

15th February 1926.

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, James Larkin, Nicholas Byrne, Richard Gibson.

Councillors:- Michael Martin, John J. O'Leary, William J. Power, Alice Pennell, Myles Bergin, Robert Fitzhenry, John Larkin, Thomas Rossiter, Thomas Walsh, John Walsh, James Billington, Thomas Hayes, Thomas Heron, James Crosbie, Patrick McCabe, Richard Malone, James Gaul, and John Browne.

On the motion of Councillor Heron, seconded by Councillor Power, it was decided unanimously to tender to Mr. G. Mulvey, local representative of the Ennisceorty Echo newspaper, a sincere expression of condolence on the death of his wife. This lady, the mother of three children of tender years, was called away to her Reward after a few hours illness.

The appointment of a poor Rate Collector was proceeded with in place of James Breen, deceased. The new Collector was to be obliged to conform to the requirements of the Public Bodies Order 1904, and his qualifications were to be in accordance with the public Bodies Order 1920. The terms of appointment were also affected by two letters from the Minister for Local Government and Public Health dated 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 advertisements in the local newspapers, <sup>five</sup> ~~four~~ applications were received from the following.

Denis J. Duff, of 93, South Main Street, Wexford, Patrick Furlong, of Summer Hill Cross, Wexford, James Tierney of 15 St. Ibar's Villas, Wexford, Cyril Ross of 3, Wygram Place, Wexford, and Michael H. O'Neill of S-lakar St. Wexford. It was decided to take a Poll straight away to see ~~which~~ which of the applicants had the greatest measure of support, whereupon there voted,

For Duff.	Councillors Martin, Gaul, Crosbie,, Heron, Hayes, John Walsh, Rossiter, Fitzhenry, Bergin, Thomas Walsh, Browne, and Aldermen Larkin, Clancy, Connolly, Byrne, and the Mayor.	16
For Furlong.	Councillors Billington, Larkin, Power, Malone, McCabe.	5
For Tierney.	Councillors Pennell, and Alderman Gibson.	2
For Ross.	Councillor O'Leary.	1
For O'Neill.	No vote.	-

As Duff received more votes than all the other applicants combined, he was declared appointed. ©: Wexford Borough Council

The names of the two persons prepared to act as Sureties for Mr. Duff in a Bond for £200 were Messrs Cornelius Collins and James Murphy, both of South Main Street, Wexford. These were deemed to be solvent men. They were well-known traders in the town, of many years standing.

As to the Fidelity Guarantee Bond for £1,000 to supplement the fore-mentioned Security, it appeared that the New Ireland Assurance Company were prepared to undertake the risk.

This Company was approved of.

A Committee recommendation regarding the disposal of six of the houses in process of erection at St. John's Road was taken up. The Committee were in favour of six of the houses being sold for cash down, at once, so as to allow of further dwellings being provided in the immediate future. They were of opinion that considering that the cost of providing the houses was over £300 apiece, that the purchase-price should be fixed at £250 per house.

On the motion of Councillor Power, seconded by Alderman Byrne, the recommendation was adopted, and it was agreed to advertise the six houses for sale.

The following notice of motion from Councillor Rensiter was accepted for consideration

"I give notice of motion that I will move at next monthly meeting that the Press be admitted to Committee Meetings, or a record by furnished to members and Press of the business transacted at Committee Meetings."

On the motion of Alderman Connolly, seconded by Councillor Miss Fennell, it was Resolved:- That the thanks of this Council be conveyed to the Civic Guard for the very efficient service rendered by them in helping to extinguish the fire which broke out in the Wexford Theatre early in January last.

On the suggestion of Alderman Connolly also, the desirability of allowing the Civic Guard facilities to be instructed in the use of the Fire Service, was referred to the Fire Brigade Committee for consideration.

*X. David*  
mayor  
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1st March, 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:- Nicholas Byrne, Nicholas Connolly, Richard Gibson, James Larkin, Patrick Clancy.

Councillors:- James Billington, John Larkin, John Walsh, Patrick McCabe, Thomas Walsh, James Crosbie, Myles Bergin, William J. Power, Robert Fitzhenry, Thomas Rossiter, Michael Martin, Thomas Heron, Thomas Hayes, Alice Fennell, John Browne, John J. O'Leary.

The minutes of meetings of 1st, 5th, and 15th February 1926 were duly signed. Liabilities which had accrued due up to the end of last month, amounting in the aggregate to £2978. 5. 0, were submitted, and having been examined were approved, and Advice Notes were signed to enable the Treasurer to pay them.

A question was raised as to the kitchen ranges put in the dwelling houses in course of erection at St. John's Road. Objection was made to them because they were not of Irish manufacture. The specification of the buildings provided that the cost of each range was not to exceed £3. 8. 0, and that they were to be of Irish manufacture, if possible.

It was pointed out, in answer to the objection, that prices of material were limited in order to attain the main object in view, namely to build the houses at the lowest possible cost. The contractor was unable to obtain ranges of Irish manufacture at the price laid down, and therefore he was allowed by the Town Surveyor to put in the present ranges.

On the motion of Councillor Thomas Walsh, seconded by Councillor Rossiter, it was decided that a Committee be appointed to inspect the buildings on Friday, 5th instant, and see what was the best course to be taken in the circumstances. The Committee was appointed and comprised the following members, namely, Councillors T. Walsh, Rossiter, Hayes, McCabe, and the Mayor, along with the Town Surveyor.

With reference to minutes of 15th ultimo, it was found that in response to advertisements inviting offers for the purchase of six houses nearing completion on St. John's Road at £250 apiece, cash down, only three offers were received. One was from a D. O'Mara of 33, John Street, Wexford, a second was from a Michael Pender of South Main Street, conditional on his being given a particular one of the houses, and a third was from a Tony Williamson of Summerhill, who offered only £220 for one of the houses.

As it was the intention to sell six of the houses off-hand in order to provide money to permit of additional dwellings to be erected, it was considered that it would not be desirable to entertain the offers received. Consequently the matter was deferred sine die.

A communication from the Irish Tourist Association was read. This Association asked that a sum of money should be provided in the coming Rate Estimates for the purpose of developing the tourist industry in Ireland. The money was to be employed in advertising the attractions of the Country. In the opinion of the Association any money laid out in the way suggested would be well spent and redound to the benefit of trade.

On the motion of Alderman Byrne, seconded by Councillor T. Walsh, the matter was referred to the Committee to be engaged in going over the Rate Estimates for the coming financial year.

A statement of the sum to be demanded by Wexford County Council in respect of year commencing 1st April 1926 was submitted. According to this the amount to be raised by a Poor Rate in the year in question on the Urban District of Wexford was £6349. 3. 5. Included in this was an item of £1048 for the maintenance of certain roads within the urban area, which roads were recently declared by the Minister for Local Government and Public Health to be main roads, and now, for the first time, maintainable out of the Poor Rate.

Regarding this matter, the meeting was reminded of the fact that portion of the Poor Rate for the year up to March 1925 was still outstanding, and that none of the Rate for year up to March 1926 was, as yet, collected; in fact the collection of it had not yet been commenced. Then as to the Rate for the coming financial year, it might be taken for granted that the collection of it would not be commenced for a year hence, at least. The result would be that the Urban Council would be a year in arrear in the matter of paying off the County Council Demand for year 1926-7.

As regards the £1048, it was possible to collect this sum in due time if it was allowed to be collected under the powers of the Special Act of 1873, under which the Urban Council levy a Rate for all the roads within the urban area.

Having seen the difficulties in the case, it was resolved, on the motion of Councillor Rossiter, seconded by Alderman Larkin, to request the Minister to exercise his powers under Section 86 of the Local Government Act 1925 and permit the £1048 to be levied under the Special Act of 1873, so that it could be handed over to the County Council in due time.

Referring to minutes of 15th February last, a communication from the Department of Local Government and Public Health, No. G.8330, under date of 24th February 1926, was read. It contained sanction of the appointment, on probation, of Mr. Denis James Duff as Poor Rate Collector on the terms laid down, but as regards the sum outstanding at the time of the decease of the late Collector, it was pointed out in the letter that his Sureties were not to be released from their responsibility for the lodgment of this sum, or that the collecting of it should not be handed over to the new Collector without their consent being first obtained.

This matter was referred to the Corporation Solicitor with instructions to him to write to the Sureties informing them of their position in the matter.



Mr. William Caulfield, a lessee of premises in Bride Street held at a rent of £3. a year, asked by letter for an extension of lease of these premises for 31 years. They formed part of the old estate of the Corporation, and the term of the lease was due to expire in 1928. He asked that the extension should commence from the date of the expiry of the present lease.

The request was unanimously granted.

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As per notice given at Finance and Works Committee on 15th ~~18th~~ Councillor Rossiter proposed that a summary of the transactions at the said Committee meetings should be made out and circulated to members of the Council previously to each monthly meeting of the Council.

The object of this was to give members an idea of what had been done by the Committees in question during such month.

Councillor Thomas Walsh seconded the motion.

In the course of a discussion on the motion it was seen that some members preferred, instead of the summary suggested, that representatives of the local newspapers should be admitted to the said Committee meetings, and a motion to that effect was proposed by Alderman Byrne and seconded by Councillor Bergin. This latter motion was dealt with in the nature of an amendment, when ten members voted for it and twelve against it.

It was declared lost, and thereupon the original motion was deemed to be carried. Referring to minutes of 1st February ultimo, Councillor Rossiter proposed that the arrangement come to, with the sanction of the Minister for Local Government and Public Health, as per his letter of 11th October 1924, No.H.398/18874, should be departed from.

The arrangement sanctioned was that three houses were to be built on three adjoining plots of ground on the newly-opened road called St. John's Road, on the terms that the rent was to be £1. a year for each of the three plots on a lease for 100 years.

Now one house had already been erected by Mr. George O'Connor, Builder, the person who had applied for the plots, and the effect of Mr. Rossiter's motion was to allow one more house instead of two to be built on the ground comprising the three plots, but on condition that drawings of the class of house to be erected should be approved by the Council.

This motion was carried nem. con., but subject to the sanction of the Minister for Local Government and Public Health.

The following resolution was adopted on the motion of Councillor McCabe, seconded by Councillor T. Walsh.

Resolved:- That we, the Municipal Council of Wexford, consider the time has arrived when a substantial reduction should be made in the Duties on Beer and Spirits, if the Brewing and Distilling Industries are to continue to live.

The thousands of people directly and indirectly obtaining a means of livelihood

from these important industries, deserve consideration and encouragement from Government, as far as possible.

That copies of this resolution be forwarded to President Cosgrave, the Minister of Finance, the Minister of Justice, and the Minister of Industry and Commerce.

A notice of motion was accepted from Alderman Clancy. His object was to have the prices of graves in Crosstown Cemetery reduced so as to avoid paying Income Tax on the profits derived from the concern.

Regarding the case of John Warner, defaulting Rent Collector, the following is a report of Mr. Justice Doyle's decision, as supplied by the Corporation Solicitor.

"In giving his decision his Lordship said he would sentence the accused to 'twelve months' imprisonment with hard labour, but he would postpone the execution of it till further order. It meant that he would not go to prison at present, and that if he conducted himself and made every effort to retrieve the position, everything might go right. The accused was then released on bail of one surety of £50."

Thereupon on the motion of Councillor Bergin, seconded by Councillor T. Walsh, it was unanimously resolved:- That John Warner be dismissed from his position as Rent Collector in the service of the Council.

The report of the Auditor, Mr. MacBearnaird, was submitted to the meeting.

This report only covered the years 1921, 1922 and 1923, and in it Mr. MacBearnaird referred to two cases of malfeasance. These were the cases of Nicholas J. Cosgrave, who was a Rent Collector, and Patrick Browne, Rate Collector.

In the case of the former, the Sureties had paid up the amount of the deficiency.

In the latter case the Sureties had paid the amount of the Bond, £150, but then there was still a sum of £88. 12. 2 due to the Urban Council, and the Auditor had charged this sum against the delinquent.

As to Grants that were made to relieve unemployment, the monies concerned were administered through the Town Surveyor's Department, and did not appear in the Abstract of Accounts, but the Auditor maintained that such monies should be brought to account through the Town Clerk's Department.

Mr. MacBearnaird added that the accounts were carefully prepared for audit.

There was no action taken on this report.

*L. Bond*

*Mayor*

5. 4. 26



5th April, 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:- Nicholas Byrne, Richard <sup>Gibson</sup> ~~Corish~~, Patrick Clancy, James Larkin,  
Nicholas Connolly.

Councillors:- Myles Bergin, Patrick McCabe, Thomas Hayes, Thomas Walsh,  
John Larkin, John Walsh, William J. Power, James Gaul,  
Thomas Rossiter, James Billington, John Browne.

The minutes of last meeting were duly signed.

Liabilities which had accrued due up to the end of last month, amounting in the aggregate to £1928. 7. 9 were submitted, and having been examined were approved, and Advice Notes were signed to enable them to be discharged.

As per notice given, Alderman Clancy proposed that the prices of grave-spaces in Crosstown Cemetery should be reduced, as there was a profit derived out of this Undertaking, involving the payment of Income Tax on such profits.

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grave spaces  
at  
Crosstown*

He urged that grave-spaces priced at the maximum sum of £10. each should be reduced to £8., and that all lower-priced graves should be reduced in the same proportion.

The motion was seconded by Councillor Bergin, and discussed adequately.

The differential prices were all gone over, and it was seen that if the sweeping reductions proposed were made, a loss would be entailed on the Cemetery.

The majority of the meeting was against the motion, for on its being put it was lost, only two voting for and all the rest present against it.

Apropos of the Cemetery it was alleged that the portion of it allotted for free grave-spaces was in a neglected condition. It was suggested that the matter should be gone into, and any profits arising should be applied to keeping the portion in question in fair order.

This suggestion was approved.

The Mayor proposed the following resolution, which was seconded by Councillor Rossiter, and adopted, viz:-

That we are of opinion that the present methods as applied to widows and orphans are inadequate to the needs of such cases, and unjust in their economic incidence to those ratepayers who reside amidst largely populated working class districts; that the system of State pensions for necessitous mothers and children prevailing in the United States affords a practical and just solution of this grievance, and that we call upon the Government to immediately take steps, modelled on the lines adopted by the American Republic, to enable them to make adequate provision for these helpless Citizens.

That copies of the resolution be sent to President Cosgrave, Mr. Blythe, Minister for Finance, and Mr. Burke, Minister for Social Development.

Alderman Byrne demurred to this resolution being entertained until it was seen what additional burden it would entail on the State, approximately.

A letter under date of 3rd. March 1926, from the Department of Local Government and Public Health, and numbered M.8691, was read. It dealt with the non-compliance on the part of the Council to enforce the Vaccination Acts in the Urban District of Wexford.

The meeting did not consider it opportune to make an order for the enforcement of the Acts at the present time, and deferred taking action sine die.

A resolution from the Dublin County Council was submitted. It ran as follows:-

"That this Council is of opinion that the system of exempting New and Reconstructed Buildings enacted by Section 69 of the Local Government Act, 1925, is most inequitable, and the council urges the Minister for Local Government to take steps to have the law altered, so that Buildings erected previous to the passage of the Act shall not be exempt from rates."

Arising out of this matter, attention was called to the effect of the Act in cases where buildings were enlarged or improved, as in the instance of the National Bank premises in Wexford.

These premises had been enlarged by about one-third of the original building, and was clearly a case coming within the meaning of Section 69 of the Act, but by a Sealed Order from the Minister for Local Government and Public Health under date of 15th March 1926, it was only the valuation of the new portion of the building which was to be exempted from two-thirds of local rates.

Councillor McCabe, who was supported by Councillor Browne, contended that as an incentive to build, all cases such as the one under notice, should be deemed to be exempt in respect of two-thirds of the entire valuation, and that the exemption should commence from 1st April 1920, as provided by the Act.

However, Alderman Byrne and the Mayor argued to the contrary, holding that it was only the addition should be exempt from the two thirds of its valuation, as provided by the Sealed order.

At the conclusion of the discussion, Councillor McCabe, as seconded by Councillor Browne, proposed that the consideration of the Dublin County Council resolution should be adjourned, but alderman Byrne, as seconded by the Mayor, proposed that it should be adopted.

On a division seven members voted for and seven against, and this being so, the adoption of the resolution was carried by the casting vote of the Mayor.

The Sanitary Sub-Officer, Edward Byrne, having made application for an increase of remuneration to the Finance and Public Health Committee, this Committee recommended that his salary of £104 a year should be increased to £130 a year.

He was a whole-time Officer. His period of service was 25 years, and his salary was, manifestly inadequate.

On the motion of Alderman Connolly, seconded by Alderman Larkin, the recommendation was unanimously adopted, but a view was expressed that the records of his daily



visits and work done should be vouched by the signatures of householders, and it was arranged that the Finance and Public Health Committee should look further into this matter.

Estimates of expenses in connection with civic administration for the year ending 31st March 1927 were gone into. These had been before a Special Finance Committee. The first one taken up was that in connection with the maintenance and improvement of streets, exclusive of Main roads. It was seen that the sum required to be raised for the purpose indicated, was £1924. 18. 10.

The present meeting made some amendments in the Estimate. An item of £362. 10 for the general repairs of streets was reduced by £70, items of £200 for repairing footpaths were reduced by £60, and an item of £100 for contingencies was reduced by £20, and the meeting considered that a Rate of One Shilling and Tenpence in the Pound would be enough to meet liabilities in connection with streets.

The expenses in connection with the Water System was found to amount to £1563. 4. 6. To raise this sum Water rates to the amount of One shilling and Nine pence in the pound would have to be made, and the meeting decided that a Rate of One shilling and Nine pence was sufficient.

The Estimate of expenses to be defrayed out of the Borough Fund was then taken up. The net amount required was £4928. 3. 6, and to raise this off the Borough a Rate of Five shillings and Twopence was required.

Councillor T. Walsh proposed the inclusion in the Estimate of an item representing a Rate of Sixpence in the Pound to form the nucleus of a Fund for providing dwelling houses.

This was seconded by Alderman Connolly, but was not carried, as after a short interchange of views, the consideration of the whole Estimate was referred to the Finance and Works Committee.

On the motion of Alderman Connolly, seconded by Alderman Larkin, and supported by Councillor McCabe, an expression of sympathy with Mrs Bennett, in the loss of her husband, David Bennett, who was for many years Foreman over the Corporation Staff of workmen, was put on record.

*Richard Larkin*  
Mayor

3. 5. 26

3rd. May, 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, Richard Gibson, Nicholas Connolly, James Larkin.

Councillors:- Patrick McCabe, Myles Bergin, James Billington, Thomas Hayes, John Larkin, Alice Fennell, Thomas Walsh, James Crosbie, Richard Malone, Thomas Rossiter, James Gaul, John Walsh, Thomas Haron, Robert Fitzhenry, John E. O'Leary, Michael Martin, John Browne, William E. Power.

The minutes of last meeting were duly signed.

Liabilities which had accrued due up to the end of last month, amounting in the aggregate to £3074. 16. 5, were submitted and having been examined were approved, and Advice Notes were signed to enable them to be discharged.

A letter received from the Irish Republican Prisoners Defence Committee, of 14 Monck Street, Wexford, was read. This drew attention to the continued detention of Irish political prisoners in British and Free State jails. They included young Irishmen from every part of the country, from Wexford as well as from other Counties. Some of them had been detained for several years already. The Committee asked the Corporation to put aside political differences and protest against the injustice from humanitarian motives alone.

After considerable debate, the following resolution, on the motion of Alderman Clancy, seconded by Councillor Bergin, was adopted.

"That in the interests of peace and unity we request the Government to release these prisoners."

The estimate of expenses to be paid out of the Borough Fund, the consideration of which was adjourned on 5th ultimo, was brought up. The advisableness of adding to the estimate an item of a sufficient amount to enable the hours of lighting the streets to be extended was gone into. It had already been dealt with by the Finance and Works Committee, who had obtained a report of the matter from the electrician in charge of the Power Station.

The Committee had come to the conclusion that an extension was not desirable for economical reasons.

The present meeting endorsed the Committee's finding.

The inclusion of an item of £480 to be set apart for building purposes, and to be available for use if the intention of the Council to sell twelve houses nearing completion on St. John's Road would be realized, was deliberated on. The idea was to build additional houses out of the money obtained from the sale, and to supplement it by the £480, and further supplement it by a Grant from Government under the Housing Facilities Acts.



As to selling the houses at St. John's road, it was brought under notice that although the public were informed by advertisement on two occasions that the houses were for sale at the price settled on on 15th February last, there was a very discouraging response.

One man, D. O'Meara, of John Street, Wexford, offered to purchase at the fixed price of £250, and one other man, Tony Williamson, of Summerhill, Wexford, as per statement made by the Mayor, was prepared to purchase at £250 also.

As to the disposal of the remaining ten houses, seeing that purchasers were scarce, it was thought well, that in order to induce people to buy, to sell on the tenant-purchase plan, and to that end the following resolution, as proposed by the Mayor, and seconded by Alderman Byrne, was adopted.

That ten of the houses be sold on the tenant-purchase system on these terms, namely; That the tenant-purchaser make a deposit of one hundred pounds before being given possession, and that a payment of twelve shillings a week for one year, and nine shillings a week for nine years be paid by the tenant, upon the expiration of which period of ten years he becomes full owner, and that advertisements be published inviting offers on the above terms.

The consideration of the estimate was then resumed, and was amended by the insertion of the item of £480 above referred to, and the insertion also of an item of £90 to be allocated as a first outlay on a boundary wall at St. Ibar's Villas, as per agreement with the Convent of St. John of God made some years back.

On the other hand there was taken off the sum set down in the estimate as the probable cost of scavenging, an item of £250. The reason assigned for making this deduction was that the cost of cleaning the newly-decreed main roads in the Borough was to be a charge on the Poor Rate.

It was then seen that the net sum to be raised by a Borough Rate was £5248. 3. 6, and it was agreed, preliminary to making a Borough Rate, that the poundage of it was to be five shillings and sixpence in the current year.

The appointment of a Foreman of Works in place of the former foreman, deceased, was the next business dealt with. The wages attached to this job was £3. 10. 0 a week, and the duties were to be identical with those of the late foreman.

Four persons applied for the appointment. They were Michael Coghlan of McSwiney Street, Wexford, John Boyle of Temhaggard, Thomas Cousins of Swan View, Wexford, and William Byrne, of Erin Cottage, Wexford. The last-named was already acting as temporary foreman.

*Appointment  
of  
Foreman*

However, a poll was taken, whereupon 19 members voted for the appointment of William Byrne, and 4 for Michael Coghlan, the other two applicants having no support.

Accordingly William Byrne secured the appointment.

The appointment of a Rent Collector, in room of John Warner, dismissed, was then proceeded with, although no sanction as to the terms on which the appointment

was to be made had been received from the Minister for Local Government.

Seven applications were sent in, in response to advertisements calling for applications. They were from the following:- Amelia Esther Hayes, Robert Banville, Owen Kehoe, Patrick Rossiter, Thomas Smith, James Larkin, and James Tierney, all of Wexford.

As it was seen that most of the applicants were likely to obtain a share of the votes of the members, it was decided to ascertain the opinion of members by way of a Poll, with the result that a series of polls had to be taken.

These ended in the issue falling between Amelia Esther Hayes, and Patrick Rossiter. A final Poll was taken as between these two applicants, whereupon Patrick Rossiter proved to be the successful applicant, twelve members having voted for him, whereas only eleven voted for Miss Hayes.

The Mayor abstained from voting on this poll.

A Deed of Mortgage was produced for execution. This Instrument was required to secure to the National Bank the re-payment of two loans which were required to supplement Grants obtained from Government for the improvement of the streets, and incidentally to relieve unemployment.

Thereupon the following resolution, as proposed by Councillor Rossiter, and seconded by Councillor Crosbie, was adopted.

That pursuant to the letter of sanction of the Local Government Minister dated 25th March 1926, the sums of £375 and £527. 14. 0 be borrowed from the National Bank Ltd. Wexford, for the purpose of carrying out street improvement works in the Urban District, to be repaid within three years, together with interest thereon at one-half per cent under the Irish Banks' rate, from time to time rising and falling therewith, but with a minimum of 4 per cent per annum.

And it is further resolved that the Seal of the Council be affixed to the necessary Mortgage over the rates to secure the said Loans.

With reference to minutes of 1st March last, a letter was read from the Ministry of Local Government and Public health (Housing Department) It was dated 18th April 1926, and bore reference number H.398/8033.

It referred to the leasing to a Mr. George O'Connor at St. John's Road of three plots of ground to allow of the erection of three substantial residences for the accommodation of well-to-do people. It pointed out that these plots were to be leased at exceptionally low rents to encourage and facilitate the erection of three houses, and the Minister directed that this condition should not be departed from.

It was decided that Mr. O'Connor be written to and called on to procure a lease, to be prepared by the Corporation Solicitor, of the three plots on the terms already agreed on, as per minutes of 18th August 1924, and 3rd. November 1924.

The Auditor's Report and Abstract of Accounts for the two years ended 31st March 1925, together with certified copies of the Abstracts, were submitted to the meeting. The report and abstracts called for no particular comment. There were no surcharges or disallowances.



Regarding an innovation made by the Local Government Act 1925, a form of Contract was brought under notice. This was to be made between the County Council and the Urban District Council to bind the latter, in the capacity of contractors only, to repair and clean a certain number of streets which had recently been declared Main Roads within the Urban Boundary.

The work of repairing was to be done to the satisfaction of the County Surveyor, upon whose certificate payment was to be made to the Urban Council by the County Council for the services rendered by the former in the matter.

As the document contained a number of points which seemed to require close investigation, it was referred to the Town Surveyor to report thereon.

A copy of the Street Trading Act 1926 was brought under notice. This Act was an adoptive one, and was not capable of being enforced until such time as an adopting resolution was passed by the Urban Council, and notices published in the local Press in the way prescribed by the Act.

This matter was referred to the Finance and Works Committee for consideration upon receipt of such Orders and Regulations as may be framed under the Act by the Minister of Justice.

*L. Corish*  
Mayor  
7. 6. 26

17th May, 1926.

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 Byrne, Patrick Clancy, James Larkin, Nicholas Connolly.

Councillors:- Myles Bergin, James Billington, Thomas Walsh, Robert Fitzhenry, James Gaul, Thomas Heron, John Walsh, James Crosbie, Thomas Hayes, John Larkin, Thomas Rensiter, Michael Martin, Patrick McCabe, John Browne, William J. Power.

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 Thomas Walsh, seconded by Councillor Heron.

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 3rd. day of May 1926.

Proposed by Alderman Byrne, seconded by Councillor Billington.

Resolved:- That an Assessment of One Shilling and Nine Pence in the Pound, viz., a Domestic Rate of One Shilling, and a Public Rate of Nine 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 3rd. day of May 1926.

Proposed by The Mayor, and seconded by Councillor Hayes.

Resolved:- That a Borough Rate of Five Shillings and Six Pence in the Pound (being One Shilling for General Town Purposes and Four Shillings and Six 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 3rd. day of May 1926. The Warrants authorizing the collection of the above Rates were also sealed and signed.

The accounts of the Collector of Borough Rate, of Rate in lieu of County Cess, and of Water Rates in respect of the year ended 31st March 1926, were produced. They had been under examination by the Finance and Works Committee on the 10th instant, who had made the following recommendations.

That there be written off as irrecoverable, items of Borough Rate amounting to £83. 1. 1½, items of Rate in lieu of County Cess amounting to £33. 3. 1½, and items of Water Rates amounting to £11. 10. 11, and that the balance of items outstanding, i. e., £452. 12. 5½; £173. 1. 3½; and £284. 6. 8 respectively, be carried into the current year's Rate Books as Arrears.

The above recommendations were unanimously adopted.

The poor Rate, as the collection of it stood at present, was brought under notice.

A schedule of uncollected items of this rate was produced. It was examined and signed for submission to the Department of Local Government and Public Health.

The poor Rate referred to was the rate made in respect of the year ended 31st March 1925.

A letter received from the Department of Local Government and Public Health was read. It bore number M.18692, and was dated 5th May 1926.

It referred to the inaction of the Council, on 5th April 1926, regarding the enforcement of vaccination, and intimated that the Minister was not prepared to acquiesce in the default of the Urban Council in the matter, and requested that the necessary instructions to enforce the Vaccination Acts should be given without further delay.

He requested also that when the question was next dealt with, a poll should be taken, and that it should be recorded on the Minutes how each member voted.

Thereupon Councillor Bergin proposed that the Vaccination Acts be enforced in Wexford Urban District in compliance with the Minister's demand.



This motion was seconded by Councillor Byrne.

In the course of a short discussion it was seen that a difference of opinion existed amongst the members, and a Poll was about to be taken when, on the suggestion of the Mayor, an amicable arrangement was come to to adjourn consideration of the matter till next monthly meeting to be held on 7th June prox., with a view to a conclusion being come to, one way or the other, on that date.

With reference to minutes of 3rd. May instant, it was announced that only one offer, that being from a Mr. J. Edwards of John Street, was received in response to advertisement. He was prepared to purchase one of the newly-erected houses at St. John's road at the settled price of £250.

This meant that three of the houses were to be purchased out and out.

It was pointed out that no offer had been received to acquire any house on the tenant-purchase plan.

It was stated by the Mayor that two further purchasers were likely to come forward in a day or two, and the question of how best to dispose of the rest of the houses was deferred for a week.

With reference to applications made by the three Rate collectors to the Finance and Works Committee for provision of office accommodation, it was reported that a small Committee had examined a vacant stall in the Market building in the Bull Ring and found that on being suitably fitted up it would answer the purpose of a Rates office.

Accordingly it was decided to ask the town Surveyor to see the Stall and report as to the best means and cost of fitting it up, and providing light, heating, and furniture.

Two applications received from persons wanting to acquire plots on St. John's Road were read. One was from Mr. John Sullivan of 40 Selskar Street, Wexford, He wanted a site for a five-roomed dwelling.

The other was from Mrs O. Williamson. She wanted a plot adjoining a house on that road which she had just purchased from the council. She proposed to build on this plot.

Neither of the applicants furnished particulars as to size or cost of the proposed buildings, but the Mayor stated that the cost of the house to be erected by Mr. Sullivan would be about £500.

In this matter it was decided to lease a plot (or two plots if he required them) to Mr. Sullivan at Two Pounds a year each for a term of 100 years, and to lease one plot to Mrs Williamson at Two Pounds a year for a period of 100 years, but that upon a full understanding being come to with the applicants in the matter, it be referred to the Minister for Local Government and Public Health for his decision thereon.

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Referring to minutes of 5th April Ultimo, on which occasion the Sanitary Officer was given an increase of salary of £26 a year, a letter was read from the

Department of Local Government and Public Health. It was dated 30th April 1926, and numbered P. H.18870.

It drew attention to the duties of Sub-Sanitary Officers, as laid down in Article 17 (15) of Sanitary Order (No.2) dated 3rd. May 1900.

Regarding this case it was pointed out that the Sub-Sanitary Officer always complied with the requirements of this sub section 15, and these records were laid weekly before the Public Health Committee.

The present meeting expressed no opinion as to whether a further check was necessary on the performance of this Officer's duties.

*R. Corish*  
Mayer  
4. 6. 26

31st May, 1926.

A 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., Mayer (in the chair)

Aldermen:- Nicholas Byrne, Patrick Clancy, Richard Gibson, James Larkin, Nicholas Connolly.

Councillors:- Myles Bergin, Thomas Walsh, Alice Fennell, John Larkin, Thomas Hayes, Robert Fitzhenry, John Walsh, James Gaul, James Crosbie, John Browne, Patrick McCabe, Thomas Rossiter, Thomas Haren, Michael Martin, William J. Power.

The meeting was chiefly convened for the purpose of considering the question of enlarging the storage capacity of Coolree reservoir, as per Mr. Delap's report of 1922, and if the project was decided on, to see about settling on the following preliminaries, viz:-

The obtainment of a loan of £10,500 (as at present estimated), the ascertainment of what was to be the length of the period of re-payment and the rate of interest on such loan, and the engagement of the services of Mr. Delap, C. E.

A letter from the Department of Local Government of Local Government and Public Health of 21st May 1926 showed that the issue of a loan for increasing the water supply was to be recommended to the Minister of Finance.

If it were desirable to start the works at once, so as to relieve unemployment, and if a resolution to that effect was passed by the Corporation, the Minister was prepared to dispense with the holding of a Local Inquiry. Also it was to be understood that the work was to be proceeded with according to the plans of 1922.

The voluminous report compiled by Mr. Delap in 1922 was referred to and showed that he proposed to raise the level of the water in the reservoir five feet higher than it was at present, bringing the storage capacity to forty million gallons, this



being an increase of fifteen million gallons. A revised estimate of the cost of obtaining the increase was put down at £10,570, as compared with £8,500 in 1922.

In the course of a discussion which took place, it was observed that the re-payment of the loan, with interest, would entail an addition of one whilling in the Pound to the local rates, which were becoming more burdensome year after year, but on the other hand, it was admitted that an increased supply of water was needed. The main object in view, however, was the relief of unemployment, and having regard to this, it was maintained that it was the province of the Government to make a Grant to carry out the proposed work, or at least help the ratepayers to a substantial extent in the matter. The result was that on the motion of Alderman Connolly, seconded by Councillor Hayes, it was unanimously

Resolved:- That a loan of £10,500 be obtained from Government for the purpose of enlarging Coolree Reservoir and thereby affording much-needed employment; that negotiations be opened with the Government regarding the length of the period of re-payment and the rate of interest to which the loan would be subject, and that the services of Mr. Delap be retained as Engineer of the proposed works.

*Enlarging of  
Reservoir  
Loan*

Referring to minutes of 17th instant, attention was drawn to the price fixed on that day as rent of three plots of ground at St. John's Road.

The rent settled on was £2. per plot per annum, but Mr. John Sullivan, one of the persons anxious to build, considered this too high, in view of the fact that three plots first selected on that road were to be leased at £1. a year each.

He applied to the Finance and Works Committee for a reduction, and the Committee was in favour of a rent of £1. 10. 0 a year, instead of £2, being accepted for each of the three plots dealt with on 17th instant.

The Committee recommendation was unanimously adopted, subject to the approval of the Minister for Local Government and public Health.

Referring to minutes of 3rd. instant, on which occasion it was decided to call on Mr. George O'Connor, Builder, to take up lease of three plots of land on St. John's Road, a letter was read from the Corporation Solicitor on the matter. From this it appeared that Mr. O'Connor had called on the Solicitor and said he wished to waive his rights to any lease, as he did not propose to build any more houses on the plots. He would be glad, therefore, if the Corporation would give a lease to Mr. Paul Roche of the plot on which his house was built. (It is necessary to explain here that Mr. George O'Connor had built on one of the plots a substantial residence for the Mr. Paul Roche referred to)

Under the circumstances it was decided to call on Mr. Roche to take out a lease from the Council of the plot on which his house was built at a rent of

One Pound a year for one hundred years, these being the terms on which it was arranged for the plots to be conveyed to Mr. George O'Connor.

*S. Barrett*  
*May 26*  
 4. 6 26

7th June, 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:- Nicholas Byrne, James Larkin, Nicholas Connolly, Patrick Clancy, Richard Gibson.

Councillors:- James Cresbie, Alice Fennell, Myles Bergin, Robert Fitzhenry, William J. Power, John Walsh, John Larkin, Thomas Heron, Thomas Walsh, John J. O'Leary, Thomas Hayes, James Billington, Thomas Rossiter, Patrick McCabe, Michael Martin, John Browne.

The minutes of meetings of 3rd, 17th, and 31st May 1926 were signed.

Liabilities which had accrued due up to the end of last month were submitted, and having been examined were approved, and Advice Notes were signed to enable the Treasurer to discharge them. The amount, in the aggregate, to £1639. 0. 4.

With reference to minutes of 17th Ultimo, the question of enforcing the vaccination laws in the urban district of Wexford was again introduced.

The meeting was made aware that a decision, one way or the other, was now to be come to in the matter, having regard to the terms of the letter of the Minister for Local Government and public Health of 5th May 1926, No.M.18692.

Councillor Bergin proposed and Alderman Byrne seconded a resolution to the effect that the necessary orders be issued to compel vaccination defaulters to comply with the law relating to vaccination.

The proposal met with hostility, and following a discussion, Alderman Connolly proposed that the opinion of the residents of the town should be gathered on the point by means of a Ballot.

This was seconded by Councillor O'Leary, but on a show of hands being taken, it was seen that only nine members were in favour of this latter proposition and twelve against it.

It was thereupon declared lost.

Thereupon a Poll was taken on the above motion of Councillor Bergin, and the result was as follows:-

For enforcing Vaccination.	Councillors	patrick McCabe, James Billington,
Thomas Heron, John Walsh, Myles Bergin, (Miss) Alice Fennell, Aldermen		Richard Gibson and Nicholas Byrne.
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Against enforcing	Councillors	Thomas Rossiter, Thomas Hayes, Thomas Walsh,
John Larkin, William J. Power, Michael Martin, Robert Fitzhenry, James Cresbie,		



Aldermen Patrick Clancy, Nicholas Connolly, James Larkin, and Richard Corish. 12. Councillor John J. O'Leary refused to vote, and Councillor John Browne had not arrived in time to vote.

Councillor Bergin's resolution was thereupon declared lost.

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 £6533. 13. 5, and that a rate of Six Shillings and Tenpence was needed to raise this sum in the Urban Area.

Thereupon on the motion of Councillor Rossiter, seconded by Councillor Cresbie, it was unanimously resolved that the Poundage of the Rate for the year ending 31st March 1927 be Six Shillings and Tenpence, this, of course, being preliminary to the act of formally making the Rate.

The Irish Public Bodies' Insurance Committee by a letter read called attention to the proposals made by the County Councils' General Council for dealing economically with insurances effected by Public Bodies.

According to this it was desirable that Public Bodies should be enabled by Statute to associate for the purpose of mutual insurance. A similar Scheme in operation in England since 1903 had been a marked success.

The object of the letter was to bespeak the co-operation of the Council.

The meeting thought the proposal worthy of support, but decided to obtain further information on the subject before taking any definite action.

At the instance of the Kilkenny County Board of Health the following resolution was adopted on the motion of Councillor Rossiter, seconded by Alderman Byrne.

T "That we enter our strong protest against the Bill recently introduced in the Dail, providing for the appointment of County Officials by the government.

Acting as we do as directly elected representatives of the ratepayers who supply the funds to pay these Officials, we are of opinion that the County Councils and Boards of Health are the proper Authorities for making these appointments - as well as regulating the salaries - and we know that our authority in such matters will be appreciated by the people who pay."

A resolution from the Corporation of Clonmel was submitted. The object in view was to bring about retrenchment in public expenditure by reducing the salaries of higher-paid Government officials, and to repeal the Local Government Act 1925, in so far as it related to officials and their salaries.

The resolution was marked read.

The general weekly Committee meetings were referred to by Councillor Browne, and on his suggestion it was decided to hold them only once a fortnight until further order.

Councillor Browne had advocated this change on several previous occasions.

Complaints were made about the non-stoppage, at the South Wexford Railway Station of certain trains leaving the North station for Rosslare. This caused inconvenience and needless expense to County Councils resident in the south end

of the town. It was urged that the Railway Company should be asked to stop the afternoon trains at the South station on thursdays and Saturdays, and a Committee consisting of Councillors Billington, Heron, and McCabe, was appointed to see Mr. Delaney, Railway District Superintendent, on the subject.

*Richard Corish*  
Mayor

5-4-26

30th June, 1926.

A Quarterly Meeting of the Council was held this day at the Town Hall at noon, in pursuance of the provisions of the Local Elections Postponement Act, 1925.

The members present were:-

Richard Corish, Esq., Mayor.

Aldermen:- Nicholas Connolly, Patrick Clancy, Richard Gibson, James Larkin.

Councillors:- Thomas Rossiter, Thomas Hayes, John Walsh, John Larkin, Thomas Walsh, Robert Fitzhenry, Myles Bergin, John Browne, John J. O'Leary, Alice Fennell, Patrick McCabe, James Gaul, James Billington, Thomas Heron, William J. Power.

Alderman Connolly occupied the chair while a Mayor was being elected.

Councillor Rossiter proposed that Alderman Corish be re-elected Mayor for the ensuing year.

The motion was seconded by Councillor John Walsh, and was passed unanimously.

Thereupon Alderman Corish took the chair, made a declaration of acceptance of Office, and returned thanks for his re-election.

It was unanimously agreed that the three Quarterly Meetings to be held previous to 7. 30 p.m. 15th June 1927 be fixed for Monday, 4th October 1926, at ~~7. 30 p.m.~~, Monday, 3rd. January 1927, at 7, 30 p. m., and Monday, 4th April, 1927 at 7. 30 p. m.

It was further agreed, on the motion of Alderman Connolly, seconded by Councillor McCabe, that the Finance and Works Committee, and the Public Health Committee for the ensuing year be composed of the entire members of the Council.

*Richard Corish*  
Mayor

5-4-26



5th July, 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 Connolly, James Larkin.

Councillors:- Thomas Heron, James Gaul, Thomas Walsh, Alice Pennell, John Walsh, Myles Bergin, Robert Fitzhenry, James Grosbie, Patrick McCabe, Thomas Rossiter, Thomas Hayes, John Browne.

The minutes of meetings of 7th and 30th June 1926 were read and signed.

Liabilities which had accrued due up to the end of last month, amounting in the aggregate to £1273. 15. 1 were submitted, and having been examined were approved, and Advice Notes were signed to enable the Treasurer to discharge them.

The making of a Poor Rate for the year ending 31st. March 1927 was ~~proceeded~~ proceeded with, and thereupon, on the motion of Councillor Grosbie, seconded by Councillor Bergin, it was

RESOLVED:- That a Poor Rate of Six Shillings and Ten Pence 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 1927, as per an Estimate of Expenses to be raised by a Poor rate on the said District, as considered and adopted on the 7th June 1926.

Referring to minutes of meeting of 3rd May last, it was pointed out that only three out of the twelve small houses erected at St. John's Road had been sold, but that there was no offer to purchase on the tenant-purchase system in response to advertisements in the local Press.

It was thought well to revise the terms in respect of which the remaining nine houses could be acquired, and it was suggested that a Committee should be appointed to report on the matter.

It was also suggested that the same Committee should report on the advisability of building a few additional houses, as there was £750 obtained for the three houses sold, and this, together with a sum of £480 earmarked in the Rate Estimates for building purposes, added to a possible Government subsidy, would justify the Council in carrying out building operations.

The suggestion commanded itself to the meeting, and the following were appointed to form the Committee, which was fixed to meet on Wednesday, 7th instant at 7. 30 p. m., Councillors T. Walsh, McCabe, Heron, (Miss) Pennell, Alderman Connolly, Councillor Hayes, and the Mayor.

*R. L. L. L.*

29. - 8. 26

30th July, 1926.

A Special 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:- James Larkin, Nicholas Connolly, Patrick Clancy.

Councillors:- Thomas Rossiter, James Billington, John Browne, Patrick McCabe, Myles Bergin, Thomas heron, Robert Fitzhenry, William J. Power, John Walsh, and John J. O'Leary.

The meeting was called for the purpose of seeing how nine of the twelve houses erected by the Council on St. John's Road were to be disposed of, considering that only three of these houses had been sold on the original terms of £250 per house, as per minutes of 5th July last.

It was reported that the Special Housing Committee had met and had drawn up the following two alternative Schemes for the sale of the nine houses, viz.

SCHEME NO. 1. PURCHASE OF HOUSE IN 10 YEARS.

Deposit.....	£50. 0. 0.
One year's rent @ 12/- per week.	31. 4. 0
Nine years' rent @ 9/- per week.	210. 12. 0
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	£291. 16. 0

SCHEME NO. 2. PURCHASE OF HOUSE IN 15 YEARS.

Deposit.....	£20. 0. 0.
One year's rent @ 12/- per week.	31. 4. 0
Nine years' rent at 9/- per week.	210. 12. 0
Five years' rent at 6/- per week,	78. 0. 0
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	£339. 16. 0

They had also issued advertisements inviting applications for purchase on either of the foregoing terms.

The Committee now asked the Council to ratify the steps which they had taken so far, and on the motion of Councillor Billington, seconded by Alderman Connolly, the Committee's action was duly ratified.

Eight applications were received in respect of the purchase of the houses, some under No. 1 Scheme, and others under No. 2.

The meeting accepted all the offers, and allocated the houses as far as possible in accordance with the wishes of the applicants.

Again with regard to the minutes of 5th ultimo, the said Housing Committee had recommended that six additional houses should be erected on the lines of Government Housing Plan G. 1. of October 1925, and on the motion of Councillor Bergin, seconded by Alderman Connolly this recommendation was duly adopted, and it



was arranged that advertisements should be issued requesting tenders in respect of the erection of these buildings against Monday, 16th August Prox. Application was made by a Mr. Delaney, District Superintendent of the Great Southern Railways, for two plots of land on St. John's Road on which to erect a dwelling house.

This application was granted at a rent of £1. 10. 0 in respect of each plot, on a lease for 100 years, but subject to the sanction of the Minister for Local Government and Public Health.

