



1st July, 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, Richard Gibson, Thomas Rossiter.

Councillors: John Atkins, Garrett Donohoe, Patrick Clancy, James Gaul, Thomas Walsh, John Walsh, James McMahon, James Crosbie, William Goodison, Patrick Connick, Edward Bolger, James Murphy, and Cyril Ross.

The minutes of meeting of the 26th June, 1929, were read and signed.

Liabilities which had accrued due up to the end of last month, amounting, in the aggregate, to £1,827 - 13 - 8, were submitted. Attention was called to one of the accounts which came to £23 - 12 - 5. This was for repairs carried out on the Leyland Lorry, and was £2 - 9 - 5 in excess of the tender accepted by the Finance and Works Committee on the 2nd April last.

It was explained that the greater portion of this extra expense was for oil supplied for the lorry, the rest being for parts which were not stipulated for when tenders were being invited. This explanation was accepted, and the bills as submitted were passed for payment.

The County Committee of Agriculture and Technical Instruction forwarded a copy of a Resolution which they had adopted on the 27th May last wherein the Corporation were asked to take steps to have the present date of the Wexford Town Fair altered to the first Tuesday of each month.

As this was a very important matter for the town, it was seen to require careful deliberation, and having regard also to the diverse views expressed by many of the interests affected, it was decided to postpone dealing with it until next monthly meeting, by which time members would be in a better position to give a considered opinion on the request.

Communications under date of the 4th and 5th June, 1929, and numbered 39268 and 36224 respectively, from the Department of Local Government and Public Health were read.

These called on the Council to continue to take energetic action to ensure that all defaulters under the Vaccination Acts would comply with the Law, as according to a report received by the Department from Dr. Thomas Pierse, there were no less than 2,679 defaulters in the Wexford Dispensary District, and the amount of vaccination carried out was not in proportion to the population.

With regard to this matter, it was stated that in the month of June Dr. Pierse had served notices on 100 defaulters, and as a result, 49 parents had complied with the requirements of the notices and had had their children vaccinated, 13 children had proved unfit for vaccination, 2 parents had left Wexford but had promised to obey the Law in their new abode, while no response had been received, so far, from the remaining 36.

In view of this record, it was decided to inform the Department that as parents were apparently beginning to realize their responsibilities so far as vaccination was concerned, it was considered that no good purpose would be served by further prosecutions, as it was believed that by degrees

all concerned would recognize the advisability of complying with the Law without legal pressure having to be applied.

The following Resolution, being based on one received from the Mayo County Council, was read:-

"That with a view towards the reduction of taxation in this country we, the members of the Wexford Corporation, are of opinion that the membership of the Dail be reduced by 60 per cent. and the Senate to 12 members, who should be honorary, and that all salaries from that of the Governor General down to officials in receipt of over £500 be reduced from 25 per cent. to 10 per cent."

Councillor McMahon proposed the adoption of this Resolution, and it was seconded by Councillor Murphy.

A long discussion followed, and on the proposition being put to the meeting, it was found that only seven members were for, while eleven were against it.

A poll was then asked for and was granted with the following result:-

For adoption	Councillors Murphy, Bolger, Connick, McMahon, Atkins, Aldermen Hayes and Billington. -----	7
Against adoption	Councillors Ross, Goodison, Crosbie, John Walsh, Thomas Walsh, Gaul, Donohoe, Aldermen Rossiter, Gibson, Connolly, and the Mayor. -----	11
Declined to vote	Councillor Clancy. -----	1

The Resolution was thereupon declared lost.

Councillor Martin attended at this stage of the proceedings.

Alderman Rossiter drew attention to the want of hospital accomodation in the town consequent on the removal of the Fever Hospital to New Ross.

This matter had been several times before the Council, and in March last a Deputation had been received by the Minister for Local Government and Public Health, who recognized the hardship inflicted on Wexford by the transfer of the Hospital and had recommended the County Board of Health to provide alternative accomodation in the town.

Up to the present, however, nothing had been done to carry out the behest of the Minister, and from reports in the local newspapers it seemed that it was the intention of the Board of Health to ignore completely the needs of Wexford so far as the provision of an isolation hospital was concerned.

The meeting expressed much anxiety about this matter, as they feared that cases of infectious disease occurring in dwellings with restricted bedroom accomodation would not be notified for fear the patients would be sent to New Ross for treatment, and if this turned out to be the case, grave danger to the health of the entire community might ensue, so it was decided to communicate again with the Minister for Local Government and Public Health and request him to make further representations to the Board of Health with the object of compelling them to provide without further delay an isolation hospital in Wexford Town for the reception and treatment of any cases of infectious disease which might occur in the town or in the surrounding rural areas.

With regard to minutes of the 21st May last, the Town Surveyor reported that he had now

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completed enquiries as to the cost of roofing the sixteen houses then proposed to be erected with Kilalloe slates instead of with asbestos material and found that the additional cost would be £221 or just £14 per house, which put the provision of Irish slates out of the question.

Richard Corish
Mayor

15th July, 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 make formal application to the Commissioners of Public Works for a Loan of £3,040 towards the erection of sixteen working class dwellings on St. John's Road; and also to give an undertaking to the Commissioners that all Loan instalments would be repaid punctually as they fell due.

The members present were:-

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

Aldermen: Thomas Hayes, Nicholas Connolly, Thomas Rossiter, and Richard Gibson.

Councillors: John Walsh, Thomas Walsh, Cyril Ross, John Atkins, Patrick Clancy, William Goodison, James Crosbie, James Murphy, Edward Bolger, Patrick Connick, Garrett Donohoe, and Michael Martin.

On the meeting coming together the two following resolutions were unanimously adopted:-

(1) Proposed by Councillor T. Walsh, seconded by Councillor Ross.

RESOLVED: "That we, the Corporation of Wexford, at this meeting specially convened for the purpose, hereby apply to the Commissioners of Public Works for a Loan of £3,040 to be repaid in 35 years on the annuity system with interest at the rate of 5½ per cent. per annum, for the purpose of erecting sixteen four-room houses under the Housing of the Working Classes Acts; such Loan having been recommended by the Minister for Local Government and Public Health, and sanctioned by the Minister for Finance, as intimated by the Commissioners in letter dated 8th July, 1929, No. 12250."

(2) Proposed by Councillor Ross, seconded by Alderman Hayes.

RESOLVED: "That we, the Wexford Municipal Council, hereby undertake that the instalments in repayment of the Loan now proposed, as well as of any existing Loans, will be punctually remitted at the dates at which they fall due, viz.: - 1st May and 1st November in each year."

A discussion arose on the advisability of changing the labourers engaged on the Scheme periodically so that as many of the unemployed as possible might be given work for some weeks at least, and the employment of a man who, it was stated, was in receipt of a pension of 17/6 a week was animadverted on.

It was pointed out that there would be a great risk of a slackness in the men's work if they knew that their services were to be dispensed with after a certain time and before the Scheme was brought to completion, so it was unanimously agreed to give the Town Surveyor full and complete control of the employment and dismissal of the men as he was responsible for having the dwellings built at the estimated cost of £250 per house.

The meeting then terminated.

R. Corish
Mayor

23rd. July, 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:- Thomas Rossiter, Thomas Hayes.

Councillors:- John Walsh, James Murphy, Thomas Walsh, Patrick Clancy, John J. O'Leary, John Atkins, Garrett Donohoe, Cyril Ross, James Crosbie, James Gaul.

The meeting was convened for the purpose of executing, on the part of the Council, a Deed Mortgage whereby security would be given for the repayment in 35 years of Loan to be advanced from the Local Loans Fund for the erection of sixteen dwellings on St. John's Road. The Mortgage Deed, which had been prepared by the Law Department of the Office of Public Works, was submitted and approved, and thereupon the following resolution was unanimously adopted.

Proposed by Alderman Rossiter, seconded by Councillor Ross, 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 Three Thousand and Forty Pounds proposed to be advanced by them to us under the Public Health (Ireland) Acts, &c."

The Deed was then duly sealed and signed, and the following further resolution was also adopted unanimously.

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

RESOLVED:- "That inasmuch as this corporation does not immediately require from the Commissioners of Public Works in Ireland, the total amount of the sum mentioned in the Deed of Mortgage to them this day executed by this Corporation, but prefer to receive the same by instalments as occasion may require, it is resolved that the requisition for each advance shall be intimated to said Commissioners by the Chairman of this Corporation for the time being, countersigned by the Town Clerk, and that each such requisition shall be forwarded to the Accountant of the said Commissioners, and that all such advances shall be lodged to our account in the Wexford Branch of the National Bank."

Relative to this matter, a letter from the Local Government Housing Department, under date of 18th instant, No.49339, was read, intimating that the Minister for Local Government and Public Health had recommended the issue of a sum of £500 as a first instalment of the above-mentioned Loan, and this was considered very satisfactory.

The meeting then separated.

Richard Corish
Mayor

A special meeting of the Council was held this day at the Town Clerk's Office at half past seven o'clock p. m. at the Town Clerk's Office for the purpose of electing a member to serve as a Harbour Commissioner, as provided by the Wexford Harbour Act, 1874.

The members present were:-

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

Aldermen:- Thomas Hayes, Thomas Rossiter.

Councillors:- Thomas Walsh, John Walsh, Patrick Clancy, Garrett Donohoe, James Murphy, Cyril Ross, James Crosbie, James Gaul, Michael Martin, Patrick Connick.

The Secretary of the Harbour Board forwarded one nomination, being the only one he had received 48 hours previous to the time of the election, as required by the 21st Clause of the above Act.

The member nominated was Councillor James Gaul, and accordingly, on the motion of Alderman Rossiter, seconded by Councillor Thomas Walsh, it was unanimously,

RESOLVED:- That Mr. James Gaul, T. C., be elected a Harbour Commissioner to represent the Corporation for one year from this day.

Richard Corish
Mayor

6th August, 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 Thomas Rossiter, Thomas Hayes.

Councillors: Thomas Walsh, Garrett Donohoe, William Goodison, John Walsh, Michael Martin, Patrick Clancy, Cyril Ross, James Murphy, James Gaul, and James Crosbie.

Liabilities which had accrued due up to the end of last month, amounting, in the aggregate, to £2,139 - 2 - 7, were submitted, and having been examined were approved, and an Advice Note was signed to enable the Treasurer to pay them.

In reply to a query put, it was stated that the overdraft of £2,500 for which sanction was obtained on 9th April last was long since paid off, and that on 31st ultimo there was to the credit of the Ordinary Account of the Council a sum of £1,435 - 1 - 1, and as well, on the same date, the Poor Rate Account was in credit to the extent of £1,592 - 0 - 8, and that there was included in the payments authorized at present meeting an amount ~~of £1,500~~ which would discharge the County Council Demand for year 1927-8.

The Mayor submitted a report on the outcome of a Conference held on 1st instant between a Representative of the Electricity Supply Board and the Finance Committee relative to the public lighting of the town.

This was to the effect that a Scheme had been drawn up, for the approval of present meeting, whereby 147 street lamps were to be provided, as against the present 102. 92 of these lamps were to be of 200 watts, and the remaining 55 of 60 watts, and it was proposed to light the streets from sunset till midnight up to 31st March next, when a fresh contract would be made for year commencing on 1st April next.

It was proposed to have the lamps kept lighting from 6-0 a. m. till daylight on all Sundays and Catholic Holydays, as well as during the night of Christmas Eve and also on Christmas morning as long as might be necessary, and the Committee, after protracted negotiations, had succeeded in securing this service for an inclusive sum of £450, which represented the proceeds of a Rate of Sixpence in the Pound, as against a Rate of Tenpence which was the cost of the public lighting in previous years, and they unanimously recommended the entire Scheme to the favourable consideration of the Council.

The present meeting, on examining the matter, considered that the arrangements made were of a satisfactory nature, but the need for lights at Corry's Terrace and Whitemill Road was pointed out.

It was explained that owing to the absence of standards at present date, lamps could not be provided in these localities, but it was hoped that it would be found possible to have them properly lighted in April next when a fresh Lighting Contract would have to be entered into. Councillor Gaul thereupon moved: "That the report now submitted relating to the lighting of the streets of the town by the Electricity Supply Board up to 31st March next for an inclusive sum of £450 be adopted."

The motion was seconded by Alderman Hayes and was agreed to unanimously.

Richard Corish
Mayor
12. 8. 29

12th August, 1929.

A Special Meeting of the Council was held this day (pursuant to the Mayor's requisition) in 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: Thomas Hayes and Thomas Rossiter.

Councillors: John Walsh, Thomas Walsh, John Atkins, Patrick Clancy, William Goodison, John O'Leary, Cyril Ross, Garrett Donohoe, James Gaul, Patrick McCabe, James Murphy, James Crosbie, and Michael Martin.

The minutes of meetings of the 1st, 15th, 23rd, and 29th ultimo, and 6th instant were read and signed.

The Hon. Secretaries of the Association of Municipal Authorities of Ireland by letter requested that Delegates might be appointed to attend the Annual Conference of the Association which was to be held in Cork on 10th and 11th September next, and the meeting considered it right that the Council should be represented at this Conference.

Councillor McCabe, having in mind the fact that the expenses of those attending would fall on the Rates, proposed that one Representative only should be sent, and this proposition was seconded by Councillor Murphy.

It failed to be carried, (However, as the members voting were in favour of it)

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Alderman Hayes thereupon moved That Alderman Rossiter and Councillor Gaul be deputed to attend the Conference on behalf of the Council.

This motion was seconded by Councillor Ross, and was declared carried, but with Councillors McCabe and Murphy dissenting, and it was understood that a detailed report of the proceedings would be submitted by the Delegates in due course.

There was submitted three copies of a Form of Survey which had been forwarded by the Local Government Housing Department for the attention of the Council.

This Survey, which was to be completed by the 15th October next, related to the housing requirements of the town, and it was seen that it was necessary that a careful and exhaustive examination of such requirements should be undertaken without delay so that the Minister for Local Government and Public Health might be made acquainted with the wants of Wexford so far as working class dwellings were concerned, and according to a letter from the Housing Department under date of the 20th July, 1929, the compilation of the Survey was a condition precedent to loans being advanced from the Local Loans Fund for the provision of such dwellings.

The whole matter was referred to the Housing Committee which, it was decided, would meet on the 19th instant to make arrangements for a thorough and systematic inspection of the town with the object of completing the Return against the date specified.

A communication received from the Secretary of the Local Branch of the National Federation of Building Trades Operatives, intimating that from 1st November next the Corporation would be required to pay members affiliated to the Federation, who were engaged on the present Housing Scheme or on future Schemes, wages at the rate of 1/8 per hour instead of at the existing Trade Union rate of 1/6 $\frac{1}{2}$, was adjourned till Statutory Meeting to be held in October.

An application was read from the Secretary of the Cinema Palace Ltd. for renewal of licence under the Cinematograph Act, 1909 in respect of the Wexford Theatre.

As no complaints were received from the Cinema Inspector as to any breaches of the Regulations during the past twelve months, the licence was unanimously renewed for a further year.

The Secretary of the Irish Local Government Officials' Union, under date of the 26th July, 1929, forwarded for the consideration of the Council a copy of a Resolution which had been adopted at the recent Annual Conference of the Union.

It ran as follows:

"That County Councils, County Boards of Health and other such Bodies be requested to fill all future vacancies in the Local Government Services by transferring where possible, existing officers who are eligible in accordance with Section 5 (1) of the Local Authorities (Officers and Employees) Act, 1926.

"We believe that this transfer system, if adopted by Local Authorities, would be in the best interests of efficiency and contentment within the Local Government Service."

On the motion of the Mayor, seconded by Councillor Thomas Walsh, the terms of the Resolution were unanimously approved by the meeting.

With reference to minutes of the 1st ultimo, the question of altering the present date of the Wexford Town Fair to the first Tuesday of each month, as suggested by the County Committee of Agriculture, was again brought forward.

This matter had occupied the attention of the Council for a considerable time past, and meetings of the traders of the town had also been held in reference to it.

At one of these latter meetings it was arranged to gather the general opinion of shopkeepers on the proposal, and as a result, it turned out that of the 128 persons called upon, 69 thought a change to a fixed day desirable (66 being in favour of Tuesday, while three favoured Monday) 20 were against any change whatever, and 39 expressed no opinion one way or the other.

Letters were now read from Messrs. Banville Bros., of Kilgarvan; J. P. Roche, of Scar; and John Keating, Ballylough; Cattle Dealers, who all objected to the suggested date, and stated that if a change were made the last Monday of each month should be fixed, and members of the Council also appeared to think that a change to the first Tuesday of each month would be detrimental to the future success of the Fair.

Eventually, to see if some agreed-upon date could be arrived at, Councillor Clancy proposed. That a change of the present date of the Town Fair to some fixed day in each month is desirable. This motion was seconded by Councillor Atkins, but as only ten instead of sixteen members were in favour of it as required by Section 10 of the Local Government Board (Ireland) Act, 1872, it was declared lost, which meant that no further progress could be made in the direction of altering the present date of the Fair.

A motion proposed by Councillor Clancy, and seconded by Councillor T. Walsh, to the effect that the walls of the Franciscan Graveyard be limewashed and the grass cut off the graves as was done in the case of four of the other graveyards in the town, was ruled out of order on the ground that this particular burial place was never vested in the Council as were the other four graveyards referred to.

