance and Works Committee, and a recommendation made thereon.

Miss Daly had found that her present salary of £110 a year was totally inadequate to meet the present cost of living, and she hoped that an increase would be granted proportionate to the increase in prices.

The Committee were in favour of her remuneration being raised from £110 to £156 a year, and on the motion of Councillor Martin seconded by Councillor O'Neill, the recommendation was adopted, with the proviso that the increase was to take effect from 5th Ultimo, this being the date of her application. Mr. Thomas Godfrey, Poor rate Collector, having applied for a revision of the terms of his employment, the question had been considered by the same Committee. Hitherto Mr. Godfrey had been remunerated in accordance with a Scale of Poundage adopted on 19th April 1905, and he was anxious that the Scale should be cancelled, and that he should be paid at the rate of so much in the Pound on all moneys lodged.

Health Visitor

The Committee had recommended that the application be granted, and that the rate of Poundage be fixed at Sixpence, this being the minimum paid to any Collector in the service of the Council. The effect of the re-adjustment would be to increase the remuneration of £20, more or less, in the present year.

Councillor Martin moved that the recommendation be adopted.

The motion was seconded by Councillor Crosbie.

A discussion followed, and was marked by a sharp difference of opinion. The members opposed to the motion based their opposition on the fact that Mr. Godfrey was the holder of other positions besides the one in question.

The motion, however, was carried, but only as the result of a Poll which turned out as follows:-

FOR Councillors Martin, Crosbie, O'Connor, Miss Fennell, Miss O'Connor, Gibson, Rossiter, Carty, Alderman Hadden, and The Mayor. 9

AGAINST Councillors O'Neill, Cummins, Walsh, Sinnott, Hayes, Alderman Clancy, Connolly, and Larkin. 8

With reference to minutes of meeting of 5th May last, it was announced that all local Contractors had since been acquainted in good time that the Council were prepared to deal with tenders in respect of erecting 31 water closets, but there was no response to the notification.

It then remained to deal with Mr. McEvoy's tender which was lodged at last meeting. It was decided to read it and it was found that the intending Contractor was prepared to accept £468 to do all the work set forth in the specification. B

On the motion of Alderman Connolly seconded by Alderman Hadden the tender was accepted.

Alderman Clancy proposed as per notice given that official recognition be given to Dail Eireann by the Corporation.

He held that no Irishman or woman should recognize the Laws of any Authority except Dail Eireann, which was composed of the representatives of the Irish people. *Dail Eireann*

The proposition was seconded by Councillor Cummins who maintained that it meant carrying out the wishes of the vast majority of the Irish people.

It was endorsed by several of the members present, and was spoken to at some length by Alderman Carty and The Mayor.

The motion, on being put to the meeting was carried, but not unanimously, and a copy of it ordered to be sent to Mr. Arthur Griffith, T. D.

A letter was read from Miss Kate McEvoy tendering her resignation as milk distributor in connection with the Maternity and Child Welfare Scheme owing to feeble health. She said her cousin, Miss Dora O'Leary was prepared to undertake the duty of the Post if appointed to it. Miss O'Leary had been associated with her for many years in the management of the Tuskar Dining Rooms, and had

taken over full control.

It was decided to accept the services of Miss O'Leary on the same terms on which her predecessor had been employed.

The action of the Finance and Works Committee in raising the rent of the Fish Market from 5/- to 11/6 per week and apportioning it on the two newly-formed divisions of the Market at 7/6 and 4/- respectively was approved.

It appeared that the Most Rev. Dr. Kelly, Arch-Bishop of Sydney, was to pay a visit to Wexford, the Capital of his native County, in the near future, and it was suggested by Councillor Rossiter that it would be a graceful act on the part of the Corporation to present a congratulatory Address on the occasion.

Councillor Rossiter made a motion to that effect, and Councillor Carty seconding, it was passed unanimously.

H. Corish
9. 6. 20.

9th June, 1920.

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:-

Richard Corish, Esq., Mayor (in the chair)

Aldermen:- George Hadden, James Larkin, Patrick Clancy, Nicholas Connolly.

Councillors:- Frank Carty, Alice Mary Fennell, Joseph Boyse, Richard Gibson, Thomas Hayes, James Crosbie, John Walsh, Thomas O'Brien, James Sinnott, Laurence Cummins, Michael Martin.

The minutes of meeting of 2nd. Instant were read and signed, and with referent thereto, a statement was made by three members of the Housing Committee, namely, The Mayor and Alderman Hadden and Councillor Carty.

This Committee had met on Monday, 7th Instant, and had gone into the merits of designs of working class houses of different sizes. Some of these had been recommended by Dr. Cowan, L. G. B., through Alderman Hadden, and others prepared by Messrs Donnelly and Moore, Architects.

The Committee had selected four different types as suitable to the requirements of Wexford, and from the estimated cost of erection, it was seen that it was possible to provide six houses out of the unissued portion of the Housing Loan.

The Committee recommended that one house with cubic contents of 8,348 feet, another with cubic contents of 8190 feet, two with cubic contents of 10,032 feet each, and two with cubic contents of 12,150 feet each should be built.

The size and number of apartments in each dwelling was calculated to meet with general approbation, and each dwelling was to contain a bath-room.

On the motion of Alderman Hadden, seconded by Councillor Carty, the recommendation was adopted, and instructions were given to the Town Surveyor to proceed with all due celerity to prepare Specifications and complete Elevations and Sections for the proposed buildings for early approval of the Local Government Board.

His Worship, The Mayor, referred to the fact that Mr. Patrick White, who was an advisory member of the Housing Committee, and who had displayed a deep interest in the Housing Question, had recently met with a family bereavement. His brother, William, had been called to his reward, and it was befitting that an expression of sympathy should be conveyed to Mr. White on the occurrence of the sad event. The motion was seconded by Alderman Larkin, and was acquiesced in unanimously.

A. Corish

4. 4. 20

7th July, 1920.

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:-

Richard Corish, Esq., Mayor (in the chair)

Aldermen:- George Hadden, Nicholas Connolly, James Larkin,
Patrick Clancy.

Councillors:- Joseph Boyse, James Grosbie, Frank Carty,
Alice Mary Pennell, Thomas Hayes, Thomas O'Brien,
John Walsh, James Shinnott, Laurence Cummins,
Herbert Thompson.

The minutes of meeting of 9th June 1920 were read and signed.

Included in the Accounts submitted this day for payment was an item of £28. 1. 0 being Income Tax on Corporation property. Objection was made to the discharge of this liability, inasmuch as the Council had, by resolution, of 2nd. June last, decided to recognize Dail Eireann, and as a consequence, Income Tax was to be deemed to be a tribute levied by a foreign Government.

After discussion it was decided, on the motion of His Worship, The Mayor, seconded by Councillor Carty, to refer the matter to the General Finance Committee.

Thereupon the remaining liabilities submitted for the day, and amounting to £847. 14. 8 were passed for payment.

The following is a copy of a letter with reference to a resolution of sympathy adopted at last meeting.

King Street, Wexford.

12th June, 1920.

Dear Sir,

Will you be good enough to convey to the members of the Wexford Corporation my grateful thanks for the sympathy extended to me on the death of my brother. I deeply appreciate their kind thoughtfulness, particularly of His Worship, The Mayor, and Alderman Larkin, and would ask them to be good enough to accept this acknowledgment of it.

I also wish to thank you personally for your message of sympathy.

Mr. W. A. Browne,

Faithfully yours,

Town Clerk.

Patrik White.

Sewer Pipes

Two tenders received in respect of supplying sewer pipes were submitted. They were from the Bourtreehill Fire Clay Works, Ayrshire, and Cosgrave and Co., Dublin. There was material variation in the prices sought in each case, and the conditions of sale and the terms of transport. It required a considerable deal of computation to make out whose prices were the lower in the long run; and consideration of the tenders was put back for the present for the reason that a dispute was expressed that articles of Irish manufacture should be procured, if possible, and it was decided, on the motion of the Mayor, seconded by Councillor Sinnott, that the Town Surveyor should endeavour to ascertain if quotations for pipes of Irish manufacture were to be had, and that a Special Meeting should be held in a week to deal with the question again.

Four tenders received in respect of painting work to be done on 35 houses were opened. This was for the workmanship alone, and the prices asked by the different painters were as follows:-

McEvoy, Bros., Selskar Street. £ 53. 0. 0.

Donnelly & Power, Gibson Street. 61. 5. 0.

James Carty, Waterloo Road. 70. 0. 0.

James McEvoy, Distillery Road. 38. 10. 0.

But this last-named price applied to 22 only out of the 35.

The tender of McEvoy Bros was accepted, the prices asked being the lowest. A letter was read from the Association of Irish Municipal Authorities appointing September 14th and 15th next as the date of holding the Annual Conference of the Association, and inviting the Council to appoint two Representatives to attend the meeting which was fixed to be held in Dublin. On the motion of Councillor Martin seconded by Councillor Thompson, it was decided to depute His Worship, The Mayor, and Alderman Hadden as Delegates of the Council on the occasion.

With reference to minutes of 2nd June a letter from Mr. Thomas Parle was

read stating that the letter sent by him to the Press was for the purpose of correcting statements which had appeared in the newspapers and was written in his capacity as Income Tax Collector. He submitted there was nothing said by him which required an apology in his capacity as Water Rate Collector.

An animated discussion followed thereupon, in which several members joined, but in deference to the wishes of the Mayor, it was arranged to refer the case to the Waterworks Committee Meeting to be held on 14th Instant, at which Mr. Parle was to be summoned to attend.

A report from Sir Charles Cameron was read on his analyses of articles of food and drink submitted to him during the Quarter ended 31st March 1920. The number in all was 28, and included specimens of milk, butter, buttermilk, intoxicating drink, margarine, and cheese. Eight of the specimens were found to be adulterated. Convictions under the Food and Drugs Acts in the Quarter in question realized fines amounting to £3. 17. 6.

With reference to minutes of meeting of 2nd. Ultimo, on which date the salary of Miss Daly, Health Visitor, was raised from £110 to £156 a year, a letter from the Local Government Board, No.40,261, and dated 25th June 1920 on the subject, was read.

The Local Government Board, as the Authority to sanction the increase wished to know if the Council were satisfied that this Officer's duties were sufficient to occupy her time fully. They also wished to be furnished with a short report on her work.

Some members were not in favour of recognizing this letter, but the Mayor stated that the Corporation were satisfied that Miss Daly was doing her duty, and had done much good work since she came to Wexford. No further reply was propounded.

A circular from Mr. T. Dawson, Town Clerk, Tipperary, was read. Mr. Dawson was engaged in a commendable endeavour to prove that the Treasury Subsidy to be given in reduction of the rents of houses to be provided under the Housing Acts was inadequate.

His case was as follows: Taking £700 as the cost of a new house and plot, and taking 8% thereon as what was known as the "economic rent" that is £56. a year, and deducting from this the State Subsidy of 27/6 for each Pound of rent collected, would leave £23. 11. 6 to be paid by the tenant. It was too much to expect the ordinary workingman to pay such a rent, but it was entirely out of the question to expect it in the case of slum dwellers.

Mr. Dawson's proposal was that the Subsidy should be raised to 6% on the Capital Expenditure in respect of the re-housing of the residents of slum localities. ©: Wexford Borough Council

The following resolution, as proposed by Councillor Thompson, and

seconded by Councillor Martin was unanimously adopted, after due consideration.

"That we approve of suggested solution of Irish Housing Problem as outlined by Mr. T. Dawson, Tipperary, in his circular letter of 22nd. May 1920, and we declare our willingness to proceed energetically with our Housing Scheme provided the Proposal in question is given effect to.

That in the event of any increase in existing rate of interest on Loans, the figures given in the Proposal to be increased pro-rata."

A circular from the Larkin Release Committee, Dublin, was submitted. This Committee drew attention to the vindictive and brutal sentence of imprisonment imposed on Jim Larkin, recently, at New York. The evidence against him was that he advanced the overthrow of Capitalism and the establishment of a Workers' Republic, which was held to be Criminal Anarchy in America. Charges of this kind were of an elastic nature, and the proof of them depended on individual point of view. The Committee asked the Council to make a protest against the conviction, coupled with a demand for the release of the prisoner.

The following resolution was adopted, as proposed by Alderman Larkin, seconded by Councillor Walsh, and supported by Alderman Clancy, Councillor Martin, the Mayor, and Alderman Connolly.

That having learned with deep regret of the conviction at New York, U.S.A., of James Larkin, General Secretary of the Irish Transport and General Workers' Union on a charge under the Espionage Laws of that Country, and sentenced to a term of at least 5 years' imprisonment, and having further ascertained that such conviction was supported by what appears to us to be unconvincing evidence, or at least that the case was one in which natural bias would materially influence opinion, we, the Municipal Council of Wexford beg to protest against such conviction, and respectfully ask for the immediate release of the victim so that he may be at liberty to return home to Ireland.

That this Resolution be forwarded, under Seal, to the American Consul at Dublin for transmission to Washington, U. S. A. Alderman Clancy proposed that the congratulations of the Council be tendered to the Dockers and Railway Men of Ireland for their action in refusing to handle Munitions of War in the present political crisis of the Country, but in a special way to the Dockers of Wexford for refusing to unload munitions at Rosslare Pier.

The motion was seconded by Councillor Crosbie, and was warmly advocated by Councillors Carty and Sinnott, Alderman Larkin, and the Mayor, and was carried unanimously.

Michael Martin

14th July, 1920.

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:-

Richard Corish, Esq., Mayor (in the chair)

Aldermen:- Nicholas Connolly, Patrick Clancy, James Larkin

Councillors:- Mary Anne O'Connor, Alice Mary Fennell,

Michael Martin, Thomas Hayes, John Walsh,

Frank Carty, Joseph Boyce, James Sinnott,

Laurence Cummins, Richard Gibson,

Thomas O'Brien, James Crosbie.

The meeting was convened for the purpose of considering any tenders received for supplying a quantity of sewer pipes, as per decision come to at last meeting, but the occasion was also availed of to deal with quotations which happened to be received in respect of supplying painting materials.