*R. Corish*  
9. 8. 26

9th August, 1926.

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 Connolly, Patrick Clancy, James Larkin.

Councillors:- James Billington, Alice Fernell, Patrick McCabe, John Larkin, Thomas Heron, Michael Martin, Myles Bergin, John Walsh, John Browne, Thomas Rossiter, James Gaul, Thomas Walsh, William J. Power, James Crosbie, John J. O'Leary, Thomas Hayes.

The minutes of meetings of 5th and 30th July Ultime were signed.

Liabilities which had accrued due up to the end of last month, amounting in the aggregate to £2075. 12. 11 were submitted. Included in this amount were three items of £123. 10. 0, £161. 17. 6, and £8. 2. 0.

The first-mentioned item was balance of architect's fees claimed by the Town Surveyor in connection with the erection of houses at St. Ibar's Villas, and the second was for fees claimed by the same Officer for services rendered in connection with the lay-out plan of a Housing Scheme prepared by him in conjunction with Messrs Donnelly & Moore of Dublin, Architects.

This Scheme, which was never gone on with, was started so far back as 12th November 1919.

The third was insurance premium of a one-ton lorry.

It was noted that this premium was payable to an English Insurance Company, and it was decided not to pay it but to obtain quotations from Irish Insurance Companies.

All the other accounts submitted were passed for payment, with the proviso that the claims for architects' fees were to be paid out of the current Housing Loan, as far as possible, with the sanction of the Minister for Local Government and Public Health.

Referring to minutes of 31st May last, correspondence was read from Mr. Delap, C. E. and also from Messrs M. J. O'Connor & Co., Corporation Solicitors. From this it was seen that the area of land to be acquired to allow of the storage capacity of Coolree Reservoir to be enlarged was as follows:-

11.42 perches belonging to Mrs Jefferies.

1 rood and 8.5 perches belonging to William Keegan.

1 acre and 10 perches belonging to Richard Malone.

It was most desirable that these pieces of land should be obtained from the owners by agreement if possible, but it was very difficult to determine what a fair price ought to be without having the assistance of an expert valuer.

The matter having been considered briefly, it was decided to go into it fully in Committee on the conclusion of the present meeting.

On the motion of Alderman Larkin, seconded by Alderman Connolly, Councillor James Gaul was appointed to represent the Corporation on the Harbour Commissioners for a further year.

A letter from the Association of Municipal Authorities was read. The Annual Conference of the Association was to meet in Kilkenny on 1st and 2nd. September Prox and the Council were asked to send two representatives to the Conference, as was done in former years.

Three members were proposed, but Councillor Hayes, who was one of them, asked that his name should be struck out, and thereupon the other two, namely, Councillors Heron and Thomas Walsh were appointed.

On the motion of ~~Councillor~~ <sup>Heron</sup> Clancy, seconded by Councillor Thomas Walsh, the following resolution was unanimously adopted, viz:-

That we express our deepest sympathy with the Bishops, Priests, and Nuns of Mexico in the persecution they are undergoing at the present time at the hands of the Mexican Government, and hereby express our condemnation of the tyrannical action of that Government.

That a copy of this resolution be sent to the Wexford County Council, and the Urban Councils of New Ross, Enniscorthy, and Gorey.

The proposed reconstruction of the County Court House, which had been partially destroyed by fire, was a matter introduced. It appeared that the County Council were considering the wisdom of converting the premises of the former County Gaol into a County Court House, but the business people on the Wexford Quay where the dilapidated County Court House exists, strongly objected to the proposal of utilizing the premises of the Gaol.

A long discussion ensued, and two motions were submitted, viz:-

Proposed by Councillor O'Leary and seconded by Alderman Connolly.

That the Corporation bring all possible pressure on the County Council to rebuild the County Court House on the site of the dilapidated one on the Quay.

Proposed by Councillor Browne, seconded by Councillor McCabe.

That no action at all be taken by this Council towards influencing the County Council



in the matter of providing a Court House.

The first-quoted motion was carried on a division by twelve voted to five.

*Richard Corish*  
Mayor

6 . 9 . 26

16th August, 1926.

A Special Meeting of the Council was held this day at the Town Hall at half past seven o'clock p. m. to consider tenders for the erection of six small dwellings at St. John's road, for the painting of the external woodwork of 136 Corporation houses, and for the insurance of the Ford Lorry.

The members present were:-

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

Aldermen:- Patrick Clancy, James Larkin, Richard Gibson, Nicholas Connolly.

Councillors:- Thomas Walsh, Thomas Hayes, John Walsh, Thomas Heron, James Billington, Alice Fennell, Patrick McCabe, John Browne, Myles Bergin, John Larkin, Michael Martin, Thomas Rossiter, James Crosbie, William J. Power.

At the outset of the proceedings, Councillor McCabe proposed a vote of sympathy with the relatives of the late Garda Kavanagh, of George Street Station, who met his death under tragic circumstances on 15th instant whilst cycling from Waterford.

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

Councillor McCabe further proposed that the condolences of the meeting be offered to Councillor Crosbie on the recent demise of his aunt, the late Miss Bolger, an old and respected native of Wexford.

The motion was seconded by Councillor Martin and was carried unanimously.

Councillor Crosbie thanked the meeting for their kindly action.

It was announced that no tender had been received in response to advertisements for the erection of the six dwellings on St. John's Road, and it was now for the meeting to decide how best to meet the case under the circumstances.

Several members advocated the building of the houses by direct labour under the supervision of the Borough Surveyor, and a long discussion, pro and con, ensued on the suggestion, the Surveyor pointing out his objections to having to undertake the work.

Eventually it was thought that before a final decision was arrived at in the matter a further opportunity should be given to enable Contractors to make an offer to build, and on the motion of Councillor Bergin, seconded by Councillor Billington, it was resolved that an advertisement be again inserted in the local newspapers, on the lines of the one already published, and that the present

meeting, at its rising, be adjourned to 23rd. instant for the consideration of tenders, if any should come to hand.

Two tenders were received for the painting of the Corporation houses. These were from John Murphy of Skeffington Street, and John Power of Gibson Street, but it was seen that the latter did not comply with the terms of the specification regarding the employment of Trade Union labour, and it was therefore ruled to be invalid.

The tender of John Murphy was then gone into. He was prepared to carry out the specification in every particular for an inclusive sum of £129. 0. 6, while the Borough Surveyor's estimate of the work was set down as £115. 0. 0.

The increase of £14. over the estimate was considered not to be excessive, and therefore on the motion of Councillor Meade, seconded by Councillor Thomas Walsh, the tender was accepted.

*Insurance on Ford Lorry*  
With regard to the insurance of the Ford Lorry, quotations from several Irish Insurance Companies were submitted, but it was seen that the tender of the New Ireland Company, through Messrs MacDonagh and Boland of Dublin, offering to undertake the business for an annual premium of £6. 17. 9 was the cheapest, and on the motion of the Mayor, seconded by Councillor T. Walsh, the insurance of the Lorry was transferred to the New Ireland Company.

Referring to minutes of 30th Ultimo, Mr. P. Delaney, District Superintendent of Great Southern Railways, requested that the plots on which he proposed to build should be two of those on the south side of St. John's road, opposite Hore's field, and the meeting decided to allot the two particular plots referred to to Mr. Delaney on the motion of Councillor T. Walsh seconded by Alderman Connolly. The meeting then adjourned until Monday, 23rd. instant at 7. 30 p. m.

*Richard O'Connell*

*Mayor*

*6-9-26*



23rd August 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:- Patrick Clancy, James Larkin, Nicholas Connolly, Nicholas Byrne.

Councillors:- John Walsh, Myles Berghin, James Billington, John Browne,  
James Gaul, Thomas Heron, Thomas Walsh, James Crosbie,  
Thomas Rossiter, Michael Martin, Thomas Hayes.

With reference to minutes of last meeting, it was pointed out that two tenders had been received in respect of the erection of six additional houses at St. John's road under the Housing Act 1925.

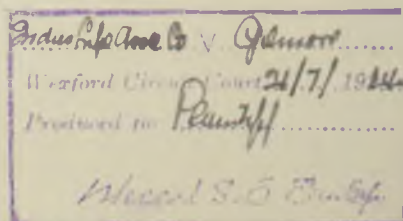
These, on being opened, were found to be from M. O'Connor & Co, Builders, and from Richard Browne, of Green Street, Wexford.

The former was prepared to build the houses according to Plan G. I. for the sum of £1842, plus £230 for the construction of an avenue and footpaths and laying on water supplies, and plus £33 for asbestos ceilings, if such were to be preferred.

Mr. Richard Browne tendered for building according to the same plan for the sum of £1986, or with extras, for £2010.

Mr. Browne's tender was rather ambiguous, as the meeting were not certain if his price included the cost of the construction of an avenue and footpaths, and the provision of a water supply, and accordingly, on the motion of Alderman Byrne, seconded by Councillor Hayes, the tender of M. O'Connor & Co. to erect the houses for £1842 plus £230 for the provision of road, paths, sewage &c., was unanimously accepted.

The need for appointing a Clerk of Works was advocated, and on the motion of Alderman Connolly, seconded by Councillor Billington, it was resolved to advertise for the services of a competent artizan, either mason or carpenter, as Clerk of Works during the course of the construction of the dwellings, at a wage of £4. 0. 0 a week.



*Richard Corish*  
Mayor  
6-9-26

25th August, 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:- Patrick Clancy, James Larkin, Nicholas Connolly, Nicholas Byrne.

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Councillors:- Myles Bergin, Thomas Walsh, Thomas Heron, John Browne, John Walsh,  
Thomas Rossiter, James Crosbie, Thomas Hayes, John J. O'Leary.

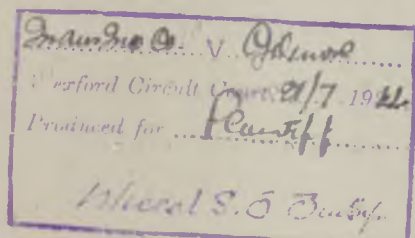
With reference to minutes of 23rd. instant, it was explained by the Mayor that owing to the uncertainty of Mr. R. Browne's tender, the offer of M. O'Connor & Co. for the erection of six houses on St. John's Road had been accepted instead of his. On the face of the tenders it appeared that M. O'Connor & Co's demand was the lower of the two, but Mr. Browne, in calling attention to the matter next day, maintained that his was the lower tender.

On being questioned, he stated, at first, that the £1986 did not include the cost of construction of avenue &c., but later in the day he stated that it did include this cost.

On this being put by Mr. Browne into writing his demand was clearly the lower one, and the present meeting was convened to deal with the matter.

On the motion of Councillor John Walsh, seconded by Alderman Connolly it was Resolved:- That the tender of Mr. Richard Browne be accepted, in lieu of that of M. O'Connor & Co, which is hereby rejected, as also Mr. Browne's offer to provide asbestos ceilings instead of ordinary sheeted ceilings for £24 extra, this bringing the total sum to be paid him for the completion of the buildings up to £2010.

On the motion of Councillor O'Leary, seconded by Alderman Connolly the persons prepared to act as Mr. Browne's sureties were approved of, they being Messrs William Deasy, of Main Street South, and John Browne, of Henrietta Street, Wexford.



*Richard Corish*  
Mayor.  
6-9-26

6th September, 1926.

A statutable 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,  
Richard Gibson.

Councillors:- Patrick McCabe, Myles Bergin, James Billington, John J. O'Leary,  
John Walsh, Thomas Walsh, Thomas J. Heron, Thomas Rossiter,  
Thomas Hayes, James Gaul, John Larkin, James Crosby, Michael Martin.

The minutes of meetings of 9th, 16th, 23rd. and 25th August 1926 were signed.

Liabilities which had accrued due up to the end of last month, amounting in the aggregate to £2572. 5. 11 were submitted. Attention was called to two Bills, one amounting to £7. 18. 6, charge for sundry repairs to two motor lorries, and another for £9. 3. 0, being amount of premium to be charged on a Policy to be issued by the Ocean Accident Company in respect of the insurance of Semi Diesel Engine, Dynamo, and Switch-Board in the Electric Power Station.



Members contended that it was possible to have sundry repairs done at a cheaper rate than was charged in the bill from Messrs R. & W. Miller.

The Town Surveyor, however, asserted that he had gone to pains to obtain ~~the~~ repairs done at the lowest possible cost, nevertheless, it was decided to obtain tenders, by advertisement, in respect of any repairs required to be done on the lorries in future, having regard, especially, to the time spent by mechanics in doing the work, and that any contract made was to stand for six months.

Regarding the item of £9. 3. 0 re. insurance, it was observed that this was the amount of the premium asked by the Ocean Accident Company. This being an English Company, it was decided to obtain quotations from Irish Companies who would be prepared to undertake the class of risk indicated.

The accounts were then passed for payment, with the exception of the item of £9. 3. 0.

Mention was made of the recent death of Mr. John Pierce, Principal of the Firm of Messrs Philip Pierce & Co. Expressions of sorrow at the occurrence of the sad event fell from members present, and it was resolved, on the motion of Councillor Heron, seconded by Councillor T. Walsh, to convey to Mrs Pierce, relict of the deceased, and her family, an expression of sympathy in their bereavement.

A letter from the Department of Local Government & Public Health under date of 14th August 1926, and bearing number S.36,600, was read. It bore reference to the indebtedness of Wexford Urban Council to the Commissioners of Public Works. Up to 1st May last the arrears on foot of re-payment of Loans amounted to £1632. 6. 11, and having regard to the application for a further Loan of £10,500, the Department requested to be furnished with the views of the Council on the matter.

The letter was considered, and it was noted that a sum of £582. 5. 10 was to be paid this day in reduction of the total due. The balance, £1050. 1. 1 would be sent as soon as the Rates in course of collection would amount to enough to meet the liability.

The need for a short-term loan, as suggested in the communication, was not yet apparent. Were it not for the fact that there was an exceptional depression in business throughout the town the delay in collecting Rates would not have happened.

With reference to minutes of 9th August last, letters were read from possessors of land at Coolree, Wexford, to be acquired for the purpose of the proposed enlargement of the Reservoir as follows:-

Mr. Richard Malone, V. S., demanded £500 for one acre and ten perches, Mr. William Keegan/for 1 rood and 8.5 perches, and Mrs Jefferies, £50 for 11.42 perches.

This subject was considered to be one which should not properly be discussed in

public, as it was necessary to determine what was a fair value to be paid to the holders of the land.

It was accordingly decided to refer the question of settling on a fair value to the Finance & Works Committee before making an offer.

With reference to minutes of 23rd. ultimo, the selection of a temporary Clerk of Works was proceeded with.

Three artisans applied for employment in the capacity mentioned, namely, Aidan Redmond, William McGrath, and Joseph Keane. They were all equally qualified to fill the vacancy, and on a division being taken, 1 voted for Redmond, 12 for McGrath, and 8 for Keane.

Accordingly William McGrath's services were engaged.

The stoppage of a drain and sewer in Selskar Street, a matter which had been before the Public Health Committee on several occasions, was brought under notice.

Mr. Laurence Kirwan asked £22. 5. 0, this sum representing expenses which he had gone to in freeing the drain of his house, which emptied into a sewer maintainable by the Council.

It was found that the sewer into which the drain discharged, was choked with debris, the sewer having been allowed to go into disuse since the time of the construction of a main drainage system in St. Selskar Ward.

The point in the case was whether the Council or Mr. Kirwan were the parties at fault, and this it was all but impossible to decide.

The Corporation Solicitor, per his letter of 26th August last, advised that it would be desirable to make a settlement with Mr. Kirwan, and he asked for instructions to go into the matter and make the very best settlement possible. This case was referred to the Finance and Works Committee with a view to a compromise being made.

A resolution from the Wexford Harbour Commissioners, embodied in a letter from their Secretary under date of 17th August 1926, was submitted, as follows:-

" That the Harbour Commissioners request the Corporation to take over the maintenance, cleaning and lighting of the Quays and side streets with a view to assist the Board to carry on and meet the competition of Rosslare Harbour.

Failing the Corporation doing so, we ask our T. D's to promote a Bill in the Dail to have the present Act altered. The cost of the necessary repairs, cleaning, and lighting averages at present £750 per year.

Considering that the Corporation draws the Borough rate from all properties on the Quays and side streets, it would not be unreasonable to expect them to assist in what, after all, is for the good of the town in general."

It was arranged that a Committee of four members of the Council should meet and confer with four members of the Harbour Board on the subject.

The members appointed were:- Aldermen Byrne and Connolly, Councillors Rossiter and Thomas Walsh.

It was suggested also that the Coal Merchants should be asked to attend the



proposed Conference.

The County Wexford Board of Health inquired by letter dated 23rd. ultimo, what contribution the Corporation would give towards the re-payment of a Loan of £9,640 which it was proposed by the Board of Health to borrow for providing a water supply and a sewerage system for Rosslare.

This matter was referred to the Finance and Works Committee.

The Enniscorthy Branch of the Farmers' Union, in a resolution dated 25th ultimo, protested against an increase of valuation being put on improved hereditaments.

No action was taken; the resolution was simply marked "read".

*R. Larkin*

4. 10. 26

4th October 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:- Nicholas Byrne, Patrick Clancy, Nicholas Connolly, Richard Gibson.

Councillors Thomas Rossiter, Alice Fennell, Robert Fitzhenry, Myles Bergin,

John Larkin, Thomas Walsh, James Billington, Patrick McCabe,

John Walsh, and James Crosbie.

Liabilities which had accrued due up to the end of last month, amounting in the aggregate to £1917. 14. 0 were submitted, and having been examined were approved, and Advice Notes were signed to enable them to be discharged.

The attention of the meeting was called to a list of defaulters in Wexford Urban District under the Vaccination Acts.

This was furnished by Dr. T. Pierse, Medical Officer of Health, as per instructions from the Ministry of Local Government and Public Health.

It contained 2653 names of unvaccinated children, and included names of defaulters in some cases so far back as 1909.

The meeting abstained from taking action in the matter, and was opposed to taking action on the grounds that the duty of enforcing the Vaccination Acts, hitherto done by the former Board of Guardians, was transferred to the Urban Council and imposed on them without their knowledge.

With reference to minutes of 6th ultimo, the question of the Urban Council undertaking the work of maintaining and lighting the Quays and a number of streets leading thereto, was brought under notice.

A meeting between five members of the Harbour Board and five members of the Council had taken place on 29th Ultimo.

From what transpired on the occasion it was clear that the Harbour

Commissioners were under the necessity to ask to be relieved from doing the work in question in order to allow them to do necessary dredging operations at ships' berths, &c.

This was admitted, but then the question for the Corporation to consider was how were they to obtain funds for the purpose mentioned without making an increase of rates next year of about one shilling additional in the Pound.

From an opinion obtained in 1916 from the then Solicitor General for Ireland, it seemed to be competent for the Corporation to lay out money and do what was wanted under the circumstances by increasing the Rates on the Urban District. It was decided to take no action, at least for the present.

Councillor Rossiter alluded to the Celebrations being held at the Convent of Perpetual Adoration, Wexford, in honour of the fiftieth anniversary of the entry into the Convent of the Reverend Mother, a member of an old and distinguished Wexford family.

He proposed the following resolution, which was seconded by Alderman Clancy, and was passed unanimously.

That we, the Wexford Corporation, tender our congratulations to the Reverend Mother and Community of the Convent of Perpetual Adoration of Wexford on the attainment of the Golden Jubilee of the entrance into the Order of the Rev. Mother.

We desire to place on record our gratification at the knowledge that the lives of this Community of holy nuns are so inextricably interwoven in the lives of the people of this ancient and historic Borough in their daily presence in the Church of the Assumption before the tabernacle of Our Divine Lord. This gratification is intensified by the knowledge that the Rev. Mother is a member of a family so closely connected with our town in the noble profession of medicine through her father, Dr. John Crean, who died in 1883, and her brother Dr. John E. Crean, who died in 1907.

We hope and pray that the Rev. Mother and Community may long be spared to pour forth their fervent prayers to the Most High for those blessings which are so urgently required for the Faithful, a service deeply appreciated by the Catholics of Wexford, who realize the great blessing bestowed on them by having in their midst such an Order of nuns in whose daily ministrations the material progress of Wexford is inseparably bound.

The following motion was also adopted unanimously, on the proposition of Councillor McCabe, seconded by Alderman Byrne.

That the condolence of the meeting be conveyed to Mr. Matthew Coghlan, Manager of the Wexford Branch of the National Bank on the recent demise of his wife.

The lately-deceased lady was a highly esteemed person, and her loss was much regretted.

There was also a resolution adopted condoling with the relatives of the people, over 40 in number, who lost their lives in Drumcollogher by a fire which occurred there by accident at a Cinematograph Exhibition.

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2nd. November 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:- Richard Gibson, Nicholas Connolly, Nicholas Byrne,  
Patrick Clancy.

Councillors:- John J. O'Leary, Alice Fennell, Myles Bergin, John Larkin,  
Thomas Hayes, James Billington, Thomas Heron, John Walsh,  
Patrick McCabe, Michael Martin? Thomas Rossiter, James Crossie

The meeting was specially convened to afford members an opportunity to pay a tribute of respect to the memory of the late Alderman Larkin, who died suddenly on the 28th ultimo.

The Mayor, in moving a resolution of condolence to the relatives of the deceased member, referred to the services rendered by Alderman Larkin during his period of office, which commenced in January 1920. He (the Mayor) also surveyed at some length the work of the deceased as a labour representative, and commented on the unflagging zeal he displayed in promoting the interests of the town.

He proposed, "That we desire to place on record the sincere sympathy we feel at the passing of the late Alderman Larkin, and tender to his mother our sympathy on the great loss she has sustained."

This was seconded by Councillor Heron who also dwelt on the many good qualities of the deceased.

Then all the members present, without exception, expressed their sincere sorrow at the loss of their late colleague.

The resolution was passed unanimously, the members rising to their feet at the time.

The following three resolutions were also unanimously adopted in silence, the members standing.

Proposed by Alderman Clancy, seconded by Councillor Heron.

That an expression of regret on the recent death of the late M. J. Purlong be put on record. The deceased had been, for many years, a member of the Wexford Corporation, and before retiring, devoted much time to civic affairs. He was widely known and much respected, and his death was very much lamented on all sides.

Proposed by Councillor Rossiter, seconded by Councillor John Walsh.

That an expression of sympathy be passed with Councillor Gaul on the recent death of his father, Captain Gaul, who was one of the old seafaring men of Wexford and a first-class mariner.

Councillor Gaul, who was present, in graceful terms returned thanks for the sympathy shown him.

Proposed by Councillor Bergin, seconded by Alderman Connolly.

That an expression of sympathy be tendered to Councillor O'Leary on the recent death of his mother-in-law, a native of John Street and highly respected by her neighbours and all who had the privilege of her acquaintance.

*S. Bergin*

*mayor*

*6. 11. 26*

8th November, 1926.

A 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, Richard Gibson.

Councillors:- Thomas Heron, Thomas Walsh, Alice Fennell, James Billington,

Thomas Rossiter, Myles Bergin, John Larkin, James Gaul,

Robert Fitzhenry, Patrick McCabe, John Walsh, James Crosbie,

William J. Power, Thomas Hayes, John J. O'Leary, Michael Martin,

John Browne.

Liabilities which had accrued due up to the end of last month, amounting in the aggregate to £1793. 0. 6, were submitted, and having been examined were found correct.

Two items included in this amount were referred to by members. One was a sum of £29. 16. 11 for repairs to the two motor lorries, and the other a sum of £28 for the purchase of a water cart.

In the former case it was contended that the upkeep of the two vehicles seemed costly and that it would be well to go into the whole question of their maintenance with a view to retrenchment if possible, but no action was taken on this suggestion.

In the case of the purchase of the cart, Alderman Clancy objected to payment for it on the grounds that it was not of Irish make, and that it was possible to have a suitable cart made in Wexford at least as cheaply as the one supplied.

It was explained, however, that inquiries made at the three local Foundries had elicited the fact that it would not be an economic proposition for them to turn out a single cart, and that the one now to be paid for had been supplied through the Trade Department of the Ministry of Local Government.

The Bills, as submitted, were then passed for payment, Alderman Clancy dissenting to the discharge of the account for the cart.

Under date of 21st October 1926 the Roads Department of the Ministry of Local Government forwarded a copy of Regulations which had been made under Section 36 of the Local Government Act 1925.

These regulations had reference to the erection of Direction Signs and Warning Signs on public roads, and to the Traffic Signals to be used by drivers of vehicles using



such roads.

The Regulations were framed to ensure that the travelling public would be facilitated as much as possible.

This matter was referred to the Town Surveyor so that he could submit a report as to the particular points where such signs should be erected in Wexford.

With reference to minutes of 6th September last when a communication from the County Wexford Board of Public Health was read inquiring what contribution the Corporation would give towards the re-payment of a Loan of £9,640 proposed to be borrowed for sanitary improvements at Rosslare, it was reported that the Finance and Works Committee, to which the question had been referred, recommended that the matter should be adjourned until the Rate Estimates for the year 1927-8 were being considered.

This recommendation was unanimously adopted.

With regard to the proposed enlargement of Coolree Reservoir, a matter which had last engaged the attention of the Council on 6th September 1926, a communication from Mr. Delap, C. E., whose services had been retained as Engineer of the proposed work, addressed to the Mayor, was read.

Mr. Delap intimated that the plans of the intended improvements were now completed, and he awaited further instructions in the matter.

It was intimated that all the preliminaries in connection with the obtainment of a Loan from Government for carrying out the proposed works were not as yet completed, as the purchase-price of the land required had not, so far, been agreed to, and this was specially the case in regard to the land in the occupation of Mr. Malone, V. S., so it was decided to request the Corporation Solicitor to ask Mr. Malone to meet the Mayor and Councillor Browne to see if a satisfactory price could be arrived at.

The Major Willie Redmond Branch of the British Legion of ex-servicemen, by letter invited the Corporation to attend the Armistice Celebrations to be held on Sunday 14th instant, and on the motion of Councillor Billington, seconded by Councillor Heron, it was decided that it be left to the choice of each member to attend if he so wished.

Allusion was made to the public-spirited action of Lady Maurice FitzGerald, Councillor Billington, and Mr. James J. Stafford in providing, free of charge, supplies of timber to the poor of the town. These proved very welcome gifts at the present juncture, when it was almost impossible to secure coal, no matter how small the quantity, and on the motion of Councillor Bergin, seconded by Alderman Byrne, a warm vote of thanks was passed to the generous donors, the Mayor being also included for taking the initial steps in securing a supply and seeing that it was equitably distributed.

Attention was called to the great delay which occurred in dealing with three claims to pensions under the Blind Persons Act 1920. These had been decided by

the local Old Age Pensions Committee some months ago, two of them having been disposed of so far back as June last, and the third in September.

Decisions were given favourable to the three claimants by the Committee, but the Pension Officer had appealed against the decisions to the Minister for Local Government and Public Health, but up to the present no steps appeared to have been taken to finally dispose of the claims, and the Council considered this delay was unreasonable.

As a result of the discussion, the following resolution was unanimously adopted.

Proposed by Councillor Thomas Walsh, seconded by Alderman Byrne, and

RESOLVED:- That we beg to draw the attention <sup>of</sup> the Minister for Local Government and Public Health to the three outstanding claims from residents of the Borough of Wexford to pensions under the Blind Persons Act 1920, and request him to be so good as to send a Medical Inspector to visit the claimants immediately, so that the cases may be determined without further delay.

*R. Board*

6. 12. 26

6th December, 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:- Nicholas Byrne, Richard Gibson, Patrick Clancy, Nicholas Connolly.

Councillors:- James Gaul, Myles Bergin, James Billington, Thomas Walsh, Patrick McCabe, Thomas Heron, John Walsh, Thomas Hayes, James Crosbie, William J. Power, Thomas Rossiter, John J. O'Leary, Michael Martin.

The minutes of meetings of 4th October and 2nd. and 8th November 1926 were signed.

Liabilities which had accrued due up to the end of last month, amounting in the aggregate to £1439. 10. 3 were submitted, and having been examined and found correct were approved, and an Advice Note was signed to enable the Treasurer to pay them.

A letter from the Department of Local Government and Public Health was read. It was dated 26th November 1926 and bore number L.42286. It contained a request that the Minister be informed what payments were proposed to be made by the Corporation on foot of arrears of Government loans before 31st March 1927, having regard to the application from the Council for a loan of £10,500 to be applied to increasing the water supply of the town.

With regard to this matter, it was pointed out that the sum in arrear in the present financial year was £2091. 13. 9, but that the amount of rates outstanding was £4078, and if that sum were collected in due time it would be possible to make a substantial reduction of the arrears in question, and it was decided to have the letter answered accordingly.



A letter from the same Department under date of 24th November 1926, and marked M.53922 was submitted. It contained request that energetic action should be taken against all vaccination defaulters, there being 2653 of these delinquents in Wexford Dispensary District.

The Chairman refused to let this subject be entertained, inasmuch as the Council had had the question of enforcing the Vaccination Acts under consideration on several occasions and had always decided against enforcement. A letter from the same Department under date of 8th November 1926, and marked G.51659, was read. It drew attention to the backward state of the Poor Rate Collection in respect of the year 1925-6, and intimated that the Collector should be required to close the first moiety payable up to 30th September 1925 at once.

It was pointed out that the collection for the half-year in question had been closed on 30th November Ultimo, leaving only about £260 outstanding.

A letter from the Secretary of the Committee on Milk Supply, under date of 19th November 1926, was read. This Committee was appointed under the Chairmanship of Mr. R. Wilson, T. D., to obtain evidence and to advise on the sufficiency of the existing provisions dealing with the cleanliness and wholesomeness of the milk supply in Saorstát Éireann.

The Committee asked to be furnished with a written statement setting forth the views of the Council on the matters referred to by the Committee.

The meeting discussed the conditions under which milk was kept for sale by purveyors of milk, and how dairy cattle were housed in the Urban district, but no conclusion was come to as to what answer was to be given to the Milk Commission for the present.

The Irish Public Bodies Mutual Insurances Limited, being a newly-formed Company under the Local Authorities (Mutual Insurance) Act 1926, attended the meeting in the person of their Manager, Mr. Joseph Brennan.

He explained fully the objects of the Company, the principal one of which was that the operations of the Company were to be confined to insurance transactions with local authorities alone, and secondly that it was open to any local authority to be a member of the Company, the liability of a member being limited to Ten Pounds.

After discussion the following resolution was passed, on the motion of Alderman Connolly, seconded by Councillor O'Leary.

"That in future the entire insurance of the Corporation be transacted with and through the medium of the Associated Local Authorities Insurances Limited."

A letter from the Reverend John Sinnott, Adm. Wexford, was read. It contained a resolution of a Vigilance Committee appointed by the Bishop of Ferns as to stopping the importation of obnoxious literature.

The subject having been discussed, the resolution was adopted unanimously

as follows:-

Proposed by Councillor McCabe, seconded by Councillor Martin, and

RESOLVED:- "That the importation and circulation of irreligious and filthy literature is a grave menace to the morality of our people, and that we request the Government to pass immediate legislation to prevent their corruption by this insidious and immoral propagandism."

*Richard Corish*

*May 1927*

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3rd. January, 1927.

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, Patrick Clancy, Richard Gibson.

Councillors:- Patrick McCabe, Thomas Heron, Thomas Walsh, John J. O'Leary, Alice Fennell, Thomas Hayes, James Crosbie, John Walsh, Thomas Rossiter, Myles Bergin, William J. Power, Michael Martin, James Gaul.

The minutes of meeting of 6th December 1926 were read and signed.

Liabilities which had accrued due up to the end of last month, amounting in the aggregate to £665. 5. 9, were submitted, and having been examined were approved, and an Advice Note was signed to enable the Treasurer to pay them.

There was submitted to the meeting a copy of a Conditional Order granted at the instance of the Minister for Local Government and Public Health against the twelve members of the Council who on on 7th June 1926 constituted the majority which voted against enforcing the Vaccination Acts in the Borough.

The document embodied a decision that in the event of the Conditional Order being made absolute, the Minister could apply for the entire costs of the proceedings against the twelve dissenting members.

It was pointed out that under the Local Government (Temporary Provisions) Act 1923, the duty of enforcing the Vaccination Acts in Wexford town was now cast upon the Council, and that the Minister for Local Government and Public Health had power to compel compliance therewith, nevertheless the Council refused to depart from the decision arrived at on 7th June last.

With reference to minutes of 8th November 1926, communications from the Department of Local Government and Public Health and from the Commissioners of Public Works were read. These were to the effect that the issue of a loan of £10570 had been sanctioned for the purpose of improving the water supply of the town.

The loan would be repaid within a period of 50 years, and the rate of interest



would be five and three quarters per cent per annum, but as there were considerable instalments of existing Government loans in arrear, no portion of the loan would be available unless the Council discharged one-half of the outstanding arrears, and all penal interest before the close of the current financial year, and gave an assurance that the balance would be fully met not later than 30th June 1927.

It was reported that the delay in paying off the instalments of loans due was consequent on the difficulty experienced in ~~collecting~~<sup>collecting</sup> the town rates owing to trade depression, but it was hoped that substantial payments on account would be made before 31st March next, and the meeting unanimously gave an undertaking to discharge the entire of the instalments due before 30th June 1927.

As the obtainment of the loan was now assured, it was decided to make the following fresh offers to the owners of the land to be acquired for the enlargement of the Reservoir, viz. To Mr. Malone, £150., To Mr. Keegan, £50., and to Mrs Jefferies, £25., and it was further decided to issue advertisements inviting contractors willing to undertake the work to submit tenders for same, such tenders to be considered by the Council on Monday, 7th February, 1927. A report from the Town Surveyor was read. It embraced the conclusions of a Committee consisting of the Mayor, Alderman Connolly, and Councillors McCabe and Billington appointed on 20th December 1926 to visit St. John's Road and look into certain suggested improvements.

These improvements, which consisted of the erection of a pailing with wire fence along one side of the road for a distance of about 150 yards, would cost £35., and if the portion of the road proposed to be railed in were planted with trees and shrubs, the additional expense would amount to £20., or £55 in all, and the Committee thought that the entire work should be carried out. However, on the motion of Alderman Connolly, seconded by Councillor Hayes, it was resolved to erect the pailing and fence only, and to dispense with the planting of the shrubs &c.

The Mayor took occasion to refer to some comments which had appeared editorially in the "Wexford Free Press" newspaper of 11th December last as to the alleged unsatisfactory state of the municipal finances. These comments were to the effect that the Council were unable to meet their liabilities so far as the payment of instalments of Government loans were concerned, and that a sum of £1212. 12. 9 due to the National Bank on foot of loans at 1st November 1926, and authorized to be paid on 8th Idem., had not apparently been discharged. The Mayor refuted both allegations, and showed that full provision had been made in the current year's Rates for the payment of all such liabilities, and stated that the Council's inability to pay the instalments of Government loans was solely due to the difficulty of collecting the Rates owing to severe depression in business.

As to the sum due to the National Bank on 1st November last, he pointed out

that an Authority for the payment of this sum was signed on 8th November last, as stated by the "Free Press", but that the amount due, namely, £1212. 12. 9 had actually been placed to the credit of the Bank on 12th November 1926.

The Mayor also submitted a statement of the amount of loans borrowed from time to time and the balances outstanding, and the purposes for which the loans had been raised, and concluded by asserting that if the Rates were collected as in former years, the Council would be in a position to discharge most, if not all their liabilities, including all instalments of loans in arrear, before the close of the current financial year.

*Richard Corish*

*Mayor.*

*4. 2. 26.*

7th February, 1927.

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, Richard Gibson.

Councillors:- Thomas Walsh, Thomas Heron, John Walsh, James Billington, Thomas Hayes, John J. O'Leary, Patrick McCabe, Robert Fitzhenry, William J. Power, James Crosbie, Thomas Rossiter, Michael Martin.

The minutes of meeting of 3rd. January 1927 were signed.

Liabilities which had accrued due up to the end of last month, amounting in the aggregate to £1165. 14. 1, were submitted and having been examined were approved, and an Advice Note was signed to enable them to be discharged.

Allusion in touching terms was made by members to the regretted demise, on 6th instant, of Mrs Margaret Mary Malone, wife of Councillor Richard Malone.

The late Mrs Malone was a lady of a very charitable disposition, and had borne her long illness with fortitude and calmness. Her death was deplored by her large circle of friends in Wexford, and Councillor Rossiter proposed that the sympathy of the meeting be extended to Councillor Malone in his heavy loss, and furthermore, that after the consideration of the tenders for the waterworks extension, the present meeting should stand adjourned as a mark of respect to the memory of the deceased lady.

The motion was seconded by Councillor O'Leary, and was passed unanimously in silence.

With reference to minutes of meeting of 3rd. January 1927, a letter received from Messrs Delap & Waller, Consulting Engineers, of 115, Grafton Street, Dublin was read. These gentlemen had received three tenders in respect of the work of improvements and extensions at Coolree Reservoir, and these three tenders were the only ones received.

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They were from the following Firms, who were willing to undertake the work for the



sums set out opposite their names as under,-

Messrs Thomas Thompson & Son, Ltd., Carlow.	£6,988. 0. 0.
Messrs McNally & Co., Ltd., Dublin.	£8,777. 13. 5.
Messrs Fleming & Co., Dublin.	£10,021. 13. 0.

Messrs Delap & Waller had no hesitation in recommending that the lowest tender received, namely that of Thompson & Son of Carlow for the sum of £6988. 0. 0. should be accepted. This low tender had only been possible owing to the fact that Messrs Thompson had acquired a large quantity of modern plant for the recent work of erecting the Carlow Beet Factory, and the possession of this plant would enable them to do the work better and cheaper than probably any other Firm in the south of Ireland.

Thereupon on the motion of Councillor O'Leary, seconded by Councillor Heron, it was unanimously Resolved:- That the tender of Messrs Thompson & Son, Ltd., of Carlow for £6988. 0. 0 for the carrying out of the plans and specification in connection with the work at Cahree Reservoir, as prepared by Messrs Delap and Waller, be accepted.

The meeting then adjourned till Monday, 14th instant.

*R. Delap*  
Mayor  
4. 3. 27

14th February, 1927.

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:- Thomas Walsh, Alice Fennell, John Walsh, James Crosbie,  
James Gaul, Thomas Hayes, Myles Bergin, John J. O'Leary,  
Thomas Heron, Patrick McCabe.

Reference was made to the death, since last meeting, of a son of Councillor John Larkin, and it was proposed by Councillor Gaul that the meeting should stand adjourned for a week as a mark of condolence to Councillor Larkin in his bereavement.

It was also mentioned that an aunt of Councillor Thomas Rossiter had also died since last meeting, and Councillor Gaul wished that the meeting should also stand adjourned as a mark of respect to her memory.

The motions were seconded by Alderman Connolly in a few appropriate words, and were passed unanimously.

*R. Delap*  
Mayor  
4. 3. 27

21st February, 1927.

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:- Nicholas Connolly, Patrick Clancy.

Councillors:- John J. O'Leary, Thomas Walsh, James Billington, Thomas Hayes,  
John Walsh, Patrick McCabe, Robert Fitzhenry, James Crossie.

Mr. Alfred Delap, M.Inst. C. E. was in attendance as Consulting Engineer in connection with the scheme for enlarging the waterworks reservoir.

A Mr. Connell whom he proposed to appoint as Resident Engineer during the continuance of the necessary engineering operations to be done was also present.

Mr. Delap said that he felt sure that the work entrusted to Messrs Thompson and Son, Contractors, would be carried out in a most satisfactory manner, as he had previous experience of these Contractors.

The following resolution was passed.

It was moved by Councillor James Crossie and seconded by Councillor Patrick McCabe, and Resolved:-

That our Corporate Seal be affixed to the Deed of Mortgage of this date now read, whereby security is given to the Commissioners of Public Works in Ireland for the repayment of the sum of Ten Thousand, Five hundred and Seventy pounds, proposed to be advanced by them to us under Deed of Mortgage of 21st February 1927. The Deed of Mortgage was thereupon duly sealed and signed.

Thereupon it was moved by Councillor James Crossie, and seconded by Councillor Thomas Hayes, and

Resolved:- That the Commissioners of Public Works in Ireland be requested to lodge the sum of Ten Thousand, Five Hundred and Seventy Pounds mentioned in the Deed of Mortgage to them this day executed by this Council to Our account as Reservoir Loan Account in the Wexford Branch of the National Bank.

A circular from the Department of Local Government and Public Health under date of 12th January 1927 was read. The reference number of it was 1857. It dealt with the possibility of the smallpox epidemic prevalent in England spreading to Ireland, urging that precautions ought to be taken to prevent its entry into this country, but an essential safeguard was vaccination or re-vaccination. Defaulters under the Vaccination Acts should be compelled to comply with the law.

The contents of the circular were noted, but there was no order made having regard to the fact that the smallpox epidemic was abating in England.

It was decided, on the suggestion of Alderman Clancy, that the Irish Industrial Development Association should be written to and asked to make an endeavour to obtain a purchaser for the derelict Drinagh Cement Works. These Works had produced the best quality of cement in their day, and it was desirable that they should be restarted



in order to afford employment. The Association might be able to find out people who would be disposed to take them over and resume the making of cement again.

It was proposed by Councillor T. Walsh, seconded by Councillor McCabe and resolved:- That the Government be asked to put the findings of the Gaelteacht Commission into operation, as the people in the West of Ireland were in a very bad way. Under the former regime these people were far better off than at present. Trade was now on the decline and the young people in the Gaelteacht were obliged to emigrate for want of employment.

*H. August*  
4. 3. 27.

7th March, 1927.

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, Richard Gibson.

Councillors:- Thomas Walsh, John Larkin, James Billington, Thomas Heron, Thomas Hayes, Robert Fitzhenry, Thomas Rensiter, John Walsh, John J. O'Leary, James Cressie, Patrick McCabe, Michael Martin.

The minutes of 7th, 14th and 21st February 1927 were read and signed.

Liabilities which had accrued due up to the end of last month, amounting in the aggregate to £3049. 9. 4 were submitted, and having been examined were approved, and Advice Notes were signed to enable them to be discharged.

Councillor Rensiter proposed that the sympathy of the Council be offered to the Mayor on the death of his aunt, the late Miss Johanna Murphy. He felt sure that all the members were grieved to hear of the Mayor's bereavement.

The motion was seconded by Councillor Heron and passed unanimously.

Several members took occasion to express their sympathy with the Mayor in his bereavement.

The Mayor expressed his thanks for the kindness shown him by the meeting.

The following Orders were made:- That the lubricating oil used on the meter lories be obtained in future by the barrel, as the purchase of it by the gallon seemed not to be an economical way to purchase oil.

*Oil for Lories*

That an eye be kept on the cost of repairing the lories, as the Bill for repairs done by Beggan Bros on the one-ten lorry appeared excessive, inasmuch as the lorry was kept idle for eight days whereas the work done only occupied eighteen hours.

The expense attendant on the working of the lagger of the two lories employed on the streets was commented on and discussed.

Alderman Connolly maintained that the employment of horses and carts would be

cheaper than the employment of the lorry.

He proposed that one-fourth of the Licence Duty of £40 in respect of the whole year should be paid at present, so that the question of ~~dispensing~~ dispensing with the lorry could be brought up again in a short time.

The motion was seconded by Councillor Billington.

The motion was lost on a division, ten voting against and only four for it, as it was held that the lorry, when working, necessitated the employment of additional men on the streets.

It was ordered. That an account be furnished by the Town Surveyor of all the expenses in connection with the keeping of the large lorry in time for the preparation of the forthcoming Rate Estimates.

Revised Regulations made by the Department of Local Government and Public Health under the Education (Provision of Meals) (Ireland) Acts 1914 to 1917 were submitted to the meeting.

They accompanied a letter from the Department under date of 21st February 1927, bearing number P.H.60054/1926, and contained a request that a School Meals Committee should be formed.

In connection with this matter, it was borne in mind that the School Attendance Committee, lately dissolved, had performed the functions of a School Meals Committee in Wexford up to a certain extent, and the arrangement having worked satisfactorily, it was decided to ask the Minister to allow a School Meals Committee upon being appointed to do as the dissolved Committee had done.

This latter Committee confined their functions to seeing that the money appropriated for school meals was divided fairly among schools in the town. They never superintended the giving out of the meals, this duty being left solely to the Managers of the schools concerned, but they made themselves cognisant of the bills sent in by traders for food supplied to the schools.

A Commission appointed to examine the existing law governing the relationship of landlord and tenant in towns gave notice that they would have a series of public sittings in Dublin to receive representations and evidence from Public Bodies or any individuals interested.

The notice was given with the object of the Corporation taking action in the matter. The business of the Commission was a matter which commended itself to the meeting, and a Committee was formed to collect evidence to be submitted to the Commission. The following were appointed on the Committee, Alderman Connolly, Councillors Walsh, Martin, Rossiter, and Hayes, and the Committee arranged to meet for the first time on Wednesday, 9th instant.

