

4th July, 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 Claney.

Councillors:- John Walsh, James Crosbie, Thomas Rossiter, James Sinnott,
Thomas Hayes, Frank Carty, 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 last month, amounting in the aggregate to £769. 16. 2, were submitted and having been examined and found correct were ordered to be discharged.

Attention was drawn to an item of £2. 5. 0 payable to the Northern Assurance Co., being insurance premium on houses in Hill Street and Ennet Place.

From the title of this Company an inference was drawn that it was an Ulster Company, but this was erroneous, for, as a matter of fact, it is an English Insurance Company having a Branch in Dublin.

However, on the motion of the Mayor, seconded by Councillor Cummins, it was decided to transfer the business to an Irish Company on the expiration of the present premium.

*Fire
Brigade*
A report was read from the Chief of the Fire Brigade on the recent outbreak of fire at the County Courthouse. The outbreak was discovered at about four o'clock on the morning of 19th June. The Brigade found no difficulty in preventing the fire spreading to any adjacent premises. The fire was got under control in a few hours, but remained smouldering for three days. The Chief had found it necessary to put some of the men on duty on Saturday night and also on Tuesday night.

Accompanying the Report was a Bill amounting to £100. 19. 6 for services rendered by the Brigade men at all recent fires.

This was from the Chief of the Brigade, but the men, ignoring the Chief, had furnished claims themselves amounting to £127. 16. 9.

These demands were all considered exorbitant, and it was decided to convene a Special Meeting of the Council for Wednesday night, 5th Instant to deal with them, and to ask the men of the Brigade to be in attendance on the occasion.

It was decided also, on the suggestion of the Mayor, to invite Mr. Byrne, an ex-Member of the Dublin Fire Brigade, to attend the meeting to assist the Corporation to bring the present Brigade into a state of efficiency.

The case of Patrick Browne, defaulting Rate Collector, was brought under notice, but the Meeting resolved itself into Committee to deliberate on the matter.

This man, who acted as Collector of Borough Rate, Rate in lieu of County Cess, and Towns Improvement Rate, had given much dissatisfaction for many months, and the work of finishing the collection for the year 1920-21 had to be given over to his

brother, James Browne. Upon the Collection being closed by the latter, it was found that Patrick Browne had misappropriated £238 12. 3, over and above what his remuneration amounted to. How to recover this debt was a question very difficult to solve. The delinquent was a man of no substance, and the delinquency was secured by Bond only to the extent of £150.

The Sureties in the case, being his own two brothers, were also giving trouble, and were slow about discharging their liability under the Bond. As the whole business was in abeyance for over six months, and there was no sign of an early settlement, it was for the present meeting to decide on having Writs issued in pursuance of the expressed opinion of the Corporation Solicitor, who had fortified himself with an opinion from Mr. Devitt, B. L. It was decided to instruct the Corporation Solicitor to write to the three parties concerned again asking them to make good the defalcation.

Two members of the School Attendance Committee, Messrs Rossiter and Hore, were reported as having disqualified themselves from further Membership owing to unavoidable absence from meetings of the Committee.

The present Meeting decided to appoint Alderman Connolly and Councillor O'Brien to fill the vacant Offices.

Reference was made to the recent departure from life of the late Mrs White of King Street. This respected lady was nether of the present Rate Collector to the Corporation, Mr. Patrick White.

On the motion of the Mayor, seconded by Councillor Cresbie, it was resolved unanimously to convey to Mr. White an expression of the Council's condolence with him in his bereavement.

Notices of intended applications to the County Court Judge for compensation for malicious injury done to person and property were submitted as follows.

Peter McGovern, D. I., R. I. C. Claiming £15,000 for injury to the person.

Robert W. Dwyne, High Sheriff, claiming £20,000, the St. Vincent de Paul Society, Wexford, £1,000, Alice Barry, The Slad, £1,000, James McNally, £100, Mary G. McNally, £500, Wexford Gas Consumers' Co. Ltd. £25 for injury to property done by the burning down of the Wexford County Courthouse.

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.

*Defaulting
Collector*

*Malicious
Injuries*

Michael Martin
Aug 1st 1921

6th July, 1921.

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;-

Richard Gorish Esq., Mayor (in the chair)

Aldermen:- Patrick Olancy., James Larkin.

Councillors:- Thomas Hayes, John Walsh, James Grosbie, Laurence Cummins,
Herbert Thompson, Frank Garty, Thomas O'Brien, Joseph Boyce,
Thomas Rossiter, Alice Mary Fennell, Michael Martin.

This meeting was convened for the purpose of dealing with claims of men composing the Wexford Fire Brigade. These claims, as shown on minutes of last meeting amounted to £127. 16. 9. The present meeting did not consider the Brigade's demands reasonable, and came to the conclusion that in future, two shillings per hour, day or night, was sufficient remuneration for the services of men at fires. *Wm*
Brigade All the men of the Brigade were called before the meeting, and in the conversation which followed, it was arranged that each man was to send in a fresh account, and in preparing same he was to be actuated by a spirit of reasonableness. Three of the men expecting £8. each for suits of clothes damaged, expressed their willingness to accept £4. as compensation for loss sustained.

The interview wound up by the men being asked, and consenting, to furnish the amended Bills for submission to the Finance and Works Committee of the Corporation.

Mr. William Byrne was then called before the meeting. As the result of an interview with him he said he was satisfied to render all reasonable assistance in the way of instructing and exercising the Brigade in their duties. As an ex-Fire Brigade man of many years experience, he considered himself competent to impart the requisite knowledge. He was also ready to exercise a general supervision over all the fire-extinguishing equipment. As his work would be required only occasionally he was prepared to accept fifteen shillings a week as remuneration for his services.

The engagement of his services on the terms mentioned was recommended to the favourable consideration of a future meeting of the Council.

Two of the members of the Brigade submitted their resignation, namely, Michael Fitzpatrick and Frank Browne.

Owing to a Strike in the Plumbing Trade, these two men considered they were agrieved by the presence on the Brigade of other members with whom they were at loggerheads. The resignations were accepted.

Michael Martin

Aug 1st 1921

1st August, 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:-

Michael Martin, Esq., T. C. (in the chair)

Aldermen:- James Larkin, George Hadden, Patrick Clancy, Nicholas Connolly.

Councillors:- James Crosbie, James Sinnott, Laurence Cummins, John Walsh, Thomas Hayes, Frank Carty.

The minutes of 4th and 6th July Ultimo were read and signed.

Among the Bills presented for payment was an account from the Wexford Gas Consumers' Company for £362. 12. 3 for lighting 92 public lamps during the Lighting Season 1920-21.

It was observed that the form in which the Bill was made out differed from that of former years, inasmuch as the actual number of hours during which the lamps were said to have been lighted were now charged for, while heretofore a fixed annual sum per lamp was the basis of charge.

Members expressed dissatisfaction at this innovation, as they held that it was impossible by it to arrive at the correct sum due, for the reason that during the past year several complaints had to be made to the Gas Company relative to the non-lighting of some of the 92 lamps now charged for, so it was decided to refer the Account to the Finance and Works Committee for further examination.

The remaining Bills were passed for payment without further comment. They amounted in the aggregate to £793. 16. 3.

With reference to minutes of 4th July last, when the case of Patrick Browne, defaulting Rate Collector was considered, it was known that this matter had been, several times, before the Finance and Works Committee. An offer had been received, through the Corporation Solicitor, from Browne's sureties offering to discharge their liability of £150 by the payment of three instalments of £50 each, but no time was mentioned within which the last instalment would be handed over. The Solicitor had advised that this offer be not accepted, but that a Writ should be issued against James, John, and Patrick Browne for £150, the amount of the Bond, and another against Patrick Browne for £238. 12. 3, the net amount misappropriated by him.

It was now for the present meeting to decide if they would act on their Law Agent's advice, and empower him to proceed for the recovery of the debt in full.

On the motion of Alderman Larkin, seconded by Councillor Cummins, it was resolved to take no action in the matter for the present, but to refer it to a meeting of the Finance and Works Committee at which His Worship, the Mayor would be in attendance, as he, probably, would be in a position to indicate the line of action to be followed to secure financial justice for

the Council in the case.

The making of a Poor Rate for the year ending 31st March 1922 was proceeded with. The delay in striking this Rate was due to the fact that the County Council Demand was only received on the 14th July Ultimo.

On the motion of Councillor Sinnott, seconded by Councillor Cummins, it was RESOLVED:- That a Poor Rate of Six Shillings and Three 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 4th day of May, 1921.

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It was announced that as directed at last meeting, the members of the Fire Brigade had furnished amended claims for their services at recent fires. These it was seen, now came to £102. 11.7, a reduction of £25. 5. 2 of the original demands. It was considered advisable however that the Fire Brigade Committee should have an opportunity of reporting on the reasonableness or otherwise of the Bills in the first instance, so it was decided to refer them to that Committee which was to be called together for the purpose on the 3rd. Instant, at 7. 30 p. m.

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Notice of intended applications to the County Court Judge for compensation for malicious injuries done to property, were submitted, as follows.

Malicious Injuries
Michael Shortle claimed £50 for damage to his premises consequent on the malicious burning of the County Courthouse, Mrs Mary O'Connor claimed £15. for the destruction of a ladder, and the Navy, Army, and Air Force Institute claimed £7. 14. 0 for a quantity of vegetables which were destroyed at North Wexford Railway Station.

Adhering to the principle of non-recognition of English Courts of Law, the meeting took no action on these claims.

Richard Cairns
Mayor

5-9-21

5th September, 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, Thomas Rossiter, Joseph Boyce,
Alice Mary Pennell, James Crosbie, Michael Martin,
Thomas O'Brien, Frank Carty.

The minutes of meeting of 1st August, 1921 were read and signed.

Liabilities which had accrued due up to the end of last month, amounting in the aggregate to £1832. 17. 11 were submitted, and having been examined and found correct were ordered to be discharged.

Alderman Clancy drew attention to the fact that the vacant Archdiocesan See of Dublin had been filled by the elevation of His Grace, the Most Rev. Dr. O'Byrne, to the Chair of the Metropolis. It was befitting the occasion that the Corporation of Wexford should convey their warmest congratulations to the new Archbishop on the happy event. He proposed that such be done.

This motion was seconded by Alderman Connolly and was passed unanimously.

The closing of the Accounts of the Poor Rate Collector for the Borough for the Financial Year ended 31st March last was a matter brought under notice.

The finance and Works Committee had examined these Accounts on 24th Ultimo.

The full amount to be collected for the year in question was £4290. 19. 1, *Per Rate*
and all this had been collected and lodged with the exception of £125. 19. 4.

This latter sum was made up of irrecoverable items of Rate assessed on premises which turned out to be vacant within the year, and of items of collectible arrears.

The present meeting considered the result of the collection most satisfactory, having regard to the seizure and detention for several months by the Constabulary of the Collector's Books, and it was decided, on the motion of Councillor Martin, seconded by Alderman Connolly, to insert the items comprising the £125. 19. 4 in the Rate Book for the current year.

Referring to minutes of 4th July and 1st August last, the case of Patrick Browne, defaulting Rate Collector, was again brought under consideration. A letter read from the Corporation Solicitor showed that the two Sureties of Patrick Browne had paid to him £150, the amount of the penalty imposed in a Bond for the non-performance of duty. A cheque for the amount, less £10, Solicitor's fees, was enclosed in the letter.

The question then arose was the Corporation satisfied to accept £140 in full discharge of all claims against the delinquent, having regard to the fact that the man had no visible means of subsistence, and having regard to the fact also that the full amount of his default was £238. 12. 3.

The Finance and Works Committee, by whom the case had been fully gone into

on more than one occasion had recommended the Council, under the circumstances, to accept the £140, but that a claim from James Browne for £32. 7. 0 for winding up the Collection should not be recognized, the said James Browne being in the unique position of being a brother of the defaulting Collector, and being one of his Sureties, and having regard also to the fact that there was £98. 12. 3 still due to the Council.

Thereupon on the motion of Councillor Rossiter, seconded by Councillor Crosbie, it was unanimously resolved to adopt the two above-stated recommendations of the Finance and Works Committee.

A letter read from the Wexford Gas Company intimated that the Company would not be in a position to resume the lighting of the public lamps. The practice in this case was to have the lamps lighted from 1st September to 1st May in each year, but owing to a Trade Union order the necessary facilities were not to be afforded, owing, presumably, to the local Plumbers' strike. The brackets, pillars, lanterns, &c in the streets were at the disposal of the Council, if the Council thought well of doing the public lighting by a Staff of their own.

This was a matter which was referred to the Finance and Works Committee.

The practice among residents of premises adjoining Stonebridge River was animadverted on. These people were in the habit of using the stream as a depository for all kinds of house refuse, involving on the public a lot of avoidable expense. The cost of keeping the river clean was, roughly, £100 a year, owing, in great measure, to the inconsiderate action of the parties in question. The object in bringing the matter forward was to concentrate public opinion on it. Severe strictures were passed on this reprehensible practice, and it was expected that no further cause for complaint would arise after this public discussion.

Four tenders received in respect of painting the external woodwork of 15 houses belonging to the Corporation at Gragan's Road and Carrigeen were examined.

They were from the following local house-painters. There were prepared to do the necessary work in accordance with the Town Surveyor's specification for the sums set down after their names respectively, as follows:-

McEvoy Bros, 3, Selskar Street.	£28. 0. 0.
James Carty, Waterloo Road.	44. 0. 0.
James Donnelly, Swan View.	49. 10. 0.
John Power, Gibson Street.	41. 5. 0.

On the motion of Councillor O'Brien, seconded by Alderman Glancy, the tender of McEvoy Bros for £28. 0. 0., being the lowest one was accepted.

Attention was called by the receipt of a letter from Mr. Lousley, Secretary of the Technical Instruction Committee, to the scant attendance of members at meetings of the Committee. Accompanying the letter was a Return showing the attendances of members, from which it was seen that no quorums had attended for meetings on several occasions when they had been convened.

To relieve the situation it was decided to ask Mr. Fitzgerald, Superior of the Christian Brothers, to act as a member in place of Councillor O'Neill who was

interned under British Rule, to appoint Councillor Miss Pennell who was at present meeting, and kindly consented to act, and to ask Rev. Father Hore, Adm., to continue to serve as a member, or if unable to do so, to nominate some Catholic clergyman in his stead, to ask Mr. James Hore to continue to serve also as a member, and to ask the Rev. Canon Rennison to act as a member in place of Dr. Latham, ex-Protestant Rector of Wexford.

An application having been made by the Foreman of Works, David Bennett, for an increase of his remuneration, a recommendation from the Finance and Works Committee was submitted.

The wages of this man was £2. 15. 0 a week which was admittedly too small considering that the labourers under his supervision were receiving wages ranging from £2. 10. 0 to £2. 15. 0. per week.

The Committee were in favour of this man's wages being increased by fifteen shillings a week, and this was to be for the current financial year, with a view to re-considering a further increase at the close of the said year.

On the motion of His Worship, the Mayor, seconded by Alderman Lark in, the Committee's recommendation was adopted.

The Town Sergeant having made application for leave to absent himself from duty for a fortnight, it was decided on the motion of Alderman Connolly, seconded by Alderman Larkin that the requisite permission be granted, and that the Sergeant be paid two weeks wages in advance.

Councillor Hayes made allusion to the fact that Dr. James O'Ryan, T. D. had lately been released from internment under tyrannical British Rule, and it was proper that the patriotic Corporation of Wexford should convey congratulations to him on his welcome restoration to liberty.

He proposed that such be done.

The motion was warmly seconded by Alderman Clancy, and was passed unanimously. Notice of intended application to the County Court Judge for compensation for damage done to a wall, the property of a William Browne at Mulgannon, near Wexford was submitted. The amount of compensation claimed was £15.

Adhering to the principle of non-recognition of English Courts of Law, the meeting took no action on this claim.

H. Larkin

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3rd. - October, 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:- Laurence Cummins, Thomas Rossiter, Alice Mary Fennell, James Sinnott, James Billington, Thomas Hayes, Nicholas Byrne, Michael Martin, James Crosbie, Herbert Thompson, Richard Gibson, John Walsh, Frank Carty.

The minutes of last meeting were read and signed.

Liabilities which had accrued due up to the end of last month, amounting in the aggregate to £1266. 17. 11, were submitted and having been examined and found correct were passed for payment.

It is opportune to state here that the foregoing sum included an item of £12. 0. 0 paid to four members of the Fire Brigade as a Retaining Fee. These men were not regularly appointed by the Council, but under stress of circumstances, were put on the Brigade by virtue of a Committee order and had performed their duties as members efficiently for the past year.

These four individuals were:- Thomas Nolan, Philip Sinnott, William Evoy, and Francis Goodisson.

With reference to minutes of 5th September last, on which day two congratulatory resolutions having been passed and having been duly conveyed to their proper destinations, and two letters of thanks having been received and read, copies of these replies were ordered to be inserted on the minutes.

They are as follow:-

Tomeoole, Taghmon.

29th September, 1921.

Dear Mr. Browne, I received your letter conveying congratulations on my release from imprisonment from the Wexford Corporation. I beg to thank the Corporation very sincerely through you. Kind expressions such as theirs make it a real honour to suffer for one's Country. It is true, as you remark, that my joy on release was quickly crowned with sorrow, but one must be thankful for the mercy of being present at the last moments of our best friend. I wish to thank you for your personal tributes to my father.

Sincerely yours, James Ryan.

St. Mary's, Haddington Road, Dublin.

22nd. September, 1921.

Dear Sir, I desire to express my sincere thanks for the resolution of the Municipal Council of Wexford contained in your letter of the 22nd. Instant. Would you kindly convey to the members of the Wexford Municipal Council my grateful acknowledgment of their good wishes. I remain, very faithfully yours, Edward J. Byrne,

W. A. Browne, Town Clerk.

Archbishop-elect of Dublin.

Referring to minutes of 5th Ultimo, on which date it was decided to write to the Superior of the Christian Brothers, to Reverend T. Hore, Adm., to Mr. James Hore, of George Street, and to Reverend Canon Rennison, to find out if they would be willing to act as Members of the Technical Instruction Committee, considering that it was found very hard to obtain a quorum of that Committee within the last six months or so, three letters were read.

Father Hore was unable to act, but nominated the Reverend John Sinnott, C. C. in his stead, Reverend J. C. Fitzgerald, Superior of the Christian Brothers, was willing to act, and Mr. James Hore was unable to act owing to old age.

No reply had, as yet, been received from Reverend Canon Rennison, but his immediate predecessor in the Protestant Rectorship of Wexford, in resigning his membership of the Committee, had written a letter in which he stated, inter alia, that he hoped the school would flourish, that this was the day for technical work, and that our young people ought to have every opportunity of getting a good general and scientific education.

Thereupon it was unanimously decided to appoint Reverend Father Sinnott and Rev. Brother Fitzgerald as members of the Committee.

A circular letter from the Local Government Department, Dail Eireann, under date of 9th September 1921, was submitted. It was numbered 51, and bore upon the question of Malicious Injury Claims.

This circular had already been fully published in the columns of the local Press. It was too copious for full inclusion on these Minutes, but the extent to which the Corporation and the general ratepayers of the town were to be affected can be seen by the following copy of the concluding paragraph.

"For the malicious injuries done by the forces of the British Government, that Government alone - not the local communities - is responsible, and from that Government satisfaction must be sought. In any peace that will end this struggle this responsibility of that Government must be acknowledged, and just compensation made to the individuals injured. In the case of injuries to individuals and property caused by the necessary operations of the National forces the Home Government will see at the proper time that the loss is distributed over the Nation as a whole."

A circular letter from the same Department under date of 28th September 1921, and numbered 53, was also submitted. It drew attention to the conditions under which retiring officers were entitled to be paid superannuation allowances. The purport of it was that due discretion was to be exercised in the awarding of pensions so as to prevent the anomaly arising of a man of short service receiving the full two-thirds of his salary &c. the same as a man of long service. It also contained a Table showing, in terms of years, the additions to be made to superannuation allowances in the case of officers who had rendered efficient and faithful service. The contents of the circular were noted.

There was also submitted from the Local Government Department of Dail Eireann a list of the

various classes of proscribed British goods. The list showed the dates on which the various prohibitions orders became operative, and the extent of the prohibition in each case.

The particulars contained in the List were noted.

A circular letter from the Dublin Industrial Development Association was read intimating that a Conference was due to be held on 19th and 20th October 1921.

The object of the Conference was the discussion of such matters as the founding of new industries, the extension of existing ones, the development of the Country's natural resources, and other industrial topics.

The Association asked for the co-operation of the Council and the appointment of Delegates to the Conference which was fixed to be held in Dublin.

The object in view commended itself to the Meeting, and thereupon the following members were appointed to represent the Council on the occasion, His Worship, the Mayor, Alderman Clancy, and Councillor Hayes.

Referring to minutes of 4th July last when notice was read of intended application for compensation in respect of the malicious burning of the premises of the Wexford Court House, a second notice under date of 30th September 1921 was submitted.

This document constituted a formal withdrawal of the intended application, and the abandonment of all proceedings in connection therewith.

Tenders in respect of painting the external woodwork of dwellings at Monument Place were received in response to advertisement. They were from the following four local housepainters who offered to do the work at the prices hereinunder set out opposite their names respectively.

McEvoy Brothers, 3, Selskar Street.	£18. 0. 0.
John Power, Gibson Street.	19. 2. 6.
James Carty, Waterloo Road.	21. 0. 0.
James Donnelly, Swan View, Faythe.	28. 15. 0.

The tender of McEvoy Brothers, being the lowest, was duly accepted.

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 W. Hanrahan. Two of the conditions under which intending Contractors were required to perform the work were 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, and that all the paper used should be of Irish manufacture.

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."

A question was raised as to the desirability of having all the printing work done in the Irish and English languages.

A resolution passed on 3rd. March 1920 at the instance of the County Wexford Committee of the Gaelic League required that only cheque books and stationery headings should be printed in Irish. This was printed out, but the question was referred to the Finance and Works Committee for settlement.

A Return showing the attendances of members at General Meetings of the Council and Committee meetings thereof since first of present year was submitted in compliance with a decision come to by the Finance and Works Committee.

A motion was made to have the Return read out, but this not being seconded, no action was taken.

Michael Martin

7th November, 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:-

Michael Martin, Esq. T. C. and subsequently Richard Corish, Esq., Mayor (in the Chair)

Aldermen:- James Sinnott, James Larkin, Patrick Clancy, George Hadden, Nicholas Connolly.

Councillors:- Thomas Rossiter, Thomas Hayes, Herbert Thompson, James Crosbie, John Walsh, Mary Anne O'Connor, Laurence Curmins, Thomas O'Brien, James Billington, James Sinnott, Alice Mary Fennell, Joseph Boyce, Richard Gibson, Frank Carty

The minutes of last meeting were read and signed.

Liabilities which had accrued due up to the end of last month, amounting in the aggregate to £1565. 17. 8 were submitted and having been examined and found correct were ordered to be discharged.

Referring to minutes of 1st December 1920, an Order made by the Board of Trade under date of 27th September 1921, was submitted. It was entitled the Wexford Gas Charges Order 1921. It altered the principle on which gas was to be charged for in future. Instead of being charged for by cubic feet measurement it was to be sold at so much per "Therm", or according to the degree of calorific value. The onus was cast on the Gas Company to give due notice to all whom it might concern of the calorific value measured in thermal units and supplied in the form of gas. The Order provided also for the easy translation of the number of cubic feet registered by a consumer's meter into "Therms". A Therm consisted of 100,000 British Thermal Units.

The provisions of the Order were discussed and the effect of it duly noted. In compliance with directions of the Finance and Works Committee applications had been invited, by advertisement, in the Dublin Press for appointment to the Office of Borough Analyst, in place of the late Sir Charles A. Cameron. Three applications were received. They were from (1) B. G. Fagan, Analyst

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for the City and County of Dublin. He was prepared to discharge the duties of the position for a fee of 5/- per sample. (2) Walter Thorpe, Great Brunswick Street, Dublin, Analyst for Wexford Union. He was also willing to act at a uniform remuneration of 5/- per sample, and the third was from the Firm of O'Kelly, Keane, and Ryan of Upper Mount Street, Dublin. Their rates of charge were, in the case of drugs, 5/- per sample, food, 7/6, water £1. 1. 0.

The appointment of Mr. Fagan was proposed by Alderman Sinnott, and seconded by Councillor Miss Fennell.

No other proposition was made and the motion was duly carried.

With reference to minutes of 3rd. October last, a letter was read from Rev. Canon Rennison, Protestant Rector of Wexford. In apologizing for the delay in replying to the invitation to him to become a member of the Technical Instruction Committee, he stated that he was willing to serve, and on the motion of Councillor Garty, seconded by Councillor Rossiter, the appointment of the reverend gentleman, in succession to his predecessor Dr. Lathan, was made.

Superannuation

A circular letter from the Minister of Local Government, Dail Eireann, was brought under notice. It was numbered 55, and dated 18th October, 1921. It referred to the subject of the superannuation of Officers, but more particularly as to the way in which War Bonuses were to be regarded in calculating the sums to be awarded as pensions. It was to be borne in mind that war bonuses were granted to make up for the loss sustained by the depreciated value of money, but then the conditions which had rendered them necessary had, to some degree, been relaxed. The Minister considered that in computing the amount of pension it was sufficient to take into account only three-fourths of the war bonus.

The contents of the circular were duly noted.

From a circular read from the Women's National Health Association, it was seen that a Conference of the Association was proposed to be held in Dublin on 24th November Instant. Delegates from the various Child Welfare Centres were wanted at the Conference, and the Council were asked to appoint a person to represent Wexford on the occasion.

The subject of this circular, it was seen, was one which should appropriately be dealt with by the Maternity and Child Welfare Committee, and accordingly was referred to that Committee for consideration.

At this point the Mayor attended and took the Chair.

Two tenders received in response to advertisement, by direction of the Finance and Works Committee, were opened. They were in respect of painting the external wood-work of 13 houses at Roche's Road. They were from McEvoy Brothers, of Selskar Street and James Carty, of Waterloo Road. The former offered to do the work according to specification in consideration of being paid £22. 10. 0, and the latter £32. 10. 0. On the motion of Alderman Clancy, seconded by Alderman Hadden, the tender of McEvoy Brothers was accepted.

A third tender from John Power of George Street was not entertained, inasmuch as the

sender, by mistake, had proposed to do the painting work on 15 houses instead of on 13, his price being £38. 10. 0.

A communication from the County Council was read. It appeared that in connection with a Scheme of Union Workhouse Amalgamation it had been arranged that a Public Health Committee should be formed to put the Scheme into operation. The constitution of the Committee provided for the appointment thereon of the Mayor and one other member of the Corporation. The initial meeting of the Committee was to be held on 8th November Instant, and it was requested that this second Representative should be appointed.

Thereupon Councillor Martin was appointed, but in the course of discussion he was entrusted with the task of bringing before the Public Health Committee the justice of increasing the representation thereon from Wexford by two more members of the Corporation. It was held that two members from the Corporation was not sufficient representation, not being commensurate with the Town's contribution towards the funds of the County Council.

The question of substituting electricity for gas as a means of lighting the streets of the town was brought forward and discussed, the justification for the departure, as stated by the Mayor, being the unsatisfactory service rendered by the Gas Company in the matter of lighting the streets at night. The discussion was an exceptionally long one. Special notice of the subject had been furnished to the members.

A Mr. J. MacEntee of Dublin, Electrical Expert, was at the meeting to make a report on the project, as per instructions of a Committee consisting of the Mayor, Councillor Carty, Alderman Connolly, Councillors Hayes and Martin, Alderman Larkin, and Councillors Cummins and Crosbie.

The Committee had met first on 6th October 1921, it having been appointed on 28th September 1921 by the finance and Works Committee.

Preliminary to the present meeting it had been ascertained that the National Bank, for the carrying out of the project, was prepared to lend a sum of £3,000 to the Corporation repayable in ten years at a rate of Interest at one-half per cent under Irish Banks' Rate, and also there had been obtained from the Local Government Department, Dail Eireann, sanction to the raising of the Loan.

Mr. MacEntee made a verbal report. From an inspection of the town which he had made on the 6th Ultimo, it would be necessary that five miles of overhead mains should be erected and to be of sufficient capacity to allow of a supply of current being afforded to private consumers, if at any future time it was thought well to furnish such supply.

Throughout the town the number of electric lights required was 79. These would not all be of equal luminous power, some being of 60 watts, and others of 100 watts. The estimated cost of providing the Plant was £2,611. This did not include the provision of a Power Station, as the estimate was based on the

willingness of Mr. James J. Stafford of South Main Street to sell current enough from his own Power Station. If the Loan were arranged to be repayable in 25 years on the "Annuity" system, the annual payment to the Bank would be £195 for the extinction of Principal and Interest, and if the charge for Current was put down at Sixpence per Unit, the annual payment to Mr. Stafford would be £259. To be added to this was £25 for sundry repairs, this bringing the total annual cost to £479. Councillor Hayes thereupon proposed that the Scheme, as outlined by Mr. MacEntee, be adopted.

The motion was seconded by Alderman Larkin.

The proposition gave rise to a difference of opinion. Alderman Sinnott maintained that in introducing the question of lighting the streets by electricity the Corporation were acting in an inconsiderate way towards the Gas Company. He recounted some of the well-known difficulties which the Company had to contend with in latter days in justification of any want of efficiency in the service rendered by them.

Alderman Hadden, whilst disclaiming all antagonism to the Scheme, entered on a review of the figures quoted by Mr. MacEntee, holding that the Council should be given a further opportunity to go into them in detail. Taking the period of repayment as ten years, according to the letter from the Bank, Alderman Hadden showed that the sum set down for repayment of the Loan was considerably below what it ought to be. Then as to the distribution mains, he wished to be satisfied whether the overhead wires, as proposed, would, from every point of view, be as advantageous as underground wires. He contended that as this was the first time the Scheme had been brought before the Council, it was proper that the details should be fully gone into and digested before the undertaking was embarked upon. He proposed that the question be referred to Committee to meet on tomorrow (8th Instant) and in order to avoid any undue delay the Committee be asked to report to the Council against the following evening.

This motion was seconded by Councillor Gibson, but it was lost on a Division, twelve members having voted against, and only eight for it.

Thereupon the following resolution, which was carefully drawn up, was adopted.

RESOLVED:- That this meeting hereby adopts the Electric Lighting Scheme, now duly considered; that a Contract be entered into between the Corporation and Mr. James J. Stafford in respect of supplying by him of a sufficiency of Current for a number of years to be agreed on at a price not exceeding Sixpence per Unit, but that the commencing price be subject to an annual agreed-on variation according to the rise or fall in the cost of coal or labour; that a Loan of £3,000 be borrowed from the National Bank to permit of the necessary equipment being provided, and that a Deed of Mortgage be entered into to secure to the Bank the repayment within a period of twenty five years of the Loan, together with Interest at one-half per cent under Irish Banks' Rate, but that the mode of repayment be by way of an annuity, or rent-charge payable in fifty equal half-yearly sums.

The following Order was likewise made as an addenda to the above resolution:-

That advertisements be published in the Dublin and local Press, and any technical Journals suggested by Mr. MacEntee, inviting tenders against Monday, 28th November, 1921, for the completion of the plant and works, and in conformity with plan and specification to be prepared in connection with the Scheme.

Councillor Sinnott made allusion to the tragic event of then recent date whereby the late Nicholas Cowman had lost his life by accident. The deceased was held in the highest esteem. He took an active interest, at one time, in local administration, and had served as Chairman of the Rural District Council, and as a member of the County Council.

Councillor Sinnott proposed that the condolence of the meeting be conveyed to his brother, Councillor Philip Cowman, in his bereavement.

The motion was seconded by Alderman Larkin, and was adopted unanimously.

On the suggestion of Councillor Carty it was agreed to write to the relatives of the late John Radford, an old and respected native of Wexford Town, expressing the Council's sorrow at his lamented death, and paying a tribute of respect to his memory.

H. Corish.

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5th December, 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:- Nicholas Byrne, Michael Martin, Laurence Cummins,
Thomas Hayes, James Crosbie, James Sinnott, Herbert Thompson,
Alice Mary Pennell, John Walsh, Thomas O'Brien, Frank Carty.

The minutes of last meeting were read and signed.

Liabilities which had accrued due up to the end of last month, amounting in the aggregate to £1656. 18. 8 were submitted, and passed for payment with the exception of an item of £5. being half-year's head-rent of a plot of ground acquired by the Corporation at West Gate, of which Mr. George W. Taylor was Rent Agent.

It appeared that Mr. Taylor had refused to pay Town Rates on other property for which he was the Agent, and the withholding of payment was done as a punitive measure for his delinquency.

His Worship, the Mayor took occasion to refer to the tragic fate of the late Alderman Tadgh Barry of Wexford. It appeared that the deceased had been an

interned prisoner at Ballykinlar Camp because of his adherence to the Sinn Féin Movement in Ireland. He was shot dead by one of the sentries for no apparent cause, so far as was known.

The Mayor proposed a vote of sympathy with the surviving relatives of the dead Patriot. Councillor Cummins, in seconding the motion, stigmatized the occurrence as a callous act of vindictiveness.

Alderman Larkin also denounced the crime.

The motion was passed in befitting solemnity.

A letter under date of 25th November 1921, from the Ministry of Transport, Roads Department, was read. From this it appeared that as a result of representations made to the Department by the Council a Grant of £2,500 was to be given for the employment of ex-Servicemen. The money was to be devoted to the purpose of repairing the surface of the portion, within the town, of the main road from the Metropolis to Rosslare Pier, the portion referred to being Redmond road, The Quays, Trinity Street, William Street, and Maudlintown. A stipulation was that the men were to be employed in quarrying, breaking, and spreading 4,000 tons of road metalling. The money was to be laid out in wages alone, and the Council were to pay all other expenses outside wages of men and Employers' Liability Insurance. All other expenses were to include such items as the employment, on hire, of a mechanical Stone Breaker, a Steam Drill, a Motor Lorry, and the purchase of Explosives.

The Roads Committee, which had met on 29th Ultimo, had recommended gladly that the necessary contingent expenses be gone to, and that overtures should be made to the Harbour Commissioners to bear their share of these latter expenses, in consideration of the work that was to be done on the Quays.

This work meant the spreading on the Quays of 1,500 tons of road metalling, and the contribution they were to be asked for was put down at £750, or 10/- a ton.

Satisfaction was felt at the welcome result of the Roads Committee labours in the matter, and their recommendation was duly sanctioned.

A circular letter, under date of 22nd. November 1921 (No. 56) from the Minister of Local Government, Dail Eireann, was submitted. It called attention to the delay, on the part of local officials, in forwarding copies of minutes of proceedings of Local Authorities to the Minister. It was essential that minutes should reach the Department not later than four days after the day of meeting, & to allow of this being done it was requested that the copy minutes should be sent on the day following each meeting to the Inspector.

Regarding this requirement, it was explained that it was not convenient to comply with it, so far as Wexford Minutes were concerned. On occasions when the minutes had to be copious it was physically impossible to draft and type them in one day, not to speak of the business to be done, and the correspondence to be dispatched consequent on the Orders made at the Meeting.

There was no action taken on this matter.

A letter from the Director of Finance, Dail Eireann, under date of 18th November 1921

was read. This referred to Salmon Poaching, a practice which was disastrous in its consequences to the salmon fishing industry. The Irish Republican Police were engaged in the work of safeguarding the interests of the Country in this matter, and the Public Boards were asked to co-operate by bringing public opinion to bear on this reprehensible practice.

The contents of the circular were noted.

A recommendation from the Anti-Profiteering Committee which had met on 30th Uto was brought up. It was in favour of an Inspector of Weights & Measures, and of Food & Drugs being appointed whose services were to be paid for by fee.

The need for this appointment being made at once was urged by Alderman Clancy who referred to a case which had recently occurred where cheese was retailed which was altogether unfit for human consumption, but the consideration of the question was referred to the finance and Works Committee to investigate as to what the appointment would involve in the way of expense, and the duties to be performed.

A recommendation from the Waterworks Committee was submitted as to increasing the wages of the Turncock from £2. 10. 0 to £3. 0. 0 a week.

Satisfaction was expressed at the manner in which this employee attended to his duties, and on the motion of Councillor Crosbie, seconded by Alderman Larkin, the recommendation was adopted.

Attention was directed to the necessity which existed for having a number of disused lamp-posts removed out of the streets. These had come to be a danger to persons walking along the footpaths after dark owing to the gas lights having been done away with.

It was decided to write to the Manager of the Gas Works requiring him to have all lamp-posts likely to be an obstruction or the cause of an accident, taken down as soon as possible.

Attention was called to an "ope" in the wall at Mill Road opposite Mill Road Iron Works. This was used as a means of access to the Stonebridge river, but it was a source of danger to persons unfamiliar with it.

It was suggested that it should be furnished with a gate, but after some discussion it was decided to bring the suggestion before the Finance & Works Committee to deal with as they thought fit.

Councillor Byrne adverted to the inconvenience and annoyance under which the public were labouring owing to the absence of street lighting at night. He pointed out that £400 had been set apart in the Rate Estimates to provide public lighting, and such being the case there was no justification whatever, to his mind, for the streets being left in a state of total darkness. He wished to know was it not possible to come to an arrangement to resume the lighting of the lamps until such time as the proposed electric light system was available.

In answer to this members spoke of the difficulty that had arisen in connection with the lighting of the lamps for the present Season. The electric light system was expected to be completed and in working order in January next, after

which time the gas lamps would no longer be required. The Gas Company were notified of this and asked to continue the work of lighting for the curtailed period. This they were satisfied to do, but demanded a full year's remuneration for about a half-year's service, and also to be relieved of their liability to make good breakages. Under the circumstances the meeting refused to act on the suggestion of Councillor Byrne.

Michael Martin

2/1/22

12th December, 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)

Alderman:- James Larkin, Patrick Clancy, Nicholas Connolly.

Councillors:- Nicholas Byrne, Alice Mary Fennell, James Billington, Herbert Thompson, Laurence Cummins, Thomas Hayes, Michael Martin, James Crosbie, Frank Carty, John Walsh, James Sinnott, David O'Neill, Thomas O'Brien, Thomas Rossiter.

ELECTRIC LIGHTING PROJECT.

This meeting was convened for the purpose of accepting, if thought well, a Tender in respect of erecting and completing all the plants and works in connection with the above project, and also to approve, if thought well, of the terms on which Mr. James J. Stafford was prepared to supply electrical Current, as per Resolution of 7th November Ultimo.

Four tenders were received. They were from the following Firms who were prepared to become Contractors for the performance of the necessary Works in accordance with specification, in consideration of being paid the sums hereinafter set down after their names respectively.

Ferguson & Bruty, of 10, South Anne Street, Dublin.	£2547. 4. 11
The W. M. Engineering Co., of Fleet Street, Dublin.	£6870. 0. 0
Siemens Bros & Co., of Woolwich.	£2615. 4. 7
The Irish Electrical Construction Co. D'Olier Street, Dublin.	£2586. 14. 4

Mr. MacEntee, Consulting Engineer, who was present and who had scrutinized, within the last three days, the Schedule of Prices contained in each Tender, advised that the Tender of Messrs Ferguson & Bruty was the most desirable one for acceptance.

He explained fully his reasons for coming to this conclusion after having compared the variety of charges and other terms of the would-be Contractors.

Mr. MacEntee recommended that 22 steel poles should be substituted for wooden ones in the Main Street. This would add £C to the cost of the project. The specification

provided for this alternative.

Thereupon on the motion of Councillor Martin, seconded by Alderman Larkin the Tender of Ferguson & Bruty was accepted at the price of £2547. 4. 11, plus £90. 0. 0.

With regard to the obtainment of Current, the arrangement come to between the Mayor and Mr. MacEatae on the part of the Corporation, and Mr. James J. Stafford was that the price to be paid was Sixpence per Unit, with a proviso that this price was to be subject to an annual variation, regulated by the rise or fall in the cost of coal or labour in the following proportions:-

For every 10% increase or decrease in the cost of coal, a corresponding increase or decrease of 2% in the price per Unit.

For every 10% increase or decrease in the cost of labour, a corresponding increase or decrease of 1.75% in the cost per Unit.

Mr. Stafford was to enter into a Contract of a reasonable number of years' duration, and the sole right of determining the Contract, at any time they saw fit, was to rest with the Corporation on giving six months notice of intention to do so.

The meeting considered the foregoing terms to be fair and assented to a Contract being made embodying them in legal form, but a point on which debate arose was whether the Contract was to hold good for a specified number of years, say three or five.

However the consideration of this point was deferred to a later day.

Michael Martin

2/1/22

30th December, 1921.

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:-

Michael Martin, Esq., T. C. (in the chair)

Aldermen:- James Sinnott, James Larkin, George Hadden, Nicholas Connolly, Patrick Clancy.

Councillors:- James Billington, John Walsh, Thomas Rossiter, Joseph Boyce, Alice Mary Fennell, Mary Anne O'Connor, Richard Gibson, Herbert Thompson, Thomas Hayes, James Crosbie, James Sinnott, Frank Carty, Philip Cowman, Laurence Cummins, Nicholas Byrne.

The object for which the meeting was summoned was to give the Council an opportunity to pronounce an opinion on the question of the acceptance or rejection of the Treaty made between Representatives of England and of Ireland regarding the future government of Ireland.

This was rendered necessary owing to a sharp difference of opinion which had arisen among the members of parliament elected under the Government of Ireland Act 1920 sitting in Dail Eireann, as to ratifying the Compact.

In the crisis, the views of the Public Bodies of Ireland was being gathered for the guidance of Dail Eireann.

After a protracted debate, which was characterized by a spirit of perfect amity, a resolution in the following terms was unanimously adopted, viz:-

Proposed by Councillor Carty, seconded by Councillor Hayes, and

RESOLVED:- That we, the Wexford Corporation, do approve of the Treaty signed by the Plenipotentiaries, though the terms may not include all the Country deserved, still, under the existing circumstances, ratification seems the only course possible, and we call on our Representatives to vote for ratification, as we believe it is the wish of the overwhelming majority of the people that the terms should be accepted.

It was arranged that copies of this Resolution should be transmitted, at once, to the following seven members of Dail Eireann, viz. Messrs de Valera, Griffith, Collins, Etchingham, Seamus Doyle, and the Mayor and Dr. Ryan.

Michael Martin

2/1/22

2nd. January, 1922.

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. (in the chair)

Aldermen:- Nicholas Connolly, James Larkin.

Councillors:- James Billington, Herbert Thompson, Alice Mary Pennell,
Nicholas Byrne, John Walsh, James Sinnott, James Crosbie,
Joseph Boyce, Thomas Hayes, Richard Gibson, Frank Carty,
Laurence Cummins, David O'Neill.

The minutes of meetings of 5th December 1921, 12th December 1921, and 30th December 1921 were read and signed.

Liabilities which had accrued due up to the end of last month, amounting in the aggregate to £814. 5. 3 were submitted and having been examined and found correct were ordered to be discharged.

The presence at the meeting of Councillor O'Neill, who had been interned as a Member of the Irish Republican Army, was made the occasion of an ovation of welcome on his restoration to liberty.

Alderman Connolly moved that the congratulations of the Council should be tendered to Councillor O'Neill on the happy event.

The motion was seconded by Councillor Hayes, and warmly supported by Councillor Carty, Alderman Larkin, Councillor Cummins, and the Chairman of the day, who having put the motion declared it unanimously carried.

Councillor O'Neill, in thanking the meeting for their sentiments of friendship towards him, stated that he felt gratified in the knowledge that he had made a sacrifice in aid of the cause of Nationality that he and those present all warmly believed in.

A report from the Chief of the Fire Brigade was read on the outbreak of fire which had occurred on the premises of Mr. Patrick Donovan, Crescent Quay, on Christmas Morning. At the time he arrived at the burning building, about 3 o'clock A. M. there were already four lines of hose playing on the conflagration which was extinguished about 8 o'clock A. M. The entire of the sheds and their contents were destroyed, but the Brigade succeeded in preventing the spread of the fire to the adjoining premises. Four members of the Brigade omitted to turn out, owing, probably, to no alarm having reached them.

This report was referred to the Fire Brigade Committee to dispose of, as was also the question of reforming the Fire Brigade, with a view to a reduction of the strength of it.

Applications received for compensation for malicious injuries perpetrated in two cases were submitted. These were from Mr. John N. Scallan, Clerk of the Crown, who claimed three hundred pounds in respect of books and records burned on the occasion of the fire which occurred at the Court House, and from

Mrs Mary O'Connor for six pounds ten shillings, cost of a case of lubricating oil taken away and destroyed on 8th December, 1921.

These claims were to be presented at the Quarter Sessions to be held on 26th instant.

Adhering to the practice established as to non-recognition by the Corporation of English Courts of Law, the meeting decided to allow the cases to go by default.

A circular letter issued to Public Bodies under date of 3rd. December 1921, by the Department of Agriculture, Dublin, was read the reference number being G.5282/21.

It called attention to the fact that excessive moisture was found in Irish butter, and pointed out that it was incumbent on Local Authorities to have samples taken for the purpose of analysis.

As there was, at present, no Inspector of Food and Drugs in Wexford town, the duties of which Office were hitherto performed by the Royal Irish Constabulary free of charge, the meeting deferred taking action pending the intended appointment of an Inspector under the Food and Drugs Acts.

The term of the contract in respect of supplying milk in connection with the Maternity and Child Welfare Scheme having expired it was necessary to see if it would be well to renew the Contract, which was an agreement running from year to year. The present price paid was 2/6 for the winter half-year, and 2/- for the Summer half-year, per gallon.

This matter was referred to the Finance and Works Committee with a view to a reduction of price being obtained, considering that prices of commodities all round were showing a downward tendency.

R. Corish

30-1-22

30th January, 1922.

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 Sinnott, James Larkin, Patrick Clancy, Nicholas Connolly, George Hadden.

Councillors:- Nicholas Byrne, Thomas Rossiter, Thomas Hayes, Herbert Thompson, James Crosbie, John Walsh, Michael Martin, Laurence Cummins, Thomas O'Brien, James Billington, David O'Neill, James Sinnott, Frank Carty, Joseph Boyce, Richard Gibson.

Before the Roll was called Alderman Clancy said that it was fitting that the meeting should record their sorrow at the death of the Pope, which melancholy event had occurred on Sunday, 22nd. instant.