Of these latter there were four, and on being considered and compared, it was found that the prices of Goodlass, Wall, and Co. of Liverpool were the cheapest, and on the motion of

Councillor Carty seconded by Councillor Martin, it was decided to give an order to that Firm for the articles required.

The quantity of sewer piping required was 784 yards of pipes and 196 yards of junctions.

For supplying these articles, three tenders were received.

They were from Cosgrave & Co. of Dublin, C. P. Glorney, Dublin, and the Bourtreehill Fire Clay Works, Ayrshire.

A comparative table of the prices asked and the different rates of transport was produced and examined, whereupon it was found that the terms of the Bourtreehill Works were the cheapest, and thereupon, on the motion of Councillor Martin, seconded by Councillor Sinnott, the tender of this Company was accepted.

Michael Martin

4/8/20

Sever Pipes

4th August, 1920.

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:-

Michael Martin, Esq., T. C. Mayor Locum Tenens (in the chair)

Aldermen:- George Hadden, James Larkin, Nicholas Connolly,
Patrick Clancy.

Councillors:- Thomas Hayes, Laurence Cummins, James Sinnott, John Walsh,
Richard Gibson, Alice Mary Pennell, Frank Carty,
James Crosbie, James Billington.

The minutes of meetings of 7th and 14th July 1920 were read and signed. Liabilities which had accrued due up to the end of the month of July, amounting in the aggregate to £997. 15. 11 were submitted, and having been examined were approved, and an Advice note was signed to enable the Treasurer to pay them on presentation to him of Paying Orders numbered from 434 to 452 inclusive.

Reference was made to a bereavement which had befallen Councillor Thomas Rossiter in the death of a child, and on the motion of Councillor Sinnott seconded by Councillor Crosbie, an expression of sympathy at the sad event was passed.

On the motion of Alderman Clancy, seconded by Alderman Larkin, and supported by Alderman Connolly, Councillors Carty, Cummins, and the Chairman, it was

RESOLVED:- That the Honorary Freedom of the Borough of Wexford be conferred on His Grace, Dr. Mannix, Lord Arch-Bishop of Melbourne.

Dr. Mannix was, at present, on his way to Ireland. He had for many years espoused the cause of the freedom of his native land, and had worked for the realization of the aspirations of a large section of the Irish people for the obtainment of the complete abolition of British dominion over Ireland.

A letter was read from the General Secretariat, Dail Eireann, acknowledging receipt of copies of Resolution adopted on 2nd. June last, recognizing the authority of Dail Eireann by the Council, and a letter from the United States Consul, Dublin, refusing to transmit to Washington copy of resolution of 7th July last in reference to James Larkin.

The following was read from the Mayor.

Ladies and Gentlemen,

In accordance with the decision arrived at at the last meeting of the Corporation, Mr. Parle appeared before a meeting of the Waterworks Committee, thereby acknowledging your jurisdiction over him as a Rate Collector. He explained that it was in his capacity as an Income Tax Collector he wrote the letter in the past which was taken exception to by

the majority of the members of the Corporation, and did so in order to point out that he did not acquaint any member of the Press that the Raid was abortive.

He expressed himself as having no intention to offer insult to the Corporation, or any individual member of same, and what was conveyed to the minds of some of the members was entirely different to what was in his mind at the time of writing.

I would recommend that as Mr. Parle did as he was requested to do at your last meeting, that the matter be now allowed to drop.

I am sorry that owing to my having to attend the Trade Union Congress at Cork, I am unable to deal with this matter in person, and express the wish that you will acquiesce in this course.

Yours faithfully,

R. Corish, Mayor.

On the motion of Alderman Connolly, seconded by Councillor Crosbie, and supported by Alderman Clancy, the suggestion of the Mayor was unanimously adopted in the matter.

The Fire Brigade Committee which met on the 23rd. Ultmo, and was attended by the Mayor and Councillors Carty and Thompson, made the following Recommendation.

That the strength of the Brigade should be increased from 4 to 8, that 4 additional helmets accompanied with axes and belts, 8 pairs of rubber long boots, 8 tunics and 8 pairs of trousers should be provided for the proper equipment of the men.

On the motion of Councillor Sinnott, seconded by Alderman Clancy the recommendation was adopted, and it was decided to advertise for the services of 4 eligible workmen, preferably ones accustomed to going up ladders.

A report from Sir C. A. Cameron was read on his analyses of articles of food and drink submitted to him during the Quarter ended 30th June last. The number in all was 21, and included specimens of milk, buttermilk, intoxicating drinks, cheese, butter, and margarine. Three of the specimens were found adulterated. it was announced that convictions under the Food and Drugs Acts in the Quarter in question realized fines amounting to £5. 16. 6.

A letter from Messrs Little & Nunn was read. They wrote on behalf of the Trustees of Lady Maurice Fitzgerald's Estate who were subject to a yearly head rent of £4. 9. 0 net to the Council for a small portion of the Corporation estate at Townparks. The Trustees were desirous of redeeming this Head Rent, as they were about to sell out all Lady Fitzgerald's interest in landed and house property. This letter was referred to the Finance & Works Committee to deal

with as they saw fit.

The formal appointment of two members to attend the Conference of Municipal Authorities to be held on 14th and 15th September next was made in the persons of His Worship, The Mayor, and Alderman Hadden. This was rendered necessary by the requirements of the Local Government Board's Sealed Order of 23rd. January 1913, No.67350., in virtue of which four day's notice of the intended appointment of Delegates to the Conference had been given to members in the prescribed manner.

A letter from the Association of Secondary Teachers, Ireland, was read. This Body requested the Council to make a rule requiring that none other than bona-fide professional teachers, where available, should be appointed to teach in Technical Schools.

So far as Wexford was concerned, this was a matter that concerned only the Technical Instruction Committee, and it was accordingly referred to them for consideration.

The following is a copy of a resolution received from the Wexford Branch of the Gaelic League, and on being read was adopted on the motion of Alderman Clancy seconded by Alderman Connolly.

"That henceforward all candidates for positions under and promotions in Offices under the Wexford Corporation must pass an examination in Irish, Standard to be defined by the County Committee of the Gaelic League."

Alderman Clancy mentioned that he had come across statements in some of the English newspapers insinuating that in Ireland persons other than those of the Roman Catholic Persuasion were, in some cases, subjected to a system of boycotting. He took the opportunity of the presence of Alderman Hadden at the meeting to ask the latter, as a non-Catholic to say if such assertions were not unfounded. He also expressed a wish that Alderman Hadden would repudiate them in the Press.

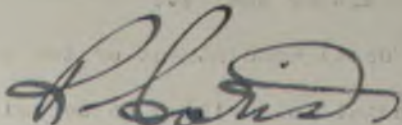
In response, to this request, Alderman Hadden said that from a life-long experience as a business man he was pleased to testify to the falsity of the statements referred to. He had always experienced the greatest consideration in his public capacity as a member of various Committees to which he had the privilege to be appointed.

Councillor Gibson, a non-Catholic, joined with Alderman Hadden in repudiating the charge of bigotry.

Councillor Carty pointed out that the Council had taken over the work of lighting the Quays, to a certain extent, for the last few years owing to the financial embarrassments of the Harbour Commissioners. It appeared that the trade of the port had latterly come up to its pre-war volume, substantially increasing the Harbour Revenue.

On his suggestion it was decided to discontinue paying for the lighting

of the Quays, and to inform the Harbour Commissioners accordingly.



4th August, 1920.

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

The members present were:-

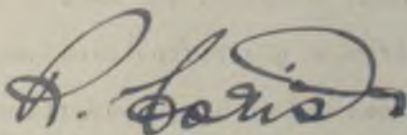
Michael Martin, Esq., T. C. Mayor Locum Tenens (in the chair)

Aldermen:- George Madden, James Larkin, Nicholas Connolly
Patrick Clancy.

Councillors:- Thomas Hayes, Laurence Cummins, James Sinnott,
Richard Gibson, John Walsh, Alice Mary
Pennell, Frank Carty, James Crosbie, and
James Billington.

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

RESOLVED:- That Alderman James Sinnott be and is hereby elected a Harbour Commissioner to represent the Corporation for one year from this day.



18th August, 1920.

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

The members present were:-

Richard Corish, Esq., Mayor (in the chair)

Aldermen:- James Sinnott, James Larkin, Patrick Clancy,
Nicholas Connolly, George Hadden.

Councillors:- Thomas Hayes, John Walsh, Nicholas Byrne, Frank Carty,
Thomas O'Brien, Laurence Cummins, and Joseph Boyse.

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

The meeting was specially called to consider a suggestion as to providing a main drainage system in one line along Trinity Street, William Street, and Maudlintown, and also a suggestion as to purchasing a motor lorry to be employed in place of the present horses and carts in the work of scavenging and repairing the streets, and, if the suggestions were approved, to determine on the size, build and cost of the lorry to permit of a loan being borrowed, and also to increase the strength of the Fire Brigade by the addition of four paid men, if applications from fitting candidates were received.

An Estimate prepared by the Town Surveyor was produced of the cost of constructing the sewer in question. This was set down at £985. Then in addition, there was the cost of treating the surface of those streets with a steam roller upon the completion of the work of constructing the sewer. This cost was £1441. The purchase of a two-ton motor lorry was seen to involve an outlay of £1150. The employment of such a machine would effect a saving of £2. 9. 0 per day on the present method of doing the work of scavenging and repairing. It was advisable to furnish the machine with an attachable water tank and sprinkler, and to provide also a sweeping and loading machine. This would increase the cost in connection with the lorry by another £508.

The Mayor strongly advised the meeting to adopt the suggested up-to-date methods of working. When the proposal was fully gone into and understood, it met with general approbation. However the provision of a three-ton lorry instead of a two-ton one was advocated, and on the motion of Alderman Sinnott, seconded by Councillor Byrne, the whole proposal was approved, but not finally, as it was necessary to modify the Estimate in some particulars, especially if it should be decided to purchase a three-ton lorry.

Only one application was received for appointment on the Staff of the Fire Brigade. This was from Frank Goodisson of John Street, Plumber, 29 years of age. This man was deemed to be well qualified for

membership of the Brigade, and was duly appointed thereon.

The Mayor intimated that he would bring under notice at next meeting the desirability of altering the names of some of the streets of the town, and would submit for consideration the names to be substituted for present names.

A. Larkin

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1st September, 1920.

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:-

Richard Corish, Esq., Mayor (in the chair)

Aldermen:- Nicholas Connolly, James Larkin, Patrick Clancy.

Councillors:- Ailie Mary Fennell, Joseph Boyce, James Sinnott,
John Walsh, Frank Carty, Thomas Hayes,
James Crosbie, David O'Neill, Laurence Cummins,
Thomas O'Brien, Michael Martin.

The minutes of last meeting were read and signed.

Liabilities which had accrued due up to the end of August, amounting in the aggregate to £1820. 3. 11 were submitted, and having been examined were passed for payment with the exception of an item of £5. 17. 6. This was in respect of Malicious Injury Claims demanded by the County Council. It was struck out of the Accounts on the motion of His Worship, the Mayor, seconded by Councillor Sinnott for the reason that the County Council had decided to repudiate such claims, and therefore this money was retainable by the Corporation.

*Malicious
Injuries*

A Committee Recommendation as to transferring the current Bank Account from the name of the Corporation to that of two private individuals, was brought up. The transfer became necessary because of the passing of recent English legislation under which the Government were authorized to seize the Funds of Irish Public Bodies in Banks and apply them in payment of Malicious Injury Claims.

Apropos of this matter letters from the Local Government Board and Dublin Castle were read. That from the Local Government Board was dated 29th July 1920.

the Castle was dated 4th August 1920 and numbered 19394.

The purport of both was that in view of the Resolutions passed by certain Bodies in Ireland repudiating the authority of the English parliament, the Government had determined to withhold all contributions towards Municipal Administration, or give Loans or Grants or Subsidies from the Imperial Exchequer, unless an assurance were given that these moneys were dealt with and administered in the usual way, and the Municipal Accounts submitted to Government Audit and the Rules and Orders of the Local Government Board obeyed.

Thereupon the Mayor delivered a discourse urging the importance of adopting the Committee Recommendation in relation to the custody of the Municipal Funds as a temporary arrangement pending the solution of the present political problem before the Country, and advocating the necessity of renouncing all recognition of the Local Government Board in the present crisis.

Thereupon the Recommendation was adopted without a dissentient voice, and furthermore, a Resolution was adopted on the motion of Councillor Martin, seconded by Councillor Crosbie, and supported by Alderman Claney, whereby from this date all connection between the Council and the Local Government Board was to be definitely severed.

In furtherance of the object of the foregoing decision as to the Bank Account, a Treasurer's Advice Note was signed to enable the withdrawal of £1023. 5. 7, being Balance to credit of the Council in the National Bank on this date.

A Recommendation from the Finance and Works Committee was brought under notice. This was the result of a Financial Statement submitted to the Committee showing that for the year ended on 31st March last the rents charged for the working class dwellings did not enable them to be self-supporting, but that a sum of £337, in round numbers, had to be made good out of the Borough Fund.

The Committee considered that it was justifiable to increase the rents of all the houses except the four at West Gate, where the Rates were paid by the occupiers, and were in favour of sixpence a week each being added to the rent of 123 houses, and sevenpence a week each being added to the rent of the seven houses in Grogan's Road. This would bring in about £170 a year in reduction of the loss.

After discussion it was resolved on the motion of Councillor Garty, seconded by Councillor Martin to make the proposed increases.

A communication from the Ministry of Labour, Dail Eireann, was read. The Labour Department desired to form a permanent Conciliation Board for the purpose of arriving at an amicable settlement of questions arising between employers and employed. The Department had formulated a Scheme setting out

that the Conciliation Board should consist of representatives of local Governing Bodies and of their officials or employees, headed by a neutral Chairman. Failing a settlement by the Conciliation Board an Arbitrator would be nominated by the Ministry of Labour. The Mayor signified his dissent from the constitution of the proposed Boards, maintaining, from the Trades Union point of view, that instead of the workers' representation consisting of nominees of the employees it should be formed of two representatives of the appropriate Trade Union. It was essential that Trade Unionism should be fully recognized in the matter.