The present-day Poor Rate Collector, Denis James Duff, having been appointed as such on 15th February 1926, and assent to the appointment on probation having been given by the Minister for Local Government and Public Health on 24th February 1926, it was thought opportune that permanent sanction of the appointment might be applied for, as the



Thereupon on the motion of Councillor Rossiter, seconded by Councillor McCabe, it was decided to apply to the Ministry for the necessary sanction. A.

The Finance Committee recommended that the charge for the use of the Town Hall should be increased by twenty per. cent. This was rendered necessary by a demand of the Performing Right Society, limited, of London for Licence fees in respect of music performed in the Town Hall.

As to this matter, it was seen that there was included in the Bills this day for payment a fee of £5. 5. 0 which the Society had claimed under correspondence which had been going on for several months past. As it appeared doubtful, however, from a recent High Court decision in Dublin, whether the Society were, as yet, in a position to obtain fees, it was decided to withhold payment for the present.

However the Committee recommendation was approved, but subject to no increase being made if the Licence fee has not to be paid.

*L. Bond.*  
Mayor

*H-4-27*

4th April, 1927.

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, Nicholas Connolly,  
Patrick Clancy.

Councillors:- Thomas Rossiter, John Walsh, James Billington, John Larkin,  
John J. O'Leary, Robert Fitzhenry, Alice Fennell, James Gayl,  
Thomas Walsh, Thomas Horen, Patrick McCabe, Michael Martin.

The minutes of meeting of 7th March Ultime were signed.

Liabilities which had accrued due up to the end of last month, amounting in the aggregate to £1018. 15. 6 were submitted, and having been examined were approved and an Advice Note was signed to enable them to be discharged.

Included in the total were payments as compensation for three pieces of land acquired at Coolree for the Reservoir extension, and for fees and out-of-pocket expenses due to the Consulting Engineer engaged on the Scheme, an instalment of £3,500 having been received on foot of the loan borrowed to enable the work to be carried out.

The Corporation Solicitor was in attendance to witness the execution by the Corporation of the Conveyances of the twelve recently-built houses at St. John's Road. These houses had been sold to the occupiers, three of them having been bought out-  
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purchase system.

It transpired, however, that five of the tenant-purchasers had refused to sign the Deeds, alleging that the houses were not, as yet, completed in the manner required by the specification, and that the Town Surveyor had not given the contractor a final certificate in respect of the contract.

They required that the defects which they contended existed in the houses should be remedied before the Deeds were finally completed.

This request seemed a reasonable one, and it was decided to adjourn the matter for a week to enable the Solicitor to ascertain exact particulars of the defects complained of, so that the Contractor could be requested to make them good without further delay.

Estimates of expenses to be met by means of Town rates in respect of the Financial Year 1927-8 were submitted. They had been thoroughly examined by the Finance Committee of 28th ultimo who had made various amendments in them.

As originally presented they showed that to meet all charges for the year, rates (excluding Poor Rate) amounting to 10/11 in the Pound would have to be struck.

The estimates were again gone over.

As to the Water Rates, it was seen that a sum of £1795. 17. 3 would require to be raised to meet repayment of Loans and for the general upkeep of the water system, and that a sum of Two Shillings in the Pound would be necessary to meet such charges. It was found that no reduction could, with safety, be made in this estimate, and thereupon on the motion of Alderman Byrne, seconded by Councillor McCabe, it was unanimously resolved that a Rate of Two Shillings, viz: one shilling in the Pound as Domestic Rate and one shilling in the Pound as Public Rate be agreed to.

With reference to the Rate for the maintenance and improvement of streets, exclusive of Main Roads in the Borough, it was shown that a Rate of 2/2 in the Pound would be necessary to meet an expenditure of £2060. 13. 5 under these heads.

The Finance Committee recommended that this sum should be reduced by £130, being outlay which could be avoided in the year, and that the Rate be fixed at 2/- in the Pound.

Included in the estimate were items amounting to £488 to be provided to meet the loan charges and the general upkeep of the Leyland Lorry, and a long discussion on these items arose at the present meeting.

A return had been submitted to a Committee appointed to go into the matter, showing the cost of the lorry, exclusive of the wages of the driver, since it was purchased in 1922. These figures were now examined anew, and it was contended by some members that the employment of horses and carts to do the work at present done by the lorry would effect a saving.

Other members, however, argued to the contrary, and made the point that even if horses were employed, the loan charges for the purchase of the vehicle would still have to be met.

Eventually it was decided to purchase the vehicle as they were at present,



so far as the levy was concerned, and on the motion of Councillor O'Leary, seconded by Councillor Heron, it was resolved to adopt the recommendation of the Finance Committee and fix the Poundage of the Special Rate at Two Shillings. The estimate of expenses to be raised by means of a Borough Rate was then gone into. As originally prepared it showed that a sum of £6456. 13. 1 would be required to meet the various charges payable out of the Borough Fund, and that a Rate of 6/9 would be necessary.

The Finance Committee however recommended that an item of £180 set down towards the erection of a wall at St. Ibar's Villas should be deleted, and that items relating to the building of six houses on St. John's Road should also be struck out and provided for by means of a loan, and that a Rate of five shillings in the Pound should be settled on.

The present meeting reviewed the estimate again, and as a result it was decided to strike out various other items included therein.

These embraced portion of an overdraft incurred in the erection of houses at St. Ibar's Villas, the balance of the Town Surveyor's fees in respect of these houses, and his fees for the abortive Town planning Scheme for the John Street area.

By these deductions, together with those recommended by the Finance Committee, the amount to be met by the Borough Rate was reduced to £4735. 15. 7.

A Rate of 4/10 in the Pound would therefore suffice, and on the motion of Councillor Rossiter, seconded by Councillor T. Walsh, a Borough Rate of 4/10 in the Pound was agreed on.

It was further decided to borrow a sum of £2920., more or less, to meet all the above-deducted charges, that the loan be procured from the National Bank and be repaid within three years, and that the sanction of the Minister for Local Government and public Health be requested to the obtaining of this loan.

A suggestion made as to providing three public urinals in different parts of the town was adjourned to enable full information as to the cost of their erection and annual upkeep to be obtained with some degree of accuracy.

The Collector of Borough Rate and of County Cess applied for an allowance for an office to enable him to receive rates by instalments. A sum of seven shillings per week had been given him for this purpose for the previous two years, and in the year just ended he had collected by instalments rates amounting to £440.

On the motion of Alderman Byrne, seconded by Councillor Heron, the application was referred to the Finance Committee.

Recommendations from the Finance Committee were brought forward. They were to the effect that the wages of the Town Sergeant &c., should be increased from £3. 1. 10 to £3. 5. 0 per week, and the wages of the Caretaker of Crosstown Cemetery from 32/6 to 35/- a week.

The recommendations were unanimously adopted on the motion of Councillor

*Increase in  
Town Sergeant's  
Salary*

O'Leary, seconded by Councillor T. Walsh, but in the case of the Town Sergeant it was understood that the increase was to cover whatever extra duties he might have to perform as Inspector of the Theatre under Section 36 of the Public Health Acts Amendment Act 1890, which duties it was proposed to assign to him in the near future.

On the motion of Councillor Rossiter, seconded by Alderman Connolly, it was decided to maintain the Main Roads inside the Borough for the current year on terms similar to those which obtained in the year 1926-7, and to enter into an Agreement with the County Council to this effect.

A report from Mr. Dalap. C. E., Consulting Engineer, on the progress of the contract at the Reservoir was read. This showed that the work was progressing satisfactorily, but that leaks in the existing embankment had been discovered. These fortunately could be remedied by an expenditure of about £250, as they were near the top of the embankment, and he had given the Contractor the necessary directions in the matter. If the leaks had been found near the bottom of the dam the stopping of them would have cost a very large sum, and would have meant that the Reservoir should be kept at a low level for a long period.

A letter was read intimating that a Commemoration Ceremony would take place in Wexford on Easter Sunday in honour of all Wexfordmen who fell in the struggle for Irish Independence since 1916, and extending an invitation to the Corporation to be officially represented at the Ceremony.

It was decided, if a Mass were being celebrated that day for the repose of the souls of the deceased, that the Corporation would attend at the church in a Body, but as to the procession to Crosstown Cemetery, it was left to the option of each individual member to participate or not as he thought fit.

On the motion of Alderman Clancy, seconded by Councillor Heron, it was resolved to request the Registration Officer for the County to secure the services of competent men out of work for any positions required at the forthcoming General Election, rather than of persons in regular employment.

*R. L. O'Leary*

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9th May, 1927.

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:- Patrick Clancy, Nicholas Byrne, Nicholas Connolly,  
Richard Gibson.

Councillors:- Patrick McCabe, Thomas Rossiter, Alice Fennell, John Walsh,  
John J. O'Leary, James Gaul, Thomas Walsh, Thomas Hayes,  
James Crosbie, Thomas Heron.

The minutes of meeting of 4th April 1927 were read and signed.

Liabilities which had accrued due up to the end of last month, amounting in the aggregate to £1584. 7. 9, 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 (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 Alderman Byrne, seconded by Councillor Heron, and

Resolved:- That a Borough Rate of Four Shillings and Tenpence in the Pound (being One Shilling for General Town Purposes and Three Shillings and Tenpence 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 4th day of April 1927.

Proposed by Councillor Thomas Walsh, seconded by Councillor Rossiter 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 4th day of April 1927.

Proposed by Councillor McCabe, seconded by Councillor O'Leary and

Resolved:- That an Assessment of Two Shillings in the Pound, viz., a Domestic Rate of One Shilling and a Public Rate of One Shilling on the rateable value of property within the Town of Wexford be laid on pursuant to the Local Government (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 4th day of April, 1927

The Warrants authorizing the collection of the above Rates were also sealed and signed.



The Accounts of the Collectors of Borough Rate, of Rate in lieu of County Cess, and of Water Rates in respect of the year ended on 31st March last were produced. They had been under examination by the Finance and Works Committee of 25th ultimo who had made the following recommendation.

That there be written off as irrecoverable, items of Borough Rate amounting to £298. 8. 3½, of Rate in lieu of County Cess amounting to £101. 8. 8½, and of Water Rates amounting to £104. 5. 2½; and that the Balances of items outstanding namely, £593. 7. 1½, £198. 18. 6½, and £280. 6. 9½ respectively, be carried into the current year's Rate Books as Collectible Arrears.

A letter under date of 16th April Ultimo, No.404/296, from the Minister of Finance was read. It referred to an award made by the Compensation (Ireland) Commission in respect of Wexford Courthouse.

The sum of £5,000 awarded in respect of structural damage was subject to a reinstatement condition, but the Wexford County Council had represented that it would be uneconomical to restore the injured Courthouse, and they suggested that the award should be spent in providing Courthouse accommodation in the building formerly used as a Jail, but as certain residents in Wexford were opposed to the proposals of the County Council, the Minister asked to be furnished with the views of Wexford Corporation on the subject.

A long discussion arose on this matter in the course of which it was asserted that £5,000 was sufficient to put the County Courthouse into its original state of repair, but there was nothing brought forward to verify this statement, and the result was that the consideration of the question was referred to the Finance and Works Committee to permit of reliable information as to the cost being obtained. The consensus of opinion amongst the members of the Council, it may be mentioned meanwhile, was in favour of the damage done on the Courthouse being made good for the sake of public convenience and cheapness.

On the motion of Alderman Connolly, seconded by Councillor Heron, it was decided to put the same "St. John's Avenue" on the two rows of small dwellings forming an avenue recently erected by the Corporation on St. John's Road.

Referring to minutes of 4th ultimo, a letter from Mr. John N. Scallan, Returning Officer for the County, was read, stating that if the Council submitted to him a list of unemployed persons of either sex whom they could recommend as capable and unbiassed, he would duly consider the appointment of the persons named in the list. Accordingly it was open to members to make out a list and send it to Mr. Scallan. An application for the renewal of a Cinematograph Licence in respect of Wexford Cinema Palace for one year under the Cinematograph Act 1909 was submitted, and it was decided to issue a Licence on the same conditions as applied to the year ended on 1st Instant.

Councillor T. Walsh gave notice of his intention to move at next general meeting of the Council that the Finance & Works Committee meetings be open to representatives of the local Press, and the notice was accepted.

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May 13-6-24



13th June, 1927.

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 Byrne, Patrick Clancy, Nicholas Connolly.

Councillors:- James Billington, Alice Fennell, Patrick McCabe, Thomas Walsh, John O'Leary, James Gaul, John Walsh, James Crosbie, Michael Martin, William J. Power, Thomas Rossiter.

The minutes of last meeting were signed.

Liabilities which had accrued due up to the end of last month, amounting in the aggregate to £4712. 18. 4 were submitted and having been examined were approved and an Advice Note was signed to enable them to be discharged.

A letter was read from the Department of Local Government and Public Health, under date of 11th May, 1927. It was numbered M.10609.

It drew attention to the fact that a Conditional Order of Mandamus commanding the Council to enforce the Vaccination Acts, was made Absolute on 21st January last. This was duly served on the Council on 8th February last, and the Minister for Local Government and Public Health desired to be informed if the Council had taken any steps to comply with the requirements of the Absolute Order.

In connection with this question of defaulters under the Vaccination Acts, a letter dated 9th May 1927, and bearing number M.21134 was read, pointing out that the number of vaccination defaulters in the Wexford Dispensary District was 2780.

After brief consideration the meeting decided to do nothing for the present towards complying with the Order of Mandamus, but adjourned the question to the next monthly meeting to be held on 4th July Prox., but yet it was arranged that a special notification should be given to members to attend on 4th Prox., to come to some definite conclusion on the matter.

A letter dated 2nd. June 1927, and numbered P.H.19360, from the Department of Local Government and Public Health, was read. It referred to the distribution of food to necessitous school children, and recommended that a Committee might be appointed, to consist of representatives of school managers, one or two members of the Corporation, and some other local persons interested in the work, to administer the Scheme.

It would be necessary for this Committee to arrange for the keeping, examination and certification of bills incurred, but in view of the small amount of clerical work entailed, it should be possible to have it carried out by voluntary service.

There was also read from the same Department a letter dated 13th May 1927,

and numbered P.H.23046, accompanying a report from Mrs Crofts, Inspector, which showed that the food supplied in Wexford to necessitous children consisted of buns only in some schools, but in others, bread, jam and cocoa, or soup was given.

The meeting named the following members of the Council to act as members of the Committee, viz., Councillors Miss Fennell, T. Walsh, and J. Crosbie, and decided to invite Mrs McTaminey of Paul Quay, a nominee of Father Sinnott, Adm., and of Rev. Brother Markey, Superior of Christian Brothers, to join the Committee also to carry the Scheme into effect.

Regarding representations made to the Department of Local Government and Public Health on 11th May last, by direction of the Council, a letter in reply, dated 20th May, 1927 (P.H.22919) was read. It stated, regarding the proposed establishment of a Tuberculosis Hospital in the Fever Hospital premises at Grogan's Road, that a Committee of experts on Tuberculosis had given it as their considered opinion that no danger to the health of the residents in a contiguous locality arose from the vicinity of a properly-managed Tuberculosis Institution.

The admission of representatives of the local newspapers to the weekly meetings of the Finance and Works Committee was brought up by Councillor T. Walsh, as per notice of motion.

He proposed that the representatives of the Press be invited to attend these meetings, and the motion was seconded by Alderman Byrne, but on consideration, it was decided to adjourn the matter, on the motion of Councillor McCabe, seconded by Councillor O'Leary.

The train service between Wexford and Rosslare Strand was a matter to which attention was drawn. The time-table was well enough between North Wexford Station and Rosslare Strand Station, but the residents of the south end of the town felt aggrieved by having to go to the North Station along with their children during the bathing season, entailing a walk of  $1\frac{1}{2}$  miles.

It was urged that the Great Southern Railways Company should be requested to stop trains at South Wexford Station during the summer months for the convenience of people residing at the south end of the town.

The suggestion was agreed to, and the Town Clerk was asked to write to the Secretary of the Company for the concession needed.

The question of limiting the speed of motor vehicles through the Main Street of Wexford was brought up. The Main Street was the principal thoroughfare of Wexford, but it was so narrow at some points that motor cars going at an unrestricted rate of speed were positively dangerous to pedestrians. Now and again accidents had occurred, and the meeting was of opinion that a speed limit should be imposed.

Accordingly it was decided to request the Minister for Local Government and Public Health to issue an Ordinance compelling motor vehicles to be driven through the Main Street at no higher rate of speed than five miles per hour.



30th June, 1927.

A Quarterly Meeting of the council was held this day at the Town Hall at ~~about~~ noon.

The members present were:-

Aldermen:- Richard Corish, Nicholas Connolly.

Councillors:- John Browne, Thomas Hayes, John O'Leary, Thomas Rossiter, Thomas Walsh, Myles Bergin, James Billington, James Gaul, Thomas Heron, Michael Martin, John Walsh, John Larkin, Patrick McCabe.

Alderman Connolly occupied the chair while a Mayor was being elected.

The minutes of meeting of 13th June 1927 were duly signed.

Councillor Heron proposed that Alderman Richard Corish be re-elected Mayor of Wexford until the date of the election of Mayor in the year 1928.

The motion was seconded by Councillor McCabe and was carried unanimously.

Thereupon Alderman Corish took the Chair, made a declaration of acceptance of Office, and returned thanks for his re-election.

On the motion of Alderman Connolly, seconded by Councillor Thomas Walsh, it was resolved that the three Quarterly Meetings to be held previous to 15th June 1928 be fixed for Monday, 3rd. October 1927 at 7.30 p.m. on Monday, 2nd. January 1928 at half past seven o'clock p. m. and on 2nd. April 1928 at half past seven o'clock p. m.

It was agreed, on the motion of Councillor Heron, seconded by Councillor McCabe, that the Finance and Works, Waterworks, and Public Health Committees be composed of the entire members of the Council for the ensuing year.

*R. Corish*

Mayor.

4-7-27

4th July, 1927.

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, Patrick Clancy.

Councillors:- James Crosbie, Thomas Rossiter, James Gaul, Myles Bergin,  
Thomas Hayes, James Billington, John Walsh, Thomas Heron,  
Thomas Walsh, Patrick McCabe, Michael Martin, John Browne.

The minutes of meeting of 30th June 1927 were signed.

Liabilities which had accrued due up to the end of last month, amounting in the aggregate to £2042. 0. 5 were submitted, and having been examined were approved, and an Advice Note was signed to enable them to be discharged.

On the motion of Councillor Heron, seconded by Councillor Bergin, the sympathy of the meeting was extended to the relatives of the late Patrick Fortune, an old employee of the Corporation, whose death had taken place on this day.

In accordance with decision come to at meeting of 13th June last, the question of enforcing the Vaccination Acts in the Urban District was now specially considered.

A further letter from the Department of Local Government and Public Health under date of 30th June 1927, No. 29540, was read intimating that if stringent action was not now determined on to ensure compliance with the law, steps would be taken by the Minister to compel obedience to the Order of Mandamus already granted, and also to recover the costs awarded against those members of the Council who were named as special defendants in the Proceedings.

The meeting deliberated on the matter, but in view of the fact that the whole subject of Compulsory Vaccination was to be brought before the Dail on an early date, it was resolved, on the motion of Councillor Rossiter, seconded by Councillor Thomas Walsh to adjourn the question until the next monthly meeting of the Council, and that, in the meantime, a public meeting of the people of the town would be held with the object of gathering their views on the advisability of having the Vaccination Laws put into practical<sup>operation</sup> in Wexford.

A report was submitted from the adjudicators of the recent local examination held for the four Scholarships for Irish given by the Council which entitled the successful competitors to a month's free tuition at the Irish College at Camolin. The percentage of marks required for a pass at the examination was 60, and the marks gained by the highest and lowest of the winners of the Scholarships were 81% and 76% respectively.

The report was considered satisfactory, and on the motion of Councillor Gaul, seconded by Councillor Hayes, it was decided to pay over £40, the amount of the Scholarships, to the Trustees of the Irish College in due course.

The Chief Superintendent of the Civic Guard reported by letter that Guard Geary,



Inspector of Food and Drugs for the Borough, was about to be transferred, and that in the circumstances it would be necessary to appoint another member of the Force to act in his stead. He intimated that Guard C. Driscoll was in every way competent to fill the position, and on the motion of Councillor McCabe, seconded by Councillor T. Walsh, it was decided to appoint the Guard mentioned to the Office.

The proposed improvement of the surface of Redmond Road, Wellington Place, and the Quays at an early date was brought up by the receipt of a report from the Town Surveyor.

These thoroughfares formed part of the Trunk Road between Dublin and Rosslare Harbour, and the Government had decided to undertake the cost of having them re-surfaced in concrete, but the Town Surveyor, as per his report, considered that before the concrete was laid it would be necessary to provide new water mains and sewers at a cost, approximately, of £1600, as the existing ones were in a very bad condition.

The meeting considered the matter. It was ascertained that no portion of the Grant for re-surfacing could be devoted to any other purpose, and this being so, it would be necessary for the Corporation to meet the expenditure in connection with the provision of the mains and sewers from their own resources. As this outlay had not been foreseen when the Estimates for the current year were being prepared, it would be impossible to meet it out of current revenue, but as the entire of the Loan of £10570 recently obtained for improving the water supply would not be required owing to the work being done at a price far under the Consulting Engineer's estimate, it was thought that if portion of the Loan could be used for laying the mains &c., it would enable the work to be gone on with immediately.

It was therefore proposed by Councillor Thomas Walsh, seconded by Councillor Billington, and unanimously resolved:- That as the Loan of £10570 obtained for improving the Wexford Reservoir will not all be required for this purpose, we beg to request the permission of the Minister for Local Government and Public Health to allow £1600 of it to be devoted to the provision of water mains and sewers along Wellington Place and the Quays, it having been ascertained that the existing sewers and mains require to be renewed without delay in view of the concreting of these thoroughfares at an early date.

The advisability of taking steps to have the six town graveyards re-opened for burials was a matter brought forward.

These graveyards, as a result of a Government Inquiry, had been closed against interments, with certain exceptions, since September 1901.

Those for whom the right of burial had been reserved were nearly all now dead, and for a considerable time past no interment had taken place in any of the graveyards. It was contended therefore that permission should again be given, but to a limited extent, for the right of sepulture in the graveyards, as many

of the old inhabitants of the town, for sentimental reasons, wished to be buried with those of their relatives interred therein.

Before proceeding further in the matter, however, it was considered advisable to ascertain the views of the Medical Officer of Health on the proposal, and the question was adjourned to allow Dr. Pierse to be consulted.

The following notices of motion were handed in and accepted for consideration at next statutable meeting.

Councillor John Walsh. To move that the salary of the Mayor of Wexford be raised from £100 to £200 per annum.

Councillor Myles Bergin. To move that a person be co-opted on the Council to fill the casual vacancy thereon created by the death of the late Alderman James Larkin.

Councillor Thomas Walsh. To move that in future the representatives of the local newspapers be admitted to the weekly meetings of the Finance and Works Committee.

*A. Corish*  
Mayor  
8-8-27

8th August, 1927.

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, Nicholas Byrne.

Councillors:- Thomas Walsh, Thomas Heron, John Walsh, Alice Fennell, Thomas Hayes, James Billington, Thomas Rossiter, Myles Bergin, William J. Power, John Larkin, James Crosbie, James Gaul, John K. O'Leary, John Browne, Michael Martin.

The minutes of meeting of 4th July, 1927 were read and signed.

Liabilities which had accrued due up to the end of last month, including sums due on foot of Reservoir Contract, were submitted, and having been examined were approved, and an Advice Note was signed to enable them to be discharged.

They amounted in the aggregate to £5687. 8. 4, and included in them was an item of £247. 16. 10, being the balance due to M. O'Connor & Co. in respect of the erection of twelve houses at St. John's Road.

Some members questioned the wisdom of paying this sum until they had an assurance, in view of the complaints as to the defective state of some of the dwellings, that the Contractors had now put them all into a satisfactory condition, but having regard to the Borough Surveyor's certificate, and also to the fact that he had



withheld a sum of £20. for contingent small repairs, it was decided, on the motion of Alderman Byrne, seconded by Councillor Bergin, to pay the amount. The Mayor alluded in very strong terms to the recent murder of Mr. Kevin O'Higgins, Minister for Justice and Vice President of the Executive Council of the Irish Free State, and stated that such a brutal crime had done immense harm to the Country. He (the Mayor) had been personally acquainted with the late Mr. O'Higgins. He recognized in him one whose sole thoughts were for the welfare and development of the State, and the outrage could not be too strongly denounced.

He proposed the following resolution, which was seconded by Alderman Connolly, supported by Alderman Clancy, and adopted unanimously, the members rising to their feet when it was being put.

Resolved:- That we view with horror and detestation the assassination, on 10th July last, of the late Kevin O'Higgins, Minister for Justice, whose all too-short life had been unselfishly devoted to the betterment of his fellow-countrymen, and whose loss is well-nigh irreparable at this particular juncture in the affairs of our Country.

*Assassination  
of  
K. O'Higgins*

We deeply deplore this senseless outrage which has deprived Ireland of the services of a brilliant Statesman, and his family of a devoted husband and father, and we beg to tender to Mrs O'Higgins and to President Cosgrave an expression of our heartfelt sorrow at the lamentable occurrence. The following three resolutions of sympathy were also adopted unanimously.

Proposed by His Worship, the Mayor, seconded by Councillor Heron, and

Resolved:- That we, the Municipal Council of Wexford, have learned with feelings of deep regret of the recent death of the late Madame Constance Markiewicz, whose whole life was devoted to the welfare of the Irish People, and whose work on behalf of the poor and friendless endeared her to the whole Irish Race, and we offer our sincere sympathy to Count Markiewicz in his sorrow.

Proposed by His Worship, the Mayor, seconded by Councillor Bergin, and

Resolved:- That we deeply regret the recent demise of the late John Dillon, who for over forty years laboured indefatigably for the betterment of his native land, and to whose efforts many of the ameliorative Measures at present enjoyed can be traced.

His patriotic zeal, sincerity, and love of Country has always been fully recognized, even by those most widely differing from him in recent years, and we beg to tender to his sorrowing relatives an expression of sincere sympathy in their bereavement.

Proposed By Alderman Connolly, seconded by Alderman Byrne, and

Resolved:- That we tender to the widow and relatives of the late Charles E. Vize, an esteemed native of the town, an expression of deep sorrow at the tragic accident which deprived them of a loving husband and father.

With reference to the request of the Minister for Local Government and Public Health to have the Vaccination Acts enforced in Wexford, a matter which had been discussed on 4th ultimo, the Mayor made a statement thereon.

he said that as promised he had called a public meeting by placard, so that any persons who objected to compulsory vaccination could attend and voice their views, but the response was disappointing as only six persons took the trouble to meet. Under these circumstances he held there appeared to be no reason why the Acts should not be enforced, more especially as the members of the Council who voted against putting them into operation were threatened with proceedings for the recovery of the Costs of the recent Order of Mandamus secured against them.

Several members were in agreement with the views of the Mayor, and eventually on the motion of Councillor Bergin, seconded by Alderman Byrne, it was Resolved:- That the resolution of 7th June 1926, whereby it was decided not to enforce the Vaccination Acts be and is hereby rescinded.

Only two members, viz. Councillors Gaul and Power dissented from the passing of this resolution.

As a consequence of the adoption of the foregoing resolution, it was further moved as follows:-

*Vaccination* Proposed by His Worship, the Mayor, seconded by Councillor Thomas Walsh, and Resolved:-That the Vaccination (Ireland) Acts be enforced within the Borough on and after 1st September next, and that, in the meantime advertisements be inserted in the local newspapers notifying parents of this decision and impressing on them the advisability of complying with the Law without undue delay.

This motion on being put to the meeting was also declared carried, Councillors Gaul and Power being again the only dissenting members.

With reference to the minutes of last meeting, when the advisability of seeking permission for interments to again take place in the town graveyards was brought up, a report from the Medical Officer of Health on the matter was read.

This was to the effect that these graveyards could not be re-opened for burials without danger to health and the desecration of human remains. The soil in each of them was saturated with animal matter undergoing slow decomposition, and rose many feet above their original level, and this testified to the large amount of animal matter which was rotting below the surface. Inhabited houses arose on all sides in immediate contiguity, forbidding the possibility of such ventilation as might diminish the evil.

In view of this report it was decided to proceed no further in the matter of the re-opening of the Graveyards.

The Hon. Secretaries of the Association of Municipal Authorities of Ireland, by letter intimated that the Annual Conference of the Association would take place in Galway on 13th and 14th September next, and requested that two members of the Council should be appointed to attend same.

Councillors Thomas Walsh and Power were duly nominated and seconded to act



as Delegates on the occasion, but on a Poll being taken, Messrs Walsh and Hayes were the two members selected to be in attendance at the Conference. It was announced that only one member, namely, Councillor Gaul, had been duly nominated to serve for one year on the Wexford Harbour Board as a representative of the Corporation, and on the motion of Alderman Connolly, seconded by Councillor Bergin, the member nominated was unanimously elected.

The Secretary of the Wexford Cinema Palace Limited, applied by letter for a Licence under the Cinematograph Act 1909 in respect of the Wexford Theatre. The building had ~~been~~ recently been renovated and partially rebuilt, and new emergency exits provided, the whole work having been carried out under the direct supervision of the Borough Surveyor, and to his entire satisfaction. On the motion of Councillor Rossiter, seconded by Councillor O'Leary, it was decided to issue the necessary Licence for cinematograph exhibitions, but it was decided also to inform the Licensee that in future the Council would require the provisions of Section 36 of the Public Health Acts Amendment Act 1890 to be strictly observed whenever the building would be used for theatrical or similar performances.

In accordance with notice of motion already given, Councillor John Walsh moved that the salary of the Mayor should be increased from £100 to £200 per annum.

This was seconded by Councillor Bergin, but in deference to the express wish of the Mayor, who stated he did not desire his salary to be raised, the motion was defeated.

The question of filling the vacancy in the membership of the Council caused by the death of the late Alderman Larkin was also brought forward, as per notice of motion accepted at last meeting, but in view of the fact that the Municipal Elections were due to be held in January next, it was advised that no action could now be taken, and accordingly the motion was not proceeded with.

Arising out of this matter a resolution was submitted from the Borough Council of Limerick, urging the postponement of these Elections, and after discussion it was resolved, on the motion of Alderman Byrne, seconded by Councillor T. Walsh, "That we respectfully suggest to the Government that the necessary legislation should be enacted by amendment of the Local Government (Ireland) Act 1898 to provide for the election of Aldermen and Councillors and the election of Mayor to take place in June 1928 and respectively triennially and annually thereafter, as the present members of the Council were elected in June 1925 and looked forward to a full three years term of Office, as well as which the present Mayor was only elected last June and anticipated the full term of Office of twelve months.

Moreover we consider that the month of June is, in practice, a much better time of the year in which to hold elections than is the month of January."

The advisability of allowing Representatives of the local Press to be present at the weekly Finance and Works Committee meetings, a matter which also formed the subject of a notice of motion at last statutable meeting, was, at the request of Councillor Thomas Walsh, postponed for a month.

On the motion of Councillor Martin, seconded by Councillor Gaul, it was unanimously Resolved:- That we respectfully desire to place on record our wish that the Eucharistic Congress for 1932 should be held in Ireland, more especially as that year will be the Fifteenth Centenary of the coming of St. Patrick to our Shores. Attention was drawn to the practice which had lately become quite common, namely the parking of motor cars in various parts of the Main Street for lengthened periods, and as the vicinity of the Redmond Monument was considered a more desirable locality for this purpose, it was resolved on the motion of the Mayor, seconded by Alderman Connolly, to request the Superintendent of the Civic Guard to see that those desiring to park cars in the public thoroughfares would use the place indicated in future.

*R. Corish*  
Mayor

5 9. 27

5th September, 1927.

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, Richard Gibson.

Councillors:- Myles Bergin, Thomas Walsh, Thomas Heron, John Walsh, Thomas Hayes, Patrick McCabe, James Crosbie, Thomas Rossiter, Alice Pennell, Michael Martin, John Browne.

The minutes of meeting of 8th August 1927 were signed.

Liabilities which had accrued due up to the end of last month, amounting in the aggregate to £2117. 13. 6, were submitted, and having been examined were approved, and an Advice Note was signed to enable the Treasurer to pay them.

Formal acknowledgments of votes of sympathy tendered them at last meeting were read from President Cosgrave, Mrs Kevin O'Higgins, and Father John Dillon.

Alderman Connolly made touching allusion to the loss which Alderman Clancy had recently sustained by the death of his wife, a highly respected and esteemed native of Wexford, and proposed that a vote of sympathy be extended to him on the heavy bereavement which had befallen him.

The motion was seconded by Councillor Rossiter, and supported by Aldermen Byrne and Gibson, Councillor Bergin and the Mayor, and was passed in respectful silence.

The following letter, received through Messrs Huggard, Brennan, and Godfrey, Solicitors, Wexford, was read



George Street, Wexford.

24th August, 1927.

Dear Mr. Mayor,

In consequence of advancing years and uncertain health, I beg to tender my resignation as Town Clerk, and I would ask that same should date from the 5th Prox.

In doing so, I would point out that I have had a long and honorable service with the Corporation, during which I have always endeavoured to conduct its affairs in the best interests of the Corporation and of the ratepayers of Wexford, and I may remark in all that time there was never a surcharge made or a reprimand received, either from the Corporation or the Local Government Board.

I am pleased to have your kind assurance as to my being paid the maximum superannuation, and I take this opportunity of thanking you and the other members of the Corporation for the courtesy and consideration meted out to me while in your service.

Yours truly, Wm. A. Browne.

The Mayor stated that Mr. Browne had consulted him on the matter of his resignation some time back, and that he (the Mayor) had then brought the subject, in an informal way before the Finance and Works Committee, who unanimously agreed that having regard to Mr. Browne's service of nearly 40 years he should be granted the maximum annual allowance, computed in accordance with the terms of Section 44(1) of the Local Government Act 1925. Alderman Byrne, Councillor McCabe, Councillor Heron, Alderman Gibson, Alderman Connolly, Councillor Miss Pennell, and the Mayor joined in paying tributes to Mr. Browne's splendid record as chief Executive Officer of the Council. They all laid stress on the efficient, zealous, and impartial manner in which he had always carried out the duties of his Office, and were reminded that year after year, without exception, Local Government Auditors had testified to the admirable way in which the Municipal Accounts had been presented for examination.

The Assistant Town Clerk also expressed regret at the severance of an official connection of many years standing.

It was then proposed by Alderman Byrne, seconded by Councillor McCabe, and Unanimously Resolved:- That the resignation of Mr. William A. Browne from the Office of Town Clerk and of Executive Sanitary Officer, and from all other Offices held by him under the Council be accepted as from this day.

The Mayor stated that a Committee was at present engaged in computing the annual superannuation allowance to which Mr. Browne was entitled, and that when they had arrived at a conclusion on the matter he would have a special meeting of the Council called, so that the sum to be awarded could be formally ratified subject to the approval of the Minister for Lands, Government and Public Health.

The Mayor further said that he took it that it was desire of the entire Council to avail of the Provisions of the Local Authorities (Officers and Employees) Act 1926, so that the Assistant Town Clerk could be promoted to the Offices vacated by Mr. Browne, and accordingly he suggested that a Special Meeting should be convened on an early date to make such promotion and fix an equitable salary for the incoming Town Clerk; the Committee already sitting in connection with Mr. Browne's superannuation having also been asked, some time ago, to deal with the matter of the salary.

The Mayor's suggestion was approved.

A letter from the Corporation Solicitor was read. It had reference to the adoption of the Street Trading Act 1926, an enactment which the Council were anxious to put into force, having regard to the number of itinerant hawkers who were displaying and selling their wares on the public streets of the town on Fair Days and Saturdays to the detriment of local ratepayers.

From the Solicitor's communication it was observed that if the Act were adopted, all local vendors of fruit, fish, and like commodities who sold on the streets, as well as newspaper boys, would have to take out Street Traders Certificates, as no exceptions could be made in the matter, and furthermore it was seen that every person wishing to engage in Stall trading should, in addition to holding the Certificate, be in possession of a Street Traders Stall Licence.

Severe penalties attached to breaches of the Act, and persons trading and not holding the appropriate Licences were liable to a fine up to £5. for a first offence and to £10. for a subsequent offence.

The meeting carefully considered the matter, and as there was no wish to harass unduly local hawkers, it was resolved, on the motion of Alderman Byrne, seconded by Councillor Heron, to ask the Finance and Works Committee to report on the whole question, and the Corporation Solicitor and the Superintendent of the Civic Guard were to be asked to attend the meeting, so that the advantage or otherwise of putting the Act into operation could be considered from every point of view.

The Irish Public Bodies Mutual Insurances Ltd., by letter intimated that as the Council was a member of that Company they were empowered to appoint a person to attend and vote at General Meetings of the Company, and exercise every other right incidental to such membership, and as the first General Meeting would take place on an early date, it would be necessary to select a nominee without delay, if the Council thought well to exercise their right of appointment.

It was considered proper that the Council should be represented at the first meeting of the Company, at all events, and therefore on the motion of Alderman Byrne, seconded by Councillor Bergin, it was unanimously resolved to appoint Councillor Thomas Rossiter to act on the Council's behalf at the forthcoming meeting.

A report from the Finance and Works Committee was submitted. This was to the effect that an office in the central part of the town should be provided for the three Rate Collectors and that ratepayers in particular circumstances who were



anxious to pay their Rates in instalments could be facilitated. Such office accommodation was at present available on the premises of the Wexford Branch of the Irish National Foresters, and could be secured at a rent of ten shillings a week, this sum to include the cost of gas, and the Committee recommended the Council to secure the apartment on these terms.

On the motion of Councillor John Walsh, seconded by Alderman Byrne, the recommendation was unanimously adopted.

Councillor Thomas Walsh moved the motion adjourned from 8th ultimo, namely, "That in future representatives of the local newspapers be admitted to the weekly meetings of the Finance and Works Committee."

The motion was seconded by Councillor John Walsh.

A general discussion followed when a divergency of opinion manifested itself as to whether it would be an advantage or otherwise to have the proceedings of this Committee published weekly in the local Press, and ultimately Councillor Walsh withdrew his motion in favour of the following which was unanimously adopted.

Proposed by Councillor Rossiter, and seconded by Councillor Heron.

That in future a summary of the business transacted at the weekly Finance and Works Committee meetings be circulated to the members of the Council at the close of each month.

With reference to minutes of last meeting a letter from the Department of Local Government and Public Health under date of 30th August 1927 was read. It intimated that the Minister had under consideration the question of the date on which the coming local elections would be held, and that he hoped to be soon in a position to make a definite announcement on the matter.

*Richard Deane*  
Mayor

3-10-27

3rd. October, 1927.

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, Richard Gibson, Nicholas Connolly.

Councillors:- Thomas Walsh, Thomas Heron, Alice Fennell, John Walsh,  
James Billington, Thomas Hayes, Myles Bergin, John J. O'Leary,  
Patrick McCabe, Thomas Rossiter, Michael Martin, James Crosbie,  
James Gaul, John Browne.

The minutes of meeting of 5th September 1927 were signed.

Liabilities due up to the end of last month were submitted. Included in them was an item of £10. to which attention was called. This amount was claimed by Councillor Thomas Hayes as expenses incurred in attending the Conference of Municipal Authorities at Galway recently, which duty had been delegated to him on 8th August last.

There were no particulars given to show how this sum had been arrived at, but on Councillor Hayes stating that it did not entirely meet his out-of-pocket expenses while on the Council's business, the account was ordered to be discharged, as were also the other liabilities presented for payment, amounting in all to £3495. 16. 11.

A letter was read from Alderman Clancy expressing grateful thanks for the sympathy tendered to him on the occasion of the recent death of his wife.

With reference to minutes of last meeting, the Mayor stated that the Committee which had been considering the matter of the retired Town Clerk's superannuation and other matters consequent on the retirement, had now finished their labours, and that he had been asked to submit their report.

This was to the effect that the Committee had met on four occasions, and had gone fully into the questions referred to them.

They ascertained that Mr. Browne had been appointed to the Offices of Town Clerk and Executive Sanitary Officer so far back as 16th April 1888, consequently he had served for a period of 39 years and 4 months. His present salary for both these Offices was £547. 10. 0 per annum, as well as which his average other emoluments for the past three years worked out at £89. 6. 1, making his total average annual salary £636. 16. 1.

The Committee had unanimously agreed that Section 44(1) of the Local Government Act 1925 should operate in Mr. Browne's favour, and that he should be granted an annual allowance of two-thirds of this latter sum. This would amount to £424.10.8, but portion of it, namely, £55. 12. 11, would be refunded by the Wexford County Council, as this amount represented two-thirds of Mr. Browne's yearly emoluments in respect of preparation of Voters' and Jurors' Lists.



As to a Successor to the late Town Clerk, the Committee were further of the unanimous opinion that the Assistant Town Clerk, Mr. Nicholas Bolger, should be promoted to the Offices formerly held by Mr. Browne, as the Council (subject to the consent of the Minister for Local Government and Public Health) were empowered to make such promotion under the terms of Section 5 of the Local Authorities (Officers and Employees) Act 1926. Mr. Bolger had been for over 30 years attached to the Town Clerk's Office, and was officially appointed Assistant Town Clerk on 3rd. June 1914, the appointment being ratified by the then Lord Lieutenant on 28th August 1914.

The Committee submitted that the remuneration of the incoming Town Clerk should be at the rate of £400 per annum, £20 of which would be his salary as Executive Sanitary Officer; that the total should rise by annual increments of £10. to a maximum of £500; further that it should cover the work in connection with the preparation of Voters' and jurors' Lists, the fees for which should be lodged to the credit of the Council, and that he should be required to furnish a Fidelity Guarantee Bond in the sum of £1,000.

The Committee finally recommended that the Office of Assistant Town Clerk at present held by Mr. Bolger should be allowed to lapse, but that a male clerk for the Town Clerk's Office should be appointed at a salary of £2.10.0 per week. The candidates for the position should be required to pass a qualifying examination, and the local Superior of the Christian Brothers had expressed his willingness to set appropriate papers and conduct the examination, which would comprise Irish, Shorthand, Arithmetic, English and precis writing, and the age of the candidates should be between 21 and 35 years.

The Mayor in conclusion said that if the foregoing three recommendations were adopted, he felt that the Council would be making arrangements which would give all-round satisfaction, and that when the remuneration consequent on the changes had been provided for, the annual charge on the rates would amount to but one halfpenny in the Pound.

It was thereupon proposed by Alderman Byrne, seconded by Councillor McCabe, and Unanimously Resolved:- That consequent on the resignation of Mr. William A. Browne from the Offices of Town Clerk and Executive Sanitary Officer owing to advancing years and impaired health (Offices to which he devoted his whole time, and which he has filled for 39 years and 4 months) we hereby grant him, as from 5th September 1927, an annual superannuation allowance for his life of the sum of Four Hundred and Twenty Four pounds, Ten Shillings, and Eight Pence, (424. 10. 8) this sum being two-thirds in amount of his average yearly salary and emoluments for the three years ended on 31st August 1927, and we respectfully request the Minister for Local Government and Public Health to such sanction/superannuation.

It was further proposed by Alderman Byrne, seconded by Alderman Connolly, and

Unanimously Resolved:- That Mr. Nicholas Bolger, Assistant Town Clerk, be promoted to the Offices of Town Clerk and Executive Sanitary Officer at a commencing salary of £400 per annum, to date from 6th September 1927, i. e., £380 as Town Clerk, and £20 as Executive Sanitary Officer, rising by annual increments of £10. to a maximum of £500 per annum, but that any fees payable by the County Council to the incoming Town Clerk for the preparation of Voters' and Jurors' Lists be lodged to the credit of the Corporation, and that Mr. Bolger be required to enter into a Fidelity Guarantee Bond in the sum of £1,000, and that in pursuance of Section 5 of the Local Authorities (Officers and Employees) Act 1926, the Minister for Local Government and Public Health be requested to sanction such promotion.

The Assistant Town Clerk returned thanks to the meeting for the confidence shown in him by the adoption of the foregoing resolution.

As to the Committee recommendation regarding the appointment of a clerical assistant, it was proposed by Councillor Thomas Hayes and seconded by Councillor James Crosbie. That the recommendation of the Committee relating to the employment of a male clerk for the Town Clerk's Office instead of an Assistant Town Clerk (which Office now lapses) be adopted, but that the age limits of candidates be fixed as between 21 and 40 years.

Alderman Byrne however proposed that no such appointment be made by the Council, but that an annual allowance of £50 be given to the incoming Town Clerk, who was to be responsible for providing the necessary clerical assistance himself.

Alderman Byrne contended that this sum would be ample to remunerate a junior clerk whose services would suffice for the present.

This latter motion was seconded by Councillor Billington, but on a Division was lost, the proposer and seconder only voting for it.

Councillor Hayes's motion was then put and was declared carried.

The efforts which were being made locally to secure the services of a cattle boat to trade between the Ports of Wexford and Birkenhead were alluded to, and Councillors Billington and Gaul were asked, and agreed to represent the Corporation on the Committee formed to further this laudable object.