In this view Alderman Larkin concurred, and without further discussion a Resolution in the following terms was unanimously adopted, the Meeting standing up to testify to the ir venerat

Proposed by Alderman Claney, seconded by Alderman Larkin, and

RESOLVED:- That we, the Municipal Council of the Borough of Wexford, in General Meeting assembled, take this, the earliest opportunity, to express our profound sorrow at the death of the illustrious Pontiff, Benedict XV., of pious memory.

The people of Ireland are indebted to his late Holiness for the paternal interest he displayed towards this Country. His efforts for the restoration of peace, and the practical sympathy shown by him towards the relief of distress occasioned by the recent political troubles, was in every way worthy of the vice-gerent of Christ on earth.

It was arranged that a copy of this Resolution should be sent to Dr. Codd, Lord Bishop of Ferns.

On the Roll being then called and the minutes of 2nd. Instant being read and signed, the business for the day was entered on.

on the motion of Alderman Larkin, seconded by Councillor O'Neill, Councillor Garty was appointed Chairman pro tempore, during the election of a Mayor.

Councillor Martin 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 Walsh.

Nearly all the members present spoke to this resolution. They all united in paying a tribute of admiration for the zeal and ability displayed by the Mayor in the discharge of his civic functions for the last two years.

The motion was carried with acclamation, the acting chairman expressing gratification in declaring the resolution passed.

The Mayor thereupon made his declaration of acceptance of office, and took the Chair.

The Mayor, in returning thanks for being re-elected, gave a resume of the work of municipal administration for the past year. He took occasion to refer to the fact that he had voted for the ratification of the Treaty in obedience to the call of the Electors. As to the wants of the town in the matter of housing accommodation, it was necessary that a Loan should be obtained out of the £1,000,000 earmarked by the Provisional Government for the erection of houses, and not only that, but a grant-in-aid might safely be reckoned on. He threw out a suggestion that the owners of houses would be well advised to consult with the Town Tenants' League and endeavour to come to an arrangement for settling all questions of repairs. Touching the lighting of the town, it might be relied on that the Electric Lighting Scheme would be gone on with with all due celerity, as the National Bank was about to advance the necessary Loan. At Christmas 350 necessitous families had been afforded relief as a result of an appeal made by him for contributions for the purpose, unemployment being the cause of privation. Although being the Leader of the local Labour Party, he would continue to act in the sense that he was Mayor of the Borough of Wexford.

Regarding the appointment of Standing Committees for one year, the following Resolutions were adopted.

Proposed by Alderman Larkin, seconded by Councillor O'Brien.

That the Finance and Works Committee, the Public Health Committee, and the Waterworks Committee be composed of the same members as serve on them at present.

Proposed by Alderman Sinnott, seconded by Councillor Cummins.

That the Membership of the Technical Instruction Committee remain as it is.

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

That the Housing Committee appointed on 30th January 1920 be re-appointed, in view of the likelihood of a Housing Scheme being taken in hand in the near future.

Proposed by Alderman Sinnott, seconded by Alderman Connolly.

That in addition to the Quarterly Meetings fixed by Statute, the three Quarterly Meetings for 1922 be held on Wednesday, 3rd. May next, Wednesday, 2nd. August next, and Monday, 6th November next, and that the meetings due to be held on the first Monday in May and August be let lapse.

R. Larkin
6-2-22

6th February, 1922.

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 Sinnott, George Hadden, James Larkin.

Councillors:- Herbert Thompson, Nicholas Byrne, Thomas O'Brien, Thomas Hayes, John Walsh, David O'Neill, Micheal Martin, James Sinnott, Laurence Cummins, Richard Gibson, Thomas Rossiter, James Crosbie, Joseph Boyce, Frank Carty, Alice Mary Fennell, James Billington.

The minutes of meeting of 30th January, 1922 were read and signed.

Liabilities which had accrued due up to the end of last month, amounting in the aggregate to £880. 3. 2, were submitted and having been examined were approved and were ordered to be discharged..

In alluding to the death of the late Mr. Peter Crosbie, an old and respected resident of the town, the Mayor proposed that an expression of condolence on the sad event be tendered to Councillor James Crosbie on the death of his father.

The motion was seconded by Alderman Larkin and adopted unanimously, all members rising to their feet in testimony of their concurrence with the motion.

Councillor Crosbie expressed thanks for the sympathy felt for him in his bereavement.

Another recent case of departure from life was that of the late Mr. William Rossiter of Abbey Street. The deceased, who was also an old and revered native, was widely

known and held in the highest esteem in Wexford.

Alderman Larkin proposed that an expression of sympathy be offered to his nephew, Councillor Thomas Rossiter, in the loss he had sustained.

The motion was seconded by Councillor Sinnott and adopted unanimously, all the members standing on its being put.

Councillor Rossiter thereupon briefly thanked the meeting for the respect shown to the memory of his deceased relative.

A proposal to improve the Main Street was brought forward. A Mr. John F. Kehoe was about to re-build a house at Main Street North, and it was fitting that the opportunity should be taken to widen the thoroughfare. The present house stood out beyond the front of the adjoining house on one side. A Committee had inspected the locality, and had been in negotiation with Mr. Kehoe regarding the putting of the front of the proposed new building back by 2½ feet. Mr. Kehoe, as was seen by his letter of 30th Ultimo, offered to do what was required on being paid £532. 12. 0. His original demand was for £989. 8. 0.

The Committee considered even the abated demand altogether excessive. The entire ground space to be surrendered was 65 square ^{feet} ~~yards~~, and the Committee maintained that £2. per ^{foot} ~~yard~~, or £130, was ample compensation for his loss of space.

Councillor Byrne thereupon proposed that £130 be offered to Mr. Kehoe for widening the street to the extent mentioned.

This was seconded by Alderman Larkin and was carried, but not unanimously, three members considering the offer excessive.

A proposal to provide an additional Fish Stall in the Market Building was brought up. The Finance and Works Committee had considered a pressing request from Mrs Lizzie Meyer, Fish Dealer, who was so anxious to have a place of business in the Market that she was willing to pay half the cost of constructing a Stall therein, and to become a tenant at a rent of 7/6 a week. The estimated cost of construction was £62.

The present meeting decided that a Stall be provided on the terms mentioned, and in anticipation of this decision, three tenders were obtained in respect of the work of construction.

They were from the following Building Contractors, viz. John Browne, Mary O'Connor, and William Underwood.

The prices asked were respectively £65, £69. 5. 0, and £82. 10. 0.

The lowest tender was accepted, as was also a tender from the same Builder in connection with erecting a netting wire screen in the Market at a cost of £17. 10. 0.

The appointment of a Rent Collector was proceeded with. This was rendered necessary by the resignation of N. J. Cosgrave, arising from the fact that he had appropriated to his own use money belonging to the Council. A Special

Committee had dealt with this case, and with the concurrence of Mr. Caulfield, Solicitor for the Sureties, had arranged for obtaining applications from reliable persons to act as Collector, instead of the delinquent, and on the same terms and conditions as applied to him.

Eight applications were received for appointment to the post. A Poll was taken to ascertain which was the most desirable applicant, whereupon John Warner of The Faythe, was selected, he having received 16 votes, Michael Lucan, 3 votes, and Thomas J. Hayes 3 votes, the rest receiving no support whatever.

The Sureties of the newly-appointed Collector were approved of. They were Messrs James O'Farrell, Grocer, Faythe, and Luke Hynes, Draper, Bullring.

Adverting to minutes of 7th November last, a letter from the Manager of the National Bank (Wexford Branch) was read. The Bank, under legal advice, were prepared to lend the sought for Loan of £3,000 provided that sanction were obtained from the Local Government Department of the Irish Provisional Government of the terms on which the Loan was to be borrowed, namely, that re-payment was to be made in 20 years on the annuity principle, the rate of Interest was to be one-half per cent under Irish Banks' Rate, but never to be less than four per cent.

Thereupon on the motion of Councillor O'Brien, seconded by Councillor Carty, it was resolved to apply for the required sanction.

A communication was read from the North Wexford Employers' and Traders' Federation. The Federation drew attention to the necessity which existed for having one stated day each week decreed by Statute as a day on which to observe a half-holiday throughout the Country. Such an Enactment should be made to apply, not only to all towns, but also to all classes of business and industry as were not carried on on Sunday. At present the holding of a half-holiday on different days led to much public inconvenience. The Federation asked for the co-operation of Public Bodies in endeavouring to bring about the necessary legislation to establish a stated day. Difference of opinion was expressed as to fixing a day, in the case of Wexford, and after discussion, the following resolution, as proposed by the Mayor and seconded by Alderman Larkin was adopted.

"That we approve of the suggestion that there should be a universal half-holiday each week, but before coming to a decision we invite the view of those concerned, that is, the Wexford Employers' Federation and the Wexford Trades' and Labour Council."

A circular from the Local Government Department, Dail Eireann, was submitted the reference number being A. 129. The Department pointed out that in compiling the Rate Estimates in respect of the coming financial year, all suspended re-payments on foot of Government Loans were to be included with a view to being discharged, and as to all withheld Government Grants, credit was to be taken for them.

At the request of the Mayor the consideration of the subject of the circular was deferred.

Regarding minutes of 2nd. January 1922, attention was called to the necessity for

appointing an Inspector of Food and Drugs. There was every reason to believe that fraudulent practices were being carried on. No supervision had been exercised over the sale of food since the Royal Irish Constabulary ceased to act as Inspectors under the Sale of Food and Drugs Acts and the Weights and Measures Acts. The services of the R. I. C. involved no charge on the Rates, and the question was would the newly-organized Police Force administer the Acts as their predecessors had done.

Food & Drugs

It was decided to ask the Provisional Government for an answer to the query. Alderman Hadden mentioned that as a member of the Association of Municipal Authorities he accompanied a Deputation to the Ministry of Local Government and brought under notice the views of the Association regarding the Government's duty in the matter of providing housing accommodation. To encourage Local Authorities to proceed with Housing Schemes state aid was indispensable, and this was recognized as a principle by the late Government. They had settled upon paying a subsidy of 5/9ths, or in exceptional cases, a shade over that, of the "economic rent." The Deputation asked from the Department an assurance that under the present regime the question of contributing towards rent would be treated in a broad generous spirit as part of the responsibilities of the State.

The Deputation had received a most favourable response. Not only would the subsidy referred to be granted, but an augmented subsidy might be reckoned on. The same Association had had under notice the desirability of having simplified the legal machinery under which Undertakings of a public nature were promoted by Urban Councils.

At present the form of procedure to be followed was tedious and expensive to an uncalled-for degree in cases where projects or improvements necessitated the acquisition of land or buildings. Mr. Finlay Heron, former Town Clerk of Blackrock, was engaged in studying the subject and preparing himself to be in a position to recommend where useful amendments might be made in the existing mode of procedure.

Gratification was expressed by the meeting at hearing of the activities of the Association.

To obviate the possibility of a shortage of water to the town in the coming Summer, it was suggested that an early opportunity should be taken to increase the capacity of the water system. The prevention of waste was a matter which ought to engage immediate attention, but not only this, but the provision of a Supplementary Reservoir was said to be wanted, and it was decided that the Town Surveyor was to make a report as to the best means to be taken towards enlarging the volume of supply, in consultation with a Committee composed of Councillors Thompson and Carty, Alderman Sinnott and the Mayor.

Enlarging Reservoir

L. Lard

24th February, 1922.

A Special Meeting of the Council was held this day at the Town Clerk's Office at Eight o'clock p. m, pursuant to the Mayor's requisition.

The members present were:-

Richard Corish, Esq., Mayor (in the chair)

Aldermen:- James Sinnott, Patrick Clancy, and James Larkin.

Councillors:- Herbert Thompson, Michael Martin, Frank Carty, James Crosbie,
James Sinnott, Thomas Rossiter.

Also Mr. R. O'Sullivan, C. E., Dublin.

With reference to minutes of 6th Instant, the Mayor announced that steps had been taken to accelerate the obtainment of an abundant water supply.

The Committee appointed on that day had met three times, and a Deputation had gone to Dublin to see if a Government Grant was to be had for the purpose, and incidentally, to provide means for much-needed employment.

The presence of Mr. O'Sullivan at the Meeting was the result of an interview with one of the Government Departments.

Mr. O'Sullivan was to investigate as to the urgency of increasing the supply, the best means of doing so, and the probable cost thereof.

He had, today, visited the Reservoir and catchment area.

The Committee, through Councillor Thompson, had also been in communication with Mr. Alfred D. Delap, C. E. of Dublin. Mr. Delap, as per his letter of 14th Instant, was prepared to go into the question of increasing the storage capacity of the Reservoir, or failing that, providing an auxiliary one, and report on the matter. The Report would contain definite recommendations as to the structural works necessary to be done and an approximation of the cost, but would not afford sufficient particulars to let a Contract on.

To compile the Report it would be necessary for him to spend 5 or 6 days at Coolree, take certain levels and measurements on the spot, and to do two or three days office work studying the information gathered. His fee for his services would be Fifty Guineas, plus out-of-pocket expenses. He required also sundry assistance from workmen in opening trenches, and information from the Town Surveyor.

After suggestions had been made to, and considered and rejected by the meeting as to the advisability of employing local expert services in drafting a preliminary Report, the following Resolution was adopted, as proposed by Councillor Thompson, and seconded by Councillor Rossiter.

That the services of Mr. Delap be engaged in connection with furnishing a preliminary Report and rough estimate of the cost of providing additional water supply for the town on the terms specified in his letter above-mentioned.

S. Larkin

6. 3. 22

6th March, 1922.

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, George Hadden, James Larkin.

Councillors:- Nicholas Byrne, James Crosbie, Thomas Hayes, Alice Mary Fennell, James Billington, John Walsh, Laurence Cummins, Thomas Rossiter, Frank Carty, Michael Martin, Thomas O'Brien, James Sinnott.

The minutes of meetings of 6th and 24th February 1922 were read and signed.

Liabilities which had accrued due up to the end of last month amounting in the aggregate to £1830. 11. 4 were submitted and having been examined and found correct were ordered to be discharged.

The question of extending the amnesty to all Irish political prisoners still incarcerated in British prisons was brought under consideration by Alderman Clancy who proposed that an appeal be made to the Head of the Irish provisional Government to use his undoubted influence in the proper quarter to obtain the release of these patriotic Irishmen.

The motion was seconded by Alderman Connolly and adopted, assurance being expressed that when Mr. Collins would give attention to the case an early accomplishment of the object in view might safely be reckoned on.

Referring to minutes of 6th Ultimo, it was seen from a letter read from Messrs Huggard and Brennan, Solicitors, that £130 was not deemed adequate compensation for putting the front of a new building which was proposed to be erected by Mr. John E. Kehoe back from the existing front by 2½ feet.

To widen the street to the extent indicated would involve the loss of a bedroom, the making good of the coign of Mr. Kelly's adjoining premises, and the putting down of a new foundation. To provide a bedroom at the back would cost £200 alone, and there appeared no course open but to appoint Arbitrators, if the Council wished to proceed with the widening.

After a short consultation the meeting unanimously decided, on the motion of Councillor Rossiter, seconded by Councillor Byrne, to inform Messrs Huggard and Brennan that the Council could not see their way to increase their offer.

Referring to minutes of 6th Ultimo, the question of the mode of repayment of the proposed Loan was brought up by the receipt of a letter from the National Bank. The Bank's Solicitor pointed out that it was altogether impracticable to frame a Deed of Mortgage to secure the repayment of the Loan by way of annuity having regard to the fact that the rate of Interest to be charged was to be a varying quantity in accord with the rate of Interest prevailing from time to time during the period of repayment. Moreover, it was against established practice in banking transactions to lend money on the annuity plan in the case of Loans of this kind. He suggested that the money should be repaid on the

customary instalment plan.

After some discussion tending to show that the cost of the Electric Lighting Scheme, and the mode of financing it, had not, as yet, been given sufficient attention and ventilation, it was decided, on the motion of Alderman Hadden, seconded by Councillor Billington, that a Committee of the Whole House be convened for Wednesday, 8th Inst., to go into the financial side of the Scheme and deal with it in detail.

The question of renewing an Agreement in respect of the tenancy of a piece of land at Redmond Place used for the purposes of a dumping ground was deferred pending an interview with the owner, Mr. Richard Gibson, T. C., who happened not to be present at present meeting.

The attention of the Finance and Works Committee had been called to a practice which was spreading amongst shopkeepers in the town of keeping their places of business open on Sundays. All the Tobacconists, and all the Fruiterers followed this practice, and it was thought well that it should be put a stop to, or at least, put under restriction. The Corporation's ^{Schmitz's} advice was obtained, and he pointed out that Prosecutions could be taken at Petty Sessions under the Lord's Day Observance Act, as per his letter of this day's date. He advised also that when Proceedings of this kind were to be taken for the first time, it was proper that all offenders should be prosecuted at the one time. If only one or two delinquents were dealt with they might say they had been subjected to unfair treatment.

The conclusion come to on this matter was to start by sending out a circular acquainting shopkeepers of their liability in connection with Sunday trading, but setting forth that the Council would take no notice of shops being opened from 10. 0. a. m. to 12 noon, but that in no case could the employment of assistants be countenanced on Sundays.

The following resolution, on the motion of Alderman Larkin, seconded by Councillor Walsh, was duly adopted. It was supported by several members, including Alderman Clancy and the mayor, who paid a tribute of appreciation to the services rendered by the founder of the Irish Transport and General Workers' Union, whose mission was to improve the position of the working classes, and which had, so far, rendered signal service to the working man, viz.

RESOLVED:- That we, the members of the Wexford Corporation, request Mr. Gavan Duffy, T. D., the Minister for Foreign Affairs, Dail Eireann, to approach the Government of the United States with a view to securing the release of Jim Larkin, the Irish Labour Leader.

Attention was called to the exorbitant prices charged for marketable commodities in Wexford. Bread, potatoes, beef, and milk, at their present prices, were said to be overcharged for, as compared with the prices for these articles prevailing elsewhere. If a strenuous crusade were carried on against profiteering, there was no doubt prices would be brought down, as was done in the case of Galway, where the farmers had to appeal to the Anti Profiteering Committee to raise the price of milk above that which had been decreed by the Committee.

On the motion of Councillor Hayes, seconded by Alderman Larkin, it was decided to convoke a meeting of the Wexford Anti Profiteering Committee for Wednesday, 8th Instant, at 8.15 p. m. to see as to what were the best measures to be taken to bring about a reduction of prices.

It was brought under notice that Estimates of Rates to be levied on the town in the approaching financial year were in course of preparation, and in view of their early completion it was suggested that a Committee should be appointed to go into the items of expenditure preliminary to the Estimates being brought before a General Meeting of the Council.

The suggestion was approved, and the following were appointed to serve as members Aldermen the Mayor, Hadden, and Connolly, Councillors Byrne, Rossiter, Carty, Sinnott, Martin, and Billington. *Henry Ald Sinnott*

Referring to minutes of 1st September 1920, on which occasion the current Bank Account of the Council was transferred from the name of the Council to the name of two private individuals, it was suggested that the Account should again be opened in the name of the Corporation. There was every indication that to take this step was justified and opportune, considering the present condition of public affairs in the Country.

Thereupon on the motion of Councillor Sinnott, seconded by Alderman Connolly, it was decided to adopt the regular system again, as from 1st April next.

R. Larkin
3-4-22

3rd. April, 1922.

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 Coriagh Esq., Mayor (in the chair)

Aldermen:- James Sinnott, Nicholas Connolly, Patrick Clancy, James Larkin.

Councillors:- Laurence Cummins, Thomas Hayes, John Walsh, Nicholas Byrne,
Alice Mary Fennell, James Billington, James Crosbie, Michael
Martin, James Sinnott, Frank Carty, Thomas Rossiter.

The minutes of meeting of 6th March 1922 were read and signed.

Liabilities which had accrued due up to the end of last month amounting in the aggregate to £1417. 17. 3, were submitted and having been examined were approved, and an Advice Note was signed to enable the Treasurer to pay them on presentation to him of Paying Orders numbered from 468 to 488 inclusive.

Reference was made by Alderman Larkin to the present-day disturbances in Belfast. The lives of innocent victims were being lost, and as a punitive measure it was necessary to resume the boycott of Belfast goods.

He proposed that Daily Wire be asked to re-impose the boycott and require

that it be rigorously enforced, as the agreement to re-instate Catholic workers had not been kept, and the murderous deeds done were perpetrated on Catholics.

The motion was seconded by Alderman Clancy who animadverted on the silence of the non-Catholic community of Wexford in regard to these outrages.

Alderman Connolly advocated the adoption of the motion. Councillor Billington took occasion, as a non-Catholic, to condemn the murders committed by the opposing elements on both sides, and the Mayor, in putting the resolution which was carried unanimously, said that although not opposed to it yet he was aware that the boycott had been taken off at the instance of Most Rev. Dr. McGroarty and the Catholics of Belfast.

The impending General Election in Ireland was a matter brought under notice by the Mayor. Meetings which were being held throughout the Country, in view of these Elections, were being interfered with to an unjustifiable degree, and in some instances were broken up. This was a thing which was to be reprobated, as all political parties should be given every facility to express their opinion on the situation.

He proposed:- That we call on the Leaders of different political thought in Ireland to direct their followers to abstain from interference with public meetings in connection with the coming General Election and thereby maintain every Citizen's right of free speech.

This motion was seconded by Alderman Clancy who, in supporting it, submitted that in the present crisis unity was badly needed in the Country.

The motion was unanimously adopted.

Attention was drawn to the fact that the Finance Committee, with the acquiescence of the Local Government Board, on 16th February 1917 had purchased £5,000, 5% War Loan at 95 per cent. The purchase money of £4,750 was borrowed from the National Bank. The price of the Stock had appreciated and was being sold at over 98 per cent on the Stock Exchange.

The question of taking advantage of the rise in price was believed to be opportune at the present time, and it was for the meeting to determine to sell the Stock or not. Thereupon on the motion of the Mayor, seconded by Councillor Byrne, it was decided to sell out the Stock, as it was seen that a profit of over £200 was likely to be realized on the Investment, which sum was applicable to the relief of Rates.

Referring to minutes of 24th February last, a report received from Mr. Delap was brought up. After a sojourn of several days in Wexford, which were spent in making surveys at Coolree reservoir, he had come to the conclusion to submit one way out of others for increasing the water supply to the town.

This was by raising the height of the dam by somewhat over five feet, thus increasing the storage capacity of the Reservoir from 22 million to 40 million gallons.

This would necessitate the thickening of the embankment sufficiently to resist the consequential increased pressure.

The cost of carrying out the necessary engineering works he estimated at £8,500.

The raising of the surface of the water would involve the flooding of some adjoining land, of which it was necessary that the Council should purchase out about two acres.

The report being of a highly scientific character was referred to a Committee of the Council to be held directly on the conclusion of the present meeting.

Referring to Minutes of 6th March Ultimo, it was announced that twentyone replies to circular sent out regarding Sunday trading had been received.

*Sunday
Trading*

From these it was clear that the majority of the Shopkeepers to be affected by the proposed restriction were not prepared to fall in with the Council's views as to curtailing the time of opening on Sunday to two hours.

This subject was deemed to be one that could only be discreetly dealt with in Committee, and was accordingly referred to the Finance and Works Committee to consider.

With regard to minutes of 7th November, 1921, a letter from the Secretary, Wexford County Council, was read communicating the decision of the County Council to increase the representation of the Corporation on the Public Health Committee by one member, and asking to have an appointment to the Office made. Alderman Connolly was selected to fill this position, this making a third representative from the Corporation.

*County
Hospital*

Apropos of the foregoing, Councillor Rossiter drew attention to an intended breach of faith on the part of the Public Health Committee in regard to the location of the proposed County Hospital. It had been determined that the Institution was to be in Wexford, but it appeared that an effort was being made to establish it elsewhere. It was necessary for Wexford to watch her interests in the matter.

The warning attracted immediate attention, and on the motion of Councillor Byrne, seconded by Councillor Rossiter, it was

RESOLVED:- That no pains should be spared to have the original arrangement as to placing the Hospital in Wexford carried out.

The renewal of Agreement in respect of the Dumping Ground at Redmond Road for a further year at a Rent of £25 was considered and decided on, as per recommendation of the Finance and Works Committee, but to comply with Mr. Gibson's requirements, a covenant was permitted to be embodied in the fresh Agreement making it incumbent on the Council to complete the filling to within six or eight feet of the hedge, and to raise the filling at the roadside no higher than the present level.

*Dumping
Ground*

The sale of a Head Rent of £1. a year out of Townparks was considered. The Representatives of John Rowe, who held under Statutable Grant of 17th February 1866 were desirous to buy out the head rent mentioned, in order to facilitate the sale of their entire Estate.

*Sale of
Head Rent*

The Irish Land Commission Court (Record No. E. C. 8569) had fixed £20 as the purchase price, and it was for the Council to accept this sum or not, in consideration of forfeiting the rent.

Thereupon on the motion of Councillor Byrne seconded by Councillor Martin, it was resolved to accept the offer, and to seal and sign the written form of Consent produced for execution in the matter.

The need for an Inspector of Food and Drugs was referred to. Since the Royal Irish Constabulary had ceased to act as Inspectors under the Act, there was reasonable grounds for the belief that adulteration was being carried on with impunity.

It was expected that the Provisional Government would see their way to include in the duties of the new Police force in course of organization, the work of inspecting food and drugs and verifying weights and measures, but pending Government action, it was urged that the services of a temporary Inspector should be engaged, and on the motion of Alderman Connolly, seconded by Councillor Carty, it was decided to appoint such an Official out of the present Corporation Staff, and that the question of determining his duties and the amount or rate of his remuneration be left to the Finance and Works Committee to settle.

A Certificate (A) was ordered to be signed to testify that a house in course of erection by Mr. Simon Lambert conformed to all the requirements of the Housing Department of the Ministry for Local Government.

This enabled Mr. Lambert to claim, as a right, a Grant from Government towards the cost of erection which Grant, in this case, amounted to £260.

R. Corish

3. 5. 22

10th April, 1922.

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 Hayes, John Walsh, Thomas Rossiter, Alice Mary Fennell, James Crosbie, Nicholas Byrne, Laurence Cummins, Thomas O'Brien, Herbert Thompson, Frank Carty, Michael Martin.

The meeting was convened for the purpose of dealing with the Estimates of Expenses to be incurred in connection with municipal administration for year ending 31st March 1923.

Members had been furnished with printed copies of the Estimates, the items composing which had been studied and revised by a Special Finance Committee appointed on 6th March 1922

The net expenditure was seen to be:-

Out of Borough Fund. £5862. 10. 6

For maintenance and improvement of streets.

£2111. 7. 0

In respect of Water System. £1476. 16. 2.

To meet County Council Demand. £3535. 15. 11.

The Special Committee above mentioned had inserted a sum of £960, being the amount realizable by a levy of One Shilling in the Pound as a Ratepayers' contribution towards the provision of additional housing accommodation, an item of £288 to provide for the repayment of a Loan of £2880 to be borrowed from the Bank for the same purpose, and an item of £225 towards the repayment of a Loan of £1500 to be raised for the purchase of a Motor Lorry.

This unprecedented expenditure involved the addition of 1/6 in the £ to the rate of the Borough Rate.

After a brief discussion, during which the equity of seeing that the houses to be built were to be no further burden on the resources of the Ratepayers was freely recognized, the following Resolution, as proposed by Councillor Crosbie and seconded by Alderman Connolly was adopted:-

That the Estimate as it stands be approved, and the Poundage of the Borough Rate be fixed at Six Shillings, that is to say, One Shilling for General Town Purposes, and Five Shillings for General Sanitary purposes.

As regards the maintenance of streets, the item of £500 set down to do tar macadam work evoked criticism, but discussion showed that this way of treating the surface of the streets was found, from experience, to be desirable and economical because of its durability, and on the motion of Councillor Byrne seconded by Alderman Larkin, the Estimate in respect of street maintenance was adopted without modification, and the Poundage of the Rate fixed at Two Shillings and Fourpence, that is to say, Two Shillings under Special Statute, and Fourpence under Towns Improvement Act.

With regard to the negotiations carried on with Mr. John F. Kehoe, the meeting abstained from making any provision for widening the street.

The Estimates of sums to be raised by Water Rates and poor Rate were seen to contain no controversial items of expenditure, and were adopted on the motion of Councillor Byrne, seconded by Alderman Sinnott, and the Poundage of the Rates to be assessed were agreed on, as follows:- Domestic Water Rate, One Shilling, Public Water Rate, Tenpence, Poor Rate, Three Shillings and Tenpence.

It was observed that the total Poundage of the Rates for the coming year was to be Fourteen Shillings as against Sixteen Shillings and Two Pence last year.

A letter was read from the Ministry of Economic Affairs, Irish Provisional Government.

With the acquiescence of Committee to which Mr. Delap's report was referred on 3rd. Instant, the Mayor had submitted the Report to the Government in the hope that a Grant of £10,000 would be obtained to cover cost of engineering work and purchase price of land.

The expectation that such a Grant was available was in every way well founded, having regard to the privation from which the industrial classes of the town

were suffering owing to lack of employment. About 2000 men were thrown idle, chiefly through the closing down of all the agricultural implement manufactories.

The terms of the letter, however, did not bear out expectation. No promise of a free grant was made, but rather that the money should be borrowed from the Bank.

Following
Power
The provision of stop-cocks on service pipes outside houses whereby the consumption of water might be reduced by 25% or 30%, as per the Report, was suggested by the Ministry as an inexpensive way to deal with shortage of water in the case of Wexford. on this subject it was decided to see as to falling in with the suggestion of the provision of stop-cocks, although it was certain that to force all householders to furnish their service pipes with these necessary appliances would court much hostility but in the meantime it was arranged to Memorialize the Government for a Grant of £10000 to enlarge the Reservoir with the immediate object of affording employment in the present unprecedented scarcity of work.

L. Laid

3-5-22

12th April, 1922.

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:-

Richard Corish, Esq., Mayor (in the chair)

Aldermen:- Patrick Claney, Nicholas Connolly.

Councillors:- James Billington, James Crosbie, John Walsh, Frank Carty, Michael Martin, Herbert Thompson.

The Meeting was convoked by Mayoral requisition for the purpose of executing a Deed of Mortgage in terms of the following resolution, viz:-

Electric
Lighting
"At a meeting of the Council of the Borough of Wexford held on 12th April, 1922, it was proposed by Councillor Martin and seconded by Alderman Connolly, and
RESOLVED:- That pursuant to the sanction of the Local Government Department dated 31st March 1922, the sum of £3,000 therein mentioned be borrowed from the National Bank Ltd., Wexford for the purposes of the Electric Lighting Scheme in said sanction mentioned said Loan to bear interest at the rate of one-half per cent per annum under the Irish Banks' rate from time to time rising and falling therewith, and with a minimum of 4% per annum, and to be repaid within 20 years by equal half-yearly instalments of £75 each.

And that the Seal of the Council be affixed to the necessary Mortgage for securing the said Loan."

The Deed of Mortgage, which had been read, was thereupon duly sealed and signed.

3rd. May, 1922.

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:-

Richard Corish, Esq., Mayor (in the chair)

Aldermen:- George Hadden, James Larkin, James Sinnott, Patrick Clancy.

Councillors:- Nicholas Byrne, James Sinnott, Frank Carty, Michael Martin,
Thomas O'Brien, Thomas Hayes, James Crosbie, Herbert Thompson
Laurence Cummins.

The minutes of meetings of 3rd, 10th and 12th April 1922 were read and signed.

Liabilities which had accrued due up to the end of last month, amounting in the aggregate to £1544. 14. 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 489 to 500 and from 1 to 13 inclusive.

Alderman Clancy, with the acquiescence of the meeting, called attention to the departure from Wexford of the Rev. Mark O'Byrne, C. C., who had been recently appointed to labour in the Curacy of Askanore. He proposed a Resolution in the following terms, which was seconded by Councillor Hayes, and supported by Councillor Carty, Alderman Larkin, and Councillor Cummins, and adopted unanimously, the Mayor endorsing the payment of the compliment to the reverend gentleman.viz:-

"That we, the members of the Wexford Corporation, have heard with feelings of regret of the removal of Father Mark O'Byrne, Rector of the Church of the Assumption, after twenty-five years of unblemished reputation and unselfish devotion to Faith and Fatherland.

During his stay in Wexford he has been a true type of the loved Irish Soggarth Aroon, an honour to the Irish church and the glory of the Irish Priesthood.

That a copy of this be sent to Father Mark and entered on the minutes." The Mayor took the opportunity to call attention to an anonymous letter which had been circulated by post through the town. This missive contained a warning against dealing with non-Catholic traders, and purported to be issued by the Commanding Officer, I. R. A., Wexford Division.

He said he was in a position to state that it was a forgery, and stigmatized the act as an attempt to bring about sectarian dissention in the town where it had never existed. Even during the trying times that had lately passed, no symptom of dissonance had ever shown itself- in fact, one of the non-Catholic business-men had sent him (the Mayor) a munificent donation for the relief of distress in Belfast incident to the sectarian riots in that City.

All the Catholic members present joined with the Mayor in characterizing the deed as the outcome of a narrow and bigoted mind, and hoped that the perpetrator

of it would be exposed and brought to justice.

Alderman Hadden and Councillor Thompson, on the part of the Protestant Community, expressed thanks for the praiseworthy attitude taken up by the Mayor and Corporation in the matter. All they and their co-religionists asked was to be let join with all Irishmen in promoting the good of the Country.

The making of Rates was proceeded with, except Poor Rate, as to which no official Demand had, as yet, been received from the County Council, 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, and the Warrants authorizing the collection thereof, were duly sealed and signed.

Proposed by Councillor Martin, seconded by Alderman Larkin.

RESOLVED:- That a Borough Rate of Six Shillings in the Pound (being One Shilling for General Town Purposes and Five Shillings 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 the 10th April, 1922.

Proposed by Councillor Cummins, seconded by Councillor Sinnott.

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 and adopted on the 10th April, 1922.

Proposed by Councillor Byrne, seconded by Councillor Hayes.

RESOLVED:- That a Towns Improvement Rate of Four Pence 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 and adopted on the 10th April, 1922.

Proposed by Alderman Sinnott, seconded by Councillor Thompson.

RESOLVED:- That an Assessment of One Shilling and Tenpence in the Pound, viz., a Domestic Rate of One Shilling and a Public Rate of Tenpence 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 10th April, 1922.

With reference to minutes of 12th December 1921, an Agreement and a Bond from Messrs Ferguson & Bruty, as prepared by the Corporation Solicitor, were submitted for execution on the part of the Corporation.

These documents having been read for the meeting, it was resolved on the motion of Councillor Martin, seconded by Councillor Crosbie, to affix the Corporate Seal to them to perfect the Contract in respect of the work to be done by Messrs Ferguson and Bruty in constructing the proposed Electric Lighting Scheme.

The Corporate Seal was thereupon affixed to the Agreement and Bond.

Two notices of intended application for compensation for criminal injury done were submitted. One was from the Harbour Commissioners, who claimed £15. to make good damage done by unknown person or persons on 20th September 1921 on the gate, piers, and walls of the entrance to the Bathing Place, and the other was from the Governors of Tate School, who claimed £2. in respect of malicious breakage of windows on 24th April, 1922

Regarding the latter claim, it was decided to ask the Minister for Local Government for advice thereon.

The question to be asked the Minister was, was it not competent for the Council to settle this trifling case with the Governors, and so save the expense of allowing it to go into Court, even at the risk of setting up a bad precedent? No action was taken regarding the former application.

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 deemed to embody any restrictions necessary, and thereupon on the motion of Councillor Sinnott, seconded by Councillor Byrne, fresh Licences were ordered to be issued.

Referring to minutes of 1st December 1920 and 5th January 1921, it was resolved on the motion of Councillor Sinnott, seconded by Alderman Clancy:- That the name of Castle Hill Street be changed to that of Kevin Barry Street, and that the necessary name-plates in bi-lingual words be ordered and erected.

Regarding minutes of 10th Ultimo where provision was made for obtaining a Government Grant towards the erection of houses, model drawings of buildings suited to the purpose, were submitted.

These had been before the Housing Committee on 1st Instant, and met with approval.

The houses were to be erected on the plot of ground purchased from the Convent of St. John of God and on the adjoining ground formerly used as a Manure Depot at Windmills Hill. The number of houses was 18, and they were to be of different sizes, that is to say, eight small-sized ones to be built on the frontage opposite Tate School, eight larger-sized ones on the frontage on Newtown Road facing the Convent, and two of a still larger size facing John Street.

The design of the houses, and the accommodation to be afforded were deemed to answer requirements in these respects, and on the motion of Councillor Carty seconded by Alderman Hadden, it was decided to instruct the Town Surveyor to proceed at once with the preparation of plans and drawings, &c., of the proposed buildings, with the necessary modifications, with a view to the obtainment of the early sanction of a Housing Scheme from the Minister for Local Government.

The Accounts of the Collector of Borough Rate, to be paid in lieu of County Cess,

and of Towns Improvement Rate were produced. They had been under examination by the Finance and Works Committee, who had made the following recommendations.

That there be written off as irrecoverable items of Borough Rate amounting to £45. 5. 4½, and items of Rate in lieu of County Cess and of Towns Improvement Rate amounting to £25. 18. 1½, and that the balance of items outstanding, i. e., £195. 10. 3, and £124. 1. 3½ respectively, be carried into the current year's Rate Books as Arrears.

The recommendations were adopted, on the motion of Councillor Byrne, seconded by Councillor Thompson.

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 £68. 2. 8 outstanding at the close of the Collection. Of this sum £11. 0. 3 was written off as irrecoverable, being items assessed on premises that fell vacant during the year, and the balance, £57. 2. 5 was carried forward as Collectible Arrears.

The Committee's action was ratified, on the motion of Councillor Martin seconded by Alderman Larkin.

Referring to minutes of 10th April last regarding the proposed purchase of a motor lorry to be employed in connection with the work of repairing and scavenging streets and roads, it was resolved on the motion of Alderman Larkin seconded by Alderman Sinnott to ask the Minister for Local Government for early sanction to the borrowing from a Bank of a Loan of £1,500 to be repaid in ten years in equal half-yearly instalments of Principal, together with Interest on Principal from time to time outstanding, at a rate to be hereafter settled on with the Lender.

R. Corish

3. 6. 22

24th May, 1922.

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:- Patrick Clancy, James Larkin, George Hadden.

Councillors:- Thomas Hayes, John Walsh, James Sinnott, Herbert Thompson, Frank Carty, Laurence Cummins, James Billington, James Crosbie, Richard Gibson, Thomas Rossiter, Michael Martin.

The meeting was called to deal with an offer from Government to contribute £7,000 towards the cost of enlarging Coolree reservoir.

Referring to minutes of 10th April last, His Worship, the Mayor stated that as a measure towards the relief of distress throughout Ireland Dail Eireann had set apart £100,000 to afford employment and in connection therewith, a committee of the Dail had been formed, of which he (the Mayor) was a member. At a meeting of

the Committee he had taken the opportunity to urge the claim of Wexford Town to a share of the allocation, basing the priority of Wexford on the fact that the Corporation had submitted to Government a fully digested Scheme for increasing the water supply to the town, and that Wexford felt the depression to an exceptional extent because of the stoppage of work at the three Foundries for want of trade.

As a result of his efforts he was pleased to state that a Grant of £7,000 was guaranteed. The Engineer's estimate of the cost of the proposed improvement was £8,500, and it rested with the Corporation to provide the money required over and above the amount of the Grant.

*Reservoir
Enlargement*

Alderman Hadden, Councillors Thompson and Carty joined in expressing thanks to the Mayor for the services he had rendered in the matter, asserting that the Grant could not be applied to a more pressing demand than in providing additional water supply and additional employment for the town.

Thereupon on the motion of Alderman Hadden, seconded by Alderman Larkin.

It was Resolved:- That the financial assistance forthcoming from Government be accepted; that negotiations be opened with the National Bank for a loan of £3,000 to supplement the Grant, and that the thanks of the Corporation be conveyed to the Government for their generous treatment of the town in the present crisis.

Further on the motion of Councillor Sinnott, seconded by Councillor Cummins, It was resolved:- That the Committee appointed on the 6th February last to work up the preliminaries of the Scheme, be asked to see Mr. Malone and ascertain his terms for surrendering a portion of his land adjoining the Reservoir, and that Mr. Delap, C. E., be written to, at once, and asked to attend a meeting of the Committee on the earliest day convenient to him.

H. Larkin

5 - 6 - 22

5th June, 1922.

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, George Hadden, Patrick Claney.

Councillors:- Richard Gibson, Thomas Hayes, John Walsh, Thomas Rossiter, Herbert Thompson, Michael Martin, James Crosbie.

The minutes of meetings of 2nd. and of 24th May, 1922 were read and signed.

Liabilities which had accrued due up to the end of last month amounting in the aggregate to £2482. 12. 11 were submitted, and having been examined were approved, and an Advice Note was signed to enable the Treasurer to pay them on presentation to him of Paying Orders numbered from 14 to 41 inclusive.

Referring to minutes of last meeting, a letter received from Mr. Delap, C. E., was read. His other engagements prevented Mr. Delap from coming to Wexford sooner than 10th Instant, and it was arranged that the Committee was to meet on that day at eleven o'clock, and that Mr. Delap was to be written to and asked to be present on the occasion.

Councillor Rossiter drew attention to a bereavement which had befallen the Town Sergeant. His sister, Anastasia Kehoe, had been called to her Reward since date of last meeting. She was a native of the town and was a kindly and unobtrusive member of the Community.

He moved that an expression of sorrow on the sad event be passed by the meeting. The motion was seconded by Alderman Larkin and was adopted unanimously with the usual ceremonial.

Referring to minutes of 3rd. Ultimo a letter from Rev. Mark O'Byrne was read, of which the following is a copy, and inserted on the minutes by order, viz.

Askamore, Carnew, Co. Wicklow.

15th May, 1922.

Dear Mr. Browne, I shall feel obliged if you will kindly convey to the members of your Corporation my grateful appreciation of the resolution unanimously adopted at a recent meeting with reference to my career as a priest in Wexford Town. In their generosity evidently they have judged me, not according to my works, but according to my intentions. They have taken the will for the deed. And on that account I value all the more their expression of esteem and affection.

Yours faithfully,

Mark O'Byrne, C. C.

Arising out of this matter the Mayor said that notice ought to be taken of the departure of Father Hore from the town also. Father Hore had been the Administrator of the Parish for many years, and he had lately been translated to Monageer, where he was raised to the position of Parish Priest.

The Mayor moved that an expression of regret be conveyed to Father Hore at his

severance from the town, while congratulating him on being advanced a step upwards in the Clerical Order.

The motion was seconded by Alderman Sinnott and passed.

A circular letter from the Ministry for Local Government was read. It dealt with the practice with Local Authorities of sending ailing persons not being paupers to hospital for treatment at the public expense, and pointed out the restrictions imposed on such Authorities in exercising their statutory powers in these cases. It was incumbent on Councils to recover the cost of maintenance of such persons in hospital, except in Districts where the discretionary powers of Section 60 of the Public Health Acts (Amendment) Act 1907 was exercisable, but where travelling expenses were advanced, it was always obligatory on Councils to recover them.

To prevent abuse of the local powers regarding such cases, the Ministry required that it should be consulted in every future case.

The meeting having considered the terms of this communication, expressed objection to the discretionary powers of the Corporation in these cases being in any way trammelled. At present it was the rule for the Corporation to investigate all cases requiring treatment, and if it was found that the person ailing had no means of paying hospital fees and travelling expenses, the Corporation paid them. Moreover it was seen that to comply with the requirements of the Ministry as to furnishing particulars of cases in order to obtain instructions from the Ministry on each such case would involve considerable delay, and in urgent cases, might be attended with serious consequences.

*Hospital
Patients*

The meeting requested a re-consideration of the question by the Ministry. Apropos of this same subject, an application, as it happened, was read in the case of Joshepine Carroll of Castle Hill Street, Wexford, aged 12 years. She needed to be sent to the Royal Victoria Eye and Ear Hospital for immediate treatment. Her father was out of employment. He had eight in family and was subsisting on the money received from the Labour Exchange.

The meeting decided to adhere to the established practice and pay all the expenses in the case as a charge on the Borough Fund.

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 the remaining five members resting with the Commissioners of National Education. Thereupon the following gentlemen were appointed at act, viz:-

His Worship, the Mayor, Alderman Connolly, Councillors Sinnott, Cowman, and O'Brien.

Claims for compensation for criminal injuries perpetrated were read as follows
From Alice Barry for £1,000 and from St. Vincent de Paul Society for £1,000

*Claims
injuries*

also in respect of the burning of the County Courthouse on 18th June, 1921.

From John Wallis & Son, Carriers, for destruction of hay at Slaney Street on 30th May, 1922.

As to the mode of dealing with these claims, and all other such like ones, a letter from the Local Government Department, Dail Eireann, under date of 23rd. May 1922, No. 12977/22, was read in answer to advice requested on 3rd. May Ultimo.

The instructions were that all claims of damage prior to the Truce need not be defended, but claims in respect of damage subsequent to that date should be treated by the Council in the ordinary way.

Accordingly no action was taken regarding the first two, but it was agreed that steps should be taken to safeguard the interests of the Corporation through the Corporation Solicitor, at the hearing of the application of John Wallis & Son. Two letters from House Agents, namely, Messrs G. W. Taylor and James Browne, were read. These letters were received in answer to written applications from the Corporation Solicitor for payment of Rates due by the owners of house property. They were of an unsatisfactory nature, and it was unanimously decided to sue for the recovery of the sums due in both instances in accordance with the Opinion of Mr. Hector Hughes, B. L.

This Opinion was obtained by the Corporation Solicitor as per instructions of the Finance and Works Committee.

Unsubstantiated Rates
The case submitted for Counsel's opinion was based on the refusal of Mr. Matthew Lymbery, an owner, to pay the rates assessed on his house property, he maintaining that the payment of rates was a liability of the occupier of the houses.

Mr. Lymbery was taken only as a typical case, he being merely one out of several owners who took up a like attitude as regards their legal responsibilities in the matter.

Accordingly it was decided to bring the proceedings before the first available Tribunal competent to entertain them, and the Solicitor was to be instructed to send Mr. Hughes a Brief on the case failing an early payment of the rates by the delinquents.