On his proposition, which was seconded by Councillor Crosbie, the consideration of the subject was deferred sine die.

A communication from the Department of Labour, Dail Eireann, under date of 20th August 1920, was read. It appeared from this that Dail Eireann had decided that such members of the Royal Irish Constabulary as had resigned their membership of the Force through loyalty to Ireland, should be given a chance to become true citizens of the Irish Republic, and for that purpose should be helped to obtain work.

The Ministry requested that if any vacant situation turned up in the District suitable for a resigned policeman, the Council should endeavour to obtain his appointment to it.

After brief discussion the following resolution was unanimously adopted on the motion of His Worship, the Mayor, seconded by Alderman Larkin.

"That we welcome to civil life all members of the R. I. C. who resigned through patriotic motives, and pledge ourselves not to place any obstacle in their way to securing a position in civil life."

As per notice given, His Worship, the Mayor submitted a proposition as to changing the existing names of seventeen of the streets of the town. The object in view was to perpetuate, in a slight way, the names of men who had made sacrifices for Ireland, and nearly all of whom had lost their lives in the Cause they believed in.

The memory of one of these patriots, James Connolly, was worthy of being specially revered by the workers of Wexford.

Alderman Clancy seconded the motion in fitting terms, referring in particular to the late Nicholas O'Hanlon Walsh who had always proved himself a true lover of his Country.

It was warmly supported by Alderman Larkin, Councillors O'Neill and Carty. One great advantage of the proposed change was to substitute the names of Irish patriots for those of English notabilities.

*Renaming
Streets*

The motion was put and carried unanimously.

The seventeen streets in question, with their names, are as hereunder stated.

*A.B. & O'Leary's
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STREET.	NEW NAME.
Charlotte Street.	Colbert Street.
Gibson Street. X	X Peter Street.
George Street.	Oliver Plunkett Street.
King Street.	Partridge Street.
William Street.	James Connolly Street.
Wellington Place.	O'Rahilly Place.
Ram Street. X	X Skeffington Street.
Monck Street.	McDonagh Street.
Barrack Street.	Macken Street.
Talbot Street.	Pearse Street.
Henrietta Street.	O'Hanrahan Street.
Hill Street.	Shaun McDermott Street.
Back Street. X	X Mallon Street.
Duke Street.	Thomas Clarke Street.
Waterloo Road.	McCourtain Road.
Arne Street.	Thomas Ashe Street.
Common Quay Street.	O'Hanlon Walsh Street.
Castle Hill Street X	X Kevin Barry Street

A Notice of Application for compensation for Malicious Injury was submitted

This was a case in which a man named Patrick Purlong on Saturday, 14th August 1920 maliciously smashed a plate glass window of the shop of Mary Roche, Publican, John's Gate Street. The Applicant intended to claim £20. in the County Court for the damage perpetrated.

The meeting refused to entertain this Notice on the principle that charges for Malicious Injuries were to be repudiated to counter the action of the Government in withholding Exchequer Grants. It was said, however, that in this case there was a likelihood of a settlement being come to between the parties concerned.

The Abstract of Accounts for year ended 31st March last, together with the Report of the Local Government Auditor for that period, were introduced but were not entertained, but it was resolved on the motion of Alderman Connolly seconded by Councillor Sinnott, to follow out the policy of the former Resolution of the day to give the Auditor no access to the Books and Accounts at any future time.

The Mayor took occasion to bring under notice the lamentable condition of Belfast Nationalists numbering several thousands who had been deprived of their means of livelihood through an outbreak of political intolerance.

Many had to leave the City and many had their houses burned down because of their religious or political beliefs. A Fund had been opened for the

relief of the stricken people and he appealed to Wexford for contributions in aid of the Fund. He had received Ten Pounds already from a munificent donor. The trouble was not altogether attributable to religious bigotry, but Dail Eireann and the Transport Union had taken measures to boycott firms that gave countenance to it.

Alderman Claney and Councillor Sinnott mentioned that they were aware of refugees from Belfast being in Wexford at present having returned to their native town penniless. Under the circumstances there was no doubt Wexford would liberally respond to the appeal.

The following is a list of Bills passed this day for payment:-

WEXFORD MUNICIPAL COUNCIL.

Statutable Meeting Wednesday, 1st September, 1920.

BILLS PAYABLE.

			£	s.	d.
N. J. Frizelle (No. 3 Account)—Second Quarter's Instalment of Co. Council Demand	...	...	1054	18	2
Wm. A. Browne—Quarter's Salary as Town Clerk	...	...	124	7	6
Same—do. Secretary of Waterworks	...	...	5	0	0
Same—do. Executive Sanitary Officer	...	...	5	0	0
Patrick Hanrahan—do. Town Surveyor and Superintendent of Waterworks	...	...	80	0	0
Nicholas Bolger—do. Assistant Town Clerk	...	...	49	14	6
Thomas Pierse—do. Medical Officer of Health	...	...	10	0	0
John Kehoe—do. Town Sergeant, Inspector of Shops, Cinemas and Dairies	...	...	40	5	0
Patrick O'Brien—do. Caretaker of Town Hall	...	...	6	16	6
Johanna Tierney—do. Office Cleaner	...	...	5	0	0
Edward Byrne—do. Sanitary Sub-Officer (including increase from 3rd March, 1920)	...	...	32	7	10
Wm. A. Browne—Half-year's Salary as Registrar of Dairies	...	...	5	0	0
Francis Staples—do. as Veterinary Inspector	...	...	7	10	0
Frances M. Daly—Salary as Health Visitor for August	...	...	9	3	4
Dora O'Leary—For acting as Milk Distributor for August	...	...	2	4	3
Patrick O'Leary—For 290 Gallons of Milk supplied	...	...	29	0	0
Wexford Co-Operative Society—For Bass Brooms supplied	...	...	9	12	0
Frank Boxwell—For Lime supplied	...	...	1	7	0
Philip Ryan—For Poor Rate on Land and House at Reservoir	...	...	3	13	9
British Dominion Insurance Co.—Premium for Insuring Employees against accident	...	...	9	2	6
Do. Premium for Insuring Members of Fire Brigade against accident	...	...	2	0	0
William A. Browne—Workmen's Wages for August	...	...	324	16	7
			£1846	18	11

Deduct from County Council Demand, as per Resolution

passed this day:

Add, also passed by Meeting:-

Patrick Boyce, for boots supplied for Turncock.

Total payments, as per Financial Statement Book

6th October, 1920.

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:-

Richard Corish, Esq., Mayor (in the chair)

Aldermen:- George Hadden, James Larkin, Nicholas Connolly,
Patrick Clancy.

Councillors:- Richard Gibson, Thomas Hayes, John Walsh, Frank Carty,
James Crosbie, James Sinnott, Laurence Cummins,
David O'Neill, 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 £1069. 0. 7, (a list of which is subjoined hereto) were submitted and having been examined were passed for payment. Among these items were the retaining fees of £3. each to the Staff of the Fire Brigade, payable in virtue of a resolution of 3rd. March 1919, but it is here noted that in the case of James McEvoy, ~~who was~~ Chief of the Brigade, the fee paid was £5. as fixed by the Finance and Works Committee on 8th September Ultimo.

In connection with the Accounts also, attention was called to the fact that the increase of remuneration granted to Miss Daly, Health Visitor, on 2nd. June last, was overdue. On discussion on this question, it was seen that the sanction of the Local Government Board had been withheld, as the Council had declined, on principle, to satisfy that Board that the increase was justified. A further consideration for delay in payment was that in view of the fact that the Local Government Board contributed half the administration expenses attendant on the Maternity and Child Welfare Scheme, and in view, also, of the threatened withholding of these and other Grants, it was necessary that the Council should wait for awhile and find out with some degree of certainty how their financial position would be affected by the withdrawal of the Grants before proceeding further with Miss Daly's case.

The result was that the question was deferred for a month to give an opportunity to the Finance and Works Committee to review the situation and see what was best to be done in the circumstances.

Alluding to his arrest on the 4th Instant for taking part in the holding of an Arbitration Court on that date, and his release after 24 hours detention, His Worship, the Mayor deprecated the well-meant overtures that were suggested to be made to secure his release. On no account would he compromise his attitude of hostility to British Rule in Ireland, or seek a favour from an Alien Government. At the same time he was fully sensible of the motives of persons who interested themselves in his case.

Most of the members present joined in congratulating His Worship on his quick release, and in testifying to the firmness with which he upheld his patriotic principles in the whole affair. Especially had he evoked the admiration of such of the members as had visited him while under arrest.

Notices of intended application for compensation for Criminal Injury to property were submitted. They were from Bridget Fitzpatrick claiming £50., Norah Duggan, £7., James O'Brien, £40, and William F. Kirby, £90, for breakage of plate-glass windows at Selskar Street and Main Street North.

The damage was done on the night of 10th September last, an occasion on which commotion took place in the streets owing to the presence of the Military.

In this matter it was decided, on the motion of the Mayor, seconded by Councillor Sinnott, to take no notice of the applications on the principle already adopted as to repudiating such Claims by reason of the stoppage of Exchequer Grants.

It was brought under notice that a Special Committee had visited the County Hall, formerly the Prison, on Thursday, 23rd. Ultimo, to see if suitable accommodation could be had in these premises for the proper transaction of Municipal business.

The Committee considered that six rooms opening on the main entrance hall (three on each side) would answer the purpose required, but two of the rooms on the right hand side would need to be thrown into one to serve as a Committee Room. The terms of letting should include some kind of a guarantee against disturbance for a fixed period of years. The County Council had been asked to state what they would accept as rent, and an answer from them was expected shortly.

On the motion of Councillor Hayes seconded by Alderman Larkin, the action of the Committee was approved, and further, it was decided, upon an agreement being come to with the County Council regarding rent and term of letting, that the rooms be taken over. Tenders received in respect of putting up new names on seventeen streets in the Irish and English languages were considered.

Messrs Furlong, Bros, Painters, and Messrs McEvoy Bros, Painters, offered to erect lettered boards, but these tenders were not entertained inasmuch as Mr. Thomas Malone of Newtown, Wexford, offered to erect the names raised on metal plates in bi-lingual characters for the sum of £2. 2. 6 each. This tender was accepted but on condition that the men employed on the production of the

plates were members of recognized Trades Unions.

The number of name-plates required were 34 in all. In this

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Remaining Streets

matter there was no attention paid to the requirements of the Public Health Act, 1907.

A letter from the Trades and Labour Council was read drawing attention to the necessity which existed for making preparations to combat a general outbreak of fire in the town. In the present disturbed state of Ireland incendiarism had been resorted to in many towns with immense loss of property, and it was well that Wexford should be prepared to meet any emergency in the way of a local conflagration. The letter contained a suggestion that representatives of the Municipal Council, the Employers' Federation, and the Trade and Labour Council should come together and see if it was possible to settle on a means of safeguarding the town if such an untoward circumstance should arise.

The suggestion was highly approved of, and three members, namely, The Mayor, Alderman Hadden and Councillor Carty, were delegated to attend the proposed Conference.

A letter from the Wexford Branch of the Gaelic League was read. The Branch invited the Council to appoint two Delegates to a Conference which was to be held on the 16th Instant. The object of the Conference was to make the Irish Language a compulsory subject in schools, and to bring pressure to bear on those in charge of schools, and on parents, to obey the will of the people in this matter.

The object was approved of, and Councillors Cummins and Carty were appointed to attend the Conference on behalf of the Council.

The following is a copy of a Resolution received from the Cork Industrial Development Association. On being read it was approved and duly adopted on the motion of Councillor Carty, seconded by Councillor Martin, and it was decided to send copies to Admiral W. S. Benson, Washington, U. S. A., The U. S. Ambassador, London, and the U. S. Consul, Cove, Co. Cork, viz:-

"This Association, representatives of the commercial and industrial interests of Cork, expresses its pleasure at the advent of the ships of the United States Mail Steamship Company to the port of Cork, which, we feel confident, will lead to a big development of trade and intercourse between Ireland and America.

We condemn the action of the British Government Authorities in their prohibition against American passenger vessels entering Cork Harbour on the east-bound voyage. We regard such prohibition not as an isolated incident but as part of the traditional English policy of maintaining control of the seas and preventing the shipping expansion of other nations. We also regard it as part of England's traditional repressive economic policy against the development of Ireland's trade and commerce, which policy ruthlessly pursued has reduced the population of our country from eight millions to four millions within the past seventy

years.

We look to the United States Administration, and in particular to its Shipping Board Department, to insist upon freedom for its vessels to enter Irish ports, and we are sure the whole Irish people will co-operate with any action taken by them in this respect, as it is to the interests of our country that its ports be free to all vessels, and it is our desire to maintain direct intercourse with all nations."

The following is a copy of a Resolution received from the Local Government Department, Dail Eireann. It was received with approbation and unanimously adopted, viz:-

"As the imposition of religious and political tests as a condition of industrial employment in any part of Ireland has been decreed illegal, this Council calls upon all public bodies here represented, and upon Local Authorities everywhere throughout Ireland, to take immediate steps to cease trading with the City in which such an illegal test is now attempted to be enforced. This Council further recommends that business be discontinued throughout Ireland with the branches of the Banks which finance Firms who apply, or permit to be applied, such illegal tests, and Firms which expel, or permit to be expelled, employees who refuse to submit to such illegal tests.

This cessation of trade and the withdrawal of support from the Banks indicated are to be maintained until such time as the victimized employees are unconditionally re-employed. On the receipt from the local labour leaders and the authentic representatives of the persecuted people of a White List of Firms which have refused to permit their employees to be illegally expelled from their work, the Council will recommend that business with such Firms be resumed."

The following is a List of Bills passed this day for payment.

WEXFORD MUNICIPAL COUNCIL.

Statutable Meeting Wednesday, 6th October, 1920.

BILLS PAYABLE.