A letter under date of 26th September 1927 was read from a Departmental Committee on Control and Regulation of Traffic. The Committee asked for the views of the Council on the modifications required in the existing laws relating to road traffic having regard to the great increase in the use of motor traffic, and particularly wanted ~~and desired~~ an expression of opinion, inter alia, on the question of abolishing the speed limit for motor cars, the provision of adequate lighting of vehicles of all kinds, compulsory insurance against Third party Risks by motor car owners, and the provision of Parking Places.

As this matter was considered an important one, so far as Wexford was concerned, having regard to the narrowness of its main thoroughfare, it was decided to refer the Communication to the Finance & Works Committee so that they might give a detailed



reply to the Committee.

The following two resolutions, as proposed by Alderman Clancy and seconded by Councillor John Walsh were adopted.

That we call on the Government to introduce legislation to amend the Old Age Pensions Act 1924 so that pensioners may be placed in the position created by the Old Age Pensions Act 1908 whereby the majority of them were entitled to a weekly pension of Ten Shillings each.

That the Government be asked to make an effort to have the local Cement Works at Drinagh re-opened, seeing that thousands of tons of cement are being imported for use on public works.

*R. Clancy*  
Mayor  
4. 11. 24

28th October, 1927.

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)

Alderman Nicholas Connolly.

Councillors Thomas Rossiter, Thomas Walsh, Thomas Hayes, James Gaul, Patrick McCabe, James Crosbie.

The Mayor referred in feeling and eloquent terms to the almost irreparable loss which Ireland had sustained by the death, on the 22nd. instant, of His Eminence, Cardinal O'Donnell, ArchBishop of Armagh, and Primate of All Ireland.

The late Cardinal had been a distinguished member of the Irish Hierarchy since the year 1888, and had always proved himself an eloquent and enthusiastic upholder of the demand of the Irish People for Self Government.

His death was mourned by the whole Nation, even by those who differed from him in Religious and political beliefs.

The Mayor moved. That we, the Corporation of Wexford, desire to place on record our heartfelt sorrow at the death of His Eminence, Cardinal O'Donnell, whose loss is deeply felt throughout Ireland and the entire Catholic world, and that the sympathy of the Corporation be conveyed, through the Most Rev. Dr. Codd, to the Bishops and Priests of Ireland, and also to the late Cardinal's brother, Dr. John O'Donnell.

The motion was seconded by Councillor McCabe, who alluded to the late Primate's outstanding qualities as theologian and statesman.

It was supported by Alderman Connolly and Councillor Hayes and passed in silence.

It was unanimously agreed to adjourn the consideration of the letters from the Minister for Local Government relative to the promotion of the Assistant Town

Clerk and the appointment of a clerical assistant, for which purpose the meeting had been specially summoned, to statutable meeting due to be held on Monday, 7th November Prox.

*R. Corish*  
Mayor  
4-11-27

7th November, 1927.

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, Richard Gibson, Patrick Clancy, Nicholas Connolly.

Councillors:- Thomas Walsh, Patrick McCabe, John Walsh, James Billington, Alice Fennell, John J. O'Leary, Robert Fitzhenry, Thomas Heron, James Crosbie, Thomas Rossiter, Thomas Hayes, Michael Martin, John Browne.

The minutes of meetings of 3rd. and 28th October 1928 were signed.

Liabilities which had accrued due up to the end of last month, amounting in the aggregate to £3694. 11. 9 were submitted, and having been examined were approved, and an Advice Note was signed to enable them to be discharged.

On the opening of the meeting, Councillor Rossiter proposed that the sympathy of the Corporation be extended to the relatives of the fishermen from the Counties of Mayo and Galway who lost their lives in the recent storm which burst when the men were at sea.

The motion was seconded by Councillor T. Walsh who urged that a subscription list should be opened in the town to augment the National Fund which had been promoted by President Cosgrave for the benefit of the fishermen's dependents.

The motion was carried unanimously, and the Mayor stated that the County Registration Officer, the Catholic Administrator, and himself had made arrangements to receive local subscriptions for this very laudable object.

With reference to the minutes of meeting of 3rd. ultimo, regarding the promotion of Mr. Nicholas Bolger to the Office of Town Clerk in room of Mr. William A. Browne, resigned, the Mayor submitted two communications which he had received from the Department of Local Government and Public Health on the matter.

One was dated 20th October 1927. and numbered G.47662.

The tenor of this letter was that the Minister for Local Government sanctioned Mr. Bolger's appointment on probation for twelve months, but only at a salary of £350 per annum, as he considered the rate of remuneration proposed to be paid, namely, £400 per annum, somewhat high having regard to what was paid in present circumstances to Clerk's of other Local Authorities.

At the end of the probationary period the Minister, if Mr. Bolger's services in the meantime proved satisfactory, would be prepared to confirm the appointment, and to



approve of the salary being increased by annual increments of £10., but to a maximum of £450 only.

Mr. Bolger should be required immediately to provide adequate security and to enter into an agreement with the Council whereby he would lodge to their credit all fees received by him either for the revision of Franchise or Juror's Lists or for Valuation Certificates, and the salary was to be regarded as including £20. in respect of the duties of Executive Sanitary Officer.

The Mayor explained that he had submitted the foregoing letter to the Finance and Works Committee on 28th Ultimo, and they had requested him to approach the Minister with a view to having the salary sanctioned at the amount originally agreed to unanimously by the Council, and also to having the probationary period removed altogether.

The result was that he had received the second communication under date of 4th Instant, which was to the effect that the Minister could not see his way to agree to any higher salary than that already approved, but that in view of the length of Mr. Bolger's prior service he was prepared to reduce the probationary period to six months.

A long discussion followed the reading of these communications. Members contended that the salary which the Council decided should be paid to the Town Clerk, and which was fixed after mature deliberation, should not have been reduced, as the duties and responsibilities of the Office warranted adequate remuneration being given, and it was felt that the salary voted on 3rd. Ultimo would meet the case fairly.

However, on the conclusion of the discussion, the following resolution was unanimously adopted.

Proposed by His Worship, the Mayor, seconded by Councillor Rossiter, and  
RESOLVED:- That we accept the position regarding the salary of the Town Clerk, as outlined in the Ministry's letters of 20th October and 4th Instant under protest, and respectfully request the Minister to reconsider the question at the end of the probationary period of six months.

As to the proposal of the Council to appoint a male Junior Clerk for the Town Clerk's Office, a letter under date of 20th October 1927, No. G.47662, and addressed to the Presiding Chairman, was read.

This intimated that the Minister for Local Government assented to such an appointment being made at a salary of £2. 10. 0 a week, but stipulated that the appointee should be on probation for twelve months.

As the position would be permanent and pensionable, and as it was important that an efficient assistant should be procured, the Minister would not agree to a higher age limit than 30 years, and required that the qualifying standard of marking of the papers to be set at the proposed qualifying examination should not be less than 70 per cent.

Much surprise was expressed at the decision of the Minister to make the position

a pensionable one, as it was tacitly understood by the Council when making arrangements for the appointment that the post would not carry pension rights. However, Councillor Thomas Walsh proposed, and Councillor Crosbie seconded the following resolution. That a Junior Male Clerk for the Town Clerk's Office be advertised for in accordance with the conditions set forth in the letter from the Department of Local Government and Public Health under date of 20th October 1927, and that the age of candidates be not less than 21 or more than 30 years.

But Alderman Connolly proposed and Councillor O'Leary seconded the following amendment. That the above motion be amended by the substitution of the figures "18" for the figures "21".

A Poll was taken on this amendment, when there voted for it.

Aldermen Connolly and Clancy, and Councillors McCabe, O'Leary, Hayes, Browne. 6.

Against it. Alderman Gibson, Councillors T. Walsh, J. Walsh, Pennell, Fitzhenry, Heron, Rossiter, Crosbie, Martin, and the Mayor. 10.

Declined to vote. Alderman Byrne and Councillor Billington. 2.

The amendment was therefore declared lost.

The original motion, as proposed by Councillor Thomas Walsh, was then put and carried by ten votes to six.

By letter dated 20th October 1927, and numbered G.46480, the Minister for Local Government intimated that he had given instructions for the preparation of a Sealed Order consenting to the superannuation allowance of £424. 10. 8 granted by the Council on 3rd. October 1927 to the retired Town Clerk, Mr. William A. Browne, but that the full amount of this pension would be a charge on the funds of the Council.

As to this matter it was explained that included in the above allowance was a sum of £55. 12. 11, being two-thirds of the average emoluments received by Mr. Browne for work done in connection with the preparation of Voters' and Jurors' Lists.

These fees were paid by the Wexford County Council, and it was held that inequity that Body should be charged with the payment of the £55. 12. 11, leaving the balance of the pension, amounting to £368. 17. 9 to be borne by the Corporation.

It was therefore proposed by Alderman Byrne, seconded by Councillor Billington, and RESOLVED:- that we beg to draw the attention of the Minister for Local Government and Public Health to the provisions of Section 47 of the Local Government Act 1925, and request him to decree that the Wexford County Council shall refund to the Corporation an annual sum of £55. 12. 11 included in the superannuation allowance of £424. 10. 8 awarded to the retired town Clerk Mr. W. A. Browne, as the former sum represents the amount of superannuation awarded in respect of fees paid him by the County Council.

A recommendation from the Housing Committee was submitted. It had relation to the six small dwellings erected by the Council on the St. John's Road and now all but completed.

The Committee had gone carefully into the capital expenditure of the dwellings, and



If credit were given for the Government Subsidy as well as for the fine to which the Contractor was liable for non-completion of the houses in the specified time, the cost would be reduced by £87, and if the wages of the Clerk of Works were not charged against the buildings, the cost would be still further lessened by £38. 6. 3, which meant that the net cost of the dwellings would be reckoned at £258. 15. 5 per house.

The Committee were anxious that the dwellings should be sold, out and out, for prompt cash, so that the proceeds could be devoted to the erection of still more much-needed houses in the immediate future.

To induce people to purchase, it was recommended that they should be given the benefit of the Government Subsidy, &c, and that four of the houses should be sold to intending occupiers, for a sum of £260 each, and that the house at either end of the row, being slightly larger, should be disposed of for the best offer above £260 which would be received, the purchaser in each case to be also responsible for all legal costs consequent on the sale.

This recommendation had been before the Finance and Works Committee, and they also had advocated its adoption by the Council.

It was thereupon proposed by Alderman Byrne, seconded by Councillor Heron, and Unanimously Resolved:- That the recommendation of the Housing Committee regarding the sale for prompt cash of the six newly-erected dwellings on St. John's Road be and is hereby adopted.

An Estimate of Expenses to be met by means of a Poor Rate for the service of the year ending 31st March 1928 was submitted. From this it was seen that a sum of £6275. 11. 10 should be raised in the Urban District to meet the County Council Demand for the year in question, as well as to defray the incidental expenses in connection with the collection of the Rate, and that a Poor Rate of six shillings and sixpence in the Pound would be needed to realize this amount.

It was therefore proposed by Councillor McCabe, seconded by Councillor Rossiter, and Resolved:- That a Poor Rate of 6/6 in the £ for the service the year 1927-8 be agreed on, preliminary to the formal making of such Rate.

Attention was drawn to the unsatisfactory train service from Waterford to Wexford on the system of the former Great Southern and Western Railway Company. It appeared that while there were no less than four daily services from Wexford to Waterford, there were but two such services running from Waterford, one at 8.55 a. m., and the other not until 4. 0. p. m., and it was held that if a daily mid-day service to Wexford were instituted, it would prove an undoubted boon to travellers, especially to those from the intermediate Stations having business in the town, of whom, it appeared, there were a large number.

On the motion of Councillor [redacted] seconded by Councillor [redacted], it was

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Resolved:- That the attention of the Directors of the Great Southern Railways be called to the insufficient train service to Wexford from Waterford, and to remedy this, that they be requested to provide a daily Service which would leave Waterford about mid-day.

Alderman Clancy called attention to the neglected condition of a large number of graves in Crosstown Cemetery, and advocated the employment of a man to put such graves into a tidy state.

It was explained that these graves were the private property of the purchasers, and the Corporation could not interfere with them, but the Caretaker of the Cemetery was engaged in compiling a list of the owners of the graves complained of, so that they might be notified to take steps to have the spaces properly tended and kept in order. A deputation from the Major Willie Redmond Memorial Committee, consisting of Messrs Nicholas Lambert, William H. McGuire, and Thomas Godfrey, came before the meeting in reference to a project to which the Committee had devoted much time, namely the provision of a Public Park for the town.

The Deputation stated that they had a substantial sum of money in their charge which had been subscribed for the purpose of erecting a Memorial to the memory of the late Major William Redmond, M. P., and the Committee considered that a People's Park for Wexford would prove an appropriate form of Memorial.

A site for such a park was now available, and formed portion of the premises occupied at present by Mr. Charles J. Rowe on the Spawell Road. These consisted of two lettings, one of them being held under a long-term lease by the Representatives of the late Mark Devereux at an annual rent of £37, from <sup>whom</sup> Mr. Rowe held at a yearly rent of £86, and the other, which was Corporation land, was leased to Mr. Rowe by the Corporation at a rent of £7. 17. 0 per annum. This latter lease would expire in the year 1934, but Mr. Rowe was willing to surrender it when the other legal difficulties consequent on the Scheme were overcome.

The Committee proposed to redeem the profit rent of £49 out of Devereux's holding for a sum of £530, so that this land would be rent free, leaving Mr. Rowe in possession of house and small yard, for which he would pay to Devereux's Representatives an annual rent of £37, and it was further proposed to buy out Mr. Rowe's interest in this land for a sum not exceeding £200. The Committee had secured an option on the purchase of this middle profit rent, but this would expire on 2nd. December next.

The object of the visit of the Deputation was to seek an assurance from the Corporation that they would be willing to extend the term of the lease of their land for a period of, say, 500 years, and if possible, that they would reduce the annual rent of £7.17.0 to a nominal sum. It was necessary that the Memorial Committee should be assured of an extension of the lease at least, as without such an extended tenure, the Scheme could not be proceeded with. The area of the proposed Park would be about 4 statute acres, and the amount to be expended in acquiring it, fitting it up, and maintaining it, would be, in round numbers, £3,600.

The Deputation also stated that there was a possibility of other land in the vicinity



of the proposed Park being acquired at a later date, and if the Corporation could see their way to make a concession by a reduction of the rent of £7.17.0 such a concession would be of material help to the Committee when the question of acquiring this additional land for the benefit of the town would come up for consideration.

The meeting were unanimously of the opinion that the Scheme was an admirable one, the land proposed to be acquired being in an ideal situation, and a Park would add greatly to the amenities of the town.

It was agreed that every possible facility should be afforded to the Committee to bring ~~the~~ their work to a successful conclusion, but it was explained that the legal requirements of Section 141 of the Municipal Corporations (Ireland) Act 1840 should be complied with in the first instance, and the assent of the Minister for Local Government and Public Health subsequently obtained to any concession made whether by extending the term of the lease for any period over 31 years or reducing the rent.

However, as evidence of the good will of the Corporation in the matter, the following resolution was unanimously adopted, as proposed by Alderman Connolly and seconded by Councillor Thomas Walsh.

RESOLVED:- That we are willing to grant an extension of lease of land now held from the Corporation by Mr. Charles J. Rowe to the Major Willie Redmond Memorial Committee for a period of 500 years, on condition that said land will form portion of the proposed Peoples' Park, and further, that the rent of the land be reduced from £7. 17. 0 to one shilling per year, and that a Special Meeting of the Council be convened on an appropriate date to ratify this resolution and to take all legal steps necessary to bring the matter formally under the notice of the Minister for Local Government and Public Health. The Deputation thanked the meeting for the considerate and encouraging way in which they had been received.

*L. L. L.*

*Mayor*

*5-12-27*

28th November, 1927.

A special meeting of the Council was held this day at the Town Hall, (pursuant to the Mayor's requisition) at half past seven o'clock p. m.

The members present were:-

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

Aldermen:- Richard Gibson, Nicholas Connolly, Nicholas Byrne, Patrick Clancy.

Councillors:- Thomas Rossiter, Thomas Walsh, John Walsh, Alice Pennell,  
James Billington, Robert Fitzhenry, James Gaul, Thomas Hayes,  
James Crosbie, Patrick McCabe, Thomas Heron, John Browne.

The meeting was convened for the two following purposes.

To ratify a resolution adopted at last statutable meeting, consequent on the receipt of a letter from the Department of Local Government and Public Health under date of 18th November 1927, No.54,847, intimating that in view of the utility of the project, the Minister would give favourable consideration to the proposal of the Council to lease to the Major Redmond Memorial Committee, Corporation land at rere of Spawell Road to form part of a Peoples' Park, on condition that the necessary safeguards as to the user of the land, as well as the preservation of the Council's interests were embodied in the lease, and

To elect a male junior clerk for the Town Clerk's Office.

The Mayor said that in view of the satisfactory nature of the reply of the Minister for Local Government and Public Health to the Council's proposal, and having regard to the advantages which a Public park would afford to the inhabitants of the town, he considered that the necessary legal formalities should be complied with, so that the formal assent of the Minister to the alienation of the land could be secured with the least possible delay.

As it was proper, however, that the rights of the Corporation should be preserved, he held that one of their number should be added to the Memorial Committee, as a special representative of the Corporation.

All the members present agreed that a Public park would prove of much benefit to the residents of the Borough, and on the motion of Alderman Connolly, seconded by Councillor McCabe, the following resolution was unanimously adopted.

That in view of the letter of the Department of Local Government and Public Health dated 18th November 1927, we ratify the resolution unanimously adopted on 7th Idem, and hereby agree to lease to the Major Willie Redmond (Wexford) Memorial Committee, the land at rere of Spawell Road, containing 2 acres, 3 roods, and 17 perches, at present held by Mr. Charles J. Rowe at the annual rent of £7. 17.06

That the new lease will run for a period of 500 years, at a nominal rent of one shilling per annum, but a condition governing the grant of the lease is that the land to which it refers (together with other adjoining land) will be devoted to the purposes of a Peoples' Park.

That the necessary steps be taken to comply with the provisions of Section 141



of the Municipal Corporations (Ireland) Act 1840, so that the formal sanction of the Minister for Local Government and Public Health may be obtained to the proposals of the Corporation, as set out above.

Alderman Byrne, as Chairman of the Memorial Committee, thanked the meeting for their generous action in leasing the land on such favourable terms, which action would enable a splendid Park to be presented to the town, and gave an undertaking that the Mayor of Wexford for the time being would be added to the Committee as a special representative of the Corporation.

The appointment of a male junior clerk for the Town Clerk's Office, as decided upon at meeting of 3rd. October last, was then proceeded with.

It was within the knowledge of members that an advertisement for such a clerk had appeared in two issues of the local newspapers, that applications for the position were invited against 21st November Instant, and that two applications were received, one from a Mr. John J. Byrne of 4, Francis Street, Wexford, and the other from a Mr. John J. French, of 18, Camden Row, Dublin.

It was now reported that the two applicants were duly notified of the time and place at which the qualifying examination already decided on would be held, but that only one of them, namely, Mr. Byrne, had presented himself for the test.

A report on the result of this test, forwarded by the Superior of the Christian Brothers, Wexford, who had carried it out, showed that the candidate had secured the following marks in the papers set.

Shorthand, 95%, Arithmetic, 88%, English, 78%, and Irish, 62%.

As it was seen that this was an all-round average of over 80%, and as Mr. Byrne, who was 23 years of age, as per birth certificate submitted, appeared to be in every way eligible, and was known by the majority of the members present to be a competent and trustworthy young man, the following resolution was unanimously adopted, on the motion of Councillor McCabe, seconded by Councillor Thomas Walsh

That Mr. John J. Byrne be appointed to the position of male junior clerk in the Town Clerk's Office, at a salary of £2. 10. 0 per week, and that the Minister for Local Government and Public Health be requested to sanction this appointment, in the first instance for a probationary period of twelve months. Mr. Byrne, having been informed of his success, returned thanks to the meeting.

*L. Bond.*

*Mayor*

*25. 12. '24*

5th December, 1927.

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, Nicholas Connolly, Patrick Clancy.

Councillors:- Thomas Walsh, Alice Fennell, James Billington, Robert Fitzhenry,  
John J. O'Leary, James Gaul, Thomas Rossiter, Thomas Hayes,  
John Walsh, Thomas Heron, Patrick McCabe, Michael Martin,  
John Browne.

The minutes of meetings of 7th and 28th November 1927 were signed.

Liabilities which had accrued due up to the end of last month, amounting in the aggregate to £2436: 1. 3 were submitted, and having been examined were approved, and an Advice Note was signed to enable them to be discharged.

Letters were read from Most Rev. Dr. Codd, Lord Bishop of Ferns, and Dr. O'Donnell of Merrion Square, Dublin, acknowledging with gratitude copy of resolution adopted by the Council on 28th October last on the regretted death of the late Cardinal Primate.

The making of a Poor Rate for the year ending 31st March 1928, as agreed to on 7th ultimo, was proceeded with, and the following resolution was unanimously adopted, as proposed by Councillor Rossiter, and seconded by Alderman Byrne, viz.

That a Poor Rate of Six 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 1928, as per an Estimate of Expenses to be raised by a Poor Rate on the said District, as considered and adopted on the 7th November 1927.

The Poor Rate Book for the year in question was then duly sealed and signed.

The Department of Local Government and Public Health by letter dated 24th November 1927, No.M.36073, which was read, forwarded an extract from a report of Dr. Pierse, Dispensary Medical officer, which showed that at 30th September last there were 2444 vaccination defaulters in Wexford Dispensary area.

This being the case, the Minister for Local Government and Public Health called on the Council to take energetic action to secure compliance with the Vaccination Laws. It was mentioned that since 1st September last, from which date it had been decided to enforce these Acts in the Borough, 459 children had been successfully vaccinated, but for some reason parents had again begun to be remiss in their duty in this respect.

Members were reluctant to have recourse to legal proceedings against delinquents, at least for the present, and as a result of a discussion on the matter, Alderman Byrne proposed and Councillor Billington seconded the following resolution.

That before resorting to extreme measures to secure obedience to the law, the attention of defaulting parents be called, by advertisement in the local



newspapers, to the provisions of the Vaccination Acts, and to the penalties attaching to breaches of these Statutes, together with a request that delinquents would take immediate steps to have their children vaccinated.

This resolution, on being put to the meeting, was declared carried by twelve votes to three, the three members who voted against the resolution not being satisfied that any action whatever should be taken on the Department's communication, while the remaining three members present did not vote one way or the other.

With reference to resolution adopted on 7th ultimo on the matter of a refund from the Wexford County Council of that portion of the retired Town Clerk's superannuation payable in respect of the preparation of Voters' and Jurors' Lists, the Department of Local Government and Public Health, by letter dated 25th November 1927 No.G.55693, stated that the Corporation had no right to any such refund. Mr. Browne did not serve under the County Council, and the fees received by him in respect of Franchise duties were paid him by virtue of his Office of Town Clerk. This being so, Section 47 of the Local Government Act 1925 did not apply.

On the suggestion of the Mayor, the matter was referred to the Corporation Solicitor for his opinion on the point.

On the motion of Councillor Heron, seconded by Councillor Gaul, it was decided that the range of six newly-erected houses on St. John's Road, now all-but completed, should be known as "Menapia Avenue."

The Corporation of Waterford forwarded the following copy resolution which had been adopted by that Body, with a request for its adoption also by the Wexford Corporation, viz:-

"That we call upon our Deputies in An Dail to co-operate for the purpose of repealing the Local Authorities (Officers & Employees) Act 1926.

Alderman Byrne moved that the resolution be approved, and the motion was seconded by Alderman Connolly.

But the Mayor proposed, and Councillor Hayes seconded the following alternative motion:-

"That we call upon our T. D's in the Dail to co-operate for the purpose of amending the Local Authorities (Officers and Employees) Act, to enable the Appointments Commissioners to submit the names of all candidates who qualify for positions under local authorities, for appointment by the latter."

A poll was taken on Alderman Byrne's motion, when there voted for it..

Councillors Browne, J. Walsh, Rossiter, O'Leary, Fennell, T. Walsh, Aldermen Clancy, Connolly, Gibson and Byrne. : : : : : : : 10.

Against it. Councillors Martin, McCabe, Heron, Hayes, Gaul, Fitzhenry, Billington, and the Mayor. ) : : : : : : : 8

The resolution from Waterford was thereupon declared carried, and the Mayor's motion was deemed to have been defeated by the same voting.

The Mayor mentioned that the County Feis was due to be held in Wexford town in May or June of next year, and he thought that it would be very desirable if a Civic Week could be organized to take place at the same time.

It was the intention of the Feis Committee to hold the Feis for more than two days in 1928, and he was certain that a Civic Week, if carried out on up-to-date lines, would prove of undoubted advantage to the traders of the town.

The Feis Committee as well as the Gaelic League would, he was assured, do everything possible to make the project a success, and he suggested that a request should be made to these Bodies asking for their support and co-operation in the matter.

The Mayor's suggestion was approved, and on the motion of Alderman Connolly, seconded by Councillor T. Walsh, it was decided to lay the views of the Council before the two Committees concerned without delay.

*Richard Corish*  
Mayor

19th December, 1927.

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:- James Billington, John Walsh, Thomas Walsh, Thomas Hayes,  
Thomas Heron, Patrick McCabe.

The meeting was summoned for two purposes, namely, to receive a report of an interview which had recently taken place between a Committee of the Corporation and the Electricity Supply Board relative to the future lighting of the town, and to deal with a letter from the Department of Local Government offering a Grant of £400 to relieve unemployment on certain conditions.

With reference to the first matter, the Mayor reported that at the request of the Electricity Supply Board a Committee had been appointed on 21st November last to consult with the Board as to the future supply of electric current for Wexford. Accordingly, Councillors Hayes, Billington, McCabe, and the Mayor, accompanied by Mr Sean MacEntee, Consulting Engineer, and Mr. William Hughes, the Electrician having charge of the local Lighting Plant, met the Board on the 6th instant, when the whole matter was fully discussed.

The Deputation learned that the Wexford Gas Consumers' Company, Limited, and Messrs James J. Stafford and Sons, of South Main Street, Wexford, had already applied for permission to light the town, but that these applications were not, and would not be acceded to.

They were also informed that if the Supply Board were asked to undertake the



lighting, the latter would take over the existing Plant, and would shoulder all the liabilities in connection with it, which would lessen the Rates by about sevenpence in the pound for the next fifteen years, as well as which they would afford most reasonable facilities for all consumers to have current supplied to their premises.

Further, the Board would open a depot in the town for the supply of fittings, which would be sold at the lowest possible price, and they would be prepared to take into their service Mr. Hughes, the present electrician, to supervise the working of the town system.

The meeting having fully considered the matter, came to the conclusion that it would be more advantageous for the Corporation to have the lighting of the town, both public and private, carried out by the Board rather than by the Council, as the latter would not be in a position to offer current as cheaply as the Board could do, and therefore, on the motion of Councillor McCabe, seconded by Councillor Heron, the following resolution was unanimously adopted.

"That in view of the facilities offered by the Electricity Supply Board for the supply of electric current to Wexford, we the Corporation of Wexford, hereby request that Board to undertake, themselves, the lighting of the town, on terms to be hereafter agreed upon, on condition that the Board will take over control of the existing Electric Lighting Plant, and will be responsible for all liabilities in connection with same.

That we also desire that any supply of current needed by private consumers in the town, either for light or power, or both, should be furnished direct by the Electricity Supply Board to such consumers."

It was further decided that the Council, at the appropriate time, would make a claim for compensation owing to the fact that in the year 1923 they had contemplated extending the Lighting Plant so as to be able to supply private consumers with current, but the project had to be abandoned owing to the disturbed state of the Country at the time, and to the initiation of the Shannon Scheme.

With reference to the second item on the agenda, a letter from the Department of Local Government dated 14th December 1927, and numbered H.398/23116 was read. This was to the effect that a Grant not exceeding £400 from the Relief Schemes Vote was available towards the cost of developing a housing site at St. John's Road so as to relieve unemployment, but only on condition that the Council would be prepared to raise a sum of £1863. 16. 0 for the completion of the work. Another condition of receiving the Grant was that all the labour required should be engaged through the local Employment Exchange.

The meeting were very much disappointed at the condition requiring such a large amount to be provided by the Council, as in existing circumstances it would be impossible to raise it, and consequently the Grant could not be secured to the town. The reason was that in the present year, 1928, a sum of £10,570 had been

borrowed from the Local Loans Fund for improvements to Wexford Reservoir, work which, at the time, provided much-needed employment, as well as which a further sum of £2920 had been borrowed from the National Bank to discharge various expenses in connection with dwellings erected at St. Ibar's Villas and on St. John's Road, and it was seen, therefore, that it was out of the question to attempt further borrowing. The meeting, however, resolved that in the near future they would proceed to have a sewer laid along portion of John Street, so as to provide work for the unemployed. The need for an efficient sewer in this street was felt, and the expenditure consequent on the laying of it, which was estimated to come to £500, would be met from savings to be effected on the Reservoir Contract.

As the work would be really in the nature of a relief measure, the meeting decided to request the Minister for Local Government and Public Health to be so good as to augment, to some extent, from the Relief Schemes Vote of £150,000, the sum which the Council proposed to devote to the provision of the sewer, so that it might be possible to lay it for the entire length of John Street, and so find further work for some of the unemployed of the town.

The bereavement which the Medical Officer of Health, Dr. Pierse, had met with in the death of his wife, whose interment had taken place on this day, was referred to in sympathetic terms.

The late Mrs pierse was an estimable lady who did much good in an unostentatious way, and her loss would be very much felt.

Councillor McCabe proposed that the condolence of the Council be extended to Dr. Pierse and his family in their great sorrow.

The motion was seconded by Councillor Heron, and was adopted in silence.

*Richard Bird*  
*Mayor*  
 9. 1. 28.



9th January, 1928.

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 Byrne, Patrick Clancy.

Councillors:- Thomas Walsh, Thomas Heron, John Walsh, Alice Pennell,  
Thomas Hayes, Myles Bergin, John Larkin, Robert Fitzhenry,  
Patrick McCabe, Thomas Rossiter, James Gaul, John Browne,  
Michael Martin.

The minutes of meetings of 5th and 19th December 1927 were signed.

Liabilities which had accrued due up to the end of last month, amounting in the aggregate to £1097. 18. 6, were submitted, and having been examined were approved, and an Advice Note was signed to enable them to be discharged.

Mr. Irvine, of the Office of Works, Waterford, attended to witness the execution of an Endorsement on Deed of Mortgage in respect of Loan for Reservoir Improvements.

This was necessary owing to the fact that portion of the Loan, with the consent of the Minister for Local Government and Public Health, had been used for relaying water mains and sewers along the Quays.

It was thereupon proposed by Councillor Gaul, seconded by Councillor Thomas Walsh, and Resolved:- That our Corporate Seal be affixed to the Deed of Mortgage of this date now read (endorsed on the Deed of Mortgage dated 21st. February 1927) whereby security is given to the Commissioners of Public Works in Ireland for the repayment of the sum of Ten Thousand, Five Hundred and Seventy Pounds proposed to be advanced by them to us under Deed of Mortgage of 21st February 1927.

The Mortgage Deed was then duly sealed and signed.

A letter was read from Dr. Thomas Pierse, Medical Officer of Health, returning sincere thanks to the Council for the vote of condolence extended to him on the recent death of his wife.

With reference to minutes of meeting of 19th Ultimo, a letter from the Electricity Supply Board under date of 22nd. December 1927, was read. This was to the effect that the Board had no objection to undertaking any capital liabilities of the existing town electric lighting system at the date upon which the ownership of the plant would be transferred to them, but that until that date the Council should continue, as at present, to discharge all liabilities in connection with the working of it.

The Board furthermore wished to thank the Council for their offer of any facilities required in the taking over of the System, and highly appreciated the Council's co-operation in the matter.

The contents of this letter were noted.

Alderman Clancy drew attention to the overcrowded state of the Theatre on several occasions recently, but especially on the nights of the 1st, 6th, and 8th Instant, when entertainments by local amateurs were held therein, and a report was read from the Town Sergeant which bore out Alderman Clancy's statement, so far as the last two dates were concerned.-

It appeared that on the three occasions referred to, all parts of the building were densely overcrowded, and that chairs and forms were placed in all the passages leading to the exits from the Pit and Boxes. This was a distinct contravention of Section 36 of the Public Health Acts Amendments Act 1890 and might involve serious loss of life, in case of an outbreak of fire.

The meeting felt very strongly on this matter, and Councillor T. Walsh gave notice of his intention to move at next monthly meeting that all the passages referred to must be at least three feet in width, and that they must be kept perfectly clear and unobstructed whenever an entertainment was being held in the Theatre.

The motion was accepted, and it was further decided that the Manager of the Theatre be written to informing him of the intention of the Council and warning him against a repetition of further overcrowding, as the Corporation could not ignore their responsibility for seeing that the safety of the public was assured, as far as possible.

The alleged insufficiency of sanitary conveniences and baths in the Fever Hospital, Grogan's Road, was brought forward by Councillor Rossiter. He said that there were, at the present time, no fewer than 47 patients in the Hospital, sent from all parts of the County, and he had been reliably informed that there was but one sanitary convenience and one bath for the accommodation of this number, as well as for the Nursing Staff.

Councillor Gaul, as a member of the County Board of Health, bore out Councillor Rossiter's statement, but in explanation said that as it was the intention of the Board of Health to vacate the building in the near future, it had been decided not to incur further expense upon it, although the Matron had complained of the existing conditions and had pressed that additional sanitary accommodation should be provided. The Council were loath to interfere with the affairs of another Public Body, but as a Sanitary Authority they had a duty to perform in seeing that the health of the public would not be menaced by the state of affairs disclosed, so it was decided to request the Medical Officer of Health to give the Council the benefit of his views on the matter.

The intention of the Great Southern Railways to seek statutory powers to substitute an embankment and fixed span bridge for the existing fixed and opening span bridge over Crescent Quay was alluded to. It was contended that the reason for the proposed change was to enable the Company to bring heavier traffic along the Quays, and if this were the intention, it would mean that goods which heretofore came direct to Wexford Port for places in the North of the County, would be diverted to Rosslare



Pier and conveyed thence direct to their destination.

This would mean a serious loss of revenue to the Wexford Harbour Commissioners who had already lodged a formal objection to the Bill, and a Conference on the matter had been arranged between the Commissioners and the Minister for Industry and Commerce on 13th Instant.

The Commissioners, it was stated, would be glad of the co-operation of the Council in seeing that the trade of the Port would be in no way diminished if the new bridge came to be erected, and as this was vital to the interests of the whole town, it was decided to appoint Councillors T. Walsh, Gaul, and McCabe to meet the Commissioners at a meeting to be held on 10th instant, when the whole matter would be thoroughly gone into.

On the motion of Alderman Clancy, seconded by Councillor Bergin, it was RESOLVED:- That we request the Government to make arrangements in the coming Budget to restore the provisions of the Old Age Pensions Acts 1908 to 1919, so that pensioners may enjoy a weekly pension of ten shillings whenever their means do not exceed £26. 5. 0 a year.

*R. Corish*  
Mayor  
6. 2. 28

23rd. January, 1928.

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:- Patrick Clancy, Nicholas Connolly.

Councillors:- Thomas Walsh, Alice Fennell, Myles Bergin, John Walsh, James Gaul, Thomas Hayes, Thomas Rosziter, Robert Fitzhenry, Patrick McCabe, William J. Power, Thomas Heron, Michael Martin.

The meeting was summoned to deal with a recommendation made by the Finance Committee on 16th instant.

This had reference to the sale, on the tenant-purchase principle, of five of the six recently completed houses on Menapia Avenue, St. John's road, as only the one had been sold for prompt cash on terms fixed on 7th November 1927.

The Finance Committee had gone very carefully into the matter, and having had before them the figures on which the Council had based the sale-price in November last, came to the conclusion to submit the following alternative proposals for approval, viz:-

"That on the immediate payment, by a tenant-purchaser, of a sum of one hundred pounds, and the further payment of a weekly rent-charge of ten shillings for a period of ten years, the sum of ten shillings at the end of that period, was to

become the property of the purchaser, or, on the immediate payment of a sum of fifty pounds, and the further payment of a weekly rent-charge of twelve shillings for a period of ten years, the dwelling, at the end of that period, was to become the property of the purchaser, and that each tenant-purchaser was to be responsible for payment of the legal costs attendant on the preparation, by the Corporation Solicitor, of the Mortgage Deed of his house."

The present meeting thought that these terms might prove more acceptable to prospective purchasers than the offer already made to sell the dwellings, out-and-out, for a sum of £260 prompt cash, and therefore, on the motion of Councillor Rossiter, seconded by Councillor Hayes, the recommendation of the Finance Committee was unanimously adopted.

With reference to minutes of 7th and 28th November last, on which occasions the Council expressed their willingness, subject to sanction, to lease their land at Spawell Road to a local Committee for a term of 500 years at a nominal rent of one shilling a year, on condition that the land would form part of a Peoples' Park, a letter on the matter from the Department of Local Government and Public Health, under date of 16th January 1928, and numbered G.808, was read.

This intimated that the Minister for Local Government and Public Health consented to a lease being given on the terms proposed, and that when it was executed it should be forwarded so that his assent might be endorsed thereon.

Gratification was expressed at the action of the Minister in giving sanction to the Council's proposals, and it was ordered that the Corporation Solicitor be instructed to prepare the necessary Instrument to vest the land in the Major Willie Redmond Memorial Committee, but that it should embody all necessary safeguards as to the user of the land.

Furthermore, the Solicitor was to be informed that the Memorial Committee were to be responsible for all expenses consequent on the transfer of the land to them.

*L. L. L.*  
Major  
6. 2. 28



6th February, 1928.

A statutory 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:- Robert Fitzhenry, Thomas Walsh, John Walsh, Myles Bergin,  
Patrick McCabe, Thomas Hayes, William J. Power, James Gaul,  
Thomas Rossiter, Michael Martin.

The minutes of meetings of 9th and 23rd. January 1928 were signed.

Liabilities which had accrued due up to the end of last month, amounting in the aggregate to £2635. 11. 5, were submitted, and having been examined were approved, and an Advice Note was signed to enable them to be discharged.

Among the Bills passed for payment was one for £21, being in respect of Income Tax on Cemetery profits for year 1927-8. Alderman Clancy called attention to this item, and advocated a reduction in the charges for grave spaces and burial fees, so as to obviate payment of Income Tax under this head in future years. It was pointed out, however, that any profit accruing from the Cemetery undertaking resulted in a reduction in the rate of the Borough Rate, but ultimately it was decided to appoint the following members as a Committee to go fully into the question whether the present Cemetery fees should or should not be lowered, viz:- Aldermen Clancy and Connolly, and Councillors Bergin, Hayes, T. Walsh, Gaul, McCabe, and the Mayor.

With reference to minutes of proceedings of special meeting of 19th December last, on which occasion the Minister for Local Government and Public Health was requested to afford some assistance from the Relief Grants Vote towards the laying of a sewer in John Street, a letter from the Department of Local Government and Public Health on the matter was read.

It was dated 23rd. January 1928, and numbered 4772, and was to the effect that the Minister was prepared to authorize a Grant not exceeding £120 towards the total estimated cost of £601. 16. 0 of providing the sewer referred to, but a condition was that the men employed on the work should be engaged from the local Employment Exchange.

The meeting expressed satisfaction that the Minister was able to see his way to contribute towards the provision of the sewer, and on the motion of Councillor Gaul, seconded by Councillor Thomas Walsh, it was resolved to commence the work on 9th instant, and further, it was decided, on the motion of Councillor Hayes, seconded by Councillor John Walsh, to authorize the Foreman of Works to select suitable workmen from the local Employment Exchange.

Mr. A. B. Hadden applied, by letter, on behalf of his mother, for renewal of a lease of Corporation land at Hill Street.

This land was held by a Miss Mary Jane Somers (now Mrs John O'Leary) from the

from the Corporation at an annual rent of £6. 7. 6. The term of the lease would expire in the year 1931, and Mrs O'Leary it seemed had demised her interest in the land to Mrs Hadden for the unexpired period of her tenure.

On the motion of Councillor Rossiter, seconded by Councillor Bergin, it was unanimously resolved to grant a renewal of the lease for a period of thirtyone years from the year 1931 to Mrs George Hadden, at an annual rent of £6. 7. 6, on condition that the present Lessee, Mrs O'Leary, had no objection to this course being followed.

Regarding notice of motion given on 9th Ultimo as to the making of regulations for the safety of audiences attending the Theatre Royal, Councillor Thomas Walsh intimated that he did not wish to proceed with the matter as the Manager of the Theatre had done everything reasonably possible to satisfy the requirements of the Council as to keeping the passages to the exits clear during entertainments, as well as which he had given an undertaking to the Finance and Works Committee that he would only allow the number for whom seats were available access to the Pit, Boxes, and Gallery respectively, so that overcrowding would be impossible.

The notice of motion was then, by consent, withdrawn.

A circular letter from the Department of Local Government and Public Health, under date of 11th January 1928, as well as a copy of the Local Elections Act 1927, and the Rules made thereunder, were submitted.

From these it was seen that elections for the entire 24 members of the Council would be held on a day to be fixed by the Wexford County Council, which would not be earlier than 23rd. June nor later than 1st July next.

The election of Aldermen and Councillors and of County Councillors would take place on the same day, and the polling hours would be from 9.0 a. m. to 9. 0. p. m.

The contents of the documents were noted.

A circular letter from the Beer and Spirit Duties Relief Organization, Dublin, was read. It drew attention to the excessive Duties upon Beer and Spirits, and the consequent destructive effect upon Distillers, Brewers, Farmers &c, and stated that eighteen years ago, when the Duty on whiskey was but 11/- per gallon, the Distilling Industry absorbed yearly over 1,000,000 barrels of barley from 26 of the Counties of Ireland, whereas last year, when the Duty was 72/6 per gallon, 50,000 barrels only were purchased in the Saorstát.

Under the circumstances the Organization requested the help of the Council in an endeavour to have a substantial reduction of these Taxes made in the forthcoming Budget, by making representations to the Minister of Finance and asking the County T. D.'s to assist in having such a reduction brought about.

A long discussion followed the reading of this communication. The general opinion of members appeared to be that a good case had been made out for a lower Duty being placed on Beer and Spirits, and ultimately the following resolution was adopted, as proposed by Councillor T. Walsh, seconded by Councillor Bergin.



That we request the Minister of Finance to assist the various Industries affected by making provision for the lowering of the present Duty upon Beer and Spirits in the Budget for 1928-9, and further we beg to ask him to consider the advisability of placing an Import Tax on foreign barley and Scotch whiskey. That a copy of this resolution be forwarded to the Minister and to the Deputies for County Wexford.

The Mayor and Councillor Gaul intimated that they expressed no opinion, one way or the other, on this resolution.

Councillor Martin drew attention to the fact that the Military Barracks, situate in Barrack Street, were now vacant, and as there was no likelihood that they would again be used to house troops, he advocated that an effort should be made to acquire the premises, which were very extensive, so that they might be converted into dwellings for the working classes, and thus diminish, to some extent, the scarcity of housing accommodation for artizans.

The suggestion commended itself to the meeting, and as a first step, it was decided to communicate with the Minister of Defence to ascertain if the Barracks could be acquired for the purpose mentioned, and also procure from him particulars as to the unexpired term of the lease, as well as the terms on which he would be disposed to vest the buildings in the Council.

*L. Gaul*  
Mayor  
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27th February, 1928.

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:- Patrick Clancy, Richard Gibson, Nicholas Connolly.

Councillors:- Thomas Walsh, John Walsh, Thomas Hayes, Myles Bergin, John Larkin, Thomas Rossiter, James Crosbie, James Gaul, Alice Fennell, John Brown.

The meeting was convened, principally, to deal with tenders for the erection of six small dwellings on Menapia Avenue. The type of dwelling proposed to be built was that of the Government amended plan of May 1927 marked G. 1., and advertisements inviting tenders for the work had been inserted in the local newspapers in accordance with directions of the housing Committee on 13th Instant.

There were two tenders lodged, and these having been opened were found to be from Messrs Michael Kelly and Peter Donnelly of Wexford, and Mr. George O'Connor of Crossabeg. The two former offered, jointly, to build the houses for a sum of £2050, working out at £341. 13. 4 per house, while Mr. O'Connor was prepared to erect them for £1895. 9. 6, being at the rate of £315. 11. 6 per house.

It was mentioned that according to the expectations of the Housing Committee, a sum of £1440 would be available to erect the houses, and would be forthcoming from the following sources.

Two of the six recently-built houses on Menapia Avenue had been sold,

out-and-out for a sum of :	:	:	:	:	:	:	:	£520.	0.	0
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It was expected that three of the remaining four houses would be disposed of on the tenant-purchase system, and this

would make available a further sum of	:	:	:	:	:	:	:	150.	0.	0
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A Government Housing Grant of £80 per house would also

be forthcoming.	:	:	:	:	:	:	:	480.	0.	0
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Permission was being sought from the Minister for Local Government and Public Health, through the Mayor, to sell a house at West Gate (which was built in the year 1915

at an all-in cost of £295. 5. 0) for a sum of	:	:	:	:	:	:	:	290.	0.	0
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Total	£1440.	0.	0
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Having these figures before them, and bearing in mind the fact that the other houses just completed on Menapia Avenue only cost £335 each, and that the contractor Mr. Richard Browne, had to make a roadway, lay two footpaths, put in grates for surface water, and lay down drain and water pipes, while the Corporation themselves were doing this work in the present instance, it was unanimously agreed that both tenders were excessive, and should be rejected.