A circular from the Irish Products League, University College, Cork, was read. This Organization wanted a Branch of the League opened in Wexford. Its object was to bring home to the minds of the people the importance of supporting Irish manufacture, but on the motion of the Mayor, seconded by Alderman Larkin, the matter was adjourned sine die in view of the imminence of the Elections for the Irish Provisional Parliament, and the consequent concentration of the people's minds thereon.

Attention was called to the urgency for steps being taken to regulate the price of bread. Councillor Hayes said he had gone to the trouble to weigh a loaf and found it to be several ounces light of what it should have weighed. This was proof that fraudulent practices were being carried on, and made it clear that the appointment

of an Inspector of Food was a pressing necessity.

No such Officer had administered the Act in Wexford since the Royal Irish Constabulary had ceased to do so.

The Mayor undertook to see the Officer in charge of the present Police Force in Wexford as to detailing one of the men under his charge to serve as an Inspector.

Councillor Hayes also brought under notice the size of the charges made at the Bathing Place. The entrance to the Bathing Place was free, but twopence was charged for the use of a box, threepence for the loan of a costume, and twopence for the use of a towel. These charges fell heavily on the poorer classes. He considered that one penny each for the use of these articles was sufficient.

*Bathing
Place*

It was pointed out that the costumes and towels were the property of the Caretaker, and were lent by him to any bather requiring them, but Councillor Hayes's suggestion was adopted.

Furthermore, it was decided that the rule as to the wearing of costumes was not to affect boys under 14 years of age who went into the water from the Fore Shore.

Alderman Hadwen made mention of a report which had appeared in the newspapers as to the postmaster-General contemplating the improvement of the Mail Services on all the railways in Ireland. During the War, and since, the postal facilities had been considerably reduced between Dublin and Wexford. The down mail arrived one hour later, and the outgoing mail left an hour earlier than they had hitherto done.

On his motion it was decided to communicate with the Postmaster-General asking that in the coming re-arrangement of the mail services he would secure for Wexford a service at least as good as it had erstwhile enjoyed.

A notice was accepted from Alderman Clancy of his intention to move on a suitable day the expediency of asking the Government to modify the Burial Regulations applicable to Cemeteries opened under the Public Health Act 1878 so as to permit of an increase in the number of interments at present possible in one grave.

Furthermore he intended to move that the Scale of Charges relating to Crosstown Cemetery should be revised with a view to such charges being reduced, if thought well.

L. Board.

3. 4. 22

3rd. July, 1922.

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 Sinnott, Patrick Clancy, James Larkin.

Councillors:- Thomas Rossiter, Thomas Hayes, John Walsh, Thomas O'Brien, James Crosbie, James Sinnott, Michael Martin, Herbert Thompson.

The minutes of meeting of 5th June, 1922 were read and signed.

Liabilities which had accrued due up to the end of last month, amounting in the aggregate to £851.1. 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 42 to 59 inclusive.

With reference to minutes of 5th Ultimo, a communication from the General Post Office, Dublin, under date of 10th June and numbered 12243, was submitted, intimating that steps were being taken to improve the day mail service between Dublin and Wexford.

Touching this subject, it was observed that improvement had been made, but it only extended to the afternoon service, which had been put back to 4. 20. from 3. 30., but no change had been made in the time for the arrival of the morning mail train, and it was decided that the Postmaster-General be written to again and asked to arrange for having the morning mail fixed to arrive at 9. 30, as in pre-war times, instead of at 10. 10., as at present.

The making of a Poor Rate for the year ending 31st March 1923 was proceeded with.

The delay in striking this Rate was due to the delay in the receipt of the County Council Demand.

On the motion of Alderman James Sinnott, seconded by Councillor James Sinnott, it was RESOLVED:- That a Poor Rate of Three Shillings and Tenpence 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 10th April, 1922.

The Books containing the Poor Rate were then duly sealed and signed.

In view of the early obtainment of Government Grant of £7,000 for the enlargement of the Waterworks Reservoir, it was announced that the Special Committee of 6th February 1922 had been engaged in taking all possible preliminary steps to expedite the commencement of structural operations.

They had retained the services of Mr. Delap, C. E., and had authorized him to engage the services of a Mr. Abbott to act as a resident engineer at a salary of £10. a week, and of an experienced foreman, a John Boyce, at a salary of £5. a week.

The full terms of appointment were seen on the reading of a letter from Mr. Delap under date of 12th June 1922.

The Mayor having re-iterated his assurance of the receipt of the Grant, based on the

unanimous action of a recent Committee of Dail Eireann, the present meeting ratified the steps taken by the Special Committee.

Claims for compensation for criminal injuries perpetrated were read as follows From the Legion of Irish ex-servicemen for £1,600 for club premises and contents thereof destroyed by fire on 30th May 1922. Terence Carty, Club Caretaker, for £30. Isaac Robinson for £17. 10. 0. Watkins & Co. for £12 in respect of articles all destroyed in the above fire, and Richard Richards for £15 for damage done on a motor car at Julia Mount.

*Subsidiary
Agony*

The meeting decided that the notices of claims should be handed to the Corporation Solicitor, with instructions to see that the interests of the Ratepayers were properly safeguarded.

A Mrs Kate Fowler of Faythe, Wexford, through her Solicitor, Mr. Caulfield, claimed compensation for the loss of her late husband, James Fowler.

It appeared from a letter read from the Solicitor that the deceased was working at a Crusher at Faythe Quarries when he strained his back, on 8th March last, as a result of which he shortly afterwards died.

The deceased had been employed under the Road Repairing Scheme financed by the Roads Board, and was one of the Staff of workmen included in a Policy indemnifying the Corporation against loss through personal accident to any of the same Staff.

It was noted that although the alleged accident occurred on 8th March last, the claim had not been made until 27th June.

The claim seemed to be a poor one, but it was decided to refer the letter to the Insurance Company concerned.

From a letter read from the Secretary of the Technical Instruction Committee it was seen that the Rev. Mark O'Byrne had resigned his membership of the Committee, and the Committee suggested that the catholic Administrator should be co-opted to fill the vacancy, and it was arranged to appoint Father Codd, Adm., as suggested, but failing Father Codd's willingness to act he was to be asked to nominate a clerical substitute.

Seven houses belonging to the Corporation at Carrigeen Street having been furnished with dust-bins by direction of the Finance and Works Committee, the occupants became liable to the charge for emptying them, but the Committee, in order to make the payment easy, recommended that the rents should be increased by twopence per week, per house, as was done on 7th April 1920 in the case of 22 houses on Distillery Road.

*Monthly
Rents
B*

The recommendation was adopted.

Referring to minutes of last meeting, the Parish Priest of Monageer acknowledged with thanks, the kind message sent to him at the instance of the Corporation on his transfer from Wexford to Monageer.

Referring to minutes of last meeting, a letter was read from the Caretaker of the Bathing Place asserting that the accusations made against him were absolutely without foundation. There was no such thing as a fixed charge for

the use of the bathing boxes or the other articles mentioned, nor was there ever any charge demanded for the use of them. Any gratuities he ever received depended upon the generosity of the giver. He was in a position to produce several respectable gentlemen who could testify to the accuracy of this statement.

This matter was referred to the Finance and Works Committee for further investigation in presence of the accuser and the accused.

A list of tenements the valuations of which required revision was submitted. It was gone over and amended where thought necessary. But the case of Messrs Wickham & Co. require special mention. Their Solicitors Messrs Huggard & Brennan, per letter dated 30th June 1922, objected to an increase of valuation made in the Revision of 1922 on the ground that no improvements had been made.

However, the meeting, after studying the particulars, came to the conclusion that the increased valuation was not excessive, and to advise the Commissioner of Valuation accordingly.

H. Corish

2- 8- 22

2nd. August, 1922.

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:-

Richard Corish, Esq., Mayor (in the chair)

Aldermen:- James Larkin, Patrick Clancy.

Councillors:- Thomas Rossiter, Thomas Hayes, John Walsh, James Sinnott, Herbert Thompson, Michael Martin, Laurence Cummins, Frank Carty, James Billington, James Crosbie.

Mr. O'Kelly, of the Firm of McEntee and others, was in attendance.

The minutes of meeting of 3rd. July, 1922, were read and signed.

Councillor Thompson stated that the Deputation appointed by the Finance and Works Committee had seen the County Council in conjunction with Deputations from local Societies and the Harbour Board, on Monday, 31st Ultimo, to urge, in the interest of the trade of the town, the necessity to have immediate steps taken to repair the Bridge and re-open it for traffic.

The interview had been satisfactory. The County Council were preparing to have repairs of a temporary nature done with all due celerity. The fact was elicited on the occasion that the cost of making good the damage done by the Republican troops was £3,000, but the cost of immediate temporary repairs was put down at £1200.

Liabilities which had accrued due up to the end of last month, amounting in the aggregate to £1942. 3. 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 60 to 76 inclusive.

The payment of an item of £385, on account, included in the above aggregate was deemed

warranted by the receipt, on 29th Ultimo, of Government sanction to a Loan for the purchase of a Motor Lorry.

The following resolution, introduced by Alderman Clancy and proposed by him, was passed unanimously.

It was seconded by Councillor Carty.

That we, the members of the Wexford Corporation, tender to Mrs Cathal Brugha our deepest sympathy in the loss of her gallant and intrepid husband, one of Ireland's most glorious sons.

That a copy of this resolution be forwarded to Mrs Brugha and entered on the Minutes.

Also late H. Boland, and all Irishmen who have lost their lives in the present conflict in Ireland.

A circular letter from the Canal Commission, under date of 19th July, 1922, showed that this Commission were taking steps in the direction of Water-way Development under the River Navigation Improvement (Ireland) Act, 1914.

They were engaged in collecting evidence in addition to what they had already accumulated as to how inland waterways might be most advantageously utilized.

They bespoke the assistance of the Council, in so far as the Urban Area of Wexford was concerned.

On this subject the meeting expressed readiness to afford any information possible to the Commission in furtherance of the utilization of inland waterways.

The following is a list of 21 Claims for malicious injuries since date of last meeting, the aggregate amounting to ~~£395~~^{£2011} 5. 0., viz:-

The Mechanics Institute £250., John White, Faythe, £50., Charles Lennon, South Main Street, £300., Patrick J. Lambert, £40., Nicholas Byrne, Main Street, £12. 12. 0., Nicholas Byrne, Main Street, £9. 5. 0., Patrick Furlong, Waterloo Road, £77., Robert T. Millar, Wigram place, £500., Thompson Bros, Custom House Quay, £60., Codd & McCarty, Auctioneers, £250., Laurence Tyghe Kirwan, Byrne's Lane, £60., Graignenanagh Sack hiring Co. Ltd, Selskar Street, £19. 8. 0., Richard Richards, Julianmount, £30., Morgans' Ltd., Custom House Quay, £20., James A. Lambert, Bullring, £6., Morgans' Ltd., Custom House Quay, £150., Kathleen O'Rourke, Rosslare, £20., John Rudd, Main Street, North, £52. 10. 0., Mary Anne O'Connor, Main Street, North, £24. 10. 0., Anthony Kehoe, Thomas Street, £15., William R. Hamilton, Main Street, North, £55.

The consideration of these claims was deferred in the hope that the Government would treat them as a charge on the Exchequer rather than as a charge on local taxation.

Complaint was made about the price of gas. The method of charging by Thermal measurement instead of Cubic Feet had given rise to much criticism. There was a consensus of opinion that consumers' Bills had increased considerably apparent

reason, and much dissatisfaction prevailed throughout the town.

The meeting, in considering the question, was reminded that it was open to the Council to avail of the services of the Gas Referees for the adjustment of price, but it was maintained that part of the duty of the Irish Government was to set up a Commission of Inquiry, and it was decided to request the Government to be good enough to take the subject into consideration with the view to the appointment of such a Commission.

Referring to minutes of 12th December 1921, wherein is set forth the terms of a verbal agreement with Mr. Stafford in respect of the supply by him of Electric Energy from his Power Station, it transpired that Mr. Stafford had refused to enter into a written agreement with the result that it became incumbent on the Council to provide a Generating Plant of their own in connection with the Electric Lighting System at present in process of construction.

As a consequence the Committee had decided to provide this plant, subject to the approval of the Council, and had obtained, through the services of Messrs MacEntee and O'Kelly, two tenders in respect of supplying and erecting the Plant.

These were from Irish Engineers Ltd., and from Ferguson & Bruty Ltd. The former asked £470, and the latter £517 in consideration of putting the necessary mechanism in position.

Mr. O'Kelly was in favour of the higher tender being accepted, as the employment of two Contractors on the one Scheme was likely to be unsatisfactory.

After due consideration, it was resolved, on the motion of councillor Sinnott, seconded by Councillor Hayes,)

That the tender of Messrs Ferguson and Bruty be accepted, although being the higher, if they will see their way to make a reduction in the price by way of discount for prompt cash, but failing this, the Committee be asked to accept whichever of the two tenders they considered proper on any grounds.

The provision of a Generating Plant involved the necessity of acquiring a place wherein to house it, and a provisional arrangement had been come to with Mrs Sarah Duff for the taking of premises in King Street, Lower, containing offices and yard, at a rent of £30 a year for the purpose required, and on the motion of Councillor Hayes, seconded by Councillor Crosbie, it was

RESOLVED:— That the premises alluded to be acquired on the terms mentioned, if the Owner be willing to let the premises, on Lease, for five years.

R. L. L.

7. 8. 22

2nd. August, 1922.

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:-

Richard Corish, Esq., Mayor (in the chair)

Aldermen:- James Larkin, Patrick Clancy.

Councillors:- Thomas Rossiter, Thomas Hayes, John Walsh, James Sinnott, Herbert Thompson, Michael Martin, Laurence Cummins, Frank Carty, James Billington, James Crosbie.

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 Alderman Sinnott was declared elected to serve as a Harbour Commissioner to represent the Corporation for one year.

R. Corish

4. 8. 22

7th August, 1922.

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.

Councillors:- Thomas Hayes, John Walsh, Thomas Rossiter, Laurence Cummins, Joseph Boyce, James Crosbie, Frank Carty.

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

The meeting was called for the purpose of accepting, if thought well, any tender or tenders received in respect of the erection of eighteen dwellings at Windmills Hill, subject to the approval of the Minister for Local Government, also for the purpose of settling the nature and amount of the Security to be given for the due fulfillment of any Contract that might have to be effected, and also for the purpose of appointing a Clerk of Works to serve during the progress of building operations.

Alderman Sinnott, owing to his unavoidable absence from last meeting, took the opportunity to convey thanks for having been elected as a Harbour Commissioner on the 2nd. Instant.

Attention was drawn to the sum available for the erection of the houses. It

amounted to £11,520, and was to come from the following sources, viz:-

Proceeds of 1/- Rate.	£ 960. 0. 0.
Loan from National Bank.	£2880. 0. 0.
Government Grant.	£7680. 0. 0.
(TOTAL	£11, 520. 0. 0.

Only one would-be Contractor responded to advertisement for tenders, namely, Mrs Mary O'Connor, Builder, Wexford.

She was prepared to erect a block of eight houses for	£5664. 0. 0.
Another block of eight houses for	£4960. 0. 0.
A block of two houses for	£1280. 0. 0.
TOTAL	£11904. 0. 0.

The Surveyor's estimate, on being referred to, showed that the following were the prices put down by him.

Eight houses.	£5456. 0. 0.
Eight houses.	£4824. 0. 0.
Two houses.	£1300. 0. 0.
TOTAL	£11580. 0. 0.

As the aggregate amount asked exceeded the amount reckoned on being obtained, it was seen to be necessary to delete two houses from the Scheme, and on the motion of the Mayor, seconded by Councillor Hayes, it was resolved to accept Mrs O'Connor's tender in respect of erecting eight houses at £5664, and her tender in respect of erecting eight houses at £4960, leaving the consideration of the question of the erection of two houses (to face the Monument) to an undetermined future time.

The intending Contractor furnished four tenders in all, the fourth being in respect of extras which it was optional for the Corporation to have executed or not.

These extras included the substitution of tiles for concrete in kitchens, sculleries, and halls at £7. 10. 0 per house, hot water systems for eight houses on Newtown Road at £35 per house, and 5/- per yard for garden fences constructed of wire and concrete posts.

Regarding these things, the meeting decided, subject to sanction, to have the ground floors tiled, but to dispense with hot water systems and fences.

Thereupon it was decided to submit the tenders to the Minister for Local Government, the plans and drawings having already been deposited with his Department.

As it was seen to be necessary to await the arrival of sanction before any further effective steps could be taken in the direction of expediting the launching of the Scheme, it was decided to defer the business of settling on the nature and amount of the Contractor's security, and the appointment of a Clerk of Works.

Having before them, at this stage, the chief items of Capital Expenditure, the Meeting went into a short computation to find out, in a rough way, what the rents would be likely to be, and the conclusion was come to that the annual charges under all heads of outlay would not warrant the letting of the houses at less than Ten Shillings a house, per week.

23rd. August, 1922.

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:-

Richard Corish, Esq., Mayor (in the chair)

Aldermen:- George Hadden, James Sinnott, James Larkin, Patrick Clancy, Nicholas Connolly.

Councillors:- James Sinnott, Frank Carty, James Crosbie, Richard Gibson, Laurence Cummins, Thomas Hayes, Thomas O'Brien, John Walsh, Alice Mary Fennell.

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

The meeting was called for the purpose of appointing a Clerk of Works in connection with the erection of sixteen houses at Windmills Hill, and also to perfect a Deed of Mortgage to secure re-payment of £1500 to be borrowed for the purchase of a Motor Lorry.

Upon the meeting being opened the Mayor called attention to the death of the late Arthur Griffith, President of Daíl Éireann, whose remains were interred in Glasnevin Cemetery only so recently as 16th Instant, and also to the intelligence of the lamentable death, on this day, in an ambush in the area where the military conflict was proceeding, of Michael Collins, who was, at the time, acting in his capacity as Commander-in-Chief of the National Army. In the death of these men Ireland had met with a loss which it would be impossible to retrieve.

Arthur Griffith was an unselfish patriot, and his sincerity was undoubted. For the last ten years he had stood his ground, although his views for long were not widely fallen in with, but in the long run he had carried his Cause to success.

Michael Collins was possessed, in an eminent degree, of military acumen and spirit, and had died as a soldier.

It was fitting that the meeting should mark appreciation of the work done by these Irishmen.

He (the Mayor) moved that the sympathy of the Council should be conveyed to the Government and the relatives of the deceased, and that the present meeting stand adjourned for a week as a testimony of the Council's sorrow in the national bereavement.

The motion was seconded by Councillor Hayes, who maintained that the men who shot Michael Collins were shirkers at the time the conflict was going on with British soldiers.

Councillor Cummins and Councillor Carty supported the motion.

The latter said that he had taken part in all political Movements for many years, and he had come to regard Messrs Griffith and Collins as worthy of the greatest respect. He had met Mr. Collins and found him to be of most

attractive personality. Out of evil came good, and their deaths would not be in vain if Ireland would come together and act for the common weal.

Alderman Connolly supported the motion, as did also Alderman Hadden who wished to give expression to the feelings of the loyalist section of the Community. Arthur Griffith invited them to take part in the upbuilding of the land and they had freely responded to the invitation. Arthur Griffith and Michael Collins stood for all that was best in the life of the Country, and they joined in lamenting the tragic events which had taken place.

Alderman Sinnott, and Councillors Sinnott, Miss Fennell, and O'Brien also united in the general expressions of sorrow at the loss the Country had sustained. speaking for himself, Alderman Sinnott said that no Irishman could be unmoved at the extent of the tragedy which had befallen the Country. He warmly supported the motion, and took occasion to express heartfelt sorrow at the deaths of President Arthur Griffith and General Michael Collins.

The motion was put and carried unanimously, all members standing in respectful silence.

The meeting thereupon dissolved.

A. Sinnott

30. 8. 22

30th August, 1922.

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

The members present were:-

Richard Corish, Esq., Mayor (in the chair)

Aldermen:- James Sinnott, Patrick Clancy, James Larkin, Nicholas Connolly.

Councillors:- Frank Garty, Thomas O'Brien, James Crosbie, Thomas Rossiter, Alice Mary Fennell, John Walsh, Thomas Hayes, James Sinnott, and Michael Martin.

The minutes of last meeting were read and signed.

The meeting was for the purpose of appointing a Clerk of Works in connection with the erection of Sixteen houses at Windmills Hill, and of executing a Deed of Mortgage to secure re-payment of a Loan of £1,500 for the purchase of a Motor Lorry.

Five applications produced for appointment to temporary Office of Clerk of Works, to be employed by the week at a wage of £4. 10. 0, and engagement to terminate on a week's notice.

They were from Tom. Roche, Thomas Walsh, William Keane, Michael Lacy, Aidan Redmond.

A Poll was taken to determine which was the most eligible applicant, whereupon ten members voted for Michael Lacy, two for Thomas Walsh, and two for Aidan Redmond.

Michael Lacy was declared appointed and it was arranged to put him to work at once.

A Deed of Mortgage was produced, whereupon a resolution in the following terms was duly adopted.

Proposed by Alderman Sinnott, seconded by Councillor Carty, and

RESOLVED:- That the Council, in pursuance of the Local Government Department Consent dated 27th July 1922, do borrow from the National Bank Limited the sum of One Thousand Five Hundred Pounds, for the purpose of the purchase of a Motor Lorry or Leyland Tipper and Water Waggon, for repairing and scavenging streets and roads; the said Loan to bear Interest at the rate of one-half per cent under the Irish Banks Rate from time to time rising and falling therewith, and with a minimum of Four Pounds per cent per annum, and to be repaid in ten years by twenty equal half-yearly instalments of Principal with Interest at the rate aforesaid on the balance of Principal from time to time outstanding, and to be secured by a Mortgage upon the Rates of the Council, and that the Seal of the Council be affixed to said Mortgage when prepared.

The Deed was accordingly Sealed and Signed.

R. Corish

4- 9. 22

4th September, 1922.

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, George Hadden, Patrick Clancy, James Larkin, Nicholas Connolly.

Councillors:- Alice Mary Fennell, James Sinnott, John Walsh, Thomas Hayes, James Crosbie, Frank carty, Richard Gibson, Thomas Rossiter.

The minutes of last meeting were read and signed.

Liabilities which had accrued due up to the end of last month, amounting in the aggregate to £998. 8. 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 77 to 98 inclusive.

As per notice given the following motion, as proposed by the Chairman and seconded by Councillor Hayes was duly adopted.

"That the Scale of Charges in respect of supplying water to ships be and is hereby rescinded; that there be substituted therefor a rule whereby future supplies to Ships are to be given on meter and at the rate of Three Shillings per

One Thousand Gallons, including charge for attendance of Turncock, and also use of Apparatus, but that in no case the charge to be less than Ten Shillings per ship." An Agreement and Bond in respect of fulfilment by Mrs Mary O'Connor of her engagement to erect sixteen dwellings, as per minutes of the 7th August 1922, were read. The terms were duly noted, and on the motion of the Mayor, seconded by Alderman Larkin, the Seal of the Council was affixed to these Documents, in execution of the Contract on the part of the Corporation.

A letter from the Minister of Economic Affairs (No.153.A.) under date of 31st August 1922 was read. This Ministry required formal application from the Council for sanction to erect and maintain overhead Mains in connection with the Electric Lighting System in course of construction in Wexford, and also for an Order for the sale of Electricity, if the Council intended to sell any to private consumers.

The point mentioned in this letter was brought under notice on 17th November last, but no action at the time was taken in the matter.

The following decision was thereupon come to by the meeting.

That the Town Clerk be instructed to apply, officially, for the making and issuing by the Ministry of Economic Affairs, of an Order applying to the Urban Area of Wexford for regulating and prescribing the conditions under which a supply of electricity may be furnished by the Council for public and private use.

Claims received since date of last meeting for malicious injuries perpetrated were submitted. They were 17 in all, and the aggregate amount of them was £2665. 1. 10. They were from John J. Kehoe & Sons, £50., Thompson Bros, £60. Thomas Whitty, Talbot Street, £20., Catherine Finnegan, £50., James McCormick, Chemist, £15., The Mechanics' Institute, £25., Patrick J. O'Connor, Ironmonger, £5., William J. O'Keeffe, £11., Rev. Chancellor Rannison, Protestant Rector of Wexford, £20. 5. 10., Patrick Connolly, of Belmullet, Co. Mayo, £2,000 in respect of the murder of another Patrick Connolly of West Gate Wexford., Frances Sarah Kennedy and others for £200 for injury done on the Atkins property in Green Street, Edward A. Kelly, £50., Robert Coffey, £55., Philip Pierce & Co., £33. 16. 0., Joshua L. Nunn, Junior, £10., The Home & Colonial Stores Ltd. £50, and James O'Brien, £10. 0. 0.

The enormity of the sum which the claims made up to the present had accrued to, made it plain to the meeting that it was altogether out of the question for the Ratepayers of the town to be expected to pay the compensation demanded, and it was decided to draw the attention of the Government to this fact in the hope that they would realize that the compensation was properly a charge on Government Funds, considering the state of civil commotion into which the Country was plunged.

A letter from Messrs MacEntee & O'Kelly under date of 23rd. August, Ultimo, was submitted. Messrs Ferguson & Bruty were unable to complete their Contract against the date agreed on, viz. 6th Instant, and were not able to do so until 1st October Prox. on account of delays in delivery of materials.

The writers considered that no serious notice should be taken of the delinquency, since it was not possible to have the generating plant running sooner than that date. The suggestion was acquiesced in.

A resolution from the Waterford County Council under date of 9th August 1922 was read protesting against the wanton war of destruction that was being waged without the sanction of Dail Eireann, and asking Public Bodies to take like action and to suspend the doing of all business until Dail Eireann meets. This suggestion was not entertained, but the following resolution, as proposed by Councillor Carty, and seconded by Alderman Connolly was adopted on the subject.

" That we, the Wexford Corporation, do approve the Peace Move being made in Ireland by several County Councils, and in the best interests of Ireland wish to support the all-Ireland Conference being summoned for that purpose, and do hereby appoint two Delegates as representatives, and that copies of this Resolution be sent to our four Deputies."

The meeting omitted to appoint any Delegates in virtue of this Resolution.

At this stage the meeting resolved itself into Committee. The object was to take initial steps towards the formulation of a fresh Housing Scheme.

The need for additional housing accommodation in the town being pressing, it was desirable to have the details of a new Scheme worked out and ready to be put into effect by the time that the present building operations be completed. *Housing*

The procurement of eligible sites was the first step to be taken, and mention was made of a field belonging to Mr. Robert Harvey at Thomas Street, and of a number of disused cabins belonging to Mr. Bent at the Upper part of Hill Street, and vacant spaces in the Faythe.

The meeting ended by arranging for the summoning of the Housing Committee for Thursday, 7th Instant, and some of the members present undertook to obtain particulars about these sites in the meantime.

R. Carish

2. 10. 22.

2nd. October, 1922.

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:-

Rihhard Corish, Esq., Mayor (in the chair)

Aldermen:- James Sinnott, James ~~Larkin~~, Nicholas Connolly, George Hadden, Patrick Clancy.

Councillors:-Thomas Hayes, Thomas Rossiter, Alice Mary Fennell, Herbert Thompson, John Walsh, James Sinnott, Thomas O'Brien, Richard Gibson, James Billington, James Crosbie, Nicholas Byrne, Michael Martin, Francis Carty.

The minutes of last meeting were read and signed.

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

the aggregate to £1561. 9. 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 99 to 130 inclusive.

Included in these Accounts was an item of £50 payable to Messrs MacEntee and O'Kelly. They had furnished a Bill of £227. 2. 3 for fees and travelling expenses as Electrical Engineers, made less by £100 already paid on account. No steps had yet been taken to see if the fees charged were in accordance with the recognized professional scale, but it was decided to advance another £50 while reserving the right to challenge the verity of the items, if necessary.

Attention was drawn by Alderman Connolly to the very urgent question of obtaining work for the unemployed. This was forcibly brought home to the minds of those present by statements which fell from him, as well as from other members, possessed of a knowledge of the widespread privation existing in the town. The deaths, within the last week, of two residents were of an extremely harrowing nature, and were, no doubt, accelerated by abject want of the necessaries of life.

It was stated that the Guardians of the Poor had no means at their disposal to meet the emergency, and it was seen that there was no possibility of relieving the situation unless the Government could be induced to render assistance. Reference was made to the promised Government Grant of £7,000 to increase the water supply, but it was suggested that if the Government could not see their way to give the money at once for this purpose, the Grant could be most usefully employed otherwise in providing work.

On the motion of Alderman Hadden, seconded by Councillor Thompson, it was RESOLVED:- That an Emergency Committee be appointed to meet tomorrow night to see what could be done in the way of raising funds for the relief of unemployment. The Committee was thereupon formed, and consisted of Aldermen Connolly, Clancy, Hadden, Councillors Carty, Rossiter, Thompson, Alderman Larkin, the Mayor, and Councillors Hayes and Sinnott, and Alderman Sinnott.

With reference to minutes of 7th August last, a Deed of Mortgage was produced, whereupon a resolution in the following terms was duly adopted, as proposed by Councillor Rossiter, seconded by Alderman Sinnott.

That the Council, in pursuance of the Local Government Department Consent dated 14th August 1922, do borrow from the National Bank, Ltd., the sum of £2880 for the purpose of a Housing Scheme under the Housing of the Working classes (Ireland) Acts, the said Loan to bear Interest at the rate of 4½ per annum, and to be repaid in 15 years on the annuity system by half-yearly instalments of principal and interest commencing on the 1st day of May next, and to be secured by a mortgage upon the Rates of the Council. And that the Seal of the Council be affixed to the said Mortgage, when prepared.

Referring to minutes of 2nd. August last, attention was called to the Electric Lighting Loan Account. The £3,000 borrowed to finance the Scheme, had turned out to be insufficient for the purpose. So far as at present ascertained the Capital

Expenditure would amount to £4081. 0. 0., made up as follows:-

Contract Price.	£ 2637. 0. 0.
Generating Plant.	517. 0. 0.
Extra Work.	700. 0. 0.
Consulting Engineer.	227. 0. 0.
TOTAL	£4081. 0. 0.

The item of £700 for extra work was due to the Scheme being expanded beyond the original intent, and also due to the necessity of making the Corporation Store in Gibson's Street suitable to the purpose of housing the Generating Plant. A further expansion of the Scheme was likely to be forced on the Corporation, as a Memorial and letters read for the meeting showed that the residents of Spawell Road and Redmond road were not satisfied with the provision made in the matter of lighting these localities.

£1500

on the motion of Alderman Hadden, seconded by Councillor Billington, it was resolved to apply for Government sanction to a Supplemental Loan of £1,500, and in anticipation of obtaining sanction, to request the National Bank to lend the money.

On the suggestion of the Mayor, it was decided to accept Mr. Stafford's offer to supply electrical energy at Sixpence per Unit, as a temporary measure, from Saturday, 7th Instant, on which date it was expected the Electric Lighting System would be sufficiently advanced to allow of the lamps to be lighted for the first time; the Electric Lighting Committee to be called together on that night to make an inspection and recommendations, if necessary.

On the motion of Councillor Rossiter, seconded by Councillor Sinnott, it was RESOLVED:- That the holding of the weekly Standing Committees be changed from Wednesdays to Mondays, and that the Old Age Pensions Committee follow suit.

With regard to minutes of 5th June last, on which date the question of finding persons to hospital was under notice, it was submitted that the requirements of the Ministry for Local Government in the matter ought to be complied with, since they had modified their requirements, as per letter of 17th July last, No. 17093, as regards urgent cases, whereupon it was decided to submit to the behest of the Minister in the matter of furnishing particulars on the prescribed form.

A letter from the Corporation Solicitor was read calling attention to the holding on 19th Instant, of a Quarter Sessions Court to hear claims for malicious injuries. He asked for instructions as to whether the claims were to be opposed, and if so advised that the Town Surveyor should be instructed to be prepared to furnish the Court with an estimate of making damage good.

Further claims ^{since} from last meeting were seen to amount to £330.

It was recognized to be essential that the interests of the Ratepayers should be safeguarded at the hearing, and it was resolved, on the motion of Councillor Rossiter, seconded by Councillor Sinnott, to refer the claims to a Committee

of the entire Council with a view to producing proof of value.

Complaint was made of malpractices in the butter and egg market, and to see if any means could be devised to put a stop to them, so as to ensure reliability of transactions in the matter of weight and quality, a Special Committee was appointed. This Committee consisted of Councillors Carty, Hayes, and Billington, and Aldermen Larkin and Connolly.

Tenders obtained by request of the Finance and Works Committee in respect of providing thirteen water closets for working class dwellings at Garrageen were opened. They were from four persons, namely, James McEvoy, who asked £125 to execute the entire specification, but £88. to do plumbing work only, John Browne, entire specification, £162. 14. 0, plumbing work only, £117. 10. 0., Maurice Maher, entire specification, £152. 10. 9., plumbing work only £114. 7. 9, Thomas Underwood, plumbing only, £156. 0. 0. No quotation for entire work.

On the Town Surveyor being referred to he advised that the structural work should be done by the Corporation Staff, and the plumbing work only by contract, and thereupon James McEvoy's tender at £88 was accepted.

Tenders for a year's supply of printing work were produced, but were referred to the Finance and Works Committee to be dealt with.

L. Larkin

6. 11. 22

30th October, 1922.

A 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, George Hadden, Nicholas Connolly, Patrick Clancy, James Larkin.

Councillors:- Herbert Thompson, Joseph Boyce, Thomas Hayes, James Sinnott, John Walsh, Thomas Rossiter, Richard Gibson, Laurence Cummins, James Billington, James Crosbie, Thomas O'Brien, Frank Carty, Michael Martin.

The meeting was a specially convened one, and was for the purpose of appointing a man to drive and take charge of a new Motor Lorry from the date of its arrival in Wexford, an event which was daily expected.

The terms of employment in the case, as had been settled on, were:- Employment by the week at a wage of £3. 0. 0., and Membership of a recognized Trade Union.

On the suggestion of Councillor Thompson it was agreed that the appointment should be made subject to the man selected undergoing a test of qualification.

There were seven applications for the post. They were from James Bell, Thomas Street,

Peter Crosbie Joseph Street, Patrick Connors Ardcanriska, Laurence Kirwan Carrigeen,

P. Dooley Murrington, James Redmond Parnall Street, and Patrick Hoff Peter Street.

Of these only one, Peter Crosbie, was a member of a Trade Union, and two, Bell and

Goff, intimated that they had been a member of a Union which was formerly in existence in Wexford.

A discussion arose in the course of which Alderman Connolly proposed, Alderman Clancy seconding. That the subject be adjourned to Monday, 6th Prox., to afford the chance to all the applicants to join a Trade Union.

But Councillor Walsh proposed, Alderman Larkin seconding. That the appointment be proceeded with at present meeting, and if the person selected, on being put under examination be found unsatisfactory, that his services be declined.

The motion for adjournment was carried. A suggestion as to advertising the adjournment was brought up but was not agreed to.

R. Clancy

6. 11. 22

6th November, 1922.

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:-

Richard Corish, Esq., Mayor (in the chair)

Aldermen:- Patrick Clancy, Nicholas Connolly, James Sinnott,
George Hadden, James Larkin.

Councillors:- Nicholas Byrne, James Crosbie, Alice Mary Fennell,
Richard Gibson, Frank Carty, Thomas Hayes, James Sinnott,
Herbert Thompson, John Walsh, Michael Martin, Joseph Boyce,
Laurence Cummins, Thomas O'Brien, Thomas Rossiter.

The minutes of meetings of 2nd. and 30th October, 1922 were read and signed. Liabilities which had accrued due up to the end of last month, amounting in the aggregate to £6185. 1. 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 131 to 155 inclusive. The subject of the proposed new road was brought under consideration. The primary object in taking up this project was to provide immediate employment for the workless of the town, and the secondary to open up a tract of land at Townparks as a site for dwelling houses. As the provision of employment was urgent, a large Committee of the Council, appointed on 2nd. Ultimo, revived the consideration of a Scheme for the utilization of this land for public purposes. The first step taken was to obtain, through the Mayor, permission to apply a promised Government Grant of £7,000 to the new road project instead of Waterworks purposes.

Letters from the Ministry of Local Government dated 12th and 26th October Ultimo, addressed to the Mayor, showed that the following

conditions attached to the concession, namely:

- (1) £10,000 was to be borrowed in due time for improvement of the Water System.
- (2) A Loan of £3,000 was to be borrowed to acquire the various Holdings needed in connection with the road project, in lieu of the £3,000 about to be borrowed for Waterworks purposes.

The various interests to be affected by the project were consulted and agreements come to for the purchase of the majority of them as follows:-

Mr. Rossiter.	:	:	:	:	:	:	:	£500.	0.	0
Mrs Walsh.	:	:	:	:	:	:	:	400.	0.	0
The Representatives of Percival.	:	:	:	:	:	:	:	600.	0.	0
Costs in this case.	:	:	:	:	:	:	:	100.	0.	0
Miss Wyper.	:	:	:	:	:	:	:	200.	0.	0
Mr. Richard Hore.	:	:	:	:	:	:	:	50.	0.	0
Presentation Nuns.	:	:	:	:	:	:	:	600.	0.	0
Landlords-Presentation Nuns:	:	:	:	:	:	:	:	220.	0.	0
Law Costs.	:	:	:	:	:	:	:	150.	0.	0
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TOTAL									£ 2820.	0. 0

The item of £220 was to be taken as an approximation, as so far the negotiations for the purchase of the Landlord's (O'Brien) Estate had not been concluded, nor did the list include Mrs Richards' interest, which was being looked after by Messrs Haggard & Brennan, Solicitors.

By direction of the Ministry Mr. T. M. Strahan, Housing Inspector, had visited Wexford and spent three days in inspecting the lands and consulting with the Committee.

Following Mr. Strahan's visit, a letter from the Ministry, dated 27th October 1922, No.H.398/57/1922, was read for the present meeting. It was accompanied by extracts from a report made by the Inspector, and contained a recommendation, inter alia, that the Corporation should only proceed with the Scheme as they were advised by their Solicitor that legal obstacles connected with the acquisition of the several plots of land required had been removed.

At this point Councillor Carty took the opportunity to express the pleasure he felt at the progress which had been made in bringing the project of opening a new road to success. The proposal had been many years in abeyance, and the present Corporation had every reason to congratulate themselves on what they had accomplished, but thanks was, in an eminent degree, due to the Mayor in the matter. He had spared no pains, as a Member of Dail Eireann, to secure for the town the Grant of £7,000 and was untiring in his exertions to formulate a Scheme for the construction of the road and bring^{ing} about arrangements with the various owners and occupiers affected to obtain possession of the lands by consent.

This evoked expressions of elogy on the services rendered by the Mayor from no less than eleven other members present, namely, Alderman Rogers, Councillor Thompson,

Alderman Sinnott, Councillor Byrne, Alderman Connolly, Alderman Larkin, Councillor Sinnott, Alderman Clancy, Councillor Miss Fennell, Councillor Rossiter, and Councillor Walsh.

The Mayor in suitable terms expressed his thanks for the words of appreciation which had fallen from members. Nothing would be wanting on his part to repay the repeated manifestations of confidence which had been reposed in him by Wexford.

Thereupon the following resolution, as proposed by Councillor Byrne, and seconded by Alderman Hadden, was adopted.

That a sum of £3,000 be borrowed from the National Bank for the purchase of the Holdings required in connection with the Undertaking; that the Committee in charge be asked to carry the transactions they have been engaged in to completion, as far as may be, and that the work of construction be proceeded with, in view of the early receipt of the Grant. *New Road*

Referring to minutes of 7th August last, on which date it was found necessary to defer the erection of two houses forming part of the Scheme of eighteen houses at Windmills Hill, it was seen by a letter dated 24th October Ultimo (No. H.398/56/1922) from the Ministry of Local Government, that in regard to the proposal to provide the two houses in question, it was necessary to furnish the Minister with the estimated cost under the heads of building, drainage, architects' fees, &c., and to show how the Corporation proposed to raise their quota of the cost.

On the motion of Alderman Sinnott, seconded by Councillor Thompson, it was Resolved:- That to complete the approved Housing Scheme the two deleted houses be erected, and to that end that the requisite particulars be furnished to the Ministry of Local Government; that a Loan of £320 be obtained from the National Bank (being 3/12ths of the estimated cost) that £106 be paid out of the Borough Fund (being 1/12th) and that the Government be requested to contribute £853, or 8/12ths of cost. *Housing*

The appointment of a Driver for the Motor Lorry was proceeded with. It was announced that three of the applicants who held Trade Union cards had undergone a test of efficiency at the hands of Mr. Frank Norton, a Representative of the Manufacturers of the machine. The test was carried out on strict lines, so as to guard against favouritism. The men were only known to Mr. Norton by numbers, who awarded marks according to merit. *Motor Lorry*

Councillor Thompson proposed that the man having the highest number of marks, no matter who he might be, be appointed.

This was seconded by Councillor Miss Fennell.

But a counter motion to this was proposed by Councillor Sinnott, seconded by Councillor Rossiter, as follows:-

That it be left open to the meeting to select any one of the three men examined, this involving a selection of the names of the men and the marks

awarded to each.

This was put to the meeting, whereupon ten voted for and ten against it.

It was carried by the casting vote of the Chairman.

Thereupon it was stated that James Bell had obtained 80% of marks, Laurence Kirwan, 90%, and Peter Crosbie, 55%.

Councillor Thompson proposed that Laurence Kirwan be appointed.

The motion was seconded by Alderman Hadden.

Alderman Connolly proposed that James Bell be appointed.

The motion was seconded by Alderman Clancy.

Councillor Rossiter proposed that Peter Crosbie be appointed.

The motion was seconded by Councillor Walsh.

A Poll was taken to determine the appointment, whereupon,

Councillor Carty and Aldermen Connolly and Clancy voted for James Bell. 3

Councillors Boyce, Sinnott, O'Brien, Martin, Walsh, Crosbie, Hayes, Rossiter, and Alderman Larkin and the Mayor voted for Peter Crosbie. 10

Councillors Gibson, Miss Fennell, Cummins, Thompson, and Byrne, with Aldermen Hadden and Sinnott voted for Laurence Kirwan. 7

A second Poll was taken as between Crosbie and Kirwan, with the result that

Councillors Boyce, Sinnott, O'Brien, Martin, Walsh, Crosbie, Hayes and Rossiter, together with Aldermen Connolly, Larkin, Clancy and the Mayor voted for Crosbie 12

and Councillors Gibson, Carty, Miss Fennell, Cummins, Thompson, Byrne, and

Aldermen Hadden and Sinnott voted for Kirwan. 8

Peter Crosbie was appointed.

The appointment of a qualified man to take charge of the new Electric Lighting System of the town was entered upon.

In view of the appointment being made the Electric Lighting Committee had drawn up a list of the duties to be discharged in connection therewith, and had also, by advertisement in the Dublin and local papers, obtained applications from twelve men from various parts of the Country for the situation.

The Committee had gone over the various testimonials, and had come to the conclusion to submit three names for the consideration of the Council, namely, Patrick Power, William Hughes, and E. A. McGuinness.

To determine the choice of the meeting a Poll was taken, whereupon there-voted for Patrick Power:- Councillors Gibson, Boyce, Carty, Miss Fennell, Sinnott, Cummins, and Martin. 7

For William Hughes:- Councillors O'Brien, Walsh, Crosbie, Thompson, Hayes, Byrne, Rossiter, Aldermen Connolly, Hadden, Clancy, Larkin, Sinnott, and the Mayor. 13

E. A. McGuinness received no support.

William Hughes was appointed.

A letter from the Secretary of the County Council under date of 3rd. November 1922 was read. The County Council were about to appoint a Committee to deal with the Heads of Evidence furnished by the Canal Commission. They asked that two

Representatives of the Corporation should be appointed on the proposed Committee, and the Mayor and Alderman Sinnott, with their own acquiescence, were delegated for the purpose.

A General Warrant to collect and levy Poor Rate was produced and was sealed and signed. The Warrant was in respect of the current year, which commenced on 1st April last. The sum prescribed for collection was £4,303. 17. 1, including £670. 11. 3, arrears of former Rate.

A Claim for £85, being loss sustained by Mr. Patrick Donovan by reason of damage done at Ferry Bank, Wexford to a lighter-barge named The Greyhound, was submitted. The case was to be heard at the Sessions to be held by the County Court on 18th January 1923.

It was referred to the Corporation Solicitor to see that the interests of the Ratepayers were duly safeguarded.

Regarding resolution on this day's Minutes as to starting the work of constructing a new road, it was decided, nem. con., that to assist the Town Surveyor in overseeing the Staff of labourers to be employed, the services, first, of a superior Foreman be engaged at a wage of £4. 10. 0 a week, second, a Ganger to keep time and pay wages, at £3. 0. 0 a week, and third, a working Foreman to be engaged in the Quarry, at a wage of £3. 0. 0. a week.

Aidan ~~Redmond~~ Redmond was appointed to the first-mentioned post, William Byrne to the second, and William Sullivan to the third.

Richard Mac Theorain
Mayor

H. 12. 23

4th December, 1922.

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, George Haddan
Patrick Clancy.

Councillors:- Laurence Cummins, Herbert Thompson, James Billington,
James Crosbie, Thomas Hayes, Joseph Boyce, James Sinnott,
Alice Mary Fennell, Richard Gibson, Thomas Rossiter,
John Walsh, Frank Carty.

The minutes of meeting of 6th November 1922 were read and signed.

Liabilities which had accrued due up to the end of last month amounting in the aggregate to £7,222. 10. 4, were submitted and having been examined were approved and an Advice Note was signed to enable the Treasurer to pay them.

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Included in these payments was a sum of £3,110, being for the purchase of land for the purposes of a scheme for the opening of a new road at Townparks. As per recommendation of the Finance and Works Committee, £3,000 of this purchase price was payable out of the Loan, and £110 out of the Government Grant. In the opinion of the Committee this was in accordance with Government conditions.

The cost of purchase comprised the following items, as corrected up to date.