		£	s.	d.
Little & Nunn—Half-year's Rent of Market Site to 29th September, 1920	...	25	0	0
Same—Do. Pipe Fields do. ...	...	15	0	0
Same—Do. Town Hall Site do. ...	...	6	14	3
John Tyler & Son—Quarter's Rent of Town Clerk's Office	...	6	5	0
Richard Corish—Quarter's Salary as Mayor of Wexford	...	25	0	0
Francis Staples—Proportion of Increase of Salary as Veterinary Inspector	...	6	0	0
Frances M. Daly—Salary as Health Visitor for September	...	9	3	4
Dora O'Leary—Salary as Milk Distributor for September	...	2	2	10
Patrick O'Leary—For supplying 200 of Gallons New Milk	...	31	18	0

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sacrifice in the Cause of Irish Liberty, and a triumph of mind and spirit over brute force, and that this meeting hereby stands adjourned as a mark of respect for his memory."

In submitting the motion, His Worship maintained that the deceased gentleman was here and a martyr. He had sacrificed his life for the realization of his ideal, which was the emancipation of Ireland from British sway. His memory was honoured throughout the world, and would be for generations to come. The sacrifice he had made would be an incentive to the Irish people ^{to go on with} the struggle they were making to rid themselves of the incubus of British domination.

The motion was duly seconded by Alderman LeEkin, and was spoken to in fitting terms by Alderman Clancy, Councillor Carty, Alderman Connolly, Alderman Hadden, and Councillor Sinnott.

The motion was put and was carried unanimously, all present rising to their feet in testimony of their acquiescence ⁱⁿ the motion.

The Mayor thereupon proposed that an expression of condolence to Mrs Alice Purlong, of Talbot Street on the death of her late son, Matthew, be inscribed on the minutes, and that this be coupled with a like testimony of sorrow at the lamented deaths in Cork Prison of the two young Patriots, Murphy, and Fitzgerald, who had evinced their devotion to principle by dying on hunger strike.

The motion was seconded by Alderman Clancy, and was likewise adopted unanimously with befitting accord.

H. Corish

Mayor

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3rd. November, 1920

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:-

Richard Corish, Esq., Mayor (in the chair)

Aldermen:- Patrick Clancy, Nicholas Connolly, James Larkin.

Councillors:- Frank Carty, James Crosbie, James Billington,
Laurence Cummins, Thomas Hayes, James Sinnott, John Walsh,
Joseph Boyce; Michael Martin.

The minutes of proceedings of last two meetings were read and signed. Accounts which had accrued due, amounting in all to £1926. 13. 1 were submitted. Having been checked they were found correct, and were ordered to be paid, with the exception of seven sums, amounting to £1089. 10. 2, instalments in re-payment of Loans and Interest due to the Board of Works, and one item of £4. 18. 2, Quit Rent payable to the Collector of Customs. The net payments for the day were, therefore, only £832. 4. 9, a list of which is hereto subjoined.

A letter from Messrs Little and Elgee, Solicitors to the Harbour Commissioners, was read, together with copy of correspondence passed with the Dublin & South Eastern Railway Company regarding the dangerous state of the footbridge at the Bathing Place. It was seen from this that the Company were prepared to grant a right-of-way from the New Bridge crossing the Slaney down to the Bathing Place to permit of the footbridge being demolished altogether. It was seen also that the Harbour Commissioners were not in a position to do the necessary repairs, owing to want of funds. In the circumstances the case was submitted to the Corporation for their consideration.

On the motion of the Mayor, seconded by Councillor Sinnott, it was RESOLVED:- That the Commissioners be informed that the Corporation highly approved of the taking down of the footbridge, and hoped that the Commissioners would be able to proceed with the opening of the suggested new approach in good time.

Councillor Billington objected, being of opinion that the Harbour Commissioners should not be called on to bear the expense of carrying out the necessary work.

The necessity for taking steps to safeguard food supplies was brought up by the receipt of communications from the Central Food Emergency Committee recently formed in Dublin. There was a possibility of a stoppage of railway facilities, and this Committee had been engaged in making arrangements for transit of food and goods by motor and other means.

they were anxious to have Branch Committees formed in provincial towns to work in co-operation with the Central Body in the event of the

threatened railway crisis arising. They asked the Corporation to establish a Branch Committee.

On the motion of Councillor Martin seconded by Councillor Carty, It was Resolved:- That a Committee be appointed in compliance with the request made, that it consist of His Worship, The Mayor, Councillor Carty, Alderman Connolly, Councillor Cummins, Alderman Larkin, and Councillor Martin, that they be given power to increase the size of the Committee, and that the first meeting be held on Monday, 8th Instant, at 8 o'clock p. m.

Alderman Clancy gave notice that he would move at next Council Meeting that the existing names of two of the streets in the town should be changed. He mentioned only one street, that is to say, High Street, the name of which he suggested should be changed to that of McSwiney Street, and stated he would indicate the name of the other street in due time.

Councillor Carty suggested that the Gas Company should be requested to furnish a list of the number and location of public lamps kept lighted after dark up to the present, and also to specify the exact time in the evening at which they were lighted and at which they were extinguished. There was reasonable cause for complaint of the inattention given to the public lights, and of the fewness of the lamps kept lighted out of the number ordered. It was mentioned, however, that irregularities were due to the action of the Coal Controller consequent on the unprecedented Coal Miners' Strike in Great Britain.

The suggestion was adopted.

Two further suggestions, one as to the lighting of a lamp near Ennis's public house in the Faythe, and the other as to resuming the occasional inspection of the lights, were adopted, but the taking on of the services of an Inspector was left to the discretion of the Mayor.

Reference was made to the case of the late Kevin Barry who had met his death, recently, on the Scaffold at Mountjoy Prison. He had undergone Capital Punishment for having engaged in an affray in Dublin in which the lives of some of the Military Forces of England had been lost. He had died courageously, and with the spirit of a true Irish Patriot.

A touching tribute was paid to his memory by Alderman Clancy, Alderman Larkin, Councillor Carty, and the Mayor, and an expression of sympathy with the friends of the deceased was adopted with silent sympathy.

Following is a list of the Bills reported in the Minutes

WEXFORD MUNICIPAL COUNCIL.

Statutable Meeting Wednesday, 3rd November, 1920.

BILLS PAYABLE.

	£	s.	d.
Bank of Ireland—Instalment of Waterworks (No. 1 Loan)	£582	5	10
Same—do. do. (New 2 Loan)	71	8	6
Same—do. Cemetery Loan	24	2	8
Same—do. Artizans Dwellings (No. 1) Loan	41	15	3
Same—do. do. (No. 2) Loan	69	1	0
Same—do. do. (No. 3) Loan	165	15	0
Same—do. do. (No. 5) Loan	135	1	11
National Bank do. do. (No. 4) Loan	61	4	4
Collector of Customs—For Quit and Crown Rents	4	18	3
George W. Taylor—Half-year's Rent of Site of Westgate Dwellings	5	0	0
E. Lousley—Subsidy in aid of Technical Instruction	79	4	0
Rev. Mother, Presentation Convent, sum for feeding poor School Children	30	0	0
Do. Convent of Mercy, do. do.	11	6	0
Do. Faythe Convent, do. do.	12	8	0
Rev. T. Hore, do. do.	18	2	0
Frances M. Daly—Month's Salary as Health Visitor	9	3	4
Dora O'Leary—do. as Milk Distributor	2	4	3
Patrick O'Leary—For 236 of Gallons New Milk supplied	23	12	0
Registrar Coombe Hospital—For maintenance of one Patient	12	0	0
Do. Eye & Ear Hospital—For maintenance of three Patients	19	10	0
Nicholas Bolger—Quarter's expenses of School Attendance Committee	25	5	6
Joseph Murphy—For Hardware Goods supplied	15	1	7
Gas Consumers Co.—For Gas used in Town Hall, &c., for Quarter	4	0	4
Wexford Co-Operative Society—For Overcoat, Boots and Hat supplied	8	18	0
Simon Lambert—For repairs to Scavenging Cart	1	0	0
George Stafford—For Coal for Stone Breaker supplied	45	0	0
Goodlass, Wall & Co.—For Paint and Oil supplied	38	7	8
John Boyce—For Eight Pairs of Rubber Boots for Fire Brigade	10	0	0
Thomas McEvoy—For Painting Artizans Dwellings	35	0	0
Wexford Timber Co.—For Cement, &c., supplied	27	18	7
D.I., R.I.C.—Expenses under Food and Drugs Acts for Quarter	3	2	5
Wm. A. Browne—Carriage on Sewer Pipes	15	7	0
Same—Workmen's Wages for October	329	9	9
	£1926	13	1

1st December, 1920.

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:—

Richard Corish, Esq., Mayor (in the chair)

Aldermen:— Patrick Clancy, James Larkin, Nicholas Connolly.

Councillors:— Laurence Cummins, James Sinnott, Thomas Hayes, Michael Martin, Frank Carty, David O'Neill, John Walsh, James Crosbie, Herbert Thompson.

The minutes of meeting of 3rd. November 1920 were read and signed.

Liabilities which had accrued due up to the end of last month, amounting to £1924 17 6, a list of which is hereto submitted, were submitted, and

having been examined and found correct were ordered for payment.

Allusion was made to the assassination of Father Griffin. His case was reported in the newspapers. This reverend gentleman took an active part in the unprecedented political movement of the day. He was a prominent figure in the part of the County Galway where he ministered. It appeared that he was called out of his Presbytery at night, and his dead body was found, a week subsequently, in a lonely place where he had been shot.

Alderman Clancy moved an expression of sympathy with the relatives of the deceased clergyman.

The motion was seconded by Councillor O'Neill, who expressed the belief that Father Griffin was murdered because he was a patriotic Irishman.

The motion was put and carried unanimously in respectful silence.

Intimation was given, per letter dated 29th November 1920, No. 24352, from the Under Secretary, Dublin Castle, of the fact that a sum of £59. 19. 11, being one of the Exchequer Grants, was available for payment to the Council on condition that they would submit to the requirements as to distributing the money to the Service to which it was assigned by Statute, and recognize the Local Government Board's behests, and their Auditor.

On the motion of Councillor Martin, seconded by Councillor Sinnott

It was Resolved:- That having regard to the resolution already adopted agreeing to recognize no other but the Authority of Dail Eireann, no action be taken on the letter from Dublin Castle.

Intimation was given by circular letter dated 26th November 1920, No. 157.H., from the Local Government Board, that where in case a Poor Rate Collector had been suspended for complying with the Board's requirements as to lodging all Rates collected in his own name, the Board would issue a Sealed Order cancelling such suspension, so that he would retain his Office and exercise the duties thereof, anything to the contrary notwithstanding.

As this mandate only slightly concerned the Wexford Urban Council, their duty in connection with the Poor Rate being to have it collected and handed over to the County Council, the meeting decided to take no action.

By the receipt of a communication from the Ministry of Transport, (Ireland) Roads Department under date of 18th November 1920, (L.L.R.C.L.) it was seen that under the Ministry of Transport Act, 1919, and the Finance Act 1920, Grants were obtainable by Highway Authorities for the construction, improvement, or maintenance of roads.

Act it was requisite that the streets of the town should be divided into three classes, and a Scheme of the classification prepared and submitted to the Ministry. Thereupon Conferences would be arranged to be held to discuss the Scheme, and introduce any modifications into it that might appear desirable. Upon the Scheme being settled on and ratified, the Ministry would inform the Highway Authority of the annual contribution to be made towards the cost of road maintenance in each District.

The opinion was expressed by members present that as the Ministry of Transport formed part of the system of British Government, it would be inconsistent with the political attitude of the Council to entertain the communication, but this was not shared in by all present, and the result was that on the motion of Councillor Crosbie, seconded by Councillor Carty, the question of preparing the Scheme or not was referred to the Finance and Works Committee.

Gas. A legal notice from the Gas Company was submitted. This Company had applied to the Board of Trade for power to alter the principle on which gas was supplied and charged for hitherto, and to charge instead for Thermal Units supplied in the form of gas. They also sought power to increase the cost and charges, incidental to the supply of gas at a standard price per 100,000 Thermal Units, this figure being denominated a "Therm", and to have the maximum charged at $1/8$ per Therm instead of the maximum price of $3/4$ per 1,000 cubic feet, as hitherto.

As it was impossible to say how consumers were to be affected by the new legislation sought, and this question being one requiring for solution a highly technical knowledge, the case was referred to the Corporation Solicitor with a view to the interests of consumers being safeguarded.

This resolution was come to on the motion of His Worship, The Mayor, seconded by Alderman Larkin.

Attention was called by a letter from the Manager of the Gas Works to a practice which had sprung up in the town of wantonly breaking the public gas lamps. Lamps had been maliciously broken at the corner of Pierce's Cycle Works, also in Joseph Street, at the corner of Ram Street, and in Spawell Road. These lamps had to be all renewed; the one at Pierce's three times inside a week. The renewals necessitated the withholding of lamps prepared for other parts of the town.

The meeting recognized the impossibility of coping with these criminal acts, but took occasion to denounce them and thus bring the light of publicity on them through the medium of the newspapers.

In the matter of the public lighting, it was decided to request the Manager of the Gas Company to furnish a Schedule showing the Lighting-Up Time, from week to week, for the current Season.

Two notices of intended application for malicious injuries were received. One was at the suit of Head Constable Coghlan who claimed £300 for personal injury done to him while on duty in Wexford on the night of 10th September, 1920. The other was from Thomas Boggan claiming £400 for the loss of a motor car taken forcibly from him on 7th November, 1920, and never returned.

*Malicious
Injuries*

In pursuance of the principle adopted and observed by the Wexford Urban Council as to ignoring the existence of British Courts of Law in this country, it was decided to take no action on the cases.

The movement set on foot by Daíl Éireann to effect a boycott of Belfast goods and merchandise was brought under notice by the receipt of a communication from Dr. James Ryan, M. P.

Daíl Éireann asked afresh that a Committee should be appointed to carry out the object in view, and suggested that the Committee should consist of the Chairman of the Council and representatives of Labour Bodies, including shop assistants and others likely to be useful and sympathetic to the Cause.

The meeting was in favour of the boycott being carried out, but was at a loss to know what were the proper means to be taken to make it effective, and as a first step towards that end, decided on the motion of Councillor Sinnott, seconded by Alderman Larkin, to communicate with the Shop Assistants' Associations-Drapers' and Grocers'-and gather their views as to the proposed boycott, and see if they were prepared to join in it.