A long discussion ensued. The erection of the dwellings by direct labour was strongly advocated by members. It was contended that they could be built by this means very much cheaper than if let by contract, in face of the two tenders received, and seeing that similar houses were being erected in Newry for £260 each, which sum included the provision of drains and water pipes, and the erection of a boundary wall. It was admitted that provision might have to be made in the Rate Estimates for the financial year 1928-9 for a sum of £100 or thereabouts, to complete the dwellings, but even so, they would be built at a considerably lesser sum than the contractors were willing to accept.

Ultimately the following resolution was unanimously adopted, on the motion of the Mayor, seconded by Councillor Rossiter, viz:-

That the two tenders received for the erection of six houses on Menapia Avenue be rejected on the ground that they are excessive, and that a meeting of the Housing Committee be held on tomorrow (Tuesday) night so that the question of having the houses built by direct labour can be examined from every angle.

Furthermore, if it appears, on investigation, that economy would be effected by having the houses provided by this means, that the Mayor be hereby authorized to interview the Minister for Local Government and Public Health and endeavour to secure his assent to the erection of the dwellings on the direct labour plan.

There was also submitted to the meeting a copy of a Provisional Scheme prepared by the County Council, as provided by the Local Elections Act 1927, setting out



the manner in which the County would be divided into Polling Districts, and the situation of the Polling Places in such Districts for the purposes of the forthcoming County and Municipal Elections, which, it was seen, were fixed to be held on 26th June next.

The meeting examined the draft Scheme, so far as it applied to Wexford town, and decided that the location of the polling Places in two of the three Wards ought to be changed for the convenience of voters, and decided to make representations to the County Council to this effect.

*R. Corish*

*Mayor*

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5th March, 1928.

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, Richard Gibson, Patrick Clancy.

Councillors:- Thomas Walsh, Myles Bergin, John Walsh, Thomas Hayes, John Larkin, John J. O'Leary, Thomas Rossiter, Alice Fennell, James Gaul, James Crosbie, William J. Power, John Browne, Michael Martin.

The minutes of meetings of 6th and 27th February 1928 were read and signed.

Liabilities which had accrued due up to the end of last month, amounting in the aggregate to £3,600. 1. 7 were submitted, and having been examined were approved, and Treasurer's Advice Notes were signed to enable them to be discharged.

Included in them were accounts for £160. 6. 0 in respect of food supplied during the current financial year under the Education (Provision of Meals) Acts, 1904-17.

Attention was drawn to the fact that no tenders had been invited for the supply of this food, and that one trader was being paid no less a sum than £87. 13. 11 for bread alone, and the wisdom of having tenders issued was stressed.

It was explained that the practice followed since the inception of the Scheme in 1916 was to allow the School Authorities to order food up to the sum allocated to them from whatever shops they chose, the accounts being examined by the School Meals Committee at the close of each year before being submitted to the Council for payment. This Committee recently found that the Grant made each year was altogether insufficient, and had to be augmented, in some cases, from private sources.

Eventually the matter was referred to the School Meals Committee so that they might go fully into the whole question of the provision of meals for necessitous school children, and report of what changes, if any, should be made in the present arrangements.

Alderman Clancy alluded to the recent demise of the late William O'Brien, for many years Nationalist M. P. for Cork City. He said that the greater part of the lifetime of the deceased Patriot had been spent in an earnest endeavour to ameliorate the condition of his fellow-countrymen, and secure for them Legislative Independence, and it was fitting that the condolences of the Council should be extended to Mrs O'Brien in her great sorrow.

He proposed a motion to this effect which was seconded by Councillor Bergin, and on being put to the meeting, was adopted unanimously.

Two communications from the Department of Local Government and Public Health were read. They were dated 9th and 27th February 1928, and were numbered 6933 and 11317 respectively. They called attention to the fact that of the 2444 vaccination defaulters in the Borough on 30th September 1927, no less than 2438 remained unvaccinated on 31st January last, and this being the case, the Minister called on the Council to take the necessary steps to secure compliance with the Vaccination Acts by instituting legal proceedings against defaulters forthwith. After a long discussion as to whether prosecutions should be brought against delinquents or not, the following resolution, as proposed by the Mayor, and seconded by Councillor Thomas Walsh, was unanimously adopted.

That we desire to inform the Minister for Local Government and Public Health that the Council caused advertisements to be inserted in the local newspapers in August and December of last year, calling on parents to have their children vaccinated, and that these notices proved effective was seen from an account recently presented by Dr. T. Pierse, Dispensary Medical Officer, for £43. 6. 0, being fees payable to him for the vaccination of 433 persons since 1st July, 1927.

Furthermore, the Council have made no provision in the current year's estimate for payment for this service, which, if strictly enforced, might cost the ratepayers a sum of £287, this amount being equivalent to a Rate of 3<sup>3</sup>/<sub>4</sub>d. in the Pound.

Another letter from the Department of Local Government and Public Health was read. It was dated 15th February 1928, and numbered 9643. It contained an extract from the report of Dr. McCormack, Medical Inspector, on his recent inspection of the Urban District, and called attention to the terms of Section 22 of the Local Government Act 1925 regarding the appointment of a veterinary surgeon for the inspection and examination of meat.

Dr. McCormack reported that there was no such inspection in the District, but that the Sanitary Sub-Officer inspected for cleanliness, and reported obviously unfit meat whenever he found it exposed for sale.

It was stated that the present Veterinary Inspector, Mr. Francis Staples, had been appointed under the Dairies, Cowsheds, and Milkshops Order of 1908, but that his duties did not include the examination of meat exposed for sale, but only related to the inspection of cattle in cowsheds, as well as the cleanliness of dairies, cowsheds, and yards, and the persons employed therein.



On the Mayor's suggestion the letter was referred to the Public Health Committee, so that the matter of appointing Mr. Staples to undertake the duty of inspecting meat for sale could be considered. The Committee were also to ascertain what extra expense such appointment would entail.

Under date of 27th February 1928, No. H.10065, the Department of Local Government and Public Health approved of the sale, on the tenant-purchase system, of four of the six houses on Menapia Avenue, on terms settled on by the Council on 23rd. January last.

Referring to minutes of 6th <sup>ultimo</sup> ~~1928~~, the Commissioners of Public Works, by letter dated 28th February 1928, No.3006, intimated that they were prepared, subject to the provisions of the State Lands Act 1924, to make a lease for a term of 99 years of the now disused Military Barracks, in Barrack Street. They were not at liberty to name the rent which they would accept, but would be glad to consider any offer which the Council might feel disposed to make.

The following were named as a Committee to visit the premises and report as to whether they could, at a moderate cost, be converted into dwellings for the working classes, and if so, what rent should be offered for them, viz., The Mayor, Alderman Connolly, with Councillors Hayes, Martin, Rossiter, and T. Walsh.

There was submitted a notice which had been received from Mr. James J. O'Connor, solicitor, intimating that it was the intention of Thomas and Vincent O'Hanlon, of The Faythe, to apply to the Circuit Court in May next for £100 compensation for damage done, as alleged, maliciously, to a motor lorry at Crescent Quay on 5th February 1928.

This matter was referred to the Corporation Solicitor, with instructions to oppose the claim, as evidence would likely be forthcoming to show that the vehicle received little, if any, damage on the date in question.

The Secretary of the County Wexford Republican Memorial Committee by letter requested the Council to select some of their members to join a procession to Crosstown Cemetery on next Easter Sunday for the unveiling of a Memorial there, and on the motion of Councillor Bergin, seconded by Councillor T. Walsh, it was decided to leave it to the individual choice of each member to take part in the Demonstration or not as he chose.

*R. Bernt.*  
Mayor

2. 4. 28

12th March, 1928.

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:- Myles Bergin, John J. O'Leary, John Walsh, James Gaul, Thomas Walsh, Michael Martin, Patrick McCabe.

The Mayor stated that he had had the meeting convened to submit to it the result of the labours of the Housing Committee in the matter of having six dwellings built on Menapia Avenue by direct labour.

He said, that as decided on the 27th ultimo, the Committee had gone very carefully into the question of whether or not the houses could be built economically by this means.

They had had many consultations with the Town Surveyor, as well as with a carpenter who had acted as foreman of various building contracts, and they had been furnished with a detailed estimate of what each house would cost if the work was undertaken by the Council itself.

The price given was £289. 11. 6, or nearly £26 per house less than the lower of the two rejected tenders, and after going very minutely into all the details of the proposed undertaking, the Committee were unanimously of the opinion that the experiment should be given a trial, as with the proceeds of the recent sale of the six newly-built houses on the Avenue, together with the Government Housing Subsidy, it was probable that the ratepayers would have to contribute but a sum of £100 or so towards the erection of the dwellings.

The Committee thereupon decided to apply to the Minister for Local Government and Public Health for sanction to the proposals, and further recommended to the Council the employment of William Hanrahan, the carpenter above referred to, to act as working foreman, during the continuance of building operations, at a wage of £4. 10. 0 a week.

This brought the matter up to date of present meeting, and as a communication had been received from the Department of Local Government and Public Health the Council were now asked to approve of the Committees activities so far.

The letter referred to was then read. It was dated the 9th March, 1928, and numbered H 14219, and was to the effect that the Minister had sanctioned the proposals of the Corporation to have the six houses built by direct labour, under the supervision of the Town Surveyor. A copy of the specification and estimate of the work was to be submitted, and a statement of the amounts expended upon materials and wages, together with the number of men employed, was also to be furnished weekly.

The meeting expressed gratification that the Minister had permitted the dwellings to be proceeded with as the Council desired.



The desirability of having Irish slates substituted for the proposed asbestos covering was advocated, but as the aim of the Committee was to produce a house which could be let at a rent of about 7/- a week it was explained, that it had been found on investigation, that the additional cost which Irish slates would entail rendered their use impossible, if the Committee's aim was to materialize.

As to the employment of William Hanrahan, as working foreman, it was mentioned that as this man was not, at present, a member of the Carpenters' Trade Union it might create difficulties during the progress of the work.

A proposal was made that applications should be invited, by advertisement, for the position, but ultimately this was withdrawn, and the following motion was unanimously adopted as proposed by Councillor Martin, and seconded by Councillor John Walsh, viz:-

That the work of the Housing Committee, so far as it has gone, be approved, and that their recommendation as to the employment of William Hanrahan, at a wage of £4. 10. 0 a week, be adopted, but only on condition that he will rejoin his Union immediately.

*R. Corish*  
Mayor  
2. 4. 28

28th March, 1928.

A Special Finance 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 Nicholas Connolly, and Councillors Myles Bergin, Thomas Walsh, John Browne, Patrick McCabe.

The meeting was held in accordance with directions of the Department of Local Government and Public Health in letter dated 16th March 1928, and numbered 17405, to discharge liabilities due to present date out of Grants allocated to the Council from the Relief Schemes Fund for the preparation of a housing site on Menapia Avenue, and towards the cost of laying a sewer in John Street.

The Bills now submitted for expenditure on the housing site were seen to amount to £200. 19. 5, and those for laying the sewer, to £206. 3. 3.

They were examined and found correct, and Advice Notes were signed to enable them to be discharged.

It was mentioned that it had already been arranged that the Paying Orders now to be issued would be presented to the Treasurer before the 31st instant, and when they were discharged the actual sum spent on preparing the housing site would be £331. 0. 8, and on laying the sewer, a total of £477. 7. 7.

*R. Corish*  
Mayor  
2. 4. 28

2nd. April, 1928.

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, Nicholas Byrne, Richard Gibson, Patrick Clancy.

Councillors:- James Billington, Thomas Rossiter, John Walsh, Myles Bergin,  
James Gaul, Thomas Hayes, Alice Fennell, Thomas Walsh,  
James Crosbie, John J. O'Leary.

The minutes of meetings of 5th, 12th, and 28th March, 1928 were read and signed.

Liabilities which had accrued due up to the end of last month, amounting in the aggregate to £1023. 0. 8, were submitted, and having been examined were approved, and an Advice Note was signed to enable the Treasurer to pay them.

The following letter was read and was ordered to be inserted on these Minutes.

Bellevue, Mallow, Co. Cork.

12th March, 1928.

The Town Clerk, Wexford.

Dear Sir, I have been asked by Mrs William O'Brien to acknowledge the receipt of your letter of the 7th instant conveying the sympathy of your Corporation on the death of her husband, Mr. William O'Brien, and to request that you will be good enough to let the members know of her appreciation of the tributes paid to his memory.

She is touched also by your own expression of sympathy, and you will readily understand that in her great grief she is unable to reply personally.

Yours faithfully, T. McAuliffe.

In accordance with notice given by the Mayor at meeting of Finance and Works Committee on 12th ultimo, he moved the following resolution, which was seconded by Alderman Connolly and adopted unanimously.

That as all but 8 of the grave-spaces in Section C. of Crosstown Cemetery (which are priced at ten shillings each to meet the needs of the poorer classes) are now interred in, it is hereby resolved that 167 spaces in Section A., and numbered from 180 to 346 inclusive, be reduced in price to ten shillings each, and that the fee to be charged for an interment in each such space be fixed at twelve shillings; this being the actual sum paid to the gravedigger for his work at each grave.

That the present Scale of Charges be amended in the manner above indicated; that the Corporate Seal be now affixed to the amended Scale, and that it be forwarded to the Minister for Local Government and Public Health for his approval.

The Corporate Seal was then affixed to the amended Scale, in duplicate, for submission to the Minister, in accordance with the provisions of Section 188 of the Public Health (Ireland) Act 1878.

A letter from the Honorary Secretaries of the Royal Institute of Public Health was read. This stated that the forthcoming Congress of the Institute would be held in



Dublin in August next, on the invitation of the Government, and that among the many subjects to be dealt with were the proper housing of the working classes, Maternity and Child Welfare and School Medical inspection, and the production and control of milk and food, and it was requested that Delegates might be appointed to attend the Congress, which the Minister for Local Government and Public Health was prepared to recognize under the Public Health and Local Government Conferences Act 1885.

In view of the fact that the membership of the Council might undergo a change at the municipal elections to be held in June next, the appointment of Delegates at the present time was considered premature, so the matter was adjourned to a future date.

A resolution from the Midleton Urban Council was submitted. Its purport was to induce the Government to relieve the present agricultural depression by extending the time for the repayment of Land Annuities by at least 20 years. The meeting were in sympathy with the object of the resolution, but as they were apprehensive that the interests of County Councils might be adversely affected if such extension of time were granted, consideration of the question was deferred to enable the Midleton Council to be communicated with on the point. A resolution from the Galway Urban Council as to the prevention or restriction of street trading by itinerant hawkers was read.

The meeting were aware that legislation to control such trading was already in existence, but considered it could be amended with advantage, so on the motion of Alderman Byrne, seconded by Councillor T. Walsh, a resolution in the following terms was unanimously adopted.

That we, the Municipal Council of Wexford, hereby request the Minister for Justice to amend the Street Trading Act 1926 so that local street traders may not come within its scope, and further request him to confer on local authorities power to charge travelling hawkers a substantial licence fee for the privilege of trading within their Areas, as at present these hawkers constitute a serious menace to business people who pay heavy rates and rent, whereas itinerant dealers contribute nothing to the funds of the local authorities in whose Districts they trade, and that a copy of this resolution be forwarded to the Minister for Justice.

A legal notice was produced which intimated that an application would be made at the forthcoming Circuit Court for compensation for the wanton destruction of a plate-glass door panel valued at £7. 10. 0. in house in George Street occupied by Mr. Arthur Cantwell, and it was ordered that the Corporation Solicitor be instructed to defend the proceedings on behalf of the Council.

On the motion of Alderman Connolly, seconded by Councillor T. Walsh, it was ordered that a record of the attendance of the members of the Council at all meetings since the date of last municipal elections be prepared and submitted as soon as it is compiled.

16th April, 1928.

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, Nicholas Byrne, Richard Gibson.

Councillors:- James Billington, Thomas Walsh, John O'Leary, Myles Bergin,  
John Walsh, James Gaul, John Browne, Thomas Rossiter, James Crosbie,  
Patrick McCabe, Michael Martin.

The meeting was specially convened to consider the estimates of expenditure needed to be provided to enable the municipal services for the year ending 31st March 1929 to be carried on, and then to agree on the Rates to be made on a subsequent occasion in respect of Borough Rate, Rate in lieu of County Cess, and Water Rates.

The Mayor stated that a Special Committee had been appointed on 19th March last to make a preliminary examination of these Estimates, and that this Committee had met on three occasions, and had gone very carefully into all the items placed before them. He mentioned that it would be necessary to increase the Rates in the current year, but that this was mainly consequent on the improvements carried out on Coolree Reservoir, the laying of a sewer and water main along the Quays, as well as a sewer along John Street, for its whole length.

As first submitted, the estimates showed that Rates of 10/4 would be required, but the Committee had made reductions under certain heads, as a result of which they felt assured that Rates amounting to 9/10 in the Pound would suffice for the year. The present meeting then examined the estimates in detail, copies of which having already been furnished to them.

With regard to the Borough Rate Estimate which, as prepared, showed that a Rate of 5/10 in the Pound would be needed to raise the sum required, namely, £5669. 4. 0, it was seen that the Committee had reduced certain items of expenditure, and as a result recommended that a Borough Rate of 5/6 should be made, and at the same time further recommended that the wages of the Caretaker of the Bathing Place, who was employed only during the summer months, should be reduced by ten shillings a week, as he received many perquisites from Bathers.

A question was raised at present meeting as to the continuance of an allowance of £26. made last year for the provision of an office for the three Rate collectors. It was contended that this expenditure was not warranted, as the office was but seldom used by the Collectors, and this being the case, Councillor Browne proposed that the rent be no longer paid.

This proposition was seconded by Councillor Billington, and was declared carried. It was then agreed, on the motion of Alderman Connolly, seconded by Councillor Bergin, that the £26 referred to be added in equal moities to the amounts allocated for milk under the Child Welfare Scheme, and for food for necessitous school children under the Provision of Milk Act.



A further point raised was the need for providing additional money for the repairs of the working class dwellings. A sum of £272, being equal to £2. per house was set apart for the purpose in the Estimate, but it was held by some members that this amount was altogether inadequate.

However the meeting could not see their way to increase it, and it was decided that it must suffice for the present year.

It was then resolved, on the motion of Alderman Byrne, seconded by Councillor O'Leary. That the recommendation of the Estimates Committee be adopted, and that a Borough Rate of 5/6 in the Pound (being One Shilling for General Town Purposes, and Four Shillings and Sixpence for General Sanitary Purposes) be agreed on preliminary to the Rate being formally made, and further, that the recommendation relating to the wages of the Caretaker of the Bathing Place be also adopted.

As to the Water Rates, it was observed from the Estimate that a Rate of 2/4 in the £. would be needed to raise a sum of £2073. 2. 10, so as to meet all the charges in respect of the Water System, and that the Committee found that this particular Estimate could not be reduced, so on the motion of Councillor Bergin, seconded by Councillor Thomas Walsh, it was resolved that the rate of the Water Rate be fixed at 2/4 in the £., namely, 1/- as Domestic Rate and 1/4 as Public Rate.

The Estimate for the general maintenance and improvement of the streets and paths, exclusive of the Main Roads within the Borough, was then taken up. When prepared it showed that a Rate of 2/2 in the £. should be raised to meet a sum of £2092. 12. 0 needed for the efficient upkeep of the streets &c., but the Committee had made deductions therefrom amounting to £270 and if these were assented to by present meeting, it was held that a Rate of 2/- in the £. would suffice.

After discussion it was felt that savings to the amount deducted could be effected during the year by the rearrangement of the wages of some of the workmen, and economy in the working of the Leyland Lorry, and therefore on the motion of Alderman Byrne, seconded by Alderman Connolly, the recommendation of the Committee to the effect that a Rate in lieu of County Cess of Two shillings in the Pound should be fixed, was unanimously agreed to.

The meeting then separated.

*R. Beaudin*  
Mayor  
4. 5. 28

23rd. April, 1928.

A special meeting of the Council was held this day (pursuant to the Mayor's requisition) at the Town Hall, at 8. 45 p. m.

The members present were:-

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

Aldermen:- Richard Gibson, Patrick Clancy, Nicholas Connolly.

Councillors:- John Walsh, James Billington, Myles Bergin, Thomas Hayes, James Gaul, Thomas Rossiter, Patrick McCabe, Thomas Heron, Michael Martin, John Larkin, Alice Pennell, Thomas Walsh, John Browne.

The Mayor, on the opening of the meeting, referred to the great hardships from which the people of the town and the surrounding country were suffering, consequent on two recent outbreaks of Foot and Mouth Disease near Wexford.

Since the middle of February last, when the first outbreak was detected, no Fair was permitted to be held in the town, and as a consequence, the business of the shop-keeping and farming classes was practically at a stand-still.

It was welcome news, however, that all danger of a recurrence of the disease was unlikely, and under the circumstances it was the intention of the Minister for Lands and Agriculture to remove, as from 6th Prox, the present restrictions on the movements of live stock throughout the County, except within a very limited area, and it would be possible, therefore, to hold a Fair in Wexford on any suitable date in May subsequent to the 6th.

As the May Fair had been held for very many years on the first day of that month, it would be necessary to receive the sanction of the Minister for Local Government and Public Health for any alteration in this date, and it was for this purpose that the present meeting had been convened.

It was ascertained, beforehand, that no objection would be raised by the responsible Authorities to a Fair being held on 7th Prox. to replace the May Day Fair, and this being the case, the following resolution was unanimously adopted, as proposed by The Mayor, and seconded by Councillor T. Walsh, more than two-thirds of the Council being present at its adoption.

RESOLVED:- "That as it is the intention of the Minister for Lands and Agriculture to remove, in the near future, all restrictions on the movements of live stock in Wexford County, except within a radius of one mile of Begerin Lodge and Johnstown, we, the Corporation of Wexford, respectfully request the Minister for Local Government and Public Health under Section 10 of the Local Government Board (Ireland) Act 1872, to assent to a Fair for cattle, sheep, and pigs being held at Windmills Hill, Wexford, and the approaches thereto, on Monday, the 7th May next, to replace the May Day Fair held in these thoroughfares from time immemorial, but prohibited in the present year consequent on an outbreak of foot and Mouth Disease."

It was decided, when sanction was received, to advertise the change of date in the local and Dublin newspapers, and notify cattle buyers throughout the Country.



7th May, 1928.

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, Nicholas Byrne.

Councillors:- Thomas Walsh, Myles Bergin, Patrick McCabe, James Billington, Thomas Rossiter, John Walsh, John Browne, Thomas Hayes, John J. O'Leary, Michael Martin.

The minutes of meetings of 2nd, 16th and 23rd. April 1928 were read and signed.

Liabilities which had accrued due up to the end of last month, amounting in the aggregate to £3982. 18. 6, were submitted, and having been examined were approved, and Advice Notes were signed to enable them to be discharged.

The making of Rates for the service of the current financial year (except Poor Rate) was proceeded with, and thereupon the three following resolutions were unanimously adopted, and the different Rates referred to therein having been made, the Books containing such Rates were duly sealed and signed.

Proposed by Alderman Byrne, seconded by Councillor McCabe, and

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 the municipal administration of said Borough being carried out, as considered and adopted on the 16th day of April 1928.

Proposed by Councillor Rossiter, seconded by Councillor Bergin, 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 Estimate duly considered and adopted on the 16th day of April, 1928.

Proposed by Alderman Byrne, seconded by Councillor McCabe, and

RESOLVED:- That an Assessment of Two Shillings And Fourpence in the Pound, viz: a Domestic Rate of One Shilling, and a Public Rate of One Shilling and Fourpence 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 16th day of April 1928.

The Warrants authorizing the collection of the above Rates were also duly sealed and signed.

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A letter from the Wexford Harbour Commissioners under date of 1st instant, was read asking that the minimum charge of ten shillings for water supplied to ships should be reduced, as they considered the amount exorbitant in the case of small vessels. It was explained that the ten shillings included cost of attendance of Turncock, and the use of a hosepipe and meter, and was fixed in 1922 and then considered equitable. However, Councillor Billington gave notice of his intention to move at next statutable meeting that the charge be reduced by half in the case of schooners, whether under sail or motor power.

The notice was accepted.

By letter dated 16th April 1928, Mr. Patrick McCabe of West Gate, applied for renewal of lease of malt stores and stable, the property of the Council, at Kaat's Strand.

The premises, which were now in the occupation of Mr. McCabe, were demised in the year 1895 to the late Mr. Patrick Ryan, at an annual rent of £10., and the period of the lease, namely 31 years, had expired.

On the motion of Councillor John Walsh, seconded by Alderman Byrne it was unanimously resolved to renew the lease in favour of Mr. McCabe for a further period of 31 years at the present annual rent of £10.

The Manager of Wexford Cinema Palace applied for a renewal of License under the Cinematograph Act 1909.

The restrictions embodied in the former License were deemed to be adequate, and as no breaches of any of the Regulations or restrictions had been reported during the past twelve months, it was unanimously agreed, on the motion of Councillor John Walsh, seconded by Alderman Connolly, to issue a fresh License for year commencing on 9th instant.

The Accounts of the Collectors of Borough Rate, of Rate in lieu of County Cess, and for year to 31st March 1928 of Water Rates/were produced, the collections having been closed on that date.

They had been carefully gone over by the Finance and Works Committee on 16th and 23rd. ultimo, and the following recommendations had been sent forward.

That there be written off as irrecoverable, items of Borough Rate amounting to £316. 17. 3, items of Rate in lieu of County Cess of £126. 17. 7, and items of Water Rates of £80. 4. 2½, and that the balances of the Rates outstanding, i. e., £573. 7. 10½, £212. 19. 6½, and £407. 18. 2½ respectively, be carried into next year's Rate Books as collectible arrears.

Alderman Clancy inquired whether the sum due on the Franciscan Convent for Borough Rate and County Cess, and amounting to £49. 13. 8, had been struck out of the arrears lists, as recommended by the Committee, in view of the fact that the Friars emphatically refused to pay, or allow to be paid for them, any rates whatever on the ground that they were "outlaws" in a legal sense.

He was assured that these amounts were included in the sums recommended to be struck off as irrecoverable, although the Finance Committee had been advised that



it was illegal to remit these rates, which were lawfully due.

However the recommendation regarding the outstanding items of Borough Rate were unanimously agreed to on the motion of Alderman Connolly, seconded by Alderman Byrne, that relating to the items of Rate in lieu of County Cess on the motion of Councillor O'Leary seconded by Councillor Hayes, and that relating to Water Rates on the motion of Alderman Byrne, seconded by Councillor Bergin.

The following resolution, which was forwarded by Wicklow Urban Council, was adopted, on the motion of Alderman Connolly, seconded by Councillor T. Walsh.

That we call on the Government to support Mr. James Everett's Bill re Amendment of Vaccination Acts.

A resolution from the Kilkenny Board of Health was read. It urged that power should again be vested in local Councils to enable them to appoint all their own officials and fix their salaries, thus dispensing with the services of the Local Appointments Commissioners.

The principle of the resolution was adopted, on the motion of Alderman Byrne, seconded by Councillor Bergin, the Mayor not voting.

Councillor Bergin alluded to the successful Fair held in the town on present day, the first since February last consequent on the outbreak of Foot and Mouth Disease.

He moved that the thanks of the Council be tendered to the Minister for Lands and Agriculture for his prompt action in dealing with the outbreak, and for removing the restrictions on the movement of cattle at the earliest possible date, and further, that he should be informed of the efficient manner in which his Veterinary Staff had performed their duties while in Wexford, and how much their efforts to facilitate the farming Community while the restrictions were in force had been appreciated.

the motion was seconded by Councillor T. Walsh, supported by Alderman Connolly, Councillor McCabe, and the Mayor and was adopted unanimously.

Arising out of this matter, it was thought that an effort should be made to establish a second Fair in the town each month, and Councillor Bergin gave notice that he would move at next statutable meeting that steps be taken to regularize the holding of such a Fair.

The motion was accepted.

On the motion of Councillor McCabe, seconded by Alderman Clancy, the following resolution was unanimously adopted.

That we hereby protest in the strongest manner possible against the atrocities being perpetrated by the Calles Government on the Catholics of Mexico, who are being subjected to untold-of cruelties for practising their Religion, which is that of the majority of the Mexican people, and we respectfully suggest that the Executive Council of Saorstát Eireann should, by diplomatic action, take steps to secure a cessation of such atrocities.

And that a copy of this resolution be forwarded to President Cosgrave.

Allusion was made to the recent death of the late Mr. R. W. Elgee, solicitor, who was well-known throughout the town for his kindly disposition, and whose family, for generations past, was connected with the public life of the County.

General regret was expressed by the meeting at Mr. Elgee's demise, and on the motion of Councillor Bergin, seconded by Councillor McCabe, the condolences of the Council were ordered to be conveyed to the bereaved relatives of the deceased.

*L. Boddy*

*Mayor*

*4. 6. 28.*

8th June, 1928.

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.

Councillors:- John J. O'Leary, Alice Fennell, John Walsh, Patrick McCabe, Thomas Walsh, John Browne, Michael Martin, Thomas Rossiter.

The minutes of meeting of 7th May, 1928 were read and signed.

The first matter on the Agenda was the consideration of a recommendation made by the Finance and Works Committee regarding a Certificate which had been received from the Borough Surveyor showing that a sum of £219. 8. 0 was due to Mr. Richard Browne of Green Street, as a final payment on foot of the erection of six houses on Manapia Avenue.

It had been explained to the Committee that these houses should have been completed on 12th February 1927, but were not finished or taken over by the Council until 15th January 1928, a period of 48 weeks afterwards.

According to the specification a fine of £1. per week was to be imposed on the Contractor for each week's delay, so that a sum of £48 should be deducted from the amount certified by the Surveyor to be due.

Furthermore, a Bond had been duly executed whereby two Sureties had bound themselves to make good any loss up to £200 which the Council might sustain by default on the part of the Contractor.

Three out of the six houses had been sold to tenant-purchasers at a weekly rent-charge of twelve shillings each for a period of 30 years, and if they had been available on 12th February 1927, a sum of £86. 8. 0 could have been received in respect of them for the 48 weeks, on the assumption that they were then sold.

The Finance and Works Committee had recommended that the fine should be enforced against the Contractor, but that no demand should be made on the Sureties for the consequential loss of £86. 8. 0.

There was however, a further amount which would now require to be dealt with,



namely, the extra wages paid to the Clerk of Works owing to the delay in the work. This came to £149. 2. 8, and should be recovered from the Sureties. The whole matter was thoroughly discussed by the present meeting in all its bearings. Some members held that the full amount certified by the Surveyor to be due should be paid, as the houses were finished in first-class style, and others contended that the sum of £86. 8. 0 set down as a consequential loss was purely hypothetical, and that the services of the Clerk of Works were not needed for the entire time, and should have been dispensed with by the Council. As a result of the discussion, the Committee recommendation was not moved, but the three following propositions were submitted.

Proposed by Councillor McCabe and seconded by Councillor John Walsh.

That the whole question be referred to the Minister for Local Government and Public Health with a request that he would permit the entire sum of £219. 8. 0 to be paid.

Proposed by Councillor Thomas Walsh and seconded by Alderman Connolly.

That the fine of £48 be inflicted on the Contractor, but that the recovery of the two sums of £86. 8. 0 and £149. 2. 8 from the Sureties be not sought for.

Proposed by Councillor Martin and seconded by Councillor Rossiter.

That the fine of £48 be deducted from the Contractor's final payment, that the Sureties be proceeded Against for the extra £149. 2. 8 paid to the Clerk of Works, but that no demand be made on them for the sum of £86. 8. 0 set down as consequential loss.

As to Councillor McCabe's proposition, it was advised that the Minister would refuse to give a ruling on the matter at all, as the responsibility for dealing with it rested solely on the Council.

Before a vote was taken on any of the proposals, the Town Clerk read for the meeting Section 61 of the Local Government Act 1925, and objected to either the Contractor being forgiven the sum of £48, or the sureties not being proceeded against for the £149. 2. 8 paid to the Clerk of Works, as these moneys were legally due to the Council and should be recovered.

He also read Section 12 (4)(e) of the Local Government (Application of Enactments) Order 1898, relating to the disqualification of members concerned in any Contract entered into with the Council, and the penalties which could be inflicted on such members.

A poll was then taken on Councillor Martin's proposition, when there voted in favour of it. Councillors Rossiter, Martin, O'Leary, and the Mayor. 4  
Against it. Councillors Browne, McCabe, Thomas Walsh, John Walsh, Fennell, Aldermen Connolly, Gibson, and Claney. 8

Councillor Martin's proposition was thereupon declared lost.

A second poll was thereupon taken upon Councillor T. Walsh's motion with the following result.



For. Councillors Browne, McCabe, T. Walsh, J. Walsh, Fennell, Aldermen Connolly, Gibson, Claney, and the Mayor. 9

Against. Councillors Rossiter, Martin, and the Mayor. 3

Councillor T. Walsh's proposition was accordingly declared carried by nine votes to three.

Councillor McCabe's motion was not put to the meeting.

As the result of the foregoing vote, a sum of £48. was deducted from the £219. 8. 0 due to the Contractor, and the balance, namely, £171. 8. 0 was ordered to be included in the accounts passed for payment at present meeting, and which amounted in the aggregate to £1989. 6. 10, the other Bills having been previously checked and found correct.

Letters were read from the Minister for Lands and Agriculture and from Mrs Lilian and Mr. John Elgee, acknowledging votes passed at last meeting.

Alderman Gibson referred to the death, on this day, of a young daughter of Alderman Byrne and proposed that the sympathy of the meeting be extended to him on his loss.

The motion was seconded by Councillor McCabe, supported by several members, and was adopted unanimously.

A letter from the Department of Local Government and Public Health under date of 21st May 1928, and numbered 18398, was read. It called on the Council to issue, forthwith, the necessary instructions for the enforcement of the Vaccination Acts and for the prosecution of persistent defaulters, and intimated, further, that if definite and stringent action was not taken to secure compliance with the law, legal proceedings would be instituted against the Council forthwith, without further notice.

A further communication was read from the same Department dated 12th May 1928, No.32984. It contained an extract from a Return furnished by Dr. T. Pierse, which showed that on 31st March last there were 2546 vaccination defaulters in the Wexford Dispensary District.

On the motion of the Mayor, seconded by Councillor Thomas Walsh, it was unanimously resolved. That the whole question of putting into force the Vaccination Acts in the Borough be referred to the Council to be elected on 26th June Instant. Under date of 24th May 1928 the Electricity Supply Board intimated, by letter, that they had made an Order under Section 36 of the Electricity (Supply) Act 1927 constituting the Council Authorized Undertakers for the supply of electricity for the town of Wexford, and that under Section 38 of the Act they proposed to take over the Council's electricity under taking as from 12th July 1928.

The contents of the letter were noted with satisfaction.

In the absence of Councillor Billington, Councillor Browne proposed that the charges for water sold to ships fixed on 4th September 1922 be reduced by half in the case of schooners, whether under sail or motor power.

The motion was seconded by Councillor T. Walsh and adopted unanimously.



Councillor Gaul attended the meeting at this stage of the proceedings.

Councillor Bergin not being present the motion standing in his name regarding the establishment of a second fair in the town each month, was not proceeded with. Alderman Connolly raised a question as to the suitability of the site of the dumping ground which had recently been opened on the Council's land at rear of Wygram Place. He stated he had received complaints from residents in John Street as to its proximity to their houses, and contended that it would ultimately prove a nuisance to the whole locality.

Members of the Committee which had recommended the ground to be used as a dump held that it was admirably suited for the purpose, as well as which the Council were freed from the rent of £25 a year which they had heretofore to pay for land on which to deposit street sweepings &c., and on the motion of the Mayor, seconded by Councillor Martin, the following were appointed a Committee to visit the ground and report on it to the Finance and Works Committee, namely, Alderman Connolly, and Councillors Martin, Brown, T. Walsh, Gaul, and the Mayor.

The Secretary of the Wexford Feis Committee submitted the names of eight young people who had competed for two of the four Scholarships offered by the Council, and which were tenable at the Irish College at Camolin in the present year.

It was seen that six of the eight had passed the required examinations, but the matter of selecting the two who should receive the Scholarships was referred to the Finance and Works Committee, and meanwhile information as to the circumstance in life of those eligible was to be elicited, to assist the Committee in making equitable awards.

On the motion of the Mayor, seconded by Councillor T. Walsh, the following resolution, which had been forwarded by the Irish Union of Distributive Workers and Clerks, was unanimously adopted.

That the Government be requested to give effect to the recommendations contained in the report of the Committee appointed to inquire into the system of technical education in the Free State, and that the Committee's recommendations with regard to the compulsory attendance at day training schools of apprentices in the various industries be particularly given effect to. The setting up in provincial cities of day apprentice classes for those engaged in the Retail Distributive Trades is also urged.

*H. Berish*

*Mayor*

*6. 7. 28*

6th July, 1928.

A Quarterly meeting of the Council was held this day at the Town Hall at twelve o'clock, noon, as provided by section 10(1) of the Local Elections Act, 1927.

All the 24 members of the Council who were elected on 26th June last were in attendance, namely.

Representing St. Iberius Ward. Messrs John Browne, Garrett Donohoe, Thomas Hayes, John O'Leary, Thomas Rossiter, John Walsh, and Thomas Walsh. 7

Representing St. Marys Ward, where a poll had been taken. Aldermen Richard Corish and James Billington, and Councillors James Murphy, James Gaul, James McMahon, John Atkins, James Crosbie, Michael Martin, Patrick Clancy, Patrick Connick, and William Power. 11

Representing St. Selskar Ward, where a poll had also been taken. Aldermen Nicholas Connolly and Richard Gibson, and Councillors Patrick McCabe, Edward Bolger, Cyril Ross, and William Goodisson. 6

The chair was taken by the outgoing Mayor, Alderman Richard Corish, and the minutes of meeting of 8th June 1928 were read and signed.

A letter was read from Mr. Nicholas Byrne acknowledging with thanks the vote of sympathy tendered to him at last meeting on the death of his young daughter.

The first business disposed of was the selection of two of the members of St. Iberius Ward as Aldermen for that Ward, pursuant to section 4(3) of the Local Government (Ireland) Act 1919.

The Mayor proposed that Messrs Thomas Hayes and Thomas Rossiter be the two Aldermen of the Ward in question, and the proposition was seconded by Alderman Connolly.

But Councillor Bolger moved that Councillor John O'Leary be selected as one of the two Aldermen, and this was seconded by Alderman Billington.

This latter proposition was declared lost on a show of hands, eight members being in favour of it while twelve were against it.

The proposal that Messrs Hayes and Rossiter be appointed Aldermen was then put and was declared carried by fifteen votes to six.

Thereupon all the members of the Council made and subscribed their declarations of acceptance of Office, and the election of a Mayor was proceeded with.

Alderman Connolly occupied the chair during the election.

At the outset Councillor Connick proposed that the member elected as Mayor be requested to devote the salary of £100 attached to the Office to augment the sum allocated by the Council for the feeding of necessitous school children in the town. Alderman Billington seconded this proposition.

A poll was taken upon it, when there voted.

FOR Alderman Billington, and Councillors Connick, Browne, Thomas Walsh, Murphy, Gaul, McMahon, Atkins, Clancy, McCabe, and Bolger. 11

Against. Aldermen Hayes, Rossiter, Gibson, Connolly, and Councillors Donohoe, O'Leary, John Walsh, Crosbie, Martin, Power, Ross, and Goodisson. 12



Alderman Corish did not vote.

The proposition was declared lost, and thereupon Alderman Rossiter in eulogistic terms moved. That the outgoing Mayor, Alderman Richard Corish, be re-elected for the year commencing this day, and until his successor be appointed and shall have made a declaration of acceptance of Office.

The motion was seconded by Councillor McCabe, who dwelt on the zeal and untiring energy which Alderman Corish had always displayed in furthering the interests of the town, and the time and care he had given to the affairs of the Council.

It was warmly supported by Councillor John Walsh, Councillor McMahon, Alderman Gibson, Alderman Billington, Councillor L'Leary, Councillor O'Leary, and Alderman Connolly.

No other members was proposed as Mayor, and the motion was therefore declared carried, Councillors Connick and Clancy dissenting.

On re-occupying the chair the Mayor made his declaration of acceptance of the Office.

In returning thanks for his re-election he said that he welcomed criticism whenever it was constructive, and was glad to find people representing different policies coming on a common platform to do their utmost to advance the interests of the town. Many matters would be brought forward which would require careful attention, and he trusted that at the end of the Council's period of Office, by working together in an amicable spirit, they would have done something to leave their impress on Wexford.

He alluded to the discussion which had arisen on the annual salary of £100 paid to the Mayor, and pointed out that this sum did not go very far in meeting the many demands which the occupant of the Office had to meet, more especially as he never claimed expenses for the many deputations he joined to advance the Council's interests.

He pointed to the admirable condition of all the streets of the town at the present time, and stated that he would lay before the Council in a short time an ambitious programme for the improvement of the Borough, and concluded by paying a graceful compliment to the Corporation Officials.

The following resolution was unanimously adopted on the motion of Alderman Connolly, seconded by Councillor Crosbie.

That the Quarterly meetings of the Council to be held prior to the 23rd. June 1929 be fixed for Monday, 1st October 1928 at 7. 30 p. m., for Monday, 7th January 1929 at 7. 30 p. m., and for Monday 8th April 1929 at 7. 30 p. m.

The question of the appointment of Standing Committees was then considered, and on the motion of Councillor O'Leary, seconded by Councillor McCabe, it was unanimously resolved;- That the Finance and Works, the Waterworks, the Old Age Pension, and the Public Health Committees be composed of the entire Council for the ensuing year, and that the latter Committee be empowered to deal with all

Public Health Committee, 1928.

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# Election of Aldermen & Councillors

For the above Corporation in the Year 1928.

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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 Electoral Areas opposite to the names of which in Column 1 the names of such Candidates are entered :--

Electoral Area.	NAMES OF CANDIDATES.		Places of Abode.	NAMES OF CANDIDATES ELECTED.	Order in which Elected Where there was a Poll.
	Surnames.	Other Names.			
<b>ST. IBERIUS WARD</b>	...	...	...	...	6
Do.	Browne	John	Green Street	JOHN BROWNE	...
Do.	Donohoe	Garrett	King Street Upper	GARRETT DONOHOE	...
Do.	Haves	Thomas	Canal Road	THOMAS HAVES	...

Do.	...	Donohoe	Garrett	King Street Upper	GARRETT DONOHOE	...	
Do.	...	Hayes	Thomas	Grogan's Road	THOMAS HAYES	...	
Do.	...	O'Leary	John	St. Ibar's Terrace	JOHN O'LEARY	...	
Do.	...	Rossiter	Thomas	Grogan's Road	THOMAS ROSSITER	...	
Do.	...	Walsh	John	Bride Street	JOHN WALSH	...	
Do.	...	Walsh	Thomas	High Street	THOMAS WALSH	...	
<b>ST. MARY'S WARD</b>		...	Atkins	John	King Street Upper	JOHN ATKINS	6
Do.	...	Billington	James	The Folly	JAMES BILLINGTON	2	
Do.	...	Clancy	Patrick	High Street	PATRICK CLANCY	9	
Do.	...	Connick	Patrick	South Main Street	PATRICK CONNICK	10	
Do.	...	Corish	Richard	St. Ibar's Terrace	RICHARD CORISH	1	
Do.	...	Crosbie	James	Carrigeen Street	JAMES CROSBIE	7	
Do.	...	Gaul	James	Carrigeen Street	JAMES GAUL	4	
Do.	...	Martin	Michael	The Faythe	MICHAEL MARTIN	8	
Do.	...	McMahon	James	Bride Street	JAMES McMAHON	5	
Do.	...	Murphy	James	South Main Street	JAMES MURPHY	3	
Do.	...	Power	William	King Street Upper	WILLIAM POWER	11	
<b>ST. SELSKAR WARD</b>		...	Bolger	Edward	Monument Place	EDWARD BOLGER	4
Do.	...	Connolly	Nicholas	John Street	NICHOLAS CONNOLLY	1	
Do.	...	Gibson	Richard	Spawell Road	RICHARD GIBSON	2	
Do.	...	Goodisson	William	John Street	WILLIAM GOODISSON	6	
Do.	...	McCabe	Patrick	Spawell Road	PATRICK McCABE	3	
Do.	...	Ross	Cyril	Wygram Place	CYRIL ROSS	5	

Dated this 28th day of June, 1928,

**NICHOLAS BOLGER, Returning Officer.**

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Name of Local Authority:--

**CORPORATION OF WEXFORD**

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For the above Corporation in Year 1928.

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sanitary matters arising in the Borough, in pursuance of Section 5 of the Public Health (Ireland) Act 1878.