Mr. T. T. Rossiter. :	:	:	:	:	:	:	:	:	:	£520.	0.	0.	✓
Messrs Hone and Falkiner. :	:	:	:	:	:	:	:	:	:	430.	0.	0.	
Mr. P. J. O'Flaherty: :	:	:	:	:	:	:	:	:	:	600.	0.	0.	✓ - £200
Messrs Little & Nunn: :	:	:	:	:	:	:	:	:	:	600.	0.	0.	✓
Messrs Little & Nunn's Costs. :	:	:	:	:	:	:	:	:	:	100.	0.	0.	✓
Mrs Walsh. :	:	:	:	:	:	:	:	:	:	400.	0.	0.	✓
Mr. Richard Hore. :	:	:	:	:	:	:	:	:	:	50.	0.	0.	✓ x
Miss Wyper. :	:	:	:	:	:	:	:	:	:	200.	0.	0.	✓ x
Messrs Huggard & Brennan's costs: :	:	:	:	:	:	:	:	:	:	10.	0.	0.	
Corporation Solicitor's costs. :	:	:	:	:	:	:	:	:	:	200.	0.	0.	✓
TOTAL										£3110.	0.	0.	

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Councillor Carty moved the suspension of Standing Orders, and was permitted to bring forward a Motion dealing with the civil discord rampant in the Country at the present date. He bespoke a welcome for the motion, as the state of affairs loudly called for a determined effort to bring about peace.

He moved the following.

WHEREAS the present strife and war is destroying our Nation and nullifying our great victory in the late Anglo-Irish War.

AND WHEREAS the great mass of the Irish people believe that if the present conflict continues it will mean the destruction of all our hopes, at least for this generation.

WHEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED:- That we, the Wexford Corporation, do hereby request the Lord Mayor of Dublin to cable the Most Rev. Dr. Mannix, Arch-Bishop of Melbourne, asking him to come to Ireland, at once if possible, and offer his services as peacemaker, as we believe an honourable settlement is possible.

Peace
Efforts

FURTHER:- That the Lord Mayor of Dublin be requested to call together a Central Committee to make all arrangements and be responsible for the cost of Dr. Mannix's journey to Ireland and back.

FURTHER:- That copies of this Resolution be sent to all the Public Bodies in Ireland, and they be asked to summon Special Meetings to consider it as it is so urgent.

FURTHER:- That we appoint a small Committee to do what is necessary, with power to amend this Resolution, if thought necessary, and that copies be sent to the Daily Press and the Lord Mayor of Dublin.

This was seconded by Alderman Connolly and supported by Councillors Cummins and Sinnott, and Alderman [unclear] and the Mayor, and passed unanimously.

It was decided to have printed copies of the resolution distributed by Post. Alderman Clancy proposed that the sympathy of the Council be conveyed to the surviving relatives of the four men who were recently executed in Dublin for the part they had taken in an endeavour to render impossible the Government of the Country by the constituted Authorities.

This was seconded by Councillor Sinnott, and after an addition had been made to it, on the suggestion of the Mayor, expressing sympathy at the loss of all lives which had been sacrificed in enforcing submission to the authority of the Free State Government, it was passed unanimously.

From correspondence read it was seen that the Wexford County Council and the Wexford Harbour Commissioners were taking steps to form a Deputation to go to Dublin with a view to obtaining a grant-in-aid for the dredging of Wexford Harbour, to allow of the establishment of a Steamer Service between Wexford and Liverpool.

*Dredging
Harbour*

The Corporation were asked to appoint one of their members on the proposed Deputation.

Alderman Hadden consented to act, and was thereupon appointed.

From a letter received from the Ministry of Industry and Commerce it was observed that this Department required to be furnished with a note of any Works where Gas or Electricity were sold for the purpose of carrying on Industries, and also to be informed whether local undertakings were giving general satisfaction.

This matter was referred to the Finance and Works Committee to be dealt with.

From a communication received from the Ministry of Local Government, it was noted that the Government were about to introduce legislation enabling the Municipal Elections, which fell due to be held in January next, to be deferred. Claims for loss sustained by reason of the burning of Wexford Courthouse on 23rd. November 1922, amounting to £385, were received. They were from James McNally who suffered loss to the extent of £220, Mary McNally, £150, and Wexford Gas Company, £15.

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Inquiries*

It was decided to hand them to the Corporation Solicitor with instructions to him to watch the interests of the Ratepayers on the hearing of the claims by the County Court Judge on 18th January next.

With regard to minutes of 2nd. October 1922, on which date it was decided to apply for Government sanction to a Supplemental Loan of £1,500 to complete the Electric Light System, a Deed of Mortgage was produced for execution.

*St. High
Loan*

This Instrument secured to the National Bank the repayment of the Loan in twenty years, together with interest at one-half per cent under Irish Banks' Rate.

On the motion of Alderman Sinnott, seconded by Councillor Sinnott, it was resolved to affix the Corporation Seal to the Deed, and that the Sealing be attested in the presence of the Mayor.

Four Deeds were produced for execution on the part of the Corporation. Three of them were Deeds of Assignment of pieces of land required for the purposes of the New Road Undertaking at Townparks.

These were in respect of land held by the Presentation Nuns, Mr. Richard Hore, and Miss Ellen Wyper, and the fourth was a Deed of Surrender from Mrs Catherine Walsh, who was a tenant of the Corporation.

On the documents being read over to the meeting they were found to comply with the terms of the provisional agreements made in each instance.

In the case of the Presentation Nuns it was decided to abstain from executing the Deed pending the conclusion of negotiations on foot for the purchase, by the Corporation, of the Head Landlord's interest. This would bring the Nuns into the position of being tenants of the Corporation at an abated rent, and would be a desirable arrangement for all concerned.

The question was thereupon referred to the Committee in charge of the negotiations, but as to the other cases it was resolved, on the motion of Alderman Connolly, seconded by Councillor Hayes, that the Corporation Seal be affixed to each of the Deeds.

The Deeds were thereupon duly executed.

Richard Mac Shearain

8. 1. 23

8th January, 1923.

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, Nicholas Connolly.

Councillors:- James Billington, Alice Mary Pennell, James Sinnott, Nicholas Byrne, James Crosbie, Richard Gibson, Frank Carty, Thomas Rossiter, Joseph Boyce, Thomas Hayes, John Walsh.

The minutes of meeting of 4th December 1922 were read and signed.

Liabilities which had accrued due up to the end of last month, amounting in the aggregate to £1995. 2. 0, were submitted, and having been examined were approved, and an Advice Note was signed to enable the Treasurer to pay them.

Councillor Rossiter proposed that an expression of condolence on the part of the Council should be conveyed to Alderman Clancy on the recent bereavement that had befallen him.

One of his sons, Patrick, had been called to his Reward. He was a promising youth, on the verge of manhood, and his loss was very much to be deplored.

The motion was seconded by Alderman Larkin, and passed unanimously, Councillor Byrne and His Worship, the Mayor joining in the tribute of sympathy expressed.

A letter from the Ministry of Local Government was submitted communicating the main features of the Local Elections Postponement Act. Under this Enactment, so far as Wexford Corporation was concerned, Municipal elections which were due to be held in the present month were postponed to such date not later than 1st January 1924 as the Ministry might prescribe.

Elections

The term of office of the existing Aldermen and Councillors was to continue until the day after the day to be prescribed.

The present Mayor was to continue to hold office (or if another person should be Mayor on the date to be prescribed) he, the present Mayor, or such person was to remain in office until his Successor was elected, at the first meeting after the Statutory Election.

The Mayor appointed at such meeting would hold office no longer than 23rd. January next following, in the absence of fresh legislation.

The Act also contained provisions regarding casual vacancies and resignations. The contents of the letter were noted.

A letter from the Post Office Engineering Department, Waterford, under date of 19th December 1922, was read. In order to protect post office telegraphs from being affected by power circuits incidental to the Corporation new electric light system, the Department required an undertaking to be given that the cost of affording any necessary protection to the Postmaster-General's plant would be borne by the Corporation.

E. Lighting

This communication was referred to the Consulting Engineers of the electric light system.

Two letters from Messrs P. J. O'Flaherty & Son, Solicitors, and from Mr. William Coad, Main Street, South, were read. These people alleged that the working of the power Plant at Peter Street, in connection with the electric light system, was detrimental to two neighbouring dwelling houses. They demanded redress, and it was arranged that a Committee consisting of Councillors Thompson, Carty, and Hayes, together with His Worship, the Mayor, should visit the locus in quo of the complaints at 9 p. m. on 9th Instant and see if they were well founded; Messrs O'Flaherty and Coad to be notified of the appointment.

E. Lighting

A recommendation from the Electric Light Committee was submitted. This Committee considered that William Hughes the working Electrician in charge of the electric light system should be put, as regards wages, on a footing of equality with Operatives serving in a similar capacity in Dublin.

The reason for this was that Trade Union rules required that their members should be remunerated at a uniform rate for their services all over the Country.

The Committee thought it wise to submit to this rule, as the man was not to be employed all the year round. The present wage was £3. 10. 0 a week, and the Dublin rate of pay would come to £4. 10. 0 a week.

Regarding this man's standing from a Trade Union point of view, it appeared from a letter which was read from the Secretary of the Irish Engineering Union that he was a lapsed member of that Body and that his application for re-admission had not been successful, so far. The Union actually called on the Corporation to dispense with his services and put a Trade Unionist in his place.

On the motion of Alderman Hadden, seconded by Councillor Carty, it was resolved. That the recommendation, as regards wages, be adopted.

It was arranged that all other questions concerning this man's appointment be considered by the Electric Light Committee, meeting at 7. 0. p. m. on Monday, 15th and reporting to the Council on Monday, 22nd. Instant.

The following resolution was read from Waterford Corporation.

"That this Council urge upon the Government and Dail Eireann the desirability of giving Local Authorities some voice in the control of the Civic Guard in their areas, as we believe this would conduce to greater efficiency and to an increased sense of civic responsibility among the general public."

The consideration of this subject was adjourned pending an expected meeting of the Mayor with the Mayor of Waterford on an early date.

Four tenders received in respect of painting work on Artizans Dwellings were opened. They were from the following.

John Murphy. Price asked. £43. 17. 0.

James Carty. do. £36. 0. 0.

James McEvoy. do. £54. 10. 0.

John Power. do. £50. 5. 0.

On the motion of Councillor Hayes, seconded by Councillor Byrne the lowest tender was accepted, subject to James Carty being a member of a Trade Union.

In respect of plumbing work to be done on 115 houses belonging to the Corporation, James McEvoy was prepared to execute the work in consideration of being paid £98.

This tender was accepted, but his tender to do sundry carpentry work at a cost of £48 was not accepted, but on the motion of Councillor Rossiter, seconded by Alderman Larkin, it was resolved to have all this work done by men under the supervision of the Town Surveyor.

Three small Bills received from members of the Fire Brigade were considered. These men claimed £2. 10. 0 under the rule made on 6th July 1921 as remuneration for their services in attending a fire at the Court House on 23rd. November last.

Their names were William McEvoy, Frank Nolan and Frank Goodisson. The number of hours worked was not certified owing to the absence, through illness, of the Chief of the Brigade, but Mr. William Byrne, ex-Dublin Fire Brigade Man, who was present and rendered assistance at the fire, testified by letter to the presence thereof of the three claimants.

It was ordered that the amount claimed be paid, and that the Chief of the Brigade be requested to state when he would be able to resume duty.

The following resolution was unanimously adopted on the motion of Councillor Carty

seconded by Alderman Larkin. It was the outcome of a Conference held at the County Hall on 11th December 1922, and said to be composed of men representing every aspect of political thought in County Wexford.

"We, the representatives of the Sinn Fein Executives of North and South Wexford, of the Farmers' Union, and of the Transport Union of the County Wexford, do earnestly implore all parties to the present lamentable war in Ireland to pause and consider the position of the country.

"We are convinced that the continuation of hostilities and of bloodshed is depriving Ireland of her ablest sons, and must inevitably result in National destruction.

"We stress unhesitatingly the vital and essential importance of an immediate armistice pending the opening up of discussions.

"Upon the leaders of the people we urge that the best interests of our Nation will be served by finding a basis for settlement before Christmas.

"To all Irishmen and all Irishwomen, to all public and private bodies in our own and other Counties, we appeal for the adoption of this resolution, and for their untiring support and co-operation in the quest for Peace."

Further, at the instance of the Cork Harbour Commissioners, it was

RESOLVED:- That we ask the Government to take immediate steps to appoint three Members of the present Dail to act in conjunction with the Seanad Peace Committee and meet three neutral Irishmen (acceptable to forces in opposition to the Government) to discuss the best means, firstly, to bring about a cessation of hostilities, and finally, to establish peace on a firm basis.

The desirability of measures being taken to put a durable surface on the Main Street was a question introduced by the Mayor. The present method of producing a surface by sheeting the streets with loose broken stones was primitive and a source of continuous outlay. It would be well if some modern method of treating the road surface with wood paving or asphalt or "Mexphalt" were adopted in the case of the Main Street, where the great volume of the traffic of the town was carried on. It was opportune at the present time to take up this matter, as it was expected that the cost of constructing the new road would not absorb the entire £7,000 granted by Government. It was probable that the Minister for Local Government would allow the surplus to be spent on the Main Street, if he was asked to do so.

On the motion of Alderman Hadden, seconded by Councillor Byrne it was resolved to request the Minister for Local Government to permit the expected surplus to be applied to the purpose mentioned, and in anticipation of this request being acceded to, that the Town Surveyor make inquiries as to the most suitable class of material to be used and submit the result to a Committee consisting of Aldermen Hadden, Larkin, Connolly, and Councillors Carty, Billington, Byrne, Sinnott, and Rossiter, together with the Mayor.

A letter from Mrs O'Gara, Mayor of Cork, was read, being

a yearly tenant to the Corporation of portion of the land required for the purposes of the new road gave up possession of the land on her interest therein being purchased. She now asked to be allowed the use of a portion of the surrendered land for grazing purposes during the winter months. She was prepared to pay a nominal rent for the accommodation to be afforded her.

This question was referred to the Corporation Solicitor to advise as to the terms on which the concession might be granted with safety to the interests of the Corporation.

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5. 2. 23

5th February, 1923.

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, George Hadden, James Larkin, Patrick Clancy.

Councillors:- Nicholas Byrne, Herbert Thompson, Alice Mary Pennell,
James Billington, Frank Carty, James Crobbie, Thomas Rossiter,
James Sinnott, Thomas Hayes, John Walsh, Thomas O'Brien,
Michael Martin.

The minutes of last meeting were read and signed.

Liabilities which had accrued due up to the end of last month amounting in the aggregate to £3057. 5. 3 were submitted and having been examined were approved, and an Advice Note was signed to enable the Treasurer to pay them.

Included in the above aggregate were two items of expenditure to which special attention was called. One was a claim for £157. 10. 0 from the Town Surveyor for services rendered as Architect in connection with the Housing Scheme. He asked to be paid this sum pending the settlement of his full Bill of Charges which would accrue due on the completion of the work, he undertaking to satisfy any claims by Messrs Donnelly, Moore, &c. of Dublin, who were associated with him in the professional work.

The other item was a gratuity of £5. for Mr. William Byrne. This man, on the occasion of the fire at the County Court House on 23rd. November last, voluntarily rendered service, in the absence of the Chief, who was incapacitated by illness. Besides this he had on several occasions given advice and assistance on matters pertaining to the Fire Brigade out of the wealth of his experience as a former Fire Brigade man in Dublin. He asked for no reward, but the Finance and Works Committee considered he was well entitled to the gratuity stated.

Referring to minutes of last meeting, Alderman Clancy took the opportunity to

thank the Corporation for the expression of condolence tendered to him on the death of his late son, Patrick.

Two legal Instruments were submitted for execution on the part of the Corporation. One was a Deed of Conveyance from Mr. Thomas Turner Rossiter to the Corporation of his fee-simple estate in a plot of ground at John Street, Wexford, with two dwelling houses and premises thereon, containing in front to John Street, 52 feet 4 inches, in the rear 47 feet, and from front to rear 275 feet.

These premises were required for the purposes of the new road, the purchase price being £350.

The other was a Deed of Assignment from the Presentation Nuns to the Corporation of their interest in land required for the same purpose.

The Corporate Seal was duly affixed to the first-mentioned Document in the prescribed manner, but the execution of the latter was deferred to allow of the question of the Corporation purchasing back a superior interest in the land being made clear; Alderman Hadden, Alderman Sinnott, and the Mayor being deputed to see the Corporation Solicitor about the matter.

The prompt obtainment of possession of one of the dwellings above mentioned was a matter requiring attention.

It was necessary, in order to save expense, to put a sewer and water main under the house and to take down the house and use the materials of it for filling stuff.

Mr. John French, the occupier, refused to leave the dwelling without compensation. He had been offered £50, but had refused to accept less than £100.

It was announced that Mr. French was in waiting in an adjoining room, and four of the members present were detailed to have an interview with him.

On rejoining the meeting they stated that he was prepared to accept £80 with the proviso that he was to be put in as tenant of one of the dwellings in course of erection by the Corporation.

Mr. French was called in and agreed to give up possession on the 12th Instant on the conditions above stated. X

The meeting thereupon unanimously agreed to the terms.

The Harbour Commissioners, per letter from their Secretary, requested the Corporation to make a Rate of One penny in the Pound for two years to be applied to the work of dredging the Harbour. By an arrangement come to between the Government and a Deputation from the County, financial assistance was to be given for the proposed improvement by a rate-in-aid of One Penny in the Pound over the whole County.

The meeting assented to the proposal.

Attention was called to the terms of the Urban Elections (Postponement) Order 1923, under date of 3rd January 1925, issued by the Minister for Local

Elections
Government. This Order prescribed the 14th day of June 1923 as the date on which the postponed Statutory Elections of Councillors of Boroughs was to be held, and the 21st day of June 1923 as the date on which the first meeting of Councillors was to be held of the then newly-elected members.

The contents were noted.

The appointment of Standing Committees was considered, and on the motion of Councillor Byrne, seconded by Alderman Larkin, it was resolved that the Finance and Works Committee, the Public Health Committee, the Waterworks Committee, and the Technical Instruction be re-appointed to serve until the 14th day of June 1923, and that the one vacancy on the Technical Instruction Committee be left unfilled until further order.

Officers' Bonuses
A circular letter from the Ministry of Local Government, under date of 12th January 1923 was read. It pointed out that in some cases the bonus that was being paid to Officers of Local Authorities was higher than was warranted by the increase in the cost of living. It further pointed out that the time had arrived when it was incumbent on Local Authorities to take steps to ensure that a reduction of bonuses should automatically be adjusted to the fall in prices.

This matter was referred to the Finance and Works Committee to be dealt with.

A recommendation from the Finance and Works Committee showed that an application for a Cinema Licence might be granted to the Young Men's Christian Association. The Hall of the Association, on inspection, was found to be suitable for the purpose of a Cinema Exhibition, or was being capable of being easily adapted to the purpose.

On the motion of Councillor Hayes, seconded by Alderman Larkin, it was decided to grant a Licence, but having regard to some difference of opinion on the subject, alleged to be in existence amongst the members of the Association, it was arranged to refrain from handing out the Document until further order.

A letter from the Minister for Local Government, under date of 19th December 1922, which had been referred from the Public Health Committee to the present General Meeting was read.

In answer to a query asked at the instance of the Committee, the Minister stated that there was no right of inspection over the Military Barrack invested in the local Sanitary Authority.

The Military Authorities had in their service medical officers experienced in sanitary science, and there was no need for apprehension on the score that the Barrack was kept in an insanitary condition.

No action taken.

Richard Mac Liorain
Mayor

6th February, 1923.

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

The members present were:-

Richard Corish, Esq. (Mayor, in the Chair)

Aldermen:- James Sinnott, Patrick Clancy, George Hadden, James Larkin.

Councillors:- James Billington, James Crosbie, Herbert Thompson,

Michael Martin, Thomas Hayes.

On the motion of Councillor Thompson, seconded by Councillor Crosbie, the meeting resolved itself into a Committee.

The meeting was hurriedly called together to deal with a difficulty which had arisen with regard to the agreement come to with Mr. John French at yesterday's meeting.

Mr. French had changed his mind about giving up possession of the house to allow the work of demolition to be commenced on Monday, 12th Instant, alleging that he was under a misapprehension when consenting to accept £80 and the choice of one of the Corporation houses.

He was led to believe by the Committee that the payment of the rent for a period of fifteen years would give him a title to the ownership of the house of which he was to be made the occupier.

On finding out his mistake he was not able to see his way to accept less than £100 for surrendering possession of his present house.

The meeting deliberated on the position for a considerable period.

The object to be attained at the present juncture was to expedite the taking down of the house in John Street, and this could not be achieved unless the tenant vacated it.

The meeting reluctantly came to the conclusion to increase the amount of their award to £90.

Mr. French, who was in waiting, was informed of what the meeting was disposed to do. He was called in and after some further discourse he signed an Agreement binding him to vacate the house on the 14th Instant, in consideration of being paid Ninety Pounds, and being accepted as occupier of one of the houses in course of erection at Windmills Hill, at a rent which is to be no exception to the rents to be fixed on the other houses of the same class.

Richard Mac Liorain
Hayes

5. 3. 23

5th March, 1923.

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, Patrick Clancy, Nicholas Connolly, George Hadden, James Larkin.

Councillors:- James Sinnott, Nicholas Byrne, James Billington, Alice Mary Fennell, Richard Gibson, James Crosbie, Thomas O'Brien, Thomas Hayes, John Walsh, Thomas Rossiter, Michael Martin.

The minutes of meetings of 5th and 6th February, 1923 were read and signed.

Liabilities which had accrued due up to the end of last month, amounting in the aggregate to £2335. 15. 6 were submitted, and having been examined were approved, and an Advice Note was signed to enable the Treasurer to pay them.

A communication dated 1st instant, bearing reference number 8778/23, from the Ministry of Local Government, was brought under notice. It embodied an extract from a report from Mr. Strahan, Inspector, on the work in progress of constructing a new road.

This went to show that the wages account, judging from what had then been paid as wages, would exceed the estimated cost for labour by at least £1000.

This was due to many of the employees being inexperienced in the class of work they were doing.

Unless the daily output per man was increased, there would not be sufficient balance of the Grant of £7000 left to carry out the work of putting a durable surface on the Main Street.

As to this latter proposal, the Minister was prepared to consider a Scheme with a view to the further relief of unemployment.

This letter was referred to the Finance and Works Committee, with instructions to deal fully with the situation.

A communication numbered G.8282 from the Ministry of Local Government under date of 27th February 1923, was brought under notice. It bore reference to the proposal to make a Rate of One Penny in the Pound, as per minutes of last meeting, to be applied to the purpose of dredging Wexford Harbour.

Having regard to a protest from a section of the Ratepayers of the county against being saddled with the penny rate, it was necessary that special legislation should be obtained to legalize the proposal.

This communication was also referred to the Finance and Works Committee to be dealt with.

The Agreement under which a swamp at Redmond Road in the possession of Mr. Gibson was allowed to be used as a Dumping Ground being out of date, the question was, would it be renewed for a further year or rent £25

This matter was referred to the Finance and Works Committee for settlement. Two notices of intimation to apply for compensation for criminal injury done were received. They were from the Wexford poultry Society and from Patrick J. Clancy, Anne Street.

The former claimed £265 for a motor lorry damaged, and the latter £40 for damage done to the front of a dwelling house by rifle bullets.

It was thought well that steps should be taken to see if these claims were well founded, and with a view to resisting them, if necessary, to ask a Committee to inspect the lorry and the house.

The Committee was appointed and consisted of Councillors Thompson, Hayes, Billington, and Alderman Sinnott, assisted by the Town Surveyor.

A communication from the Neutral I. R. A. Members association was submitted. This Association was engaged in a praiseworthy effort to reconcile the conflict going on between the Free State Government and the Forces in arms for the purpose of establishing an Irish Republic.

The Association considered they could do nothing effective unless backed up by public opinion, and they requested the support of the Public Bodies of the Country.

The meeting expressed warmest approval of the task undertaken by the Association and readiness to assist in any way possible towards bringing about the reconciliation desired.

Councillor Frank Carty, by letter read from him, submitted his resignation as a member of the Corporation, as he was about to leave Wexford for good and live in Dublin.

Regret was expressed at the receipt of the resignation. Councillor Carty had always given unremitting attention to the business of the Council.

Alderman Clancy drew attention to the desirability of using slates produced in Ireland in roofing the houses in process of erection at Windmills Hill. From information with which he was supplied, he maintained that a sufficiency of Irish slates was to be had at Ben Duff, Co. Cork, to cover in eight of the buildings as yet unfinished, as also the two houses to be built in the near future.

After considerable discussion, it was arranged, on the motion of Alderman Hadden, seconded by Councillor Rossiter, to ask a Committee of three, consisting of the Mayor and Aldermen Sinnott and Clancy, to see the Contractor with a view to ascertaining if suitable slates from the Ben Duff Quarries, or any other Irish slates were to be had.

Richard Mac Thiorain

26- 3. 23

26th March, 1923.

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, George Hadden, Patrick Clancy, Nicholas Connolly,
James Larkin.

Councillors:- Nicholas Byrne, Thomas Hayes, Richard Gibson, James Crosbie,
Alice Mary Fennell, Michael Martin, James Sinnott, Thomas O'Brien,
Thomas Rossiter.

The minutes of meeting of 5th March 1923 were read and signed.

The meeting was convened for the purpose of dealing with Estimates of Expenses to be incurred in connection with municipal administration for year ending 31st March, 1924.

The net expenditure was seen to be:-

Out of Borough Fund. £5463. 5. 0

For maintenance and improvement
of streets. £1895. 12. 0

In respect of Water System. £1176. 0. 0

The meeting went over the multiplicity of items contained in the estimates, as then prepared. The only revisions made were two. An item of £200, estimated cost of repairing footpaths, was reduced by £50, and an item of £350 set down for contingencies was reduced by £100.

The following resolutions were adopted.

First, as regards the estimate for Special Rate, it was resolved on the motion of Councillor Byrne, seconded by Councillor Hayes.

That the Estimate, as amended, be adopted, and that the Poundage of the Rate to be made in respect of street upkeep, be declared to be One shilling and tenpence.

Second, as regards the estimate of expenses in connection with the water system, it was proposed by Alderman Sinnott, seconded by Alderman Larkin, and

Resolved:- That the estimate be approved, and that Water rates of One shilling and Sixpence be settled on as the Poundage of these Rates, viz. Domestic rate One Shilling. Public Rate, Sixpence.

Third, Estimate of expenses to be defrayed out of Borough Fund.

on the motion of Councillor Byrne seconded by Councillor Crosbie it was

Resolved:- That this Estimate be approved, and the Poundage of the Borough Rate be fixed at Five Shillings and Sixpence, that is to say, One Shilling for General Town Purposes and Four Shillings and Sixpence for General Sanitary Purposes.

Sundry Orders were made as follows:-

In view of the unprecedented cost of repairs to be done on the Bathing Place that a Committee be appointed to see if a concrete screen might not with advantage be substituted for the present damaged wooden one

The Committee named were:- Councillors Gibson and Sinnott, Alderman Connolly and the Mayor.

That the temporary Tool House at rear of John Street be shifted as soon as available to Crosstown Cemetery.

Attention was drawn to a proposal of the Wexford County Council to alter the system of rating. It appeared that this Body meditated dividing the Wexford Poor Law Union into Poor Law Electoral Divisions and assessing a differential Rate on each Division. Such a proceeding, if gone on with, was distinctly a contravention of the provisions of the Local Government (Ireland) Act 1898 (Section 43) which for rating purposes abolished Poor Law Electoral Divisions and established the principle of Union Rating.

Divisional Rating would militate against the interests of towns, and it was expedient that steps should be taken to prevent the proposed illegality being perpetrated. *to Council*

It was suggested that a Committee should be appointed to take such steps as might appear necessary to restrain the County Council from outstepping their statutory authority in the case.

This suggestion was adopted, and the following were appointed as the Committee Aldermen Sinnott and Connolly, Councillor Martin and the Mayor, assisted by the Corporation Solicitor and the Town Clerk.

The imminent closing of the Wexford County Infirmary as a public institution was brought under notice. It appeared that the resident Surgeon, Dr. Furlong, was prepared to take charge of the Infirmary buildings and their equipment as a private speculation. There was no doubt that many people would be glad to have the choice of the Infirmary as paying patients, especially in the town of Wexford, and such being the case, it was incumbent on the Corporation to make an effort to keep the Institution open, even as a private hospital. *to Infirmary*

The meeting fell in with the suggestion and appointed Aldermen Connolly and Hadden, Councillor Martin and the Mayor, as a Committee to see Dr. Furlong, and if necessary the County Council, in the hope of furthering the object in view.

Alderman Hadden stated that he had worked out a scheme to facilitate the occupiers of dwellings to acquire the ownership of the houses they dwelt in. He wished that a Committee of the Corporation would go into the details on an early date.

It was decided to refer the matter to the Housing Committee, which included three members of the local Trades and Labour Council.

Richard Isaac Lheorain

2. 4. 23

2nd. April, 1923.

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 Sinnott, Nicholas Connolly, Patrick Clancy, James Larkin.

Councillors:- Nicholas Byrne, Richard Gibson, Thomas Hayes, Michael Martin, John Walsh.

The minutes of meeting of 26th March 1923 were read and signed.

Liabilities which had accrued due up to the end of last month, amounting in the aggregate to £2405. 17. 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.

This included a demand for £1500 from Mrs Mary O'Connor on account of the Housing Contract.

In relation to the Housing Scheme a letter under date of 24th Ultimo, No.H.398/76, from the Housing Department was brought under notice.

The import of the letter was that a sum of £1,105, payable by Government into the Corporation Building Fund since 1st Ultimo, was withheld pending the payment by the/ of debts due to the Commissioners of Public works.

Regarding the indebtedness to the Commissioners of Public works, it was observed that the sum of £2,171. 1. 6 had been reduced, on 24th March Ultimo, by £1165. 11. 8, and it was a breach of faith on the part of the Government to defer payments on foot of the Scheme.

No action was taken for the present.

From the same DEpartment a letter dated 24th March 1923, No. H.398/77/1923, was read. From this it appeared that the Minister for Local Government was prepared to grant a contribution in aid of the erection of two projected houses at Windmills Hill on the same conditions as applied to the current Housing Scheme, namely, the Government providing two-thirds of the cost and the Corporation one-third, this to be raised locally by loan and by a contribution from Rates.

Accompanying the letter was a form of application for sanction to the loan to be borrowed by the Corporation.

The contents of the letter were noted, and it was decided to make application for sanction on the prescribed form.

Attention was called to the fact that the Agreement in respect of the Dumping Ground was due to lapse in a few days, and it was desirable to say if a fresh Agreement for a further year was to be entered into.

Mr. Gibson, who was present at the meeting, consented to let the Swamp for that period, and it was arranged to continue to use the place and to furnish him with a letter specifying that all the terms and conditions included in the existing

Agreement were to apply to the coming year's tenancy.

Three notices of intention to apply for compensation for criminal injury done were received. They were from Johanna Martin, claiming £200, Annie Stewart, £75⁴/₈ and Gas Consumers' Company, £4. 10. 0.

The two first-mentioned individuals claimed for furniture destroyed, and the Gas Company for a meter damaged.

These were considered to be cases requiring the attention of the Corporation Solicitor, and it was decided to hand them to him with instructions to provide a person experienced in valuing furniture to inspect the articles damaged at once, with a view to obtaining proof of value.

A circular letter under date of 13th March 1923, from the Minister of Home Affairs, was submitted. The Minister contemplated the appointment of a National Film Censor. He requested the views of the Council on the proposal. The meeting expressed ~~the~~ opinion on the subject. This was to the effect that considering the state of the National Exchequer, the present time was not well chosen to set up the proposed Censorship, and that the Minister's attention be drawn to the satisfactory arrangement whereby five members of the Council enjoyed the privilege in Wexford of free entrance to cinema exhibitions to prevent the production of pictures of an objectionable character.

A number of claims (18 in all) in respect of criminal injuries sustained were submitted. These claims, in a form prescribed in virtue of a resolution of Dail Eireann, constituted a repetition of claims to be dealt with by the County Court Judge. They were furnished with Schedules containing particulars of the loss sustained in each case.

It was thought well that a Committee should go into the details and deal with the matter as they saw fit on an early date.

The Committee was appointed. It included Aldermen Sinnott and Connolly, Councillor Martin, and the Mayor.

Councillor Martin made reference to the recent death of Walter Hanrahan, brother of the Town Surveyor. He moved that the sympathy of the Council be tendered to the Surveyor on the sad event. A native of the town, the deceased was proprietor of a printing establishment and was a generous and considerate employer. For many years he served as an official in connection with the Gaelic Athletic Association in a most efficient manner.

The motion was seconded by Alderman Connolly and spoken to by Alderman Sinnott, Councillor Byrne, and the Mayor.

It was passed in respectful silence.

A Deed of Mortgage received for execution from the National Bank was duly sealed and signed upon the adoption of the following resolution, which was proposed by Alderman Connolly and seconded by Councillor Byrne, viz:-

That in pursuance of the consent of the Local Government Department

(Ireland) by letter dated 22nd. March 1923, the Council do borrow from the National Bank Limited, Wexford, the sum of £3,000 for the purpose in said letter mentioned, the said sum to be repaid to said bank by 40 equal half-yearly instalments of £75, spread over a period of 20 years, with interest thereon at one-half per cent per annum under the Irish Banks rate, rising and falling therewith from time to time, but at no time to be less than 4% per annum. Said loan to be secured by a mortgage over the rates available for that purpose. And that the Seal of the Council be attached to such Mortgage.

Complaint was made that owing to the want of an Inspector of Weights and Measures and of Food and Drugs fraudulent practices were going on to the detriment of consumers. The promised appointment of one of the Civic Guard as such Inspector was called attention to, and it was decided to write to the Minister for Local Government expressing the hope that a man would be detailed to fill the post as soon as possible.

Richard Mac Pherson

4-5-23

7th May, 1923.

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, Patrick Clancy, James Larkin, James Sinnott.

Councillors:- Alice Mary Fennell, James Billington, Nicholas Byrne, Richard Gibson, Thomas Hayes, James Crosbie, Thomas Rossiter, John Walsh, Thomas O'Brien, Michael Martin.

The minutes of meeting of 2nd. April 1923 were read and signed.

Liabilities which had accrued due up to the end of last month, amounting in the aggregate to £1445. 17. 2 were submitted and having been examined were approved and an Advice Note was signed to enable them to be discharged.

Alderman Larkin submitted that it was apropos that Wexford Municipal Council, composed as it was of a majority of labour representatives, should express their gratification at the arrival home in Ireland, after eight years absence abroad, of Jim Larkin, the Irish Labour Leader.

Alderman Larkin proposed a motion to that effect.

This was seconded by Alderman Clancy, and supported by Alderman Connolly and Councillors Hayes and Crosbie.

The motion was passed nem. con., the Mayor stating that he was glad to see from statements made by Mr. Larkin, that the latter's attitude was in favour of a

reconciliation being brought about between the warring sections of Irishmen. Alderman Claney moved that condolence be expressed with the relatives of the late Laurence Ginnell and Sean Etchingham.

The deceased were two notable Irishmen, always prominent in the furtherance of the Cause of Irish Nationality. Mr. Ginnell had done much for Ireland inside and outside the British House of Commons, and Mr. Etchingham had taken a leading part in the Rising of Easter Week 1916, besides which, he was noted for assisting the cause of the workers in North Wexford.

The motion was seconded by Alderman Connolly. Both the deceased individuals had devoted their lifetime to the task of labouring for their Country.

This resolution was also passed nem. con.

Councillor Rossiter proposed a motion tendering condolence to the Town Surveyor on a second family bereavement within two months. Word had arrived that his brother, James Hamrahan, had died and had been buried at sea.

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

The Town Surveyor returned thanks for the kindness shown him, remarking that his two brothers, Walter and James, had died within a few days of each other.

The making of Rates was proceeded with, except Poor Rate, as to which the official Demand from the County Council had not been received in time to allow of the preliminary requirements to be complied with, and thereupon the three next following resolutions were unanimously adopted, and the different Rates referred to in the Resolutions having been made, the Books containing such Rates, and the Warrants authorizing the collection thereof, were duly sealed and signed.

Proposed by Alderman Sinnott, seconded by Councillor Hayes.

RESOLVED:- That a Borough Rate of Five Shillings and Sixpence in the Pound (being One Shilling for General Town Purposes and Four Shillings and Sixpence for Sanitary purposes) be made on the net assessable value of property within the Borough of Wexford, to supply the deficiency in the Borough Fund, as shown in an Estimate of Expenses required to permit of the Municipal Administration of said Borough being carried out, as considered and adopted on the 26th day of March 1923.

Proposed by Councillor Byrne, seconded by Councillor Crosbie.

RESOLVED:- That an Assessment of One Shilling and Tenpence in the Pound on the net assessable value of property within the Town of Wexford be laid on pursuant to the Local Government (Ireland) Provisional Order (Wexford) Confirmation Act, 1873, and Acts incorporated with and amending the same, as per an Estimate duly considered and adopted on the 26th day of March, 1923.

Proposed by Councillor Rossiter, seconded by Alderman Larkin.

RESOLVED:- That an Assessment of One Shilling and Sixpence in the Pound, viz., a Domestic Rate of One Shilling 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 the 26th day of March, 1923.

Referring to minutes of 6th November last, the question of purchasing the vendor's interest in a plot of ground containing 2 roods and 20 perches in the possession of Mrs Richards of John Street, was brought up on a recommendation from the Roads Committee.

This plot was required to permit of an outlet for the new road into the Fair Green. Negotiations had been carried on for the acquisition of the ground with Messrs Huggard & Brennan, Solicitors, vide their letters dated 20th March and 3rd. and 4th April 1923, with the result that the Committee saw no alternative but to accede to their demand for £120 as purchase price, as to exercise compulsory powers would involve enormous legal expenses.

Whereupon on the motion of Councillor Byrne, seconded by Councillor Hayes, the Committee Recommendation was adopted.

The Waterworks Committee, impressed with the fairness of making a charge for water used in washing motor cars, had requested owners to pay ten shillings a year, per car, in cases where water consumption was not measured by meter. With a few exceptions the request was scouted, with the upshot that £25. 2. 6 was irrecoverable. Owners took advantage of the requirement of the Wexford Waterworks Act regarding the absence of written agreements. To enforce the recognition of the charge the Committee were having agreements prepared, and had recommended that there be added to the Scale of Charges the words "Washing 4-wheeled motor cars. Ten shillings per car, per annum."

On the motion of Councillor Rossiter, seconded by Alderman Larkin the recommendation was adopted.

Collection of Rates at 31st March 1923.

RATE	ARREARS.	IRRECOVERABLE.
Borough Rate.	£816. 19. 0.	£67. 10. 10.
Special and Towns Improvement Rate.	£340. 8. 1.	£24. 3. 7.
Water Rates.	£174. 14. 0.	£ 8. 18. 1.
TOTALS	£1332. 1. 1.	£100. 12. 6.

On the motion of Alderman Sinnott seconded by Councillor Byrne it was resolved.

That the above statement from the Finance and works Committee having been considered, £100. 12. 6 be struck off as uncollectible rates for the year in question.

A letter from the Minister of Home Affairs dated 23rd. April 1923, No.110/3, was read regarding the appointment of a member of the Civic Guard as ex-officio Inspector of Weights and Measures and as Inspector of Food and Drugs. The training of Sergeants was, at present, being conducted, and it was hoped that an appointment would be made without undue delay.

Applications for the removal of two Discretograph Instruments submitted in respect

of the Theatre Royal and the Cinema Palace for one year. The conditions under which such Licences were hitherto issued were deemed to embody any restrictions necessary, and thereupon, on the motion of Alderman Clancy, seconded by Alderman Connolly, fresh Licences were ordered to be issued. The question of putting a name on the block of houses at present approaching completion at Windmills Hill was brought up, and it was decided, on the motion of Councillor Rossiter, seconded by Alderman Connolly, that they were to be known as "St. Ibar's Villa."

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H. H. Hill

The desirability of formulating a Scheme of tenant purchase in respect of all dwellings provided by the corporation under the various Housing Acts, was brought under notice. It was urged that facilities should be afforded to the working classes to become the owners of the houses they occupied, and it was held to be possible to make arrangements whereby tenants would be induced to purchase. In the case of the houses built under the Housing Grant of 1922, the purchase-money obtained by the Corporation could be applied to the erection of additional houses. No doubt an attractive Scheme could be framed for the accomplishment of the object in view, and it was decided to refer the matter to the Housing Committee which was to be called together for Monday, 14th Instant.

Reference was made by Alderman Connolly to the terms put forward by Mr. De Valera as Leader of the Party at war with the Free State Government.

The objective of the Party was the establishment of a republican form of Government instead of the existing one.

Alderman Connolly considered the terms reasonable, and that it was the duty of the Council to approve of them.

Alderman Clancy took the same view, but in deference to the advice of the Mayor, no resolution was submitted on the subject. At the present juncture it was thought prudent to go no further than to declare a desire for peace.

At the request of the Association of Secondary Teachers, Ireland, the following resolution was adopted, on the motion of Councillor Rossiter, seconded by Alderman Larkin.

"That this Council approves of the claims of the Association of Secondary Teachers, and desires to impress on the Government the urgent necessity of taking into immediate consideration their claims for higher remuneration, fixity of tenure of position, the right to enjoy increments within certain basic limits of salary, and graded pensions after specified periods of service

And that a copy of this resolution be sent to the Minister of Education."

The amendment of the law exempting from Rates premises left idle and waste by their owners was brought forward. It was for the public good that such places should be put to use, and as a means towards that end it was desirable to make them subject to rates.

This idea originated with the Mayor of Wexford as per above letter of

3rd. Ultimo, which was read.

The question was considered worthy of attention and was deferred to next General Meeting to be specially dealt with.

A copy of a Sealed Order issued by the Minister of Local Government under date of 26th April. 1923, was brought under notice.

This Order revoked the Urban Elections (Postponement) Order 1923, and decreed (1) that the date of the holding of the Statutory Election of Councillors of Boroughs was to be 12th September 1923, and (2) that the date on which the first meeting of every Council next after the Elections was to be held was to be the 19th September 1923.

The contents of the Order were noted.

Arthur Mac Lennan

4-6-23

4th June, 1923.

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, George Hadden, Patrick Claney.

Councillors:- James Crosbie, Alice Mary Fennell, Thomas Hayes, Thomas Rossiter, John Walsh, Michael Martin, James Sinnott, 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 £2891. 17. 11 were submitted, and having been examined and found correct were ordered to be discharged.

Councillor Rossiter took occasion to mention that Miss Daly, Health Visitor, had suffered a heavy bereavement in the loss of her mother recently. He proposed that an expression of condolence be tendered to Nurse Daly on the sad event.

The meeting unanimously adopted the proposal, all members rising from their seats to testify their acquiescence in the expression of sympathy.

A recommendation emanating from the Housing Committee was gone into.

The Committee urged the advisableness of selling, as soon as completed, all the houses in course of erection at Windmills Hill. The advantage to be gained by selling was that the money obtained from the sale would be immediately available for the erection of additional houses. In the opinion of the Committee the price to be charged should be 55 per cent of the cost of construction, and the houses made subject to a Head Rent of £1. a year. The houses should be disposed

of only to intending occupiers, and the object of the Head Rent was to enable the Corporation to have a voice, at any future time, in the matter of re-sale or sub-letting.

In the case of eight of the houses the cost per house, up to date, was £755. 10. 0, and in the case of the other eight, the cost was £667. 10. 0 per house.

The larger-sized houses could, therefore, be sold at £415. 0. 0, and the smaller-sized at £367. 0. 0 each.

on the motion of Alderman Sinnott, seconded by Councillor Martin, the recommendation of the Committee was adopted, subject to the sanction of the Minister for Local Government.

It was suggested to the meeting that the surplus land in connection with the New Road Scheme upon being disposed of ought to realize substantial sums, and that this money upon being obtained should likewise be applied to the erection of additional dwellings.

The suggestion commended itself to the meeting, and on the motion of Councillor Sinnott, seconded by Alderman Clancy, was thereupon duly adopted. Referring to minutes of 7th Ultimo, a question brought under notice by the receipt of a resolution from the Galway Urban Council was further considered. The terms of this resolution were as follow:-

"That we, the members of the Galway Urban District Council, desire to bring under the notice of the Minister of Local Government the number of waste and insolvent premises in Urban Areas, and we would suggest the advisability of bringing in legislation, at an early date, to compel the owners of same to pay rates on them."

It was thought by the meeting that any legislation strictly following on the lines of this resolution would do an injustice to owners in poor circumstances of life, and financially unable to put their property to some useful purpose. There were such cases in existence, and it was right that lenity should be shown in them. The suggested legislation would, no doubt, have the effect of doing away with unsightly buildings and insanitary spaces, but should not impose a hardship.

The resolution, on the motion of Alderman Hadden, seconded by Councillor Miss Fennell, was adopted, but with the proviso, viz. That if an impoverished owner made a bona fide effort to sell his interest in the impugned property and failed to effect a sale, his case should be exempted from the operation of the suggested Act.

A resolution from the Rathdown Board of Guardians was read. This Board was of opinion that the people of Ireland would welcome a settlement for peace between the conflicting sides at war with each other which allowed political freedom of conscience.

The adoption of a like resolution by Wexford was proposed by Alderman

Connolly and seconded by Alderman Clancy, but in deference to the opinion of the Mayor, the following was substituted.

"That we are of opinion that it the God-given right of the people to have full political freedom of conscience, and consider it is not within the province of any Government to deny it."

Michael Martin

2/7/23

2nd. July, 1923.

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. (in the chair)

Aldermen:- George Hadden, James Sinnott, James Larkin, Nicholas Connolly, Patrick Clancy.

Councillors:- Richard Gibson, Thomas Rossiter, James Billington, John Walsh, James Crosbie, Thomas Hayes, James Sinnott, Thomas O'Brien.

The minutes of meeting of 4th June 1923 were read and signed.

Liabilities which had accrued due up to the end of last month amounting in the aggregate to £1931. 13. 4 were submitted, and having been examined were approved and an Advice Note was signed to enable the Treasurer to pay them.

Allusion was made by Alderman Connolly to the recent death of a young man named Michael Radford of Murrintown, Wexford. The deceased was shot by a patrol of the soldiers of the constituted authority of the country for failing to come to attention on being called on to do so.