As per notice given, Alderman Claney moved that the name of High Street should be changed to that of McSwiney Street.

The motion was seconded by Councillor O'Neill, and was duly adopted in perpetuation of the memory of the late Terence McSwiney who had given up his life in Brixton Prison, London, by voluntarily subjecting himself to a process of starvation to attest the earnestness of his convictions regarding British sway in Ireland. Mr. McSwiney held the representative position of Lord Mayor of Cork at the time of his incarceration and death.

*Re-naming
Streets*

A notice was given by Councillor Sinnott of intention to move at next meeting the re-naming of Castle Hill Street, with a view to commemorating the name of the late Kevin Barry.

Castle Hill

The notice was accepted. An understanding was arrived at that the erection of the necessary name-plates in these two cases should not be proceeded with until after the close of the current financial year.

A letter from the Comrades of the Great War (Wexford Branch) was read. They proposed to erect a Tablet containing the names of the soldiers and sailors of Wexford who fell in the Great War. They

asked for leave to set it up in one of the panels of the wall on the south side of the Bullring. They were prepared to submit designs and measurements for approval.

On the motion of the Mayor, seconded by Alderman Connolly, the application was refused, the granting of it being deemed inopportune pending an expected settlement of the differences between this Country and Great Britain in the near future.

WEXFORD MUNICIPAL COUNCIL.

Statutable Meeting Wednesday, 1st December, 1920.

BILLS PAYABLE.

				£	s.	d.
William A. Browne—Quarter's salary as Town Clerk	...	...	...	124	7	6
Same do. do. Secretary of Waterworks	...	...	...	5	0	0
Same do. do. Executive Sanitary Officer	...	...	...	5	0	0
Same do. do. Registrar of Dairies and Cowsheds	...	...	...	2	10	0
Patrick Haurahan do. do. Town Surveyor	...	...	...	40	0	0
Same do. do. Superintendent of Waterworks	...	...	...	40	0	0
Nicholas Bolger do. do. Assistant Town Clerk	...	...	...	49	14	6
Thomas Pierse do. do. Medical Officer of Health	...	...	...	10	0	0
Edward Byrne do. do. Sanitary Sub-officer	...	...	...	26	0	0
Patrick O'Brien do. do. Caretaker of Town Hall	...	...	...	6	16	6
Johanna Tierney do. do. Office Cleaner	...	...	...	5	0	0
Frances M. Daly—Salary as Health Visitor for November	...	...	...	9	3	4
Dora O'Leary—Salary as Milk Distributor for November	...	...	...	2	4	10
Patrick O'Leary—For delivering 277 of Gallons New Milk	...	...	...	27	14	0
Nicholas Bolger—For writing up Poor Rate Book for 2nd moiety	...	...	...	2	10	0
Wexford Co-Operative Society—For an Oilcoat for Caretaker of Reservoir	...	...	...	3	17	6
Wm. Coad & Co.—For a pair of Top Boots for do.	...	...	...	2	19	6
M. A. Doyle—For Stationery and Office Requisites supplied	...	...	...	2	19	6
Wm. A. Browne—Carriage paid on Sewer Pipes	...	...	...	7	14	10
James McEvoy—For Erecting Sanitary Conveniences in Artizans' Dwellings : balance due	...	...	...	76	14	0
Same For Fitting Stop Cock at Roche's Road	...	...	...	1	8	1
Simon Lambert—For Barrows supplied and repairs to Cart	...	...	...	10	5	0
Frank Boxwell—For Lime supplied	...	...	...	1	7	6
Royal Victoria Eye and Ear Hospital—Maintenance of Patient	...	...	...	4	10	0
Wm. A. Browne—Workmen's Wages for November	...	...	...	327	2	9
				£794	17	4

5th January, 1921.

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:

Richard Corish, Esq., Mayor (in the chair)

Aldermen:- Nicholas Connolly, James Larkin, Patrick Clancy.

Councillors:- Thomas Hayes, John Walsh, Frank Carty, James Sinnott, James Billington, Alice Mary Fennell, David O'Neill, James Crosbie, Laurence Cummins, 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 £475. 0. 5, a list of which is subjoined hereto, were submitted, and having been examined and found correct were ordered for payment.

Notice of motion given by Councillor Sinnott at last meeting was brought forward for consideration, whereupon Councillor Sinnott said he was prepared to let the matter remain in abeyance until after the close of the current financial year, having regard to the terms of the understanding at last meeting that the necessary new name-plates were not to be erected within the present financial year.

The suggestion commended itself to the meeting and was adopted. The Comrades of the Great War having intimated a wish to attend the meeting by way of a deputation, the question whether or no the deputation should be received was deliberated on.

The object of the visit was to request the Council to re-consider the decision come to at last meeting refusing permission to erect a Memorial Tablet to commemorate the names of the soldiers and sailors of Wexford who fell in the late European War.

The reception of the deputation was moved by Councillor Carty. The motion was seconded by Councillor Billington, and was adopted without a dissentient voice.

Thereupon the deputation was admitted.

It consisted of about twelve townsmen, headed by Mr. Patrick Kinsella, Hon. Secretary to the Association. They urged their title to the privilege to put up the proposed memorial tablet. They were anxious to do honour to the memory of their fellow-townsmen and their fellow-comrades whose lives had been lost in Battle. After an interchange of views, which was conducted in a temperate and amicable spirit, the following conclusion was come to unanimously.

That the Tablet was to be erected, as desired, but that in accordance with the assurance given by the deputation, no recognition was to be given to the British Army of Occupation in Ireland at the proposed Unveiling Ceremony, but that an exception to this condition was to be made in the cases of Captain William Archer Redmond, M. P., General Doran, Ely House, Wexford, and General Sir Charles McMurrough Kavanagh, President of the Comrades Organization.

It was mentioned also that Mrs Redmond, widow of the late Major William H. K. Redmond, M. P. was to be invited to the Ceremony.

Thereupon the deputation, in withdrawing from the meeting, expressed their thanks through Mr. Philip Godfrey, Commandant of the Comrades (Wexford Branch) for the favour done them

Memorial

A letter from Mr. Patrick White, Secretary of the local Trades and Labour Council was read. The Trades and Labour Council invited the meeting to depute two members of the Corporation to attend a meeting to devise the best means to make fully effective the boycott of Belfast goods at present in force in Wexford Area.

The projected meeting was to be held on the 18th Instant, and Alderman Connolly and Councillor Carty were chosen, with their own acquiescence, to represent the Corporation on the occasion.

The agenda paper showed that communications had been received from Dail Eireann pointing out the mode of procedure to be followed by Councils acknowledging the authority of Dail Eireann in regard to the collection, banking, and disposal of moneys raised by the Poor Rate.

As these communications had a bearing solely on the financial side of municipal administration, it was thought expedient to refer them to the Finance and Works Committee, and a suggestion made as to handing them to that Committee was accordingly adopted.

A letter dated 10th December 1920, No. 173 M. from the Local Government Board, and issued with the design of countering the directions from Dail Eireann above referred to, was dealt with in like manner.

A letter from the Irish County Councils' General Council was read. This contained a resolution repudiating the action of certain persons who claimed to speak on behalf of the Irish Nation on the question of Peace or War between England and Ireland. The General Council maintained that the only Body with a mandate from the Irish People to act in their behalf was Dail Eireann.

This gave rise to the associated question of peace overtures which was alleged by the Press to be, at the present time, on the tapis, and after a brief consideration the following resolution was duly adopted, as proposed by Councillor Carty and seconded by Councillor Grosbie.

That whilst desirous of bringing about an early peace, we are of the opinion that same can only be arranged between the representatives of An Dail and the representatives of the British Government.

Referring to proceedings of 3rd. November last regarding the projected removal of the footbridge at the Bathing Place, a letter read from the Harbour Commissioners remitted the question to the Corporation again for consideration. This was a plain endeavour to shift responsibility from the Harbour Board to the Corporation, but nevertheless, the present meeting decided to take over the responsibility, having regard to the fact that the Town Surveyor, on being referred to, gave it as his opinion that the value of the material of the structure would cover the cost of the work of demolition. Accordingly instructions were given to the Town Surveyor to take the necessary steps in the matter.

Attention was called to the lapses on the part of the Gas Company in

connection with the public lighting. The number of lamps prescribed for the current Season was at least 25 short. There regarding the Lighting-Up Schedule, very little attention seemed to have been paid to the Company's obligations. In many instances parts of the streets were left in total darkness long after lighting-up time, to the inconvenience and annoyance of the public.

To obtain redress of these grievances, it was arranged that the Mayor, accompanied by Councillors Carty and Hayes, should see the Gas Directors at their meeting on Friday, 7th Instant, and request them to do their duty in the matter.

WEXFORD MUNICIPAL COUNCIL.

Statutable Meeting Wednesday, 5th January, 1921.

BILLS PAYABLE.

	£	s.	d.
Postmaster-General—Year's Rent of Telephone Service	6	0	0
Richard Corish—Quarter's Salary as Mayor of Wexford	25	0	0
Frances M. Daly—Month's Salary as Health Visitor	9	3	4
Dora O'Leary—Month's Salary as Milk Distributor	2	4	3
Patrick O'Leary—For 337 Gallons of Milk supplied	41	2	6
William A. Browne—Fee for making out and revising Jurors' Lists	23	18	3
Thomas Godfrey—do. do.	8	16	6
M. J. O'Connor & Co.—Year's Rent of site of William Street Houses and of right-of-way	1	1	0
George Stafford—For One Ton of Coal supplied	4	12	0
Eagle Insurance Co.—For Insurance Premium on Houses in Hill Street and West Gate	2	19	0
St. Vincent's Hospital—To Cost of Maintenance of Patient (Michael O'Leary)	17	2	0
Healy & Collins—For an Overcoat supplied to Turncock	6	10	0
G. S. & W. Railway Co.—Carriage on Sewer Pipes	6	3	5
Wm. A. Browne—Workmen's Wages, &c.	320	8	2
	£475	0	5

31st January, 1921.

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

The members present were:—

Richard Corish, Esq., Mayor (in the chair)

Aldermen:— James Larkin, Patrick Clancy, Nicholas Connolly.

Councillors:— Thomas Rossiter, Thomas Hayes, James Grosbie,
John Walsh, Michael Martin, Laurence Cummins,
Thomas O'Brien, David O'Neill, Frank Carty,
Joseph Boyce, James Sinnett, James Billington.

The minutes of meeting of the Council for the year 1920 were read and signed.

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The meeting proceeded with the election of a Mayor for the ensuing year, pursuant to the Statutes in that case made and provided, namely, The Local Government (Ireland) Act, 1898, as amended by The Adaptation (Day of Annual and Quarterly Meeting) Order 1919.

Councillor Rensiter proposed that the outgoing Mayor, Alderman Richard Corish, be re-elected to the Office of Mayor of Wexford for the ensuing year, "and until his Successor be appointed and shall have accepted Office."

The motion was seconded by Councillor Martin, and was warmly supported by Aldermen Chaney, Connolly, Larkin, and Councillors Carty, Walsh, Cummins, and O'Neill.

All these members united in expressing their unstinted admiration for the zeal and ability displayed by the Mayor in the discharge of his civic functions during the last year.

Councillor Carty, being the senior member present, took up the duty of putting the resolution to the meeting.

The motion was thereupon submitted, and was carried with acclamation. Thereupon the Mayor made and subscribed to his Declaration of Acceptance of Office.

The Mayor, in returning thanks for this act of the renewal of the confidence of his Colleagues, delivered an eloquent address. He dwelt on the point that labour representation had justified the claim to conduct public affairs with efficiency, and in proof of this he reviewed the work of municipal administration for the past year, such work having been left, almost entirely, in the hands of the labour representatives by the experienced members of the Corporation. He touched on the National troubles, and felt at a loss to understand the attitude of those who held aloof from the struggle in which the country was at present engaged. He expressed the earnest hope that before long the aspirations of the majority of Irishmen would be realized to the full.

The appointing of the times of holding three Quarterly Meetings in 1921 in addition to the present meeting which was fixed by Statute, was considered, whereupon on the motion of Councillor Carty, seconded by Councillor Billington, the following dates were settled on, namely, Wednesday, 4th May, Wednesday, 3rd. August, and Wednesday, 2nd. November. The forming of Committees for general purposes for the ensuing year was considered, and on the motion of Alderman Larkin, seconded by Councillor Sinnott, it was

Resolved:- That the Finance and Works, Waterworks, and Sanitary Committees be composed of all the members of the Council, as it has been hitherto the practice to do for many years.

As to the composition of the Technical Instruction Committee, the present list of members was gone over and revised, and as a result the membership stands as follows for one year.

Corporation Members:- His Worship, the Mayor, Alderman Hadden, and Councillors Frank Carty, James Sinnott, Herbert Thompson, David O'Neill, and Thomas Rossiter. - 7

Non-Members:- Venerable Archdeacon Latham, D. D., Rev. Thomas Hore, Adm., Rev. M. O'Byrne, C.C., and Messrs Patrick White, James Hore, and Charles Rowe. 6.

2nd. February, 1921.

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:-

Richard Corish, Esq., Mayor (in the chair)

Aldermen:- James Larkin, Nicholas Connolly, George Hadden, Patrick Clancy.

Councillors:- John Walsh, Joseph Boyce, Richard Gibson, Thomas Hayes, Thomas O'Brien, James Billington, James Crosbie, David O'Neill, Laurence Cummins, and James Sinnott.

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 £578. 8. 11, a list of which is hereto subjoined, were submitted, and having been examined and found correct were ordered for payment.

Pursuant to notice given, the Mayor proposed that the charge for water supplied by meter to premises outside the Borough Boundary should be increased by double owing to the diminished value of money since pre war days. There were nine such premises in regard to which Special Agreements were made.

They were as follows:- Convent of St. John of God, Francis Walsh Lorne Villa, Martin Huggard Carcur House, Dr. O'Connor Carcur Cottage, Raymond Corish Odessa Cottage, Dr. Stafford St. Magdalen's, The Rockfield Convent, Miss Pierce Rocklands, and the Sports Company Summerhill.