The appointment of a Technical Instruction Committee for the ensuing three years was gone into, and after discussion it was arranged that the following persons should form this Committee, viz:-

Corporation Members. Aldermen Rossiter and Billington, and Councillors Connick, Browne, Thomas Walsh, McCabe, Ross.

Co-opted members. The Mayor, Rev. John Sinnott, Catholic Administrator, Rev. H. Rennison, Protestant Rector, Rev. Brother Markey, Superior of the Christian Brothers, Miss Alice Fennell, and Mr. John Dunne.. 6

The following ten members were constituted a Housing Committee to see to the completion of the six houses being erected on Manapia Avenue, viz:- Aldermen Connolly Hayes, Billington, Rossiter, and Councillors Atking, Goodisson, Thomas Walsh, Browne, Crosbie, and the Mayor.

A Committee was also set up to visit Crosstown Cemetery from time to time, and report on any improvements or repairs which might be considered necessary.

The members chosen for this duty were:- Aldermen Rossiter and Gibson, and Councillors Clancy, Thomas Walsh, Goodisson, and Connick.

It was arranged that a Maternity and Child Welfare Committee, and a School Meals Committee would be appointed at next statutable meeting of the Council.

The Mayor read a letter which he had received from the Department of Local Government and Public Health. It was dated 18th June 1928, and numbered 43,714, and was to the effect that in view of the satisfactory character of Mr. Bolger's services as Town Clerk since September last, the Minister confirmed his appointment in that Office, and agreed to annual increments of salary of £10. beginning on 6th September next, to a maximum of £450 per annum, which the Minister considered adequate remuneration for the services to be performed, and so could not see his way to any increase in the scale.

A Finance meeting of the Council was held at the close of the quarterly meeting, the Minister for Local Government and Public health per letter dated 14th June 1928 and numbered 42249 having consented to the date of this meeting being changed from Monday 2nd. July instant to present date.

Liabilities which had accrued due up to the end of last month, amounting in the aggregate to £691. 5. 9. were submitted.

They were examined and found correct, and Advice Notes were signed to enable them to be discharged.

*Richard Currist*  
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13. 8. 28



16th July, 1928.

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, Thomas Hayes, Thomas Rossiter, Richard Gibson.

Councillors:- Thomas Walsh, John Walsh, James McMahon, Patrick Clancy, Patrick Connick, John Atkins, James Murphy, Edward Bolger, James Crosbie, William Power, William Goodisson, Garrett Donohoe, Cyril Ross, John Browne, Michael Martin.

The meeting was specially summoned to deal with a communication received by the Mayor under date of 22nd. June 1928, and which was now read.

It was from Mr. Patrick Hanrahan, Borough Surveyor and Superintendent of the Water System, and intimated that in consequence of failing health he wished to tender his resignation of these Offices.

In doing so he pointed out that he was for over twenty-five years in the service of the Corporation, and had at all times endeavoured to carry out his duties to the satisfaction of the people of Wexford, to the Corporation, and to the Department of Local Government, and as during all his period of Office he had never been reprimanded or surcharged, he trusted that this record would merit sympathetic consideration when the question of his superannuation was being gone into.

It was reported to the present meeting that the Finance and Works Committee had had this matter under consideration on several recent occasions, and had gone into it very fully.

It was shown that the average salary and emoluments received by Mr. Hanrahan in the three years ended on 31st May last (excluding a sum of £285. 7. 9 received in August 1927 as fees for work done in the years 1919 and 1922) came to £363. 19. 8, and that if he were granted two-thirds of this amount as a yearly retiring allowance under Section 44(1) of the Local Government Act 1925, he would be entitled to receive an annual sum of £242. 13. 1.

The Finance and Works Committee were in favour of granting Mr. Hanrahan the highest allowance possible, more especially in view of the present precarious state of his health, and had sent forward the following recommendation for the favourable consideration of the present meeting, viz:-

"That Mr. Hanrahan's resignation be accepted, and as he has devoted the whole of his time to the service of the Council, has attained the age of sixty-five years, and has been for more than twenty-five years in the Council's service, that he be granted an annual allowance for his life of two-thirds of his average yearly salary and emoluments, which yearly allowance will amount to £242. 13. 1, and that the Minister for Local Government and Public Health be requested to sanction payment of this allowance."

Councillor Thomas Walsh proposed that the above recommendation be adopted.

The motion was seconded by Councillor Crosbie, supported by Alderman Connolly and Councillor Clancy, and was declared carried unanimously.

A further recommendation made by the same Committee was then submitted as follow:-

"That subject to the provisions of Section 5(2) of the Local Authorities (Officers & Employees) Act 1926, Mr. Clement Morris, C. E., Wexford, be appointed as temporary Borough Surveyor and Superintendent of Waterworks until a permanent appointment be made to these Offices, and that he be paid for his services for the term of his engagement at the rate of salary enjoyed by Mr. Hanrahan, namely, £320 per annum."

In connection with this temporary appointment, there were read two applications for it. One was from Mr. Clement Morris, Assoc.M.Inst. C.E. I., Architect, and Civil Engineer, to whom the above recommendation referred, and the other was from Mr. Thomas J. Millar, of Curracloe, Wexford, A.M.I.S.E.

Alderman Rossiter proposed that the recommendation of the Finance and Works Committee be adopted.

The motion was seconded by Councillor John Walsh.

Councillor Clancy however, proposed that Mr. Millar be appointed as temporary Surveyor and Superintendent of Waterworks on the terms already agreed upon, and Councillor Atking seconded the proposition.

On a show of hands 4 members voted for the appointment of Mr. Millar, and 16 for the adoption of the Committee recommendation, and Mr. Morris thereupon secured the temporary appointment.

The following members were selected as a Committee to compile a list of the duties to be carried out by the incoming permanent Surveyor, as well as to fix the salary to be paid, prior to the Local Appointments Commissioners being requested to take the necessary steps to have the dual Office filled, namely, Alderman Rossiter and Hayes, and Councillors Thomas Walsh, Browne, Connick, and Crosbie.

*Richard O'Driscoll*  
Mayor

13. 8. 28



30th July, 1928.

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 being:-

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

Aldermen: James Billington, Nicholas Connolly, Thomas Hayes, Thomas Rossiter.

Councillors: James McMahon, Thomas Walsh, John Walsh, Edward Bolger, James Gaul, John J. O'Leary, Garrett Donohoe, William Goodison, James Crosbie, Michael Martin, John Atkins, Patrick Clancy, Cyril Ross, William J. Power, Patrick Connick, John Browne, James Murphy.

The meeting was summoned to consider, and, if thought well, adopt a recommendation sent forward by the Housing Committee to the effect that two good-class dwellings should be erected forthwith, by direct labour, on the St. John's Road, on a site adjacent to the St. John's and Menapia Avenues, and that the cost of their erection should be met out of portion of the proceeds of the sale of the Corporation Estate, under the Land Act, 1923; the Minister for Local Government and Public Health having assented to this course being followed.

The Mayor, at the commencement of the proceedings, gave a resume of the activities of the Corporation for the past few years so far as the erection of dwellings on St. John's Road was concerned.

He recalled that in October, 1925 the Corporation thought it well to proceed with the erection of twelve houses on the Road, and succeeded in securing for the purpose a Loan of £3000 from the National Bank. This had to be repaid within a period of ten years, and the charge for principal and interest for that time was £376 per annum, the all-in cost of the dwellings, which were built by contract, came to £290 per house, and from the sale of three of them, out-and-out, and the sale of the remaining nine on the tenant-purchase plan the Corporation received a sum of £1,080.

With this money, assisted by a subsidy under the Housing Acts, the Council then contracted for the erection of six other houses on Menapia Avenue, on the same Road and when these were completed, three of them were sold to the present occupiers for an aggregate sum of £780, the remaining three being disposed of to tenant-purchase for a deposit of £50 each as well as which they were to pay a rent-charge of twelve shillings a week, for each house, for a period of ten years, at the end of which time the three dwellings would become the property of the occupants.

The erection of six further houses on Menapia Avenue was then proceeded with, and were now nearing completion. These were being built by direct labour, as it was considered that the prices asked by Contractors were too high. So far as could be seen they would cost, per house, a sum of £287, which was a saving of, at least, £28 per house as compared with the lowest price asked by a Contractor for their erection, and justified the action of the Council in having them so built.

The cost of these last six houses was being met from the money available from the sale of the six dwellings already built on Menapia Avenue together with a Government subsidy, but these sums were not sufficient to complete the buildings, and a further sum of, about, £230 would be needed for this purpose, which it was hoped the Minister would allow to be met out of the proceeds of the sale of the Corporation land above referred to, but when everything was taken into account it was believed that these six houses could each be let, without any subsequent charge on the ratepayers, for not more than six shillings per week.

This brought the work of the Corporation, on Building Schemes, up to present date, and the Mayor expressed the hope that the Council would now adopt the recommendation of the Housing Committee as above set out, the plan of the dwellings having been approved by the Government Housing Department.

He explained that this Committee had been in communication with the Minister for Local Government and Public Health on the matter. He had been informed that the Landed Estate of the Corporation was being sold to the occupying tenants, and that a sum of £1,387 would be payable to the Corporation from the sale.

The Minister was willing that a portion of this money should be devoted to the erection of the two houses, and as the sale would not be completed for about three months hence the National Bank had been approached and had expressed their willingness to advance a Loan of £700 for that period, at the end of which it was expected the £1,387 would be at the disposal of the Corporation, when the Loan, with accrued interest, would be paid off.

The Mayor thereupon moved:— That the recommendation of the Housing Committee as to the erection of two houses on St. John's Road, by direct labour, be adopted, and that the Minister for Local Government and Public Health be requested to sanction the obtaining of a Loan of £700 from the National Bank for a period of three months to enable them to be built, or until such time as the sale of the Corporation Estate will be completed, when the Loan, with accrued interest, will be liquidated.

Alderman Billington seconded the proposition, and expressed pleasure at the progress which had been made by the workmen on the present Scheme, more especially as he had been opposed to the erection of these houses by direct labour at the inception of the project.

It was supported by Councillor McMahon, and Alderman Connolly, and adopted unanimously. In connection with the erection of these houses, Councillor Clancy asked that all material required in their construction should be of Irish manufacture, so as to carry out a resolution adopted many years ago by the Council.

It was shown, however, that to roof even one of the houses with Irish slates would cost £58. 15. 9 as against £27. 3. 0 for the continental asbestos roofing stipulated for, and this would mean that an increased rent would have to be charged for the houses. Besides it was the policy of the Council to use articles of Irish manufacture whenever possible, and ultimately it was agreed that the matter of the material to be



used in the roofs should not be decided upon until enquiries were made as to whether Irish slates could be procured at a price which would justify their use on the houses.

*Richard Corish*  
13. 8. 28

2nd. August, 1928.

A Special Meeting of the Council was held this day at the Town Hall, at half-past seven o'clock p. m. for electing a Harbour Commissioner, as provided by the Wexford Harbour Act, 1874.

The members present were:

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

Aldermen: Nicholas Connolly.

Councillors: John Walsh, James McMahon, Patrick Clancy, Patrick Connick, Cyril Ross, Garrett Donohoe, John Atkins, Thomas Walsh, William Goodison.

The Secretary of the Harbour Board notified that only one member of the Council, namely, Councillor James Gaul, had been nominated as required previous to the meeting being held, and, therefore, on the motion of Alderman Connolly, seconded by Councillor Thomas Walsh, it was unanimously resolved: That Mr. James Gaul, T. C. be and is hereby elected a Harbour Commissioner to represent the Corporation for one year from this day.

*Richard Corish*  
Mayor  
13. 8. 28

13th August, 1928.

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:- James Billington, Thomas Rossiter, Thomas Hayes, Nicholas Connolly

Councillors:- John Walsh, Thomas Walsh, James McMahon, James Gaul, Garrett Donohoe, Patrick Clancy, John Atkins, Cyril Ross, Edward Bolger, William Goodison, John J. O'Leary, Patrick Connick, James Murphy, Michael Martin, James Crosbie, John Browne.

The minutes of meetings of 6th, 16th and 30th July, and 2nd. August 1928 were read and signed, and with reference to the election, on the latter date, of a member of the Corporation to serve on the Harbour Board, Councillor McMahon drew attention to the disadvantage which Wexford laboured under, as compared with Rosslare Harbour, owing to the policy of the Great Southern Railways in connection with haulage charges.

He asserted that the Company made a charge of 2/6 for each empty wagon conveyed

by them to the railway line along the Quays for loading purposes, a distance of not more than half a mile from either of the Wexford Stations, while no charge was made for wagons brought from the North Station along these Quays, and so to Rosslare Harbour, a distance of at least eight miles.

This meant a serious handicap to the development of the trade of the Port, and every effort should be made to assist the Harbour Board in having this uncalled-for charge done away with, so that the latter Body might be able to compete for business on a footing of equality with Rosslare Harbour.

Councillor McMahon therefore moved:- That as it is against the best interests of the town that a charge of 2/6 per wagon should be levied by the Great Southern Railways for bringing empty wagons to Wexford Quays, we request the Company to have this impost removed immediately, as there appears no justification for it.

Alderman Billington seconded the resolution, which was supported by Alderman Connolly and the Mayor and adopted unanimously.

Liabilities which had accrued due up to the end of last month, amounting in the aggregate to £1543. 4. 2 were submitted, and having been examined were approved, and Advice Notes were signed so that they might be discharged.

Included in them was an account for £51. 19. 6 being the cost of the recent Municipal elections, and a question was raised by Councillor Clancy as to the fees paid to the various officials engaged at the taking of the poll, and other consequential expenses. It was explained that all the charges were in strict conformity with the Scale drawn up by the Minister for Local Government and Public Health on 29th May 1925.

In this connection Councillor Connick expressed the opinion that competent persons who were unemployed should be engaged as Presiding Officers and Poll Clerks at these elections, rather than people in constant work, as happened in several cases at the recent elections, but it was explained that the Returning Officer was responsible for conducting the elections and making the appointments, and that his principal care was to see that the work was efficiently carried out.

An Estimate of expenses to be met by means of a Poor Rate for the year ending 31st March 1929 was submitted. From this it was seen that a sum of £5838. 7. 10 should be raised in the Urban District to meet the County Council Demand for the year in question, as well as to defray the incidental expenses in connection with the preparation and collection of the Rate, and that a Poor Rate of 6/2 would be needed to realize this amount.

On the motion of Alderman Connolly, seconded by Councillor Thomas Walsh it was Resolved:- That a Poor Rate of 6/2 in the Pound for the service of the Financial Year 1928-9 be agreed on, preliminary to the formal making of such Rate.

As arranged at meeting of 6th Ultimo, the appointment of a Committee to supervise the Maternity and Child Welfare Scheme in operation in the Borough, was taken up, and on the motion of Alderman Rossiter, seconded by Councillor McMahon, it was agreed that the following should form this Committee, viz. Councillors Crosbie, O'Leary, Connick, Rossiter, and Goddison, with the addition of the following



ladies who had, for some time past, been acting as the Committee, namely, Mrs Stafford, Mrs Dowse, Mrs Hadden, Mrs Kelly, Mrs McGuire, and Miss Alice Furlong. The formation of a School Meals Committee under the Education (Provision of Meals) Acts was then proceeded with, and those appointed in June 1927 were, unanimously re-elected to serve for a further year as follow:- Councillors Crosbie, T. Walsh, and Gaul, with Mrs McTamney, Miss Fennell, Mr. Matthew Lymbery and Rev. Brother Markey.

The question of sending delegates to the Congress of the Royal Institute of Public Health to be held in Dublin in the present month, and which had been before the Council on 2nd. April last, was again brought forward, and it was unanimously agreed that two representatives should be appointed to attend this important Conference.

This being so, Councillor Clancy proposed that Councillor Connick be one of the two Delegates, and this proposition was seconded by Councillor McMahon.

Councillor T. Walsh moved, however, that Alderman Hayes and Councillor Martin be the two members who would represent the Council, and Councillor Crosbie seconded this motion.

On a show of hands Alderman Hayes received eleven votes, on a second vote Councillor Martin received ten votes, while on a third poll Councillor Connick received seven votes, and the two former members were thereupon appointed.

(The requirements of the Local Conferences Order 1928 were complied with in connection with this matter)

A resolution received from the County Wexford Committee of Agriculture and Technical Instruction was submitted.

The Committee had under consideration the advisability of taking steps to have the present date of the Wexford town Fair changed to the first Friday of each month, in order to avoid its clashing with other important Fairs, and they asked for the opinion of the Corporation on the proposal.

It was pointed out that any alteration of the date of the Fair in question rested with the Corporation and not with the Committee of Agriculture, and as a difference of opinion manifested itself at present meeting as to the most convenient day for the holding of the Fair in question, it was resolved, on the motion of Alderman Rossiter, seconded by Alderman Connolly, that some of the members of the Agricultural Committee be requested to meet the Mayor with Alderman Billington, and Councillors Clancy, Browne, O'Leary, and Murphy and endeavour to settle on a date which would be suitable to every interest concerned, so that steps might be taken to have the holding of the Fair on such date legalized. Furthermore it was decided to communicate with representatives of the Cattle Trade, and the principal business firms in Wexford and ascertain their views on the matter of the suggested change.

By letter dated 3rd. August 1928 the Electricity Supply Board intimated that they intended to extend and alter the present Wexford Electric Light Plant consequent on their decision to supply electricity to the town. These

alterations would necessitate the breaking up of the streets and footpaths in the Borough, but every care would be taken to cause the minimum amount of disturbance and provision had been made in the Contract to avoid as far as possible damage to person or property during the course of the alterations.

The Secretary of Wexford Cinema Palace Ltd., applied for the annual renewal of Licence under the Cinematograph Act 1909 in respect of the Theatre Royal, and as no reports of any breaches of the Act or the regulations made thereunder had been received in the past twelve months, it was unanimously agreed to renew the Licence for a further year.

In accordance with notice already given Councillor ~~Ross~~ moved that the Government be asked, in the interests of Saorstát Éireann generally, and of Wexford in particular, to impose a prohibitive tariff on all agricultural machinery imported into the Free State.

In support of the motion Councillor Ross stated that machinery valued at £300000 was sent annually into the Country by Firms who had already supplied their other markets and then used the Free State as a dumping ground for their surplus stocks thereby setting up unfair competition to the detriment of the local Firms.

The motion was seconded by Alderman Hayes and was declared carried unanimously with an addenda as proposed by Councillor Martin and seconded by Councillor O'Leary to the effect that the local Foundries should be urged to again manufacture Binders and Treshers, the making of which had been discontinued for many years past, and that as an inducement the Government be requested to make a grant-in-aid towards the manufacture of such machines, so as to enable them to be turned out at a price which could compare favourably with that charged for the imported article.

The following resolution, of which notice had been given, was proposed by Councillor McMahon. "That the Wexford County Council and the Minister of Finance be requested to have the destroyed County Courthouse rebuilt on its original site on ~~Commercial~~ <sup>Commercial</sup> Quay, as the compensation awarded for the damage done on the building is ample for the purpose."

Councillor McMahon stated that a local contractor had already given an undertaking to replace the building in its original condition for the sum awarded as compensation, namely, £5000, and that a large number of the Ratepayers of the town were of the opinion that it should be re-erected without further delay on the Quay. This resolution was seconded by Councillor O'Leary and was adopted, but with Councillor Browne dissenting.

A motion also standing in the name of Councillor McMahon having for its object the holding of the weekly Committee meetings on every alternate Monday night only, met with no support.

Councillor Clancy gave notice that he would move at next statutable meeting a resolution condemnatory of the action of the Local Appointments Commissioners in the matter of the recent appointment of an ophthalmic surgeon for the County



Wexford Hospital.

The notice was accepted.

*Richard Corish*  
Mayor  
3. 9. 28

20th August, 1928.

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: Thomas Rossiter, Nicholas Connolly, Thomas Hayes.

Councillors: Thomas Walsh, John Walsh, Patrick Clancy, Garrett Donohoe, Edward Bolger, James Murphy, James Crosbie, Patrick Connick, John Atkins, William Goodison, John J. O'Leary, John Browne.

The Meeting was called together to deal with a communication received from the Department of Local Government relative to decision of Council arrived at on the 16th ultimo.

The letter referred to, which was read, was dated the 14th August, 1928, and numbered RS/32.

It stated that the Minister for Local Government and Public Health could not consent to a pension of £242 : 13 : 1 per annum being granted to the resigned Town Surveyor and Superintendent of Waterworks, having regard to the policy laid down in circular of the 4th April, 1925, but that he was prepared to agree to an allowance of £151 : 13 : 2 per annum: this being 25/60ths of Mr. Hanrahan's average salary and emoluments, and that if a resolution setting out this amount were adopted, formal approval to payment would be given.

The Meeting discussed this letter from every point of view, as well as the terms of Section 44 (1) of the Local Government Act, 1925, under which they had computed the yearly retiring allowance to be given to Mr. Hanrahan.

As a result Alderman Connolly proposed:- That the Council adheres to its resolution of the 16th July, 1928, fixing the retired Town Surveyor's pension at £242:13:1, and that the Minister be requested to be good enough to reconsider his decision in the matter and consent to this amount being paid.

Councillor O'Leary seconded this proposition.

Councillor Bolger also moved:- That the decision of the Minister for Local Government and Public Health, as contained in letter of 14th August, 1928 be acquiesced in, and that Mr. Hanrahan be granted a yearly retiring allowance of £151 : 13 : 2.

This motion was seconded by Councillor Murphy.

A poll was taken on Alderman Connolly's proposition when there voted:-

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For Aldermen Hayes, Connolly, and Rossiter. Councillors O'Leary, Goodison, Atkins, Connick, Crosbie, Donohoe, J. Walsh, T. Walsh, Clancy, Browne, and the Mayor.

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Against Councillors Murphy, and Bolger.

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Alderman Connolly's resolution was thereupon declared carried by 14 votes to 2, and as a consequence Councillor Bolger's motion was not put to the Meeting.

*Richard Corish*  
Mayor  
3. 9. 28

3rd September, 1928.

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: Thomas Rossiter, Thomas Hayes, James Billington, Richard Gibson, Nicholas Connolly.

Councillors: James Gaul, James Murphy, John Atkins, Patrick Clancy, Cyril Ross, Garrett Donohoe, William Goodison, Thomas Walsh, John Walsh, Edward Bolger, Patrick Connick, James McMahon, John J. O'Leary, James Crosbie, John Browne.

The minutes of meetings of 13th and 20th August, 1928 were read and signed.

Liabilities which had accrued due up to the end of last month, amounting in the aggregate to £2,201 : 6 : 5, were submitted.

Included in them were two items of £7 : 8 : 8 and £5 : 0 : 10 being expenses incurred by Alderman Hayes and Councillor Martin in attending the recent Congress of the Royal Institute of Public Health in Dublin, and in answer to a query, it was explained that the difference in the amounts was due to Councillor Martin not claiming payment for his absence from work as he happened to be on holidays at the time.

An opinion was expressed that in future the amount to be allowed for attendance at meetings to which the Local Conferences Order, 1928 applied should be fixed beforehand, and this suggestion appeared to meet with favour.

The liabilities as then submitted were approved and Advice Notes were signed to enable them to be discharged.

Acknowledgements of resolutions passed at meeting of 13th ultimo were read on behalf of the Minister for Finance, The Minister for Industry and Commerce, and from Messrs. William Doyle & Co. Ltd., Wexford.

A letter was also read from the Great Southern Railways regretting their inability to make any further reduction in the haulage fee for waggons brought to Wexford



Quays.

This charge had been reduced from 5/- to 2/6 per waggon in July, 1925, and this was the rate payable in 1914.

A disappointment was expressed at the refusal of the Railway Company to lower these particular charges which militated against sea-borne traffic being brought direct to Wexford, and on the suggestion of Alderman Connolly, it was agreed to invite the Harbour Commissioners to meet the Council to see if some pressure could not be brought to bear on the Company to induce them to reconsider this matter.

The making of a Poor Rate for the current Financial Year was proceeded with, and the following resolution, as proposed by Councillor O'Leary, and seconded by Alderman Connolly, was unanimously adopted, viz.:-

That a Poor Rate of six shillings and two pence 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, 1929, as per an Estimate of Expenses to be raised on the said District, as considered and adopted on 13th August, 1928.

The Poor Rate Book for the year was thereupon duly sealed and signed.

With reference to minutes of meeting of the 16th July last, a report was submitted from the Committee appointed on that date to go into the question of the duties, salary, etc., of the incoming Town Surveyor and Superintendent of Waterworks.

This showed that the Committee had given much attention to the task set them.

They had carefully examined the duties laid down for Mr. Hanrahan on his appointment, and had revised and amplified them. They had also procured full particulars as to the duties discharged by, and the salaries paid to, Surveyors in six Towns of a similar size and population as Wexford, and from all the information at their disposal unanimously agreed to submit to present meeting for consideration a series of recommendations which the Committee thought should apply to the appointment of the incoming Surveyor and Waterworks Superintendent.

These recommendations were as follow:-

- (1) That the initial salary attaching to the Offices be at the rate of £260 per annum, rising by yearly increments of £10 to a maximum of £320, and that this salary is to include remuneration for all the duties of the incoming Official including the preparation of plans, estimates, and specifications of working-class dwellings which he may, at any time, be called on to undertake, or any duties whatever necessitated by the receipt of Government Grants.
- (2) That the Offices are to be whole-time, and, consequently, pensionable, and, further, that the person holding them is not to undertake any other practise, either for another Public Body, or for private persons.
- (3) That the age limits for appointment are to be between 25 and 40 years.
- (4) That the Official is to possess an Engineering Degree of a recognised University, and must have experience in the preparation of plans, etc., of working-class dwellings.
- (5) That if an examination in the Irish language is held in connection with the appointment, the successful applicant must secure, at least, 33 & 1/3rd per cent. of the marks allocated to this subject.
- (6) That the under-mentioned are to be the duties attaching to the Offices, namely:-

To prepare plans, sections, specifications, and estimates of works of constructing and repairing streets, sewers, drains, and footpaths.

To prepare plans, elevations, specifications, and Bills of Quantities of all artisans' dwellings undertaken by the Council whenever he is called on to do so.

To superintend efficiently the carrying out of all these works, whether they be done by the Corporation employees or by contractors.

To organise and superintend the scavenging (domestic and Public) of the town, the watering of streets, the flushing of sewers, the disposal of refuse, and the treatment of the town sewage.



To revise the map of the System of sewerage provided under Section 13 of the 10 and 11 Vic. Cap. 34, to keep it properly revised as occasion may require, and bring it in every particular into conformity with the provisions of the said Section.

To superintend the construction (when called on to do so) and the maintenance (always) of all structural works in charge of the Council, either inside or outside the Borough.

To give proper advice as to the alteration or discontinuance of existing sewers, and as to the materials, size, construction, cost of house drains and cesspools, ashpits, privies, water closets, earth closets, water supplies, etc.

To give certificates of sums due to contractors, to certify the wages of the Corporation employees, and the accounts of goods and materials bought and received.

To furnish weekly reports of all works performed or in progress in each successive week.

To make an inventory of all stores, meters, goods, fittings, tools, etc., placed in his charge, or taken charge of by him, and to keep a Stock Book regularly written up showing how articles gone out of stock have been disposed of, and to see that the stock is replenished as occasion may require.

To inspect the erection of new buildings, and advise as to whether they conform to the requirements of the Towns Improvement Acts and the Public Health Acts, and to see to the observance of Bye-Laws or regulations in force or to be adopted.

To discharge the duties imposed on him by the Towns Improvement Act, as well as to render advice and assistance whenever his services may be required touching matters arising under the Public Health Acts.

To have full and entire control over the workmen in his charge, and to have the power to engage or dismiss them at will, but in the case of the foreman, the turncock, or the Caretaker of the Reservoir not giving satisfaction, they are to be subject to suspension only, pending a meeting of the Council or a Committee thereof. To appear in Courts of Law either as witness or plaintiff in proceedings in which the Council is concerned.

To be responsible for the erection of meters, to take the indication of meters once a quarter, and compute and record the charges for water sold either through meter or otherwise, as per Waterworks Scale of Charges.

To see to all breaches in water mains being repaired with celerity, and to exercise a general supervision over the water system.

To furnish reports whenever required on all matters pertaining to his Offices.

To furnish all reports in writing in a book to be kept for that purpose.

To be available at the Office, Town Hall, at least once a day between the hours of ten o'clock a.m. and twelve o'clock noon.

To visit each part of the Town wherever works may be in progress, at least once a day.

To make a report once a month as to the necessity of carrying out improvements which may appear to him to be needed.

To exercise a general supervision over the Fire Brigade equipment, and to see that it is kept in a state of efficiency.

To see that any of the streets under his care, which may be opened up either by the Gas Co. or by private persons for the laying of gas pipes, drains, or for any other purpose whatever, will be replaced in a proper and workmanlike manner, and the surface made to conform to the surrounding ground.

This report had been submitted to a meeting of the Finance and Works Committee held on the 27th ultimo, at which 20 out of a possible 24 members were present, and it had been unanimously approved on that occasion.

A suggestion was now made that in the paragraph relating to the qualifications required, the words "of a recognised University" be deleted as Engineers, otherwise fully eligible, might not possess such a Degree, and this was unanimously agreed to.

The following resolution was thereupon proposed by Alderman Rossiter.

That the recommendations of the Committee relating to the duties, qualifications, salary etc., of the incoming Town Surveyor and Superintendent of Waterworks, as now amended, be adopted; That the Minister for Local Government and Public Health be requested to assent to the filling of the vacancy on these conditions, and if such assent be given that the Local Appointments Commissioners be then asked to recommend a person for appointment to the vacant Offices in pursuance of Section 6 of the Local Authorities (Officers and Employees) Act, 1926.

This resolution was seconded by Councillor Murphy, and was declared carried.

Councillor McMahon dissented on the grounds that more time should be given for the consideration of the Committee report, and that a copy of it should be furnished to each member.



A letter was read from the Secretary of Colaiste Charman intimating that the five pupils of the Urban Technical Institute who had secured the scholarships in Irish provided by the Council had made excellent progress at the arranged course during July, and the thanks of the Colaiste were tendered to the Council for their encouragement of the spread of the Irish language by the provision of the scholarships in question.

With regard to this matter correspondence was read from the Department of Education intimating that as these prizes were financed from a rate levied under the Local Government (Temporary Provisions) Act, 1923 for the provision of instruction in Irish, the proceeds thereof should be paid over to the Urban Technical Committee to be applied in accordance with a Scheme approved by the Department, and not to the Irish College direct.

It was added, however, that when this was done the Department would favourably consider any proposals which the Technical Committee would lay before them regarding the commitments of the Council in the matter of the scholarships above referred to. It was decided to fall in with the procedure outlined in the Department's letters as it appeared the money for the scholarships would ultimately reach its intended destination, but the Technical Instruction Committee were to be informed that the Corporation expected to have a voice in the allocation of any similar awards which might hereafter be given from funds provided by them.

The Hon. Secretaries of the Association of Municipal Authorities of Ireland intimated that the annual Conference of the Association would be held in Clonmel on the 12th and 13th instant, and asking that two representatives might be sent to assist at the proceedings.

It was mentioned that since the formation of this Body in 1912 the Council had annually been represented at its Conferences, and, therefore, on the motion of Alderman Connolly, seconded by Alderman Rossiter, it was resolved, Councillor McMahon dissenting, that Councillors Thomas Walsh and James Gaul be deputed to attend the meeting on behalf of the Council.

It was decided to fix the total sum to be allowed for the travelling expenses and maintenance allowance of the two Delegates, while absent from home, at £10 more or less.

The Irish Clean Milk Society urged that in view of the Inter-Departmental Committee's recommendations on milk supply a special effort should be made to induce the Government to pass legislation on the lines laid down in the report so as to ensure that pure milk would be supplied throughout the State.

A Form of Petition to be presented to the Minister for Local Government and Public Health on the matter accompanied the communication, and on the motion of Councillor T. Walsh, seconded by Councillor Murphy, the activities of the Society were approved and it was decided to have the signatures of the members affixed to the petition.

Alderman Billington gave notice that he would move at next Statutable Meeting a resolution requesting the Minister for Agriculture to provide money for the planting of portion of Forth Mountain with trees.

The notice was accepted.

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*Mayor of Wexford*  
*1-10-28*

17th September, 1928.

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: James Billington, Richard Gibson, Thomas Hayes, Thomas Rossiter, Nicholas Connolly.

Councillors: Thomas Walsh, John Walsh, Patrick Clancy, Patrick Connick, Garrett Donohoe, James McMahon, James Murphy, James Gaul, James Crosbie, Cyril Ross, Edward Bolger, William Goodison, John Atkins, John J. O'Leary, John Browne, Michael Martin, William J. Power.

The meeting was called to deal with two recommendations, the first of which had been sent forward by the Finance and Works Committee, and the second by the Housing Committee.

The recommendation of the Finance and Works Committee was in the following terms:-

That the weekly rent of the six newly-erected dwellings built by direct labour on Menapia Avenue be fixed at 6/6 each, as this rent will suffice for the ultimate repayment of the net cost of construction, as well as for payment of annual Fire Insurance premium, Rent Collector's poundage, Town Rates, and also allow for future depreciation.

It was explained that the Committee had been provided with a statement of the expenditure incurred on the six dwellings referred to which were now all-but completed.

This had showed that their total cost came to £2,074 : 15 : 4, but from this had to be deducted a sum of £55 : 11 : 4 which, though included in the cost, was not properly chargeable to the Scheme.

As well as this, the full amount of the Relief Grant of £300 to be received for levelling the site had also been deducted, and then the net cost per house was found to be £286 : 10 : 8, but if each dwelling were given the benefit of the Government Housing Grant it would reduce the sum which would have to be borne by the Council to £216 : 10 : 8 per house, and the Committee considered that the latter was the amount which the tenants should be liable for.



A computation had been made by the Committee as to the proper rent to be charged for the dwellings, and found after making full provision for the repayment and interest of the £216 : 10:8 within a period of 40 years at five per cent. per annum, together with charge for Insurance, Collector's remuneration, payment of 50 per cent. of Town Rates, as well as an allowance for depreciation, that the rent could, with safety, be fixed at 6/6 a week each, and accordingly had sent forward, for the approval of the present meeting, the above recommendation, but not unanimously, as three of the Committee held that a rent of 6/- a week only should be charged.

Alderman Connolly now proposed:- That the Finance and Works Committee's recommendation fixing the weekly rent of the six houses at 6/6 each be hereby adopted.

The motion was seconded by Councillor Ross.

Councillor Browne, however, moved an amendment to the effect that a rent of 7/6 per week per house be charged.

He contended that the tenants should be obliged to contribute towards the cost of the sites of the houses (an item which was not included in the above computation) as well as the full Town Rates, notwithstanding the relief granted by Section 8 of the Housing Act, 1925, and this amendment was seconded by Alderman Billington.

A poll was taken on it when all the members present, with the exception of Councillor Browne and Alderman Billington, voted against it.

It was thereupon declared lost.

Alderman Connolly's motion to fix the rents at 6/6 per week was then put and carried, Councillor Clancy being the only dissident.

Councillor McCabe attended at this stage of the proceedings.

The recommendation submitted by the Housing Committee was then considered.

This was to the following effect:-

That a dwelling house be erected on plot of land adjoining the site of two dwellings at present in course of erection on St. John's Road, in accordance with plans submitted to, and approved of by, the Local Government Housing Department, and that the work be proceeded with immediately on the direct labour system.

The Mayor, in moving the adoption of this recommendation, said that if it were carried into effect the house to which it referred would be eligible for a Housing Grant of £80, and that he had no doubt that the Minister for Local Government and Public Health would assent to the balance of the money required for its erection being spent out of the £1,387 shortly to be received from the sale of the Corporation lands, as well as which a sum of £100 was being raised in the present year's Borough Rate for building purposes.

The motion was seconded by Councillor Goodison, and was declared carried unanimously. The roofing of the house with Killaloe slates instead of asbestos covering, so as to encourage the use of Irish material, was advocated by Councillor Connick.

It was pointed out, however, that the extra expense involved would mean an increase in the cost of the building by about £35, and this would have to be paid for by the occupier in an increased rent.

A long discussion followed, but eventually it was decided to defer coming to a decision on the matter until the following motion, of which Councillor Thomas Walsh gave notice, would be disposed of, viz.:-

I hereby give notice that at next Statutable Meeting of the Council I will move that the three dwellings on St. John's Road, two of which are in course of erection, and the third of which it has now been decided to erect, will be sold out-and-out for prompt cash to intending occupiers.

*Richard Corish*  
Mayor of Wexford  
1-10-28

1st October, 1928.

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: Thomas Rossiter, and Richard Gibson.

Councillors: Thomas Walsh, Garret Donohoe, Patrick Clancy, James Murphy, James McMahon, Cyril Ross, Edward Bolger, John Walsh, William Goodison, James Gaul, and John Browne.

The minutes of 3rd and 17th September were read and signed.

Liabilities which had accrued due up to the end of last month, amounting in the aggregate to £19 : 13 : 5 were submitted, and having been examined, were approved, and Advice Notes were signed to enable them to be discharged.

Mr. M. J. O'Connor, Corporation Solicitor, attended to witness the execution on the part of the Council of renewal of lease of Corporation Land to Mrs. H. M. Hadden, of Springfield, Wexford.

It was already decided on the 6th February last to grant the lease of the land to this lady for a term of 31 years at the rent at present payable in respect of it, namely: £6 : 7 : 6 a year.

The Deed and Counterpart were seen to be in order, and were accordingly sealed with the Corporation Seal which was attested by the signatures of the Mayor and the Town Clerk.

With reference to resolution adopted at meeting of 13th August last, a letter was read from the Ministry of Industry and Commerce pointing out that all applications for the imposition of Customs Duties on imported goods should, under the terms of Section 2 (1) of the Tariff Commission Act, 1926, be addressed, in the first



instance, to the Minister for Finance by manufacturers interested.

It was decided that a copy of the communication should be forwarded to the local foundries with a request for their observations on it.

Under date of the 28th ultimo, No. 46869, a letter from the Department of Local Government and Public Health was read.

It called attention to the decision come to by the Council on the 8th June last regarding the enforcement of the Vaccination Acts in Wexford Urban District, and stated that if definite action had since been taken to see that the Law was complied with, a list of the prosecutions, showing the result in each case, should be furnished.

If no such steps had been taken the matter was to be specially brought before the present meeting, and the Department informed, by letter, of the result.

A long discussion followed the reading of the communication, and eventually it was decided, on the motion of the Mayor, seconded by Councillor T. Walsh, to have advertisements inserted in the local newspapers drawing attention to the provisions of the Vaccination Acts, and calling on all delinquents to comply with the Law within one month, at the end of which time the matter was to be again brought forward.

In accordance with notice of motion given by Councillor Thomas Walsh on the 17th ultimo, he moved that the three houses on St. John's Road, at present being erected by the Council, be sold on completion for prompt cash to intending occupiers. The motion was seconded by Councillor Goodison, and was adopted unanimously.

A second motion standing in Councillor Walsh's name was adjourned for a period of three months.

This was to the effect that in future Building Schemes the Rent Collector should be empowered to let the houses without any reference to the Council, and, further, that he should be held responsible for any rents of such houses that might fall into arrear.

As Alderman Billington was not present to move his motion regarding the planting, by the Government, of portion of the Mountain of Forth, it was adjourned for a month.

Councillors Thomas Walsh and James Gaul, who had been appointed as Delegates to represent the Council at the recent Conference of Irish Municipal Authorities held in Clonmel on 12th and 13th ultimo, submitted a report of the proceedings of the Conference, as well as the various decisions arrived at on the occasion, and the two gentlemen named were warmly thanked for their informative report.

The question of the provision of Irish Slates for one of the three houses at present being erected on St. John's Road was referred to the Finance and Works Committee on the 8th instant.

Councillor Browne called attention to the great convenience which would accrue to persons attending the seven o'clock Masses on Sunday mornings/during the winter months if the street lamps could be lit from 6-30 a. m. on these days until daylight, and it was decided to communicate with the Electricity Supply Board, who had taken over the Wexford System, and ascertain if it would be possible to obtain such lighting facilities, and if so, an estimate of what the cost would come to.

*Richard Corish*  
Mayor

5- 11- 28.

5th November, 1928.

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: Thomas Rossiter, Thomas Hayes, Nicholas Connolly.

Councillors: Thomas Walsh, James Crosbie, Cyril Ross, William Goodison, John Atkins, Garrett Donohoe, John Walsh, James Murphy, James Gaul, Edward Bolger, Patrick Connick, James McMahon, Michael Martin, and John Browne.

The minutes of meeting of 1st October, 1928 were read and signed.

Liabilities which had accrued due up to the end of last month, amounting, in the aggregate, to £2,892 : 3 : 6, were submitted, and having been examined, were approved and Advice Notes were signed to enable them to be discharged.

The Mayor alluded in sympathetic terms to the death on the 18th ultimo of John Kehoe, late Town Sergeant, Inspector of Dairies, etc. He recalled that deceased had been in the service of the Council for over 20 years, and had, at all times, discharged his many duties in a painstaking and efficient manner, and had been courteous and obliging to all with whom he came in contact. He had left a young family who were now bereft of both father and mother, and the Mayor proposed that the condolences of the Meeting be tendered to them in their great bereavement.

The motion was seconded by Councillor Connick who also alluded to the late Town Sergeant's strict attention to duty.

It was supported by Councillor Ross, Alderman Rossiter, Councillor Atkins, and Councillor Murphy, and was adopted unanimously in respectful silence.

It was decided that the Finance and Works Committee should go into the whole question of the filling of the vacant Offices, and submit a recommendation to the Council as to the duties to be discharged and the salary to be paid therefor.

In view of the decision of the Minister for Local Government and Public Health, as notified in letters of the 14th August, and 5th October, 1928, that he would not



consent to a higher pension than £151 : 13 : 2 being paid to the retired Town Surveyor and Superintendent of Waterworks, Ald. Rossiter on the 29th ultimo intimated that he intended to move at present meeting that the Council should fall in with the views of the Minister on the matter, and notice of such intention had been given to each member in accordance with the terms of Section 44 of the Commissioners Clauses Act, 1847.

He therefore now proposed:

"That the resolution of 16th July, 1928, whereby Mr. Patrick Hanrahan, former Borough Surveyor and Superintendent of Waterworks, was voted a retiring allowance of £242 : 13 : 1, be and is hereby rescinded."

This motion was seconded by Ald. Hayes, and was unanimously adopted.

Ald. Rossiter thereupon proposed the following further resolution, which was seconded by Councillor Thomas Walsh, and was also unanimously adopted:

"That Mr. Hanrahan be granted, as from 16th July, 1928, a superannuation allowance at the rate of £151 : 13 : 2 per annum, i. e., 25/60ths of his average salary and emoluments, and that the Minister for Local Government and Public Health be requested to give formal sanction to the payment of such allowance."

A letter, under date of the 15th October, 1928, No. 68863, from the Department of Local Government and Public Health was read.

It had reference to the action taken by the Council on the 1st ultimo as to the enforcement of the Vaccination Acts in the Borough, and stated that the Minister was not satisfied that the mere publication of notices requesting parents to obey the Law had carried out his behest to have it strictly enforced.

He therefore required legal proceedings to be taken without further delay against some of the more persistent defaulters, failing which the Council might, themselves be proceeded against for failure to carry out their duties.

With reference to this matter, it was reported that according to Dr. Pierse, Dispensary Medical Officer, there were no fewer than 2,629 unvaccinated children in the Town on the 30th September last, and that during the month of October only 3 children had been vaccinated, notwithstanding the notices which had been inserted in the local newspapers calling attention to the requirements of the Law on the matter, and the Department's letter of the 21st May last threatening legal proceedings against the Council, was also read for the meeting.

A long discussion followed the reading of these two communications. Many of the members present seemed loth to take action against defaulters, holding that parents who had a conscientious objection to vaccination should be exempt from the operation of the Vaccination Acts, but in the end the following resolution was proposed by Councillor Ross, and seconded by Councillor John Walsh, viz.:-

That in view of the letters of the Minister for Local Government and Public Health of 21st, May and 15th October, 1928 it is hereby resolved, but with reluctance, to institute legal proceedings against some of the more persistent vaccination defaulters in the Town

A Poll was taken on this resolution, when there voted

For: Councillors Browne, Martin, John Walsh, Donohoe, Goodison, Ross, Crosbie, Thomas Walsh, Aldermen Hayes, Rossiter, Connolly, and The Mayor.

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Against: Councillors McMahon, Connick, Bolger, Gaul, Murphy, and Atkins.

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The resolution was thereupon declared carried, and it was arranged that at meeting of Public Health Committee, due to be held on 12th instant, the list of unvaccinated children furnished by Dr. Pierse would be examined and a few of the defaulting parents selected for prosecution.

There was submitted to the meeting a copy of the Abstract of the audited Accounts of the Council for the three years ended 31st March, last, as well as a copy of the Auditor's Report thereon.

The Report which was read was as follows:

"I beg to report that I have audited the Accounts of the Wexford Urban District Council for the 3 years ended 31/3/26, 31/3/27, and 31/3/28, respectively.