Alderman Connolly proposed that an expression of sympathy be passed on the sad event.

The motion was seconded by Alderman Clancy and supported by Councillors Rossiter and Crosbie, and was passed unanimously, all members rising to their feet in testimony of their feeling of regret.

Attention was called to the provisions of the Public Safety (Emergency Powers) Bill, 1923 at present before the Dail. It appeared that if this Bill became an Act it would be possible to impose the corporal punishment of flogging on persons convicted of robbery.

Alderman Connolly proposed that the Corporation should record a strenuous protest against the provision regarding flogging.

Alderman Larkin seconded this motion which was supported by Alderman Clancy and

Councillor Hayes.

Councillor Martin, the Chairman, in putting the motion, also expressed his antipathy to the revival of a barbarous custom and declared the motion passed unanimously.

An Agreement and Bond in respect of the fulfilment, by Mrs Mary O'Connor, of her engagement to erect two dwellings, as per minutes of 7th August 1922, were read. The terms were duly noted, and on the motion of Alderman Larkin, seconded by Councillor Hayes, the Seal of the Council was affixed to these Documents in execution of the Contract, on the part of the Corporation.

A Deed of Agreement between Mr. James J. O'Connor and the Corporation was submitted for execution on the part of the Corporation.

This Deed made it obligatory on Mr. O'Connor to conform to all the Waterworks Regulations and pay a charge of four shillings per 1,000 gallons plus meter rent for water to be supplied to his place of residence at Belvedere.

The necessity for this Deed being entered into was because Belvedere was situate outside the Urban Area, and it was by an act of grace on the part of the Corporation that the supply of water was to be furnished to the premises.

The Deed was duly sealed and signed.

The question of bringing the Maternity and Child Welfare Scheme into conformity with the Government Regulations regarding Maternity and Child Welfare Schemes was brought under consideration. The subject had been discussed on several occasions by the Finance and Works Committee, and correspondence between the Government and the Corporation read.

Under the Regulations it was imperative on the Corporation to put the Medical Officer of Health in charge of the Scheme, so that he would be in a position to certify that it was only in cases of dire necessity that supplies of milk were given free of charge. This was a sine qua non that had never been complied with, the result being that the System, as it was so far carried on in Wexford, was incapable of being certified.

Then there was in the service of the Corporation a Miss O'Leary, employed as Milk Distributor, and receiving a salary of £31. 4. 0 a year. This salary was in no sense justified, as it was open to the Corporation to obtain supplies of milk from any of the milk vendors in the town at the current prices chargeable in the town, at any time.

A Special Committee which had met on 30th Ultimo, attended by the Mayor, Alderman Connolly, and Councillors Martin and Miss Fennell, recommended, in order to be in a position to secure from Government half the cost

attendant on the Scheme, that the services of Dr. Piese be requisitioned at a beginning salary of £20 a year to do the medical officer's duties as

prescribed in the Regulations, that the services of the Milk Distributor be dispensed with, and that Miss Daly, Health Visitor, be supplied with an Order Ticket Book to enable her to issue tickets as initialled by the Medical Officer of Health, in all cases where milk was to be issued free of charge, and that the sanction of the Minister for Local Government be requested to the proposed re-arrangement.

On the motion of Councillor Rossiter, seconded by Councillor Crosbie the recommendation of the Committee was duly adopted.

A letter from Messrs Huggard and Brennan, Solicitors, was read. It bore reference to an understanding come to between Mr. Patrick Furlong of John Street and the Finance and Works Committee of the Corporation.

Consequent on the opening of the new road at Townparks, Mr. Furlong's premises at John Street was subjected to trespass. This was a serious matter to him, and he demanded, as protection for his garden and premises, that a fence should be constructed at the expense of the Corporation.

The Committee thought the claim a reasonable one and were in favour, without prejudice to the legal rights of the Council, of having a wall and sod fence constructed.

The conditions appertaining to the erection of this fence were gone into by the meeting, and the result was that on the motion of Councillor Hayes, seconded by Councillor Crosbie, instructions were to be issued to the Corporation Solicitor to prepare, for execution, an Agreement between Mr. Furlong and the Corporation, making it incumbent on Mr. Furlong to be responsible for the future upkeep of the wall and fence.

Two notices of claim under the Criminal Injuries Property Act were submitted. They were from a William Browne of Paythe, Wexford, in respect of wanton damage done to a stone wall surrounding his lands at Mulgannon, Wexford. One claim was for £20, and the other for £5. As far as was known the alleged damage was done in the course of ordinary trespass by persons wandering over the land.

In this case it was decided, before coming to any conclusion as to defending the claims, to instruct the Town Surveyor to visit the locus in quo of the wall and report thereon.

Alderman Clancy drew attention to the case of the political prisoners. He maintained that the time had arrived when these people might reasonably be released from incarceration. He protested against their retention in prison any longer. He proposed that the Government be asked to liberate the prisoners.

The motion was vigorously seconded by Alderman ^{Bennell} and the protest was shared in by Alderman Larkin, and Councillors Hayes, Crosbie, and Sinnott.

The motion was unanimously adopted.

Robert Mac Thomas
6-8-23

30th July, 1923.

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:-

Richard Corish, Esq., Mayor (in the chair)

Aldermen:- Nicholas Connolly, James Larkin.

Councillors:- Thomas Rossiter, John Walsh, James Billington, Thomas Hayes, James Crosbie, Richard Gibson.

The business of the day was to see if the Council would attend as a Body a proposed Memorial Office and High Mass for the late Arthur Griffith and Michael Collins, to be celebrated at the Church of the Immaculate Conception Rowe Street Wexford, on 1st August 1923.

A motion, as proposed by Councillor Hayes, seconded by Councillor Walsh, requesting that the Corporation should attend the Memorial Service in a Body was put and carried unanimously.

Councillor Rossiter took occasion to refer to observations made by Alderman Connolly at a recent political meeting held in the town of New Ross.

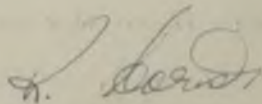
Councillor Rossiter maintained that the remarks made were derogatory to the labour members of the Council and were unjustified, and he wanted to vindicate the action of the labour members.

Alderman Connolly replied. He spoke warmly in defence of his attitude at New Ross, and showed that he had no intention whatever to recede from the position he had taken up.

Alderman Larkin and Councillors Hayes and Walsh spoke in repudiation of Alderman Connolly, and in this repudiation the Mayor also joined.

Councillor Walsh, however, gave utterance to some heated personal reflections on Alderman Connolly, and these he refused to withdraw at the request of the Mayor, but left the Meeting.

This terminated the business.



6th August, 1923.

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 Sinnott, Patrick Clancy, James Larkin, Nicholas Connolly.

Councillors:- Richard Gibson, James Billington, Alice Mary Fennell, Thomas Hayes, John Walsh.

The minutes of meeting of 2nd. July 1923 were read and signed.

A communication from the Ministry of Defence, Dublin, containing a cheque value £90. 10. 0 was brought under notice. This sum was awarded to the Corporation as compensation in connection with the commandeering, on various dates in 1923, by the National Army of the Corporation Motor Lorry.

It came in response to a claim made by the Town Surveyor in respect of damage done to the machine and hire thereof while in the possession of the Military.

From the observations of the Mayor and the Town Surveyor it was gathered that the £90. 10. 0 was a fair award for the use of the lorry, and on the motion of Councillor Hayes, seconded by Councillor Miss Fennell, it was decided to accept the cheque.

Liabilities amounting to £3083. 9. 0 were submitted and having been examined ^{were} ~~and~~ approved with a reservation as to an item of £150 claimed by the Town Surveyor on foot of architect's fees.

The question in this case was, was he entitled to the fees prescribed by the Local Government Board in their Sealed Order of 5th November 1919, or was he only entitled to 2½ per cent, as per the terms of his employment at the time of his appointment by the Corporation on 2nd. February 1903.

The matter was referred to the Housing Committee to see if the terms of the Sealed Order over-rode the terms of appointment.

Alderman Hadden adverted to two melancholy events which had taken place since the last meeting of the Council. The late Joseph Kelly and the late James Hore had been called away out of life. Both of them had been, for many years, members of the Corporation, but neither had, in any sense, been ornamental men. Both of them had earnestly worked for the benefit of the town. They were actuated by no motives of personal eclat.

Alderman Hadden proposed that an expression of sympathy be conveyed to the bereaved relatives of the deceased.

Alderman Sinnott seconded the motion. He had been associated for many years on the Public Boards of the town with his two deceased fellow-townsmen who were worthy and respected citizens. They had gone to their Reward, and their departure out of the world brought home to the minds of people the value of life.

Councillors Gibson and Billington, and Alderman Larkin took occasion also to join in the expression of sorrow, as did likewise the Mayor who paid a touching tribute to the memory of the deceased gentlemen.

The motion, on being put, was carried unanimously.

Referring to proceedings at last meeting, Alderman Connolly requested that Councillor Walsh should be called upon to apologize for the offensive epithets he had made use of on the occasion. In urging this request he was supported by Alderman Clancy.

Councillor Walsh refused to declare to comply with the request, and the Mayor after

a brief parley, the object of which was to bring about a reconciliation, omitted to take action in the matter, whereupon Aldermen Connolly and Clancy left the room.

Referring to minutes of 7th August 1922, a Deed of Mortgage was produced for execution on the part of the Corporation.

This was to be made effective in order to secure to the National Bank the repayment of a Loan of £374 to permit of the erection of two houses at Windmills Hill.

The sanction to the raising of this Loan was embodied in a letter from the Ministry of Local Government under date of 14th May last, No.H.398/81/1923.

Thereupon it was resolved, on the motion of Alderman Sinnott, seconded by Councillor Hayes as follows:-

RESOLVED:- That pursuant to the Letter of Sanction of the Local Government Minister dated 14th May last, the sum of £374 be borrowed from the National Bank Limited, Wexford, for the purposes therein mentioned, and to be repaid on the annuity system within fifteen years with Interest at 4½ per cent per annum as in said letter of sanction provided.

and it be further resolved that the Seal of the Council be affixed to the necessary Mortgage over the Rates to secure the said Loan.

Thereupon the Instrument was duly sealed and signed.

The consideration of the items of an Estimate of Poor Rate for the current financial year was taken up. According to this Statement the amount necessary to be raised by means of such Rate was seen to be £3840. 0. 0, and that a Rate of Four Shillings in the Pound was needed to raise this sum within the Urban Area.

From the particulars of the County Council Demand it was seen that provision had been made in respect of malicious injuries.

Thereupon it was agreed that the Poundage of the Rate should be Four Shillings, this, of course, being preliminary to the act of formally assessing the Rate.

Letter submitted from the Ministry of Local Government (P.H.29448) dated 13th July 1923.

This contained extracts from a report from the Ministry's Medical Inspector, Dr. R. P. McDonnell, animadverting on the insufficiency of the provision in Wexford for the treatment of cases of Small Pox or other highly infectious disease, and also the absence of a disinfecting chamber.

The meeting considered that the erection of a proper isolation hospital and the erection of a proper disinfecting apparatus were matters of the utmost importance in the interests of public health, but came properly within the range of the duties of the County Wexford Board of Health, and was referred to that Body for their earnest consideration.

Letter from the County Wexford Health Board under date of 23rd July 1923 read.

The purport of the letter was that the County Hospital provided operative treatment for practically all classes of cases except special ones, and it was incumbent on the Council to send all cases possible to the County Hospital, rather than to Dublin hospitals, in order to curtail expense.

With regard to this matter it was decided to write to the County Health Board for a list of ailments capable of being dealt with in the County Hospital.

Circular letter from the Ministry of Local Government dated 2nd. August 1923 read. This intimated that the Elections for Borough Councils were to be further postponed under Order from the Minister to the 15th November 1923.

Contents noted.

A copy of a resolution from the United Sinn Fein Clubs of Shelburne, Co. Wexford, read and adopted on the motion of Alderman Larkin, seconded by Councillor Hayes, as follows:-

"That we consider the moment now opportune for Irishmen of all classes of political faith to cultivate a true spirit of toleration and good-will towards each other in the best interests of our common country, and with a view to promoting this spirit we earnestly demand the release of all political prisoners, believing as we do that as long as the jails hold those women and men there never will be peace."

A tender from Mrs M. O'Connor, Building Contractor, in respect of the erection at Windmills Hill of a sod fence for a sum of £50 was accepted subject to the consent of the Nuns of St. John of God being obtained to the erection of a sod fence in lieu of a wall.

At the time of the purchase of a piece of ground from the Nuns, it was a condition that a dividing wall should be provided by the Corporation on the completion of the then proposed new dwellings.

The Mayor and Alderman Sinnott were deputed to see the Nuns on the subject.

R. Larkin

6th August 1923.

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:-

Richard Corish, Esq., Mayor (in the chair)

Aldermen:- George Hadden, James Sinnott, Patrick Clancy, James Larkin, Nicholas Connolly.

Councillors:- Richard Gibson, James Billington, Alice Mary Fennell, Thomas Hayes, John Walsh.

The Secretary of the Harbour Board notified that only one member of the Council,

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namely, Alderman James Sinnott, had been nominated as required previous to the meeting, and thereupon Alderman Sinnott was declared elected to serve as a Harbour Commissioner to represent the Corporation for one year.

Alderman Sinnott returned thanks for the trust ^{reposed} ~~imposed~~ in him by the Council.

3rd. September, 1923.

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 Sinnott, Patrick Claney, James Larkin, Nicholas Connolly.

Councillors:- James Billington, Alice Mary Pennell, Nicholas Byrne, James Sinnott, James Crosbie, Thomas Hayes, John Walsh, Michael Martin.

The minutes of meetings of 30th July and 6th August 1923 were read and signed.

Liabilities which had accrued due up to the end of last month, amounting in the aggregate to £1150. 3. 3 were submitted, and having been examined and approved were ordered to be discharged.

Alderman Hadden proposed that the congratulations of the Council be tendered to the Mayor on his election at the head of the Poll at the recent Dail Election. Those who had followed the proceedings of the National Assembly were aware that the Mayor had done credit, not only to himself but to Wexford, and that he had looked after the interests of the Country, but especially had he devoted unremitting attention to the welfare of the Borough of Wexford.

Alderman Sinnott, in seconding the motion, said it was a great source of satisfaction to the Borough that the Mayor had again the privilege of being a member of Dail Eireann. He (Alderman Sinnott) felt assured that the interests of the town would be looked after in the future as they had been in the past.

Alderman Larkin and Councillors Sinnott, Walsh, Crosbie and Hayes joined in the tribute to the Mayor.

On the motion being put it was carried unanimously.

The Mayor, in responding, expressed his appreciation of the good feeling entertained for him by the Council. He was struck at the unanimity that prevailed at the meeting and trusted that the same spirit would actuate all other Assemblies all over the Country. He pledged himself to place his services at the command of any member of his Constituency free from all

political bias.

Alderman Clancy urged that a resolution should be adopted calling on the Government to release from internment Messrs De Valera and Dr. Ryan, and to allow Mr. Robert Lambert to take his Seat in the Dail, if he thought well, and also to liberate all the Government's internees.

This proposition was seconded by Alderman Connolly.

The sense of the meeting was not contrary to Alderman Clancy's suggestion, but it was adopted in another form, as embodied in the two following resolutions, viz.

Proposed by Alderman Clancy, seconded by Alderman Larkin.

That we call upon the Government to afford facilities to the elected Representatives of the people to attend to their Parliamentary Duties.

Proposed also by Alderman Clancy, seconded by Alderman Larkin.

That this Council demand the release of the political prisoners, as no measure short of that will conduce to the restoration of peace in the Country.

With reference to minutes of 6th August last, the following are copies of two letters which it was agreed to insert on the minutes.

Upper George Street, Wexford.

9th August, 1923.

Dear Mr. Browne, Will you please convey to the members of the Municipal Council my heartfelt thanks for their expression of sympathy on the death of my father. I must also thank you for your feeling expression of sorrow at the sad event.

Yours sincerely, Eleanor Hore.

104, South Main Street, Wexford.

31st August, 1923.

Dear Sir, I beg to thank you for your very nice letter of the 9th Instant, conveying to me the kind sympathy of the Corporation on the death of my brother, who was for so many years associated with that Body. Although my brother retired from the Corporation some years ago, he took a great interest in its doings, and in the welfare of the town up to the last. Will you please convey to his two old colleagues, Alderman Hadden and Alderman Sinnott, and to all the members of the Corporation, my sincere thanks for their kindness and sympathy. I also wish to offer you, personally, my grateful thanks for your sympathy, and I know my brother always held you in high esteem, and often spoke of your kindness to him. To receive such sympathy as from the Corporation and yourself helps to soften the sorrow for the loss of a dear one.

I remain, yours very sincerely, M. E. Kelly.

The making of a Poor Rate for the year ending 31st March 1924 was proceeded with, and thereupon on the motion of Councillor Byrne, seconded by Alderman Larkin, it was Resolved:- That a Poor Rate of Four Shillings in the Pound be made on the net assessable value of property within the Urban District of Wexford in respect of the year ending 31st March 1924, as per an Estimate of Expenses to be raised by a Poor

Rate on the said Urban District, considered and adopted on the 6th day of August 1923.

The Book containing the items of Poor Rate was then duly sealed and signed, and the Warrant authorizing the collection of the various items was also sealed and signed.

A letter from the Ministry of Local Government (Housing Department) No. H.395/48, under date of 29th August 1923, was submitted. The Minister, it was seen, was not prepared to approve of the proposal of the Corporation to dispose of the houses at Windmills Hill on the tenant-purchase system at the proposed charge of £26 per house per year for 15 years. This period of repayment was too short. The Minister suggested that the Corporation should endeavour to sell the whole eighteen houses out and out for immediate cash, so as to be in a position to undertake further building operations. However, in the event of the Corporation failing to sell, the Minister was not averse to the letting of the houses on the tenant-purchase system, nor to the proposed rent of ten shillings a week, but required that the period of repayment should be extended, so that an adequate purchase price would be realized in the long run. Housing

Memoranda accompanying the letter showed how the houses could be let at ten shillings a week at varying periods of repayment.

In the case of the eight larger houses, the minimum sale price of which was set down at £404. 5. 0 each (being 52½% of cost) the period of repayment should be 27 years if a cash deposit of £54. 5. 0 were obtained, but 34 years if a cash deposit of only £19. 5. 0 were obtained.

In the case of the ten smaller houses, the minimum sale price (52½% of cost) was set down at £360. 3. 0, and the period of repayment was to be 22½ years on a deposit of £40. 3. 0 being obtained, or 26 years on a deposit of only £17. 3. 0 being obtained.

The letter also contained essential conditions of letting to be embodied in the Deeds of Mortgage to be obtained from the tenant-purchasers, and a further condition was that the sum of £1. a year set down as a head rent was to be paid in perpetuity.

The meeting went fully into the details and came to the conclusion that the terms of letting applicable to the eight larger-sized houses, i. e., 10/- a week, was a rent which the houses would command, but as regards the ten smaller-sized houses, it was considered that if the rent was abated to 8/- a week and the time of repayment extended, it would facilitate the letting of these houses, and this latter question was referred to the Housing Committee to see what would be the period of repayment consequent on the abatement of rent.

A letter from the Ministry of Local Government was read. It was numbered P. H. 35417, and was dated 30th August 1923. It contained the suggestion that

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 a member of the local Civic Guard was prepared to assist in the administration of the Sale of Food and Drugs Acts in the capacity of an Inspector. If the Council wished to avail of the services of a Guard, it was necessary to ask the Superintendent for the County to detail a man under his charge for the service. It was desirable that the Corporation Solicitor should be instructed to conduct any prosecutions, pending the Guard becoming familiar with the mode of procedure. In this matter it was decided to write to the Superintendent as indicated, and to afford the Inspector the necessary legal assistance as was done under the extinct regime.

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Infirmary
 Two circular letters from the Ministry of Local Government were submitted. They were numbered G. 33933 and G. 34751 respectively. They were dated 15th August 1923 and 23rd. August 1923 respectively, and were accompanied by a copy circular letter from the Ministry of Finance. This was dated 25th April 1923, and was numbered 746. The import of these communications was that the State Solicitor for the County had been entrusted with the task of appearing in behalf of the public at the hearing in Court of claims for compensation for malicious injuries inflicted, and that it was incumbent on the Council, by their Officers, to afford the State Solicitor any assistance he might need. It was incumbent also on the Council to see, in all cases of damage done to buildings in the Urban Area, that any compensation granted was to be applied to the rebuilding of the destroyed property. In this matter it was decided that the behests of the Government should be carried out.

With reference to minutes of 2nd. July last, a written Agreement as between the Council and Mr. Patrick Furlong was produced for execution. This had been prepared by the Corporation Solicitor and approved of by Messrs Huggard and Brennan in behalf of Mr. Furlong.

The Agreement, on being read and considered, was duly sealed and signed.

Maternity Scheme
 With reference to minutes of 2nd. July last, a letter from the Ministry of Local Government under date of 17th August 1923, the reference number of which was P. H. 32309/23, was read. The Minister required to know, as regards the proposal to remunerate Dr. Pierse at a salary of £20 a year for performing duty under the Maternity and Child Welfare Scheme, what the duty was to be, and whether it was intended to open a Centre at which he would attend to give medical advice.

Regarding this subject, it was pointed out that the salary of £20 a year was only a nominal one, and was only meant to pay for the duties prescribed by Section 9 of the Local Government Board Regulations of 25th March 1918 regarding the free distribution of food.

Arising out of the foregoing, it was thought that the question of opening a Centre in connection with the local Maternity and Child Welfare Scheme might opportunely be considered, and to this end three members of the Council, namely, Councillor Miss Pennell, Alderman Hadden and the Mayor were requested to see if the Ladies Advisory Committee would take charge of a centre, if such were established.

The Accounts of the Collector of Poor Rate were brought under consideration. They had been before the Finance and Works Committee, and this Committee recommended that a sum of £154. 11. 0 should be struck off as irrecoverable Rate.

A list of the items composing this sum was brought forward. From this it was seen that those were items of Rate in respect of 1920-21, 1921-22, and 1922-23, and were uncollectible because of vacancies, and in some cases, poverty.

This was the first time in three years, according to the Collector, that it was possible for him to have a proper and regular winding-up of his Accounts, which it had hitherto been the practice to close annually.

The sum of outstanding recoverable items was found to be £713. 13. 2.

The recommendation of the Committee was adopted in the case.

Michael Martin

1/10/23

12th September, 1923.

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, George Hadden, Patrick Clancy,
James Larkin, Nicholas Connolly.

Councillors:- James Billington, Richard Gibson, Alice Mary Pennell,
James Crosbie, Nicholas Byrne, John Walsh, Thomas Hayes,
Michael Martin, Thomas Rossiter.

This meeting was convoked for the purpose of dealing with applications for the tenancies of new houses at Windmills Hill. As the effort made to sell the houses for prompt cash had failed, the Council had invited applications by advertisement for the acquisition of the houses on the tenant-purchase principle.

The Housing Committee, in compliance with the request made on them at meeting of 3rd. Instant, made a report. They were in favour of the weekly rents being fixed at 8/- a week instead of 10/- in the case of the ten smaller houses, but in order to fall in with the views of the Government as regards the amount of cash to be ultimately obtained, the Committee recommended that in virtue of the proposed abatement, a corresponding extension of the period of repayment was imperative. But to accomplish this object it was necessary that the Government proposals should be varied, in so far

intending tenant-purchaser, the period of repayment would require to be 29 years instead of 22½, and where a deposit of only £17. 3. 0 was obtained, the repayment was to be extended over a period of thirty three and one third years, instead of twentysix.

On the motion of Alderman Connolly, seconded by Alderman Hadden, the Committee's recommendation was adopted, subject to the modification being ratified by the Minister for Local Government.

The meeting took up the question of letting the eight larger-sized houses first. Applications received from eleven expectant tenants were dealt with. Three others received were informal.

The meeting after having duly considered the various applications, came to the conclusion to let the houses to the following, on the condition that one or other of the stated deposits (preferably the larger one) would be paid down upon the tenants executing a legal instrument in connection with the letting in each case, and taking the house at the west end of the Terrace to be No. 1, the tenants were to accept the houses in the order placed hereunder respectively.

1, Richard Corish. 2, Miss Mary Furlong. 3, Denis O'Leary. 4, Bernard McEvoy. 5, John Roche. 6, Thomas Malone. 7, Stephen O'Mahony. 8, Mrs M. A. Cullen.

For the tenancy of the smaller-sized houses there were only six regular applications received. All these applicants were satisfied to pay the smaller deposit of £17. 3. 0 only.

These six offers were accepted, subject to the tenants being satisfied to take up the occupancy of the houses in the following order, commencing with the west end house.

1, John French. 2, Richard Kehoe. 3, William O'Keefe. 4, Thomas Doyle. 5, Thomas Blake. 6, J. O'Shea, but on the express understanding that no letting would take place until the consent of the Minister for Local Government be obtained to the proposed abatement of rent.

Michael Martin

1/10/25

1st October, 1923.

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. (in the chair)

Aldermen:- James Sinnott, James Larkin, Patrick Clancy, Nicholas Connolly.

Councillors:- Richard Gibson, Thomas Rossiter, Alice Mary Fennell, James Sinnott, Thomas Hayes, James Billington, John Walsh.

The minutes of meetings of 3rd. and 12th September 1923 were read and signed. Liabilities which had accrued due up to the end of last month, amounting in the aggregate to £2974. 4. 5 were submitted and having been examined were approved, and were ordered to be discharged.

A letter under date of 11th September 1923 was read from the Association of Municipal Authorities of Ireland. The Association meditated calling together a Conference of their Body to consider the Government's proposals for the amendment of the Local Government Act, so that the opinions of Municipal Authorities might be available before the Measure reached the Committee Stage. They asked that two Delegates should be appointed from the Council to the Conference.

Alderman Larkin proposed that the Mayor and Alderman Hadden should be asked to represent Wexford on the occasion.

The motion was seconded by Councillor Sinnott and was passed on the conclusion of a discussion. The trend of this was that if the Government proposals included a reduction of the size of Urban Councils any such amendment of the existing law would not be acceptable, and in furtherance of this view, it was decided, on the motion of Councillor Rossiter, seconded by Councillor Sinnott, to instruct the Delegates to deprecate any reduction in size.

Alderman Clancy, considering that the Government meant to hamper a certain political party in the Country, objected to the expenses of the Delegates being paid out of Municipal Funds.

With reference to minutes of 12th September Ultimo, a computation received from the Minister for Local Government (per letter of 20th September 1923, No.H.398/89) was gone into. From this it was seen that if the wish of the Council to let ten houses at Windmills Hill at a rent of eight shillings a week on the tenant-purchase system was carried into effect, the correct periods of repayment would be as follows:-

In case of a deposit of £40. 3. 0 being received, the term of repayment would be 39½ years, and in case of a deposit of £17. 3. 0 being obtained, the period of repayment would be 55 years.

This matter was referred to the Housing Committee, having regard to a telegram from the Mayor announcing that a further modification of the terms of letting had been framed by the Ministry of Local Government, particulars of which he would produce on his return to Wexford.

A circular letter from the Ministry of Local Government under date of 20th September 1923 was read, the reference number being G.38981. This bore reference to the bonuses granted to Officers, and maintained that such bonuses were subject to a reduction of 9/26ths, as and from 1st Ultimo.

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The Minister was not prepared to consent to the payment of a higher bonus than was warranted, mentioning, inter alia, that he was the Authority in the case under the Local Officers and Employees Order (No.1) 1923.

Regarding this matter, expressions of dissent to any reduction being made fell from members, they holding that the inappreciable fall in prices did not, as yet, justify a reduction of bonus.

The evident sense of the meeting was against reducing, but the circular letters referred to were entrusted to the Finance and Works Committee to be dealt with. Letter from Blackrock Urban Council under date of 21st September 1923 read. It contained a resolution in the following terms.

"That, in the opinion of this Council, it is of urgent importance that the Government should, at its earliest convenience, institute an Enquiry into the subject of the Milk Supply of the Cities and Urban Districts of the Free State with a view:-

- (1) to its purification, and
- (2) To a substantial reduction of price to the consumer.

Full Supplies
That a Deputation be appointed to wait on the responsible Minister with a view to emphasising the importance of this subject and pressing for the holding of an Enquiry."

The views of the Blackrock Urban Council were warmly concurred in, and on the motion of the Chairman seconded by Councillor Sinnott, it was decided to ask the Association of Municipal Authorities, through the Representatives from Wexford, to press the question on the attention of the Government.

Furthermore it was resolved, on the motion of Councillor Rossiter, seconded by Councillor Hayes, that the resolution from Blackrock be adopted in its entirety. A notice of claim from Alexander Dixon & Co. Ltd, in respect of a quantity of seeds destroyed at North Wexford Railway Station on 20th April 1922 was submitted. This was dated 30th August 1923, and received within the last month.

The sum claimed was £9. 7. 3, and the case was referred to the Corporation Solicitor. 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 the Reps of Walter Hanrahan.

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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."

With reference to minutes of 6th August last, a letter from the County Wexford Board of Health was read. It was an answer to a request made on that Board to provide an Isolation Hospital for the treatment of cases of a highly infectious nature, and also the erection of a proper disinfecting chamber. The Health Board admitted the necessity for facilities of the kind indicated, but refrained from taking action, in view of the depleted condition of the County finances.

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Hospital*

Richard Mac Thomas

10th October, 1923.

An assembly of the Corporation 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.

Councillors:- James Billington, Thomas Hayes, James Crosbie, Michael Martin
James Sinnott.

The meeting was called together on twentyfour hours notice, to see if any members of the Council were willing to attend a Pageant and Demonstration to be held in Dublin on Sunday, 14th Instant, in support of the demand for the release of Mr. De Valera and the rest of the interned REpublican T. D's.

What gave rise to the convening of the meeting was the receipt of a letter dated 8th Instant from the Joint Secretaries of the Cathal Brugha Sinn Fein Club, Wexford. This Club asserted that the T. D's in question were held prisoners by an internal enemy under vile conditions. They asked that the Corporation should send representatives to the Demonstration.

A discussion took place. Strictures were passed on the wording of the letter. The phrase "held prisoners by an internal enemy" was deemed to be unjustified. As to the coming proceedings in Dublin, it was deemed proper also to set down that Wexford Corporation was to be represented only for the one object, namely to urge the release of the prisoners.

Councillor Martin signified his willingness to attend the Demonstration, and thereupon he was named a Delegate, on the motion of Alderman Connolly, seconded by Alderman Larkin.

Richard Mac Thomas

15th October, 1923.

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.

Councillors:- James Billington, Thomas Hayes, Alice Mary Fennell, Thomas O'Brien, James Sinnott, James Crosbie, Thomas Rossiter, Richard Gibson, John Walsh.

The meeting was convoked for the purpose of fixing the rents to be charged for eighteen dwellings at Windmills Hill, in accordance with newly revised terms of letting received, per the Mayor, from the Minister for Local Government, and as referred to in minutes of 1st Instant.

^{included} These eight sets of computations, four in respect of the larger houses, and four in respect of the smaller sized one's, for the Council to choose from, and had been before the Housing Committee, and subsequently, the Finance and Works Committee. The Committees had advised the Council that the terms set out in the statements of which the following are copies, were the most preferable.

TEN SMALLER HOUSES.

Cost taken at £686 each. Minimum sale price (50% of cost) £343. 0. 0.

Annuity to redeem £343 in 30 years @ 5% interest. £22. 3. 8

Add for Insurance. 9. 0

Add for Ground Rent. 1. 0. 0

Add for Administrative Charges. 5. 6

£23. 18. 2

or 9. 2½ a week (say 9/-)

EIGHT LARGER HOUSES.

Cost taken at £770 each. Minimum sale price (50% of cost) £385. 0. 0, or if a deposit of 2½% of cost (£19. 5. 0) is paid, amount to be paid by annuity £365. 15. 0

Annuity to redeem £365. 15. 0 in 30 years @ 5% interest. £23. 12. 9

Add for Insurance. 9. 0

Add for Ground Rent. 1. 0. 0

Add for administrative charges. 5. 6

£25. 7. 3

or 9/9 per week.

As compared with the former proposed terms it was noted that the minimum sale price was put down at 50% instead of 52½% of cost, and that the period of repayment was

to be curtailed to 30 years in the case of the smaller houses, and on the other hand extended to 30 years as regards the larger houses.

It was also seen that in the former case a deposit was not to be insisted on, but in the latter a deposit was.

A fourth modification was that the rents to be charged for the smaller houses was to be 9/- a week, and for the larger, 9/9.

After due deliberation the meeting unanimously adopted the two following resolutions.

Proposed by Alderman Sinnott, seconded by Councillor Hayes, and

Resolved:- That the recommendation as to the ten smaller sized houses be and is hereby adopted, and the rents be fixed at 9/- a week each.

Proposed by Councillor Sinnott, seconded by Councillor Crosbie and

Resolved:- That the recommendation as regards the eight large houses be and is hereby adopted, and the rents be fixed at 9/9 a week each.

The following arrangement was then come to.

That seven out of the eight completed houses opposite Tate's school be advertised to be let on Monday, 22nd. Instant, on the assumption that Mr. John French will accept the occupancy of the other one, as per minutes of 6th February last; that persons who have already applied for the tenancy of these particular houses be requested to send in fresh applications, whether former applications had been granted or not; that the advertisement contain intimation that among the conditions to be observed were the preclusion of sub-letting and the keeping of lodgers, as well as the liability of the tenant to the payment of rates and taxes.

As to the eight houses on Newtown Road, it was settled that the reduction of rent was to date back from 24th September last, this being the date on which the tenants of these houses went into habitation.

Robert Lee Theobald

22nd. October, 1923.

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, George Hadden, Nicholas Connolly, Patrick Clancy, James Larkin.

Councillors:- Nicholas Byrne, Thomas O'Brein, Richard Gibson, Thomas Rossiter, John Walsh, James Crosbie, Thomas Hayes, Michael Martin.

The meeting was called for the purpose of letting seven of the eight dwelling houses at Windmills Hill, according to arrangement come to on 15th Instant, Mr. John French having accepted the tenancy of one of the eight, as per minutes of 6th February, 1923.

There were 25 applications submitted from persons wanting to become tenants of the remaining seven.

Eleven of the applications were discarded altogether, being from persons deemed to be ineligible.

The remaining fourteen were disposed of in the following way.

The Mayor proposed that William Hughes should be accepted as a tenant as he was the man in charge of the Electric Generating Station.

The motion was seconded by Alderman Hadden and adopted.

Councillor Rossiter proposed that William O'Keeffe be given possession of one of the houses, as he was one of those whom the Council had already conditionally accepted as tenant.

This was seconded by Alderman Hadden and adopted.

Alderman Sinnott proposed that John J. Curran be given the tenancy of a house, as his family was housed in an over-crowded dwelling.

This was seconded by Alderman Connolly and adopted.

There was a ballot then taken to determine which of the applicants were to be given possession of the other four houses, whereupon it was seen that Patrick Sinnott, Senior, and William Carroll had obtained the highest number of votes.

They were accepted as tenants.

On a further ballot being taken it was found that K. Tierney was the choice of the meeting.

After a third ballot Patrick Sinnott, Junior, was a successful applicant.

The dwellings were allotted to the successful applicants in the following order.

No. 11 to William Hughes, nearest house to Wygram Place, No. 12 to Sinnott Junior, No. 13 to Sinnott Senior, No. 14 to Carroll, No. 15 to K. Tierney, No. 16 to Curran, No. 17 to O'Keeffe, and No. 18 to French.

W. Steward

5th November, 1923.

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,
George Hadden.

Councillors:- Thomas O'Brien, Thomas Hayes, Richard Gibson, James Crosbie,
Thomas Rossiter, James Billington, Alice Mary Pennell,
John Walsh, Michael Martin.

The minutes of meetings of 1st, 10th, 15th, and 22nd. October 1923 were read and signed.

Liabilities which had accrued due up to the end of last month, amounting in the aggregate to £1527. 15. 10 were submitted, and having been examined were ordered to be discharged.

Occasion was taken by the Mayor to refer to an affliction which had recently befallen Alderman Clancy. A daughter of the bereaved Member had been called out of life at an age when she was on the threshold of womanhood.

The Mayor proposed that the sympathy of the Council be afforded to Alderman Clancy in connection with the lamentable event.

This motion was seconded by Alderman Larkin and was passed unanimously.

Alderman Clancy thereupon expressed his sense of gratitude for the favour done him.

The following resolution in reference to the proposal of the Government to revise cases of old age pensions consequent on the need for promoting economy in the outlay of public moneys was passed unanimously on the motion of the Mayor seconded by Councillor Billington, viz:-

"That we request the Government to reconsider their decision in connection with the proposed reduction of old age pensions, as we consider that the amount of money saved would be out of all proportion to the hardships visited on the poor if such proposal were carried into effect."

This motion, before it was put, was supported by several members present who manifested their indignation at the possibility of old age pensions being touched.

The Corporation Solicitor drew attention by letter to the provisions of the Land Act 1923. In his opinion it was obligatory on the Corporation to surrender their landed property at Townparks to the Land Commission.

The meeting felt reluctant to allow the agricultural holdings, of which the inhabitants of Wexford Borough were the ancient landlords, to pass out of their charge, and on the motion of the Mayor, seconded by Councillor Crosbie

It was resolved:- That the Minister for Lands be requested to be

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so good as to state, in order to make assurances doubly sure, whether the Corporation had no option but to give up their rights in the land, notwithstanding the assurance of obtaining a quid pro quo.

The letting of the surplus land at John Street not needed for the purposes of the new road undertaking was dealt with. The Finance and Works Committee had invited tenders from likely tenants by advertisement containing the conditions that the land was to be used only for cattle grazing purposes, and was to be held only from month to month. Only one tender was lodged, and this was seen to be from Mr. Patrick Furlong of John Street, who was satisfied to take three portions out of the whole at twenty shillings a month each.

It was found that this matter was one which should properly be gone into by a Committee, and a Committee was accordingly appointed composed of the Mayor, Councillor Hayes, Alderman Connolly and Alderman Sinnott, to conclude such agreement with Mr. Furlong as might seem best.

A letter from the Minister for Local Government was read. Date, 22nd. October 1923, No. P.H.41231/23. It bore reference to the minutes of 3rd. September last and suggested that the duties of the Medical Officer of Health in connection with the Maternity and Child Welfare Scheme should be extended so as to include supervising the work of the Health Visitor, and giving medical assistance in cases referred to him by her.

The Regulations regarding the establishment of a Centre were read for the meeting, and on the motion of Alderman Hadden, seconded by Councillor Miss Pennell, it was Resolved:- That the Minister for Local Government be requested to depute a Medical Inspector to visit Wexford to consult with the Council on matters pertaining to Maternity and Child Welfare. Also that the Department be asked to send twelve copies of the Regulations.

Letter from the Ministry of Local Government. Date 6th October 1923. No.P.H.19075, with regard to the provision of school meals. The method at present followed was to distribute the sum allocated to the reverend Managers of schools in proportion to the number of necessitous ~~and~~ children attending each school. Then the work of buying food and giving it to the necessitous cases was left to the Managers, who at the close of each year furnished a certified statement of what had been laid out. The Minister required this procedure to be altered, and insisted that the traders' bills for food supplied should be paid direct to the traders on the certificate of the Managers.

The matter was duly considered, whereupon on the motion of the Mayor, seconded by Alderman Connolly, it was

Resolved:- That the Minister be asked to continue making the recoupment of half cost under the present method, for the reason that it has been established for eight years without demur and found to have worked well under the control of the Managers, whose bona fides were beyond question.

Letter from Minister for Local Government (Housing Department), Date, 31st October 1923. No.H.398/94/1923, relative to the sale of new dwelling houses at Windmills Hill. The Minister required that it should be made clear to the tenant-purchasers of these houses that it was incumbent on them to lodge their weekly payments at a time and place to be fixed by the Corporation, as no provision had been made in the Sale Scheme for the payment of a rent collector. The Minister also required to be informed how it was proposed to apply the proceeds of the sale.

The conclusion come to in this case was that the letter be referred for consideration to the Finance and Works Committee, so far as the lodging of payments was concerned, but as to the disposal of the proceeds of the sale, that the Minister be informed that it was the intention to apply them to the relief of rates, after payment of commitments, principally repayment of Loan. The School Attendance Committee reported that they were short of three members, as three of the members appointed by the Corporation on the Committee had become disqualified to serve because of non-attendance at meetings for over six months. They requested the appointment of three persons in place of the lapsed members, whereupon Aldermen Larkin and Connolly and Councillor Billington were selected to fill the vacant seats.

Food and Drugs Acts. Letter from Chief Superintendent, Civil Guard under date of 25th October 1923. This intimated that Guard John McMahon, 1496, would act as Inspector under the Acts if approved by the Council. On the motion of the Mayor, seconded by Councillor Hayes, the Guard named was appointed.

Letter from Urban District Council, Middleton, Co. Cork. Date. 16th October 1923, containing following copy resolution.

"That the Government be asked to introduce legislation which would make the Landlord liable for Rates where the valuation is £4 and under."

The suggested reform of the Law was approved, and on the motion of the Mayor, seconded by Alderman Connolly, it was decided to adopt the resolution in behalf of Wexford.

Resolution from Limerick Corporation submitted. The Limerick Council demanded the release of President De Valera and all Republican prisoners in the Free State, as well as all political prisoners held in the Six-County Area and in Great Britain. In addition to this they demanded the removal of the Oath of Allegiance to the King and withdrawal of the arbitrary power of internment vested in the Free State Minister of Defence.

In support also of the demand for the liberation of the political prisoners a letter from the local Cathal Brugha Sinn Fein Club submitted.

A short discussion took place. The sense of the meeting was in favour of releasing the prisoners but to pass by the question of abolishing the Oath and of interfering with the powers of the Minister of Defence.

The conclusion come to was to request the Government to bring about an early release of the prisoners in question.

Richard Mac Lethbride
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3rd. December, 1923.

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.

Councillors:- Nicholas Byrne, James Billington, Richard Gibson, James Sinnott, John Walsh.

The minutes of meeting of 5th November 1923 were read and signed.

Liabilities which had accrued due up to the end of last month, amounting in the aggregate to £2680. 14. 3, were submitted and having been examined were approved and an Advice Note was signed to enable the Treasurer to pay them.

Alderman Clancy proposed that the sympathy of the Council be expressed with the relatives of the two deceased internees who had recently given up their lives in devotion to their principles. These gallant young men, Barry and Sullivan, had chosen to go on "Hunger Strike" and had kept to it unflinchingly to the last.

They had forfeited their lives to forward the Cause they believed in.

The motion was seconded by Councillor Sinnott and was passed unanimously in silence, members rising to their feet in token of assent.

Councillor Gibson proposed that condolence should be also given in the case of

Alderman Hadden's sister, a lady who had recently been called to her Reward.

This proposal was seconded by Councillor Byrne, and in like manner was unanimously passed.

A letter from the Minister for Local Government dated 30th November 1923, No.P.H.50552 was read. It contained twelve copies of a memorandum relating to Maternity and Child Welfare, and intimated that the request for a local Conference, as per Minutes of 5th November Ultimo, was referred to one of the Government's Medical Inspectors who might next have occasion to visit Wexford.

The contents of the letter were noted.

Richard Mac Lethbride

7th January, 1924.

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

The members present were:-

James Sinnott, Esq., Alderman, and subsequently, Richard Corish, Esq., Mayor, in the Chair.

Aldermen:- George Hadden, James Larkin, Nicholas Connolly, Patrick Clancy.

Councillors:- James Billington, Alice Mary Fennell, Thomas O'Brien, James Sinnott, Nicholas Byrne, John Walsh, Richard Gibson, James Crosbie, Thomas Hayes.

The minutes of meeting of 3rd. December 1923 were read and signed.

Liabilities which had accrued due up to the end of last month, amounting in the aggregate to £687. 1. 9, were submitted, and having been examined were approved, and an Advice Note was signed to enable the Treasurer to pay them.

Alderman Larkin proposed that the sympathy of the Council be tendered to His Worship, the Mayor, in the loss he had sustained in the recent demise of his father.

The deceased was an old and respected native of Wexford and his death was deplored by the whole community of the town.

The motion was seconded by Councillor Byrne, who, as did Alderman Larkin, paid a tribute of respect to the memory of the deceased, and this was joined in by the other members present.

The motion was adopted unanimously, in the usual way.

Alderman Sinnott moved that the sympathy of the Council should be tendered to the widow of the late James Kenney, who had served in the capacity of Turncock for over a quarter of a century.

He was a worthy and esteemed servant of the Council, and was a general favourite in the town.

Alderman Hadden seconded this motion. It was supported by all the members present and was adopted unanimously in like manner.

A letter from the Secretary of the County Wexford Board of Health, under date of 21st December 1923, was read. The Board, at the suggestion of the Ministry of Local Government, requested the co-operation of the Corporation in the purchase of a disinfecting apparatus, to be available for use by country and town. *Disinfecting*

The meeting did not consider it was the duty of the Corporation to make any special contribution towards the provision of a Disinfector, inasmuch as they already pay their pro rata share of the expenses attendant on the County Health Board in the shape of Poor Rate.

A letter from the Ministry of Local Government dated 6th December 1923, No. P. H. 50551/23, was read. It bore reference to the method followed in

Wexford in making contributions out of local Rates towards the provision of meals for necessitous school children, as set forth in minutes of 5th November last. To satisfy the requirements of the Ministry, it was seen to be necessary to give up the practice of handing the money to the Managers of the Schools, but to authorize them to order food from traders up to the amount of their pro rata share of the contribution, and it was then for the Corporation to pay the traders' Bills. The consideration of the case was deferred to enable Alderman Sinnott to interview the Managers of the Schools and see if they would be willing to fall in with the proposed reform.

The residents of Whitewill Road applied, by letter, for the provision of a public light on the road. This gave rise to claims from members present for the provision of lights at several other points. Alderman Sinnott drew attention to the want of a light near the Convent of Mercy, Summerhill, Alderman Claney to the need for one at Mill Road, Alderman Hadden to the necessity of extending the lights on Redmond Road as far as the Bridge, Miss Fennell to the want of one at Harriess's lane, and the re-arrangement of lights in Abbey Street. This subject was referred to the Lighting Committee to meet after dark on an early date, to go around the town and report.