The motion was seconded by Councillor Billington and was duly adopted.

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Attention having been drawn to the fact that Miss Mary Anne

*Sale of
Water*

O'Connor and Mr. Philip Cowman had absented themselves from meetings of the Council for a period of over six months, the question of declaring vacant the Seats held by them was due for consideration. It was open for the Council in these cases to exercise the option of refraining from taking action, as for example, if a reasonable excuse was put forward by the delinquent members for their abstention.

A discussion took place, and the result was that on the motion of Alderman Hadden, seconded by Alderman Connolly, it was resolved that a Special Meeting be held on Wednesday next, 9th Instant, to consider the cases again, and take steps towards declaring the Seats vacant, if thought expedient to do so, and that in the meantime the two members referred to be written to and given an opportunity to vindicate their non-attendance. A letter from the Wexford County Council containing a request for a further instalment on foot of their Demand, was read, but it was referred to the Finance and Works Committee for consideration.

A Local Government Order made in pursuance of the Public Health (Medical Treatment of Children) (Ireland) Act, 1919, was submitted. Under this Order the Council were permitted to frame a Scheme for the Medical and Dental treatment of children attending primary schools, and to employ the services of a Medical Officer, a qualified Dentist, a Medical and Surgical Nurse, and provide medical and dental appliances, and any housing accommodation necessary.

The Scheme, and the Officers appointed under it were subject to the sanction of the Local Government Board, but that Board would in consequence re-imburse half the expenses attendant on the Scheme.

This Order, on the motion of the Mayor, seconded by Councillor Sinnott, was marked "read."

Committees as follows were appointed.

To discuss an overture from Mr. J. J. Stafford as to the Corporation requiring a block of dilapidated buildings at the Folly with the object of widening the thoroughfare, namely, Councillor Sinnott, Alderman Clancy, Alderman Larkin, Councillor Hayes, Alderman Connolly, Councillor Carty, Councillor Billington, Alderman Hadden, and The Mayor.

To interview Mr. Stafford also as to obtaining facilities from his electric plant for the lighting of the streets, having regard to the unsatisfactory manner in which the Gas Company were discharging their duty in the matter of the public lighting, namely, The Mayor, Alderman Hadden, and Councillor Gibson.

To see the Gas Directors on Friday next, at 11.0 A. M. and demand from them an assurance that an efficient service will be afforded in future in the matter of the public lighting, namely, The Mayor, Councillor Carty, and Councillor Billington.

It was ordered that a Recommendation of the Finance Committee as to paying the Town Sergeant £7. 7. 0 to provide a suit of ordinary clothes be adopted.

WEXFORD MUNICIPAL COUNCIL.

Statutable Meeting Wednesday, 2nd February, 1921.

BILLS PAYABLE.

	£	s.	d.
Sir C. A. Cameron—Half-year's Salary as Borough Analyst	5 0 0
Joseph Kelly—Year's Rent of Manure and Stone Depot at Faythe	10 0 0
Frances M. Daly—Month's Salary as Health Visitor	9 3 4
Dora O'Leary—Month's Salary as Milk Distributor	2 4 3
Patrick O'Leary—For 284 Gallons of New Milk supplied	35 10 0
Reps. M. Flood—For Hire of Stone Breaker (245 hours, at 15s. per hour)	183 15 0
Guest & Chimes—For Seven Water Meters Repaired	15 1 6
Royal Victoria Eye and Ear Hospital.—For maintenance of 5 Patients	15 8 6
Shand, Mason & Co.—For Firemen's Helmets and Axes supplied	15 8 6
William Kinsella—For Coal supplied to Caretaker Town Hall	4 11 0
Gas Consumers' Co.—For Gas supplied to Town Hall, &c., for Quarter	7 14 2
D. & S. E. Railway Co.—Carriage on Sewer Pipes for William Street	3 11 4
Thomas McEvoy—For Painting 22 Houses at Distillery Road (balance due)	6 12 0
James McEvoy—For Cleaning Eave Runs of Artizans' Dwellings	13 4 7
Wm. A. Browne—Workmen's Wages, &c., for January, 1921	25 4 9
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			£578 8 11

9th February, 1921.

A 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:—

Richard Corish, Esq., Mayor (in the chair)

Aldermen:— James Sinnott, Patrick Clancy, Nicholas Connolly,
James Larkin.

Councillors:— Nicholas Byrne, Alice Mary Fennell, Herbert
Thompson, Joseph Boyce, Richard Gibson, James
Crosbie, James Billington, Thomas O'Brien,
Nicholas Byrne, John Walsh, James Sinnott, David
O'Neill, Thomas Hayes, Frank Carty, Thomas Rossiter,
Michael Martin.

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The minutes of meeting of 2nd. February 1921 were read and signed.

The meeting was summoned specially to deal with the cases of two members of the Council, Miss Mary Anne O'Connor and Mr. Philip Cowman, who had absented themselves from Meetings for a period of over six months. The cases had been under consideration of the 2nd. Instant, but no action then taken, pending the possible receipt of explanations from the delinquents.

Mr. Cowman in a note stated he regretted having been unable to attend as he used to do, but was satisfied to submit to any decision the Council might think well of coming to in the matter.

Miss O'Connor expressed regret that owing to business engagements, and her mother's illness, her attendance at meetings had proved most inconvenient. She hoped to be in a position to attend again in the near future.

The question of exercising in their favour the privilege given by Section 12 (19) of the Application of Enactments Order, 1898, was taken up,

Alderman Sinnott announced that Mr. Cowman was prepared to attend to his Civic duties in future.

A proposal from Alderman Connolly as to referring this case to the Ratepayers' Association did not seem to be altogether acceptable, and after an interchange of views, a decision was come to on the motion of Alderman Connolly, seconded by Alderman Sinnott, that no action be taken towards declaring the Seat vacant. A like conclusion was come to as regards Miss O'Connor.

Both decisions were unanimous.

2nd. March, 1921.

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:-

Richard Corish, Esq., Mayor (in the chair)

Aldermen:- Patrick Clancy, Nicholas Connolly, James Larkin.

Councillors:- Frank Carty, James Crosbie, John Walsh, James Billington,
Thomas O'Brien, Thomas Hayes, Michael Martin, James Sinnott,
Laurence Cummins, David O'Neill.

The minutes of meeting of 9th February 1921 were read and signed.

Liabilities which had accrued due up to the end of last month, amounting in the aggregate to £1748. 9. 6, a list of which is hereto subjoined, were submitted, and having been examined and found correct were ordered for payment. The list includes an item of £534. 0. 4 passed for payment to Wexford County Council.

This was a sum retained by the Poor Rate Collector under instructions from the Local Government Board and had been duly lodged to credit of the Council upon

the then recent re-appointment of the National Bank as Treasurer for the Urban Poor Rate Account.

Referring to minutes of 1st December last, and 5th January last, a design for a Memorial Tablet to be placed in position in the Bullring was submitted to the meeting. The size and inscription were duly set forth, the latter of which was of a brief and simple character, but nevertheless, it was decided to refer the matter to the Town Surveyor for his observations thereon.

Three applications for compensation for criminal injury done to person and property were submitted to the meeting. They were from Marcella Browne, of Commercial Quay, Wexford, Spinster, who was maimed by having her hair cut off on Monday 7th February 1921, from Shelia Hernagh of Main Street North, Spinster, for the breaking of a plate glass shop window on 23rd. January 1921 and from the Wexford Gaelic Hall Limited, No. 9 South Main Street, for damage done to a building and the contents of the building on the morning of 16th February, 1921. The compensation claimed in each case was respectively, £500, £12. 10. 0., and £125.

*Gaelic Hall
Injuries*

The meeting decided to take no action in these cases, but to adhere to the attitude already taken up as to ignoring the existence of a Tribunal established under British Rule.

Alderman Clancy drew attention to the neglected state of the Monument in the Bullring. Through the effects of time and weather it required to be cleaned. He was of opinion it should be protected against casual injury, and he gave notice of his intention to move at a propiate meeting that an iron railing be erected around the Monument.

The notice was accepted, and the Town Surveyor directed to have the necessary cleaning done.

The demand of the Guild of Stone Masons for an increase of wages was a question brought forward. These operatives required that their rate of pay should be increased from 1/6 per hour to 2/- per hour, as from 1st March, 1921, for a working period of 47 hours per week.

The case of the one mason in the service of the Corporation, therefore, required to be dealt with, and it was referred to the Finance and Works Committee to make a suitable arrangement pending a settlement between the Builders and the Masons.

A short allusion was made by Alderman Connolly to the recent occurrence of six executions being carried out in one day in Cork Prison. The victims were men who had been tried by Court Martial and sentenced to be shot for making war on the Crown Forces in Ireland in the effort to put an end to British dominion in this Country.

Alderman Connolly proposed that the sympathy of the Council with the relatives of the deceased heroes be put on record.

The motion was seconded by Councillor Hayes and adopted unanimously.

WEXFORD MUNICIPAL COUNCIL.

Statutable Meeting Wednesday, 2nd March, 1921.

BILLS PAYABLE.

	£	s.	d.
Wexford Co. Council—Third Quarterly Instalment of Co. Council Demand—Sum on Account,	534	0	4
Wm. A. Browne—Quarter's Salary as Town Clerk	136	17	6
Patrick Hanrahan—Do. Town Surveyor and Superintendent of Waterworks	80	0	0
Nicholas Bolger—Do. Assistant Town Clerk	49	14	6
Thomas Pierse—Do. Medical Officer of Health	10	0	0
Edward Byrne—Do. Sanitary Sub-Officer	26	0	0
Patrick O'Brien—Do. Caretaker of Town Hall	6	16	6
Johanna Tierney—Do. Office Cleaner	5	0	0
Francis Staples—Half-year's Salary as Veterinary Inspector	15	0	0
John Kehoe—For Purchase of a Suit of Clothes	7	7	0
Frances M. Daly—Month's Salary as Health Visitor	9	3	4
Dora O'Leary—For acting as Milk Distributor for February	2	2	10
Patrick O'Leary—For 280 Gallons of New Milk supplied	35	0	0
P. J. O'Flaherty & Son—Quarter's Rent of Town Clerk's Office	6	5	0
Nicholas Bolger—Quarter's Expenses of School Attendance Committee	25	7	6
Bourtnehill Coal Co.—For Sewer Pipes supplied, as per Tender	491	11	11
Collector of Customs—For Quit Rent to September, 1920	4	18	2
M. A. Doyle—For Typewriting Supplies, and Office Requisites	6	2	6
Wm. Kinsella—For Coal supplied	2	0	0
W. R. Hamilton—For a Grate supplied	2	5	0
Wexford Timber Co.—For Timber, Cement, &c., supplied	15	13	1
Wm. Caulfield, Solicitor—Commission for Collection of Weekly and Half-yearly Rents	35	15	2
Wm. A. Browne—Workmen's Wages for February	241	9	2
	£1748	9	6

23rd. March, 1921.

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:—

Richard Corish, Esq., Mayor (in the chair)

Aldermen:— George Hadden, James Sinnott, Nicholas Connolly, James Larkin,
Patrick Clancy.

Councillors:— Frank Carty, Nicholas Byrne, Thomas O'Brien, Mary Anne O'Connor,
Alice Mary Fennell, John Walsh, Joseph Boyce, James Billington,
Laurence Cummins, James Grosbie, Thomas Hayes, David O'Neill.

The minutes of meeting of 2nd. March 1921 were read and signed.

The meeting was convened for the purpose of dealing with the Estimates of Expenses to be incurred in connection with Municipal Administration for year commencing 1st April next.

Members had been furnished with printed copies of the Estimates, the items of

which had been studied and revised by a Special Finance Committee composed of His worship the Mayor, Alderman Larkin, and Alderman Connolly, and Councillor Carty and Councillor Sinnott.

The Estimates were for sums chargeable on the Borough Fund, for sums appropriated to the maintenance and improvement of streets, and for sums payable out of Water Rates.

There was no Estimate in respect of Poor Rates, inasmuch as the requisite Demand for the year in question had not, as yet, been received from the County Council.

The net expenditure was seen to be:-

On Borough Fund.	£5251. 0. 0.
For Streets.	£2419. 0. 0.
For Water System.	£1314. 0. 0.

The Special Committee above-mentioned recommended that a small increase should be made in the rents of the working class dwellings, and a substantial increase in the charges for domestic scavenging. The proposed increase of the rents was necessitated by the increase of Rates, and the proposed increase of the charges was due to the fact that the receipts were only £150, whereas the cost was £527.

The first Estimate taken up was that in connection with the Water Rates, and it was adopted on the motion of Councillor Carty, seconded by Alderman Connolly. A Domestic Water Rate of 1/- in £, and a Public Water Rate of 8d in £ were duly agreed upon.

The other two were gone over carefully by the meeting, and item after item discussed.

They were amended in many and sundry ways in the course of a lengthy discussion, the result of which was the arrival at the following decisions.

(1) That the rents of the Artizans' Dwellings be increased by three pence per week per house for the coming financial year.

*Milk
Rents*

(2) That in connection with the Maternity and Child Welfare Scheme the distribution of free milk be given up, but that in deserving cases, for which the bona fides can be vouched, beneficiaries be required to pay only half price.

(3) That the increase of salary of £46 a year granted to Miss Daly, Health Visitor, in June last be confirmed, and that the item of £34. 10. 0 included in the Estimate for arrears of such increase be paid her.

(4) That the piece of low-lying land bordering the Redmond Road, and lying between Mr. Doyle's house and the Causeway, containing 1 acre 2 roods and 11 perches, be acquired from Mr. Richard Gibson for one year at a rent of £25, for the purpose of being used as a manure depot and a dumping ground

*Dumping
Ground*

(5) That the Poundage of the Borough Rate be fixed at 5/3, namely, 1/- for General Town Purposes, and 4/6 for General Sanitary Purposes, to defray expenses chargeable on the Borough Fund in the coming financial Year.

(6) That the Rate to be levied for the upkeep of streets be fixed at 3/- in the £., that is to say, 2/- as a Rate in lieu of County Cess under Special Legislation, and 1/- as Towns Improvement Rate.