Attention was called to the prompt efforts of Thomas Potts, Caretaker of the Bathing Place, whereby he had recently saved the lives of two bathers who were in difficulties, and the meeting was reminded that this man's record for life-saving was a very creditable one.

It was agreed that Potts' action merited recognition, and it was decided to communicate with the Royal Humane Society, and request them to present him with an appropriate award.

Richard Corish
Mayor
2. 9. 29

2nd September, 1929.

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

The members present were:-

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

Aldermen: Thomas Rossiter, Nicholas Connolly, Thomas Hayes.

Councillors: Thomas Walsh, William Goodison, John Atkins, Garrett Donohoe, James Murphy, John Walsh, Patrick Clancy, James McMahon, James Crosbie, Edward Bolger, John O'Leary, James Gaul, and Michael Martin.

act from sanctioning the proposal of the Corporation to pay £15 compensation in this case.

At the request of Councillor Kennedy the Borough Surveyor was asked to make a report on the ranges of the fourteen houses at Lavett Road, South.

In reply to Councillor Hayes, it was stated that the level of the water in Coolree Reservoir was 27" below the Bye-wash, and on the motion of Councillor Hayes, seconded by His Worship the Mayor, it was decided to cut off the supply from 8.0 p.m., instead of 10.0. p.m. as at present, until 7.0. a.m.

The Mayor appealed to the people to help the Corporation to conserve the water supply. The weather had been exceptionally dry, and in his opinion the water scarcity was going to be very acute this year.

He asked the people specially not to waste water and requested the Borough Surveyor to send Inspectors around, and to prosecute at once every person found wasting.

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furthermore, the legal cost of the Conveyance of the dwellings would also have to be borne by them.

The adoption of this recommendation was moved by the Mayor, Seconded by Councillor Thomas Walsh and was also carried unanimously.

With reference to minutes of last meeting, communications were read from Mr. James J. O'Connor, Solicitor, on behalf of certain un-named interested parties asking that the matter of altering the present date of the Wexford Town Fair should be re-opened and steps taken to have the Fair held in future on the first Tuesday in each month.

Some of the members held that it would be useless to reconsider this question in view of the vote taken at last meeting, but in the end Councillor Murphy gave notice that he would move at next Statutable Meeting:- That a change of date of the Fair was desirable, so that the matter could again be debated.

This notice was accepted, and it was decided to request Mr. O'Connor to let the Corporation have the considered opinion of his clients in the meantime as to why the first Tuesday in each month should be chosen in preference to any other day.

L. Corish
Mayor
4. 10. 29

7th October, 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, Richard Gibson, Thomas Hayes.

Councillors: Thomas Walsh, Cyril Ross, John Walsh, Patrick McCabe, Garrett Donohoe, James Murphy, James Gaul, Patrick Clancy, James Crosbie, William Goodison, John Atkins.

The minutes of meeting of the 2nd September, 1929, were read and signed.

Liabilities which had accrued due up to the end of last month, amounting, in the aggregate, to £1,915 - 0 - 8, were submitted, and having been examined, were approved, and an Advice Note was signed to enable them to be discharged.

The notification received from the Local Branch of the Federation of Building Trades Operatives that from 1st November next all members of the Federation engaged on the present Corporation Housing Scheme and on all future Schemes should be paid at the rate of 1/8 per hour instead of 1/6½ was again brought forward.

This matter had been before the Council on 12th August last but had been adjourned to present Meeting.

The demand now received

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The minutes of meeting of the 12th August, 1929, were read and signed.

Liabilities which had accrued due up to the end of last month, amounting, in the aggregate, to £2,445 - 1 - 11, were submitted, and having been examined were approved, and an Advice Note was signed to enable the Treasurer to pay them.

A report was submitted by the Housing Committee. This was to the effect that in order to preserve the amenity of St. John's Road it would be necessary to build two good-class five-room houses on the ground adjacent to the plot on which sixteen dwellings are at present being erected but to face the Road, and that accordingly the Committee, through the Mayor, had submitted a plan of such houses to the Local Government Housing Department on a recent occasion, and this had received provisional approval.

The total estimated cost of erection was £360, and it was proposed to give the tenants the benefit of the Housing Subsidy, so that the economic rent would be 14/6 per house per week, and this sum would cover all possible charges including repayment of Loan and interest thereon, full rates, ground rent, depreciation, insurance, and Collector's commission.

The Committee were unanimously of the opinion that the two houses were needed to complete the building Scheme in that particular locality, and recommended that a Loan of £740 be sought from the Commissioners of Public Works to enable the dwellings to be commenced on an early date, which sum, together with the Subsidy of £120, would suffice for the work.

Alderman Connolly thereupon moved:- That the report as submitted be adopted, and that the Minister for Local Government and Public Health be requested to sanction the obtainment of the requisite Loan, but that the rent to be charged for the houses be Fourteen Shillings each per week.

This motion was seconded by Councillor Goodison, and was adopted, but with Councillor Clancy dissenting on the ground that Irish slates should be procured to roof the houses instead of the intended asbestos covering, although it was intimated that if the former material were used it would mean an addition of at least tenpence per week to the rent of each of the houses.

In accordance with a notice of motion given by the Mayor at a meeting of the Housing Committee on the 19th ultimo, he now moved:- That the resolution adopted by the Council on the 27th May last relating to the sale out-and-out of two houses on St. John's Road be rescinded.

This was seconded by Councillor Thomas Walsh, and was carried unanimously. (The reason for this motion was because no offers had been received for the houses in question although they had been advertised for sale on two occasions in the local newspapers)

A recommendation from the Housing Committee regarding these two dwellings was then submitted. This set out that they should be sold on the tenant-purchase system in accordance with either of two schemes which had been drawn up by the Committee.

One of these provided for an initial payment of £100 and a weekly rent-charge of Eleven Shillings for a period of twenty years at the end of which period the houses would become the property of the occupiers; while the other provided for an initial payment of £160 and a weekly rent-charge of 8/4 for the same period.

These payments would cover repayment of cost of erection less the Government Subsidy, fire insurance, and Collector's commission, but the tenant-purchasers would also have to pay an annual ground rent of Thirty Shillings, and their proportion of rates as set out in the Housing Acts, and

"From a Newry Delegate, we were interested in the provisions of those Acts, and we gleaned
" from what we heard that the artizan desiring to erect his own dwelling is afforded more help
" by the Northern Government and Local Authorities in the North than he is by the Government
" and Local Authorities of the Saorstat.

" One of the most interesting discussions at the Conference arose on a motion by the Mayor of
" Clormel to change the System of charging for electricity supplied to a charge for the actual
" power consumed from the present System of a rent based on valuation together with a charge
" per unit consumed. We did not vote with the majority in favour of this motion as we did
" not see that material benefit would result from the change.

" We think the Conference Report should be issued whilst the questions discussed at the
" Conference are fresh in the minds of the Municipal Authorities.

" We think also that this Report should be read carefully by members and matters of general
" interest, or those of a debatable nature, considered by each Municipal Authority. This
" would awaken interest in Municipal Government, and induce comparative reasoning, and would
" provide a valuable and interesting Agenda for next year's Conference by begetting
" Resolutions at each discussion."

Members expressed appreciation of the information embodied in the Report, and it was
decided to communicate with the Secretary of the Association and request him to bring before the
Executive the advisability of having the Agenda of all future Conferences in the hands of
affiliated Councils at least one month prior to such meeting being held.

A Resolution from the Galway County Council animadverting on the action of the Irish Banks
in increasing the rate of interest charged on loans and calling for the establishment of a
State Bank was read, but as the whole question was a very involved one, the Resolution received
no support.

The Mayor, however, proposed as an alternative: That we view with alarm the high rate of interest
on loans at present prevailing, and request the Government to take measures to make loans
available at a moderate charge so as to give an impetus to trade and facilitate the establish-
ment of new industries.

This was seconded by Councillor Ross, and was carried unanimously.

At this juncture Councillor Thomas Walsh submitted a motion which, he stated, he had been
requested by the Anti-Vaccination Lecturer at present in Town to bring forward.

It was in the following terms:-

" That in view of the numerous and ever-increasing deaths from vaccination as reported in
" the press within the past six months; and in consideration of the unanimous indignation
" of the people of Wexford at the wholly unwarrantable action taken by the Government in
" forcing upon an unwilling people the filthy, extremely dangerous, as well as absolutely
" useless rite of vaccination: this Council as representative of the people, confer upon
" the Anti-Vivisection Motor Van the Freedom of the City of Wexford on Wednesday, October
" 9th as a mark of appreciation of the energetic anti-vaccination campaign conducted within
" our City during the past week."

The Mayor declined to receive this singular proposal on the grounds that the Freedom of the
Borough was but conferred on very rare occasions, and then only on distinguished Irishmen who

Corporation should not be classed as private employers (this being the ground on which the claim was based) and as well, they were careful to see that all their workmen were members of a recognized trade union and that they were paid at union rates of wages.

Accordingly, the Mayor moved that the demand of the Federation be not acceded to.

This motion was seconded by Councillor Ross, and was carried by eleven votes to two against.

Two members declined to vote one way or the other.

The following report from Alderman Rossiter and Councillor Gaul, the two Delegates appointed on the 12th August last to represent the Council at the recent Annual Conference of the Association of Municipal Authorities, was read:

" In accordance with your directions we attended the Conference of Municipal Authorities
 " of Ireland held at Cork during its Sessions on September 10th and 11th. We were present
 " for the opening address delivered by the Lord Mayor of Cork, and we remained through all
 " the discussions until the Conference closed.

" We wish to report generally that we were much impressed with the proceedings, and we feel
 " convinced that the interchange of opinions between Representatives of Municipal Authorities
 " from all parts of the Country is of very great value, and a help and education to those
 " concerned in Municipal Administration.

" A suggestion was made by the Delegates to last year's Conference that the Agenda for the
 " Conference should be in the hands of Municipal Authorities for some time previous to the
 " Conference date in order to allow of the discussion of matters of common concern appearing
 " on the Agenda, and in order to ensure that Delegates attending the Conference would be in a
 " position to give the considered opinion of the bodies they represent. We reiterate this
 " suggestion, and feel that we cannot assess its value too highly.

" We felt at the actual Conference that the discussions were not of such interest as last
 " year's discussions, and we also felt that neither the subjects for discussion nor the
 " contributions to argument were of such immediate moment to Municipal Authorities as they
 " were at the Clonmel Conference. This, we believe, is to a great extent accounted for by
 " the fact that Municipal Authorities do not contribute sufficiently to the making of the
 " Agenda, and do not take sufficient interest in the Resolutions of Conferences.

" We respectfully recommend that you, as an affiliated member of the Conference, instruct your
 " Clerk to convey our suggestion to the Conference Secretaries for consideration by the
 " Executive.

" When the Conference comes to the stage when its Resolutions will embody the experience and
 " considered views of the Municipal Authorities of Ireland, its value will be increased a
 " hundredfold.

" We heard the paper read by the Mayor of Waterford on Re-Valuation, and that by Mr. McKenna
 " on the Small Dwellings Acquisition Act.

" From actual experience, the Mayor of Waterford did not appear to consider the Re-Valuation
 " was worth the trouble.

" Mr. McKenna's paper brought forth a description of the Housing Acts passed by the Government
 " of Northern Ireland.

21st October, 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.

The members present were:-

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

Aldermen: James Billington, Thomas Rossiter, Richard Gibson, Thomas Hayes.

Councillors: Thomas Walsh, Cyril Ross, James Crosbie, John Walsh, Garrett Donohoe, James Murphy, William Goodison, Patrick Clancy, Patrick McCabe, Michael Martin, and Edward Bolger.

The meeting was specially convened as arranged on the 7th instant to consider the advisability of altering the present date of the Wexford Town Fair to a fixed day in each month, and if such a change were decided upon, to fix the particular day on which the Fair would in future be held. When the meeting assembled it was seen that there were six other available members who were not in attendance, and it was felt that it would be difficult to come to any decision as to a change of date on the present occasion, as it would require the consent of the sixteen members present to make such change effective, so after considerable discussion, it was decided, on the motion of Councillor McCabe, seconded by Alderman Rossiter, to again postpone consideration of the matter until the Statutory Meeting due to be held on the 4th prox. when it was hoped that this much-discussed question would be settled one way or the other.

Richard Corish
Mayor of Wexford
4. 11. 29

4th November, 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: Nicholas Connolly, James Billington, Richard Gibson, Thomas Hayes, Thomas Rossiter.

Councillors: John Walsh, Thomas Walsh, William J. Power, Cyril Ross, Patrick Clancy, James Murphy, Michael Martin, Garrett Donohoe, James Gaul, William Goodison, James Crosbie, Edward Bolger, Patrick McCabe, and James McMahon.

The minutes of meetings of 7th and 21st October, 1929, were read and signed.

Liabilities which had accrued due up to the end of last month, amounting, in the aggregate, to £4,134 - 0 - 1, were submitted, and having been examined, were approved, and an Advice Note was signed to enable them to be discharged.

With reference to the objection raised at meeting of the 7th ultimo to prosecutions which had been instituted by the Civil Guards against lads playing football on the Fair Green at Windmill's Hill, it was now reported that on investigation it turned out that this ground

who had rendered signal service to Wexford or to the State, and that it was without precedent for this much-prized compliment to be tendered to a person who had sought it.

Councillors Bolger and Martin attended at this stage of the proceedings.

Complaints were made about recent prosecutions instituted by the Civic Guards under the Towns Improvement Act against lads playing football on the Fair Green.

It was held that the Green was not part of the Public Street, and as it had been used as a recreation ground from time immemorial, legal proceedings should not have been taken in the cases complained of.

An opinion was expressed that the Ground was part of the Corporation Estate, and as it had always been used as a Common, it was decided that the Corporate Records should be examined in an endeavour to ascertain in whom the Ground was vested.

The question of altering the present date of the Town Fair to a fixed day in each month, a matter which was several times before the Council, was again brought forward.

A further communication was read from Mr. James J. O'Connor, Solicitor, wherein he intimated that his clients believed that if the Fair were held on the first Tuesday in each month it would prove very convenient for the farming community as well as for cross-channel buyers, the latter of whom would ^{not} have suitable facilities to reach Wexford if the Fair were altered to the last Monday of the month as some persons desired.

Under these circumstances, Mr. O'Connor trusted that the Council would take the necessary steps to have the date of all future Fairs fixed to be held on the first Tuesday in each month.

As there were only seventeen members in attendance at present meeting, and it would be necessary for sixteen of them to agree on some specific date on which to hold future Fairs to make such date effective, it was decided on the motion of Councillor McCabe, Seconded by Councillor John Walsh, to postpone consideration of the matter until Monday, the 21st instant, when a Special Meeting of the Council was to be convened at which it was hoped that a decision one way or the other on this contentious matter would be arrived at.

Attention was called to the inconvenience experienced by persons posting letters at Anne Street Post Office after nightfall owing to the absence of a gas lamp or any illuminant whatever near the letter box, and it was decided to request the Minister for Posts to arrange to have a light provided at or near the building during the winter months for the accomodation of those having business at the Post Office.

Richard Lewis
Mayor of Wexford
4. 11. 29

course of erection on St. John's Road were to be let to unskilled workers only, so that all manual workers could apply for the tenancy of them.

This motion was seconded by Councillor Gaul, and was unanimously adopted.

The advisability of altering the present date of the Town Fair to a fixed day in each month was again brought forward, this being the sixth occasion on which the matter was under discussion by the Council.

The present meeting appeared to be in agreement as to the wisdom of making some alteration of date, so it was proposed by Councillor Murphy, and seconded by Councillor Gaul;

"That the present date of the Wexford Town Fair be changed to a fixed day in each month."

This proposition, on being put, was declared carried unanimously.

The meeting was then reminded that various dates for holding the Fair in future had been suggested. The County Committee of Agriculture wished it to be held on the first Tuesday in each month, as did also certain unnamed clients of Mr. James J. O'Connor, Solicitor, while four local cattle dealers considered that the last Monday in each month would prove the most suitable date.

Councillor Gaul thereupon proposed that the Fair be held on the last Monday in each month, as he believed this day would facilitate local traders, and this proposition was seconded by Councillor McMahon.

Alderman Billington, as an amendment, however, proposed that the Fair be fixed for the first Tuesday in each month, for the reason that this day was desired by the County Committee of Agriculture, and by those for whom Mr. O'Connor spoke, and as well, the majority of the shopkeepers of the Town who had been consulted favoured this day.

Alderman Gibson seconded this amendment.

A Poll was taken upon it, when there voted

For	Councillors John Walsh, Thomas Walsh, McCabe, Aldermen Billington, and Gibson.	5
Against	Councillors McMahon, Bolger, Crosbie, Goodison, Gaul, Donohoe, Martin, Murphy, Clancy, Ross, Power, Aldermen Rossiter, Hayes, Connolly, and The Mayor.	15.

The amendment was thereupon declared lost.

Alderman Rossiter then proposed a further amendment to Councillor Gaul's motion to the effect that the last Tuesday in each month be the day on which the Fair should be held in future.

This amendment was seconded by Councillor Crosbie.

Alderman Rossiter's reason for desiring the Fair held on the last Tuesday in each month was because this day appeared to be the one which would clash least with other Fairs held throughout Ireland.