A circular letter under date of 3rd. December 1923 was submitted. It contained a copy of the President's letter of 12th October 1923 on the duty of providing in civil life for officers and men demobilized from the Irish Army. The import of the circular was that preference should be given to these men by local authorities in cases where they had employment to give.

Alderman Larkin demurred against the Wexford Urban Council complying with the Government's behest in this matter. Local Bodies were acquainted with local circumstances, and the great increase of unemployment in Wexford was, unfortunately giving much concern.

Alderman Claney urged the employment of internees, but Alderman Connolly coincided with Alderman Larkin.

The discussion wound up in a decision being arrived at to request the Government to take Wexford into special consideration with a view to making a Grant for the relief of unemployment, and thereupon Alderman Hadden proposed that upon the Grant being obtained, a Committee of townsmen be appointed to help in administering it. This was seconded by Councillor Byrne, and was adopted.

A circular letter dated 5th December 1923 No. P.H.51436, from the Ministry of Local Government, was submitted. It dealt with the question of the provision of meals for necessitous school children, urging Urban Councils to see that meals were to be given only to bona fide cases of necessity, and urging also the exercise of proper supervision in administering the Education (Provision of Meals) Acts, with a view to economy.

On the motion of Alderman Sinnott seconded by Alderman Hadden, this circular was referred to the School Authorities Committee for their observations on the subject.

A circular letter from the Ministry of Local Government under date of 4th December 1923, No.G.5875, was submitted. This drew attention to the widely recognized fact that local authorities had, for some years back, paid little attention to their financial position, or the limits of their financial resources. The result of this was overdrafts and undischarged liabilities. *Lavish Expenditure*

The need for keeping civil expenditure within the limits of the annual rate estimates was most important, as was also the need for general economy all round.

Thereupon on the motion of Alderman Hadden, seconded by Councillor Byrne, a Committee was appointed to inquire into the financial position of the Municipality, with a view to finding out where economy might usefully be effected.

The Committee named was as follows:-

Aldermen Hadden, Sinnott, Connolly, Harkin, Councillors Billington and Byrne, together with the Mayor.

The housing intentions of the Government was a matter to which Alderman Hadden drew attention. It appeared that the Government, for one thing, proposed to assist private individuals to build. He was not enamoured with the Government's proposals, as they were so far known, but he considered it would be well for the Corporation to study them on becoming known, and, if necessary, suggest amendments. He maintained that the Corporation from experience and local knowledge, were in a position to do this.

The Mayor agreed with the views of Alderman Hadden, and it was decided to have a meeting of the Housing Committee on an early date.

Richard Mac Liorain

H. 2. 24

4th February, 1924.

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:- Nicholas Byrne, James Billington, Thomas Hayes, James Crosbie,
John Walsh, 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 £2832. 18. 2, were submitted and having been examined were approved and an Advice note was signed to enable the Treasurer to pay them.

The Scheme for the provision at Windmills Hill of eighteen dwellings under the Housing Acts having been completed by the erection and finishing of two houses facing the Monument, the latter were ready for habitation, and it was for the meeting to settle on the disposal of them. Would-be tenant purchasers had been invited, by advertisement, to make application for the possession of them.

On the subject being introduced, Alderman Hadden advocated the selling of the two houses for prompt cash at half the cost incurred in building them, instead of disposing of them on the tenant-purchase system. Selling out and out would realize a sum of about £800 and this, together with a possible Grant from the Government, and a probable drop in building prices, would make it feasible to erect two additional houses.

At this point a letter was read from Mr. T. Walsh, Secretary of the Wexford Branch of the Carpenters &c. Society. He protested against the manner in which the Corporation were about to dispose of the houses, maintaining that the proper step to take was to sell the houses to people who were in a position to purchase them, and then apply the ready cash obtained to the erection of two additional houses, and in this way give much needed employment to workmen engaged in the building line. At this point a recommendation of the Finance and Works Committee as to the rent of the two houses being increased from 9/- to 9/6 a week was taken into consideration, and with a view to the recommendation being put into effect, Councillor Byrne proposed that the resolution of 15th October 1923, in so far as it affected the rents of the two houses in question, be rescinded, and that the rent-charge be fixed at 9/6 per week each.

This motion was seconded by Councillor Billington.

In furtherance of his view, Alderman Hadden proposed, as an amendment, the rescision of the resolution of 15th October 1923, as far as regards the two houses, and the words "the houses be sold for immediate cash" be substituted for the words "the rent-charge be fixed at 9/6 per week each" in Councillor Byrne's motion.

This amendment was seconded by Alderman Larkin.

It was lost on a division, four members being for and six against it.

Councillor Byrne's motion was declared carried.

Applications received from persons wanting to obtain possession of the two above houses were referred to the Finance and Works Committee Meeting to be held on the conclusion of the present meeting, and a letter from Messrs P. J. O'Flaherty & Son as Solicitors for the Convent of St. John of God, complaining of a sod fence instead of a wall being erected to divide ~~the~~ portion of field at Windmills Hill from the portion lately built on, was referred to a Special Finance Committee to meet on Friday, 8th Instant. Sod fence

In answer to a letter of 28th January Ultimo from the County Wexford Board of Health it was decided to inform them that the Corporation felt assured that the persons who used to serve as Poor Law Guardians for Wexford Urban District would be again willing to act as members of the proposed temporary Committee for the distribution of Home Help, and that Mrs Kelly of High Street might, with advantage, be added to the Committee. The Local Elections Postponement (Amendment) Act 1923 was submitted. This Measure decreed a further postponement of local elections to a date not later than 30th September next.

The provisions of the Act were noted.

A malicious injury claim from George Murphy, Paythe, Master Mariner, was submitted. It appeared his schooner "Princess Louise" was, on 13th January Ultimo, cut away from her moorings at Paul Quay and turned adrift whereby damage was done to her to the amount of £35.

In this case the meeting decided to instruct the Corporation Solicitor to look after the Ratepayers' interest on the hearing of the Claim at the County Court on 1st May next.

The Borough Analyst's Report for Quarter ended 31st December 1923 was brought under notice. In that period nine samples were analysed consisting of milk and butter, but only one was found to be adulterated.

It was announced that a prosecution was instituted in the case and a fine imposed.

A letter from the Wexford Cathal Brugha Sinn Fein Club submitted. This Body asked the Corporation to protest against the removal, by the Free State Local Government Minister, of a Mr. R. Sinnott from his position as Rate Collector for the Wexford County Council.

At the suggestion of the Mayor no steps were taken in the matter, as he was engaged in an endeavour, which he felt sure would be successful, to have this officer restored to his Post.

Alderman Clancy drew attention to the necessity for a street light at Mill Road to light up the gap in the wall giving access to the stream known as Stonebridge River, but the question of providing a light was adjourned to

allow of Mr. McEntee, Consulting Engineer, being consulted on his forthcoming visit to Wexford.

Alderman Hadden drew attention to the proposals of Government on the Housing Question. A Bill had been introduced in the Dail to encourage the provision of houses in towns by private enterprise. This was good enough, so far as it went, but Municipal Authorities were to be ignored. He (Alderman Hadden) considered it a mistake to pass by Urban Authorities, as the working by them of the Housing Acts for the last 40 years had had met with a big measure of success. One proposal in the Bill was that the Government was to grant £100 towards the erection of a house costing £500. He quoted figures to show that the rent of such a house would be 13/10 a week, which would be beyond the capacity of a workingman to pay. He proposed that President Cosgrave should be communicated with and asked to extend the provisions of the Bill to Urban Councils while authorizing the borrowing of money at current rate of interest for a long period, say 50 years, as was done under the bygone regime. He (Alderman Hadden) felt sure that Councils would then be able to let houses to tenant-purchasers at a rent of 8/6 a week.

The motion was seconded by Councillor Crosbie and unanimously adopted.

Richard Mac Pherson
3-3-24

25th February, 1924.

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:-

Richard Corish, Esq., Mayor (in the chair)

Aldermen:- George Hadden, Patrick Clancy.

Councillors:- Thomas O'Brien, James Billington, Alice Mary Fennell, James Crosbie, Nicholas Byrne, Thomas Hayes, John Walsh, Thomas Rossiter, and James Sinnott.

The object of the meeting was to express an opinion on the proposed outlay by Wexford County Council of £4,500 to put Wexford Bridge into order, and to see if the construction of a new bridge from the Quay to Ferrybank would not be an opportune and a feasible project at the present juncture.

The meeting discussed the question. Cogent arguments in favour of a new bridge were called forth. No voice was raised against it. The estimated cost was stated to be £90,000, which was likely to be reduced by a substantial grant-in-aid from Government. The cost of maintaining the existing Bridge would also be saved.

It was submitted, however, that before launching the undertaking, the consequential addition to the poor Rate should be ascertained, and the views of Associations such as the Farmers Union and Trade Unions ought to be gathered.

The meeting being unanimously in favour of a Scheme being promoted for the provision of a new bridge, it was decided to send a Deputation to the County Council at their next meeting.

The Deputation was appointed. It was formed of Aldermen Hadden, Clancy, Sinnott, and Councillors Hayes and Billington.

Then Mayor moved that a resolution of condolence be transmitted to Ald Larkin on the recent demise of his father, James Larkin senior.

The deceased was an old and worthy inhabitant of the town, and his demise was widely deplored.

The motion was seconded by Councillor Crosbie, and supported by members present.

It was passed unanimously in the usual way.

Richard Mac Lellan

3. 3. 24

3rd. March, 1924.

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, and Patrick Clancy.

Councillors:- Nicholas Byrne, Thomas Rossiter, James Billington, Alice Mary Fennell, Thomas Hayes, James Crosbie, James Sinnott, Thomas O'Brien, John Walsh, Michael Martin.

The minutes of meetings of 4th and 25th February 1924 were read and signed. Liabilities which had accrued due up to the end of last month amounting in the aggregate to £1406. 5. 11 were submitted and having been examined and found correct were ordered to be discharged.

A circular letter from the Ministry of Local Government (Roads Department) under date of 18th February 1924, and numbered S. G. A.-201, was read.

It communicated the information that a sum of £2,200 had been provisionally allocated to Wexford Urban Council for the improvement of Trunk Roads.

It was possible that this sum might be supplemented by financial assistance from the Wexford County Council.

The conditions under which the Grant was to be made were set out in full in the circular. One of these was that the maximum rate of wages to be paid to labourers employed on the work was to be 40/- per week for the period ending 31st October 1924, and this rate was to be subject to revision as from 1st November.

demobilised men of the National Army suitable and willing to undertake road work. The subject was given full consideration. The proposed rate of wages was below what was current in Wexford, and it was felt that to give preference to ex-soldiers, except married men, was a matter which the Council should be slow to entertain, having regard to the widespread dearth of employment throughout the town. These conditions placed the Council in a difficult position, and the meeting came to the conclusion that the best step to take first was to consult the unemployed, and the Mayor was requested to call a meeting of them, and to defer the consideration of the offer until a consultation took place with the men concerned.

The time having arrived for the renewal of agreement with Mr. Gibson of the low-lying ground at Redmond Road for the purposes of a dumping ground, a letter from Mr. Gibson read showed that he had no objection to letting the ground for a further year on the same terms as heretofore. The place was fairly well filled at the present time, but he wished to stipulate that the filling should be levelled and not raised beyond the present level at the entrance gate. This matter, on the motion of the Mayor, seconded by Councillor Byrne, was referred to the Special Financial Committee to be dealt with.

A circular from the Ministry of Industry and Commerce under date of 4th February 1924, and numbered F.I.15/1, was brought under notice. From this it was seen that the Council were empowered to make bye-laws providing for means of escape from fire in the case of any factory or workshop where not more than 40 persons were employed. The circular contained a copy of model bye-laws which might be adapted to meet the cases. For factories or workshops employing over the above number, provision was made in Section 14 of the Act of 1901. This matter was referred to the Finance and Works Committee.

A copy of a Sealed Order made by the Minister for Local Government under date of 22nd. February 1924 was submitted. It fixed the date on which the next Municipal Elections were to be held as the 15th July 1924.

On the motion of Alderman Clancy, seconded by Councillor O'Brien, the following resolution was passed, at the instance of the Cork Rural District Council, viz:-

That we, the Wexford Municipal Council, condemn the action of the Government in reducing the miserable pittance paid to the old age pensioners, and we believe any economy in this direction will inflict untold suffering on the aged poor.

A copy of a resolution received from the South Wexford Sinn Féin Executive was considered. It did not commend itself to the meeting in its entirety with the exception of the first three lines, and on the motion of the Mayor, seconded by Councillor Hayes, a resolution embodying these three lines only was adopted as follows:-

"That we call for the immediate release of the Irish political prisoners held in Southern and Northern Ireland, and in Great Britain."

A letter from the Wexford Cathal Brugha Sinn Féin Cumann was read. This Body objected to the sale in Wexford of English Sunday newspapers, which they alleged, were spreading the very worst form of anglicisation. They desired the Corporation to use any powers they had to prevent the sale of these papers and prevent their importation. They stated they had also, written to the Catholic Bishop and the Catholic Administrator on the subject. The Corporation having no powers in the matter, it was decided to render any assistance possible to discourage the purchase of the impugned literature.

By letter dated 29th February 1924, the same Cumann asked that the Council should appoint two Representatives to attend a Meeting to be held in Wexford on St. Patrick's Day in commemoration of the executions in Wexford in 1923, and to demand the release of political prisoners.

Alderman Clancy proposed that the request be complied with.

The motion was seconded by Alderman Connolly.

It was put to a Division, whereupon five members voted for and two against it. It was declared carried, and two Delegates were named, viz. Alderman Clancy and Alderman Connolly.

A letter from the John E. Redmond Anniversary Committee, Wexford, was read intimating that the forthcoming National Demonstration was to take place on Sunday, 9th March 1924. Arrangements had been made for the public to assemble at Redmond Monument on the morning of that day, where a procession was to be formed to proceed to eleven o'clock Mass in Rowe Street Church. In the afternoon the principal procession was to be organized to proceed throughout the entire town and stop at the Redmond Monument, where the Oration was to be delivered.

The Committee requested the Mayor and Corporation to attend the Demonstration in State.

On the motion of Alderman Clancy, seconded by Councillor Byrne, it was decided to call the members together with a view to taking part in the procession to Rowe Street Church in the forenoon.

The following letter, which was read, was ordered to be inserted on the Minutes.

McSwiney Street, Wexford.

3/3/24.

To Mr. W. A. Browne,
Town Clerk.

Dear Sir, On behalf of myself and family I wish to thank the Mayor and other members of the Corporation for their kind letter of sympathy sent to me on the death of my dear father (R.I.P.)

Yours faithfully, James Larkin.

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Handwritten: MacLearna
4. 4. 24

7th April, 1924.

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, Patrick Clancy, James Larkin.

Councillors:- James Billington, Nicholas Byrne, Richard Gibson, Thomas Hayes, Thomas O'Brien, Michael Martin, James Crosbie, James Sinnott, John Walsh, Thomas Rossiter.

The minutes of last meeting were read and signed.

Liabilities which had accrued due up to the end of last month, amounting in the aggregate to £2188. 7. 9, were submitted, and having been examined were approved, and an Advice note was signed to enable the Treasurer to pay them.

Estimates of expenses in connection with municipal administration for year ending 31st March 1925 were gone into. These had been before a Special Financial Committee on 25th Ultimo.

The first one taken into consideration was that in connection with the maintenance of the water system. This showed that the net sum to be raised by Water Rates was £1703. 5. 6, or a sum equivalent to a Rate of 2/1 in the pound, and the Committee had recommended that a Rate of 1/8 should be assessed in this case. Thereupon Councillor Byrne proposed that a Domestic Rate of One Shilling and a Public Rate of Eightpence in the Pound should be settled on.

The motion was seconded by Councillor Crosbie and adopted.

The estimate of expenses to be incurred in maintaining the streets, as per the Committee, was seen to amount to £2270. 5. 11, and on the motion of Alderman Connolly, seconded by Councillor Hayes, it was decided to fix the poundage of the Special Rate at Two shillings, and the Towns Improvement Rate at fourpence, as two shillings and fourpence in the pound was enough to produce the sum set down as needed.

The estimate of expenses to be defrayed out of the Borough Fund was seen to amount to £7225. 1. 10 net. To raise this sum a Rate of seven shillings and ninepence was requisite, but the Committee was satisfied to chance a Rate of six shillings in the Pound.

The present meeting made some amendments in the Estimate. It was considered that it would be proper for the Council to dispose of all the houses provided under the Housing Acts to the occupiers of these dwellings, and that they should be given every inducement to purchase.

In the hope that an early sale would be brought about it was thought that the item set down in the estimate for the repairs of the dwellings might, with safety, be reduced by £360, and this was accordingly done.

Then as to the liability of £1300 falling on the ratepayers in respect of the new road at John Street, it was considered that the payment of this sum might be

be spread over a period of three years.

This was agreed to, with the consequence that the £1350 was reduced to £450.

A sum of £80 was taken off the amount allocated for Technical instruction, and £50 off the cost of hospital patients.

A further matter which was given attention was a suggestion from the Special Finance Committee that a motor lorry to be used in the work of scavenging should be purchased at a cost of £164, an item which was included in the £1171 allocated for scavenging expenses. *Motor Lorry*

This suggestion commended itself to the meeting and was adopted.

Thereupon on the motion of the Mayor, seconded by Councillor Byrne, the Poundage of the Borough Rate was fixed at five shillings and eight pence.

Regarding the above proposed sale of houses, it was suggested that a Committee should be appointed to go into the matter and see the occupiers.

This was approved of, but the naming of the Committee was left to the Finance and Works Committee to be held at the close of present meeting.

The appointment of a man to act as Turncock was a matter taken up. As arranged by the Waterworks Committee, the new Turncock was to be required to discharge all the duties performed by the late holder of the post, but he was to be a qualified plumber holding a Trade Union card, and was to be required to do all plumbing work wanted to be done on Corporation property.

However, he was to be remunerated for his services at the local standard rate of wages for plumbers, and was to be paid also for plumbing work done after recognized working hours at the recognized rate of remuneration. *Turncock*

Regarding this appointment, a letter from the Wexford Branch of the Plumbers' Association was read. This Body maintained that the plumber appointed should not be allowed to do plumbing or gas fitting work for anybody except the Corporation.

The meeting agreeing, decided to make it a condition of appointment that no plumbing work was to be done but on Corporation service.

It was then seen that two persons applied for appointment.

These were Frank Goodisson and John Molloy, both qualified plumbers.

Both being eligible, a Poll was taken, whereupon ten members voted for John Molloy, and five for Frank Goodisson.

2 John Molloy was appointed.

The question whether the proposed Government Grant of £2,200 was to be accepted was a matter considered. Having regard to the conditions under which the Grant was obtainable, as referred to in minutes of proceedings of 3rd. Ultimo, this point was awaiting settlement. *Quays*

After brief consideration, it was resolved, on the motion of Councillor Byrne, seconded by Alderman Hadden, to accept the Grant, but as unemployment was widespread throughout the town, labourers with families, whether

ex-soldiers or not, but known to be deserving cases for relief, were to have prior claim to a share of the work.

It being the opinion that the Quays called for attention first, it was decided to lay out the money, as far as it would go, on a section of the Quays, and as the maintenance and improvement of this Trunk Road rested with the Wexford Harbour Commissioners, it was further decided to give the Harbour Commissioners charge of the Grant, but with the proviso that they were to provide the cost of the necessary Plant and obtain material from local Quarries, so as to allow all the money possible to be paid out in the form of wages.

A letter under date of 12th Ultimo, No.10694, from the Ministry of Local Government was submitted. According to this communication the administration of the Vaccination Acts devolved on the Wexford Municipal Council since the passing of the Local Government (Temporary Provisions) Act 1923.

Vaccination
Defaulters
Then, in relation to the same subject, a letter No. M.6573, from the same Department under date of 18th Ultimo, was read containing a request that having regard to the Return furnished by the Dispensary Medical officer for Wexford to the Ministry, the Ministry requested the Council to take the necessary proceedings against defaulters under the Vaccination Laws.

On the motion of the Mayor, seconded by Councillor Sinnott, it was resolved not to put the Act into operation until provision be made for the beliefs of conscientious objectors to vaccination.

Gas
Testing
A communication from the Ministry of Industry and Commerce, under date of 2nd. April 1924, No.3554A. was read. This pointed out that it was competent for the Corporation to appoint a Gas Examiner to test the quality of the gas supplied to Wexford Urban Area. It was obligatory on the Wexford Gas Consumers' Company to provide the necessary testing apparatus, and it was proper that the Corporation should subject the gas to examination from time to time.

In this matter it was decided to consult Mr. Lousley, Principal of the Wexford Technical Institute, about acting as Gas Tester, and to consult the Gas Referees about the fees that ought to be paid to the Gas Examiner.

In compliance with the terms of a resolution received from the Killarney Urban District Council, the following resolution, on the motion of the Mayor, seconded by Alderman Clancy was adopted.

That we, the members of the Wexford Urban Council protest against the detention of the political prisoners, and that we consider it would be more in keeping with the good will and peace of the country if they were released forthwith.
Regarding the outrage that had recently taken place at Cobh Co. Cork, whereby one life was lost and several people dangerously wounded, occasion was taken by the members to condemn the vile act.

A resolution, as proposed by Alderman Clancy, seconded by Alderman Connolly in denunciation of the unwarranted deed was unanimously adopted.

12th May, 1924.

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 Olaney, James Larkin.

Councillors:- James Billington, James Crosbie, Thomas O'Brien, John Walsh, Michael Martin.

The minutes of meeting of 7th April 1924 were readn and signed.

Liabilities which had accrued due up to the end of last month, amounting in the aggregate to £2149. 18. 2 were submitted and having been examined were approved, and an Advice Note was signed to enable the Treasurer to pay them.

The making of Rates was proceeded with, except Poor Rate, as to which no official Demand had, as yet, been received from the County Council, 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, and the Warrants authorizing the collection thereof were duly sealed and signed.

Proposed by Councillor Crosbie, seconded by Alderman Larkin.

Resolved:- That a Borough Rate of Five Shillings and Eight Pence in the Pound (being One Shilling for General town Purposes and Four Shillings 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 and adopted on the 7th April 1924.

Proposed by Alderman Connolly, seconded by Councillor O'Brien.

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 and adopted on the 7th April 1924.

Proposed by Councillor Billington, seconded by Councillor Crosbie.

Resolved:- That a Towns Improvement Rate of Four Pence 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 and adopted on the 7th April 1924.

Proposed by His Worship, the Mayor, seconded by Alderman Larkin.

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 (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 7th April 1924.

The Accounts of the Collector of Borough Rate and of Rate in lieu of County Cess in respect of the year ended 31st March 1924 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 £41. 10. 5, and items of Rate in lieu of County Cess amounting to £13. 15. 6, and that the balance of items outstanding, i. e., £426. 3. 7½ and £158. 3. 1 respectively, be carried into the current year's Rate Books as Arrears.

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 £185. 15. 10 outstanding at the close of the year. Of this sum £14. 13. 4½ was recommended to be written off as irrecoverable, and the balance £171. 2. 5½ to be carried forward as collectible arrears.

These recommendations were adopted nem. con.

Regarding the proposed sale to the present-day occupiers of 134 houses provided by the Corporation from time to time under the Housing Acts, it was announced that a communication from the Minister for Local Government had been received under date of 9th May 1924, and bearing reference number H.398/110. Accompanying it was a copy of a letter dated 11th April 1924 sent by the Minister to Alderman Hadden on the subject of the proposed sale.

These letters were not read, as the Scheme for the sale of the houses was, at present, immature, and the consideration of the subject was deferred until further progress be made by the Committee in charge of the matter.

As per circular letter from the Ministry of Local Government (Housing Department) No.H.501/2934, a copy of the Housing (Building Facilities) Act 1924 was submitted. From this it was seen that Government was prepared to assist private enterprise in the matter of building new houses or reconstructing existing ones. Special attention was drawn to the Schedules of the Act determining the measure of the pecuniary assistance obtainable by builders of houses.

The contents were noted.

The Borough Rate Collector having made representations to the Finance & Works Committee as to the necessity for providing him with an office, the Committee recommended that a sum of seven shillings a week should be devoted to the hiring of a room for this purpose, but for one year only. The Collector's case was that the increase in the number of small property owners rendered it desirable, in many cases, to accept sums on account of Rates. If an office were placed at his disposal he would be able, by taking sums due, by instalments, to guarantee an

exhaustive collection.

On the motion of His Worship, the Mayor, seconded by Councillor Crosbie, the recommendation of the Finance and Works Committee on the matter was adopted.

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

The applications were granted, but having regard to recent legislation relating to the censorship of films, the only conditions of local application embodied in the Licences were that no exhibition of pictures was to take place before 8.30 p. m. on Sundays, and no exhibition at all on Sundays during Lent.

Richard Mac Theorais
2. 6. 24.

2nd. June, 1924.

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, Patrick Claney, Nicholas Connolly.

Councillors:- James Crosbie, Thomas Hayes, James Billington, Thomas O'Brien
John Walsh, James Sinnott, Michael Martin.

The minutes of meeting of 12th May 1924 were read and signed.

Liabilities which had accrued due up to the end of last month, amounting in the aggregate to £923. 7. 6 were submitted, and having been examined were approved, and an Advice Note was signed to enable the Treasurer to pay them.

With reference to minutes of 7th April last regarding the Government Grant for improvement of Trunk Roads within the Urban District of Wexford, a letter was read from the Ministry of Local Government (Roads Department) under date of 24th May 1924, and numbered SGA.131. This contained a notification of approval of the Scheme for the proposed outlay of the Grant on portion of Wexford Quays, but with the condition that the £500 to be laid out by the Harbour Board was to be kept a separate undertaking from the work to be done out of the Grant, reiterating that the rate of wages for labourers was to be 40/- a week, and that suitable demobilized men from the National Army were to be employed in preference ~~to others.~~ ^{to others.}

Quays.

The contents of the communication were noted, but on the motion of the Mayor, seconded by Alderman Connolly, it was decided to request the Minister for Local Government to vary the conditions of employment so far as the Quarrymen to be employed were concerned. These men had hazardous and laborious work to perform, and the Council proposed to pay them three

shillings a week more than to other labourers.

A letter dated 28th May 1924, NO. P.H.15078/24 from the Ministry of Local Government read. It contained an inquiry as to what steps had been taken towards the provision of a disinfecting apparatus, a matter referred to in the Ministry's letter of 14th February 1924.

Disinfectors In answer to this query it was decided to state that the Council were not in a position, financially, to procure the apparatus in the current financial year, as from quotations received from Messrs McGuire and Gatchell, the cost of it would be £240, and to this was to be added the cost of providing a place to house it.

It was held that the procurement of a disinfecting apparatus should properly devolve on the County Board of Health and the cost defrayed out of county resources, a pro rata share of which is always contributed by the town to the county.

*Numbering
Houses* Attention was drawn to the desirability of compelling householders to number their houses, so as to facilitate the delivery of letters. In order to achieve this object it would be necessary for the Council to enforce the provisions of the Towns Improvement Act. The Sections of this Act referring to numbering were always allowed to remain in abeyance for the reason that numbering was not required for any municipal purpose.

Perhaps the Postmaster-General would be able to obtain legislation to enforce numbering to assist his Department.

However, the meeting decided to take action, and the Town Surveyor was directed to see how best to deal with the matter.

Mr. M. J. O'Connor, Solicitor, offered by letter to provide, at his own expense, a number of iron guards for the protection of the trees in Selskar Avenue. A specimen one of the guards sent in was seen to answer the purpose well. Gratification was felt at Mr. O'Connor's proposal, and on the motion of the Mayor, seconded by Alderman Connolly, it was resolved to convey an expression of thanks for the fine public spirit which prompted him to bestow such a favour on the town. Complaint was made by Alderman Clancy as to an altercation which took place between William Staunton, one of the Corporation workmen and Mr. Patrick Rossiter, the former of whom was at work on the streets at the time. Alderman Clancy maintained that from the hurtful language used by Staunton on the occasion this workman deserved to be reprimanded.

A discussion followed, the upshot of which was that Staunton was to be required to come before the Finance and Works Committee in order that the case might be investigated.

L. Davis
4. 4. 24

16th June, 1924.

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 in attendance were:-

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

Aldermen:- Patriak Clancy, Nicholas Connolly.

Councillors:- James Cresbie, Alice Mary Pennell, Thomas Hayes,

John Walsh, James Sinnott

A notification was received on 26th May 1924 from the Wexford Fever Hospital as to a patient named Lena Lane having been admitted to the Institute suffering from "Sleeping Sickness".

The Infectious Disease (Notification) Act 1889 was adopted by the Urban District Council of Wexford on 3rd. March 1913.

In view of these facts it was thought desirable that the definition of Infectious Disease should be extended so as to include "Sleeping Sickness", and the present meeting was accordingly convened, and the following resolution adopted.

Proposed by Alderman Nicholas Connolly.

Seconded by Councillor James Cresbie.

RESOLVED:- That this meeting specially convened by fourteen clear days notice to consider the advisableness of extending the definition of infectious disease as set out in the Infectious Disease (Notification) Act 1889, do hereby determine that the disease known as "Sleeping Sickness" shall in future be a notifiable disease within the meaning of that Act, that this Order shall not come into operation until it has been approved by the Minister for Local Government, and until it has been published for at least one week in the local newspapers, after having been so approved.

*Sleeping
Sickness*

R. Lewis

6. 4. 24

7th July, 1924.

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.

Councillors:- James Billington, Thomas Hayes, James Crosbke, Michael Martin, John Walsh, James Sinnott.

The minutes of meetings of 2nd. and 16th June 1924 were read and signed.

Liabilities which had accrued due up to the end of last month, amounting in the aggregate to £1311. 1. 7 were submitted, and having been examined were approved, and an Advice Note was signed to enable them to be discharged.

A project to put a new surface on a portion of the Main street, between Rowe Street and Anne Street, was brought up for consideration by the attendance of four gentlemen acting as a Deputation for the shop-keepers having business premises in that part of the street.

These Traders protested against the street being closed against traffic to let the work be done. The closing was calculated to stop their business. The Deputation put their views beofre the meeting, and after a brief conversation, it was mutually arranged to commence the work from Anne Street and proceed with it as far as Mr. Kelly's shop, as a first stage, and afterwards to finish the rest. This was not likely to cause any serious inconvenience, or impede the transaction of shop business.

The Deputation withdrew satisfied.

The St. Iberius Club asked by letter if the Corporation had any objection to a Dressing Room being built on the plot of ground lying between the Market and the Club.

Before answering this question it was necessary to have measurements taken of the ground on which the Market stood, in order to see if the plot referred to was a part of the Corporation leasehold property, and the case was referred to the Town Surveyor.

The Ministry of Local Government, by letter dated 14th June 1924, No P.H.19787, announced the inability of the Government to contribute a share of the cost of meals for children attending Christian Brothers Schools. It appeared that the Minister of Finance was unable to see his way to extend the benefits of the Provision of Meals Acts to elementary non-National Schools, having regard to the large sum already spent on education by Government, and to the indefinite nature of any liability undertaken for providing meals in such Schools.

It was seen that the proportion to be paid in respect of the Christian Brothers Schools in the current year would come to £26.

Notwithstanding the decision of the Government in the above, the following

resolution was passed.

Proposed by Councillor Billington, seconded by Councillor Sinnott.

That the practice of contributing towards the cost of providing meals for poor children attending the Christian Brothers Schools be continued.

A Firm of London publishers named Vickery, Kyrle & Co., by letter dated 23rd. Ultimo, intimated their willingness to produce and issue, at their own expense, a Visitors' Guide to the Town of Wexford. There was to be no liability whatever attaching to the Council in respect of the production and redistribution of this work. The publishers required permission only to produce the Guide under the auspices of the Council and in collaboration with the Council, and to be given the sole right to produce the book for a period of two years.

In this matter the meeting decided to agree to the Firm getting out a book on the conditions set out in their letter, provided the Firm submitted a proof copy to allow of the insertion of any necessary modifications.

A claim for £100 compensation for malicious injuries stated to be done on a yacht the property of Mr. Llewelyn Morgan, at the premises of the Wexford Boat Club, was brought under notice, and was referred to the Corporation Solicitor to see that the Ratepayers of the town were not mulcted in expense without proper legal proof being adduced in the case.

A Model Scheme under the Housing (Building Facilities) Act 1924, received from the Ministry of Local Government, as per their letter of 26th June 1924, the reference number being H.397-3859, was read and the contents noted.

For the information of the public a statement was made by the Mayor outlining the facilities to be afforded to persons intending to erect dwelling houses if they thought well of availing of the advantages of the Act mentioned, and of conforming to the Orders issued thereunder.

A copy of the Heavy Motor Car (Amendment) Order 1924, made under the Motor Car Acts 1896 to 1903 was read and the contents noted.

This Order required reflecting mirrors to be fitted to heavy motor cars.

Alderman Clancy submitted that an effort ought to be made to obtain the release of the political prisoners. He maintained that the meeting would be discharging an important duty by passing a resolution calling on the Government to liberate these men.

He proposed a resolution in the following terms which was seconded by Councillor Sinnott and adopted unanimously, viz:-

" That we, the members of Wexford Corporation, call on the Government to release Messrs Eamonn de Valera, Austin Stack, and all political prisoners interned in jails and camps in the thirty-two Counties, and also that all the prisoners in English prisons be released."

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Handwritten signature
Mayor
11. 8. 24

11th August, 1924.

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:-

Richard Corish, Esq., Mayor (in the chair)

Aldermen:- George Hadden, Patrick Clancy, Nicholas Connolly.

Councillors:- Nicholas Byrne, Richard Gibson, James Billington, James Crosbie, Thomas Hayes, Michael Martin, John Walsh.

The minutes of meeting of 7th July 1924 were taken as read and were thereupon signed.

Liabilities which had accrued due up to the end of last month, amounting in the aggregate to £1481. 4. 7 were submitted and having been examined were approved, and an Advice Note was signed to enable them to be discharged.

A letter from the Ministry of Local Government dated 7th August 1924, and numbered R.W./131, was on the agenda for consideration. This letter referred to a Grant of £2,000 to be given to the town of Wexford for the relief of unemployment, but certain conditions were to be fulfilled. These were, inter alia, that an additional £700 was to be provided by the ratepayers, that the wages of the men employed at the task of re-surfacing the Main Street of Wexford was to be limited to 40/- a week, and that suitable ex-National soldiers were to be employed in preference to other men.

This letter was not read for the meeting at the request of the Mayor, who undertook to see the Ministry of Local Government in order to have the conditions varied to suit local requirements.

The consideration of the items of an Estimate of Poor Rate for the current financial year was taken up. According to this Statement the amount necessary to be raised by means of such Rate was seen to be £4316. 13. 8, and that a Rate of Four Shillings and Sixpence in the Pound was needed to raise this sum within the Urban Area.

Thereupon it was unanimously agreed that the Poundage of the Rate should be Four Shillings and Sixpence, this of course, being preliminary to the act of formally assessing the Rate.

A part of the business to be transacted this day was the election of a Harbour Commissioner by the Council. This was done in accordance with the Provisions of the Wexford Harbour Act 1874.

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, and thereupon Alderman Sinnott was declared elected to serve as a Harbour Commissioner to represent the Corporation for one year.

A letter was read from the Association of Municipal Authorities intimating that a meeting of the Association was due to be held in Dublin on 23rd. and 24th

September Prox, and that it was essential that two representatives of the Council should be appointed to attend the meeting.

Thereupon it was unanimously resolved that Alderman Hadden and the Mayor should be delegated to represent the Council on the occasion.

These two gentlemen present at the present meeting, signified their willingness to attend the Conference.

A letter from the Ministry of Local Government under date of 8th July 1924 and numbered M.23283, was read. The Ministry requested, on account of the great amount of vaccination defaulters in Wexford Dispensary District, that the Council should give the necessary instructions to secure compliance with the Vaccination Acts.

The meeting considered this question very fully, and came to the conclusion to submit to the Ministry that the enforcement of the Vaccination laws should devolve on the County Wexford Board of Health, notwithstanding the Provisions of the Local Government (Temporary Provisions) Act 1923, and abstained from taking action.

A circular letter dated 21st July 1924 from the Department of Local Government and Public Health, the number of which was P.30385, was submitted. It dealt with the matter of the superannuation of officers of Local Authorities, pointing out the Provisions of the Enactments governing the granting of superannuation allowances.

The contents of the circular were noted with a view to the requirements of the law being complied with on occasion when a claim for superannuation allowance arises.

At the request of the Wexford County Council, the following resolution was unanimously adopted.

"That acting in the public interest, this Council request the various Banks of the County to have weekly half-holiday fixed for the day previous to fair days, as is done by shopkeepers, where fairs fall on fixed half-holiday. The closing of Banks at an early hour on fair days is causing the greatest possible inconvenience to the public."

A resolution from the Dun Laoghaire District Council, containing a protest against the Christian Brothers Schools being ineligible for Grants under the School Meals Acts was submitted, but as the Council had already marked their disapproval of the Schools in question being debarred from participating of the privilege of the School Meals Acts, there was no action taken in the matter.

Alderman Clancy brought under notice the reprehensible act of the Military Authorities in exhuming the bodies of six men who had been executed in Tuum and removing them to another place of burial and refusing to hand the remains over to the relatives of the deceased men. He passed severe strictures on the Authorities responsible for the same.

In this he was joined by Alderman Connolly, who asserted that the action of the Military Authorities was most blameworthy, and that a demand should be made on the Government to hand the bodies over for disposal to the relatives.

He proposed a resolution to that effect, which was seconded by Alderman Clancy and was adopted unanimously.

Alderman Connolly made reference to the release from jail of Mr. De Valera and other political prisoners. He proposed a resolution congratulating Mr. De Valera and the other prisoners on their release, and expressed the hope that this would be followed by the release of others from jails and internment camps.

The motion was seconded by Alderman Clancy and passed unanimously.

Complaint was made about the graves in Crosstown Cemetery not being looked after as they ought to be. It was alleged that some of the artificial wreaths were removed out of their places, and in some cases broken.

This was a complaint that reflected on the Caretaker, and it was decided to instruct him to attend the Finance and Works Committee on Monday next, 18th Instant, so that the charge might be investigated.

A letter from Mr. George O'Connor, of Crossabeg, Wexford, Builder and Contractor, was read. He proposed to have a dwelling house built on the newly-opened road at the rear of John Street. The house was to contain eight rooms, and to exceed the Government limit of floor area, and consequently would not be eligible for Government subsidy.

He wished to be given the opportunity to be the first to select a site, on the understanding that the house to be built would be adapted to any lay-out scheme the Corporation might have in view.

It was agreed that the Housing Committee should be called together on 14th Instant with a view to appropriating a site and settling on the conditions on which the site was to be placed at Mr. O'Connor's disposal.

L. Connolly

18. 8. 24

18th August, 1924.

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 Cosish, Esq., Mayor (in the chair)

Aldermen:- Patrick Clancy, George Hadden.

Councillors:- John Walsh, Nicholas Byrne, James Billington, Thomas Hayes,
James Crosbie, Thomas Rossiter, Michael Martin.

The minutes of meeting of 11th August 1924 were read and signed.

The meeting was called for the purpose of determining the selling price of plots of land in the John Street Area to allow of the erection of dwellings, and also for the purpose of dealing with a letter from the Ministry of Local Government regarding the terms on which a Grant of £2,000 was to be made towards the work of re-surfacing the Main Street.

A Committee which had visited the land on the 14th instant, accompanied by Mr. George O'Connor and the Town Surveyor, advised that a rent of £1. a year was sufficient to be charged ~~per annum~~ for a plot which they had inspected.

Mr. O'Connor was ready to build a house on this plot. It was not a case that would be affected by the Building Facilities Act, as the dimensions were to be much greater than the sizes of houses specified under the Orders made under this Act.

The proposed head-rent of £1. a year was a concession to encourage people to erect dwelling houses.

Councillor Billington proposed, and this proposal was seconded by Councillor Rossiter, that the plot selected as a site of a house for Mr. George O'Connor be let at a rent of One Pound a year.

Alderman Hadden moved that the rent should be £2. a year, while he maintained that even £3. a year was not excessive.

This amendment was seconded by Councillor Hayes, but failed to be carried, only two being for and six against.

The original motion was declared carried, but on the suggestion of Alderman Hadden, an express understanding was come to that the £1. a year was to be in respect of a site for one house only, and further, that £1. a year was to be the rent of each house to be erected of the same dimensions as the one to be erected by Mr. O'Connor, and furthermore, that these conditions were to apply only to the taking of plots for one month from this date.

It was also arranged that an advertisement was to be published inviting applications for plots against 18th September Prox.

It was also decided that all houses to which the Building Facilities Act would apply were to be erected on the new road commencing from Mr. Purlong's premises up towards Hore's land.

The meeting resolved itself into Committee at this stage to consider the conditions on which the Grant of £2,000 was to be given by Government, as per their letter of 7th August 1924, No. R.W.131.

These were seen to be as set forth in minutes of 11th instant.

The Mayor stated that he had seen the Ministry of Local Government, who had refused to waive the condition as to the additional £700 required being provided by the Corporation, but that they had consented to the labourers employed on the work of re-surfacing, who were at present in receipt of 50/- a week as wages, being paid 45/- a week instead of 40/- as specified in their letter.

The majority of the meeting decided to agree to the conditions as to raising £700 locally, and as to paying 45/- a week as wages.

R. Ward

1. 9. 24

1st September 1924.

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.

Councillors:- James Billington, Nicholas Byrne, John Walsh, James Crosbie,
Michael Martin.

The minutes of meeting of 18th August 1924 were read and signed.

Liabilities which had accrued due up to the end of last month, amounting in the aggregate to £1519. 9. 10, were submitted, and having been examined were approved, and an Advice Note was signed to enable them to be discharged.

The making of a Poor Rate for the year ending 31st March 1925 was proceeded with, and thereupon, on the motion of Councillor Byrne, seconded by Councillor Billington it was Resolved:- That a poor Rate of Four Shillings and Sixpence in the Pound be made on the net assessable value of property within the Urban District of Wexford in respect of the year ending 31st March 1925, as per an Estimate of Expenses to be raised by a Poor Rate on the said Urban District, considered and adopted on the 11th August 1924.

The Book containing the items of Poor Rate was then duly sealed and signed.

A letter from the Corporation Solicitor was read. What it referred to was the sale of Holdings to the Corporation Tenants under the Land Act 1923. It was incumbent on Landlords to comply with the Rules to carry out the sales under the Act. One requirement, which the Corporation as landlords would have to conform to, was the making out of a map of the Holdings affected by the Act to be lodged with the Land Commission.

The Town Surveyor, who was present, stated that it would be necessary for him, in order to prepare the map, to inspect the Holdings and make researches. He was directed to make the map at the cost of the Corporation, although the opinion was expressed that the tenants concerned should be made to bear the expense of furnishing it.

A Sealed Order made by the Minister for Local Government and Public Health under date of 15th August 1924 was brought under notice. The effect of the Order was to postpone all Municipal Elections until 15th January 1925. It also prescribed that the first meeting of Urban Councils after such Elections was to be held on 29th January 1925.

Contents noted.

A letter from the British Electrical Insurance Company was read. This Company's business was to make good any damage consequent on a breakdown in an electrical power station.

This Company being of English origin, it was decided to see if it was possible to obtain the services of an Irish Company doing the same class of business. The advisability of the Corporation obtaining an extension of their powers with the object of supplying electrical energy to householders, was introduced. The present electric lighting system was limited to the work of lighting the streets only, but it was thought that householders, especially Traders, would be glad to have their premises lighted by electricity. At present there was no means of knowing whether the sale of current to private individuals would be a success from a financial point of view. It was necessary, before launching on an undertaking for the distribution of electricity, that searching inquiries should be made as to the probable cost of maintaining an Undertaking of the kind, and particularly as to the prospect of it being a financial success.

As a means towards this end, a Committee was appointed, and the members to constitute such Committee were named as follows:- His Worship, the Mayor, Aldermen Hadden, Glancy, Connolly, and Councillors Martin, Billington, Byrne, and Hayes. *and Croxall*

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A number of the residents of Green Street and Whitmill Road complained, as per a letter read from them, of the want felt in that locality for the streets being lighted after dark, as the public lighting system did not extend to Green Street, and it was decided in the case to obtain from the Electrician in charge of the Power Station an estimate of the cost of making the necessary extension.

Referring to minutes of 11th August Ultimo, a complaint made on that date about the laxity of supervision over graves in Crosstown Cemetery was revived. Alderman Connolly stated that in the case of a grave in which he was interested some artificial wreaths were shifted and the glass of one was broken.

The Caretaker, who was present for the occasion, admitted that his wreaths

were moved to allow of the earth from the adjoining grave, where an interment was taking place, being banked on the grave to which Alderman Connolly referred.

It was not possible to do anything else in the circumstances and was in accordance with practice. He (the Caretaker) saw that the glass shade had been broken before it was shifted at all, and asked the grave-digger to take a note of the fact.

on the burial being completed he had carefully replaced all the wreaths and could not hold himself responsible for breakages. Some further complaints were made,

and a Committee was appointed to visit the Cemetery and investigate the charges.

The Committee consisted of His Worship, the Mayor, Alderman Clancy, and Councillors Gibson and Crosbie.

Regarding the recent arrest of Mr. Robert Lambert, T. D., who, it appeared, had been implicated in deeds calculated to make difficult or upset the existing form of Government in Ireland, Alderman Clancy proposed that the Government should be called on ~~and~~ to release Mr. Lambert in the interests of peace.

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

A letter dated 29th August 1924 from the Ministry of Local Government (Roads Department) was read. It was numbered SGA-131. It intimated that a sum of £82 had been paid to the County Treasurer in full payment of a Grant for the improvement of a section of the Main Street. Forms No.97 and No.11 which accompanied the letter were to be completed in respect of the work, showing an expenditure of £162.

His Worship, the Mayor undertook to see that this Form was completed with the assistance of the Town Surveyor.

Robert Mac Loran

6. 10. 24

6th October, 1924.

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, George Hadden, Patrick Clancy.

Councillors:- Nicholas Byrne, James Crosbie, James Billington, Richard Gibson, Thomas Rossiter, Alice Mary Fennell, Thomas Hayes, Thomas O'Brien, Michael Martin, John Walsh, James Sinnott.

The minutes of meeting of 1st September 1924 were read and signed.