"Certified copies of the Abstracts are forwarded, herewith.

"The following is a comparative table of the rates struck for the service of the years 1913-14 and 1927-28:-

	1913-14	1927-28.
Borough Rate	1/-	4/10
Rate in Lieu of County Cess	1/6	2/-
Water Rate	1/8	2/-
Poor Rate	2/4	6/6

"A copy of the Estimates for the year 1913-14 is not available, but reference to the Abstracts shows that the increased rate is mainly due to increases under the following heads, namely:- Paving and repairing streets, Scavenging and watering streets, Repayment of Loans, Insurance and taxes, Salaries and superannuation, County Council Demand.

"It may be added that the County Council Demand in 1927-28 was affected by, amongst other things, the alterations made by the Local Government (Temporary Provisions) Act, 1923 in the scope and incidence of the cost relating to the relief of the poor, by Section 14 of the Damage to Property (Compensation) Act, 1923; and by Sections 27, 63, and 67, of the Local Government Act, 1925.

"The arrears on Water Rate collection increased from £284 : 6 : 8 as at March, 1926, to £407 : 18 : 2 as at March, 1928; The arrears on Borough Rate collection from £452 : 12 : 5 to £673 : 7 : 10; and the arrears of Rate in Lieu of County Cess from £173 : 1 : 3 to £212 : 19 : 6. The arrears on small dwellings rents increased from £221 : 9 : 0 to £248 : 0 : 5, and on Corporation Rental from £78 : 4 : 2 to £87 : 18 : 10.

"I am informed that collection of rent and rates was abnormally difficult in this District in 1928, due to special circumstances, but I desire to place this statement of increasing arrears on record for the purpose of future comparison.



"I have, moreover, to request that urgent attention should be given to the collection of a number of balances, included in the aforementioned arrears, which have grown to unreasonable dimensions.

"A former Rent Collector was convicted in 1927 of having embezzled during the progress of his 1926-7 collection a sum of, approximately, £197. His Sureties subsequently made a payment of £150 leaving a residue of £47 : 11 : 2 unaccounted for: I have charged him with this amount under Section 20 of the Local Government (Ireland) Act, 1902.

"The collection of Poor Rate is in an abnormal condition. The Rate for the service of the year 1928-29 was made on the 3rd September, 1928, but it is not proposed to issue the Warrant for collection until the collection of the 1927-28 Rate has been completed: this latter Rate was made on the 5th December, 1927, but it was only on the 9th July, 1928, that the Warrant was issued to the Collector pending the completion of the previous year's collection.

"An Information, based on his failure to account for an item in the 1927-28 Rate, has been sworn against the Collector of this Rate, who has absconded. The extent of his default is at present under investigation by the Collector of Borough Rate who has been provisionally appointed, with the consent of the Minister for Local Government and Public Health, for that purpose.

"All Insurance Premiums have been paid to date.

"The Accounts were well kept, and presented for audit in a satisfactory manner.

"Sean O'Healuighthe,

In fu choir."

Satisfaction was expressed by members that the Auditor had not been obliged to make any surcharge or disallow any item of expenditure for the period under review, and as to the arrears of rates and rents it was stated that strenuous efforts were being made to have these items substantially reduced before the close of the current year.

Councillor Connick asked the Council to protest against raids which, he stated, had been carried out on present date by orders of the Government.

It appeared that Councillor Connick's own residence had been searched and all his private and business correspondence thoroughly examined, and that the house of one of his friends had also been subjected to like treatment, as a result of which one of the inmates, a lady in delicate health, was at present confined to bed suffering from shock.

Councillor Connick contended that the action taken against him and his friends was due purely to political bias, and he requested the Mayor to accept a resolution from him condemnatory of the whole affair.

The Mayor, while disassociating himself from promiscuous raiding, declined to accept any resolution until it could be carefully examined, and Councillor Connick agreed to submit at a later date a considered motion for the consideration of a future meeting.

Councillor McMahon requested permission to submit a notice of motion on the advisability of having the membership of Dail Eireann drastically reduced as a measure of economy, but at the request of the Mayor he agreed to postpone the matter for the present.

On the motion of Alderman Connolly, seconded by Councillor McMahon, the following resolution was adopted, Councillors Browne, and John Walsh dissenting:-

"That we, the Corporation of Wexford, deplore the decision of the County Council in deciding upon erecting the County Courthouse on the site of the disused Jail. We consider the Jail site as most inconvenient and uneconomic, and protest against the action of the County Council in ignoring the expressed wishes of the Wexford Corporation, and the memorials sent forward by all classes of the Citizens of Wexford.

We further object to the proposal to transfer the public library to the Old Jail premises on the grounds that it would be completely removed from the central position which it now occupies, and that it would entail undue hardships on the majority of the town subscribers.

In short, we protest against the action of the County Council in endeavouring to over-ride the wishes of the inhabitants of the Town of Wexford and their elected representatives."

A letter was read from the Wexford Engineering Company stating they had received a copy of a letter from the Minister for Industry and Commerce on the subject of tariffs on imported agricultural machinery, and that the subject was receiving their best consideration.

There was no further action taken on this matter.

*Richard Corish*  
Mayor  
3. 12. 28

19th November, 1928.

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: Thomas Hayes, Nicholas Connolly, Thomas Rossiter, James Billington,

Councillors: Thomas Walsh, John Walsh, Garrett Donohoe, James Murphy, John Atkins, James McMahon, Patrick Clancy, Cyril Ross, William Goodison, Edward Bolger, James Crosbie, Michael Martin.

The meeting was summoned to receive a statement from the Housing Committee relating to the all-in cost of the erection of two of the three houses on St. John's Road, which were now completed; to adopt, if thought well, a recommendation from this Committee as to the price at which they would be sold, and, if this recommendation was adopted, to consider applications from intending purchasers.



The Mayor, who submitted the statement, reported that the gross cost of the two dwellings came to £805 : 0 : 2 which included a sum of £5 as fees for Mr. Morris, C. E., and that of this amount £322 : 10 : 9 was for materials.

At the inception of the Scheme Mr. Morris had estimated that the cost of carrying it out would amount to £350 per house, but subsequently the plan on which this figure was based was amended by the substitution of bay for plain windows, as well as which fancy tiles were put on the roofs, and the front doors were panelled owing to the houses facing the Main Road. Furthermore, it had been thought advisable to build a dwarf wall topped with railings to enclose the houses and plots, and in order to give a finished appearance to the dwellings, concrete footways had been laid from the entrance gates to the hall doors. The expense of all this extra work came to £105 : 6 : 10, and if it was deducted from the total cost as set out above, it showed that the actual expenditure on the erection of the dwellings themselves was within Mr. Morris's estimate.

The Mayor further stated that the Housing Committee had given the most careful consideration to the price at which each house should be sold, as it had been decided on 29th September last that this course would be followed in the present case, so that the proceeds could be devoted to the erection of further dwellings. As before-mentioned, the gross building cost came to £805 : 0 : 2, and if the Government Subsidy of £160 were deducted, it was seen that the actual sum which the Corporation had to find was £645 or £322 : 10 : 0 per house, and in view of these figures the Mayor intimated that the Committee were unanimously of the opinion that the purchasers should be given the benefit of the greater portion of the Subsidy, and that the Committee's considered views were embodied in the following recommendation, which he thereupon moved should be adopted, namely,

"That the two dwellings be sold for prompt cash, but only to intending occupiers, for a sum of £330 per house; that the amount to be paid as ground rent in respect of each house be 30/- per annum, and that all legal expenses consequent on the transfer of the dwellings be borne by the purchasers."

The motion was seconded by Councillor Thomas Walsh, and was declared carried, but with Councillor Clancy dissenting on the ground that the houses should have been roofed with Irish slates instead of asbestos covering, although it was explained that if this had been done the cost of each house would have been substantially increased.

In anticipation that the foregoing recommendation would be adopted by present meeting, advertisements had been inserted in the local newspapers inviting applications for the purchase of the dwellings, and it was announced that two such applications had been received.

One was from Mr. Nicholas P. Corish, of Pearse Street; and the other from Mr. P. Doherty, of Parnell Street, both of whom were prepared to buy on the terms above set out.

This being so, it was proposed by Councillor Clancy, seconded by Alderman Hayes, and unanimously

RESOLVED: That Messrs. Corish and Doherty be declared purchasers of the two houses at the price decided upon, namely, £330 for each house.

Councillor Thomas Walsh asked for, and was given, permission to refer to a matter of paramount importance to Wexford, namely, the intention of the County Board of Health to close the present Fever Hospital at Grogan's Road and open one in New Ross which was to serve the needs of the entire County.

This meant that poor patients from the town suffering from infectious disease would, in future, be obliged to travel a distance of 24 miles when sent to the Hospital, and this, in the case of children of tender years, might have serious consequences.

Councillor Walsh advocated that strenuous efforts should be made to prevent the closing of the present Hospital, which, he contended, should continue to be available for people from the town and the surrounding districts.

Other members expressed similar views, and in the course of the discussion, it was stated that within the last three years at least 400 patients, who were resident within a radius of 8 miles of the town, had been treated at the Hospital, and that during the severe Influenza epidemic in 1918 there were as many as 82 patients in the Institution at the one time.

As well as this, Wexford was a Shipping Port which added to the danger of infectious disease being liable to be brought to the town, and having regard to all these facts, it was decided to ask the Minister for Local Government and Public Health was it the intention, if the proposal to open a Hospital in New Ross was carried out, to have fever patients from Wexford and the adjoining Country districts conveyed there for treatment, a distance of 24 miles, or if not, what local provision was to be made for them.

*Richard Curtis*

*Mayor*

*3. 12. 28*



3rd December, 1928.

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: Thomas Rossiter, James Billington, Thomas Hayes, Richard Gibson.

Councillors: James McMahon, Cyril Ross, John Walsh, John Atkins, Thomas Walsh, Garrett Donohoe, James Murphy, Patrick Connick, James Crosbie, William Goodison, Patrick Clancy, John J. O'Leary, Michael Martin, James Gaul, Edward Bolger, and John Browne.

The minutes of meetings of the 5th and 19th November were read and signed, Liabilities which had accrued due up to the end of last month, amounting, in the aggregate, to £2,841 : 4 : 7, were submitted, and having been examined, were approved and Advice Notes were signed to enable them to be discharged.

At the outset of the proceedings the Mayor alluded to the recent death of the mother of Father Sinnott, Catholic Administrator of Wexford, and proposed that the sympathy of the Meeting be tendered to Father Sinnott and his relatives on the sad event.

The motion was seconded by Councillor Thomas Walsh, and was adopted unanimously in silence.

With reference to minutes of meeting of the 5th ultimo, on which occasion it was decided to enforce the Vaccination Acts in the Borough, it was reported that subsequent to this meeting notices had been served on 50 defaulting parents calling on them to comply with the Law immediately. The names of such delinquents had been selected from a list of those to whom children had been born between June, 1927, and September, 1928, and that number was considered ample in the first instance. The result of the service of the notices was now submitted, and showed that 20 parents had complied with the Law and had had their children duly vaccinated; 5 children had proved unfit for vaccination; 4 had died, but previous to the service of the notices; while in the remaining 21 cases no action whatever had been taken by the defaulting parents.

In connection with this matter, several communications from the Department of Local Government and Public Health were read for the meeting. These pressed the Council to take energetic action against all defaulters, of whom there were no less a number than 2,546 on 30th September last, as appeared from a return furnished to the Department by the Dispensary Medical Officer.

The Meeting carefully considered the whole matter, and ultimately, on the suggestion of the Mayor, it was unanimously agreed that every fifth person on the list of those who had disregarded the requirements of the notices served by Dr. Pierse should be prosecuted forthwith for their failure to comply with the Vaccination Laws, and instructions were to be issued to the Corporation Solicitor to have the necessary summonses issued at the earliest possible moment.

A Recommendation from a Special Committee appointed to consider the future collection of the Poor Rate was brought forward.

This Committee was formed on the 29th October last consequent on very serious defalcations having been discovered in the accounts of the Poor Rate Collector, Denis J. Duff, who had absconded. As a consequence he had been suspended from duty on the 18th September, and this action had been subsequently ratified by the Minister for Local Government and Public Health, who also advised the permanent amalgamation of the collection of both Poor and Town Rates.

The Special Committee above referred to had given the suggestion of the Minister the most earnest consideration, and having held several meetings on the matter, unanimously made the following Recommendation to the Council, viz.:-

"That Mr. Duff's services be dispensed with as from 24th September, 1928, and that, subject to the sanction of the Minister for Local Government and Public Health, the collection of the Poor Rate be, in future, entrusted to the present Collector of Borough Rate and Rate in lieu of County Cess, Mr. Patrick White, and that his remuneration for the work of collecting the three Rates be fixed at Sixpence in the Pound on all monies collected and lodged by him, this being the Poundage which he at present receives for collecting the last two-mentioned Rates"

The Mayor thereupon moved that the above Recommendation be adopted.

This was seconded by Councillor Martin.

Councillor Clancy, however, moved as an amendment that the Poor Rate still continue to be collected separately, and to that end, that advertisements be issued for a competent person to undertake the duties of the Office.

This was seconded by Councillor McMahon.

Councillor Clancy said his reason for proposing this amendment was to enable one of the many young men who were out of work in the town to secure permanent employment, although it had been pointed out that Mr. White had given a promise to the Committee to engage the services of an assistant if he secured the appointment.

A Poll was thereupon taken on the amendment, when there voted

For Alderman Billington, Councillors Bolger, O'Leary, Clancy, McMahon. 5

Against Aldermen Gibson, Hayes, Rossiter, and the Mayor, Councillors Gaul Browne, Martin, Connick, Goodison, Crosbie, Murphy, Donohoe,

T. Walsh, Atkins, J. Walsh, and Ross. 16

It was therefore declared lost, and the Mayor's motion to adopt the Committee on being put Recommendation was declared carried.



It was then decided that Mr. White should enter into a Fidelity Guarantee Bond in the sum of £1,000 , and also into a personal Bond with two approved Sureties in a sum of £200 for the due and faithful discharge of all the duties pertaining to the collecting of and accounting for the Poor Rate, this being in addition to his existing security in respect of the collection of the Town Rates.

The question of the congested state of the Main Street, especially on Saturdays, consequent on the passage through it of motor cars and motor lorries was brought forward.

It was pointed out that this thoroughfare was very narrow in some parts, and the advisability of seeking powers to restrict its use to ordinary motor cars was strongly advocated, more especially as the Quays were now in excellent condition and could be used as an alternative route by the drivers of heavy motor vehicles when coming into or going out of town.

The Meeting was unanimously of the opinion that all necessary steps should be taken to free the Main Street from this latter class of traffic, and it was explained that an application to have this done should be made under the Roads Act, 1920, but through the medium of the County Council.

Accordingly, the following resolution was unanimously adopted as proposed by Alderman Rossiter and seconded by Councillor Ross:

"That we, the Corporation of Wexford, hereby request the Wexford County Council to be so good as to make application to the Minister for Local Government and Public Health, under Section 7 (4) of the Roads Act, 1920, for an Order to prohibit heavy motor lorries from traversing the Main Street of Wexford, and to substitute the Wexford Quays as an alternative route for such vehicles"

The following were appointed a Committee to compile evidence in support of the above application in anticipation of the holding of a Government Inquiry on the matter, namely, Aldermen Billington and Rossiter, and Councillors Connick, Martin, Browne, T. Walsh, Ross, Goodison , and Belger.

A letter from the Department of Local Government and Public Health, dated 29th November, 1928, No. P.H. 82214 was read.

It advocated the addition of the diseases known as Sleepy Sickness, Cerebrospinal Meningitis, and Acute Poliomyelitis to the list of diseases notifiable in the Borough under the Infectious Disease (Notification) Act, 1889.

It was reported that the first-mentioned disease had been declared notifiable on the 16th June, 1924, but in the case of the other two, it was decided, on the motion of the Mayor, seconded by Councillor T. Walsh , to postpone action thereon until information was forthcoming as to what hospital accommodation it was intended to provide for fever patients from Wexford and the surrounding districts, a matter which had been before the Council on the 19th ultimo.

With regard to this matter, which was considered very important for residents of Wexford and vicinity, it was unanimously resolved, on the motion of Councillor Gaul, seconded by Councillor Thomas Walsh, to request the Minister for Local Government and Public Health to be so good as to receive a Deputation from the Council so that they might lay before him some cogent reasons why the existing Wexford Hospital should continue to be available for local fever cases, and in anticipation that the Deputation would be heard, the following members were appointed to submit the case to the Minister, namely, The Mayor, with Aldermen Billington and Rossiter, and Councillors McMahon, Connick, and Gaul.

A Resolution from the Blackrock (Dublin) Urban Council was submitted.

It advocated the inclusion in the forthcoming Town Tenants Bill of provisions relating to the renewal of building leases and the taxation of land values in towns, which provisions, it was contended, would hasten the development of urban areas, and contribute to the solution of the Housing Problem.

Before expressing an opinion on the Resolution, however, the Meeting wished to examine it further, so it was decided to circulate a copy of it to each member.

The following resolution was unanimously adopted, on the motion of Alderman Billington, seconded by Councillor McMahon:

"That we request the Government to plant with trees portion of the Mountain of Forth, as we consider it a very suitable place for the purpose, and, moreover, the work would, to some extent, relieve the amount of unemployment existing in Wexford and at Drinagh consequent on the closed Cement Works in the latter locality, as the Mountain is fairly convenient to Wexford and Drinagh;"

That a copy of this resolution be forwarded to the Minister for Lands and Agriculture for his favourable consideration.

*L. Board.*

*mayor.*

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7th January, 1929.

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: Thomas Hayes, Nicholas Connolly, James Billington, Thomas Rossiter, Richard Gibson.

Councillors: James Gaul, Garrett Donohoe, Cyril Ross, James Murphy, John Walsh, Thomas Walsh, William Power, John Atkins, Patrick Clancy, William Goodison, Edward Bolger, Michael Martin, James Crosbie.

The minutes of Meeting of 3rd December, 1928, were read and signed.

Liabilities which had accrued due up to the end of last month, amounting, in the aggregate, to £1,952 : 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 the Rev. John Sinnott, Adm., gratefully acknowledging vote of sympathy recently passed by the Council on the death of his mother.

Referring to minutes of last meeting, a letter from the Department of Agriculture, under date of 21st December, 1928, was read.

This was to the effect that the steps to be taken under recent Legislation with a view to the acquisition of land at Mountain of Forth for afforestation purposes were under consideration.

An item on the agenda was the consideration of a notice given by Councillor Clancy for the appointment, under Section 22 of the Local Government Act, 1925, of a Veterinary Surgeon for the inspection and examination of meat exposed for sale throughout the town, but, at the request of the Mayor, Councillor Clancy consented to postpone its consideration until next Statutable Meeting.

It was explained that the reason for postponement being advocated was because a quantity of meat, which was exposed for sale and was found unfit for human food, had been seized by the Sanitary Officers and subsequently destroyed, and as proceedings were being taken against the Vendor on the 16th instant, the adoption of Councillor Clancy's motion might prejudice these proceedings.

Arising out of this matter, a question was raised as to whether supervision, under the Dairies, Cowsheds and Milkshops Order, 1908, of the milk supplies brought into the town from the rural districts was being carried out in these districts, but as this duty devolved on the County Board of Health, it was decided to communicate with that Body and ascertain what arrangements were in force to ensure that a pure milk supply was being produced in the rural areas.

A letter from the Department of Local Government and Public Health, under date of the 15th December, 1928, was read.

It intimated that the Minister had consented to the payment of an annual allowance of £151 : 13 : 2 to Mr. Patrick Hanrahan, retired Borough Surveyor and Superintendent of Waterworks.

With reference to resolution forwarded by the Blackrock (Dublin) Council, the consideration of which was postponed to present meeting to enable members to study the matter, Alderman Billington now moved that the resolution be adopted.

This was seconded by Councillor Thomas Walsh, and was declared carried unanimously.

The resolution was as follows:-

"That we request the Government to incorporate the following principles in the legislation which it is understood will be introduced in connection with the Report of the Town Tenants Commission, 1927:

"(1) On the expiration of all existing building leases, the person entitled shall have the right to a lease in perpetuity, at a variable ground rent not exceeding 5 per cent. of the letting value of the premises;

"(2) If the ground landlord has expended money on a premises during the currency of the lease, by the effecting of improvements, he shall be entitled, on renewal, to an addition not exceeding 5 per cent. of the total amount so expended;

"(3) All future leases for building purposes shall be in perpetuity, and at a variable ground rent not exceeding 5 per cent of letting value.

"(4) All revenues in the nature of ground rents accruing wholly or partially as a result of municipal developments and improvements shall be liable for a special financial contribution to the local authority concerned, on a basis to be determined by a duly constituted independent authority."

"It is our considered opinion that if proposals of this character were given the force of law, the circumstances created would be conducive to the better and more rapid development of the cities and towns of the Saorstát, and would at the same time contribute substantially to the solution of the Housing Problem.

"Copies of this resolution to be sent to the Secretary of the Executive Council, the Minister for Local Government and Public Health, and the members of Dail Eireann for the County."

Attention was drawn to a grievance from which those frequenting the Potato Market in Cornmarket suffered, namely, the non-provision of weights and scales for the weighing of potatoes in bulk.

It appeared that on several recent occasions well-founded complaints were made as to sacks of potatoes falling far short of the weight at which they were sold.

It was explained that the Council had full power to provide every necessary facility for the weighing of goods exposed for sale in the Public Markets, and it was decided to appoint the following as a Committee to see what should be done to remedy the grievance;

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 Alderman Billington, and Connolly, Councillors Crosbie, Clancy, and T. Walsh.



The Mayor alluded to the premises in the Bull Ring which had recently been demolished and around the site of which a hoarding had been placed.

He stated it was the intention of the Directors of the Ulster Bank to erect up-to-date bank premises on the site, but he had been led to believe that building operations would not be started for some time to come.

As the hoarding and the old gables which towered above it were very unsightly objects in the most prominent part of the town, he moved that the Directors of the Bank be asked to commence building operations on an early date, and thus improve the appearance of the Main Street and provide much needed employment.

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

Complaints were made by nearly all the members present about the very unsatisfactory public lighting of the town.

It appeared that for many weeks past various sections of the town had been without any light for several nights in succession, and that on the present date the town was practically in total darkness.

It was recognised that a certain amount of inconvenience was to be expected consequent on the instalation of the Shannon Supply lines, but in order to have data when the charge for the public lighting would be furnished, it was decided that the Electricity Supply Board be written to and asked to instruct their local Representative to communicate with the Council whenever, in future, it might be found necessary to cut off from the power station any section of the town, and also to instruct him to have some of the bulbs examined from time to time in various localities to see if they were burned out or defective.

*Richard Laidt. J.D.*  
*Mayor of Wexford*  
*4. 11. 29.*



4th February 1929.

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, Thomas Rossiter, James Bullington, Nicholas Connolly.

Councillors: James Crossley, Patrick Blaney, John J. Henry, James Murphy, Michael Hunter, John Brown, John Morris, James Dr. Fickson, Geraint Denison, William Fordison, Edward Beger, Cyril Ross, John Walsh, Thomas Walsh, Patrick Connell and William Park.

The minutes of meeting of the 14th January, 1929, were read and signed.

Liabilities which had accrued due up to the end of last month, amounting, in the aggregate, to £2,664-1-11, were submitted, and having been examined, were approved, and orders were signed to enable the Treasurer to pay them.

A report was submitted from the Housing Committee relating to detached house on St. John's Road, which the Corporation, on 17th September, 1928, decided to build by direct labour, and which was now ready for sale.

The plan of this house had been approved by the Minister for Local Government and Public Health by letter dated 17th September, 1928, No. 62999, and the report showed that the all-in cost of it came to £305-9-2, which was an increase of £95-9-2 over the Acting Borough Surveyor's estimate.

It was explained, however, that this estimate did not take into account the cost of erecting a wall and railing around the house, and carrying out sundry other extra work which came, in all, to £78-14-9, nor did it include a sum of £5 which it was decided to pay Mr. Morris for his services as Architect.

The Housing Committee had gone into the whole question very carefully, and agreed that the purchaser of the house should be given the benefit of the grant of £80 received from the Government: a little concession having been given to the purchasers of the two adjoining dwellings.

They, therefore, unanimously submitted the following recommendation for the consideration of the present meeting:-

"That the house be sold out-and-out to a bona fide intending occupier for prompt cash at a minimum price of £430; that a sum of £1-10-0 per annum be charged as ground rent; and that the purchaser be responsible for payment of all the legal expenses consequent on the sale."

Alderman Connolly now moved that the above recommendation be adopted.

This was seconded by Councillor Fordison, and was declared carried unanimously, but on the understanding that if an offer in excess of £430 was received, such offer was to be accepted.

With reference to minutes of 3rd September, 1928, relating to the appointment of a Town Surveyor and Superintendent of Waterworks in room of Mr. Patrick Monaghan resigned, a letter from the Local Appointments Commissioners under date of 24th January, 1929, was read.



This was to the effect that they recommended Mr. John Thomas O'Donnell, of 2, Black View Terrace, Limerick, for appointment to the vacant Offices.

Mr. O'Donnell was born at Ardfinnan, Co. Tipperary, on 24th December, 1894, and from 1914 to 1918 was employed as Assistant Engineer, Royal Aircraft Factory, and Assistant Engineer, Royal Ordnance Works. In 1922 was granted an Associateship in Engineering at Sheffield University and in 1924 a Diploma in Mechanical Engineering. He was engaged with Simon Schuckert & Co. Union, Shannon Works (Design Office Limerick) for six months; was Chief Irish Assistant Engineer, Tachometric and Hydrographic Survey of Lough Beg, Section of Shannon Scheme, including the construction of workshops, stores and offices for this section, and acted as Temporary Borough Surveyor to Glomel Corporation for six months; and for 12 months was Sectional Engineer to Shannon Works.

In this connection, a letter was also read from Mr. G. J. Morris intimating his intention to deliver up the Keys of the Borough Surveyors Office and all documents therein on Saturday next, 9th instant.

Disappointment was expressed by some members of the Council at Mr. Morris having failed to secure the Commissioners' recommendation, but ultimately the Mayor proposed:

That in accordance with the provisions of Section 6(4) of the Local Authorities (Officers & Employees) Act, 1926, and in the terms and conditions laid down on the 3rd September, 1928, at the Corporation of Wexford, hereby appoint Mr. John Thomas O'Donnell, of 2, Black View Terrace, Limerick, as Town Surveyor of Wexford, and Superintendent of Wexford Waterworks: this gentleman having been recommended by the Local Appointments Commissioners for appointment to these Offices."

This proposition was seconded by Alderman ~~Connolly~~, and was declared carried but with five members dissenting.

The advisability of extending the duties of Mr. F. Staples, U.S., Inspector of Dairies, cowsheds and milkshops, so that they would include the inspection and examination of meat exposed for sale throughout the town, under Section 22, of the Local Government Act, 1925, was then considered, but on the motion of the Mayor, seconded by Alderman Billington, it was decided to take no action thereon for the present but to appoint a committee to go into the whole question, and at the same time, carefully consider whether it would not be wise for the Council to provide a public slaughterhouse for the Borough.

The committee was then named, and was composed of the following members: Alderman Resident, Billington, Connolly & Hayes, with councillors Blaney, O'Leary, Lomnick, J. Walsh, Martin and the Mayor, and it was arranged that they would meet on the 12th instant at 8-30 p.m.

In this connection a communication was submitted from the Secretary of the County Board of Health stating that all the dairies and cowsheds in Wexford Rural District were regularly inspected by a Veterinary Inspector who received a salary of £100 per annum for such service, and that the result of their inspections were



A letter from the Department of Local Government and Public Health was read. It was dated 8th January, 1929, and numbered 1008, and stated that the Minister required prosecutions to be continued against all Vaccination defaulters in the Urban District until the law was complied with.

In reference to this matter, the Mayor stated that recently summonses had been issued against 15 defaulters, 7 of whom had been fined sums amounting, in all, to £2-5-5, and that to carry out the wishes of the Minister would bear heavily on the funds of the Council, as well as which some of the 2,649 whose names had been supplied by Dr. Pinn as being unvaccinated were now grown-up young men and women.

He, therefore, moved, that the Minister for Local Government and Public Health be informed that the Council consider the 15 prosecutions instituted against Vaccination defaulters on a recent occasion to be ample for the time being, and accordingly decide not to take further action in the matter for the present.

The motion was seconded by Councillor J. Walsh and was unanimously adopted.

The Secretary of the County Council, under date of the 22nd ultimo, requested the views of the Corporation on a resolution which had been received by the Minister for Local Government and Public Health from various Urban Councils, so that the County Council might be in a position to submit a considered opinion on it to the General Council of County Councils.

The resolution called on the Government to "introduce legislation to put a stop to the street trading done by travelling hawkers and second-hand clothes dealers, or else empower local authorities to charge such persons a substantial fee for the privilege of trading within their areas; for the reason that they were serious rivals to local shopkeepers who paid heavy rates and rents, whereas itinerant hawkers made no contribution whatever to the funds of the local authorities in whose district they traded."

The meeting was unanimously of the opinion that legislation on the lines suggested in the resolution should be introduced with as little delay as possible, as Wexford suffered in a marked degree from the presence of a number of such travelling hawkers, especially on fair and market days, to the detriment of local shopkeepers, and it was decided to so inform the Council.

The Mayor read a communication which he had received from the Minister of Agriculture as to the proposed afforestation of the Mountain of Forth, a matter on which a resolution had been adopted by the Council on the 3rd December last.

The Minister stated that there were many difficulties to be overcome before the work of planting could be commenced.

In the first place, the necessary lands would have to be taken over under the provisions of the Forestry Act, 1928, and this Statute would not be in operation before April next. Other difficulties might also arise, so that when all the requisite legal steps were carried out, it would be at least twelve months from present date before planting operations could be started.

It was decided to leave this matter in the hands of the Mayor who promised to do all in his power to expedite the work, which, as was seen from the letter, had the sympathetic interest of the Minister.

Councillor Cornick paid a well-merited tribute to the admirable work done by the Nursing Sisters of the Community of St. John of God who were assiduous in visiting the sick poor of the town, alleviating their sufferings, and supplying them with nursing food and medicine as far as their resources allowed.



He moved the following resolution:

"That we place on record our appreciation of the valuable and charitable work done by the Nursing Sisters of the Order of St. John of God amongst the poor and afflicted of the Borough; and we recommend the Sisters' great work as worthy of support by all those who are able to assist them."

Alderman Rossiter, in seconding the resolution, also eulogised the self-sacrificing labours of the Sisters whose activities in attending on the sick poor all the year round merited the greatest praise.

The motion was warmly supported by Alderman Connolly and the Mayor, and was declared carried unanimously.

Richard Corish

Mayor

5. 3. 29.

4th March, 1929.

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: James Billington, Thomas Rossiter, Richard Gibson, Thomas Hays, Nicholas Connolly.

Councillors: John Walsh, Garrett Donohoe, James Crosbie, Edward Bolger, John Atkins, Patrick Clancy, James McMahon, John Browne, Cyril Ross, William Goodison, Thomas Walsh, Patrick Connick, Michael Martin, William Power, and John J. O'Leary.

The minutes of meeting of 4th February, 1929, were read and signed.

Liabilities which had accrued due up to the end of last month, amounting, in the aggregate, to £1929 : 8 : 4, were submitted, and having been examined, were approved and Advice Notes were signed to enable them to be discharged.

Alderman Hays called attention to a bill for £7 : 19 : 8 due to Messrs. Boggan Bros and included in the above payments.

The account was for parts supplied to the two lorries and for repairs executed on them, and although the latter items only came to 9/-, still he contended that the drivers of the vehicles should, in future, undertake such minor repairs, and an order was made to this effect.

Councillor Clancy alluded to the recent unexpected demise of the late Father Martin O'Ryan of Poulfur who for many years had ministered in Wexford, where he was universally beloved for his attention to duty and for his kindness to the poor, as

well as which his sterling patriotism was one of his chief characteristics.

He (Councillor Clancy) moved that the sympathy of the meeting be extended to the relatives of the deceased Clergyman in their bereavement.

The motion was seconded by Councillor Atkins, and supported by Alderman Connolly, Alderman Rossiter, Councillor McMahon, and the Mayor, and adopted in silence.

Condolences were also tendered to Councillor O'Leary on the death of his child, and to Councillor Crosbie on the death of his uncle, the late Thomas Crosbie, whose demise was lamented throughout his native town of Wexford.

The following resolution, as proposed by Councillor Connick, and seconded by Councillor Clancy, was adopted unanimously:

"That we, the members of the Wexford Corporation, present our respectful homage to his Holiness Pope Pious the eleventh and heartily congratulate him on the agreement recently reached with the Italian Government, and on his now being universally recognised as the Sovereign of an Independent Temporal State."

Alderman Billington made reference to the disused military barracks which he considered could be converted into flats for the accommodation of the working classes at a moderate outlay, and gave notice that he would bring this matter forward at next Statutable Meeting so that steps might be taken to see if the building could be acquired on reasonable terms.

The Committee appointed on the 5th November last to go into the question of the duties to be performed by, and the salary to be paid to, the Town Sergeant, Etc., in room of the late John Kehoe, now submitted a report.

The late Sergeant was appointed in 1908 at a salary of £52 per annum, £32 of which was for acting as Town Sergeant, Toll Collector, and Caretaker of Old Graveyards, and the balance of £20 for acting as Inspector under the Dairies, ~~and as Inspector of Litter and Garbage, 1908, and subsequently he was appointed Shops and Milkshops Order, 1908.~~ Subsequently, he was appointed Shops Inspector at a salary of £12 per annum, and Cinema Inspector at £5 per annum, and at the time of his death, his total wages came to £169 a year as well as which he was provided annually with a suit of livery and a pair of boots.

The Committee had gone very carefully into the whole question and thought that the incoming official should also be obliged to undertake the duties of Caretaker of the Town Hall as the present Caretaker who was living alone was now unsuited for the work, and if his services were dispensed with, he could secure an Old Age Pension.

His wages were 15/6 a week with apartments, light, and one-ton of coal annually, and he was also entitled to fees, ranging from 2/6 to 10/- for each occasion on which the Hall was occupied, but these fees were paid direct to him by those using the Hall.

The result of the Committee's labours was the framing of the following



recommendation which they now submitted for adoption, and which, if adopted, would result in a saving of £79 : 6 : 0 per annum, namely:

- "That the positions of Town Sergeant, Etc., be amalgamated with that of Caretaker of the Town Hall, and that applications be invited by advertisement for a married man who shall not be less than 25 or more than 40 years of age to fill these positions.
- "He is to be paid for all his duties as Town Sergeant, Market Toll Collector, Collector of Domestic Scavenging Fees, Caretaker of Old Graveyards, Inspector of Dairies, Shops, Cinema and Theatre, and Caretaker of Town Hall, a wage of £2 : 10 : 0 per week, and is to reside in the apartments in the Town Hall at present occupied by Patrick O'Brien.
- "He is to be provided with light, and is to receive the fees from those using the Hall at the same rate as at present paid to Patrick O'Brien, and is also to be supplied with a suit of blue livery and a pair of boots annually, and a suit of white livery every five years.
- "He is to be not less than 5 feet 8 inches in height, and is to submit a medical certificate as to his general health.
- "He is to enter into a Fidelity Guarantee Bond with an approved Assurance Company in the sum of £50, the premium of which will be paid by the Corporation, and he is to satisfy the Town Clerk as to his competency to keep simple accounts."

This recommendation was subjected to much criticism especially that portion of it relating to Patrick O'Brien, but after a lengthy discussion, Councillor Crosbie moved:

"That the Committee recommendation be adopted in its entirety."

This was seconded by Councillor Ross.

Councillor Clancy, however, proposed;

"That the recommendation be amended so as to permit of a single man being eligible as well as a married man; and, further, that all reference to the amalgamation of the positions of Town Sergeant with that of Caretaker of the Town Hall be deleted."

This was seconded by Councillor Bolger, But was lost on a division, 7 members only being for, while 13 were against it.

Councillor Crosbie's proposition was then put to the meeting, whereupon 13 members voted for it and 5 against it.

It was thereupon declared carried, and it was then decided, preliminary to advertising for a suitable man, to request the sanction of the Minister for Local Government and Public Health to the salary of £2 : 10 : 0 now fixed, in accordance with Article 25 of the Dairies, Cowsheds and Milkshops (Ireland) Order, of 1908, seeing that portion of the incoming Town Sergeant's duty will be the inspection of dairies, etc., under the above Order."

Councillor Connick requested information as to the present position of the Poor Rate Collection in view of editorial comments in the Wexford "Free Press" of the 2nd instant, and the Mayor made a statement thereon.

He stated that it was well known that for a considerable time past the collection of this particular Rate was in arrear for over a year and that this was due to untoward circumstances.

X The delay started so far back as 1921 when the Poor Rate was not struck until August of that year owing to the belated Demand of the County Council, and soon afterwards the Collector's Books were seized by the British military authorities and retained by them for several months so that the Rate was not closed until October, 1922 instead of six months earlier.

In the following year (1922-3) the collection was not finished until July, 1923, and in 1923-4 it was not completed until June, 1924.

Then in the year 1924-5 the Rate was not made until September, 1924, instead of in May of that year, while in the following November the Collector, Mr. Godfrey, resigned, and sanction to the filling of the vacancy was not accorded until January, 1925.

The late James Breen was approved as the new Collector in February, 1925, and entered upon his duties shortly afterwards, but he died in January, 1926, and Denis Duff's appointment to the vacant post was sanctioned in a month afterwards. The time necessarily taken up filling these two vacancies retarded the collection of the Rate to a considerable degree, and at Statutable Meeting in March, 1926, special attention was drawn to the fact that on that date portion of the Rate for the year to March, 1925 was then outstanding, and that the collection of the Rate for the year 1925-6 had not even been commenced, and, further, that the Rate for the ensuing year ending on 31st March, 1927, could not possibly be begun to be collected for at least 12 months after the close of that year.

Then in August, 1928 large sums of Poor Rate were discovered to have been misappropriated by the Collector, Denis Duff, who had absconded, and as a consequence, the collection was suspended for a time, but the Borough Rate Collector was soon afterwards appointed temporarily to carry on the work, but at the present date he was only demanding payment of the Second Moiety of the Rate to the 31st March, 1928.

X The full amount of Duff's defalcations would be paid over to the Council on an early date, and it was expected that substantial sums would be remitted to the County Council on foot of their Demands in April.

The Mayor added that a Special Committee of the Corporation had given much attention as to how best to deal with the Poor Rate in the existing circumstances. They had been in consultation with an Inspector of the Minister for Local Government and Public Health and submitted proposals which, if approved, by the



Minister. would, it was believed, allow a start to be made to bring the Poor Rate Collection up to date, as were the other Rates collectible in the Borough. The Meeting expressed satisfaction at the Mayor's statement which would dispel any impression which might have gained currency that this particular Rate had been collected and devoted to purposes other than payment of the Demands of the County Council.

*Richard Corish*  
*Mayor.*  
 8 " 4 " 29

2nd April, 1929.

A special meeting of the Council was held this day at the Town Hall at half-past eight o'clock p. m., to consider Estimates of the sums required for the maintenance of the Municipal Services in the financial year commencing on 1st April instant, and to agree on the rate in the pound which it would be necessary to levy to raise such sums, preliminary to the formal making of Poor Rate, Water Rates, Special Rate and Borough Rate on 6th May, 1929.

The members of the Council in attendance were:-

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

Aldermen: Thomas Hayes, Nicholas Connolly, James Billington, Richard Gibson.

Councillors: Thomas Walsh, John Browne, James Murphy, Garrett Donohoe, Patrick Clancy, James McMahon, Michael Martin, John Atkins, John O'Leary, William Power, Patrick Connick, James Crosbie, Edward Bolger, Cyril Ross, Patrick McCabe.

With reference to resolution of congratulation tendered to the Holy See at last meeting, a telegram from Cardinal Gasparri at Rome, was forwarded by Dr. Codd, Lord Bishop of Ferns, wherein the Sovereign Pontiff expressed a lively sense of gratification at the action of the Corporation, to whom he imparted his Apostolic Benediction.

The relatives of the late Father Martin Ryan also acknowledged vote of sympathy passed to them on 4th ultimo, and Councillor O'Leary personally thanked the members for their thoughtfulness in his recent bereavement.

The consideration of the various Estimates, copies of which had already been furnished to members, was then proceeded with.

The Mayor said that a special Committee has been appointed on 4th ultimo to examine in detail the Estimates as originally presented, and that this Committee had met on three occasions for lengthened periods, and had gone exhaustively into all the items submitted to them.

He remarked that the total Valuation of the Borough amounted to £20,668 : 3 : 0, being an increase of £92 over last year's Valuation, but that owing to Legislation passed in recent years the Valuation for Rating purposes would not exceed £18,794.

He added that there was ample provision made for efficiently carrying on the various services under the control of the Council during the year then commencing, and not withstanding the fact that increases of expenditure were to be found under several heads, still the Committee considered that a total Rate of 16/- in the Pound would suffice to meet every expected charge, this Rate being similar in amount to that levied in the year 1928-9.

The Estimate of expenses to be raised by means of a Poor Rate was then examined. It was seen that a sum of £5,840 : 18 : 5 was required to meet the County Council Demand, Etc., and that a Rate of 6/2 in the £ should be struck to realize this amount.

The Finance Committee had recommended that the Poor Rate be fixed at this figure, and this recommendation was now unanimously adopted on the motion of Councillor O'Leary, seconded by Councillor Ross.

The expenditure required to maintain the Water System was seen to amount to £1,411 : 12 : 7, and to raise this sum Poundage Rates of 1/9 would be needed.

No serious objection was raised to any of the items set out in this Estimate, and accordingly, on the motion of Councillor McMahon, seconded by Councillor Ross, it was agreed to fix the Water Rates at 1/9 in the Pound.

The Estimate of sums needed for the maintenance and improvement of streets, sewers and footpaths (exclusive of the upkeep of Main Roads within the Borough) was next examined.

The sum required to pay for this work was expected to reach £2,085 : 4 : 3, and a Rate in lieu of County Cess of 2/4 in the Pound would have to be made to secure this amount.

It was thought by some members that this Estimate could be reduced without impairing the services to which it related, and the abolition of the Leyland lorry was advocated on the ground that there was not sufficient work to keep it engaged all the year through.

It was pointed out, however, that even if this vehicle were withdrawn from use the repayment of the Loan which was borrowed to purchase it would have to be met for a further 4½ years, so the suggestion was not persisted in.

A question was then raised as to the advisability of reducing the wages of the workmen, which, it was contended, were higher than what they should be seeing that the cost of living was very much less at present than what it was in 1921 when the rate of wages was last fixed. Prices of various commodities were given to prove this contention, but these prices were impugned by several members, while the meeting was informed that the wages of the workmen, namely, £2 : 10 : 0 per week, was the recognized trade union rate for this class of labour in Wexford. It had been fixed in 1924 and had not since been revised, although it turned out that some members were under the impression that the standard rate throughout the town was but £2 : 5 : 0 a week.



Eventually, it was proposed by Councillor Murphy, and seconded by Councillor Connick. That a Rate in lieu of County Cess of  $2\frac{1}{2}$  in the £ be made, this being a reduction of 2d in that recommended by the Estimates Committee.

A poll was taken on this proposal when there voted

For Councillors McCabe, Connick, O'Leary, Atkins, Clancy, Murphy, Browne,

Aldermen Gibson and Billington.

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Against Councillors Ross, Crosbie, Power, Martin, McMahon, Donohoe,

T. Walsh, Aldermen Connolly, Hayes and the Mayor.

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The proposition was thereupon declared lost.

(Councillor Bolger was temporarily absent from the Council Chamber when this poll was being taken)

It was then proposed by Councillor Ross, and seconded by Councillor T. Walsh. That the Estimate of Rate in lieu of County Cess as submitted be approved and a Rate of  $2\frac{1}{4}$  in the Pound agreed upon.

This motion, on being put to the meeting, was declared carried.

The remaining Estimate, namely, that in respect of a Borough Rate was then considered.

It was seen that the sum to be provided for by this Rate came to £5,286 : 10 : 2,

and that a Rate of  $5\frac{1}{9}$  would produce this amount.

Attention was drawn to an item of £20 set down as salary to be paid to the Veterinary Inspector for the supervision of slaughterhouses when the Bye-Laws relating to them would be in full force.

It was maintained that this was not an adequate salary for the duties to be performed, and Councillor O'Leary moved, and Councillor Clancy seconded a motion to the effect that the amount should be increased to £70, which, with the £30 already paid for duties under the Dairies Order, 1908, would bring the Inspector's salary up to £100 per annum.

It was explained, however, that the salary was not so far fixed, nor would it be until an appointment was made. This would not be for some months hence, and then the Council would have an opportunity of fixing an amount which would be considered equitable, and on this understanding, Councillor O'Leary withdrew his proposition, and the £20 was allowed to remain unaltered.

Councillor Connick proposed that the item set out in the Estimate to provide for the Mayor's salary be deleted, and this was seconded by Councillor Clancy.