A Poll was also taken upon this amendment, when there voted

For	Councillors McCabe, Bolger, Crosbie, Goodison, Donohoe, Martin, Ross, Power, T. Walsh, J. Walsh, Aldermen Rossiter, Hayes, Gibson, Billington, Connolly, and The Mayor.	16.
Against	Councillors Gaul, Murphy, and Clancy.	3.
Declined to vote	- Councillor McMahon.	1.

formed part of the Ancient Estate of the Corporation, and, therefore, was vested in that Body, and this being so, it was decided to inform the Gardai that no proceedings were to be taken in future against members of football clubs using the Green for practise.

Votes of condolence were passed as follows:

To Councillor O'Leary and Councillor Browne on the recent deaths of their respective mothers.

To Councillor McMahon on the death of his brother-in-law, the late Martin O'Connor.

To the relatives of the late Patrick O'Brien, for many years Caretaker of the Town Hall.

To the widow of the late John J. O'Byrne, of Cushinstown, who acted as chairman of the Wexford County Council during a dangerous and difficult period.

To the relatives of the late Peter French, Harpoonstown, ex M. P. for South Wexford.

Councillor Ross, on behalf of Councillor O'Leary, returned thanks for the Council's sympathy, and Councillor McMahon, on his own behalf, also returned thanks.

Regarding complaint made on the 7th ultimo as to want of artificial light after nightfall in the vicinity of the Post Office in Anne Street, a letter from the Minister for Posts and Telegraphs under date of the 30th October, 1929, was read intimating that he was bringing the matter under the notice of the Wexford Harbour Commissioners as they were the Authority responsible for the lighting of that particular Street.

In accordance with notice given at meeting of Finance and Works Committee held on the 14th ultimo the Mayor moved that the Scheme for the erection of two houses on St. John's Road, adopted by the Council on 2nd September last, be amended so that the Corporation would make an annual contribution of a sum sufficient to discharge an annuity of £120 in 35 years, the effect of which would be to permit the two houses to be let at a weekly rent of Thirteen Shillings each. This proposition was seconded by Alderman Connolly.

It was explained that the reason for amending the original Scheme was to comply with the Regulation laid down by the Local Government Housing Department in order to qualify for a loan from the Local Loans Fund towards the erection of the dwellings.

This Regulation required that public bodies should contribute not less than the amount of the State Grant, and as this Grant in the present instance would amount to £120, the plan above-outlined would comply with the Regulation, and as a result, the proportion of the loan to be repaid by the tenants would be £620 instead of £740 as originally decided upon.

The Minister for Local Government and Public Health had been informed of the intention of the Council in the matter, and by letter dated 12th October, 1929, No. 69841, intimated that under the circumstances he was prepared to recommend the advance of the requisite loan.

Councillor Clancy advocated the use of Irish slates on the two houses, but it was pointed out that the additional cost as compared with asbestos roofing would amount to £31 - 18 - 7 and this would increase the rent of each of the houses by 9^d. per week, which increase was not considered justifiable.

The Mayor's motion to amend the Scheme of 2nd September last was then put to the meeting and was carried, Councillor Clancy alone dissenting on the ground that the houses should be roofed with Irish slates notwithstanding the additional expense.

Alderman Hayes, in accordance with notice given by him on the 21st ultimo, moved the revocation of that part of resolution adopted by the Council on 2nd April last whereby sixteen houses in

2nd December, 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: Thomas Rossiter, James Billington, Thomas Hayes, Richard Gibson,
Nicholas Connolly.

Councillors: Thomas Walsh, John Walsh, Garrett Donohoe, Patrick Clancy, Cyril Ross,
James Murphy, William Goodison, Michael Martin, John Atkins, Edward Bolger,
James Crosbie, James McMahon, and William J. Power.

The minutes of meeting of the 4th November, 1929, were read and signed.

Liabilities which had accrued due up to the end of last month, amounting, in the aggregate, to £1,294 : 10 : 3, were submitted, and having been examined were approved, and an Advice Note was signed to enable them to be discharged.

With reference to minutes of 2nd September last when the terms of sale of two bungalows on St. John's Road were settled on, it was reported that one of the dwellings had been disposed of, but although many inquiries had been made about the second, yet it was found impossible to sell it on the conditions laid down.

The Finance Committee had accordingly amended these conditions so as to bring the dwelling within the reach of persons of moderate means, and it was believed that if this plan were agreed to there would be no difficulty in disposing of the house, and, moreover, the altered terms would prove of financial advantage to the Council.

Alderman Rossiter thereupon moved the Committee Recommendation as follows:

"That the vacant house on St. John's Road be sold to a bona fide tenant-purchaser for an immediate payment of £20 together with a rent-charge of Twelve Shillings per week for the ensuing thirty years, at the end of which period the house will become the property of the purchaser, who, as well, must pay in perpetuity a ground rent of Thirty Shillings per annum, and be responsible for all legal charges consequent on the preparation, by the Corporation Solicitor, of the necessary Mortgage Deed, and that the Minister for Local Government and Public Health be requested to sanction the sale of the dwelling on these terms."

This motion was seconded by Alderman Connolly, and was unanimously adopted.

A Special Committee recently set up to revise the Waterworks Scale of Charges reported that in the course of inquiries made it was found that there were no less than 118 registered motor car owners in the town in the present year, and that a great quantity of water was used in washing these vehicles for which no charge was made, as the use of water for such a purpose was not contemplated when the Waterworks Scale was drawn up.

This amendment was thereupon declared carried, and having been put as a substitute for Councillor Gaul's defeated motion, was adopted in the following terms by sixteen votes to four against, the number in favour of it being the requisite two-thirds of the members of the Corporation:

"That in pursuance of Section 10 of the Local Government Board (Ireland) Act, 1872, it is hereby resolved that the present dates of the Wexford Town Fair be altered from the third day of January, February, March, April, June, July, August, September, October, November, December, and the first day of May in each year to the last Tuesday of each month all the year round, and that the Minister for Local Government and Public Health be asked to consent to such change."

It was then agreed, if the Minister's assent was obtained, not to make the change effective until timely notice of it was given to all interested parties by advertisement in the press. Regarding the provision of fever hospital accommodation for Wexford, and the intention of the County Board of Health and Public Assistance to dispose of the now disused hospital buildings at Grogan's Road, the Mayor read a communication which he had received from the Secretary of the Department of Local Government and Public Health on the matter.

This was to the effect that the question of hospital accommodation for the town was deferred pending the appointment of a County Medical Officer of Health, and as to the sale of the disused buildings it was doubtful if the Board of Health had power to dispose of them as they might be vested in the State, and if this were so, the State Lands Act would apply, but in any case the whole position as to hospital accommodation for Wexford would be kept in mind when the proposal to sell the Grogan's Road buildings was being considered by his Department.

Satisfaction was expressed at the information contained in this letter, seeing that when, on the 19th March last, a Committee of the Council, together with a Government Engineering Inspector, visited places that might be suitable for an isolation hospital the opinion of the Inspector at that time was that the buildings now proposed to be sold were the only available ones which would serve such a purpose.

L. Barrett. J.D.
Mayor of Wexford.

The proposition was thereupon declared carried, and the necessary instructions were to be given to Dr. Pierse forthwith.

The Association of Municipal Authorities of Ireland, by letter dated 22nd ultimo, asked for the views of the Council on the matter of the De-Rating of agricultural land and buildings, and industrial and freight transport hereditaments in so far as such De-Rating might affect the interests of the Council.

The Commission of Inquiry recently appointed by the Government to report on this much-debated matter had invited the Association to tender evidence on behalf of all affiliated Councils, and it was for the purpose of preparing such evidence that the views of the Wexford Corporation were required.

It was felt that without further information before them the present meeting were not competent to give any considered opinion on this important matter, so on the motion of Alderman Billington, seconded by Alderman Rossiter, the following were named as a Committee to investigate, as far as possible, the different phases of De-Rating, and submit their findings to a Special Meeting to be convened for the 16th instant, viz.:— Aldermen Rossiter, Connolly, Billington, Hayes, and Councillors Murphy, T. Walsh, ~~Madison~~, and the Mayor.

The Corporation Solicitor reported, under date of the 21st instant, that the application of William Browne, of the Faythe, for £20 compensation for malicious injury to walls of his field in the Faythe had been heard at the recent Circuit Court, and that a Decree for £10 had been given, but this was not to issue if the Corporation made good the damage.

The Solicitor advised that this course should be followed so that the applicant might not profit by the application, which was not the first he had made in respect of this particular property.

The Borough Surveyor intimated that the damage could be made good for a considerably lesser sum than £10, and this being the case, it was unanimously decided that the necessary work should be put in hands forthwith.

With reference to this matter, the meeting were of the opinion that the Laws relating to malicious injury should be amended, as in the case under notice the damage was undoubtedly caused by trespass, but nevertheless as the Law stood the Judge had no option but to award compensation, so it was decided to bring the matter under the notice of the Minister for Justice and urge on him the desirability of having the Malicious Injury Code altered so that ratepayers would not be made responsible for damage not maliciously done.

Councillor Clancy called attention to the fact that the names of the eighteen streets altered in 1920 were not designated by these names in the Local Register of Electors, and wished that steps should be taken to compel this to be done in future years.

It was explained that the alterations were not carried out in a legal manner, as no attention whatever had been paid to the requirements of part 2 of the Public Health Acts Amendment Act, 1907, which, so far, was not in force in Wexford, and that the change of name would not become effective until the terms of Section 21 of that Statute were complied with.

On the motion of the Mayor, seconded by Councillor McMahon, the congratulations of the Council were respectfully tendered to His Grace The Most Rev. Dr. McRory, Archbishop of Armagh, and Primate of all Ireland, on his approaching elevation to the Sacred College of

The Committee felt that in equity all water so used should be paid for, and therefore recommended that an annual fee of Ten Shillings should be charged to all motor car owners for the privilege of using the town supply for washing their cars unless the water was drawn from a metered service. A lengthy discussion arose on this recommendation when the feeling of the Meeting seemed to be that the proposed charge should be modified in the case of persons possessing two or more vehicles, and as a result of the discussion, the following resolution was substituted for the original recommendation, and was unanimously adopted, on the motion of Alderman Connolly, seconded by Councillor Atkins, viz.:-

"That from 1st April, 1930, the following fees will be charged for water used in washing every motor car, motor truck, motor lorry, or motor omnibus, unless the water so used is taken from a supply fitted with a regulation water meter, and that such fees be added to the Scale of Waterworks Charges in pursuance of Clause 10 of the Wexford Waterworks Order, of 1875, namely:

To every person owning one motor vehicle. Ten Shillings per annum.

To every person owning two or more motor vehicles. An additional Five Shillings per annum for every vehicle in excess of one."

A further recommendation from the same Committee was brought forward.

It was to the effect that wholesale bottlers should be supplied by meter only for the reason that excessive quantities of water were used by persons carrying on such a trade, and that this water was not required for domestic purposes as defined by Clause 8 of the Waterworks Order.

The Mayor thereupon moved. That there be added to the list of Trades, set out in the Waterworks Scale of Charges, which are to be supplied by meter only the Trade of "Wholesale Bottler".

This motion was seconded by Alderman Billington, and was adopted unanimously.

Communications from the Local Government Department under date of 14th and 20th November, 1929, were read.

These required that legal proceedings should be instituted against all vaccination defaulters in the Borough since 1926 (531 in number) and intimated that if the Council failed to have the Law carried out, the Minister for Local Government and Public Health would take steps to compel them to do so, and moreover would name all the objecting members as special defendants so that the legal costs incurred by him could be recovered from such members.

It was computed that to carry out the Minister's behest in its entirety would involve an expenditure of at least £130 for which no provision was made in the current year's rates, but as an alternative, it was proposed by Alderman Billington, and seconded by Councillor Murphy, that 20 out of the list of 531 vaccination defaulters be promiscuously selected for prosecution, but that Dr. Pierse be requested to serve notices again on those chosen so as to give them a further chance to obey the Law.

A Poll was taken on this proposition, when there voted:-

For	Councillors Crosbie, Martin, Goodison, Murphy, Ross, Donohoe, John Walsh, Aldermen Connolly, Gibson, Hayes, Billington, Rossiter, and the Mayor. -----	13
Against	Councillors Power, Bolger, Atkins, and Thomas Walsh. -----	4
Declined to vote	- Councillors McMahon and Clancy. -----	2

"farmers receiving the benefits of De-Rating should be compelled to till a certain proportion of their land annually."

The Committee then went into the Terms of Reference of the Government Commission of Inquiry into De-Rating, and gave their considered opinion thereon as follows:-

1. "That while present local rates are no more than are necessary to maintain in an efficient manner the public services administered by local authorities, still, the burden on agriculture and industry is too great.
2. "That the probable economic consequences of De-Rating would be that greater energy would be displayed both on the farm and in the factory with a consequent increase of employment, and as a corollary, a reduction of the cost of living.
3. "That if De-Rating be brought into effect all urban areas should be formed into separate electoral divisions and direct representation given to such areas on county councils, as we believe that local services can be more efficiently and economically managed by elected councils than by the Central Government."

The Committee were also of the opinion, in view of the great importance of the matter, that a Special General Conference of the Association of Municipal Authorities of Ireland, instead of a meeting of the Emergency Committee, should be summoned without delay to give the delegates an opportunity of voicing the views of their councils on this most urgent question.

Signed on behalf of the Committee,

Richard Corish,

12th December, 1929.

Mayor and Chairman of Committee.

The feeling of the present meeting seemed to be that the views embodied in the Report reflected the general opinion of the Council on a matter which was agitating the public mind for some time past, and on the motion of Alderman Rossiter, seconded by Councillor Ross, the Committee Report was unanimously adopted, and a copy of it was ordered to be sent to the Association of Irish Municipal Authorities.

Richard Corish
Mayor

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Cardinals, and as well, to Monsignor Paschal Robinson, O. F. M., Archbishop of Tyana, the first Apostolic Nuncio appointed to Saorstát Éireann.

A vote of sympathy to the relatives of the late T. P. O'Connor, who for 45 years represented the Irish people of the Scotland Road Division of Liverpool in the British House of Commons, where he did everything possible to advance the Irish Cause, was adopted in silence, on the motion of the Mayor, seconded by Alderman Connolly.

Richard Corish
Mayor
13. 12. 29

16th December, 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.

The members in attendance were:-

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

Aldermen: James Billington, Thomas Hayes, and Thomas Rossiter.

Councillors: James Murphy, Garrett Donohoe, John Walsh, Thomas Walsh, James McMahon, James Crosbie, Patrick Clancy, William Goodison, Cyril Ross, Edward Bolger, and Michael Martin.

The meeting was summoned to consider, and if thought well adopt in its entirety, or adopt after amendment, a Special Committee Report on the matter of the De-Rating of agricultural land and industrial undertakings for submission to the Association of Municipal Authorities as the considered opinion of the Council on this highly important matter.

The Committee submitted its report in the following terms:

The Committee appointed to go into the question of the De-Rating of agricultural land and buildings, and industrial and freight transport hereditaments, as requested by the Association of Municipal Authorities, met on Wednesday, the 11th instant, at the Town Clerk's Office, at seven p. m. when the following members attended:-

The Mayor in the Chair, with Aldermen Thomas Hayes and James Billington, and Councillors Thomas Walsh and James Murphy.

The Committee had before them the Scheme of De-Rating in operation in Great Britain and Northern Ireland and the method by which it was financed, and in view of the disadvantageous position in which the farmers of the Free State, as well as the heavy industries therein, are placed as a consequence, the Committee unanimously came to the following conclusion:

"That there should be a relief of rates on agricultural land as well as on all factories and property used for production, but we are not in a position to express any opinion as to how the Scheme should be financed. This is a matter for the Government.

"That we consider that if it is necessary to levy any new taxes to bring the Scheme into operation, these should not be placed on the necessities of life, and further, that if a general Subsidy is given to agriculture and industry it should be accompanied by a stipulation that a minimum wage should be paid to the workers employed, and that in the case of agriculture all

The meeting were uncertain whether to issue these advertisements in a month or so, or wait until next year, as some members stated that for the present year the existing dates had been inserted in various almanacks and to change them before 1931 would cause confusion, so as the County Committee of Agriculture were interested in the matter, it was decided, before taking any action, to ascertain when, in their opinion, the change of date should become effective. The question of the recent flooding of King Street, caused by the abnormal rainfall and high tides, was a matter brought forward by the Mayor to see if any remedy could be found to prevent a recurrence of such an unfortunate state of affairs.

He said that this was not the first occasion on which flooding had taken place, as from a perusal of the municipal records it appeared that so far back as 1897 the then Corporation had a similar difficulty to contend with, and various steps were taken to mitigate the nuisance, but as the ground floors of some of the houses in King Street were below tidal level, it was then recognised that it would be impossible to prevent water from flowing into the dwellings at certain times, and the same conditions existed on the present date.

Again in 1900 the locality was flooded, and a Committee found that a contributory cause was the arches under Messrs. Pettigrew's Malthouse, which were not large enough to carry off the water from the Horse River with the result that it overflowed into King Street and flooded that Street, but again the point was stressed that water would be liable to burst into the dwellings in the Street at any time owing to their low-lying situation.

The arches referred to had been removed and replaced by iron girders, and the expense of doing the work, which came to £35, had been borne equally by the Corporation, by the Messrs. Pettigrew, and by the Landlord of the malthouse, and this alteration, it seemed, had effected a considerable improvement in the locality.