Liabilities which had accrued due up to the end of last month, amounting in the aggregate to £2352. 11. 1, were submitted and having been examined were approved, and an Advice Note was signed to enable the Treasurer to pay them.

A letter from the Minister for Local Government and public Health dated 12th September 1924, and numbered M.38218/24, was read.

It had reference to decision come to by the Council on 11th August last not to enforce the Vaccination Acts in the town of Wexford.

The Minister stated that the duty of administering these Statutes now rested upon the Council, and that if they failed to have the law complied with, he would have no option but to take legal proceedings against them for their default.

On the motion of Councillor Hayes, seconded by Councillor Rossiter, it was resolved to mark this communication "read".

Alderman Hadden, Councillors Byrne and Billington dissented from this resolution.

The reason^{why} it was decided to take no action on the letter was that it was considered that the views of parents who had an objection to having their children vaccinated should be recognized by the insertion of a "Conscience Clause" in the Vaccination Acts.

The Association of Municipal Authorities under date of 1st Instant, intimated that a Special Conference of the Association would be held in Dublin on 8th October Instant, to consider in detail the provisions of the Local Government Bill which would be before the Dail in the ensuing Session. It was requested that Delegates should be appointed to represent the Council at the Conference, and on the motion of Councillor Byrne, seconded by Councillor Sinnott, His Worship, the Mayor and Alderman Hadden, who were present and who kindly consented to attend, were selected as the Council's representatives.

The Secretary of the County Wexford Library Service, by letter dated 12th September 1924, forwarded a copy of a resolution which had been adopted by the Library Committee on a recent occasion.

The gist of the resolution was a request that the County and Urban District Councils would take the necessary steps to strike a Library Rate, in view of the success of the Library Scheme in Wexford County.

As the Council were not in possession of any information as to the working of the Service, and as no monetary assistance could be afforded in the current financial year, it was decided to postpone consideration of the question of striking a Rate-in-aid until full information as to the regulations governing the distribution of the books would be procured from the Library Committee.

The business of choosing a tenant for one of the working class dwellings at Roche's Road which had become vacant was taken up.

There were 17 applications for the tenancy of the house, and on the motion of Alderman Clancy, seconded by Councillor Billington, it was decided that all the applications should be read and the matter of letting the house disposed of at present meeting, after an amendment that that the letting should be made by the Finance and Works Committee at the conclusion of present meeting, had been lost on a division by six votes to four.

A suggestion was made as to raising the rent of the vacant house up to the legal limit allowed by the Increase of Rent Acts, as was one also as to selling the house out-and-out to any of the deserving applicants who might wish to purchase, but these suggestions did not meet with approval.

The applications were then read, when it was found that one of the would-be tenants was a Joseph Walsh, who it was alleged, was given a promise by the Finance and Works Committee so far back as August 1920, that he would be granted the tenancy of the then next vacant house.

To see if such a promise was on record, it was decided, on the motion of Councillor Gibson, seconded by Councillor Byrne, to refer the letting of the dwelling to the Finance and Works Committee due to meet on 13th instant, and if such a record existed that the house be let to Mr. Walsh but otherwise that the tenant be chosen by lot from amongst those of the 17 applicants which the Committee would consider to be most in need of a house, regard being had to number of family and existing living conditions.

It was announced that tenders had been invited by advertisement in the local newspapers for painting work to be done at Crosstown Cemetery, and that in response two tenders had been received. They were opened and were found to be from James McEvoy of Distillery Road, and John Power of Gibson Street.

The former was prepared to carry out the required work for the sum of £18, while the latter would undertake it for £11. 10. 0, and on the motion of Councillor Byrne, seconded by His Worship, the Mayor, the tender of John Power, being the lower, was accepted.

Tenders from three of the local printing Firms for the printing work required by the Council in the ensuing year were brought forward but were referred to the Finance and ^{works} Committee meeting to be held on 13th Instant to be dealt with, as the examination of the many items in the Tender Forms would occupy a considerable time.

The Tralee Urban Council, by letter dated 10th September 1924, forwarded a copy of a resolution which they had adopted, with a request that it would be submitted to Wexford Corporation for consideration.

The purport of the resolution was strong condemnation of the Government for their alleged vindictive treatment of the bodies of deceased Republican soldiers, accompanied by a demand that such bodies should be handed over for re-interment in consecrated ground.

Alderman Clancy proposed the adoption of the resolution with an addenda calling on the Government to hand over also the bodies of the three young Wexfordmen executed in Wexford Prison to their relatives for burial.

This was seconded by Alderman Larkin, and supported by Alderman Connolly and Councillor Hayes, but in deference to a request from the Mayor, who deprecated the language used in the Tralee resolution as tending to defeat the object in view, the following motion was substituted and was passed unanimously, Alderman Clancy having consented to withdraw his resolution.

Proposed by His Worship, the Mayor, and seconded by Councillor Byrne.

"That we request the Government to hand over the bodies of deceased Republicans to their relatives for interment in consecrated ground."

Rutland Mc Thomas

3rd. November, 1924.

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:- James Billington, Thomas Rossiter, Nicholas Byrne, James Crosbie, Michael Martin, Thomas Hayes, David O'Neill, John Walsh, Alice Mary Pennell, Richard Gibson.

The minutes of meeting of 6th October 1924 were read and signed.

Liabilities which had accrued due up to the end of last month, amounting in the aggregate to £1722. 12. 1, were submitted and having been examined were approved, and an Advice Note was signed to enable them to be discharged.

A letter from the Ministry of Local Government (Roads Department) was introduced. It was dated 28th October 1924 and numbered R.U.131. It contained a copy of a report from Mr. T. F. Strahan, Inspector, on an inspection he had made recently of the work of re-surfacing the Main Street of Wexford.

The trend of this report was that the cost of the work was in excess of what it ought to be, taking fully into account all local circumstances as to prices of material, wages &c. The report also contained valuable suggestions as to how economy might be practised.

The report being of a highly technical character, it was referred on the motion of Alderman Connolly, seconded by Councillor Byrne, to the Finance and Works Committee to be dealt with in detail, with the assistance of the Town Surveyor.

The Association of Irish Municipal Authorities, by letter dated 15th October 1924, drew attention to the fact that a Bill for amending the law relating to local administration in Ireland was about to be dealt with by Dail Eireann.

This Association, at a recent Conference, saw the necessity for certain amendments being introduced into the Bill and asked that the suggested amendments, a copy of which accompanied the letter, should be submitted to the Representatives of Wexford Area in the Dail with a request that they should support them.

The present Mayor of Wexford being a member of the Dail, and being also a member of the Association, and he being present at the present meeting, undertook to press for the amendments being made part of the forthcoming Act.

A letter from the Ministry of Local Government under date of 11th October 1924, and numbered H.398/18874, was read. It contained sanction of a proposal of a Committee of the Corporation that met on 3rd. September 1924.

The proposal was that a plot of land on the recently-opened new road in the John Street area should be let to a Mr. George O'Connor for a term of 100 years at a head-rent of One Pound a year, on which plot he was to erect a substantial dwelling. The Committee considered this a very moderate rent before they submitted it for

approval, but the object they had in view was to induce people to build houses.

This Mr. O'Connor was thinking of taking two adjoining plots on the same terms, but gave no guarantee that he was to build in the near future, nevertheless the Ministry sanctioned the sale of these two remaining plots on the same terms.

A copy of a resolution from the Corporation of Sligo was submitted and was given full consideration.

Alderman Connolly proposed, and the proposition was seconded by Councillor Billington, that a like resolution should be adopted by the present meeting. The motion was supported on all sides and was unanimously adopted.

The following are the terms of the resolution in question.

RESOLVED:- That in view of the great reduction under the first Schedule of the Pension Act 1924, we are of opinion that this Act will cause most pensioners to seek Poor Law relief in Urban Areas, and have a damaging effect on the rates of the Counties in general; and we suggest to the Government that a Commission be set up to fully enquire into the working of this Act.

Alderman Clancy referred to the action of the Free State Government in their way of dealing with the remains of the three young men executed in Wexford Jail in 1923 for doing some act calculated to subvert the Free State Government. It appeared that the bodies, after burial in the grounds of Wexford Prison, were transferred to Kilkenny Prison. This, in the opinion of Alderman Clancy, was a very reprehensible mode of procedure for a Government to follow, without at least notifying the surviving relatives of the deceased.

He proposed a resolution condemnatory of the Authorities responsible in the matter.

Alderman Clancy was seconded by Alderman Connolly and supported by other members namely, Councillor O'Neill, Alderman Larkin, Councillor Hayes, and the Mayor.

The motion was put and carried without a dissentient voice.

Councillor Billington introduced a motion in the following terms.

RESOLVED:- That this Corporation ask President Cosgrave to put a small Tax on all barley imported, the proceeds of this Tax to be given as a Bonus to farmers to encourage the growing of barley in this Country.

In support of the resolution he stated that it was a well-known fact that Messrs Guinness regulated the price they paid for home grown barley by the price at which they purchased imported barley, and if the Tax advocated by him were levied on the imported article it would mean an increase in the price of Irish barley. Thus, if one shilling per barrel import duty was put

on and distributed as advocated in the resolution, the Irish farmer would benefit to the extent of two shillings for each barrel of barley sold, a very material encouragement for barley growers. The motion was seconded by Councillor O'Neill, and after due discussion, was adopted unanimously.

Richard Mac Thomas
1. 12. 24

1st December 1924.

A Statutable meeting of the Council was held this day at the Town Hall at seven o'clock p.m.

The members present were:-

Richard Corish, Esq., Mayor (in the chair)

Aldermen:- George Hadden, Patrick Clancy, James Sinnott, Nicholas Connolly, James Larkin.

Councillors:- Alice Mary Pennell, Thomas O'Brien, James Crosbie, Thomas Hayes, Richard Gibson, David O'Neill, Nicholas Byrne, John Walsh, Thomas Rossiter, Michael Martin.

The minutes of meeting of 3rd. November 1924 were read and signed.

Liabilities which had accrued due up to the end of last month, amounting in the aggregate to £1280. 13. 6 were submitted, and having been examined were approved, and Advice Notes were signed to enable the Treasurer to discharge them.

Since the date of last meeting of the Council two eminent Roman Catholic clergymen had been called by the Master to their reward. One was Cardinal Logue, Archbishop of Armagh, and Primate of All Ireland, and the other was the Very Reverend Father John Roche, member of the Order of Friars Minor.

The late Cardinal was a Prelate of world-wide celebrity and a pillar of the Church, but the late Father Roche was only known and revered locally in Wexford and its vicinity.

Father Roche had ministered for over two generations to the spiritual needs of the people of Wexford, he having died in his one hundredth year of age.

The people of the town were so bereaved at his departure from amongst them into Eternity that they accorded his remains the respect of a public funeral on Friday, 28th Ultimo through the streets of the town to the Franciscan Graveyard, where the interment took place.

on the opening of the present meeting His Worship, the Mayor paid a touching tribute to the memory of these two great Churchmen. He briefly reviewed their career, and suggested as a further testimony of sorrow that the present meeting should stand adjourned sine die.

The Mayor also referred to the kind appreciation shown by the non-Catholic

Community to the memory of Cardinal Logue and Father Roche. The bell of the Church of the adherents of the Church of Ireland was tolled on the occasion of each of the funerals, and members of all religious denominations in the town marched in the funeral procession, which was a gratifying mark of religious tolerance.

Alderman Sinnott cordially endorsed every word that fell from the previous speaker. As a native of the town he had known and revered Father Roche for over half a century, and being one of the oldest members of the Council, the duty had fallen on him, a duty which he considered it a privilege to perform, to second the motion for the adjournment of the meeting.

Alderman Hadden took occasion to express his sympathy at the loss of the two great divines whose obsequies had just been solemnized. As a non-Catholic he desired to join in the tribute of respect that had been paid to them, and he felt sure that in doing so he was expressing the wishes of every non-Catholic in town.

Councillor Gibson, as a co-religionist of Alderman Hadden, also participated in support of the motion for the adjournment. He said, inter alia, the deceased had planted their footsteps on the sands of time, and these impressions would not soon be obliterated.

Councillor Miss Fennell and Councillors Hayes and O'Brien also expressed their sincere sorrow at the mournful duty they had to share in adjourning the meeting.

The meeting thereupon rose to its feet and adjourned.

Leahard Mac Theorain
5- 1- 25

5th January 1925.

A statutable meeting of the Council was held this day at the Town Hall at half past seven o'clock p. m.

The members present were:-

Richard Corish? Esq., Mayor (in the chair)

Aldermen:- Nicholas Connolly, George Hadden, Patrick Clancy.

Councillors:- James Billington, David O'Neill, Nicholas Byrne, Thomas Rossiter, Richard Gibson, James Crosbie, Michael Martin, Thomas O'Brien, Thomas Hayes, John Walsh.

The minutes of last meeting were read and signed.

Liabilities which had accrued due up to the end of last month, amounting in the aggregate to £1345. 0. 0 were submitted and having been examined were approved, and Advice Notes were signed to enable the Treasurer to discharge them.

Regarding two items included in the accounts above referred to, Alderman Connolly raised a point as to the legality of paying them.

They were from Mary O'Connor & Co., Builders, and amounted to £40. 10. 11. As Miss Mary Anne O'Connor was a member of this Council, and was a daughter of Mrs Mary O'Connor, the Principal of the Firm in question, he held that the payment was irregular, but the meeting, on discussing the point, came to the conclusion that the liability was a lawful charge on the funds of the Council.

A circular letter dated 3rd. December 1924, and bearing number G.55189/24, from the Department of Local Government and Public Health, was brought under notice.

In view of the preparation of Estimates of moneys to be raised by Rates in the coming financial year, the Department drew attention to the need for administrative economy.

This opportune circular ran somewhat on similar lines to the Department's circular of 4th December 1923, but added that cases had occurred where full provision had not been made for ascertained liabilities in the Rate Estimates for the current year.

The Department also, inter alia, maintained that unless the burden of local taxation was brought down to the paying capacity of ratepayers, a situation might arise where exceptional retrenchment might become imperative.

This matter was deferred until such time as the draft Estimates in respect of 1925-6 would be ready for consideration.

A circular letter dated 12th December 1924, No. G.55563/1924, was read. It pointed out that under legislation of 1924 it was competent to bring a defaulting ratepayer into the District Court for examination in cases where a seizure was made and no assets were available. If the defaulter was found to have means other than assets, it was competent for the Court to imprison him for non-payment.

The contents were noted, and the attention of the Rate and Rent Collectors was directed to be called to them.

A letter from the Department of Local Government and Public Health under date

of 19th December 1924, and numbered R.U. 131, accompanying extracts from a report from Mr. Strahan on the progress of the work of re-surfacing the Main Street, was read.

The report, on being read, was referred to the Finance and Works Committee to deal with.

Following is a copy of a resolution received from the County Wexford Committee of the Gaelic League, viz.

" That we call upon the Corporation of Wexford and the Urban District Councils of Enniscorthy and New Ross to co-operate with the Co. Committee of Agriculture in the work of restoring the National Language by striking a rate for the teaching of Irish equal to the rate struck for that purpose by the County Council, viz:- one penny in the Pound."

A motion in favour of granting the request contained in the resolution was proposed by Alderman Clancy and seconded by Councillor O'Neill, but was withdrawn upon the following decision being come to, on the motion of the Mayor, seconded by Councillor Hayes.

That before making provision for Scholarships in the Irish language for pupils in Wexford town, a syllabus be obtained showing the teaching given to pupils in the Irish language for like Scholarships in the rural districts of County Wexford.

A circular letter from the Department of Local Government and Public Health under date of 15th December 1924 was read intimating that the municipal elections which were due to be held on the 15th instant were intended to be postponed to a subsequent date at present not settled on.

Twentytwo residents of Distillery Road made application in writing for provision to be made for lighting the road after dark. The present lighting was inadequate with consequent danger to persons going along that thoroughfare. It was decided to take no action in view of two considerations. The first was the curtailment of expenditure at the approaching close of the financial year, and the second was the possible adoption, in the near future, of an electric lighting scheme on a vaster scale than the existing one.

A Committee of 11th November last considered that an exceptional need existed for a lamp in Lower King Street, and that an overture should be made to the Harbour Commissioners to take a light from the Corporation electric light system. The cost of providing a light would be £3., more or less, and the Corporation could afford to maintain it at a rent of £5. a year.

The Committee's proposal was adopted in the matter.

Alderman Clancy adverted to the detention of political prisoners. Although he was given to understand a full general amnesty was to be given, there were over 100 still incarcerated.

He proposed that all offences of a political character should be condoned in the interests of peace and the offenders set at liberty by the Government.

In seconding, Councillor O'Neill observed that since the Republicans ceased opposition to the Free State there had been peace in the country. The prisoners were treated as criminals for offences committed as acts of war.

Alderman Connolly observed that the prisoners should have been released long ago had the Government kept their word.

Carried unanimously.

Reference was made to the effects produced at Rosslare Fort by the recent storm.

The sea had made a breach in the tongue of land dividing Wexford Bay from Wexford Harbour. A channel had opened allowing the sea to flow into the Harbour, leaving it possible for the town to be flooded and the Quays damaged in any future storm.

Attention to the matter was urgent, and it was unanimously agreed to communicate by telegraph with the Board of Works asking that a competent engineer should be sent to inspect the breach and see if it would injuriously affect Wexford Harbour.

Richard Corish

Mayor

2-2-25

2nd. February, 1925.

A statutable meeting of the Council was held this day at the Town Hall at half past seven o'clock p. m.

The members present were:-

Richard Corish, Esq., Mayor (in the chair)

Aldermen:- Nicholas Connolly, Patrick Clancy.

Councillors:- James Billington, Alice Mary Fennell, David O'Neill, Philip Cowman,
Nicholas Byrne, John Walsh, Thomas Hayes, Thomas Rossiter,
Richard Gibson, James Crosbie, Thomas O'Brien, Michael Martin.

The minutes of meeting of 5th January 1925 were read and signed.

Liabilities which had accrued due up to the end of last month, amounting in the aggregate to £1137. 10. 0, were submitted, and having been examined were approved, and were ordered to be discharged.

A Deed of Conveyance was produced for execution on the part of the Corporation.

It conveyed to the Nuns of the Presentation Convent, Wexford an unwanted portion of lands at the rear of John Street, Wexford, which were acquired to permit of the opening of a recently-constructed new road.

The Deed set forth the area of the complement sold and the amount to be received by the Corporation as consideration money as £250.

Thereupon on the motion of Councillor Byrne, seconded by Councillor O'Neill, it was resolved that the Corporation Seal, as attested by the signatures of the Mayor and Town Clerk, be affixed to the Deed of Conveyance making over to the Nuns of the

Presentation Order, a piece of land sold to the Order by agreement.

The appointment of a Poor Rate Collector was proceeded with, in place of Thomas Godfrey, resigned. The new Collector was to be obliged to conform to the requirements of the Public Bodies Order 1904, as amended by the Public Bodies Order 1920, but as further amended by the Minister for Local Government and Public Health, as per his letters of 9th December 1924 and 5th January 1925. The rate of remuneration was to be sixpence in the Pound, and the appointment was to be only a temporary one for the present.

In response to advertisement in the local newspapers six applications were received from the following.

Philip Miskella, of Partridge Street, Wexford.

James Breen, of Grogan's Road, Wexford.

Patrick White, of Selskar Street, Wexford.

J. R. Warren, of George Street, Wexford.

Frank Cullimore, of Stonebridge, Wexford.

Patrick Furlong, of Talbot Street, Wexford.

It was decided to take a Poll straight away to see which of the applicants had the greatest measure of support, whereupon there voted,

For Breen.	Councillors Gibson, Rossiter, Hayes, Walsh, Cowman, Byrne, Fennell, Alderman Connolly, and the Mayor.	9
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For Cullimore.	Councillors O'Brien, O'Neill, and Alderman Clancy.	3
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For Miskella.	Councillors Martin and Crosbie.	2
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For Warren.	Councillor Billington.	1
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As Breen received more votes than all the other applicants combined he was declared appointed.

A letter from the Ministry of Local Government (Roads Department) under date of 22nd. January 1925, and bearing number RU/131, read. This communicated the making of a Grant of £2,000 to Wexford towards the relief of unemployment and the steam-rolling of Redmond Road. The wages and general conditions governing the previous Trunk Road Grant, which was laid out in improving the surface of the Quays, were to apply to this new Grant.

Satisfaction was expressed at the prospect of further work being available for the unemployed; the Mayor was tendered thanks for obtaining the Grant, and the Town Surveyor was directed to furnish the information required by the Ministry on the prescribed Form.

Referring to minutes of 5th ultimo, a letter was read from Mr. James Doyle of the County Wexford Committee of the Gaelic League, who had been asked to furnish a syllabus of the teaching given to pupils in the Irish language in County Wexford.

He said, in answer, that the object for requesting that a Rate be made to enable Scholarships to be gained in Urban Districts was to ensure that the Rate could be reckoned on at the same rate as the Rate for Urban Technical

Committees in the County and the County Committee of Agriculture.

It was stated at the present meeting that in all likelihood an outcome of the Conference would be that a rate of one halfpenny in the Pound would be levied by the County Council on the whole County, including the Urban Districts.

A copy of a Sealed Order made by the Minister for Local Government and public Health, and dated 7th January 1925, was submitted. It prescribed that the statutory elections of Councillors of Boroughs was postponed to 19th March 1925, and that the first meeting of every Council of a Borough was to be held on the 31st March 1925. Contents noted.

Michael Martin

2/3/25

2nd. March, 1925.

A Statutable Meeting of the Coujcoil was held this day at the Town Hall at half past seven o'clock p. m.

The members present were:-

Aldermen:- Patrick Clancy and Nicholas Connolly.

Councillors:- Nicholas Byrne, James Billington, Michael Martin, John Walsh,
David O'Neill, Thomas Rossiter, James Grobble, Thomas Hayes.

Councillor Martin took the Chair.

The minutes of meeting of 2nd. February last were read and signed.

Liabilities which had accrued due to the end of last month, amounting in the aggregate to £3090. 18. 3, were submitted, and having been examined were approved, and were ordered to be discharged.

The Chairman took occasion to state that the Mayor had met with a family bereavement. His aunt, Mrs Mary Redmond, had been called to her reward in the world hereafter. He proposed that the Meeting should stand adjourned as a token of respect to the memory of the deceased matron.

The motion was seconded by Alderman Connolly, and on being put was passed unanimously the members rising to their feet to testify their acquiescence in the motion.

Councillor Byrne joind verbally in supporting the motion.

Alderman Clancy moved that an expression of sympathy should be conveyed to the bereaved relatives and friends of the late Father Albert, O. S. F. C., who had died abroad. He had been a member of the Dublin Branch of the Religious Order he served in before being sent to Santa Barbara, California.

Alderman Clancy wished that this expression of condolence should be sent to the Superior of the Order, Church Street, Dublin, and to Father Albert's mother.

The motion was seconded by Councillor O'Neill in moving terms, and was spoken to

also nicely by Alderman Connolly.

It was put and carried unanimously in respectful silence, all present standing.

The meeting then adjourned.

H. Lord.

6. 4. 25

30th March, 1925.

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

The members present were:-

Richard Corish, Esq., Mayor (in the chair)

Aldermen:- Patrick Clancy, Nicholas Connolly.

Councillors:- John Walsh, Nicholas Byrne, James Billington, David O'Neill,
Thomas Rossiter, James Crosbie, Michael Martin, Thomas Hayes.

His Worship, the Mayor drew attention to the demise, since last meeting, of a respected member of the Council in the person of the late Thomas O'Brien.

The deceased had been a valued member for a long number of years. He had attended most of the meetings, and served the interests of the town well and faithfully. He also acted for many years as a Poor Law Guardian.

The Mayor proposed that the meeting should stand adjourned out of sympathy at the loss of a deceased colleague.

Alderman Connolly seconded the motion, and said, *inter alia*, that one of the deceased member's characteristics was that he always desired to do his duty, and always did it.

Alderman Clancy united with Councillors Byrne, Rossiter, and O'Neill in associating themselves with the motion, which was carried unanimously, the members rising to their feet in token of their sympathy.

Councillor Rossiter moved that an expression of sympathy be passed to the relatives of the late Rev. J. W. O'Byrne.

Father O'Byrne laboured as a Curate in the Parish of Wexford for many years. Not only was he remarkable for his zeal in the discharge of his priestly functions, but he had also achieved a high measure of popularity amongst the people. He had taken an exceptional interest in their sports and pastimes. He had recently died as parish Priest of Kilmore.

Alderman Clancy seconded, and the motion was supported by Councillors O'Neill and Byrne, and Alderman Connolly and the Mayor.

The motion was adopted unanimously in silence.

Councillor Rossiter moved that the sympathy of the meeting be tendered to Councillor Crosbie on a recent bereavement which had befallen him in the death of his aunt, an old and respected inhabitant of the town.

On mention being made of the sad occurrence, the sympathy of the meeting was unanimously expressed, and Councillor Crosbie, who was present, returned thanks in graceful terms to the members for this mark of their cordial sympathy. The business of the meeting thereupon terminated.

R. Corish

6. 4. 25

6th April, 1925.

A statutable meeting of the Council was held this day at the Town Hall at half past seven o'clock p. m.

The members present were:-

Richard Corish, Esq., Mayor (in the chair)

Alderman:- Patrick Clancy.

Councillors:- Nicholas Byrne, Thomas Hayes, James Billington, David O'Neill,
John Walsh, Thomas Rossiter, James Crosbie, Michael Martin,
Alice Mary Fennell.

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 £1174. 13. 8, were submitted and having been examined were approved, and an Advice Note was signed to enable them to be discharged.

The Mayor made allusion to a melancholy event which had occurred within the last week. The Town Sergeant, Mr. John Kehoe, had lost his partner-in-life through death. The deceased was a much-respected person, and was the mother of a large, soft, family, and for this reason her departure from life was an exceptionally sad case. The Mayor proposed that the sympathy of the Council should be tendered to the Sergeant in his bereavement.

Councillor Byrne seconded the motion in appropriate terms, and on its being put to the meeting was passed unanimously in silence.

The Estimates of Expenses to be incurred and provided for to permit of Civic administration being carried out in the year commencing 1st April Instant, were brought before the meeting. These had been gone over by the Finance and Works Committee on 23rd. Ultimo, but the present meeting decided to resolve itself into Committee upon the rest of the business being disposed of, to see where retrenchment could be safely made in the proposed expenditure.

A letter from the Department of Local Government and Public Health under date of 9th March 1925, No. G.10932, was read. This communication contained a request that the observations of the Council should be expressed on a Memorial received by the Minister for Local Government from 38 of the ratepayers of Wexford.

The Memorial, a copy of which accompanied the letter, alleged that the present Council indulged in reckless expenditure in a manner which was a burden to the town, and

requested that the Minister should take steps to have an investigation made as to the manner in which the ratepayers' money was being expended.

A long discussion followed the introduction of this matter. Opinions were expressed pro and con on the point whether there had been lavish expenditure.

Five members took part in the discussion. Three of them maintained that there was good value obtained for any money laid out since the present-day members were elected, while the other two held the contrary view as regards the opening of a new road, the provision of an electric lighting system, and the purchase of a large Leyland Lorry.

It was seen that the terms of the Memorial were of a general character. No specific answers were formulated, but the meeting tacitly agreed to return to the subject again.

A letter from the Department of Local Government and Public Health under date of 18th February 1925, and numbered M.55657/1924, was read. The subject of this letter was the existence of 2,000 defaulters under the Vaccination Acts in the Wexford Dispensary District.

The Council were requested to take steps to enforce compliance with the said Acts.

The consideration of this subject was one among others which was deferred at meeting on 6th March last. No action was taken on this occasion either. An objection to putting the Acts in force was that people who conscientiously objected to vaccination were debarred from objecting.

The case was further adjourned until after the approaching Municipal Elections will have taken place.

Attention was drawn to the fact that these elections were fixed to be held on 23rd. June next, as per communication from the Ministry of Local Government and Public Health under date of 28th March 1925, No.14596/1925.

R. Bird.

17th April, 1925.

A meeting of the Council was held this day at the Town Hall at 7.30 p. m.

The members present were:-

Richard Corish, Esq., Mayor (in the chair)

Aldermen:- Patrick Clancy, Nicholas Connolly.

Councillors:- Alice Mary Farrell, David O'Neill, Nicholas Byrne, John Walsh, James Billington, Thomas Rossiter, James Grosbie, Richard Gibson.

The funeral on yesterday of the late Alderman James Sinnott impelled the members of the Corporation to pay a final tribute of respect to the memory of a man whose loss was deplored not only by the members of the Corporation, who marched in the funeral in a Body, but by the entire community of the town of Wexford.

The deceased was a man who was very proud of his native town of Wexford, and took an exceptional interest in her advancement. He was a member of the Corporation for 20 years, and filled the office of Mayor of Wexford for several

years. As a public man he was indefatigable in his endeavours to discharge his duties well and faithfully. He was very much revered, not only for his private benefactions, but for the readiness with which he always responded to any call for the public good.

The Mayor proposed a vote of sympathy to the bereaved relatives of their late worthy Colleague.

The motion was seconded by Councillor Byrne, and all the members present, one after the other, passed a eulogium on the deceased.

A letter from Alderman Hadden, who was indisposed, was read regretting the loss of a public-spirited townsman.

The motion was put and carried, and the meeting dissolved in silence.

R. Corish

20th April, 1925.

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

The members present were:-

Richard Corish, Esq., Mayor (in the chair)

Aldermen:- Nicholas Connolly, Patrick Clancy.

Councillors:- Thomas Rossiter, Nicholas Byrne, James Billington, John Walsh,
David O'Neill, James Crosbie, Michael Martin.

This meeting was especially convened to deal with estimates of expenses to be incurred and provided for in the current financial year, and to agree on the poundage of the various Rates to be subsequently made.

These had been before a meeting on 6th Instant, and were reviewed, with the result that the net sum to be paid out of the Borough Fund was £5198. 15. 4, and to raise this sum it was considered that a Rate of 5/4 in the £ was sufficient.

As regards the estimate of expenses for maintenance and improvement of streets, the net sum required was brought down to £1909. 18. 1. In this case it was seen that a Rate of 2/- in the £. was enough.

As to the estimate of expenses in connection with the Water System, the net expenses was put down at £1328. 12. 6, and to raise this sum a Rate of 1/6 in the £ was required.

Thereupon the three following motions were adopted.

Proposed by Councillor Byrne, seconded by Councillor Crosbie.

That a Borough Rate of Five Shillings and Four Pence be agreed on.

Proposed by Councillor Rossiter, seconded by Alderman Connolly.

That a Special Rate of Two Shillings be agreed on.

Proposed by Councillor Rossiter, seconded by Councillor Hayes.

That Water Rates of one Shilling and Sixpence be agreed on.

Referring to minutes of 6th instant, on which occasion was discussed a representation made by 38 ratepayers to the Minister for Local Government and Public Health as to the necessity for instituting an inquiry into the financial administration of the Municipality, discussion on the question was resumed, at considerable length.

Arguments were put forward, and figures quoted by the Mayor in vindication of all expenditure gone to since 1920. He was supported in his views by Alderman Connolly and Councillors Hayes and Rossiter. Councillor Byrne also took part in the debate. Formerly a critic he said, upon hearing the case put forward by the Mayor, that he felt constrained to vary his views, and considered most of the expenditure justified.

Councillor Billington joined in the discussion, maintaining that the provision of a five ton Leyland Lorry was unnecessary. He had protested at first, and still was of the belief that the cost of this Lorry was money unwisely laid out. Beyond the observations of members, as outlined above, no further action on the part of the Council was deemed necessary in the matter.

R. Lewis

4th May, 1925.

A statutable meeting of the Council was held this day at the Town Hall at half past seven o'clock p. m.

The members present were:-

Richard Corish, Esq., Mayor (in the chair)

Alderman:- Patrick Clancy.

Councillors:- James Billington, John Walsh, Thomas Rossiter, Thomas Hayes, James Crosbie.

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 £2394. 3. 7 were submitted, and having been examined were approved and Advice notes were signed to enable them to be discharged.

The following is a copy of a resolution which was read. It was from a meeting of unemployed held in Wexford on Friday, 1st Instant, Viz:

"That we, the unemployed, request our County T. D's to bring our case before the Daol. Very many of us, through no fault of our own, have been unemployed for the past four or five years and our insurance stamps have been exhausted. The majority of us have wives and large families, and our children are an asset to the State, and we deem it the duty of the State to provide for them. We therefore demand that the Government immediately start relief work, and that a Grant be given to the Labour Exchange to enable it to the the Unemployment Benefit until such work is started."

The present meeting were unanimous in endorsing the terms of the resolution, believing that it was most opportune, and the object in view well worthy of support, as there was a genuine necessity for providing employment.

The Mayor took occasion to refer to a letter which was published in the local newspapers from Mr. Francis J. Walsh, a Director of the local Gas Company. This letter purported to prove that the lighting of the streets of the town, as it used to be done by the Wexford Gas Company, gave more satisfaction at less cost than the present-day lighting, as given by the electric light system of the Corporation. This same letter was a further contribution towards the controversy that was going on about the alleged extravagances of the Corporation.

The Mayor took up the task of controverting Mr. Walsh's assertions, and quoted figures and put forward arguments to prove that the present mode of lighting was altogether superior to the former one, at practically the same cost.

The Mayor also pointed out where Mr. Walsh had misquoted the Poundage of the local Rates for 1924-5; the Poundage, as stated by him, being two shillings, in round numbers, over what it really was.

The recent closing of the South Wexford Railway Station was an event to which attention was directed. This, it appeared, was incidental to amalgamation of control of the railway system of Southern Ireland. It had given rise to much grumbling and criticism among the residents of the south end of the town. The business people had suffered considerable pecuniary loss, and the residents were compelled to travel a mile further than hither to in order to reach the remaining railway station. In summer time the inconvenience would be seriously felt when people would need to go to the seaside at Rosslare. The Harbour Board had already taken action with a view, if possible, to have the Station re-opened, and it was maintained that the Corporation were called upon to follow suit in the interests of the town.

Thereupon on the motion of Councillor Rossiter, seconded by Councillor Hayes, it was Resolved:- That the Town Clerk communicate with the Authorities in the case, representing to them the hardship under which the inhabitants of the south end of the town were labouring through the closing of the Station, and requesting them to re-consider their decision in the matter.

The making of Rates (except Poor Rate) was proceeded with, and thereupon the three 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 Crosbie, seconded by Councillor Rossiter, and

RESOLVED:- That a Borough Rate of Five Shillings and four Pence in the Pound (being One Shilling for General Town Purposes and four Shillings and Four 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 for the Municipal Administration of said Borough being carried out, as considered and adopted on the 20th April 1925.

Proposed by Councillor Hayes, seconded by Councillor Billington, and

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 and adopted on the 20th April 1925.

Proposed by the Mayor, seconded by Councillor Hayes, and

RESOLVED:- That an Assessment of One Shilling and Six Pence in the Pound, viz. a Domestic Rate of One Shilling, and a Public Rate of Six Pence on the rateable value of property within the Town of Wexford be laid on pursuant to the Local Government (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 20th April 1925.

The Warrants authorizing the collection of the Borough Rate and the Special Rate were also sealed and signed.

The Accounts of the Collector of Borough rate and of Rate in lieu of County Cess in respect of the year ended 31st March 1925 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 £72. 5. 9½, and items of Rate in lieu of County Cess amounting to £29.-17. 5½, and that the balance of items outstanding, i. e., £546. 0. 10½ and £232. 14. 1½ respectively be carried into the current year's Rate Books as Arrears.

This recommendation was adopted on the motion of the Mayor seconded by Councillor Crosbie.

The following two formal resolutions were also unanimously adopted.

Proposed by Councillor Rossiter, seconded by Alderman Clancy, and

RESOLVED:- That the Council borrow from the National Bank, Ltd, Wexford Branch, the sum of £345. 15. 4 for the purpose of lighting the town of Wexford by electric light, in accordance with the consent of the Department of Industry and Commerce dated 23rd. March 1925; the loan to be repaid within ten years by half-yearly instalments with interest at the rate of one half per cent under the Irish Banks rate from time to time rising or falling therewith with a minimum of four per cent per annum. And that a Mortgage on the Rates be executed to secure said sum and interest.

*Electric
Light for
town*

Proposed by Councillor Billington, seconded by Councillor Crosbie, and

RESOLVED:- That pursuant to letters of sanction of the Local Government Minister both dated 4th April 1925, the sums of £780 and £532. 7. 9 be borrowed from the National Bank Ltd., Wexford, for the purposes therein mentioned to be repaid by instalments within five years with interest at one-half per cent under the Irish Banks rate from time to time rising and falling therewith, with a minimum of four per cent per annum, as in said letters of sanction provided.

And it was further resolved that the Seal of the Corporation be affixed to the

necessary Mortgage over the Rates to secure the said Loan.

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

The applications were granted on the same conditions as were imposed last year.

Referring to minutes of 12th May 1924, the Borough Rate Collector made application in writing for the use of an office. On the date mentioned the Collector was allowed to take as office a room in the Foresters' Hall at a rent of seven shillings a week for one year, and his present application was for a renewal of the allowance for the coming year.

The application was granted.

Richard Corish
Mayor

8-6-25

8th June 1925.

A Statutable meeting of the Council was held this day at the Town Hall at half past seven o'clock p. m.

The members present were:-

Richard Corish, Esq., Mayor (in the chair)

Aldermen:- Nicholas Connolly, Patrick Olancy.

Councillors:- Nicholas Byrne, Thomas Rossiter, James Crosbie, Alice Fennell,

James Billington, John Walsh, Richard Gibson, Thomas Hayes,

David O'Neill.

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 £3982. 2. 2 were submitted, and having been examined were approved, and Advice Notes were signed to enable them to be discharged.

A letter was read from Alderman Hadden announcing his inability to be a candidate at the forthcoming Municipal Elections owing to the precarious state of his health. He had learned that friends had nominated him as a Member for St. Selskar Ward, but he was unable to avail of the nomination. He ~~and~~ took occasion to thank all the people who had been associated with him as a Municipal Representative, a position which he had filled for over 35 years.

A communication from the Department of Local Government under date of 29th May 1925, and bearing number RU/131, was read. It contained notification that a Grant of £2,000 had been made available to cope with unemployment in the town. The Grant was the result of representations made by Alderman Corish in the Dail. The general conditions applying to the work under the Trunk Road Grant applied to this Grant also.

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The advisableness of putting a name on the new road leading from John Street to

to Windmills Hill was introduced. A name suggested was St. John's Road, and on the motion of the Mayor seconded by Councillor Rossiter this name was determined on.

The remaining business on the agenda was deferred pending the election, in a fortnight, of a fresh Corporation.

22nd. June 1925.

A meeting of the Council was held this day at the Town Hall at seven O'clock p. m.

The members present were:-

Richard Gerish, Esq., Mayor (in the chair)

Aldermen:- Nicholas Connolly and Patrick Clancy.

Councillors:- Thomas Rossiter, John Walsh, Nicholas Byrne, Thomas Hayes, James Billington, David O'Neill, James Crosbie.

The meeting was called specially in view of the recent death of the late Alderman George Hadden whose remains were interred in Crosstown Cemetery two days previously.

Glowing tributes were paid to the memory of the deceased, and the many services he had rendered during his 35 years membership of the Corporation were called to mind. His loss to the town, both inside and outside the Corporation, would be felt to an unprecedented degree. His interest in the well-being of the town, as well as in the country in general, prompted him to force ahead the various Housing Schemes, and also to be one of the founders of the Association of Irish Municipal Authorities.

In him the poor had lost a sincere friend and benefactor. He was unsparing in his attention to the business of the Corporation, and his loss was deplored by everybody that knew him.

The Mayor proposed that the deep sympathy of the Council be tendered to Mrs Hadden and family in their bereavement.

This motion was seconded by Councillor Byrne, and all the members present united in expressing their sorrow at the occurrence of the sad event.

The motion was passed, and the meeting separated in silence.

RESULT OF ELECTIONS

NAME OF LOCAL AUTHORITY:-

CORPORATION OF WEXFORD

Election of Aldermen & Councillors for
the above Corporation in the year 1925.

persons whose names are entered in Column 2 of the Statement hereunder
and Councillors for the said Corporation. Notice that the
the undersigned, being the Returning Officer at the Election of Aldermen

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RESULT OF ELECTIONS

NAME OF LOCAL AUTHORITY:--

CORPORATION OF WEXFORD.

**Election of Aldermen & Councillors for
the above Corporation in the year 1925.**

I, the undersigned, being the Returning Officer at the Election of Aldermen and Councillors for the said Local Authority, do hereby give notice that the persons whose names are entered in Column 5 of the Statement hereunder have been declared duly elected as Members of the Local Authority for the year 1925.

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Electoral Areas opposite to the names of which in Column 1 the names of such candidates are entered.

Electoral Areas. 1	Names of Candidates.		Places of Abode. 4	Names of Candidates Elected. 5	Order in which elected where there was a poll. 6
	Surnames. 2	Other Names. 3			
ST. IBERIUS' WARD	Browne	John	24 Green Street	JOHN BROWNE	—
Do.	Byrne	Nicholas	High Street	NICHOLAS BYRNE	—
Do.	Hayes	Thomas	Grogan's Road	THOMAS HAYES	—
Do.	Larkin	James (junr.)	High Street	JAMES LARKIN (junr.)	—
Do.	O'Leary	John Joseph	103 North Main Street	JOHN JOSEPH O'LEARY	—
Do.	Rossiter	Thomas	Grogan's Road	THOMAS ROSSITER	—
Do.	Walsh	Thomas	High Street	THOMAS WALSH	—
ST. MARY'S WARD	Bergin	Myles (senr.)	Gibson Street	MYLES BERGIN (senr.)	—
Do.	Billington	James	The Folly	JAMES BILLINGTON	—
Do.	Clancy	Patrick	High Street	PATRICK CLANCY	—
Do.	Corish	Richard	St. Ibar's Terrace	RICHARD CORISH	—
Do.	Crosbie	James	Carrigeen Street	JAMES CROSBIE	—
Do.	Fennell	Alice	High Street	ALICE FENNELL	—
Do.	Gaul	James	Carrigeen Street	JAMES GAUL	—
Do.	Heron	Thomas	William Street	THOMAS HERON	—
Do.	Martin	Michael	Trinity Street	MICHAEL MARTIN	—
Do.	Power	William J. (junr.)	Trinity Street	WILLIAM J. POWER (jun.)	—
Do.	Walsh	John	Bride Street	JOHN WALSH	—
ST. SELSKAR WARD	Browne	Michael	Commercial Quay		—
Do.	Connolly	Nicholas	John Street	NICHOLAS CONNOLLY	1
Do.	Fitzhenry	Robert	Trinity Street	ROBERT FITZHENRY	5
Do.	Gibson	Richard	Ardrudh	RICHARD GIBSON	2
Do.	Larkin	John	Abbey Street	JOHN LARKIN	3
Do.	Malone	Richard	Selskar Street	RICHARD MALONE	6
Do.	McCabe	Patrick	Spawell Road	PATRICK McCABE	4
Do.	McMahon	James	Bride Street		—

Dated this 24th day of June, 1925.

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WILLIAM A. BROWNE,
Returning Officer.

RETURNING OFFICER
JIMMIE A. MAJLIS

Dated this 30th day of June, 1852.

30th June, 1925.

A Sealed Order under date of 28th March 1925 having been made by the Minister for Local Government and Public Health, the first meeting of the newly-elected Council was held on this date pursuant thereto.

Out of the 24 members elected on the 23rd. instant, this being the prescribed date for the election, the following 22 attended, viz.,

Aldermen Nicholas Connolly and Richard Gibson, and Councillors John Larkin, Patrick McCabe, Robert Fitzhenry, and Richard Malone, who were elected for St. Salskar Ward, where a contest had taken place.

The members representing St. Iberius Ward in attendance, where no contest had taken place, were, John Browne, Nicholas Byrne, Thomas Hayes, James Larkin, John Joseph O'Leary, Thomas Rossiter, Thomas Walsh.

The members for St. Mary's Ward in attendance, where no contest had taken place, were, Myles Bergin (Senior) James Billington, Patrick Clancy, Richard Corish, James Crosbie, James Gaul, Thomas Heron, William J. Power (Junior), John Walsh.

The chair was taken by the outgoing Mayor, Richard Corish, Esq.

The first business transacted was the choosing of two of the members for St. Iberius Ward and St. Mary's Ward respectively as Aldermen for these Wards, pursuant to Section 4(3) of the Local Government (Ireland) Act 1919.

The result was that the two members Nicholas Byrne and James Larkin were made Aldermen for St. Iberius Ward, and Richard Corish and Patrick Clancy for St. Mary's Ward.

Thereupon all the members present took their declarations of acceptance of Office in the prescribed form, and the business of electing a Mayor was entered upon.

For this purpose the Chair was taken, pro. tem., by Alderman Connolly.

Councillor Rossiter proposed that the outgoing Mayor, Alderman Richard Corish, be re-elected until his Successor be appointed and shall have accepted Office.

This motion was seconded by Councillor Heron.

It was supported in eulogistic terms by Alderman Byrne, Alderman Larkin, Alderman Gibson, and Councillors Hayes and Walsh.

In declaring the motion unanimously carried, Alderman Connolly referred in a complimentary way to the public services rendered by the Mayor.

On resuming the chair the Mayor took his declaration of acceptance of Office.

In returning thanks for his election he said, inter alia, that although he was returned in the interests of labour, he recognized the fact that he was bound to look after every interest in the town, a course which he had hitherto followed.

He regretted that unemployment existed. He was glad he had been the means of obtaining Grants for the relief of it, and expected that he would be able to lessen it still further by Government aid, but pecuniary assistance from public funds could not be reckoned on always. The question of unemployment was an economic one, and, in his opinion, could be solved only by employers and employees coming together in a spirit of mutual good

will and settling on the relations which should subsist between them.

As to the future conducting of the meetings of the Council, he intended to rule out of order any motions or discussions of a political character.

The appointment of Committees was taken up, and on the motion of Alderman Byrne, seconded by Alderman Connolly, it was.