(7) That the name of Alderman Sinnott be added to the membership of the Special Finance Committee, thus enlarging the size of this Committee so as to include seven members, namely, His Worship the Mayor, Alderman Connolly, Alderman Larkin, Councillors Carty, Sinnott, and Billington, and Alderman Sinnott.

5th April, 1921.

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:-

Richard Corish, Esq., Mayor (in the chair)

Aldermen:- Nicholas Connolly, Patrick Clancy, James Larkin.

Councillors:- Laurence Cummins, Thomas Hayes, James Crosbie, Frank Carty, John Walsh, James Sinnott.

The minutes of meeting of 23rd. March 1921 were read and signed.

Liabilities which had accrued due up to the end of last month, amounting in the aggregate to £968. 10. 10, a list of which is hereto subjoined, were submitted, and having been examined and found correct were ordered for payment. Included in the above sum is an item of £44. 15. 1 paid to James Wadding for stones supplied, and which did not appear in the printed list owing to the Bill not having been sent in in good time.

Regarding proceedings of 23rd. Ultimo, on which date the need for increasing the charges in connection with domestic scavenging was adverted to, it was pointed out that the Special finance Committee had recommended that the charge in respect of emptying dustbins should be increased from £1. to £1. 5. 0 per annum, but had deferred the question of increasing the charges for emptying ashpits for a month. In consonance with the views of the Committee the present meeting decided to fix the charge for dustbins at £1. 5. 0.

This was done on the motion of His Worship the Mayor, seconded by Councillor Cummins.

Referring to proceedings of 23rd. Ultimo, an Agreement as between Mr. Richard Gibson and the Corporation regarding a piece of land adjoining the Redmond Road was duly executed on the part of the Corporation.

Regarding proceedings of 2nd. March last, Alderman Clancy proposed that an iron railing should be erected around the Monument in the Bullring, but the question of taking action in the matter was deferred to allow of inquiries being made as to

whether any surplus funds remained in the hands of the Wexford '98 Memorial Committee who erected the Monument.

As a result of correspondence carried on between the Finance and Works Committee and Messrs Huggard and Brennan, Solicitors, a letter was received from the latter intimating that their client, Mr. Patrick Kirwan, Main Street North, was satisfied to accept £20 in settlement of his claim for damage done to a pony and trap at William Street on 7th March Ultimo.

It appeared that the pony put her foot in a hole left in the street.

Mr. Kirwan originally demanded £30 for the injury done to the pony and car, but by way of a compromise accepted £20, this to include Solicitors' fees.

The formation of a Committee to work in co-operation with the Irish White Cross was brought under notice. The duties of this Committee would be to collect funds and remit them to the Executive of the Irish White Cross.

The objects in view were to relieve distress in cases of persons deprived of means of livelihood, to restore buildings destroyed, to replace machinery implements and fittings, to purchase stock-in-trade in certain cases, and to provide employment.

The Irish White Cross was not to be identified with any political section, but was to be devoted to an effort to re-construct what had been destroyed, and re-organize what had been dislocated by violence and disturbance in the Country.

The meeting decided to appoint His Worship the Mayor, Councillor Carty and Councillor Cummins as the nucleus of a local Committee to be developed in size according as it was seen fit to do so by the addition of some of the leading and influential men of the town.

Two notices received of application to be made for malicious injury were submitted. One was from John J. Harvey of Farnogue, Wexford, who claimed £500 for personal injury done to him. The other was from John N. Scallan, Clerk of the Crown, who claimed £72. 6. 0 for damage done to the contents of a yacht.

No action taken.

An Order in Council under date of 26th March 1921, received from the Castle, was submitted. From this it was seen that a sum of £165. 15. 0 standing to the credit of the Council on 1st November 1920 in the Local Taxation (Ireland) Account, was not to be remitted to the Council, but was to be applied in discharge of the amount payable by the Council on that date on foot of one of the Housing Loans, namely, the Loan of £7,000 for the erection of 39 houses at Grogan's Road, Carrigeen, and Distillery Road.

Three communications from Dail Eireann were left over for the present.

One contained request for particulars of Decrees obtained for Malicious Injuries in English Courts, the second had reference to the Belfast Trade Boycott, and the third contained request for detailed information which

*See
Huggard
Brennan*

White Cross

*Housing
Loans*

would go to show the attitude of the Council towards the authority of Dail Eireann.

WEXFORD MUNICIPAL COUNCIL.

Statutable Meeting Wednesday, 6th April, 1921.

BILLS PAYABLE.

	£	s.	d.
Wexford Co. Council—Third Instalment of Demand—on Account	400	0	0
Richard Corish—Quarter's Salary as Mayor of Wexford	25	0	0
Frances M. Daly—Month's Salary as Health Visitor	9	3	4
Dora O'Leary—Month's Salary as Milk Distributor	2	4	3
Patrick O'Leary—For 330 Gallons of New Milk supplied	41	5	0
Thomas Parle—For Collecting Water Rates	68	15	8
Little & Nunn—Half-year's Rent of Market Site	25	0	0
Same—Do. Pipe Fields	15	0	0
Hadden's Medical Hall—For Disinfecting Lamps supplied	3	10	0
Frank Boxwell—For Lime supplied	1	12	6
Patrick O'Brien—Commission on Town Hall Letting for Year	5	7	6
Patrick Roche—For acting as Registrar of Crosstown Cemetery for Year	1	9	3
Wm. A. Browne—Workmen's Wages for March, 1921	325	8	3

£923 15 9

James W. ... For ... supplied

£945 10 10

R. Corish

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20th April, 1921.

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:—

Richard Corish, Esq., Mayor (in the chair)

Aldermen:— James Sinnott, Nicholas Connolly, Patrick Clancy, James Larkin.

Councillors:— Thomas Rossiter, Mary Anne O'Connor, Alice Mary Fennell,
John Walsh, Nicholas Byrne, Thomas O'Brien, Laurence Cummins,
James Crosbie, Joseph Boyce, Frank Carty, James Sinnott,
Michael Martin.

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

The making of Rates, as agreed to on the 23rd. Ultimo, was proceeded with, and thereupon the four following Resolutions were unanimously adopted and the different Rates referred to, in the Resolutions having been made, the Books containing such Rates were duly sealed and signed.

Proposed by Councillor Byrne, Seconded by Alderman Larkin.

RESOLVED:— That a Borough Rate of Five Shillings and Three pence in the Pound (being One Shilling for General Town Purposes, and Four Shillings and Three Pence 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

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Estimate of Expenses required to permit of the Municipal Administration of said Borough being carried out, as considered, amended, and adopted on the 23rd. March, 1921

Proposed by Alderman Sinnott, Seconded by Councillor Cummins.

RESOLVED:- That a Towns Improvement Rate of One Shilling in the Pound on the net assessable value of property within the Town of Wexford be laid on pursuant to the Towns Improvement Act, 1847, the Towns Improvement (Ireland) Act, 1854, and the amending and extending Acts incorporated therewith, as per an Estimate duly considered, amended, and adopted on the 23rd. day of March, 1921.

PROPOSED BY ALDERMAN SINNOTT, SECONDED BY COUNCILLOR CUMMINS.

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 (Ireland) Provisional Order (Wexford) Confirmation Act, 1873, and Acts incorporated with and amending the same, as per an Estimate duly considered, amended, and adopted on the 23rd. day of March, 1921.

Proposed by Councillor Rossiter, seconded by Councillor Sinnott.

RESOLVED:- That an Assessment of One Shilling and Eight pence in the Pound, viz., a Domestic Rate of One Shilling, and a Public Rate of Eight Pence 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 the 23rd. day of March, 1921.

Allusion was made in graceful terms by Councillor Carty to the recent demise of the Most Rev. Dr. Walsh, Arch Bishop of Dublin. During the many years His Grace had presided over the destinies of the Arch Diocese, he had always displayed an unswerving hostility to British Rule in Ireland and, as a consequence, he stood high in the affection and esteem of the vast majority of his fellow-countrymen. Not only as a patriotic Irishman, but as a high Dignitary of the Church, his loss was very much to be deplored.

Councillor Carty proposed that this Council should give utterance to an expression of profound sorrow at the untoward event.

This motion was warmly seconded by Alderman Connolly, and supported by Alderman Clancy.

On being put it was carried unanimously. All present stood up in testimony of their respect to the memory of the deceased Prelate.

Councillor Rossiter drew attention to the loss sustained by Councillor Thompson in the death of his revered mother, the late Mrs Joseph S.

Thompson. Although this lady was not very widely known being of a

retiring disposition, she happily possessed the gift of evoking the respect and esteem of all who had the privilege of being acquainted with her. Councillor Rossiter proposed that the sympathy of this Council be tendered to Councillor Thompson on his bereavement.

The motion was seconded by Councillor Byrne and was passed unanimously, all members standing up in token of their acquiescence in the motion.

A notice of motion presented by Councillor Martin was accepted. The object of the intended proposition was to alter the time of holding the monthly meetings of the Council. At present they were held on the first Wednesday of each month at 7.30 p. m. If an alteration were decided on the day and hour would be the first Monday at 7.30 p. m. as suggested by Councillor Martin.

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Mayor

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4th May, 1921.

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:-

Richard Corish, Esq., Mayor (in the chair)

Aldermen:- James Larkin, Nicholas Connolly, Patrick Clancy.

Councillors:- James Crosbie, James Sinnott, Laurence Cummins, Thomas O'Brien, Thomas Hayes, Alice Mary Fennell, Frank Carty, 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 £1042. 13. 9, a list of which is hereto subjoined, were submitted and having been examined and found correct were ordered for payment.

The executions which had been carried out in Cork and Dublin within the previous week were animadverted on by Alderman Connolly. The victims were young men who had taken part in the warfare which was at present being waged in Ireland against the Forces of the British Crown. They regarded not the consequences. Having been caught in the act of open rebellion they were tried by Court Martial and executed. He proposed that the sympathy of the Council on the premature death of these worthy and patriotic Irishmen be put on record.

The motion was seconded by Alderman Clancy, who suggested that the purport of it should be conveyed to the Lord Mayor of Cork.

It was supported by Alderman Larkin, Councillor Cummins and the Mayor, and was passed unanimously. All the members stood up in evidence of their sympathy.

An Estimate of Expenses to be raised by a poor Rate in the Urban District of Wexford for the year ending 31st March 1922, was submitted. The total of it came to £5651. 4. 8. This, with the addition of a few contingent items of expenditure, was the amount to be raised. The Finance and Works Committee had had the Demand before

them, and found that the Poundage of the poor Rate in respect of the year in question would be 6/3 on the valuation of the town, and on the motion of Councillor Martin, seconded by Alderman Larkin, this rate of poundage was assented to.

X The resignation of one of the Rate Collectors was submitted. This was from Mr. Patrick Browne, who was employed in the business of collecting Borough Rate, Rate in lieu of County Cess, and Towns Improvement Rate.

This resignation was duly accepted on the motion of Alderman Connolly, seconded by Councillor Sinnott.

The meeting then took up the question of the appointment of a new Collector. The conditions on which he was to be appointed were gone into, and after discussion the following, on the motion of Councillor Sinnott, seconded by Councillor Crosbie, were the chief points on which a decision was come to. Advertisements to be issued inviting applications for appointment to the vacant Office, at the present rate of remuneration, viz., Sixpence in the pound on all moneys collected and lodged.

*Rate
Collector*

A Bond for £600 to be given by the person appointed, binding him to discharge his duties in a satisfactory manner, this to be a Joint and Several Bond embracing two solvent Sureties.

The canvassing of members of the Corporation by intending applicants, directly or indirectly, to be a disqualification for appointment.

Preference to be given to an applicant who will satisfy the Council of a reasonable knowledge of the Irish Language.

The appointment to be made at a Special Meeting to be called for Monday evening 16th Instant.

X As per notice accepted from him on 20th Ultimo, Councillor Martin proposed that the dates on which the monthly meetings of the Council were held should be altered from the first Wednesday in each month at 7.30 p. m. to the first Monday in each month at 7.30 p. m.

Monthly Meetings

This motion was seconded by Alderman Connolly and was put and carried nem. con., but as regards the General Finance and Works Committee, it was decided that the meetings of this Committee held simultaneously with the monthly meeting should be abrogated.

Applications for the renewal of two Cinematograph Licences were submitted in respect of the Theatre Royal and the Cinema Palace for one year.

The conditions under which the Licences were hitherto issued were deemed to embody any restrictions necessary, and thereupon fresh Licences were ordered to be issued, but in relation to the Cinema exhibitions, complaint was made by Alderman Clancy that he was informed that a recent picture exhibited was of an objectionable character from a moral standpoint.

Cinema

This complaint did not seem to be well founded, from the point of view of other members of the Council who happened to have seen the picture in question. It was thought, however, that some supervision might usefully be

exercised over Cinema exhibitions, and on the motion of Alderman Connolly, seconded by Councillor Hayes, it was decided that the following members should be regarded as a Vigilance Committee to bring under the notice of the Council any cinema films they might consider of a doubtful character, namely, His Worship the Mayor, Alderman Clancy, Councillors Miss Pennell, Cummins, and Garty.

// Notice of intended application for compensation for the loss of two motor cars which were set on fire and destroyed at South Wexford Railway Station on 11th April 1921 were submitted. One of these notices was served at the suit of the Secretary of State for War, the amount claimed being £2,000, and the other by the Great Southern and Railway Company, who maintained they had sustained a loss of £750 by the destruction of the vehicles.

Adhering to the principle of non-recognition of English Courts of Law, the meeting took no action in this matter.

Advertisements having been published at the instance of the Finance and Works Committee inviting tenders in respect of the hire by the Council of a Mechanical Drill in connection with the procurement of road metalling for the streets, it was announced that no tender had come in in response to the advertisement.

This was a disappointment, but in the circumstances, it was decided to leave the business of employing a Drill to the Town Surveyor.

A Scheme received from Dail Eireann, as per their communication dated March 1921, for the creation of Conciliation Boards, was submitted.

The object was to help to obviate the deplorable effects of strikes and locks-out, but the question of entertaining the subject was deferred sine die.