As every possible effort should be made to remedy, if possible, the undoubted hardship from which the tenants of the King Street houses were suffering, the following proposal was now made by the Mayor, viz.:—

That the services of Mr. Alfred D. Delap, M. Inst. C. E., of Dublin, be engaged to report as to whether any scheme could, within reasonable financial limits, be devised to prevent the flooding of the King Street area during certain periods.

This proposal was seconded by Councillor Thomas Walsh.

Alderman Billington, however, proposed as an amendment. That the breaches in the wall of King Street Avenue be built up, and the culverts of the Stonebridge River be cleaned out from King Street to the Quays.

This motion was seconded by Councillor Murphy.

Alderman Billington held that the flooding, in a great measure, was aggravated by the broken wall which allowed the overflow from the River to pour down the Avenue and thence into King Street, and that if this wall were repaired the flooding would, to a certain extent, be obviated in future.

It was pointed out, however, that King Street Avenue was private property, and that the Corporation had always refused either to repair, light, or clean it, and that Mr. James J. Stafford, who owned three or four houses in the Avenue, disclaimed all ownership in the Wall.

13th January, 1930.

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

The members present were:-

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

Aldermen: Thomas Hayes, James Billington, Thomas Rossiter, Richard Gibson.

Councillors: James Gaul, Garrett Donohoe, James Murphy, John Walsh, Thomas Walsh, John Atkins, Patrick Clancy, John J. O'Leary, William J. Power, James Crosbie, James McMahon, Michael Martin, and Edward Bolger.

The minutes of meeting of 2nd December, 1929, were read and signed, and those of the 16th idem were taken as read and were thereupon also signed.

Liabilities which had accrued due up to the end of last month, amounting, in the aggregate, to £1,847 - 10 - 10, were submitted, and having been examined, were approved, and an Advice Note was signed to enable them to be discharged.

Councillor O'Leary expressed sincere thanks for the sympathy extended to him by the Council on the occasion of the recent death of his mother.

Votes of condolence were passed to the County Surveyor on the death of his sister, the late Miss Barry, and to Mrs. Dowse on the death of her husband, the late Dr. Thomas Dowse, who had practised in Wexford from the time he entered the medical profession until his unexpected demise. With reference to minutes of the 4th November, 1929, on which date it was decided to seek the assent of the Minister for Local Government and Public Health to a proposal to change the present dates of the Town Fairs, the following is a copy of a Sealed Order which was made by the Minister on the 30th ultimo giving approval to the proposed alteration of dates:

"In exercise of the powers vested in him by Section 10 of the Local Government (Ireland) Act, 1872, and of all other powers in this behalf enabling him, the Minister for Local Government and Public Health does hereby consent to the proposal made to him by the Mayor, Aldermen and Burgesses of Wexford, acting by the Council, being the owners of certain fairs held in the Town of Wexford on the Third day of January, February, March, April, June, July, August, September, October, November and December, and on the First day of May, in each year, to alter and fix the days for holding the said fairs from the day in each month hereinbefore specified, to the last Tuesday of every month in each year.

"Given under the Official Seal of the Minister for Local Government and Public Health, this thirtieth day of December in the Year of Our Lord One Thousand Nine Hundred and Twenty-nine.

(Signed) "Risteard Ua Maolchatha,"

"Minister for Local Government and Public Health."

The question of the month in which the alteration would take effect so that this date could be published in "Iris Oifigiúil" and in the local newspapers, as required by Section 10 of the Local Government Board (Ireland) Act, 1872, was then considered.

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Solicitor to appear in the case to safeguard, as far as possible, the interests of the ratepayers.

Councillor Clancy moved that the hearty congratulations of the Council be extended to Mr. John Healy, of Messrs. Healy & Collins, of Main Street, for his enterprise in re-opening the Wexford Knitting Factory on up-to-date lines, as this revived industry was providing much-needed employment for a large number of the girls of the town, and he called on the people of Wexford to give the project their practical support.

The motion was seconded by Councillor Atkins, supported by the Mayor, and adopted with unanimity.

Richard Corish
Mayor

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3rd February, 1930.

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: Thomas Hayes, Thomas Rossiter, James Billington, Nicholas Connolly, and Richard Gibson.

Councillors: John Walsh, William Goodison, Cyril Ross, Garrett Donohoe, James Murphy, James McMahon, John Atkins, Thomas Walsh, Patrick Clancy, Michael Martin, James Crosbie, Edward Bolger, John J. O'Leary, William J. Power, James Gaul, and Patrick McCabe.

The minutes of meeting of 13th January, 1930, were read and signed.

Liabilities which had accrued due up to the end of last month, amounting, in the aggregate, to £2,386 - 8 - 3, were submitted, and having been examined, were approved, and Advice Notes were signed to enable them to be discharged.

On the motion of Councillor Martin, seconded by Alderman Rossiter, the condolences of the meeting were tendered to Councillor Gaul on the recent demise of his father-in-law, the late Mr. John Kennedy, a well known and highly respected citizen of the town; and on the motion of Councillor Clancy, seconded by Councillor Atkins, a vote of sympathy was passed with the relatives of the late Patrick Roche, who for fifteen years had acted as Caretaker of Crosstown Cemetery, and had during that time discharged his duties to the entire satisfaction of the Council as well as to all who had occasion to visit the Cemetery.

Mrs. H. G. Dowse, of George Street, by letter expressed her heartfelt thanks for the sympathy extended to her by the Council on the recent death of her husband, the late Dr. Thomas Dowse.

There was submitted for execution on the part of the Corporation a Deed of Mortgage whereby

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The amendment was thereupon put to the meeting, when it was declared lost, six members only being in favour of it, while ten were against it.

The Mayor's motion was then put, when there voted

For	Councillors Martin, Crosbie, Power, O'Leary, T. Walsh, J. Walsh, Donohoe, Aldermen Gibson, Rossiter, Hayes, and the Mayor. -----	11
Against	Councillors McMahon, Clancy, Atkins, Murphy, and Alderman Billington -----	5
Declined to vote -	Councillors Bolger and Gaul. -----	2

The motion was accordingly declared carried.

It was the unanimous opinion of the meeting that every possible effort should be made to compel whoever was responsible to have the breaches in the wall above referred to built up, and to that end it was proposed by the Mayor, seconded by Alderman Billington, and unanimously resolved: That the Corporation Solicitor be directed to report as to the ownership of the roadway and the retaining wall of King Street Avenue so that steps could be taken to compel the owner to have all necessary repairs carried out forthwith.

The Secretary of the Harbour Board wrote requesting the Council to send representatives to confer with the Board and the Rosslare Development Association, so as to see what was best to be done to check the considerable erosion which was taking place at Rosslare, and threatened the very existence of this thriving seaside resort, and as well, according to expert opinion, might prove injurious to the Quays of Wexford, and the following were appointed to represent the Council at the proposed Conference: Alderman Rossiter, with Councillors T. Walsh and McMahon. In accordance with notice given by him, Councillor Clancy moved that an additional lamp be provided for Parnell Street to replace the light which was removed some time ago to the Castle Hill end of that Street, and a letter to the same effect from several residents of the Street was read.

This motion was seconded by Councillor McMahon, but failed to be carried as there voted against it Councillors Martin, Crosbie, Power, T. Walsh, J. Walsh, Murphy, Donohoe, Aldermen Gibson, Rossiter, Billington, Hayes, and the Mayor, (12) While only Councillors Bolger, McMahon, O'Leary, Clancy, Atkins, and Gaul (6) were in favour of it.

A letter under date of the 21st December, 1929, No. 85818, was read intimating that the Minister for Local Government and Public Health proposed to convene in the early summer a Conference in Dublin of representatives of local bodies concerned in the administration of public social services, and suggesting that the Chairman and another member of each body along with the clerk should be nominated to attend such Conference.

The appointment of the Mayor and the Town Clerk was unanimously approved, and as to the third Delegate, Councillor O'Leary proposed that Alderman Billington be selected, and this proposition was seconded by Councillor McMahon.

Alderman Hayes, however, moved that Councillor Thomas Walsh should be the third representative, and this was seconded by Councillor Gaul.

The latter proposition was declared carried on a division by ten votes to six.

There was submitted a notice received from Anastasia Keating of her intention to apply to the forthcoming Circuit Court for Ten Pounds as compensation for a plate glass window broken in her premises in Bride Street on the 1st of June, and it was decided to instruct the Corporation

"12.00 O.D. High water of an ordinary spring tide is 10.84.

"Now the level of Main Street South at its lowest point is 13.93, and of King Street Upper at its lowest point is 13.00. So that more than tide is necessary to account for the flooding, though the tide was certainly a contributory cause.

"The flooding occurred after severe local rainfall, coming on top of an unusually wet spell. There was no ground which was not already saturated, so that the run-off was very quick and more than the ordinary river channel from the old town wall to the sea were able to take already filled, as they almost certainly were by the tide.

"This lower part of the river is very flat and very low. Up to Lambert Place the bed of the river is under high water of an ordinary spring tide, and even with a moderate flood and anything to cause an unusually high tide the water level would be affected as far up as the Joseph Street and Mill Road crossing of King Street Upper.

"Besides being flat the channel of the river is at certain points seriously constricted and especially at one place very crooked. The constrictions are caused by narrowings and too low arches, or both, and the worst point as regard crookedness is where the stream turns at two right angles at the old town wall. Such constrictions inevitably cause trouble in times of flood and in serious cases raise the level of the water upstream of them till it flows out of the river channel.

"These constrictions of the river channel, whether in width or depth, affect its ability to discharge the flood water, and their effect is of course much greater where the tidal influence is felt; that is, below the Joseph Street-Mill Road junction. An examination of the points where flooding occurred will illustrate this.

"For instance, the bridge that crosses the stream at the end of King Street Avenue is too narrow and too low for a big flood; the water checked by it banked up, poured out through a broken gap in the wall guarding the river immediately opposite the lane, flooded the lane and, through it, all of King Street Upper.

"Again, at the point where the stream reaches the line of the old town wall, where the overflow culvert takes off, there is a right angle bend and a sudden narrowing just above the bridge, followed by a second right angle bend in Rope-walk yard: these bends, combined with the fact that the bridge under King Street Upper is a very low one, must prevent the water getting away from all the area above this point.

"Again, the Stone Bridge itself under the Main Street is a very low arch; its total height from invert to soffit of arch is only 4 ft., and only one arch of the two is available for the river. This constriction forced the water to leave its channel above Main Street at its lowest point and return to its channel below the bridge.

"At all these points there is much restriction to flow and every restriction must cause banking up and, when conditions are bad, flooding.

"The levels show that the normal tide alone never causes flooding in the area examined and an extraordinary tide would have to be more than two feet higher than normal before trouble would be caused by tide alone, and such a tide must be very unusual. If, however, floods come down while the tide is in, the flood water cannot get away; it accumulates upstream of every constriction whether this is caused by a narrow place in the channel, an arch too low, a sudden bend or change of direction or rubbish of any kind in the channel, and if such accumulation goes on, flooding is inevitable.

"Drains and sewers which normally discharge surface waters into the river have their flow restricted or altogether stopped at high water, but it is of the utmost importance that that these should be kept in first-class order so that, with falling water in the river channel, flood waters can quickly escape. The masonry culvert which takes off from the river channel at the Town Wall Bridge under King Street Upper and passes to the sea under King Street Lower must be of considerable use in relieving flooding above its take-off, but its entrance is only 4' X 4'6" and nothing is known of its condition as there is no access to it at any point.

"As I understand the situation, ^{such} flooding as was experienced last December does not occur sufficiently often to justify very large expenditure, and I therefore do not propose to discuss such works as the construction of a culvert by-pass from above the bridge under King Street Upper to below Main Street South, which could be constructed to the benefit of King Street but at a very considerable cost.

"Again, certain works have been done in the past which might have been done with less risk of obstructing the flow of the river, but the advantage to be gained by widening these would not be worth the cost. An instance of this is to be seen at Stone Bridge where the invert has been raised unnecessarily high and pipes of various kinds have been allowed to be placed through and under the soffit of the arches.

"Certain things can be done to mitigate the trouble, though they will not prevent its recurrence under exceptional combinations of bad conditions, such as extraordinary high tides and high intensity rainfall. The works I would suggest are as follows:-

security would be given to the Commissioners of Public Works for the re-payment of a Loan of £740 required to enable two good-class houses to be erected on the St. John's Road as decided upon on the 2nd September last.

The Minister for Local Government and Public Health, on 12th October, 1929, by letter No. 69841, intimated that he had recommended the Minister for Finance to advance such a Loan, and intimation was conveyed in letter of the 19th December, 1929, No. 89940, that this recommendation had been approved by the latter Minister.

Accordingly, it was proposed by Alderman Rossiter, seconded by Councillor Atkins, and unanimously 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 re-payment of the sum of Seven Hundred and Forty Pounds proposed to be advanced by them to us under the Housing of the Working Classes (Ireland) Acts."

Thereupon the Deed of Mortgage was duly Sealed and signed, and the following further resolution was unanimously adopted on the motion of Councillor Gaul, seconded by Councillor Ross, viz.:-

"That inasmuch as this Council does not immediately require from the Commissioners of Public Works in Ireland the total amount of the sum mentioned in the Deed of Mortgage to them this day executed by the Council, but prefer to receive the same by instalments as occasion may require. It is resolved that the requisition for each advance shall be intimated to said Commissioners by the Chairman of this Council for the time being, countersigned by the Town Clerk, and that each such requisition shall be forwarded to the Accountant of the said Commissioners, and that all such advances shall be lodged to our Account in the Wexford Branch of the National Bank."

With regard to the recent flooding of King Street, a matter which had engaged the attention of meeting held on the 13th ultimo, the following is a copy of a report received from Mr. Alfred Delap, C. E., as a result of his inspection of the locality, and which was read for the present meeting:

"Northern Bank Chambers,
115, Grafton Street,
Dublin.
31st January, 1930.

"To/ The Town Clerk,
Wexford.

"Dear Sir,

"In accordance with the wish of your Corporation that I should inspect the area recently flooded in King Street and its neighbourhood and report on this and advise as to what could be done to prevent a recurrence of this trouble --

"I went to Wexford on the 25th, met your Works Committee, and went over the whole ground with Mr. O'Donnell, the Borough Surveyor. On the 27th January I again examined the whole area and from Mr. O'Donnell got levels taken at various points, and I now beg to report as follows:-

"The places where flooding occurred were, I understand, King Street Upper and its neighbourhood and Main Street South, about the Stone Bridge; but I find it difficult to believe that there was six feet of water in any of the King Street houses.

"It was nearly dead neaps when the worst flooding occurred, but it is quite possible that the tide was an abnormal one, both in height and as to the hour when the water was at its highest. Such abnormal tides do occur, caused by either heavy flooding in the Slaney or by easterly or south-easterly gales, or a combination of these two causes. December was an exceptionally wet month and the Slaney must have been very high and the weather generally had been very bad and tides probably high. I think it is likely that the actual tide level at the time of the worst flooding was more than that of a high spring tide, which would be about

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thoroughbred foal which he alleged was wantonly killed at Mulgannon on the 19th December last.

This matter was referred to the Finance and Works Committee to be dealt with, as apart from Mulgannon being immediately outside the Borough boundary, there were other circumstances connected with the case which required to be investigated.

Councillor Clancy gave notice of his intention to move on an appropriate occasion that the Freedom of the Borough would be conferred on His Grace Archbishop Pascal Robinson, O. F. M. Nuncio Apostolic to Saorstát Éireann.

This notice was accepted.

Alderman Billington alluded to the recent Conference which was held between Delegates from the Rosslare Development Association, the County Council, the Harbour Commissioners, and the Corporation to discuss what was best to be done to prevent further erosion taking place at Rosslare.

He said it had been decided by the three first-named Bodies to send a Deputation to the Government to lay before them the grave plight of the inhabitants of the Village owing to the serious inroads of the sea during the past three or four months with a request for financial assistance to prevent further encroachment, and he pressed that some members of the Council should also be appointed to join this Deputation.

After discussion, it was decided, on the motion of Alderman Connolly, seconded by Councillor O'Leary, to request Councillors T. Walsh, and McCabe to represent the Corporation whenever the proposed interview with the Government would take place.

The following resolution was unanimously adopted, on the motion of Councillor Ross, seconded by Councillor Atkins: That the best thanks of the people of Wexford are due to Sister Davitt, of the Order of St. John of God, for her indefatigable labours among the sick poor of the town, and for her unsparing efforts to relieve the needy in their distress

Richard Corish
Mayor
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3rd March, 1930.

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: Richard Gibson, James Billington, Thomas Hayes, Nicholas Connolly, and Thomas Rossiter.

Councillors: Edward Bolger, James McMahon, John J. O'Leary, Patrick Clancy, James Murphy, Garrett Donohoe, Patrick McCabe, John Walsh, William J. Power, James Gaul, Thomas Walsh, John Atkins, Cyril Ross, James Crosbie, and Michael Martin.

The minutes of meeting of the 2nd February, 1930, were read and signed.

There was laid before the meeting a copy of a conditional Order of Garnishee whereby a sum of

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"1. Examine the King Street Lower culvert from its entrance to the sea. If its normal dimensions are substantially greater than those of its entrance the latter must be enlarged. Manholes to give access to this culvert should be provided at four points.