Resolved:- That the Standing Committees, viz., Finance and Works, Public Health, Waterworks, and Old Age Pension Committee be composed of the entire Council, and as to the Technical Instruction Committee, that the seven members of the Corporation on this Committee be, Councillors Rossiter, Thomas Walsh, McCabe, Fennell, Heron, Browne, and Billington, and that the non-members of the Council on the Committee be Rev. Brother Markey, Superior Christian Brothers, Rev. John Sinnott, C. C., Rev. Chancellor Hennison, Protestant Rector, and Mrs Kelly, South Main Street.

This left two further non-members to be appointed at a future date, as the requisite number of non-members to be put on the Committee was six.

L. Larkin

5. 7. 25

6th July, 1925.

A statutable meeting of the Council was held this day at the Town Hall at half past seven o'clock p. m.

The members present were:-

Richard Corish, Esq., Mayor (in the chair)

Aldermen:- Richard Gibson, James Larkin, Nicholas Byrne, Patrick Clancy, Nicholas Connolly.

Councillors:- James Billington, Myles Bergin, Thomas Heron, Alice Fennell, Thomas Rossiter, Richard Malone, James Gaul, John Walsh, Patrick McCabe, John Larkin, Thomas Walsh, John J. O'Leary, Robert Fitzhenry, William J. Power, James Crosbie, John Browne, Thomas Hayes.

The minutes of meeting of 30th June Ultime were read and signed.

Liabilities which had accrued due up to the end of last month, amounting in the aggregate to £1582. 2. 3 were submitted and having been examined were approved, and Advice Notes were signed to enable them to be discharged.

A circular letter from the Department of Local Government and Public Health was brought under notice. It contained intimation that a Commission was sitting to see how legislation ought to be framed for the relief of the sick and destitute poor, and to see how the existing laws relating thereto were administered.

The Commission had prepared a list of queries which the Commission wished to be replied to, and also

be appointed to give evidence on the subject.

On the motion of Councillor Rossiter, seconded by Alderman Byrne, it was decided to refer the circular to the Finance and Works Committee to enable answers to be framed to the queries, and to prepare evidence for the Commission.

The appointment of a School Attendance Committee was a question brought under notice. The term of Office of the existing Committee was to expire on 31st instant, and it was necessary that a new Committee should be formed.

The Committee was to consist of ten persons, five of whom the Council had the right to appoint, and the other five were to be nominees of the Minister for Education, and the Committee were to hold Office for three years.

Thereupon the following were appointed, viz., Alderman Connolly, Councillors McCabe, Crosbie, Gaul, and Alderman Larkin.

The Water Rate Collector applied for an increase of remuneration. His present rate of remuneration was 10d. in the £. on all moneys collected and lodged, and he asked that this should be increased to 1/- in the £, and that he should be given an allowance of £10 per annum towards out-of-pocket expenses. His total remuneration was, approximately, £70. a year. In comparison with the other Collectors in the service of the Corporation he held that he was badly paid.

on the question of granting this request there was a difference of opinion.

Alderman Connolly proposed that it be refused point blank.

This was seconded by Alderman Clancy.

Alderman Byrne proposed, however, that it be referred to Committee to allow of particulars being gone into.

This was seconded by Alderman Gibson.

The second motion was about to be put to the meeting when a Poll was demanded and granted, whereupon the following voted for Alderman Byrne's motion, Councillors Browne, Hayes, O'Leary, Fennell, McCabe, Billington, Alderman Byrne and Gibson. 8. Against it. Councillors Larkin, Rossiter, J. Walsh, Bergin, Crosbie, Gaul, Haren, Power, T. Walsh, Fitzhenry, Malone, and Alderman Clancy, Connolly, Larkin, and the Mayor. 15.

Having regard to this motion being lost, the first one was then put to the meeting and was carried without a division.

The Wexford Motor Company applied for permission to erect a petrol pump on the footpath in front of their premises in the Bull Ring. They undertook to make good any damage done to the footpath and kerb in setting up this apparatus to the satisfaction of the Town Surveyor.

The request was granted, subject to a rent being paid, upon the rents of these articles being settled on by Government.

The Housing Act 1925 was discussed. Under this Enactment the Council were empowered to frame a scheme to be approved by the Minister for Local Government and Public Health, and in virtue of this Scheme, they could make a Grant and, if necessary a Loan to assist the erection of reconstructed houses, in addition to

a Grant that the Minister was empowered to make.

Furthermore, the Council were given the power to permit certain proportions of Rates on houses to which the Act applied.

On the motion of Councillor Rossiter, seconded by Councillor Grosbie, it was passed that a Housing Committee should be appointed to see if it would be possible to induce individuals to avail of the advantages obtainable under the Act.

The Committee was appointed consisting of Councillors T. Walsh, Browne, Hayes, Billington, McCabe, Fennell, O'Leary, Aldermen Connolly and Larkin.

Alderman Connolly drew attention to the salary of the Health Visitor included in the accounts for payment. He maintained that the salary was not adequately earned from his own observation, and believed that a greater portion of the expenditure under the Maternity and Child Welfare Scheme should be devoted to the purchase of milk for ^{free} distribution.

Alderman Byrne said that in his opinion the whole Scheme should be abolished, while Councillor Miss Fennell considered the Health Visitor was doing good work. The Mayor pointed out, from an entry in the Report Book, that 160 visits had been paid in the last three weeks by the Health Visitor.

The outcome of the discussion was that the following were deputed to look after the working of the Scheme, viz., Alderman Connolly, Councillors Fennell, Gaul, and Bergin, assisted by the ladies who have been interested in the matter. The Rosslare Golf Club, by letter, asked that the endeavours of the Club to bring about a change in the time table of the train service between Wexford and Rosslare should be backed up by the Council.

The Club maintained that the service, as at present arranged, was quite unsatisfactory. The train leaving Wexford at present at 7. 5 p. m. was too late, and the 9. 10 p. m. train back to Wexford was too early.

The meeting considered that a variation of the time table for the summer months was desirable, and decided to ask the Railway Company to start a train from Wexford at 6. 30 p. m. to return from Rosslare at 10. 30 p. m., and also to request that the Sunday trains be stopped at South Wexford Railway Station.

Attention was called to a practice which had lately sprung up among itinerant Pedlars to the annoyance and obstruction of the public. They had, on several occasions, taken the liberty to set up portable standings in the open street in the Bull Ring. The number of standings was on the increase, for the reason that so far no steps had been taken to punish the offenders, as the local Towns Improvement Court had been allowed to lapse.

To find out what were the proper steps to be taken, and on whom the responsibility rested to take them, ~~and~~ considering the alteration in the method of administering the Laws for Summary Jurisdiction, the case was referred to the Corporation Solicitor for his opinion and advice.

Having regard to proceedings of 22nd June Ultime, the following is a copy of

a letter which was read.

Springfield, Wexford.

July 2nd. 1925.

Dear Mr. Browne,

Will you please thank the Corporation on behalf of my family and myself for their sympathy with us in our great loss and sorrow. We feel very deeply the appreciative way my husband has been spoken of, and thank you all for your high tribute paid to him. He was proud to be a Wexfordman, and it was always a pleasure to him to do what he could for the town.

With renewed thanks for kind sympathy,

Yours sincerely, Hannah M. Hadden.

Thomas Rossiter
Acty Chairman

3rd. August, 1925.

A statutable meeting of the Council was held this day at the Town Hall at 7. 30 p. m.

The members present were:-

Thomas Rossiter, Esq., T. C. (in the chair)

Aldermen:- Nicholas Byrne, James Larkin, Richard Gibson.

Councillors:- James Billington, Patrick McCabe, John Larkin, Thomas Walsh,
John Walsh, James Gaul, Michael Martin, James Crosbie, John O'Leary,
Robert Fitzhenry, William J. Power, John 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 £2746. 17. 11, were submitted and having been examined were approved, and Advice Notes were signed to enable the Treasurer to pay them.

The Chairman took occasion to propose that an expression of condolence with the Mayor in his bereavement be recorded. His uncle, Nicholas Corish, a respected citizen of the town had been called out of life within the last two days, and the interment of the deceased took place this day.

The motion was seconded by Alderman Byrne and supported by Councillors Heron, Alderman Gibson, and Councillor Billington, all of whom testified to the many good qualities that deceased was possessed of.

The motion was passed unanimously, all members rising to their feet at the time.

Six tenders received in respect of supplying 60 tons of cement were opened and read. They were from the following Firms:- Charles Tennant & Co., Ltd., Dublin; Wexford Timber Co., Charwicks, Dublin, Ltd; Metallurgy Ltd., Dublin; Chapman & Chapman Ltd., Dublin; and C. P. Glorney, Ltd., Dublin.

The tenders having been examined, it was found that the terms of C. P. Glorney Ltd., were the most favourable, viz. "58/6 per ton Staghead Brand Best Belgian Portland

Cement, delivered carriage paid to Wexford Station in full four 6 ton waggon loads. Minimum quantity, 24 tons per consignment."

Before ordering the full quantity required it was decided to procure six tons to enable the quality to be tested in the presence of Councillors Browne and T. Walsh, members experienced in Building, and the Town Surveyer.

Arising out of this matter, reference was made to the regrettable fact that the Drinagh Cement Works had been closed. The cessation of work was particularly unfortunate considering the scarcity of employment in and about the town. In the circumstances it was thought there was no other resource but to apply to the Government to do something towards bringing about a re-opening of the Works, and on the motion of Councillor T. Walsh, seconded by Councillor Gaul, it was decided to bring the case before the Government in the hope that they would be able to do something in the matter for the benefit of the workers. It was further decided to communicate with the County Council and the Deputies for the County, asking them to do all they could to achieve the object in view. A letter from His Grace, Dr. Mannix, under date of 30th Ultime was read. He expressed his pleasure to come to Wexford on Wednesday, 2nd. September next to receive the Honorary Freedom of the Borough which it had been decided to confer on him so far back as 4th August 1920.

After a short discussion, it was resolved, on the motion of Councillor McCabe, seconded by Councillor T. Walsh, that a Committee be formed of the entire Council be appointed to make the necessary arrangements preliminary to the Ceremony.

The Association of Municipal Authorities asked, by letter, that two representatives from the Council should be appointed to attend the Annual Conference to be held in the City Hall, Dublin, on Tuesday, 15th September next. Thereupon on the motion of Councillor Heron, seconded by Alderman Larkin, it was resolved that Councillor T. Walsh be appointed as a Delegate, and on the motion of Alderman Byrne, seconded by Councillor Billington, it was resolved that the Mayor be appointed, these two members having consented to attend. A letter under date of 31st July 1925 from the Department of Local Government and Public Health was read. It bore number M.35350/25, and drew attention to the fact that there were over 2000 vaccination defaulters in the Wexford Dispensary District.

The Ministry stated that energetic action should be taken against these defaulters to ensure compliance with the law.

The duty of administering the Vaccination Acts was, in the opinion of the meeting, wrongly imposed on the Urban Council, as the abolished Board of Guardians always dealt with these Acts.

The Chairman said he presumed these powers were now vested in the Wexford County Board of Health under the amalgamation of Unions Scheme. He moved that the Council disclaim responsibility on this matter and the meeting acquiesced.

The Analyst's report for Quarter ended 30th June 1925 was read. The number of articles analyzed was 42, the majority being samples of milk, four of which were found adulterated.

It was announced that prosecutions had been taken and fines imposed in the cases of adulteration.

The necessity for providing a public underground urinal in a prominent situation in the town was brought forward by Councillor Heron, and it was agreed to include the cost of erecting the convenience in next years Rate Estimates.

The Election of a Member of the Council to sit on the Harbour Board, as provided by the Harbour Acts, was due to take place at the present meeting, but as no nomination had been received, as required by the Acts, the election lapsed as a consequence, and it was decided to have a fresh election on Monday, 7th September Prox.

Richard Corish

Y. 9. 25

17th August, 1925.

A Special Meeting of the Council was held this day (pursuant to the Mayor's requisition) at the Town Hall at half past seven o'clock p. m. to appoint a Collector of Water Rates and Charges, and to approve, if thought well, of the Sureties that the appointee might offer in respect of the fulfilment of his duties.

The members present were:-

Richard Corish, Esq., (Mayor, in the Chair.

Aldermen:- Nicholas Byrne, James Larkin, Nicholas Connolly.

Councillors:- James Gaul, John Browne, James Billington, John Larkin, Thomas Walsh, John Walsh, John O'Leary, Thomas Heron, James Crosbie, Thomas Rossiter, Patrick McCabe, Michael Martin, Robert Fitzhenry, William J. Power.

Two applications were received from persons offering their services in the capacity mentioned. These applicants were:-

Timothy O'Leary of John Street, Wexford, and Samuel Nolan 10 Trinity Street Wexford.

A Poll was taken as to which of these two men were to be appointed.

The result was as follows.

For O'Leary. Councillors O'Leary, T. Walsh, Billington, McCabe, and Aldermen Byrne and Connolly.

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For Nolan. Councillors Rossiter, Crosbie, Heron, J. Walsh, J. Larkin, Browne, Gaul, Martin, Fitzhenry, Power, Alderman Larkin and the Mayor,

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Samuel Nolan was thereupon declared appointed, and the two persons whom he named as his Sureties, namely, James Heffernan and James Hayes, both of South Main Street, Wexford were approved of as solvent Sureties.

Richard Corish

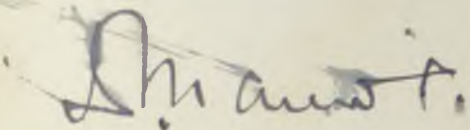
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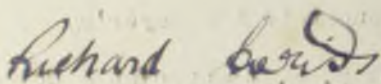
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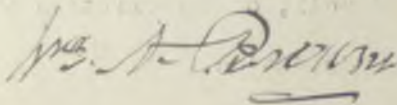
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MAYOR.



TOWN CLERK.

7th September, 1925.

A statutable meeting of the Council was held this day at the Town Hall at half past seven o'clock p. m.

The members present were:-

Richard Corish, Esq., Mayor (in the chair)

Aldermen:- Patrick Clancy, Richard Gibson, Nicholas Connolly, James Larkin.

Councillors:- Thomas Rossiter, James Crosbie, James Billington, Alice Fennell, Robert Fitzhenry, William J. Power, John J. O'Leary, James Gayl, John Larkin, John Walsh, Thomas Heron, Thomas Walsh, Thomas Hayes, Michael Martin, Patrick McCabe, John Browne.

The minutes of meetings of 3rd. and 17th August last were read and signed.

Liabilities which had accrued due up to the end of last month, amounting in the aggregate to £1999. 1. 6, were submitted, and having been examined were approved, and Advice Notes were signed to enable the Treasurer to pay them.

Three tenders received in respect of the erection of twelve houses at St. John's Road, for the accommodation of people of the working classes were opened and read. The Scheme for these houses was approved of by the Minister for Local Government and Public Health as per letter of 7th August 1925, and the raising of a Loan of £3000 to allow the Scheme to be carried out was sanctioned by the Minister as per letter of 31st August 1925.

The design of the houses had been prepared in the Housing Department of the Ministry of Local Government, and there were two types of design.

The three tenders were from the following in response to advertisement, and the sums these builders were prepared to carry out the work for were as shown in the following table.

BUILDER.	TYPE G.I.	PLAN NO. 3
M. O'Connor & Co. Wexford.	£3752.	£3926.
G. O'Connor, Crossabeg.	£4312.	£4168.
Allen Brothers, Dublin.	£3820.	£3500.

The tenders having been duly considered and compared with each other, it was decided, on the motion of Councillor Hayes, seconded by Councillor Power, that the lowest tender, that is the one for £3,500 from Allen Brothers, be accepted.

A draft Deed of Mortgage was produced. It was prepared by the National Bank, and it contained no conditions to which exception could be taken.

Thereupon, on the motion of Councillor Rossiter, seconded by Alderman Connolly,

It was Resolved:- That pursuant to the Letter of Sanction of the Local Government Minister dated 31st August 1925, the sum of £3,000 be borrowed from the National Bank, Limited, Wexford, for the purposes therein mentioned, and to be repaid on the Annuity System within ten years with interest at the rate of 4½ per annum as in said Letter of Sanction provided. And it is further resolved that the Seal of the Council be affixed to the necessary Mortgage over the Rates to secure the said Loan.

The election of a Harbour Commissioner was proceeded with, pursuant to the Harbour Acts. Only one nomination had been received in accordance with the requirements of the Acts, and this was that of Councillor Gaul, who had been nominated by Councillor Rossiter, and on the motion of Alderman Connolly, seconded by Councillor Rossiter, Councillor Gaul was duly elected.

One vacancy existing in the membership of the Technical Instruction Committee, it was resolved, on the motion of Councillor Billington, seconded by Councillor O'Leary, to appoint Mr. John Dunne, of South Main Street to fill the vacancy.

In order to comply with the requirements of The Local Conferences (Urban Districts) Order 1913, so that the members attending the Conference of the Association of Municipal Authorities to be held in Dublin on the 8th of the present month, might be paid their expenses, it was resolved on the motion of the Mayor, seconded by Alderman Connolly, that Councillors Thomas Hayes and Thomas Walsh be appointed as Delegates from the Wexford Urban Council.

With reference to minutes of 3rd ultimo, a letter was read from the Ministry of Industry and Commerce under date of 5th instant.

The Minister, in reply to representations made to him, stated that the re-opening of the Drinagh Cement Works had been under the constant consideration of his Department. It had been pointed out by the Department to the owners of the Works that the Shannon Scheme and Housing Schemes assured an increasing market for cement in Ireland and the question for re-opening was one for their favourable consideration.

The only means the Government had of assisting the financing of such enterprises was to guarantee the Principal and Interest on Loans raised for works of a capital nature. If a proposition were made to him to guarantee a Loan it would receive the utmost consideration.

The contents of the communication were noted? and by being brought before the meeting had the advantage of being ventilated for the information of all concerned.

From a communication received from the Secretary of the Wexford Technical Instruction Committee it was seen that an amalgamation of the various Technical Instruction Committees in the County was to be brought about on an early date. It was intended that this Joint Committee should consist of 18 members: 8 to represent the County, 4, Wexford Town; 3, Enniscorthy, and 3, New Ross.

The local Committee suggested that the 4 for Wexford should be the Mayor, Councillors Rossiter, Billington and McCabe, but were of opinion that, considering the population of Wexford town, the number to represent Wexford on the Joint Committee should be more than four.

On the motion of Councillor Heron, seconded by Alderman Larkin, it was decided to inform the Department of Technical Instruction that in the opinion of this Council the due number to represent Wexford ought to be fixed at six, and ask them to have the number so fixed.

Alderman Clancy brought under notice the practice followed by Returning Officers in selecting individuals to serve as Presiding Officers and Poll Clerks at contested Elections. He maintained that qualified men out of employment should be appointed in preference to people already engaged in permanent employment. He brought the matter up at the present moment in the hope that at the coming Election for Senators the claims of the unemployed would be recognized.

He proposed that the matter be brought under the notice of the Returning Officer for Wexford County.

The motion was seconded by Councillor Heron, supported by Alderman Larkin, and adopted.

Richard Corish

5. 10. 25

28th September, 1925.

A special meeting of the Council was held this day at the Town Hall at 7.30 p. m.

The members present were:-

Richard Corish, Esq., Mayor (in the chair)

Aldermen:- Patrick Clancy, Nicholas Byrne, James Larkin, Nicholas Connolly.

Councillors:- James Billington, Thomas Walsh, Thomas Rossiter, Alice Pennell, Thomas Heron, John Walsh, James Gaul, John Larkin, Thomas Hayes, James Grosbie, Robert Fitzhenry, Patrick McCabe, Richard Gibson, John Browne, William J. Power.

With reference to minutes of 7th September Instant, on which date a tender was accepted in respect of building twelve small dwellings at St. John's Road, it was announced that the Firm of Messrs Allen Brothers, of Parnell Street, Dublin, had refused to enter into a Contract for the completion of the work.

In these circumstances it was thought well to consult Mr. Patrick O'Connor, of Wexford, whose tender was the next lowest to Allen Brothers' tender, to see if it would be possible to enter into a Contract with him for the carrying out of the work, and at a meeting of the Finance and Works Committee on 21st Instant, a fresh tender was obtained from Mr. O'Connor.

This tender was founded on an amended specification, whereby Mr. O'Connor was prepared to reduce the original price asked by him from £312. 13. 4 to £290 per house. The Committee went into details. They were assisted by Mr. Strahan of the Housing Department, Dublin.

The Committee recommended that the fresh tender at £290 per house should be accepted. After mature consideration, it was resolved, on the motion of Alderman Byrne, seconded by Councillor Hayes, that Mr. O'Connor's tender be accepted.

This motion was carried unanimously.

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5. 10. 25

5th October, 1925.

A statutable meeting of the Council was held this day at the Town Hall at half past seven o'clock p. m.

The members present were:-

Richard Corish, Esq., Mayor (in the chair)

Aldermen:- Richard Gibson, Nicholas Byrne, Patrick Clancy, Nicholas Connolly, James Larkin.

Councillors:- James Billington, Thomas Walsh, Thomas Heron, William J. Power, James Gaul, John Walsh, Alice Pennell, Thomas Hayes, John Larkin, Robert Fitzhenry, Thomas Rossiter, James Crosbie, John Browne, John O'Leary, Patrick McCabe.

The minutes of meetings of 7th and 28th September 1925 were read and signed. Liabilities which had accrued due up to the end of last month, amounting in the aggregate to £2064. 1. 3, were submitted, and having been examined were approved, and Advice Notes were signed to enable the Treasurer to discharge them with regard to a decision come to on 28th ultimo by the Public Health Committee, as to closing the schools of the Presentation Convent because of an outbreak of Scarlatina, a question was asked as to why the schools had not been closed as three cases were those of children attending that school.

The reason for the non-closing of the schools was stated to be as follows; The Rev. Mother had been written to and asked to close the schools, but she considered it a hardship to have to comply with the request, inasmuch as there were only three children affected out of 700 pupils.

Since then the Medical Officer of Health had returned from vacation, and he was of opinion that the closing of the schools was not necessary so far, on account of the small percentage of children affected.

No further action was taken.

Referring to minutes of 7th Ultimo, an engrossed Deed of Mortgage was produced for execution, in virtue of resolution adopted on that day.

Thereupon the Deed, being found to conform to all the terms on which the Housing Loan of £3,000 was to be borrowed from the National Bank, was duly sealed and signed.

A communication from the Department of Local Government and Public Health was read. It was numbered M.42022, and was dated 18th September 1925.

The subject of it was the non-administration of the Vaccination Acts in Wexford Urban District.

It pointed out that the duty of enforcing these Acts was imposed on the Urban Council, who were desired to give the necessary instructions to secure compliance therewith.

Regarding this matter, it was considered inopportune to enforce Vaccination, having regard to the fact that an outbreak of Scarlatina existed in the District

Adverting to minutes of 7th ultimo, a letter from the Department of Education was read. It was numbered 6952, and dated 14th September 1925.

As to the request that the number of representatives from the Borough of Wexford on the proposed County Joint Committee for Technical Instruction should be increased from four to six, the Department considered that the proposed allocation of members should be adopted. But after the Joint Committee had commenced to function, it was open to that Committee to put forward recommendations as to any revision of allocation of members thought desirable.

The contents of the letter were noted.

A circular letter from the Department of Local Government and Public Health was submitted under date of 24rd. September 1925 and number G.44428.

It dealt with the subject of financial accommodation required by local authorities from their Banker in case of occasional overdrafts. Inter alia it pointed out that Bankers were now at liberty to charge Interest on debit balances, pursuant to the Local Authorities Financial Provisions Act.

The contents of the circular were noted.

Councillor Rossiter suggested that the business of the Council done with the Hibernian Insurance Company should be discontinued.

This was adopted nem. con, the reason for doing so being that an English Company called the Guardian Assurance Company had become the principal shareholders in the Hibernian Company.

It having become known through the newspapers that the Council proposed to sever their connection with the Hibernian Company, nine applications received from various Companies seeking the insurance business of the Council, were read.

At the present juncture it was observed that two Policies from the Hibernian Company under the Workmen's Compensation Acts ceased to be in force at Michaelmas unless the premiums were paid within a few days.

As the result of a discussion, it was resolved, on the motion of Councillor O'Leary, seconded by Councillor Rossiter, that instead of the two Policies about to lapse there be taken out two new Policies with the New Ireland Assurance Company Ltd. It was further arranged that the disposal of the remainder of the business done with the Hibernian Company be dealt with by Special Committee due to meet on 7th instant. Alderman Clancy suggested that steps should be taken to raise a fund for the relief of distress in the town. He believed that the best way to obtain subscriptions was by a collection at the doors of the Churches on Sundays, with the permission of the Bishop.

The meeting fell in with the suggestion, and appointed a Committee to start the raising of the proposed fund, and continuing the collections until after Christmas, and also waiting on His Lordship, Dr. Codd, to see if subscriptions might be collected at the Church doors.

The Committee was appointed as follows:- Aldermen Clancy and Connolly, Councillors T. Walsh, Rossiter, O'Leary, and the Mayor.

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Richard Lardner
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2nd. November, 1925.

A statutable meeting of the Council was held this day at the Town Hall at half past seven o'clock p. m.

The members present were:-

Richard Corish, Esq., Mayor (in the chair)

Aldermen:- Nicholas Byrne, Nicholas Connolly, James Larkin, Richard Gibson, Patrick Clancy.

Councillors:- Thomas Walsh, William J. Power, James Billington, John Walsh, Myles Bergin, Robert Fitzhenry, Alice Fennell, Thomas Rossiter, Thomas Heron, James Gaul, James Crosbie, Michael Martin, Thomas Hayes, John Browne, Patrick McCabe.

The minutes of meeting of 5th October, 1925 were read and signed.

Liabilities which had accrued due up to the end of last month, amounting in the aggregate to £2209. 2. 8, were submitted and having been examined were approved, and Advice Notes were signed to enable the Treasurer to pay them.

A circular letter from the Department of Local Government and public Health (Roads) under date of 27th Ultimo, and numbered R.D./201, was submitted.

From this it was seen that the Minister proposed to declare certain roads in the County Wexford to be Main Roads. Among these were certain lines of streets within the urban area of Wexford, as per a schedule accompanying the circular.

The Minister was prepared to consider any representations which the Urban Council desired to offer on the subject.

The matter was gone into fully, whereupon on the motion of Alderman Connolly, seconded by Councillor Thomas Walsh, it was resolved as follows.

With regard to the lines of roads scheduled as Main Roads within the urban area, that the Minister be informed that the Harbour Commissioners were the Road Authority for the Quays and the streets leading from the Quays to the Main Street, and accordingly five of the proposed Main Roads were maintained by the Harbour Commissioners.

That instead of the lines of roads marked in the schedule Route L.159, and Route L.160, the following two roads should be substituted.viz:-

(1) From U. D. Boundary near Convent along John Street, School Street, Roche's Road, Bride Street, and Joseph Street, to the cross where King Street and Distillery Road meet.

(2) From King Street Upper, along Distillery Road to U. D. Boundary near Mill Race.

As to the remaining roads described in the schedule, there was no objection to their being classed as Main Roads.

Further, that the Minister be informed that the Council were in favour of an agreement being come to by them with the Wexford County Council as to which of the two Bodies was to be the body of maintaining the urban main roads,

exclusive of the roads under the jurisdiction of the Harbour Commissioners.

The advisableness of purchasing from the Wexford Harbour Commissioners an unwanted Tar Sprayer at a cost of £100 was recommended to favourable consideration by the Finance and Works Committee.

This article had been purchased by the Commissioners about eighteen months back at a cost of £142. It had got very little use, and was nearly as good as new.

On the motion of Alderman Byrne, seconded by Alderman Larkin, the Committee recommendation was adopted, but with the proviso that the purchase-price was not to be paid at once, but was to be provided for in next year's Rate Estimate.

A resolution adopted by the Kilkenny Urban Sanitary Authority was submitted. It was adopted on the motion of Councillor Heron, seconded by Councillor Rossiter, and ran as follows.

"That we call on the Government to bring in as soon as possible an Amending Bill which will provide that Irish parents who have a conscientious objection to vaccination will not be compelled to have their children vaccinated, and thus have the law in the Saorstát the same as in England."

The Analyst's report for Quarter ended 30th September 1925 was read. The number of articles analysed was nine, being all samples of milk. Two of them were found adulterated.

It was announced that prosecutions were taken in these cases and substantial fines imposed.

A resolution from Bundoran Urban Council asking for a reform of the law as regards rating, and as regards urban representation on County Councils was marked read.

At the instance of a large meeting of the unemployed in Wexford, held in the Town Hall, the following resolutions were passed unanimously, on the motion of Alderman Clancy, seconded by Alderman Larkin.

"That this meeting wishes to call the attention of the Government to the serious plight of the unemployed in this area, and demand as a right that they either promote schemes of work or extend the provisions of the Unemployment Act."

"That we are satisfied that if Protection were afforded to the agricultural implement manufacturers in Wexford there would be sufficient work to supply the needs of all the unemployed in Wexford, and we hereby call upon the Government to afford such Protection in next year's Budget."

The case of Thomas Blake, tenant-purchaser of house erected by the Corporation, was brought up. He had allowed the weekly payments towards the purchase-price to go into arrear, as a result of which an ejectment order was obtained.

This man came before the meeting, and offered to pay £4. down and £1. a week in addition to the accruing weekly payments, until the entire arrears and cost of recent proceedings were cleared off.

On the motion of Councillor Gaul, seconded by Alderman Larkin, it was

Resolved:- That the offer be accepted and the Corporation Solicitor instructed to suspend the eviction proceedings until further order.

This motion was carried unanimously, hence no poll had to be taken.

With reference to minutes of 5th Ultimo, it was decided, as a result of correspondence with the New Ireland Assurance Company Ltd., to permit this Company to obtain two Policies mentioned on that date from the Ocean Accident Insurance Company.

It turned out that the New Ireland Company had no power to issue Policies in respect of employers liabilities under Workmen's Compensation Acts.

L. Berndt
Mayor

14. 12. 25

16th November, 1925.

A Special Meeting of the Council was held this day at the Town Hall at 7. 30 p. m.

The members present were:-

Richard Corish, Esq., Mayor (in the chair)

Aldermen:- Patrick Clancy, Nicholas Byrne, Nicholas Connolly, James Larkin.

Councillors:- Kyles Bergin, Patrick McCabe, James Gaul, Thomas Walsh,
Thomas Heron, Alice Pennell, John Walsh, Thomas Hayes,
James Crosbie, John Larkin, Robert Fitzhenry, Thomas Rossiter,
James Billington, Michael Martin, William J. Power, John Browne.

The services of the members of the Fire Brigade having been dispensed with, and applications having been invited, by advertisement, from eligible men for membership of a new Brigade, this meeting was summoned to deal with the case. Sixteen applications received were read.

A Special Fire Brigade Committee had made a number of recommendations. Among these was that the then existing Brigade should be disbanded, leaving it to the disbanded men to apply again for appointment if they thought well.

Councillor Thomas Walsh proposed that six of the outgoing men should be re-appointed. As a former member of the Brigade he had known them to be active and efficient members.

This motion was seconded by Councillor Heron.

The men in question were:- Philip Lacy, Thomas Nolan, Frank Bolger, John Wallace, Frank Nolan, and Francis Goodisson.

This motion was carried nem. con.

Then a series of Polls were taken as to which three of the other applicants were to be appointed as members.

The result of this was that D. Franey, Laurence Mansfield, and Michael Fitzpatrick were appointed.

Another recommendation of the Committee was that the driver of the 1-Ton Lorry

should be a member, and the Lorry be part of the equipment of the Brigade.

This was agreed to, as was also the payment to him of a retaining fee of £3. payable to all members.

The payment of the £3. Retaining fee was, on a Poll, preferred to the payment of two shillings an hour for attending fires, as prescribed on 6th July 1921.

The question of selecting a Chief at the fixed retaining fee of £5. was left to the Committee.

L. Corish

Mayor

14th Dec 1925

14th December, 1925.

A General Meeting of the Council was held this day at the Town Hall at half past seven o'clock, p. m.

The members present were:-

Richard Corish, Esq., Mayor (in the chair)

Aldermen:- Nicholas Byrne, Patrick Clancy, James Larkin, Nicholas Connolly.

Councillors:- William J. Power, John Walsh, Thomas Walsh, Myles Bergin, John Browne,

Alice Fennell, Patrick McCabe, James Gaul, Michael Martin,

Thomas Heron, James Crosbie, Thomas Hayes, Robert Fitzhenry.

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 £1542. 12. 11, were submitted, and having been examined were approved, and Advice Notes were signed to enable the Treasurer to pay them.

The smallness of the salary paid to the Assistant Town Clerk, Nicholas Bolger, was a matter brought up by a recommendation from the Finance and Works Committee. His salary was £198. 18. 0 a year.

He had made application for an increase of remuneration because of increased work.

His efficiency was well recognized by the Council, as well as the great increase of work, and the Committee, who had had the matter several times under consideration, unanimously recommended that his salary should be raised by £25. a year, subject, of course, to the approval of the Minister for Local Government and Public Health.

On the motion of Councillor Heron, seconded by Alderman Connolly, it was

Resolved:- That the recommendation be adopted, and that the increase date from the date of Mr. Bolger's application, viz, 20th July 1925.

The consideration of the items of an Estimate of Poor Rate for the current financial year was taken up. According to this Statement, the amount necessary to be raised by such Rate was seen to be £5632. 3. 11, and that a Rate of Five Shillings and Tenpence in the Pound was needed to raise this sum within the Urban Area.

Thereupon on the motion of Alderman Byrne, seconded by Councillor Martin, it was

unanimously resolved that the Rate of Five Shillings and Tenpence

this, of course, being preliminary to the act of formally assessing the Rate.

A circular letter from the Department of Local Government and Public Health was read. It was dated 19th November 1925, and numbered G.54552.

As to a suggested amendment of the law regarding the relations between owners and occupiers of small dwellings in respect of the liability of payment of Rates, the Minister for Local Government required the views of the Council on the subject.

The meeting debated the various points pertaining to the matter, and came to the conclusion, on the motion of Councillor Heron, seconded by Alderman Larkin, that in all cases of £8 and under in valuation, the liability for payment of Rates should be thrown on the owner, leaving it to the owner in all these cases to re-arrange his rent with his tenant, that is if the Government should think it advisable to amend the existing Rating Laws.

Referring to minutes of 5th October last, quotations received from four Irish Insurance Companies were submitted. The New Ireland Company were prepared to undertake the risk in respect of fire alone for an annual premium of £32. 19. 0, while the Irish Life and General Assurance Company would accept a premium of £30. 4. 8 for the same risk.

This was the lowest of the four, and on the motion of Alderman Byrne, seconded by Councillor Bergin, the offer of the Irish Life and General Assurance Company was accepted, being the lowest of all.

Then as regards damage to persons or property in connection with the electric lighting system, the New Ireland Company were prepared to undertake the risk for an annual premium of £2.

This being the lowest offer was accepted.

The action of the Government in obtaining supplies from outside the Free State was criticized. It was alleged by members present that a large quantity of army leggings, military caps, and postmen's caps were articles purchased outside the Free State.

The meeting unanimously recorded a protest against the policy of Government in this matter.

Attention was also directed to the importation of agricultural implements, while the production of this class of machinery was diminishing in Ireland.

It was maintained that the Government should be urged to put an Import Duty on these articles, so as to lessen unemployment in the trade.

The meeting was unanimous in asking that the needful imposition of a Duty in the case should be seriously considered by Government.

A circular letter from the Department of Local Government and Public Health, under date of 12th November 1925, bearing number R.V/209, was submitted.

It referred to the speed at which motor cars were allowed to be driven under existing legislation, and pointed out that local authorities who desired to obtain an Order for the imposition of a limit on the speed should be

prepared to substantiate their application for such an Order. On the motion of Councillor Hayes, seconded by Councillor McCabe, it was decided to ask the Minister for Local Government and Public Health to make an Order reducing the speed of motor cars to five miles an hour within the Urban Area of Wexford. Wexford was one of the most ancient towns in Ireland, and the consequence was that the streets were exceptionally narrow and crooked. Accidents had occurred in which injury had been done to person and property, including one fatality within the last few years.

Two tenders from Mr. John P. Rochford, Wexford, in respect of supplying twelve oilcoats for the use of the Corporation workmen were submitted. These were the only ones received in response to advertisement. Samples accompanied the tenders, and the prices quoted were 15/6 and 19/6 per coat. It was decided to obtain coats at the higher price, as in the opinion of the meeting, which was guided by Alderman Byrne and Councillor Gaul, they were the better value.

Richard Corish
Mayor
4.1.26

4th January, 1926.

A Statutable Meeting of the Council was held this day at the Town Hall at half past seven o'clock p. m.

The members present were:-

Richard Corish, Esq., Mayor (in the chair)

Aldermen:- Patrick Clancy, Nicholas Byrne, Nicholas Connolly.

Councillors:- James Billington, James Crosbie, Robert Fitzhenry, Thomas Rossiter, James Gaul, Myles Bergin, Thomas Heron, John Walsh, Thomas Hayes, William J. Power, Michael Martin, Patrick McCabe.

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 £1084. 1. 4 were submitted, and having been examined were approved, and Advice Notes were signed to enable the Treasurer to pay them.

Reference was made to a recent family bereavement which had befallen Dr. Thomas Pierse, Medical Officer of Health. His daughter, a promising young lady in the prime of life, had, after a lingering illness, been called into eternity.

On the motion of Councillor Bergin, seconded by Alderman Clancy, it was resolved that the deepest sympathy of this Council with Dr. Pierse be recorded on the minutes.

The motion was put and carried unanimously, amidst expressions of condolence.

The making of a Poor Rate for the year ending 31st March 1926 was proceeded with, and thereupon, on the motion of Alderman Byrne, seconded by Councillor Heron, it was

RESOLVED:- That a Poor Rate of Five Shillings and Tenpence in the Pound be made on the net assessable value of property within the Urban District of Wexford in respect

of the year ending 31st March 1926, as per an Estimate of Expenses to be raised by a Poor Rate on the said Urban District, as considered and adopted on the 14th December 1925.

Attention was drawn to the provisions of Section 69 of the Local Government Act 1925, and the Rating of New Buildings Order 1925 made under the powers of the Act by the Minister for Local Government and Public Health.

Pursuant to these Enactments, a list of buildings in the town that appeared to come within the purview of the Order was submitted.

The list was referred to the Finance and Works Committee to be gone over seriatim by them, with the object of each individual case being determined on.

L. Doran
Mayor
1.2.26

1st February, 1926.

A statutable meeting of the Council was held this day at the Town Hall, at half past seven o'clock p. m.

The members present were:-

Richard Corish, Esq., Mayor (in the chair)

Aldermen:- Patrick Clancy, Nicholas Byrne, Nicholas Connolly, Richard Gibson.

Councillors:- James Gaul, Thomas Walsh, John Walsh, Myles Bergin, Alice Pennell, John Larkin, William J. Power, Patrick McCabe, Thomas Hayes, Robert Fitzhenry, Thomas Rossiter, James Billington, Richard Malone, James Crosbie, Michael Martin, John Browne, John J. O'Leary.

The minutes of meeting of 4th January 1926 were read and signed.

Liabilities which had accrued due up to the end of last month, amounting in the aggregate to £3378. 12. 4, were submitted, and having been examined were approved and Advice Notes were signed to enable the Treasurer to pay them.

A Sealed Order under date of 31st December 1925 from the Minister for Local Government and Public Health was submitted. This declared that certain streets within the urban area of Wexford were to be classed as Main Roads pursuant to the Local Government Act 1925, and were, from 1st April 1926 maintainable by the County Council.

This subject was before the Council on 2nd. November last when the Order was proposed to be made by the Minister.

Together with the Order was a letter under date of 5th January 1926, No.R.D./201, intimating that the Minister could not see his way to revoke the Order so as to allow of the urban districts in the County Wexford to maintain, as heretofore, all roads within their areas.

This was in answer to representations made by Wexford County Council on the subject. On the same subject also there was submitted from the Athy Urban Council a resolution of protest against the action of the Minister declaring main roads in urban areas to be, in future, under the jurisdiction of the County Councils. There was no action taken in this matter.

A circular letter from the Department of Local Government and Public Health dated 8th January 1926 was read. It stated that men to be employed by the aid of Relief Grants were to be engaged through the local Employment Exchange. This was a condition that Government would insist on, in fact an assurance would have to be given to them that the local Labour Exchange was to supply the men before any payments were to be made out of any future Grants.

From a discussion which followed the reading of this circular, it was seen that the men employed out of Grants for the relief of unemployment were men whose names were on the books of the Wexford Labour Exchange, but were selected by the Mayor from the books.

Ultimately it was proposed by Alderman Connolly, and seconded by Alderman Clancy, that in future the whole Corporation should name the workmen to be employed; but an amendment, as proposed by Councillor Browne, and seconded by Alderman Byrne that a Committee, rather than the whole House, should be appointed to do the choosing, was entertained and put to the meeting, whereupon 14 voted for the amendment and 8 against it.

The amendment was thereupon declared carried.

The Committee was then named and were as follows:

Aldermen Connolly and Clancy, and Councillors Gayl, Browne, McCabe, Bergin, Rossiter, T. Walsh, J. Walsh, O'Leary, and Heron.

A letter was read from the Ministry of Local Government and Public Health under date of 18th January 1926. It was numbered M.57732/25.

It appeared from this communication that there were over 2,000 vaccination defaulters in the Wexford Dispensary District. The letter contained a request that the Council should give the necessary instructions to ensure compliance with the Vaccination Acts.

The question was gone into, but it was not deemed advisable to take the suggested action for the present.

A letter from Mr. O'Connor, Solicitor, was read. It was dated 19th January 1926. Mr. O'Connor stated in this letter that Mr. George O'Connor, Builder, Crossabeg, was prepared to build a house on a portion of the land at the upper end of St. John's Road. This builder had already erected a house on the plot in question for Mr. Paul Roche. A condition on which this house was allowed to be erected was that two more houses of like dimensions were to follow. Now Mr. George O'Connor desired to build only one other house on the plot instead of two, as stipulated by the Minister for Local Government and Public Health, as per his letter of 11th October 1924,

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In this case it was decided to appoint a Committee of five to meet the builder on the

ground and see, with the assistance of the town Surveyor, would it be advisable to deviate from the original arrangement.

The Committee appointed were Councillors T. Walsh, Billington, and Hayes, Alderman Connolly and the Mayor.

A Bill for £123 . 10. 3 claimed by the Town Surveyor for work done in conjunction with Messrs Donnelly and Moore, of Dublin, as Architects, in respect of the erection of 18 dwelling houses at Newtown Road and Windmills Hill, was brought under consideration.

A Special Committee that met on 19th January 1926 recommended that this item be paid, but were of the opinion that were it not for the fees set forth in the Sealed Order of the Local Government Board under date of 5th November 1919, the Town Surveyor should have carried out the Scheme for a fee of 2½ per cent on cost of construction, as per the terms of his appointment in 1903.

The payment of the claim was approved of, but not until sanction will have been obtained from the Minister for Local Government and Public Health for all overdrafts to be made on the Housing Fund in respect of the buildings in question.

Allusion was made to the lamented death of James Breen, late Collector of Poor Rate, whereupon it was decided, on the motion of Councillor Rossiter, seconded by Alderman Byrne, that an expression of sympathy with the widow and family of the deceased be recorded on the minutes.

Mr. Patrick McCabe of West Gate, Wexford, being the holder of leasehold property of the Corporation asked, as per letter from Mr. O'Connor, Solicitor, for the grant of two new leases for a period of 99 years.

As to the existing leases, one of them had expired on 1st November last, and the other was due to expire on 1st May 1930.

On the motion of Alderman Byrne, seconded by Councillor Gaul, the request was granted, but subject to the approval of the Minister for Local Government and Public Health.

L. Davis
Mayor

1. 3 26

2nd. February 1926.

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

The members present were:-

Richard Corish, Esq., Mayor (in the chair)

Aldermen:- Nicholas Byrne, Patrick Clancy, Nicholas Connolly.

Councillors:- Thomas Walsh, Alice Pennell, James Gaul, Michael Martin, John Walsh, John Larkin, Thomas Heron, William J. Power, Thomas Hayes, Myles Bergin, John Browne, Thomas Rossiter, Patrick McCabe, Robert Fitzhenry, James Crosbie, John J. O'Heary.

Mr. M. J. O'Connor, Solicitor, and his assistant, Mr. Kavanagh, Solicitor, were

also present.

The meeting was called to see what was the proper course to be taken in the case of John Warner, Rent Collector. This official had embezzled a sum of £197. 11. 2 that is so far as was then ascertained.

Mr. O'Connor advised that the defaulting collector should be prosecuted, if for no other reason than to recover the amount of the defalcation from the Sureties.

It was a principle of jurisprudence that the delinquent in such cases had committed a felony, and it was proper for the Council to have Warner arrested.

The Assistant Town Clerk produced the Collector's Accounts which had been investigated, and stated that so far the defalcation was seen to amount to the sum above stated.

Most of the sum embezzled consisted of items of half-yearly rents received out of the landed estate of the Council, and the rest were weekly rents of dwelling houses. The Meeting did not wish to take extreme measures at this stage, and on the motion of Councillor Gaul, seconded by Alderman Connolly, the meeting adjourned till Friday, 5th instant, to allow an opportunity to the defaulter and his Sureties to move in the matter.

L. Corish
Mayor
1-3-26.

5th February, 1926.

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

The members present were:-

Richard Corish, Esq., Mayor (in the chair)

Aldermen:- Nicholas Byrne, Patrick Clancy, Richard Gibson.

Councillors:- Myles Bergin, Alice Pennell, James Billington, Thomas Walsh, James Gaul, John Larkin, Thomas Heron, William J. Power, Robert Fitzhenry, James Crosbie, Thomas Hayes, John Walsh, John J. O'Leary, Thomas Rossiter, Patrick McCabe, Michael Martin.

Mr. M. Kavanagh, Solicitor, of the Firm of M. J. O'Connor & Co., was present.

It was reported that nothing had been done by John Warner, or by anyone on his part since last meeting that would give any assurance ^{to} ~~that~~ the Council that the loss sustained would be made good.

Mr. Kavanagh repeated the legal advice given at last meeting.

Thereupon on the motion of the Mayor, seconded by Alderman Byrne, it was unanimously

Resolved:- That the necessary legal steps be taken to have Warner apprehended.

L. Corish
Mayor
3-26