Referring to minutes of 6th April last, a letter from the Town Clerk of New Ross was read. The Urban Council of New Ross had formed a Committee to collect funds for the Irish White Cross, and were of the opinion that the best way to make a success of the Movement, so far as the County Wexford was concerned, was for the County Council, backed up by the other Public Bodies of the County, to request His Lordship, Dr. Codd, Lord Bishop of Ferns, to permit of a collection being made at the doors of the Churches.

This matter was discussed, and it was decided to bring it under the notice of the Committee of the Council appointed on the above-named date to deal with it as they saw fit.

A communication from Mr. Darrell Figgis, dated from the American Chambers, 15 Lower O'Connell Street, Dublin, was brought under notice. A Commission of Inquiry into the resources and industries of Ireland had, it appeared, prepared reports some of which were ready for publication, some of which were forthcoming, and some of which were projected.

It was requested that the Council should give a standing order for a supply of these publications, according as they were issued from time to time.

Before committing themselves to issuing an order for the purchase of the publications in question, it was decided to ascertain what the probable cost of

them would come to, and the Town Clerk was instructed to write to Mr.

Figgis to obtain the necessary information.

WEXFORD MUNICIPAL COUNCIL.

Statutable Meeting Wednesday, 4th May, 1921.

BILLS PAYABLE.

	£	s.	d.
Wexford County Council—Sum on foot of 1920-21 Demand	500	0	0
National Bank, Limited—Half-year's Instalment and Interest of Loan	60	3	3
George W. Taylor—Half-year's Rent of Site of West Gate Houses	3	0	0
Margaret Boyle—Year's Rent of Passage to Old Reservoir	4	0	0
Thomas Parle—For Collecting Special Water Charges	19	9	6
Nicholas Bolger—Quarter's Expenses of School Attendance Committee	24	0	0
William Hanrahan—For an Iron Gate supplied, as per tender	7	0	0
James J. Stafford—For a Fire Range supplied	5	0	0
John Doyle—For Writing up Special Rate Books	6	0	0
Nicholas Kehoe—For Writing up Borough Rate Books	6	0	0
Michael J. O'Leary—For Writing up Water Rate Books	6	0	0
Frances M. Daly—Month's Salary as Health Visitor	9	3	4
Dora O'Leary—For acting as Milk Distributor	2	2	10
Patrick O'Leary—For 300 Gallons of New Milk supplied	37	10	0
Wexford Timber Co.—For Timber, Bricks, &c., supplied	26	17	4
Eye and Ear Hospital, Dublin—For Maintenance of Two Patients	18	2	2
Mater Hospital, Dublin—For Maintenance of One Patient	4	0	0
St. Vincent's Hospital, Dublin—For "X Ray" Examination of Patient	3	3	0
Huggard & Brennan—Compensation for damage to Pony and Trap	20	0	0
Gas Consumers' Consumer's Co.—Gas used in Town Hall, &c., for Quarter	5	16	11
Wm. A. Browne—Workmen's Wages for April, 1921	273	5	5
	£1042	13	9

H. Corish

16-5-21

16th May, 1921.

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:-

Richard Corish, Esq., Mayor (in the chair)

Aldermen:- Nicholas Connolly, Patrick Clancy, James Larkin, James Sinnott

Councillors:- Thomas Hayes, Nicholas Byrne, Joseph Boyce, John Walsh,
James Crosbie, James Sinnott, Laurence Cummins, Alice Mary
Fennell, Thomas Rossiter, Frank Carty, Thomas O'Brien,
Michael Martin.

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

The meeting was specially called to elect a Rate Collector in place of Patrick Browne, resigned, as per minutes of 4th Instant.

Applications for the vacant Office from four persons were read, namely from Patrick White, James Browne, Denis Corish, and Patrick Tracey.

A condition which was laid down at last meeting was that applicants possessed of a knowledge of the Irish language were to be given a preferable

consideration, all other things being equal. Preliminary to the present meeting a Committee met, and with the assistance of Mr. Denis O'Leary, Teacher of the Irish Language for Wexford District, three who presented themselves out of the four applicants, were examined by him. As a result it was reported that Mr. Denis Corish had a good knowledge of Irish, Mr. P. White had an elementary knowledge, and Mr. James Browne had no knowledge of Irish.

*Rate
Collector*
Nevertheless, the four applicants were duly proposed and seconded as follows:-
Denis Corish was proposed by Councillor Cummins, and seconded by Alderman Clancy.
Patrick White was proposed by Councillor Rossiter and seconded by Councillor Martin.

James Browne was proposed by Councillor Byrne and seconded by Alderman Sinnott.
Patrick Tracey was proposed by Councillor Miss Fennell and seconded by Alderman Connolly.

A vote was taken as to who was to be the successful applicant, and the result was as follows:-

For White..	Councillors Martin, O'Brien, Rossiter, Sinnott, Crosbie, Walsh, Boyce, Aldermen Larkin and Connolly..	(9)
For Browne.	Councillor Byrne and Alderman Sinnott.	(2)
For Corish.	Councillors Carty, Cummins, Hayes, Alderman Clancy.	(4)
For Tracey.	Councillor Miss Fennell.	(1)

B As Mr. White had obtained a greater number of votes than the votes for the other three applicants put together, he was declared duly appointed.

The Mayor abstained from voting on the occasion.

With reference to minutes of last meeting, when fault was found by Alderman Clancy with a picture shown in the Cinema Palace on the ground that it was calculated to be subversive to moral teaching, a letter was read from Mr. Charles E. Vize, Manager of the Palace.

Mr. Vize expressed his indignation at such a charge being made, asserting that all the respectable people of the town go to the Cinema Exhibitions, and if there was the slightest objection to any picture it would have been made known to him. Besides, all the Pictures that come to Wexford were censored by the Vigilance Committee in Dublin. In Waterford and other places where the impugned picture was shown there was not a word of criticism expressed. Personally he (the Manager) would welcome any visit from any Committee the Corporation might think well to send to the Show at any time.

Four Members of the Council, namely, Alderman Sinnott, Councillor Byrne, Councillor Sinnott, and His Worship, the Mayor, took occasion to testify to the harmlessness of the films in general.

No further notice was taken of the matter, and the meeting dissolved.

H. Corish

6th June, 1921.

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:-

Richard Corish, Esq., Mayor (in the chair)

Aldermen:- James Sinnott, James Larkin, Nicholas Connolly,
Patrick Clancy, George Hadden.

Councillors:- Thomas Hayes, Alice Mary Fennell, Laurence Cummins,
Richard Gibson, James Crosbie, Thomas Rossiter, Frank Carty,
Thomas O'Brien.

The minutes of last meeting were read and signed.

Liabilities which had accrued due up to the end of last month, amounting in the aggregate to £1064. 7. 10, a list of which is hereto subjoined, were submitted and having been examined and found correct were ordered to be discharged.

A recommendation from a Special finance Committee was brought under notice. It ran in favour of increasing the wages of the men exclusively employed in the work of domestic scavenging. Three men and a horse were engaged at this particular work. The Committee recommended that the two labouring men should be given an increase of 2/6 a week by way of a gratuity, as the emptying of privies and ashpits was of an obnoxious nature, and that the carter, Thomas Hore, should receive a gratuity of 7/6 a week, considering that he had to maintain a horse. This meant that the labourers employed at this class of work were to receive £2. 15. 0 a week each, and the carter was to receive £4. 7. 6 a week.

On the motion of Alderman Larkin, seconded by Councillor Crosbie, the recommendation was adopted.

A recommendation from the Finance and Works Committee was brought under notice. It was in favour of an increase of two shillings a week being made in the remuneration of Miss Dora O'Leary. This person served in the capacity of Milk Distributor under the Maternity and Child Welfare Scheme. Her present rate of remuneration was ten shillings a week, but the decision came to on the 23rd. March. 1921, as to charging half-price for milk in certain cases, involved additional book-keeping, and she demanded additional pay.

*Milk
Distributor*

On the motion of Councillor Rossiter, seconded by Alderman Sinnott, the recommendation was duly adopted.

Referring to minutes of 4th May last, on which occasion the Town Surveyor was authorized to hire machinery in connection with the work of obtaining road metalling, two tenders received were brought under consideration. These were from a Mr. Gerald Flood, of Castlebore, and from the Wexford County Council. These had been before the Finance and Works Committee and had

recommended the acceptance of the tender of the Wexford County Council, because of the terms being more advantageous to the Corporation.

On the motion of Alderman Hadden, seconded by Alderman Connolly, the recommendation was adopted.

The Fire Brigade Committee having met on three occasions recently to discuss the situation, in view of the possibility of an outbreak of fires in the present troubled state of the country, came to the conclusion to recommend the Council to take measures to put the system of fire extinguishing on a proper and efficient basis. Amongst the steps to be taken were:- The immediate obtainment of 1,500 feet of hose and the necessary couplings, which it had been decided to order many months ago, also the strengthening of the Fire Brigade.

The Fire Brigade at present consisted of 8 men, and it was desirable to increase the number to 12.

The Committee named 4 men for appointment, namely, Philip Lacy of John Street, Frank Bolger of Monument Place, Thomas Walsh, of High Street, and Thomas Nolan of John Street.

On the motion of Alderman Connolly, seconded by Councillor Hayes, this recommendation was adopted.

Further in connection with this matter, a letter from Mr. Herbert Thompson, T. C., was read. Mr. Thompson having taken the trouble to interview members of the old Volunteer Fire Brigade, transmitted, for the information of the Council, the names of twelve of the members who were prepared to come to the assistance of the Fire Brigade at any time in case of emergency.

Satisfaction was expressed at this testimony of public spirit on the part of the old-time Fire Brigade.

Further again in connection with this matter, three tenders were submitted in respect of printing on cards the names and addresses of the Fire Brigade.

The Committee deemed it essential that these cards should be got out and distributed to householders throughout the town.

The tenders were from three printing offices. The tender of W. Hanrahan was accepted, it being the cheapest.

The Accounts of the Collector of Borough Rate and of Rate in lieu of County Cess in respect of year ended 31st March last, were produced. They had been under examination by the Finance and Works Committee, who had made the following

Recommendation:- That there be written off as irrecoverable items of Borough Rate amounting to £30. 19. 1, and items of Rate in lieu of County Cess amounting to £23. 0. 11, and that the balance of items outstanding, i. e., £69. 18. 9 and £46. 15. 6½ respectively, be carried into the coming year's Rate Books as Arrears. The Recommendation was adopted.

The Accounts of the Water Rate Collector for last Financial Year, was also brought under notice, they having been gone into by the Waterworks Committee. Of the total items of Rate there were £1,342. 12. 0 outstanding at the close of the collection.

of this sum £15. 19. 2 was written off as irrecoverable, being items assessed on premises that fell vacant during the year, and the balance, £28. 12. 0 was carried forward as collectible arrears.

The Committee's action was ratified.

A Prohibition Order issued by Dail Eireann, as to the importation of certain classes of British-made goods, inserted on the Agenda, was not read having been ruled out of order by the Chairman.

Notices of intended applications to the County Court Judge for compensation for loss sustained by an outbreak of fire which was maliciously started in the Main Street on 20th May 1921, were submitted. This fire originated on the premises of Mr. Foley, Grocer, North Main Street, and spread to the adjoining premises, whereby the following persons suffered damage and claimed compensation therefor to the extent set forth respectively after their names, viz:-

Edward Foley, £13,000, John H. Rice, £9,000, John F. Kehoe, £6,000, Mary A. Doyle, £5,000, Francis Rochford, £4,000, John Merriman, £1,500, Mary E. Jackson, £600, James Tierney, £200, James Kelly, £125, John J. Howlin, £50, John McGoldrick £50, and the Gas Consumers' Company Ltd. £30.

*Malicious
Injuries*

In addition to these there was a claim from Ryland and Son of Manchester for £50 in respect of the cutting and hacking of eight bales of oilcloth on Wexford Quay on the night of Saturday, 30th April 1921.

Adhering to the principle of non-recognition of English Courts of Law, the meeting took no action in the way of safeguarding the interests of the town in these cases.

Application received from Mr. James J. Stafford for permission to put down four private fire hydrants was read. The meeting considered that the granting of this application could not very well be entertained, but yet the matter was referred to the Town Surveyor to deal with as he saw fit.

BILLS PAYABLE.

	£	s.	d.
Wexford County Council—Fourth Instalment of Co. Council Demand, 1920-1921 (on account)	300	0	0
Wm. A. Browne—Quarter's Salary as Town Clerk, &c.	136	17	6
Patrick Hanrahan—Do. Town Surveyor and Superintendent of Waterworks	80	0	0
Nicholas Bolger—Do. Assistant Town Clerk	49	14	6
Thomas Pierse—Do. Medical Officer of Health	10	0	0
Edward Byrne—Do. Sanitary Sub-Officer	26	0	0
Patrick O'Brien—Do. Caretaker of Town Hall	6	16	6
Johanna Tierney—Do. Office Cleaner	5	0	0
Frances M. Daly—Month's Salary as Health Visitor	9	3	4
Dora O'Leary—Do. Milk Distributor	2	4	3
Wm. Caulfield, Solicitor—Commission for Collecting Rents	23	18	9
Michael O'Leary—For Writing up and Applotting Poor Rate Books	8	0	0
Patrick O'Leary—For 320 Gallons of New Milk supplied	40	0	0
Reps. late Mrs. Cooper—Year's Rent of site of Dwellings at Monument Place	4	10	0
F. W. Taylor—Do. do. Emmet Place	2	10	0
Mary Anne McCarthy—Half-year's Rent of Town Hall site	6	14	3
Kathleen O'Carroll—For 10 Pairs of Boots for Workmen supplied	12	5	0
Mercer's Hospital—For Maintenance and Treatment of Patient	8	8	0
Gas Consumers' Co.—For Repairing Services broken in William Street by Steam Roller	10	10	9
M. E. Fitzsimon—For Sand supplied	1	15	0
Frank Boxwell—For Lime supplied	1	12	6
Mary O'Connor—For Work done and Material used at Mr. Foley's Premises	16	10	1
Wm. A. Browne—Workmen's Wages for May, 1921	301	17	5

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