"2. The sewer in King Street Upper should have three manholes provided so that it can be kept in proper order; if its gradient is such that it is not self-cleansing, an automatic flushing tank must be provided. It is to be noted in this connection that the use of the field on the S.E. side of King Street Upper as a dumping ground for rubbish and waste material of a most unsanitary description has made the problem of King Street Upper a very difficult one. The natural drainage of this area is interfered with, all flooding is concentrated in the street itself and the health of this district must inevitably be seriously affected.

"3. There is a quite unnecessary constriction of the river channel immediately above the bridge under King Street Upper, which it would be advisable to remove.

"4. The breach in the river parapet opposite the end of King Street Avenue should be repaired, and also the breach in the parapet of the small bridge to which this lane leads. The first of these small works is necessary to prevent or delay escape of water in times of flood, but both are necessary in the interests of public safety.

"5. The river channel is, where it can be seen, surprisingly free from obstructions in view of the recent flooding, but there are accumulations of flood material in various places which undoubtedly tend to hold the water back, and these should be removed. There is much of the channel which cannot be seen as it is covered in, and steps should be taken to see that there is no unseen accumulation and, if necessary, openings should be provided to make such periodic inspection possible. Generally speaking, the whole course of the river, from sea to the Urban District boundary, should be examined and cleared each year.

"In conclusion, I would like to express my appreciation of the help given to me in my investigations by Mr. O'Donnell, your able and energetic Borough Surveyor, who spared no trouble to get me all necessary information.

"I am, Sir,

"Yours faithfully,

(Signed) "Alfred D. Delap, M. Inst. C. E.

"Delap & Waller

"P.S. - On reading over above report it occurs to me that I may have conveyed the impression that all the flooding of King Street was due to the breach in the wall opposite the end of King Street Avenue. This was not my intention. Water did escape from the river through King Street Avenue, but much came down Distillery Road, Joseph Street, Mill Road, and Lambert Place, and all this converged on King Street, Upper, from which it could not escape owing to the throttling at and below the line of the old Town Wall.

(Signed) "Alfred D. Delap.

"January, 1930"

"February 1st, 1930."

As this very important report required much consideration, it was decided to refer it to a Committee consisting of Aldermen Rossiter and Billington, with Councillors Thomas Walsh, McMahon, Donohoe, Goodison, and the Mayor, who were given power to again consult with Mr. Delap if such a course were thought necessary.

The appointment of a man to act as Caretaker of Crosstown Cemetery in room of Patrick Roche, deceased, which was due to be made at present meeting, was, on the motion of Alderman Hayes, seconded by Alderman Billington, adjourned until Monday, 3rd March next, to enable a Committee to visit the Cemetery and submit a report as to its general condition, so that the incoming Caretaker would have his duties and responsibilities fully defined.

The following were selected to form this Committee on the motion of Councillor Gaul, seconded by Councillor T. Walsh:- Aldermen Hayes and Gibson, with Councillors Martin, Atkins, Clancy, Goodison, T. Walsh, and Gaul, and they were further appointed to act as a permanent Committee to exercise a general supervision over the Cemetery and keep in touch with the work which the Caretaker and his assistant would be engaged at.

There was laid before the meeting a formal notice of the intention of a Mr. Christopher Hayes to apply at the forthcoming Circuit Court for Third Parties compensation for the loss of a

on their various visits to Crosstown.

It was reported that ten applications had been received for the position, and it was decided, on the motion of Councillor Ross, seconded by Alderman Connolly, by thirteen votes to eight that the voting to select one of the ten would be taken by ballot, and after a series of four ballots, by which time all but two of the applicants were eliminated, it was found that of these two, Patrick Sutton, of Crosstown, had secured thirteen out of a possible twenty-one votes, and he was accordingly declared elected.

The report of the Committee appointed to arrange for the Public Lighting of the town for year commencing on 1st April next was brought up.

From this it was seen that in the current year 149 lamps had been maintained and lit throughout the town at a cost of £454, and that the Committee, after a long consultation with a representative of the Electricity Supply Board, found that two additional lights were now needed, and that the hours of lighting should be varied.

From a computation made, the Committee found that if the 151 lamps were lit on lines similar to those in force in the current year, the charge would only amount to £435 - 15 - 0 and the question of all-night lighting was debated but was ruled out as being too costly. An alternative plan to keep some of the lamps alight all night was then considered and met with the approval of the Committee, who after a lengthy consideration decided to recommend that a contract be entered into with the Electricity Supply Board for year commencing on 1st April next for them to light and maintain throughout the year 151 lamps, 42 of which should be all-night pilot lamps to be lit in selected localities from half-an-hour after sunset to dawn, the remaining 109 to be lit from half-an-hour after sunset to midnight only; further that 95 of the total of 151 lamps should be of 200 watts each and the remaining 56 of 100 watts each, and that an inclusive sum of £481 should be paid to the Board for this entire service.

After some discussion, Councillor Crosbie proposed. That the report of the Lighting Committee be adopted, and that a sum of £481 be allocated for the Public Lighting of 151 lamps during year 1930-31 on lines laid down in the report.

This proposition was seconded by Councillor McCabe, and was adopted unanimously.

It was further decided to increase the light of lamp at Slaney Street from one of 100 watts to one of 200 watts.

In accordance with notice given at last meeting, Councillor Clancy proposed:

"That in pursuance of the provisions of the Municipal Privilege Act, 1876, the Honorary Freedom of this, the Ancient Borough of Wexford, be conferred on His Excellency, the Most Reverend Paschal Robinson, Order of Friars Minor, First Nuncio Apostolic to Saorstát Éireann, on his coming visit to Wexford, in recognition of the signal honour bestowed on His Excellency by the Holy See, and as a mark of the loyalty and attachment of the Mayor, Aldermen and Burgesses of the Borough to the Throne and Person of the Supreme Sovereign Pontiff, His Holiness Pope Pius XI."

This proposal was seconded by Councillor McCabe, and was adopted unanimously and with gratification, as it was recognised that the privilege of tendering the Freedom of Wexford to his Excellency was the highest honour in the power of the Council to bestow, and the

£17 - 13 - 10, being poundage on Poor Rate accounted for by D. J. Duff. ex-Poor Rate Collector, before he absconded, was attached on behalf of the New Ireland Assurance Company, which Company, together with Duff's two Personal Sureties, had made good the amount of his default, which came to £693 - 7 - 9.

The Corporation, if they so wished, could appear in the High Court and show cause why the Order should not be made Absolute, but the Finance Committee, who had already considered the matter, recommended the Council to take no steps in this direction as they had no legal claim to the money, but to pay it over to the Insurance Company.

The present meeting unanimously approved of this recommendation, and therefore the amount was included in the bills passed this day for payment which came to a total of £2,636 - 0 - 2.

Votes of sympathy were extended to the following consequent on recent bereavements which had befallen them:

To Mrs. Hadden on the death, in China, of her son, Dr. Richard Perott Hadden.

To Lady Adelaide Fitzgerald on the death, as the result of an accident in the hunting field, of her daughter, the late Mrs. Lakin.

To Mrs. Larkin, mother of the late Alderman Larkin, on the death of her daughter, Josephine.

To Alderman Hayes on the death of his aunt, the late Mrs. O'Keeffe.

Alderman Hayes returned thanks for the mark of respect shown him, and letters acknowledging votes of condolence passed at last meeting were read from Councillor James Gaul, and Mr. Edward Roche.

With reference to entry in minutes of the 13th January last relating to change of date of Wexford Town Fairs a letter was read from the County Committee of Agriculture intimating that in their opinion the date should not be altered in the present year, but that timely steps should be taken to make the alteration effective for the first time in January, 1931.

Regarding this matter, some members of the Council asserted that the change decided upon would operate injuriously against the future success of the Fairs, and so wished to have the whole matter re-opened, but it was pointed out that the proper time to do this would be when the fears now expressed proved to be well founded.

Councillor Gaul thereupon moved. That the suggestion of the County Committee of Agriculture in the matter of the Town Fairs be acted upon, and that adequate notice be given by advertisements in the press that from January, 1931, they would be held on the last Tuesday of each month.

This motion was seconded by Councillor Thomas Walsh, whereupon a poll was demanded and taken upon it, when there voted:

For	Councillors Martin, Crosbie, Atkins, Murphy, Bolger McCabe, Gaul, Donohoe, Power, J. Walsh, T. Walsh, Alderman Hayes, Gibson, Connolly, Rossiter, and the Mayor.	16.
Against.	Councillors Clancy, Ross, O'Leary, McMahon, and Alderman Billington.	5

The motion was accordingly declared carried.

The election of a man to fill the vacant post of Caretaker of Crosstown Cemetery, as decided upon at last meeting, was then gone on with.

It was mentioned that the Committee selected to visit the Cemetery and report on its general condition had not as yet finished their task, but nevertheless it was thought right that a permanent caretaker should be appointed who would be in constant consultation with the Committee

24th March, 1930.

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

The members present were:-

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

Aldermen: Thomas Hayes, Thomas Rossiter, James Billington, Nicholas Connolly, and Richard Gibson.

Councillors: Thomas Walsh, William Goodison, John Walsh, Garrett Donohoe, James McMahon, Patrick Clancy, John Atkins, William J. Power, John J. O'Leary, James Gaul, James Murphy, James Crosbie, Patrick McCabe, and Michael Martin.

The meeting was summoned to consider estimates of the sums to be raised by means of Rates in year commencing 1st April next to enable the various municipal services to be efficiently maintained during that period, and to agree on the rate in the Pound of such Rates, and also to consider two recommendations sent forward by the Committee engaged in preparing the estimates; as well as to adopt, if thought well, a report from the Housing Committee on the advisability of initiating a new Housing Scheme.

On the motion of Councillor Clancy, seconded by Councillor Atkins, the condolences of the Meeting were tendered to Dr. Ryan, T. D., on the death of his mother which took place on this day.

At the outset of the proceedings, the Mayor made a statement on the present financial position of the Council which showed that all ordinary commitments for the current year including repayment of Loans instalments had been met in due time, and that with regard to the County Council Demands, no less a sum than £9,352 - 9 - 8 had been paid off these in the same period, and it was hoped that by the 31st March, 1931, the entire liability on foot of such Demands would have been discharged.

The estimate relating to the Poor Rate for year 1930-31 was then submitted.

It had been previously considered by the Finance and Works Committee on the 10th instant, who recommended that a Poor Rate of Six Shillings and Threepence should be made, as such a rate would be required to meet the County Council Demand, Collector's Poundage, Law Costs, Etc., the total of which came to £5,912 - 17 - 1, and on the motion of Councillor Gaul, seconded by Alderman Connolly, the recommendation of the Finance Committee was unanimously approved.

The Water Rates estimate was then considered.

It was mentioned that the Estimates Committee had given much attention to this Rate, and as the Water System was now in operation for over fifty years it was found that some of the mains required to be renewed, so it was thought proper to make provision for this work being done in the coming year.

A sum of £697 - 5 - 0 would be needed to relay mains in Spawell Road, Duncannon Road, Trinity Street, and William Street, and it was recommended that this money should be

following were constituted a Committee to make all proper arrangements for carrying out the ceremony in a befitting manner whenever the Nuncio saw fit to honour the town with a visit, namely, Aldermen Hayes and Rossiter, and Councillors McCabe, Murphy, Clancy, T. Walsh, Atkins, and the Mayor.

On the motion of the Mayor, seconded by Alderman Rossiter, it was unanimously decided to appoint Alderman Hayes as a member of the Technical Instruction Committee in room of Councillor Connick who had gone to reside in America, and as Councillors Ross and Bolger did not find it convenient to attend meetings of the Child Welfare Committee, Alderman Gibson and Councillor McMahon intimated their willingness to act in their stead.

A recommendation from the Finance Committee was submitted. It had reference to an offer made by Mr. Myles Redmond to complete the purchase of No. 2 St. John's Avenue which he had acquired from the Council on the tenant -purchase system in accordance with terms settled on in July, 1926, the sale price of the dwelling having been then fixed at £250.

These terms provided for an initial payment of £50 and a rent-charge for 1 year of 12/- per week and a rent-charge of 9/- per week for the remaining nine years, and up to the 10th February last a sum of £136 - 9 - 2 had been paid by Mr. Redmond on foot of the purchase price, as well as a sum of £3 - 4 - 10 for insurance premiums, etc.

This left a balance of £113 - 10 - 10 at present outstanding, not taking into account the interest from September, 1926, to February, 1930 on the balances of the purchase price from time to time outstanding. This at five per cent. per annum came to £23 - 2 - 4, and if it were added, a sum of £136 - 13 - 2 would be required to complete the purchase.

The Finance Committee thought, however, that all the tenant-purchasers should be encouraged by every means to complete the buying-out of their houses, which would provide the means wherewith to erect further working class dwellings, and they therefore unanimously recommended that the Council should accept from Mr. Redmond the actual sum outstanding, namely, £113 - 10 - 10 to complete the sale, but that he should also be responsible for all legal charges consequent on the transfer of the house to him.

The Mayor thereupon proposed that the recommendation of the Finance Committee in this matter be adopted.

This proposition was seconded by Alderman Rossiter, and was carried unanimously.

As the two rows of eight houses each, in course of erection off St. John's Road were now almost completed, and as eight of them were recently let, it was unanimously decided, on the motion of the Mayor, seconded by Alderman Connolly, to name the thoroughfare "O'Connell Avenue".

Richard Connolly
Mayor of Wexford
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This was seconded by Councillor McCabe, and on a division, was declared carried by nine votes to seven against.

This meant that a Borough Rate of Five Shillings and Elevenpence should be levied, but the Mayor asked that the Rate should not be raised from the figure arrived at by the Estimates Committee, as he believed that by judicious management throughout the coming year the rate would suffice, as well as which he hoped that revenue would be forthcoming from newly-erected artisans' dwellings.

The Town Clerk, however, asked that provision should be made for the erection of w. c's in the Monument Place Houses, and for the extra money now voted to the Technical Committee, as the estimate as it stood was barely sufficient to meet the demands set out in it, but on the motion of the Mayor, seconded by Councillor Murphy, it was agreed to make no change in the rate of the Borough Rate, and to fix it at Five Shillings and Tenpence in the Pound.

It was then seen that the total Rates to be raised in the Coming year would amount to Fifteen Shillings and Ninepence in the Pound as against a total of Sixteen Shillings in the current year, which was considered very satisfactory; and on the motion of Alderman Billington, seconded by Councillor Murphy, it was decided to re-appoint the Mayor, with Aldermen Rossiter and Billington, and Councillor Thomas Walsh, as a standing Committee to supervise the rate collection during the year 1930-31.

It was decided to invite tenders by advertisement for the milk required in the coming year under the Maternity and Child Welfare Scheme in force in the town.

The following recommendation was further submitted by the Estimates Committee:

"That the salary of £130 per annum at present paid to Mr. John J. Byrne, Clerical Assistant, be increased by £26 a year forthwith, and at the expiration of one year he be granted annual increments of £7 - 10 - 0 until his salary reaches £201 per annum, when the increments will be raised to £10 until a maximum salary of £234 per annum is reached."

This recommendation was the outcome of a communication received from the Central Council of the Irish Local Government Officials Union, who asked that Mr. Byrne's salary should be increased to £220 per annum rising by annual increments of £10 to a maximum of £350, which would be reached after thirteen years service.

Mr. Byrne's present salary was only £130 per annum. He was appointed in December, 1927, and had since that time given the utmost satisfaction by strict attention to duty.

The Committee however could not see their way to concede the full demand made by the Union, but submitted the above recommendation for the favourable consideration of the Council as being fair and equitable, the rate of remuneration proposed being that enjoyed by officials of the Wexford County Council in a similar position to that of Mr. Byrne, and on the motion of the Mayor, seconded by Councillor Gaul, the recommendation was unanimously adopted, and the Minister for Local Government and Public Health was to be asked to sanction the proposed increase.

In view of the resignation of Mr. Ernest Lousley, Principal of the Wexford Technical Institute, and having before them a Resolution adopted by the Technical Committee on the 1st ultimo recommending the Corporation to grant him an allowance, the Estimates Committee had

borrowed as it was felt that the present-day ratepayers should not be called upon to meet the entire cost of this expenditure.

To make ample provision for the repayment of the first instalment of the proposed Loan, as well as for the discharge of all other water charges, it was found that a sum of £869 - 11 - 4 should be raised by means of Water Rates, and the Committee recommended that a total Rate of One Shilling and Twopence in the Pound, i. e., a Domestic Rate of Eightpence and a Public Rate of Sixpence, should be levied.

The present meeting were in thorough agreement with the views of the Committee as to the provision of new mains, and accordingly, on the motion of Alderman Rossiter, seconded by Councillor McMahon, the recommendation that Water Rates of One Shilling and Twopence in the Pound should be made was unanimously agreed to.

The estimate for the upkeep of the streets, sewers, and footpaths of the town, exclusive of the maintenance of town main roads, was next examined.

The Committee had decided to advocate the provision of a new sewer in Parnell Street, which important thoroughfare up to the present was without such drainage facilities, and as well, the replacing of the existing sewer in King Street by a new twelve inch sewer to mitigate the flooding now and then of that locality, as recommended by Mr. Delap, C. E.

The entire cost of these new works would come to £450, and the Committee considered that this sum should also be raised by means of a Loan, and provided in the estimate for the repayment of the first instalment of it.