It was explained that if this proposition were carried, it could not take effect until the election of a Mayor in June next, and this being so, Councillor Connick intimated his wish to withdraw it for the present, but stated that it was his intention to move a resolution with the object of abolishing this salary altogether at the next Mayoral election, which step he took as a matter of principle and in no spirit of hostility to the present occupant of the chair.

As to an item of £400 included to develop a Housing Site on the St. John's Road, on the motion of Councillor Browne, Seconded by Councillor T. Walsh, it was unanimously agreed that any houses to be built on this site should be provided for unskilled workers only, and let at a rent which they could afford to pay.

The above were the only items in the Borough Rate Estimate which were commented upon, and thereupon on the motion of Councillor T. Walsh, seconded by Councillor Ross, it was unanimously resolved. That the Borough Rate be fixed at 5/9 in the £. The result of the deliberations of the meeting was that the Rates as recommended by the Estimates Committee were agreed upon, namely,

Poor Rate.....	6/2 in the Pound.
Rate in lieu of County Cess.....	2/4 in the Pound.
Water Rates.....	1/9 in the Pound.
Borough Rate.....	5/9 in the Pound.
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Total	16/- in the Pound.

*Richard Corish*  
Mayor  
8. 4. 29

8th April, 1929.

A Quarterly 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: James Billington, Thomas Hayes, Richard Gibson, Nicholas Connolly.

Councillors: John J. O'Leary, John Atkins, Patrick Clancy, James McMahon, Garrett Donohoe, James Murphy, Patrick McCabe, John Walsh, Cyril Ross, Thomas Walsh, James Crosbie, William Goodison, Patrick Connick, James Gaul, John Browne, Michael Martin, Edward Bolger, William Power,

The minutes of meetings of 4th March, and 2nd April, 1929, were read, and in reference to those of the last mentioned date, Councillors Connick, Murphy, Clancy, Atkins, Bolger, and O'Leary took occasion to make their position clear regarding their action in voting for a reduction of the Rate in lieu of County Cess at that meeting.

They stated their desire was to secure a decrease in the Rates for the current year, but this was not to be achieved by reducing the workmen's wages as had been alleged throughout the town, but by other economies, and if the decrease had been assented to, they would have been prepared to show under what heads savings could have been effected.



The minutes of the two meetings were thereupon signed.

Liabilities which had accrued due up to the end of last month, amounting, in the aggregate, to £1,709 : 8 : 6 were submitted, and having been examined, were approved and Advice Notes were signed to enable the Treasurer to pay them.

References of <sup>a</sup>/touching character were made to the death on the 7th instant of the late Patrick Rossiter (Brother of Alderman Rossiter) who had acted as Corporation Rent Collector for the past three years in a competent and zealous manner until he was obliged to desist owing to ill health.

The late Mr. Rossiter had always been a fearless advocate of the rights of the working classes of his native town, and spared no effort to improve their position in life, and his demise was universally lamented.

The Mayor proposed that a vote of sympathy be tendered to Alderman Rossiter and the other relatives of the deceased in their sorrow.

This was seconded by Councillor Connick, supported by all the members present, and adopted in silence.

The choosing of a date on which to hold a Quarterly Meeting for the election of a Mayor, as required by Section 10 of the Local Elections Act, 1927, was taken up, and it was unanimously decided to fix Wednesday, the 26th June, 1929, at 12-0 o'clock noon as the day and hour of such Meeting.

//With reference to minutes of meeting of the 4th ultimo, the election of a Town Sergeant, Etc., was proceeded with on the terms and conditions then settled upon.

13 applications had been received for the position, but 4 of them did not comply with the terms of the advertisement, so it was decided not to consider them.

Then Councillor Gaul proposed, and Councillor John Walsh seconded, a motion to the effect that the election be carried out by means of an open vote of the members, but Alderman Connolly proposed that the vote be taken by ballot, and this was seconded by Councillor Bolger.

A poll was taken on Alderman Connolly's amendment when they voted in favour of it Councillors Goodison, Power, Bolger, Connick, Ross, O'Leary, Murphy, McCabe,

Thomas Walsh, Atkins, Donohoe, Aldermen Connolly, Gibson, and Billington, 14

Against it: Councillors Martin, Browne, Gaul, Crosbie, Clancy, John Walsh,

Alderman Hayes and the Mayor. 8

Did not vote: Councillor McMahon. 1

The amendment was thereupon declared carried, and after a series of 7 ballots had been taken, William Kehoe, of Rose Rock Terrace, was declared elected, he having received 16 votes as against 7 for James Mahony, of Bride Street, the other 7 candidates having been eliminated at this stage. //

The Catholic Emancipation Centenary Committee, Dublin, issued an invitation for a representative of the Corporation to be present at the National Celebrations in June next, and as the Mayor would be present in another capacity, it was unanimously resolved, on the motion of Councillor McCabe, seconded by Councillor Murphy, to appoint Councillor Connick to attend the celebrations on behalf of the

Corporation.

Alderman Billington raised a question as to whether there was any chance of the disused military barracks being acquired by the Council, as he contended they could, by a moderate outlay, be converted into a number of flats suitable for working class families.

It was explained that there was a probability that the buildings would be used in the near future to house all the Civic Guards stationed in the town, and if this were the case, there was no much use in pursuing the matter further, and attention was called to the terms of a letter received from the Commissioners of Public Works, under date of the 28th February, 1928, when this project was last under discussion, whereby an offer was invited for a lease of the premises.

It was now decided to communicate with the Commissioners, and request them to lease the barracks at a nominal rent if they were not required for Government purposes, so as to provide living accommodation for some of the poorer classes, and thus relieve, to some extent, the scarcity of working-class houses throughout the town.

The closing of the Fever Hospital in Wexford and the arrangements made whereby all poor fever patients in the County would in future be obliged to be sent to New Ross for treatment was the subject of discussion.

The matter had engaged the attention of the Public Health Committee on several recent occasions, and on the 15th ultimo four of the members had visited the Department of Local Government and Public Health with the object of inducing the Minister to authorize the setting up of a hospital in Wexford for the accommodation of patients from the town and the <sup>adjacent</sup> country districts.

As the result of the interview, an Inspector had been sent to Wexford to examine the buildings to be discarded, and had, it appeared, come to the conclusion that they could, at a moderate outlay, be converted into an isolation hospital which would suit local needs.

Up to the present no information was available as to whether this scheme would be carried through. If it were the Council and those whom the represented would be satisfied, so it was decided to request the Department of Local Government and Public Health to be so good as to give the Council some idea as to how the matter stood, as it was feared that if any case of infectious disease occurred amongst the poor of the town it would not be notified for medical treatment, through fear that the patient would be sent to New Ross, a distance of 24 miles from Wexford.

Richard Bond  
Mayor  
6. 5. 29



22nd April, 1929.

A Special Meeting of the Council was held this day, pursuant to the Mayor's requisition, at the Town Clerk's Office, at half-past seven o'clock p. m. to consider, and adopt if thought advisable, a recommendation of the Housing Committee advocating the erection of sixteen 3-room dwellings on St. John's Road for unskilled labourers at an approximate total cost of £3840.

The members present were:-

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

Aldermen: James Billington, Thomas Rossiter, Thomas Hayes.

Councillors: Thomas Walsh, John Walsh, Garrett Donohoe, James Murphy, Patrick Clancy, John Browne, William Goodison, John Atkins, James Crosbie, Cyril Ross, James McMahon, Edward Bolger, Patrick Connick, John O'Leary, Michael Martin, Patrick McCabe.

The Mayor made a statement on the work done by the Housing Committee before they submitted the Scheme to the present meeting.

He said they were faced, in the first instance, with the decision unanimously come to by the Council on the 2nd instant that the houses to be provided should be let only to labourers and at a rent which they could afford to pay.

In view of this decision, and bearing in mind the fact that money could be borrowed from the banks only for relatively short periods, the longest of which was fifteen years, the Committee recognised that a rent of 5/6 a week was as much as a labourer could be expected to pay, and this being the case, they submitted, but with reluctance, a recommendation that sixteen 3-room houses, based on Government Plan G. 4, should be erected, this, under the circumstances, being the only class of house which could be made available at a weekly rent of 5/6.

They had gone very carefully into the cost of building houses of four rooms, similar in design to Government Plans H. 2 and H. 1, and found that to make these self-supporting would require rents of 9/2 and 7/6 a week respectively, which rents the Committee knew were altogether too much to expect labourers to bear.

It had only been possible to draft the Scheme as above outlined because the Council had included in their Estimates for the present year a sum of £400 towards the cost of providing new houses and also because of their intention to make available in the next financial year a further sum of £524 for this purpose, the total of £924 being the proceeds of a rate of 1/- in the £.

The result of this action of the Council was that a Government Subsidy of £72 per house would be available instead of £60, and consequently, a smaller sum would have to be borrowed if it was decided to carry out the Scheme which the Mayor warmly advocated under existing circumstances.

A long discussion ensued. Several members strongly objected to the erection of 3-room dwellings as they held that it was a retrograde step, and that they would prove altogether inadequate to house, under decent conditions, labourers with families, while on the other hand, it was contended that more commodious houses could not be provided at a rent which labourers could pay, and that the object of the Committee was to erect dwellings at the lowest possible rent, but, at the same time, to make sure that they would be self-supporting, so that they would not be a charge, however slight, on the Rates.

As a result of the discussion, the following three motions were submitted:-

Proposed by Alderman Rossiter, and seconded by Councillor McMahon. That twelve 4-room houses be built on the St. John's Road instead of sixteen 3-room ones as recommended by the Housing Committee.

Proposed by Councillor Thomas Walsh, seconded by Councillor Atkins. That a new Housing Committee be formed with instructions to examine in detail various Housing Schemes to see if it were possible to provide houses for labourers at a rent commensurate with their wages.

Proposed by Councillor Goodison, seconded by Councillor Ross. That the recommendation of the Housing Committee as to the erection of sixteen 3-room houses be adopted.

It was decided to treat Councillor Walsh's motion as the principal one, and a poll was taken upon it, when there voted

For: Councillors McCabe, O'Leary, Connick, Bolger, McMahon, Atkins, Browne,  
Clancy, Murphy, T. Walsh, and the Mayor. 11

Against: Councillors Martin, Ross, Crosbie, Goodison, Donohoe, John Walsh,  
Aldermen Hayes, Rossiter and Billington. 9.

It was thereupon declared carried and the other two resolutions were not proceeded with.

Councillor O'Leary then Proposed, and Councillor Crosbie seconded a motion to the effect that the new Housing Committee would consist of six members only; while Councillor Browne moved, and Councillor Connick seconded a motion with the object of constituting the entire Council as the new Committee.

On a show of hands Councillor O'Leary's proposition was carried, and the following were then named to serve on the Committee, namely, Alderman Hayes, and Councillors McMahon, Clancy, O'Leary, McCabe, and Martin, and it was arranged that they would meet on the 24th instant at 7-30 p. m.

In connection with this matter, a resolution was read from the Civics Institute of Ireland advocating the provision of long term Government Housing Loans, but its adoption was not moved as the meeting was not in agreement with that portion of it which implied that a worker could afford to pay a rent of 10/7½ a week.



In reply to a query put to him, the Town Surveyor stated that there were only four men engaged at present on the work of clearing the housing site on the St. John's Road, and that their wages was £2. a week each.

Some members advocated the changing of these men as they had been engaged on previous schemes so as to distribute the work as much as possible, but as the Surveyor, under the terms of his appointment, was made solely responsible for engaging and discharging such employees, the matter was not pressed.

*Richard Corish*  
Mayor  
6. 5. 29

29th April, 1929.

A Special Meeting of the Council was held this day (pursuant to the Mayor's requisition) at the Town Clerk's Office, at half-past seven o'clock p. m. to appoint, subject to the sanction of the Minister for Local Government and Public Health, a temporary Poor Rate Collector, and also, subject to similar sanction, a permanent Collector of Rents of the Artizans Dwellings and Corporation Estate.

The Members present were:-

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

Aldermen: James Billington, Thomas Hayes, Thomas Rossiter, Nicholas Connolly, Richard Gibson.

Councillors: John Walsh, Patrick Connick, Thomas Walsh, William Goodison, Patrick Clancy, Garrett Donohoe, James McMahon, James Crosbie, James Gaul, John Browne, John Atkins, John O'Leary, Patrick McCabe, James Murphy, Michael Martin, and Edward Bolger.

At the outset of the proceedings, Councillor Connick proposed that the sympathy of the Council be extended to the relatives of the late Austin Stack, of Kerry, whose death on the 27th instant was a distinct loss to Ireland.

The late Mr. Stack was a strenuous worker for the freedom of the Country, and was one of those mainly responsible for the Truce, so his demise, Councillor Connick felt sure, would be regretted by all irrespective of Party.

Councillor Clancy seconded the proposition which was supported by Aldermen Connolly and Hayes, Councillors T. Walsh and the Mayor, and was adopted unanimously in silence.

Alderman Rossiter then proposed that the Meeting should express its sympathy with the Mayor on the recent bereavement which had befallen him in the death of his aunt, the late Mrs. Keating, an old and respected resident of Wexford.

This proposition was seconded by Councillor Connick.

It was put to the Meeting by the proposer and was also adopted in silence. and the Mayor returned thanks for the kindness shown him.

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The appointment of a temporary Poor Rate Collector in accordance with the terms conditions set out in letter from the Department of Local Government and Public Health of the 15th instant, No. 21371, was then proceeded with.

It was reported that two candidates only had applied for the position as advertised, namely, Miss Amelia Esther Hayes, of 37, South Main Street;: and Mr. William O'Donohoe, of 3, Swan View,

Both candidates were eligible, and in the examination in Irish, English and Arithmetic conducted by the Superior of the Christian Brothers, Miss Hayes had secured an all-round percentage of 43.7 marks, while Mr. O'Donohoe's percentage was 83.7.

A ballot was then taken to ascertain the choice of the Meeting as arranged by Finance and Works Committee on the 22nd instant, when it turned out that Mr. O'Donohoe secured 14 votes and Miss Hayes 8 votes.

Mr. O'Donohoe was thereupon declared elected as temporary Poor Rate Collector for the periods 1928-9 and 1929-30, as well as for arrears of previous years' Rates, and the importance of doing everything possible to bring the collection up to date was pointed out to him.

The election, also by ballot, of a permanent Rent Collector was then gone on with, the Minister for Local Government and Public Health having assented to the terms of appointment by letter dated 24th April, 1929, and numbered 26944.

In response to advertisement in the local newspapers, eight applications were received for the position, and the result of the ballot was that Richard Scallan, of Bride Street, secured eighteen votes; Mary Martin, McDonagh Street, two votes; and John Billington, of the Faythe, two votes.

None of the other five candidates secured any vote, and Mr. Scallan having a clear majority was therefore appointed.

*Richard Scallan*  
*Mayor*

6-5-29

6th May, 1929.

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: James Billington, Nicholas Connolly, Thomas Hayes, Thomas Rossiter.

Councillors: James Murphy, Garrett Donohoe, John Walsh, Thomas Walsh, Patrick Clancy, Edward Bolger, William Goodison, James Crosbie, John O'Leary, John Browne, Patrick Connick, Michael Martin, Patrick McCabe, John Atkins.

The minutes of Meetings of the 8th, 22nd, and 29th April, 1929, were read and signed.



Liabilities which had accrued due up to the end of last month, amounting, in the aggregate, to £3,382 - 1 - 7, were submitted, and having been examined, were approved and Advice Notes were signed to enable them to be discharged.

In reply to a query put, it was explained that there were not sufficient funds to the credit of the Council at present date to pay the entire of the above sum, but that pending the collection of the Rates which would be formally made at present meeting, an overdraft of £2,500 (which it had been decided on the 2nd ultimo to apply for) had been granted until the 30th June next when it was expected that the need for such accommodation would cease.

References were made to the loss which the Nuns of the Convent of Perpetual Adoration had suffered by the demise on present date of their Mother Superior, Mother Mary of St. Rose.

The late Reverend Mother was a member of a very old and justly respected Wexford family, and it was but proper that the Council on behalf of the towns people should express their sorrow at the bereavement which had befallen the Community, and Councillor Browne proposed a motion to this effect.

Councillor O'Leary seconded the motion which was adopted in silence.

Alderman Rossiter expressed his thanks for the kindly feelings manifested by the Council towards himself and his relatives on the recent death of his brother, Patrick.

The making of Rates, as agreed to on the 2nd ultimo, was then proceeded with, and the four following resolutions were unanimously adopted.

Proposed by Alderman Connolly.

Seconded by Councillor T. Walsh, and

RESOLVED:- That a Borough Rate of Five Shillings and Nine Pence in the Pound (being One Shilling for General Town Purposes and Four Shillings and Nine 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 the municipal administration of said Borough to be carried out, as considered and adopted on the 2nd day of April, 1929.

Proposed by Alderman Rossiter.

Seconded by Councillor Murphy, and

RESOLVED:- That an assessment of Two Shillings and Four Pence in the Pound on the net assessable value of property within the town be laid on pursuant to the Local Government (Ireland) Provisional Order (Wexford) Confirmation Act, 1873, and Acts incorporated with and amending same, as per Estimate duly considered and adopted on the 2nd day of April, 1929.

Proposed by Councillor Goodison.

Seconded by Councillor O'Leary, and

RESOLVED:- That an Assessment of One Shilling and Ninepence in the Pound, viz.:- a Domestic Rate of One Shilling and a Public Rate of Nine Pence, on the rateable value of property within the town of Wexford be laid on, pursuant to the Local Government

(Ireland) Provisional Orders (Dalkey Ec.) Confirmation Act, 1876, and Acts incorporated with and amending same, as per an Estimate duly considered and adopted on the 2nd day of April, 1929.

Proposed by Councillor Browne.

Seconded by Councillor Bolger, and

RESOLVED:- That a Poor Rate of Six Shillings and Two Pence in the Pound be made on the net assessable value of property within the Urban District of Wexford, as per an Estimate duly considered and adopted on the 2nd day of April, 1929.

The Books containing the Rates referred to in the resolutions were then Sealed and signed, and Warrants authorizing the collection of Borough Rate, Rate in lieu of Co. Cess and Water Rates were also signed.

It was explained that as the Poor Rate Collector appointed on the 29th ultimo had not, so far, received Official sanction, the Warrant for the collection of this particular Rate could not, at present, be issued.

The Accounts of the Collectors of Borough Rate, Rate in lieu of Co. Cess and Water Rates in respect of the year ended on the 31st March last were submitted; these Accounts having been closed on that date.

They had been carefully examined by the Finance and Works Committee, who had spent much time over them, and who had sent forward the following three recommendations:

- (1) That of the total amount of Borough Rate outstanding on the 31st March last, there be written off as irrecoverable a sum of £360 - 17 - 3<sup>2</sup>, and that the Balance, namely, £773 - 4 - 9, be carried forward as collectible arrears.
- (2) That a sum of £132 - 10 - 9 be written off the Rate in lieu of Co. Cess for 1928-9, this amount being irrecoverable, and that the balance outstanding, viz.:- £250 - 18 - 4, be carried forward for collection during the current year.
- (3) That a sum of £163 - 14 - 4 be written off the Water Rates outstanding on the 31st March last, and that the balance, namely, £369 - 13 - 9<sup>2</sup>, be carried forward as collectible arrears.

These three recommendations were unanimously adopted, that relating to the Borough Rate, on the motion of Alderman Rossiter, seconded by Councillor Murphy; that to the Rate in lieu of Co. Cess, on the motion of Councillor T. Walsh, seconded by Alderman Connolly; and that to the Water Rates, on the motion of Councillor Browne, seconded by Councillor O'Leary.

With reference to decision come to on the 22nd ultimo, when a proposal for the erection of sixteen 3-room dwellings was not favoured, the Mayor submitted an amended Scheme.

He stated that he had again gone into the whole subject, and from information at his disposal, but which he was not free to impart at the present juncture, he felt assured that it would be possible for the Council to obtain money on terms which would enable 4-room dwellings to be provided, the rents of which would not exceed Six Shillings a week, and this would carry out the wishes of the Council regarding



the provision of dwellings for unskilled workers.

In view of these altered circumstances he had been in consultation with the Borough Surveyor who had amended the plan of the 3-room house so as to convert it into one of four rooms, and this plan, which the Mayor laid before the present meeting, had received the approbation of the Local Government Housing Department, to which he had submitted it recently.

As the present was a very suitable time at which to start building operations, and as the Council would have full opportunity of discussing the entire project at a later date when the finances of it could be more minutely gone into, he (the Mayor) moved That sixteen 4-room houses of the amended type be erected on a site at right angles to the St. John's Road, and that four semi-detached houses of a better class be also built on contiguous land, but fronting that Road; that tenders be invited by advertisement from Contractors for the entire work, and that such tenders be considered on the 21st instant.

Alderman Hayes Seconded this motion.

During the course of the discussion which ensued, members pressed for some information as to the terms on which the money to build the houses would be procured. The Mayor, however, re-iterated that he was precluded from giving this information, at least for the present, but assured the Meeting that when the tenders were being considered, the position would be made clear.

The advisability of erecting eight 3-room and eight 4-room houses as an alternative was also advocated, but this suggestion did not meet with favour and was not pressed. Eventually the Mayor's proposition was put to the Meeting, and was adopted unanimously, but on the understanding that the sixteen dwellings were to be allocated to unskilled workers, and that the rents of them would not exceed six shillings per week per house.

In view of this unanimous decision, a motion standing in the name of Alderman Hayes to rescind resolution of the 2nd April, last, was not moved.

This resolution stipulated that houses should be provided for unskilled workers only and at rents which they could afford to pay.

A letter from the Department of Local Government and Public Health under date of the 3rd instant, and numbered 31533 was read urging the Council to institute legal Proceedings against some more vaccination defaulters, having regard to the great number in the town who were disregarding the Law.

On the motion of the Mayor, seconded by Alderman Rossiter, it was resolved to proceed against a further twenty delinquents, and the selection of those was to be left in the hands of the Dispensary Medical Officer and the Town Clerk.

Councillor Bolger dissented from this decision in toto.

A Report of the Auditor on an Extraordinary Audit of the Accounts of the Electricity Undertaking from 1st April, 1928, to 12th July, 1928, the date of acquisition by the Electricity Supply Board, was read.

It contained a Statement of the Loans borrowed to provide the Undertaking, a summarized Capital Expenditure Account which showed there was an unexpended balance of £1 - 11 - 9 of the Loans received still on hands, and a statement showing the full sum raised in aid of the Undertaking from its inception up to the 31st March, 1927.

Arising out of this matter, it was decided to terminate the present Lighting Season on 15th instant, and to request the Supply Board to make arrangements for providing extra lights throughout the town next winter.

The licence under the Cinematograph Act, 1909, in respect of the Wexford Cinema Palace Limited was renewed for a further year, as all the conditions in the expired licence had been duly observed while it was in force.

A resolution forwarded for adoption by the Blackrock Urban Council urging the Government to give legislative effect to the Interim Report of the Town Tenants Commission was not moved, but in lieu thereof, on the motion of the Mayor, Seconded by Alderman Connolly, it was unanimously resolved to request That the provisions of the Rent Restrictions Acts be extended for a further year, or until such time as the whole position of tenants in towns can be dealt with.

Regarding the closing of the Wexford Fever Hospital, a matter which was the subject of several representations to the Department of Local Government and Public Health, a letter relating thereto under date of the 26th April, 1929, No.29384 was read. This stated that the Minister had recommended the Wexford Board of Health to provide the town with a hospital for the isolation of local cases of infectious disease, and this was considered satisfactory.

With reference to minutes of the 8th April last on the matter of the acquisition of the disused military barracks to provide housing accommodation, a letter from the Department of Defence was read stating that the disposal of these premises was vested in the Commissioners of Public Works who had the request of the Corporation before them.

Councillor John Walsh gave notice of his intention to move at next Statutable Meeting a resolution to grant to each of the permanent scavenging staff an annual holiday of one week's duration.

This notice was accepted.

*H. Deane*

*Mayor*

*3. 6. 29*



21st May, 1929.

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 eight o'clock p. m.

The members present were:-

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

Aldermen: James Billington, Richard Gibson, Thomas Hayes, Nicholas Connolly.

Councillors: Patrick Clancy, James Gaul, John O'Leary, Garrett Donohoe, William Goodison, Thomas Walsh, John Walsh, Patrick Connick, Cyril Ross, James McMahon, Michael Martin, John Browne, Patrick McCabe, Edward Bolger, James Crosbie, James Murphy, John Atkins.

Councillor Gaul proposed that a vote of sympathy be tendered to Alderman Rossiter and relatives on the death of their aunt, on the 19th instant, who was an old and respected native of Wexford.

This was seconded by Councillor Connick, and adopted in silence.

The Meeting was convened as per decision come to on the 6th instant to deal with any tenders which might have been received in response to advertisements for the erection of twenty houses on the St. John's Road.

It was reported that no tenders had been sent in, nor had inquiries been made by any person regarding the proposed buildings, but even if offers to build had been received, they could not have been considered in view of the fact that the Directors of the National Bank had not seen their way to advance the necessary loan of £2,000.

Such a loan had been applied for on the 27th ultimo, but the application was refused on the ground that the Bank had ceased to lend money for building purposes. An appeal was thereupon made to the Directors to reconsider the matter, but on the 17th instant a letter was received from the local Manager of the Bank intimating that in view of the present heavy indebtedness of the Corporation, the Directors regretted they were unable to sanction the amount applied for.

Regarding this latter excuse, it was mentioned that the total sum outstanding at the present date on foot of loans amounted to £30,631 - 4 - 3, of which, but £9,348 - 9 - 1 was due to the Bank, the remaining £21,282 - 15 - 2 having been procured from the Commissioners of Public Works.

Of this total debt, no less than £16,831 - 0 - 5 was balance due on foot of loans raised from time to time to erect 164 workmen's houses, while the remaining £13,800 - 3 - 10 was outstanding balances of money borrowed for various other purposes of public utility such as the provision and improvement of a water supply the opening of a new road, the provision of a cemetery, the purchase of a motor lorry, etc. *Motor Lorry*

It was further mentioned that all Instalments of Loans due to the Bank to present date, together with Interest thereon, had been discharged, and that on the 6th inst. no less a sum than £1,435 - 17 - 5 had been paid them under these heads.

It was also pointed out that the total Valuation of the Borough was £20,668 - 3 - 0, and as Housing Loans were not to be reckoned as part of the Municipal Debt so far as limitation on borrowing was concerned, it could be seen that the Council had still an ample margin of borrowing powers.

Some members contended that the amount due to the County Council on foot of their Demands for 1927-8 and 1928-9 should be classed in the same category as the outstanding Loan Balances, and that the Bank Directors, by the terms of their letter of the 17th instant, apparently held the same view, but as this money was not, as yet, collected owing to causes within the knowledge of the Council, the majority of the Council did not appear to be in agreement with this contention.

A general discussion then took place on what was best to be done in view of the fact that the requisite Loan was not available, and the Mayor stated he could now say that it was the intention of the Government on an early date to provide long-term Housing Loans and that the Minister for Local Government and Public Health had made a public announcement to this effect a few days previously.

The Meeting was of the opinion that this was the only possible way to provide houses for the working classes at moderate rents, and unanimously adopted the following resolution as proposed by Councillor Gaul, and seconded by Councillor Crosbie.

"That the Scheme of erecting sixteen four-room houses as agreed to on the 6th instant be proceeded with as soon as a Government Loan is available, and that the houses be built by direct labour and under the supervision of the Town Surveyor"

The Surveyor then stated that his estimate of the cost of building the houses was £250 - 10 - 6 per house, and that this estimate did not take into account the clearance of the site or the provision of footpaths, water main or sewer, all of which would be provided out of the sum of £400 specially levied in the current year for housing purposes.

A suggestion was made that, if not too expensive, the dwellings should be roofed with slates from the Killaloe Quarries, and the Town Surveyor was directed to inquire into this matter and report as to what the extra cost of these slates would come to. Having regard to views expressed at the Meeting, Alderman Hayes again gave notice of his intention to move on the 3rd proximo the revocation of resolution adopted on the 2nd April last whereby the houses intended to be built were to be let only to unskilled workers, and at a rent which they could afford to pay.

Under date of the 11th instant, and by letter No. 33608, which was read, the Minister for Local Government and Public Health expressed approval of the lay-out plan and house designs of the proposed houses, and requested to be furnished with a detailed estimate of the all-in cost of the Scheme, together with information as



to how the cost of it was to be met, and the rents proposed to be charged for the houses when completed, and it was ordered that the necessary particulars be furnished.

Councillor Connick alluded to the recent arrest and imprisonment of Father Fahy, of Loughrea, as a result of his refusal to give bail for his appearance before a Local Civil Court on the ground that his case should have been dealt with by his Ecclesiastical Superiors, and submitted a resolution protesting against the arrest and calling on all public bodies to demand his immediate and unconditional release, but at the suggestion of the Mayor, he agreed to withdraw this motion, whereupon the following resolution, as proposed by the Mayor, and seconded by Councillor Bolger, was unanimously adopted, viz.:

"That we request the Government to reconsider their attitude in the case of Father Fahy, as we consider that it is very undesirable to have clergymen of any Denomination imprisoned, and that a copy of this resolution be forwarded to President Cosgrave."

*S. Bolger*  
Mayor  
3. 6. 29

27th May, 1929.

A Special Meeting of the Council was held this day (pursuant to the Mayor's requisition) at the Town Clerk's Office at half-past seven o'clock p. m. to adopt, if thought well, a resolution of the Housing Committee relating to the disposal of two recently-completed houses on St. John's Road.

The members present were:-

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

Aldermen: Thomas Rossiter, Thomas Hayes, Nicholas Connolly, James Billington.

Councillors: John Atkins, John Walsh, James Murphy, Thomas Walsh, James Gaul, Patrick Clancy, John Browne, James Crosbie, Cyril Ross, Garrett Donohoe, James McMahon, William Goodison, John O'Leary, Patrick Connick, Edward Bolger.

It was reported on behalf of the Housing Committee that the two dwellings above referred to, which had been completed on the 19th ultimo, had cost a total sum of £881 - 10 - 9, and that the excess cost of them, as compared with two dwellings of an exactly similar type erected in November last, was due to the fact that the floor levels were found in error and had to be rectified, and as well the work was proceeding throughout the winter months.

The Committee were unanimously of the opinion that the houses should be disposed of without delay, and that the purchasers should be given the benefit of the Housing Grant of £80 in respect of each house as was done in the case of dwellings previously sold.

They, therefore, submitted the following recommendation for the favourable consideration of the present Meeting:

"That the two dwellings be sold out-and-out for prompt cash for a sum of £360 per house, but to intending occupiers only; that the amount to be paid as ground rent in respect of each house be Thirty Shillings per annum; and that all legal expenses consequent on the transfer of the dwellings, which transfer is to be carried out by the Corporation Solicitor, be borne by the purchasers."

On the motion of Councillor Thomas Walsh, seconded by Councillor Ross, this recommendation was now unanimously adopted.

In anticipation of its adoption, advertisements had been inserted in the local newspapers inviting prospective purchasers to apply for the houses on the above terms, and it was announced that one such application had been received.

This was from Mr. Nicholas Malone, of 17, Ram Street, and he was accepted as purchaser for one of the dwellings.

A Mrs. Mary Corish, of 19, Hollybank Avenue, Sandford Road, Ranelagh, intimated, by letter, that she was desirous of purchasing the detached house on the St. John's Road on terms settled on by the Council on the 4th February last.

She enclosed £5 as an earnest of her intention to acquire the house, to meet the funds for which she had given directions for the disposal of her residence in Dublin, and Mrs. Corish was declared purchaser of the house, the sale price of which was £430 and the ground rent Thirty Shillings per annum, these terms having been approved by the Minister for Local Government and Public Health as per letter of the 15th February, 1929, numbered 10603.

*L. O'Connell*  
Mayor  
3. 6. 29

3rd June, 1929.

A Statutory 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 Billington, Nicholas Connolly, Thomas Hayes, Thomas Rossiter.

Councillors: John Walsh, James McMahon, Thomas Walsh, James Murphy, Garrett Donohoe, Cyril Ross, William Goodison, John Atkins, Patrick Clancy, James Gaul, Patrick Connick, Edward Bolger, John J. O'Leary, James Crosbie, and Patrick McCabe.

The minutes of meetings of the 6th, 21st, and 27th May, 1929, were taken as read and were signed.

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



aggregate, to £1,064 - 6 - 3, were submitted, and having been examined, were approved and Advice Notes were signed to enable the Treasurer to pay them.

A letter from the Reverend John Sinnott, Administrator, on behalf of the Nuns of the Convent of Perpetual Adoration, was read conveying to the Council the thanks of the Community for the sympathy extended to them on the occasion of the death of their late Mother Superior.

A further letter was read from Father Sinnott protesting against a dance having been held in the Town Hall on the night of the 2nd instant at a time when the Solemnity of the Forty Hours' Adoration was in progress.

Members expressed regret that such an untoward occurrence had taken place, but it transpired that the Hall had been given by the Mayor to the organisers of the dance, which was for a local charitable object, some considerable time beforehand, and the date of the Forty Hours' Adoration had been overlooked, so it was decided to acquaint Father Sinnott of these facts, and to inform him that it was hoped to make amended regulations for the letting of the Hall for dances next winter.

Councillor John Walsh intimated that on further reflection he did not intend to proceed with motion of which he had given notice on the 6th ultimo to the effect that each of the permanent scavenging staff should be granted an annual holiday of one week's duration, so with the unanimous consent of the meeting the motion was withdrawn.

With regard to intended revocation of resolution adopted by the Council on the 2nd April last relating to the provision of houses on St. John's Road for unskilled workers only, Alderman Hayes, by request, agreed to postpone consideration of this motion until Councillor Browne could find it convenient to be present, as the latter was the proposer of the resolution sought to be rescinded.

As per notice given at meeting of the Finance and Works Committee on the 21st ultimo, Councillor Gaul proposed that the increase in the rents of 131 of the artisans' dwellings by fourpence per week per house, consequent on the coming into operation of the Local Government (Rates on Small Dwellings) Act, be not enforced.

This proposition was seconded by Councillor Bolger.

In support of the motion it was contended that the Council were not justified in making any increase in the rents of the dwellings seeing that most of the Housing Schemes were self-supporting, and that the rents had been increased on two occasions since September, 1920.

On the other hand, it was explained that under Section 6 of the Act above referred to it was mandatory upon the Corporation to increase the rents, and that the Estimates Committee had had the matter before them on several occasions when tables were submitted which showed that the sums to be added in lieu of Rates ranged from One Shilling and Ninepence a week in some cases to fivepence a week in others and that if an average were struck the increase should be fixed at Tenpence per house per week. The Committee, after due deliberation, however, had decided that Fourpence per week

was an equitable addition to the present rents having regard to the two increases made some years previously, and the present meeting was reminded that the Finance Committee on the 6th ultimo, when nineteen members were in attendance, had unanimously assented to such increase being made.

A Poll was thereupon taken upon the motion when there voted:

For Councillors Bolger, Connick, Gaul, Clancy, Atkins, McMahon, and Crosbie. 7

Against: Councillors McCabe, O'Leary, Goodison, Ross, Donohoe, Murphy,  
T. Walsh, J. Walsh, Aldermen Rossiter, Hayes, Connolly, Billington,  
and the Mayor. 13.

The motion was accordingly declared lost.

*Redmond Memorial Park*  
With reference to minutes of meeting of the 28th November, 1927, when it was resolved to demise Corporation Land at Spawell Road to the Major Willie Redmond Memorial Committee for the purposes of a Peoples' Park, it was reported that all the legal formalities in connection with the project were now completed, and this being so, it was necessary to execute the Lease conveying the land to the Trustees of the Park.

The Lease had been prepared by the Corporation Solicitor, the Minister for Local Government and Public Health having assented to the alienation of the land for the purpose mentioned by letter dated 16th January, 1928, and numbered G 808, and accordingly, it was duly executed on the part of the Corporation.

In this connection it was unanimously resolved on the motion of Councillor O'Leary, Seconded by Councillor Ross, "that we request the Memorial Committee to include the Mayor of Wexford for the time being as a member of the Committee of Management of the Park in accordance with promise given by Mr. Nicholas Byrne, Chairman, on 28th November, 1927."

*J. Davis*  
Mayor of Wexford  
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26th June, 1929.

A Quarterly 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: Nicholas Connolly, James Billington, Thomas Hayes, Thomas Rossiter, Richard Gibson.

Councillors: Patrick Connick, James Murphy, John J. O'Leary, Edward Bolger, James McMahon, Thomas Walsh, James Gaul, Cyril Ross, Michael Martin, John Walsh, William Goodison, Garrett Donohoe, James Crosbie, William J. Power.

The minutes of meeting of the 3rd June instant were read and signed.

As provided by Section 10 (3) of the Local Elections Act, 1927, the election of a Mayor for the ensuing year was proceeded with.

Alderman Connolly acted as Chairman during the election.

Alderman Rossiter, in a few commendatory remarks, proposed. That Alderman Richard Corish be re-elected Mayor of Wexford for the year commencing this day and until his successor be appointed and shall have made a Declaration accepting Office.

This proposition was seconded by Councillor Martin, but before it was put to the Meeting, Councillor Connick proposed. That the salary of £100 per annum attaching to the Office of Mayor be not paid in future, but that the Mayor be reimbursed any expenses he may incur in connection with the Office.

Alderman Billington seconded this latter motion, and advocated that the sum allowed as salary be devoted to feeding necessitous school children and supplying free milk to expectant mothers.

The sense of the Meeting appeared to be opposed to the adoption of Councillor Connick's resolution, and a poll was taken upon it, when there voted

For	Councillors Bolger, Murphy, Connick and Alderman Billington.	4
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Against	Councillors Power, Crosbie, Donohoe, Goodison, J. Walsh, Martin, Ross, Gaul, T. Walsh, McMahon, O'Leary, Aldermen Gibson, Hayes, Connolly, and Rossiter.	15
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Did not vote	The Mayor.	1
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The proposition was accordingly declared lost.

The proposal that Alderman Corish be re-elected Mayor, as proposed by Alderman Rossiter, was then put to the Meeting, and was declared carried, Councillor Connick dissenting; but all the members, without exception, bore tribute to the impartiality of Alderman Corish during his past term of Office.

The Mayor then re-occupied the Chair, and made a Declaration of Acceptance of Office, and in returning thanks for his re-election for the tenth successive year he took occasion to make a statement on the present financial position of the Corporation, and to their activities in connection with the provision of working class dwellings.

He said that since the year 1920 no less than 47 workmen's houses had been provided; that application had recently been made for a Loan of £3,040 from the Local Loans Fund towards the erection of sixteen additional dwellings, and that this application had been favourably received by the Minister for Local Government and Public Health as appeared from a letter dated 21st June, 1929, No. 44037, which he read.

The total indebtedness of the Borough on foot of Loans was £30,643 - 4- 3, of which no less than £16,831 - 0 - 5 was in respect of Housing Schemes, while the balance had been raised for various other much-needed purposes.

With regard to the feeding of necessitous school children and a supply of milk for indigent expectant mothers, he reminded the Meeting that in the current year provision had been made to increase the Grant given to the six schools administering the Provision of Meals Acts so that all poor pupils would be provided daily with a hot meal during the winter months, and that an additional sum of £40 had been allocated to enable the Maternity Committee to grant, at their discretion, free milk to expectant mothers, and that for such social services no less a sum than sevenpence in the Pound had been levied in the current year, which, having regard to the circumstances of the time, was a generous contribution.

The days and hours on which three Quarterly Meetings would be held previous to the 23rd June, 1930, was then considered, and the following were agreed to, on the motion of Councillor Gaul, seconded by Councillor Ross:- Monday, the 2nd September, 1929; at 7-30 p. m.; Monday, the 2nd December, 1929, at 7-30 p.m.; and Monday, the 3rd March, 1930, at 7-30 p. m.

On the motion of Councillor T. Walsh, Seconded by Councillor Bolger, it was decided that the Finance and Works, The Waterworks, The Old Age Pensions, and the Public Health Committees be composed of the entire Council for the Coming year, and that the latter Committee be empowered to deal with all sanitary matters arising within the Borough in pursuance of Section 5 of the Public Health (Ireland) Act, 1878.

The following were constituted the Maternity and Child Welfare Committee, on the proposition of Alderman Rossiter, seconded by Councillor O'Leary: Councillors Crosbie, Bolger, Connick, Ross, Gaul and Goodison, together with Mrs. Stafford, Mrs. Dowse, Mrs. Hadden, Mrs. Kelly, Mrs. McGuire, and Miss Alice Furlong.

The School Meals Committee was composed of the following five members on the motion of Councillor Ross, seconded by Councillor McMahon, viz.:- Alderman Connolly, and Councillors Crosbie, T. Walsh, Gaul and McMahon, together with the Reverend Brother Markey, Mrs. McTamney, Miss Alice Fennell, and Mr. Matthew Lymberry.

It was decided to constitute a Special Housing Committee to take charge of the impending Scheme of sixteen dwellings to be erected by direct labour, and the following ten members were selected unanimously to form such Committee: Aldermen Rossiter Connolly, Billington, Councillors Crosbie, T. Walsh, Goodison, Martin, Atkins, Connick, and McMahon.





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Special Financial  
Committee

3<sup>rd</sup> March 1920

Mr. Mayor

Mr. Madden

" Committee

Mr. Towns

Added subsequently

Mr. Tait

" Harvey

" Cummins

Colonel Committee

See 23<sup>rd</sup> May 1921

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Electric Lighting  
Committee.

See 7<sup>th</sup> May 21  
~~Appointed 17<sup>th</sup> May 1921~~

Mr. Mayor

Mr. Towns + it

Mr. Tait + Mr. Harvey

Mr. Cummins + Mr. Madden

Mr. Tait + Mr. Harvey

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Nuisance Committee

Re-Appointed

30<sup>th</sup> June 1920

Dumping Ground Committee

Appointed by J.C.W.

16<sup>th</sup> June 21

Mayor

Tait

Harvey

Cummins

Madden

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Fire Brigade Committee

Appointed 3<sup>rd</sup> May 20

Mayor

Mr. Towns

Mr. Tait

Mr. Harvey

Mr. Cummins

Mr. Madden

Mr. Tait

Mr. Harvey

Mr. Cummins

Mr. Madden

Mr. Tait

Mr. Harvey

Mr. Cummins

Mr. Madden

Electric Lighting Committee  
See 1<sup>st</sup> Sept 20.

George Thomas - Photo at St Johns Road  
See 11<sup>th</sup> Aug 24 12<sup>th</sup> Aug 24 and 3<sup>rd</sup> Nov 24



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*Special Financial  
Committee*

*3<sup>rd</sup> March 1920*

*The Mayor  
Mr. Padden*

*" Smith  
Mr. Towns*

*Added subsequently*

*Mr. Paddy*

*" Henry*

*" Bennett*

*Finance Comtee*

*See 23<sup>rd</sup> May 1921*

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*Electric Lighting  
Committee.*

*See 7<sup>th</sup> Nov 21  
~~Appointed 17<sup>th</sup> Nov 1921~~*

*The Mayor*

*Stamman. Colony. Park*

*Stamman. formerly*

*Committee. Humphreys,*

*Grubb. Hayes. Paddy*

*Wentworth - formerly*

*See Minutes of 7<sup>th</sup>*

*Nov 21 (11 am all)*

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*Household Committee*

*re-appointed*

*30<sup>th</sup> June 1920*

*Dumping Ground Committee*

*Appointed by J. P. W.*

*16<sup>th</sup> June 21*

*Mayor*

*Paddy*

*Hayes*

*O'Brien*

*Wentworth.*

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*Fire Brigade Committee*

*Appointed 3<sup>rd</sup> Mar 20  
by J. P. W.*

*Mayor*

*Mr. Humphreys*

*Stamman*

*Paddy*

*Henry*

*Added 23<sup>rd</sup> May 1921.*

*Mr. formerly*

*Mr. Hayes*

*Fire Brigade Comtee*

*Federated.*

*Electric Lighting Committee  
see 1<sup>st</sup> Sept 21.*

George Horner - Photo at St Johns Road  
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Electric Lighting  
Committee.

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~~Appointed 17<sup>th</sup> Nov 1921~~

Mr May

Almon. Elms. Park  
Hadden. formerly -

Councils. Shropshire,

Crack. Hayes. Tarry

Elmington - Linnings

See Appointed 7<sup>th</sup>  
Nov '21 (11 am all)

Nursing Committee

re-appointed

30<sup>th</sup> June 1920

Dumping Ground Committee

Appointed by F.W.  
16<sup>th</sup> June '21

Mayer  
Tarry

Hays  
O'Brien  
Hadden.

Call meeting of Fire Brigade Com

J. W. Salmon }  
C. J. Rowe } Employees Federation.  
R. Thompson }

Dr P. White, High St.  
Mr J. P. Furler Old Pond  
Mr Phil Lacey John Street  
J. Whitehead High Street

Employees Representatives.

Electric Lighting Committee  
see 1<sup>st</sup> Sept '21.