As well, they decided to increase the sum allocated in the present year for the upkeep of the streets by £200, to provide an additional £30 for cleaning out the sewers, and they also made ample provision for the other services properly chargeable on the Rate in lieu of County Cess.

The full sum required to be raised by means of this Rate was then seen to amount to £2243 - 5 - 3 which would require a Rate of Two Shillings and Sixpence in the Pound, and the present Meeting agreed, on the motion of Councillor O'Leary, seconded by Councillor Murphy, to ratify the proposals of the Estimates Committee and approved of a Rate in lieu of County Cess of Two Shillings and Sixpence in the Pound.

The estimate of expenditure to be met by means of a Borough Rate was then brought forward. From this it was seen that a sum of £5,453 - 4 - 0 would be needed to meet such expenditure, and the Committee recommended that a Rate of Five Shillings and Tenpence in the Pound should be struck which would realize about £5,390.

Councillor O'Leary advocated the provision of w. c's in the seven artisans' dwellings in Monument Place, and it was agreed that the tenants should be asked if they were willing to have the rents increased by a sum of One Shilling per week but only until such time as the expense of providing the conveniences (which, according to the Borough Surveyor, would amount to £70) would be met by them, and if they were agreeable to this course, the matter could again be brought forward to see if it would be possible to erect the w. c's in the coming year.

Councillor Thomas Walsh pressed for an additional Penny in the Pound for the purposes of Technical Education in the town, as he considered the provision of only one penny included in the estimate was not at all adequate, and proposed a motion to the effect that such extra penny be raised.

Commission, and as well would allow a sum of one per cent. of cost for depreciation, and the Housing Committee strongly advocated the adoption of the report so that the erection of the houses, which were very badly needed, could be started without any undue delay.

The present meeting were very favourably impressed with the Scheme, and considered that no time should be lost in carrying it into effect, seeing that there had been no fewer than 75 applicants for the eight houses let on the 24th February last, and Alderman Hayes thereupon moved:

"That the Scheme as submitted for the erection of twenty-six working class houses on St. John's Road, sixteen of which will be of four rooms and the remaining ten of five rooms each, be hereby adopted; and that a sum of £6,960 be borrowed from the Commissioners of Public Works to enable the dwellings to be erected, to be repaid on the Annuity System within a period of thirty-five years with interest at the rate of five and three-quarter per cent. per annum; and further, that a sum of £170 be also borrowed to enable a sewer to be laid in the near vicinity of the houses."

This motion was seconded by Councillor Crosbie.

Alderman Billington, however, while in agreement with the Scheme, proposed as an amendment that it should be postponed until a site in the Faythe which, he stated, could be acquired on reasonable terms, and on which forty houses could be built, was inspected by the Housing Committee,

This was seconded by Councillor Murphy, and on a poll having been taken, there voted:

For it:	Councillors Murphy, Clancy, McMahon, and Alderman Billington	4
Against it:	Councillors Martin, Gaul, McCabe, Crosbie, O'Leary, Power, Atkins, Donohoe, John Walsh, Goodison, Thomas Walsh, Aldermen Gibson, Hayes, Rossiter, Connolly, and the Mayor. -----	16.

The amendment was thereupon declared lost, and the original motion was then put to the meeting and was declared carried.

It was further resolved on the motion of the Mayor, seconded by Alderman Connolly that the proposed twenty-six dwellings be built by direct labour under the supervision of the Town Surveyor, the estimate of cost having been based on the assumption that the Corporation would have the houses built in this way as was the Housing Scheme now almost completed.

It was also unanimously resolved on the motion of the Mayor, seconded by Alderman Billington that the Housing Committee be requested to visit Saint Mary's and Saint Selskar Wards and ascertain the price at which sites suitable for working class houses could be acquired in these Wards.

It was reported that Mr. Charles Kehoe who had secured one of the bungalows on St. John's Road on the tenant-purchase system had intimated that he was in a position to complete the purchase of the house out-and-out, and wished to know the actual sum the Corporation would require to complete the sale.

The matter had been before the Finance Committee on the 10th instant when it was found that on the 2nd September, 1929, the price of the house was fixed at £360, the entire of which was to be paid off in twenty years by weekly payments of Eleven Shillings together with an initial payment of £100.

gone into the whole question very carefully.

They ascertained that at the date of resignation Mr. Lousley had acted as Principal of the Institute and Secretary to the Committee for a period of twenty-eight years; that his present salary was £250 per annum together with cost-of-living bonus; and that according to the terms of Section 50 of the Local Government Act, 1925, any allowance granted should be paid from Corporation Funds.

Then it was found that the usual practice was to base pension on one-sixtieth of the average salary and emoluments for the preceeding three years together with the appropriate cost-of-living bonus based on such pension, and having all the above facts before them the Committee sent forward the following recommendation for adoption by the Council as embodying the maximum amount to which Mr. Lousley would become entitled when his retirement took effect:

"That in pursuance of Section 44 (1) of the Local Government Act, 1925, there be granted to Mr. Ernest Lousley who has resigned the Office of Principal of the Urban Technical Institute and Secretary to the Committee, which he held for the past twenty-eight years, an annual retiring allowance for his life of a sum of £116 - 13 - 4, being twenty-eight-sixtieths of his average salary of £250 for the three preceeding years; and that in accordance with the terms of Section 46 (2) of the said Act, there be added to such allowance a sum of £82-7-8, being the present appropriate cost-of-living bonus on such retiring allowance."

This recommendation was unanimously adopted on the motion of Councillor Gaul, seconded by Councillor McMahon.

The Housing Committee submitted a Scheme for providing further houses for the accomodation of the working classes in accordance with plans prepared by the Borough Surveyor.

The Scheme as drawn up would permit of twenty-six houses being built on Corporation land on St. John's Road. Sixteen of them would be of four rooms each, and could be let on a self-supporting basis at a rent of Six Shillings and Sixpence per week; while the other ten which would contain five rooms could be let without loss to the ratepayers at a rent of Eleven Shillings and Eightpence each per week.

The cost of the sixteen houses would amount to £270 each which included a sum of £20 for development of site, while the cost of the remaining ten would come to £420 per house inclusive of £20 for site development.

From this it was seen that the total all-in cost of the twenty-six dwellings would come to £8,520, but then there would be a Government Subsidy of £60 per house available, which meant that the difference, namely, £6,960, would have to be raised by means of a Loan from the Commissioners of Public Works.

As well as this latter amount there would also require to be raised a further sum of £170 for the laying of a sewer in the locality, and the Corporation should also be prepared to contribute towards the cost of the Scheme an amount not less than the Government Subsidy, this regulation having been laid down by the Minister for Local Government and Public Health as a condition precedent to a Housing Loan being advanced from the Local Loans Fund.

By giving the tenants the benefit of the two subsidies it would be possible to charge rents of Six Shillings and Sixpence, and Eleven and Eightpence per week respectively as above indicated, and such rents would cover repayment of Loan charges, Ground Rent, full Rates, Collector's

The Mayor drew attention to the wanton destruction of some of the trees recently planted by the Council on St. John's Road in order to beautify what was acknowledged to be a splendidly laid-out thoroughfare.

From the way the trees were damaged it was apparent that it was the work of evilly-disposed adults, and he trusted that the people of the town would have no compunction about giving information that would lead to the discovery of the perpetrators of the outrage.

The other members of the Council joined in the Mayor's hope, and were all unanimous in

deploring the lack of civic pride which seemed to animate some members of the community.

Alderman Billington submitted the following resolution for the approval of the Council. It was seconded by Councillor Clancy, and adopted unanimously, viz.:-

"That we request the Traffic Manager of Great Southern Railways to make the following alterations in the running of trains in and out of Wexford, as the present arrangements are not at all suitable for people having business to do in Wexford.

"(1) Alter time of train leaving North Station from 10-30 o'clock a.m. to 11-20 a. m. as formerly, this train to stop at the South Station to take up passengers.

"(2) The 3-45 o'clock p. m. train from Rosslare Strand to stop at the South Station to set down passengers, and also that arrangements be made to enable travellers to purchase return tickets at the South Station, instead of as at present single tickets only at an extra cost of fourpence in the case of tickets for Rosslare Strand."

Councillor McMahon gave notice that at Statutable Meeting to be held in May he would move a resolution requesting the Government to take active measures to prevent foreign trawlers from invading fishing grounds within the three miles limit of Saorstad Eireann, which action interferes with the livelihood of the fishermen of the State, and the notice was accepted. With reference to the Sealed Order made by the Minister for Local Government and Public Health on the 30th December, 1929, in virtue of which the present dates of the Town Fairs were altered, a letter from the Department of Local Government and Public Health, under date of the 26th March, 1930, No. 20017, was read intimating that if it was the intention of the Council not to make the change effective until January, 1931, the Order should be revoked, and that an application for such revocation should be made in manner prescribed by Section 10 of the Local Government Board (Ireland) Act, 1872.

As some of the members were in doubt as to the wisdom of making any change in the existing dates of the Fairs, it was thought that the opportunity which now presented itself should be availed of to go into the whole matter afresh having regard to the diverse views expressed on the proposal, and accordingly Councillor O'Leary handed in the following notice of motion which was accepted.

"I hereby give notice that at next Statutory Meeting of the Council I will move the rescission of resolution adopted on the 4th November, 1929, whereby the present dates of the Town Fairs were altered to the last Tuesday in every month, and if such rescission be agreed upon, I will further move that no alteration whatever be made in the dates of the said Fairs, but that they will still continue to be held as at present, namely, on the 3rd day of each month with the exception of the month of May when a Fair will be held on the 1st day instead of on the 3rd day of that particular month, and that the Minister for Local

Mr. Kehoe had lodged the requisite £100, and as well had paid a rent-charge of £14 - 6 - 0, of which £6 - 10 - 0 was part of the purchase-price, the balance being made up of interest, fire insurance premium, and Collector's commission.

This left £253 - 10 - 0 outstanding, and the Committee recommended the Corporation to accept this sum from Mr. Kehoe for the complete transfer of the house to him, he, as well, to be responsible for the payment in perpetuity of a ground rent of Thirty Shillings a year, and of all legal charges consequent on the sale, and Mr. Kehoe, by letter, had signified his willingness to accept these terms.

It was therefore proposed by Councillor O'Leary, seconded by Councillor T. Walsh, and unanimously resolved. That the offer of Mr. Charles Kehoe to complete the purchase of his dwelling forthwith on the terms arranged by the Finance Committee be accepted.

Richard Corish
Mayor of Wexford
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7th April, 1930.

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, Thomas Rossiter, Thomas Hayes, Nicholas Connolly, and Richard Gibson.

Councillors: James Crosbie, Patrick McCabe, Edward Bolger, James McMahon, Patrick Clancy, James Murphy, Garrett Donohoe, Cyril Ross, John Walsh, Thomas Walsh, John J. O'Leary, William J. Power, Michael Martin, John Atkins, and William Goodison.

The minutes of meetings of the 3rd and the 24th ultimo were taken as read and were thereupon signed.

Liabilities which had accrued due at the close of the Financial Year, amounting, in the aggregate, to £2,548 - 10 - 9, were submitted, and having been examined, were approved, and an Advice Note was signed to enable them to be discharged.

Letters from Lady Adelaide Fitzgerald, Johnstown Castle; and Mrs. Hadden, of Springfield, were read acknowledging with gratitude marks of sympathy extended to both in their recent bereavements. Councillor McMahon proposed that the condolences of the meeting be tendered to Mr. John Galvin, of Park Cottage, on the recent death of his only daughter, Dr. Mary Galvin, whose kindly and charitable disposition while carrying on her professional duties throughout the town was well known. The motion was seconded by Alderman Billington, and was adopted in respectful silence.

On the motion of Alderman Rossiter, seconded by Councillor Murphy, a sincere vote of sympathy was also passed with the Turncock on the death on the 4th instant of his brother, the late Captain William Molloy.

5th May, 1930.

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: Thomas Rossiter, Thomas Hayes, and James Billington.

Councillors: John Walsh, Patrick Clancy, John Atkins, James Murphy, Garrett Donohoe, Cyril Ross, Thomas Walsh, John J. O'Leary, Patrick McCabe, James Crosbie, William J. Power, James McMahon, Michael Martin, and James Gaul.

The minutes of meeting of the 7th April, 1930, were taken as read and were thereupon signed.

Accounts which had accrued due up to the end of last month, amounting, in the aggregate, to £3,152 - 0 - 5, were submitted, and having been examined were approved, and Advice Notes were signed to enable them to be discharged.

Councillor McCabe alluded in touching terms to the demise on the 27th ultimo of the late Councillor John Browne after a prolonged and painful illness.

He recalled that since his entry into public life the late Councillor had devoted much time to municipal affairs of which he had a thorough grasp, and as well was noted for his unbounded charity to the poor of his native town.

He proposed that the sympathy of the Council be extended to his widow and young family in their irreparable loss.

The motion was seconded by Alderman Billington who also referred to the late Mr. Browne's many excellent qualities.

It was supported by Councillors Atkins, Murphy, J. Walsh, O'Leary, and the Mayor who regretted that owing to the particular business to be transacted it was not found possible to adjourn the present meeting as a mark of respect to an esteemed colleague, and was adopted in respectful silence.

On the motion of Alderman Rossiter, seconded by Councillor Atkins, a vote of condolence with Father George Murphy, Rector of the Church of the Assumption, on the recent death of his mother was also adopted in silence.

With reference to decision come to on the 3rd March last to confer the Honorary Freedom of the Borough on the Nuncio Apostolic whenever he came to Wexford, a letter from His Excellency was read wherein he intimated that he appreciated the compliment which the Corporation proposed to pay him and which he would be very pleased to accept on the 29th instant (Ascension Thursday) if that day would suit the convenience of the Council.

It was mentioned that preparations for the Ceremony to take place on the day named were well advanced, and that the illuminated Freeman's Certificate in a silver casket would

be presented to the Nuncio in the grounds of the Church of the Immaculate Conception after Divine Service on the evening of the 29th instant, in which Ceremony, of course, all the members of the Corporation would be invited to participate.

Government and Public Health be requested to cancel his Order of the 30th December, 1929, whereby the dates of said Fairs were altered to the last Tuesday of each month all the year round."

As required by Section 10 (2) of the Local Elections Act, 1927, it was decided to fix Wednesday, the 25th June, 1930, at twelve o'clock noon, as the day and hour of the quarterly meeting to be held for the election of a Mayor for the then ensuing year.

In accordance with decision come to on the 24th ultimo, tenders had been invited for a minimum daily supply of eleven gallons of milk for distribution under the Maternity and Child Welfare Scheme, and it was announced that three tenders had been received as a result.

These were from Messrs. John Mernagh, of Kileen Castle; Stephen Cleary, of Clonard, and J. B. Walker, of Latimerstown.

The two former offered to deliver the milk for One Shilling per gallon and the latter for Elevenpence per gallon.

Councillor O'Leary moved that the tender of Mr. Walker, being the lowest sent in, be accepted, and this was seconded by Councillor Ross; but Councillor T. Walsh proposed, and Alderman Connolly seconded a motion to the effect that the tender of Mr. Cleary, who was at present supplying the milk, should be accepted, as all his cows had been subjected to the Tuberculin Test, and moreover, samples of the milk were analysed every six weeks by the Department of Agriculture.

This latter proposition was declared lost as fifteen members were against it, and only five in favour of it, and Councillor O'Leary's motion for the acceptance of Mr. Walker's tender was thereupon declared carried.

The following resolution received from the Corporation of Cork was adopted unanimously:

"That this Council views with concern the present and increasing tendency of existing Irish Productive Industries to pass into outside control and demands that the Minister for Industry and Commerce shall take such action as may be necessary to prevent the control of the Irish Milling Industry passing outside the State."

On the motion of Councillor McCabe, seconded by Councillor McMahon, it was unanimously resolved: That we disapprove of the policy of the Government in substituting Civil Servants for trained businessmen on the Shannon Supply Board, as we believe that this huge Scheme will be more effectively managed by gentlemen who have had experience in the management of business concerns rather than by Officials lacking in such experience.

Richard [Signature]

Mayor

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The same Committee further recommended with regard to uncollected Town Rates for last year that they be dealt with as follows:-

Rate	Total of Warrant outstanding on 31st March.	Portion to be carried forward.	Portion to be Struck off
Borough Rate	£953 - 12 - 3	£797 - 10 - 7.	£156 - 1-8.
Special Rate	341 - 19 - 0.	281 - 8 - 8	<u>60 - 10 - 4</u>
Water Rates	376 - 2 - 0.	338 - 7 - 1	<u>37 - 14 - 9</u>

The recommendation as to outstanding items of Borough Rate was adopted on the motion of Councillor McCabe, seconded by Councillor Ross; That relating to Special Rate on the motion of Councillor Crosbie, seconded by Councillor Murphy; and that relating to Water Rates on the motion of Councillor Gaul, seconded by Councillor Atkins.

In accordance with notice given on the 7th ultimo, Councillor O'Leary moved: That the resolution of the 4th November, 1929, whereby the present dates of the Town Fairs were altered to the last Tuesday of each month all the year round be rescinded. This proposition was seconded by Councillor Ross.

In support of it, it was contended that the dates to which the Fairs were altered would adversely affect the attendance of Buyers, and that it was a grave error to have made any change in the existing dates seeing that the Fairs held thereon were very successful from every point of view.

In this connection a copy of a letter which Mr. James J. O'Connor, Solicitor, on behalf of certain unnamed interested parties, had addressed to the Minister for Local Government and Public Health on the matter was read.

This suggested that before the Minister's Sealed Order of the 30th December last was revoked it would be advisable for him to consult interested traders as well as the County Committee of Agriculture on the point; while a letter read from the Secretary of that Body under date of the 1st instant intimated that a big majority of its members were in favour of the Sealed Order being allowed to stand and requesting the Corporation to take the final steps to have the change of date made effective.

After considerable discussion, when arguments for and against the adoption of Councillor O'Leary's proposition were advanced by various members, a poll was taken upon it when there voted:

For	Councillors McMahon, Claney, Ross, and O'Leary	4
Against	Councillors Gaul, Martin, Power, Crosbie, McCabe, Walsh (T), Donohoe, Murphy, Walsh (J), Atkins, Aldermen Billington, Hayes, Rossiter and the Mayor	14

The rescinding motion was thereupon declared lost, and it was then decided to have the change of date advertised forthwith in the local newspapers as well as in "Iris Oifigiuil" as required by the Local Government Board (Ireland) Act, 1872, and also in the Dublin papers so that all those interested would have timely notice of the change which would take place for the first time in January, 1931, as already agreed upon.

The formal making of Rates for the service of the current Financial Year, as agreed to on the 24th March last, was proceeded with, and the four following resolutions were adopted unanimously, viz.:-

Proposed by Alderman Thomas Rossiter, seconded by Councillor John J. O'Leary, and

RESOLVED: That a Borough Rate of Five Shillings and Tenpence in the Pound (being One Shilling for General Town Purposes and Four 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 the municipal administration of said Borough to be carried out, as considered and adopted on the 24th March, 1930.

Proposed by Councillor Thomas Walsh, Seconded by Councillor James Murphy, and

RESOLVED: That an assessment of Two Shillings and Sixpence 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 the same, as per an Estimate duly considered and adopted on the 24th day of March, 1930.

Proposed by Councillor John Atkins, seconded by Councillor Patrick McCabe, and

RESOLVED: That an assessment of One Shilling and Twopence in the Pound, viz.:- A Domestic Rate of Eightpence, and a Public Rate of Sixpence, on the rateable value of property within the town of Wexford be laid on, pursuant to the Local Government (Ireland) Provisional Orders (Dalkey, Etc.,) Confirmation Act, 1876, and Acts incorporated with and amending the same, as per an Estimate duly considered and adopted on the 24th day of March, 1930.

Proposed by Councillor Patrick McCabe, seconded by Councillor John Atkins, and

RESOLVED: That a Poor Rate of Six Shillings and Threepence 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 24th day of March, 1930.

The Books containing the various assessments were thereupon duly sealed and signed, as were also the Warrants authorizing the collection of the Rates now made.

The Rates Committee appointed on the 24th March, 1930, reported that they had met on three occasions since the close of the last Financial Year, and had gone minutely into the various items of Rates outstanding on that date.

With regard to the Poor Rate, the collection of which was for the three years 1927-28, 1928-29, and 1929-30, they recommended that these collections be closed as from the 31st March, 1930, and the items outstanding on that date dealt with in the following way:-

Year	Total of Warrant outstanding on 31st March.	Portion to be carried forward	Portion to be struck off.
Poor Rate for 1927-28	£2,225 - 11 - 9	£1,618 - 3 - 9.	£607 - 7 - 8.
Poor Rate for 1928-29.	1,825 - 8 - 2	1,705 - 16 - 0	119 - 12 - 4.
Poor Rate for 1929-30.	821 - 10 - 9	693 - 13 - 6	127 - 17 - 1

On the motion of Councillor Gaul, seconded by Councillor McMahon, it was unanimously

RESOLVED: That the recommendation of the Rates Committee on the outstanding items of Poor Rate up to the 31st March, 1930, be adopted.

These works would require his constant supervision if they were to be properly carried out, and consequently it would be necessary for a temporary clerk to be in his office to write up the wages sheets and do other scrivency work including correspondence and the typing of specifications.

It was pointed out to the meeting that by the terms of Mr. O'Donnell's appointment, as agreed to on the 3rd September, 1928, he was to undertake all work required as Borough Surveyor and Superintendent of Waterworks, and that the provision of clerical assistance was not then contemplated, but in order to go into the whole matter thoroughly it was decided to refer it to the Finance and Works Committee on the 12th instant, all the members of which were to receive special notice of Mr. O'Donnell's application.

Richard Corish
Mayor

26th May, 1930.

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

The members present were:-

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

Aldermen:- James Billington, Thomas Rossiter, Thomas Hayes.

Councillors:- Patrick Clancy, Patrick McCabe, John Walsh, William Power, Thomas Walsh, Garrett Donohoe, James Murphy, James Gaul, Edward Bolger, Cyril Ross, John J. O'Leary, James Crosbie, Michael Martin.

The meeting was convened to execute a Deed of Mortgage, which had been prepared by the Law Department of the Commissioners of Public Works, whereby security would be given for the repayment, within a period of 35 years, with interest at the rate of 5½ per cent. per annum of a Loan borrowed to enable 26 working class houses to be erected on St. John's Road.

The Deed was submitted and approved, and thereupon the following resolution was unanimously adopted.

Proposed by Councillor Murphy, seconded by Councillor Thomas Walsh 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 Six thousand nine hundred and sixty Pounds proposed to be advanced by them to us under the Housing of the Working Classes (Ireland) Acts, Etc.

The Deed was thereupon duly sealed and signed, and the following further resolution was unanimously adopted, as proposed by Councillor McCabe and seconded by Alderman Rossiter. viz

RESOLVED:- That inasmuch as this Corporation does not immediately require from the Commissioners of Public Works in Ireland the total amount of the sum mentioned in the Deed of Mortgage to them this day executed by this Corporation, but prefer to receive the same by instalments as occasion may require, it is resolved that the requisition for each advance shall be intimated to said Commissioners by the Chairman of this Corporation for the time being, countersigned by the Town Clerk. And that each such requisition shall be forwarded to the Accountant of the said Commissioners, and that all such advances shall be lodged to Our Account in the Wexford Branch of the National Bank.

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As per notice given by him at a meeting of the Housing Committee held on the 14th ultimo,

Alderman Billington proposed

That the resolution adopted on the 4th November last whereby it was decided that the two houses on St. John's Road now almost completed were to be let to weekly tenants at a rent of Thirteen Shillings per house per week be rescinded.

This motion was seconded by Councillor Crosbie.

In support of the proposition, it was stated that several persons had expressed their willingness to purchase these two houses for prompt cash, and that the proceeds of the sale could be utilised to provide other workingclass houses at a moderate rent, while it was feared that it might be difficult to secure satisfactory weekly tenants as the rent was rather too much to expect an artisan to pay.

The motion, on being put to the meeting, was unanimously adopted, and thereupon a further resolution, as proposed by Alderman Billington, and seconded by Councillor Thomas Walsh, was also carried unanimously as follows:-

That the two houses in question be sold out-and-out for prompt cash on terms to be hereafter settled on and subject to the sanction of the Minister for Local Government and Public Health.

Councillor McMahon proposed the following resolution of which he had given notice on the 7th ultimo.

It was seconded by Alderman Billington, and unanimously adopted, viz.:-

That the Government be requested to take immediate steps to prevent foreign trawlers from invading fishing grounds within the three miles limit of Saorstát Éireann as the depredations of these trawlers seriously interfere with the livelihood of the fishermen of the State, and that a copy of this resolution be forwarded to the Minister for Lands and Fisheries, and the Minister for Finance.

At the request of the Secretary of the Company, it was decided to renew for a further period of one year the licence under the Cinematograph Act, 1909, issued in respect of the Cinema Palace, Harpur's Lane.

The restrictions embodied in the licence which were in addition to the Government Regulations of April, 1910, were gone over, but it was decided to make no change in them as they were deemed ample to suit local conditions.

The Wexford Development Association by letter intimated that they proposed sending a deputation to the Directors of the Great Southern Railways to see if it would be possible to get the local train services amended in certain respects, and requested that two members of the Council should be appointed to join the deputation, and the Mayor and Alderman Rossiter were unanimously chosen to act.

The Town Surveyor made application for clerical assistance for three days in each week for the next three months.

His reason for making this request was in consequence of the large amount of work which would be initiated within that period including the erection of twenty-six working class dwellings, and the laying of water mains and sewers in various parts of the town.

2nd June, 1930.

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, Thomas Hayes, Thomas Rossiter.

Councillors: Cyril Ross, John J. O'Leary, Garrett Donohoe, Thomas Walsh, William Goodison, William J. Power, Patrick Clancy, John Atkins, James Crosbie, James Gaul, James McMahon, Edward Bolger, Patrick McCabe, James Murphy, Michael Martin.

The minutes of meetings of the 5th and 26th May, 1930, were read and signed.

Liabilities which had accrued due up to the end of last month, amounting, in the aggregate, to £2,089 - 15 - 5, were submitted, and having been examined were approved, and an Advice Note was signed to enable the Treasurer to discharge them.

Letters were read from Mrs. Rose Browne, and Rev. G. J. Murphy conveying thanks for the sympathy extended to them by the Council in their recent bereavements.

Under date of the 12th May, 1930, and by letter numbered 34572 which was read, the Minister for Local Government and Public Health called attention to the fact that there were 649 vaccination defaulters in Wexford Dispensary District on 31st March last, and requested that steps should be taken to compel these delinquents to comply with the Vaccination Laws during the present favourable weather.

After discussion, it was proposed by Alderman Billington, seconded by Councillor Murphy,

That the names of twenty of the delinquents on the list furnished by Dr. Pierse be selected for prosecution, and proceedings instituted against them forthwith.

It became necessary to take a poll on this motion, when there voted

For	Councillors McCabe, Murphy, Crosbie, Goodison, Donohoe, O'Leary, Ross, Aldermen Hayes, Rossiter, Billington, and the Mayor.	11
Against	Councillors Bolger, Gaul, Atkins, Power, and Walsh.	5.
Declined to vote	Councillors McMahon, and Clancy.	2.

(Councillor Martin was not present when this division was taken)

The resolution was thereupon declared carried.

A letter was read from the Wexford Development Association requesting the Council to put in force the Street Trading Act, 1926, so that the activities of itinerant street traders could be curbed in so far as Wexford was concerned, and the Mayor gave notice that on an appropriate day he would propose the adoption of the Act in question.

A letter under date of the 5th May, 1930, No. 24348, addressed to The Presiding Chairman, from the Department of Local Government and Public Health was read.

It had reference to the proposed increase in the salary of Mr. John J. Byrne agreed to by the Council on the 24th March last, and pointed out that Mr. Byrne's position of Junior Clerical Assistant was not really a grade, and that the proposed increase of salary was

THE MUNICIPAL PRIVILEGE ACT, 1876

ADMISSION OF AN HONORARY FREEMAN

IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE TERMS OF A RESOLUTION UNANIMOUSLY ADOPTED BY THE
MUNICIPAL COUNCIL ON THE THIRD DAY OF MARCH, ONE THOUSAND NINE HUNDRED
AND THIRTY, THE HONORARY FREEDOM OF THE BOROUGH WAS CONFERRED ON

HIS EXCELLENCY, THE MOST REVEREND PASCHAL ROBINSON,

FIRST NUNCIO APOSTOLIC TO SAORSTAT EIREANN,

ON THIS TWENTY-NINTH DAY OF MAY, ONE THOUSAND NINE HUNDRED AND THIRTY.

+ f. Paschal Robinson Jun Nunc. Apost SIGNATURE OF RECIPIENT.

Richard Lord.

MAYOR.

Nicholas Bogan

TOWN CLERK.

Regarding the future maintenance of these main roads, it was suggested that a conference should be held in the early part of each year between the Officials of the County Council and Borough Council so that a detailed estimate of the sum needed to keep them in proper order could be presented to the former body when their Annual Budget was being framed, and this suggestion was approved.

The Superintendent of the Garda Síochána reported nine recent breaches of the Order which was made by the Minister for Local Government and Public Health on the 14th September, 1929, closing the Main Street to motor traffic on Saturdays from six p. m. till midnight, and as it was believed that the Order, which was now in force for just nine months, was sufficiently promulgated, and its provisions well known to all concerned, it was decided to request the Gardai to institute legal proceedings against all future offenders. In accordance with notice which he had given, Councillor McMahon proposed the following resolution:

"I beg to move that the membership of the Dail should be reduced by half. That the Office of Senator should be voluntary, and that a £1,000 per annum is sufficient for a Minister in this poor Country."

It was seconded by Councillor Murphy, and led to an animated debate, but on a poll having been taken it was declared lost.

The voting on the resolution was:

Against	Councillors Martin, Gaul, Crosbie, Power, Walsh, Donohoe, Aldermen Hayes, Rossiter and the Mayor.	-----	9
For	Councillors Bolger, Murphy, McMahon, Atkins, Clancy, O'Leary, Ross, and Alderman Billington.	-----	8
Declined to vote	Councillors McCabe and Goodison.	-----	2

Richard Corish
Mayor
25. 6. 30

16th June, 1930.

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 recommendation from the Housing Committee, and to consider the advisability of laying a new water main in King Street Upper.

The members present were:-

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

Aldermen: Thomas Rossiter, Thomas Hayes, James Billington, and Nicholas Connolly.
Councillors: Patrick Clancy, Michael Martin, James Murphy, Thomas Walsh, Cyril Ross, James Crosbie, James McMahon, John J. O'Leary, Garrett Donohoe, and William J. Power.

A report from the Housing Committee was submitted.

equivalent to the creation of a much superior position, and further, that it was doubtful if the extent of the administrative work in the District warranted such expenditure in addition to the Town Clerk's salary.

The Minister, however, noted that Mr. Byrne had given satisfactory service and that the experience gained by him since his appointment rendered his assistance of more value to the Council, and under these circumstances he was willing to assent to annual service increments as from 1st April last of £10 to a maximum salary of £200 per annum, but these increments were to be subject to satisfactory reports as to Mr. Byrne's conduct and efficiency certified by the Town Clerk.

The meeting expressed disappointment on learning that the Minister had not been able to see his way to sanction the full amount of the increase originally voted, and having gone into the matter again, unanimously adopted the following resolution, as proposed by His Worship the Mayor, seconded by Councillor Walsh:

"That we accept the Minister's ruling refusing to sanction an immediate increase of Ten Shillings per week in Mr. Byrne's salary, but respectfully request him to agree to the amended terms as hereafter set forth, as from 1st April last.

That Mr. Byrne be granted increments of £10 per annum for the next nine years and an increment of £14 for the following year, at the end of which period his salary will have reached the maximum of £234 determined upon on 24th March, 1930."

As Mr. Byrne's application, in the first instance, had been made through the Irish Local Government Officials' Union, it was decided to furnish a copy of the above resolution to that body so that they might be aware of how the matter stood.

The County Surveyor, under date of the 2nd ultimo, submitted proposals for the maintenance by the Urban Council on behalf of the County Council of the main roads within the Borough for year ending on 31st March, 1931.

The sum allocated for the work amounted to £409, and as well 300 yards by six yards of William Street were to be reconstructed in cement-bound macadam, and for this latter work a further sum of £350 was available as well as all the cement needed for such reconstruction. The advisability of undertaking the work for the amount set out in the County Surveyor's communication was considered.

It was mentioned that for the year 1926-7 the Corporation had received no less than £855 for the upkeep of the main roads, but that in every subsequent year the amount allowed had been considerably reduced until it now reached the figure of £409, which the Borough Surveyor stated would barely suffice to keep the "pot holes" in the roads filled, and moreover, he was of the opinion that it would require an annual expenditure of at least £700 to maintain them properly.

Nevertheless, on the motion of the Mayor, seconded by Councillor Crosbie, it was decided to undertake the maintenance work for the £409 and expend it to the best advantage, it being recognized, at the same time, that this amount would not keep the roads in anything like a satisfactory condition, and it was also decided to reconstruct the indicated portion of William Street on the County Surveyor's terms.

The advisability of laying a new water main in King Street Upper was then gone into. It was stated that it was probable that the surface of this thoroughfare would be concreted over during the present summer. and so, under the circumstances, it would be well to have a new main put down seeing that the existing main was laid over fifty years ago, and must now be nearly worn out.

It was the intention of the Council to provide a new sewer for this Street before the work of concreting was commenced, and it would be prudent to lay a water main at the same time so that it would not be necessary to break up the surface to undertake underground repairs for a considerable time.

The Borough Surveyor estimated that a sum of £240 would be needed to provide and lay the main, and the meeting were unanimously of the opinion that the work was absolutely necessary and that its cost should be met by means of a Loan.

Accordingly, on the motion of Councillor McMahon, seconded by Councillor Ross, it was unanimously resolved

That a new water main be laid in King Street Upper for its entire length at a cost of £240, and that application be made to the Minister for Local Government and Public Health for sanction to the obtaining of such Loan from the Commissioners of Public Works.

Richard Corish

Mayor

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25th June, 1930.

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, Thomas Rossiter, Thomas Hayes, James Billington, and Richard Gibson.

Councillors: James McMahon, Cyril Ross, James Crosbie, William Goodison, John Walsh, Thomas Walsh, James Gaul, John O'Leary, James Murphy, Patrick McCabe, Garrett Donohoe, and Michael Martin.

The minutes of meeting of the 2nd instant were read and signed, while the minutes of the 16th idem were taken as read and were also signed.

In accordance with the requirements of Section 10 (3) of the Local Elections Act, 1927, the election of a Mayor was proceeded with.

The chair was occupied by Alderman Connolly as senior Alderman of the Borough during the election.

Alderman Rossiter in a few well chosen words submitted the following resolution for the favourable consideration of the meeting:

"That the outgoing Mayor, Alderman Richard Corish, T. D., be re-elected Mayor of Wexford for the eleventh year in succession and until his successor be appointed and shall have made a declaration accepting the office."

it had reference to the two bungalows on the St. John's Road which were now completed, and which, on the 5th May last, it was decided should be sold out-and-out.

The Committee reported that they had gone very carefully into the cost of the dwellings, and after making every allowance for a few small accounts still outstanding, found that their all-in cost would not exceed £826 - 19 - 0, or £413 - 9 - 6 per house, and this included a sum of £50 which the Committee thought should be charged against the Scheme seeing that a total sum of £400 - 7 - 11 had been expended on developing the entire site on which stood these two houses, as well as the sixteen which were completed on the 12th May last.

The Committee gave much attention to the price at which the dwellings should be disposed of, and taking into account the time and labour which the Corporation Officials had devoted to the Scheme, came to the conclusion that the purchasers should make some contribution towards such service, and unanimously sent forward the following recommendation for the consideration of the present meeting, which recommendation they considered fair both to the Corporation and to those who would acquire the dwellings:

"That the two houses be sold out-and-out for a sum of £420 per house prompt cash, but to intending occupiers only; that the purchasers are also to be responsible for payment to the Corporation of an annual ground rent of 30/-, and as well that all the legal charges consequent on the transfer of the property will be borne by the purchasers, and that the Minister for Local Government and Public Health be requested to sanction the sale of the houses on the above terms."

This recommendation was unanimously adopted on the motion of Alderman Connolly, seconded by Councillor Ross.

A suggestion that the purchasers should be given the benefit of the Housing Subsidy was not entertained as it was held that the dwellings were well worth the price asked for them, and moreover it was intended to devote any profits secured from the sale to a reduction of the rents of the houses at present under construction.

In anticipation of the foregoing recommendation meeting with the approval of the Council the Housing Committee had arranged to advertise the dwellings in the local newspapers, and three applications were now submitted from persons willing to purchase on the terms above set out. The applicants were Mr. H. J. Price, of 4, Leinster Terrace; Captain Nicholas Murphy, of Rosslare Strand, and Miss Annie Kearney, of Abbey Street.

It became necessary, therefore, to take a poll as between these three persons, and as a result, Mr. H. J. Price, and Miss Annie Kearney were declared the purchasers.

The voting was as follows:-

For Mr. Price	Councillors Donohoe, O'Leary, Crosbie, Walsh, Murphy, Martin, Power, Clancy, Aldermen Connolly, Billington, Hayes, Rossiter, and the Mayor.	13
For Miss Kearney	Councillors Power, O'Leary, Ross, McMahon, Walsh, Murphy, Martin, Clancy, Aldermen Connolly, Hayes, and Rossiter	11
For Captain Murphy	Councillors Donohoe, Ross, McMahon, Crosbie, Aldermen Billington, and the Mayor. -----	6.

The Housing Committee was constituted of the undermentioned members on the motion of Councillor Ross, seconded by Alderman Billington, viz.:— Aldermen Connolly, Rossiter Billington, Hayes, Councillors Atkins, Goodison, Thomas Walsh, Crosbie, Martin, McMahon, and Clancy.

The following were selected to act as a Committee to supervise the Maternity and Child Welfare Scheme in operation in the Borough, namely, Alderman Gibson, Councillors Crosbie, McMahon, Thomas Walsh, Gaul, Goodison, together with the following ladies who had given their services in former years, Mrs. Stafford, Mrs. Dowse, Mrs. Hadden, Mrs. Kelly, Mrs. McGuire, and Miss Alice Furlong.

On the motion of Councillor T. Walsh, seconded by Councillor Ross, it was decided to make no change in the personnel of the School Meals Committee who were accordingly to consist of Alderman Connolly, Councillors Crosbie, Thomas Walsh, Gaul, McMahon, with Reverend Bro. Markey, Mrs. McTaminey, Miss Fennell, and Mr. Matthew Lymberry.

As a vacancy existed on the Urban Technical Instruction Committee consequent on the regretted death of the late Councillor John Browne, it was unanimously resolved on the Motion of Councillor T. Walsh, seconded by Councillor Crosbie, to add Councillor Martin's name to this Committee.

Richard Corish
Mayor
4. 4. 30

7th July, 1930.

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, Thomas Rossiter, Thomas Hayes, and Nicholas Connolly.

Councillors: John Walsh, Thomas Walsh, William Goodison, Garrett Donohoe, Patrick Clancy, James Murphy, Patrick McCabe, James McMahon, John J. O'Leary, Cyril Ross, John Atkins, William J. Power, and Michael Martin.

The minutes of meeting of the 25th June, 1930, were read and signed.

Liabilities which had accrued due up to the end of last month, amounting, in the aggregate, to £3,449 - 6 - 7, were submitted, and having been examined were approved, and an Advice Note was signed to enable the Treasurer to pay them.

On the motion of Councillor Clancy, seconded by Councillor McMahon, a vote of condolence was passed to Mr. John Cummins, M.C.C., of Ballyhack, on the recent death of his wife.

There was laid before the meeting Deeds of Conveyance in duplicate relating to the two houses on St. John's Road which had been sold out-and-out for prompt cash on the 16th ultimo.

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The motion was seconded by Councillor McCabe who referred in terms of appreciation to the various activities of Alderman Corish during the past twelve months, and paid a tribute to the impartial manner in which he had conducted the business of the Council on all occasions.

The motion was ably supported by Councillors John Walsh, Murphy, and Ross.

Councillor O'Leary intimated that it had been his intention to submit the name of another member for election, but felt that the present was not an opportune time to do so, having regard to the various improvement schemes which had just been initiated by the Council, and, therefore, supported the re-election of Alderman Corish, as did Councillor McMahon, who for a similar reason did not wish to oppose a unanimous selection.

The resolution, on being put to the meeting, was declared carried unanimously, and the Chairman, in declaring Alderman Corish re-elected as Mayor of Wexford for the next twelve months, took occasion to testify to the esteem in which he was held not only in the town, but as well throughout the County, where his activities as a member of Dail Eireann were much appreciated.

The Mayor thereupon took the Chair and made a declaration of acceptance of Office.

In thanking the meeting for his unanimous election for the eleventh time he said that it had always been his aim to extend the greatest possible latitude to all parties in the Council, and bore willing testimony to the spirit of co-operation which animated every individual member of it.

He referred to the sound financial position of the Corporation as was evidenced by the fact that on the 31st March last all ordinary liabilities had been discharged, and that it had been found possible to reduce the Rates by threepence in the Pound in the current year, while still making full provision for all services.

He touched on the many Housing Schemes which had been brought to fruition since 1920 whereby 65 dwellings had been provided for the working classes, and alluded to the Scheme of 26 houses at present in course of construction by direct labour, and expressed the hope that in the course of a few years by united effort the housing needs of Wexford would be adequately met.

Finally he intimated that sanction had just been received from the Minister for Local Government and Public Health to the raising of a Loan of £1,557 to enable sewers and water mains to be laid in various parts of the town, which work would necessitate the employment of at least twenty workmen in addition to the 62 at present employed, which number compared very favourably with the 22 in the service of the Council in June, 1928.

The days and hours on which three Quarterly Meetings would be held previous to 23rd June, 1931, was then gone into, and on the motion of Councillor Ross, seconded by Councillor McMahon, it was decided to hold them on Monday, 1st September, 1930, at 7-30 p. m.; on Monday, 1st December, 1930, at 7-30 p. m.; and on Monday, 2nd March, 1931, at 7-30 p. m.

The appointment of various Committees was then considered, and on the motion of Councillor McMahon, seconded by Councillor McCabe, it was resolved that the Finance & Works, Waterworks, Old Age Pension, and Public Health Committees be composed of the entire members of the Council, 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.

hereafter arranged, namely, The Mayor, with Councillors Ross, T. Walsh, McMahon, and McCabe Regarding discussion at last meeting on the upkeep of the Main Roads within the Borough, the Secretary of the County Council forwarded a copy of a minute of the Finance Committee of that Body wherein it was pointed out that the scavenging of these roads devolved on the Corporation, the County Council being responsible for their maintenance only; and to make the matter clear it was decided to explain that the annual sum allocated for such service was devoted solely to the purpose for which it was intended, namely, the upkeep of the Main Roads inside the Borough Boundary as well as their cleaning so far as this might be necessary for their proper maintenance for traffic.

There was laid before the meeting a copy of the Local Offices and Employments (Amendment) Order, 1930, under date of the 17th June, 1930, which modified the principal Order of 1924, and empowered Local Authorities to remove without delay any person from any office or employment under such Authority whenever occasion arose, such removal being subject to subsequent ratification by the Minister for Local Government and Public Health.

The contents of this Order were noted.

Alderman Connolly called attention to a matter which, in his opinion, required the careful attention of the Council, namely, the increased railway charges which came into force a few weeks ago.

He stated that the return fare between Wexford and New Ross had been increased from 4/- to 6/5, and that between Wexford and Enniscorthy from 2/2 to 3/6, the fare between Wexford and Gorey from 5/6 to 7/6, while the three-day return ticket between Wexford and Dublin had been raised from 12/- to 20/5.

As well, up to the end of last summer season, the return fare Wexford - Rosslare by 11-20 a. m. train on week-days, and on all Sunday trains was ninepence, while at present date it was 1/8 and 11d respectively.

Furthermore, since the Railway Company had taken over the omnibuses running between Wexford and Dublin the fares to the various towns along the route had been materially increased. The meeting agreed that the increases above outlined were in no way justified, seeing that the wages of all railway employees had been considerably reduced within the last few years, and it was also pointed out that co-incident with the increases, which applied to third-class fares only, the cost of first-class tickets had been lowered.

Eventually, on the Motion of Alderman Connolly, seconded by Councillor Ross, it was unanimously resolved to draw the attention of the Railway Rates Tribunal to the increased fares charged by the Great Southern Railways to stations between Wexford and Dublin with a view to having the whole question re-opened.

Councillor O'Leary adverted to an order made at a recent meeting of the Public Health Committee whereby all persons who were found taking away obnoxious material from the Corporation dumping ground were to be prosecuted.

He stated that he had received much abuse from certain people as being the instigator of the order in question, and asked if any prosecutions had been taken.

A report on the matter from the Sanitary Sub-Officer was read. From this it appeared he had found women on two recent occasions collecting old rags and other material at the dump. He had taken this offensive matter away from them and had it buried, and gave the women a

They were accompanied by a Cheque for £340, being the entire purchase-price of the dwellings, and as the documents were in order in every respect, they were duly executed on the part of the Council.

Referring to resolution adopted on the 2nd June last as to proposed increase in the salary of Mr. John J. Byrne, Clerical Assistant, whereby at the expiration of ten years his salary would reach a maximum of £234 per annum, a letter from the Department of Local Government and Public Health under date of the 6th June, 1930, No. 42247, was read refusing to depart from the decision given on the 5th May to the effect that Mr. Byrne should receive annual increments of £10 until a maximum salary of £200 was reached.

On the motion of Councillor Thomas Walsh, seconded by Alderman Connolly, it was agreed to adjourn consideration of this letter to the next monthly meeting.

The Superintendent of the Garda Síochána called attention to four further breaches of the Saturday night Traffic Regulations in addition to the nine reported on the 2nd June last and asked for instructions.

It was felt that the time had now come when action should be taken to compel drivers of motor vehicles to observe these Regulations, as they were in operation since September, 1929, and were only sanctioned after a searching inquiry as to their need had been held, and, accordingly, it was resolved, on the motion of Councillor Ross, seconded by Councillor Thomas Walsh, to direct Superintendent Quinn to take all necessary legal steps against Messrs. Healy & Collins, of Wexford; Mr. James Berney, of Kilcarbery, Enniscorthy; Miss Bridie Lawlor, of Longraigue, Foulksmills; and Mr. William Gaffney, of Seaview, Murrin town; these being the four delinquents mentioned in his last report.

At the instance of the Wexford Development Association, the following resolution was unanimously adopted, on the motion of Alderman Connolly, seconded by Councillor Thomas Walsh, viz.:—

"That we, the Wexford Municipal Council, call on the Government to repeal Clause (c) to Sub-Section 5 of Section 2 of the Street Trading Act, of 1926; and to impose a fee of at least £50 on travelling shops, and that a copy of this resolution be forwarded to the Minister for Justice, and the Minister for Finance."

The Association of Municipal Authorities of Ireland by letter intimated that the Annual Conference of the Association would be held in Sligo on the 23rd and 24th September next, and asked the Council to nominate some of their members to be present on the occasion.

It was unanimously resolved, on the motion of Alderman Hayes, seconded by Alderman Rossiter, to appoint Councillors Ross and McCabe as Representatives of the Council at the Conference, Alderman Billington, who had also been nominated, having expressed a wish that his name should be withdrawn.

With reference to decision come to on the 5th May last to advertise the change of date of the Wexford Town Fairs, which change would become effective for the first time in January next, a letter from the County Wexford Committee of Agriculture which was read pointed out that a period of seven weeks would elapse between the Fair of December, 1930, and that of January, 1931.

As the Committee might have some suggestion to offer on this point, it was decided to appoint the following members of the Council to consult with them on some convenient date to be

These premises were situate in Trinity Street, and were erected a few years ago by the Wexford Fresh Meat and Bacon Supply Company Limited as a sausage factory, but had never been used as such, and were at present empty.

The building was a spacious concrete and timber structure, 92 feet by 62 feet internal area, and was in a thorough state of repair. The end walls were of mass concrete, the side walls of mass concrete and timber, while the roof was of timber construction, one-third of it being glazed. The roof principals were of the lattice girder type, and were supported at two intermediate points by steel stanchions. The floor was of substantial mass concrete, and the building had four exits, three of which were three feet above the outside ground level, which rendered them very suitable for loading material into carts or trucks.

The premises had been inspected by the Mayor and the Borough Surveyor, who reported to the Finance and Works Committee that it would be an admirable store in which to house all Corporation vehicles, tools and materials, which were at present kept in various places throughout the town, and if occasion arose portion of it could be used as a workshop. The owners were prepared to sell the building out-and-out free of rent for a sum of £400, or, alternately, they were willing to lease it for a period of ten years at a rent of £50 per annum, with the option of a renewal of the lease, the lessees to be responsible for rates, repairs, maintenance, and insurance.

The Finance and Works Committee on receiving this report considered it very fortunate that such an admirable building could be acquired on the terms above mentioned, as the obtainment of some such premises had engaged their attention for many years past, and they, therefore, strongly recommended the Council to purchase the premises out-and-out, more especially as there would be no difficulty in securing the necessary Loan from the National Bank.

The present meeting were in thorough agreement with the views of the Committee, and the following resolution was thereupon adopted unanimously:-

Proposed by His Worship The Mayor, seconded by Councillor John J. O'Leary, and

RESOLVED:- That the vacant premises of the Wexford Fresh Meat and Bacon Supply Company Limited, situate at Trinity Street, be purchased as a Municipal Garage and Stores Depot out-and-out and in fee simple for a sum of Four Hundred Pounds (£400); and that the Manager of the National Bank be approached for the necessary Loan to enable the premises to be acquired, such Loan to be repaid in five years on terms to be hereafter arranged; and that the Minister for Local Government and Public Health be requested to sanction the obtainment of the Loan.

It was further decided to request the Minister to sanction a Loan of £425 instead of £400 as the extra £25 would be needed to make sundry alterations in the building so as to render it more suitable for the purpose to which it was to be devoted.

Richard Barrett
Mayor

6. 8. 30

severe caution as to the penalties they would incur if they indulged in this objectionable practice again, which caution appeared to have had a good effect.

This was deemed satisfactory, but it was decided to adhere to the order already made to have prosecutions instituted in any other cases where it was found that objectionable material was being removed from the dump.

Richard Corish
may 6. 8. 30

21st July, 1930.

In accordance with Statutory notice given on 12th June 1930, a Special Meeting of the Council was held this day at the Town Clerk's Office at half past seven o'clock p. m. to consider the question of putting the Street Trading Act, 1926 into force in the town.

The members present were:-

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

Aldermen:- Thomas Rossiter, James Billington, and Thomas Hayes.

Councillors:- William Goodisson, Cyril Ross, Patrick Clancy, John J. O'Leary, James Murphy, James McMahon, Edward Bolger, Garrett Donohoe, James Crosbie, Patrick McCabe, and Michael Martin.

The Mayor reminded the meeting that the advisability of adopting the Street Trading Act had been before the Council on various occasions, and that on the 2nd. June last a request had been received from the Wexford Development Association to have the Statute put into operation with a view to curbing the activities of itinerant street vendors who were selling goods in the street of the town in increasing numbers on Fair and Market Days to the grave injury of local traders.

The Mayor felt that any hardship which might be inflicted on local street hawkers by bringing the Act into force should not be allowed to stand in the way of affording some protection to the shopkeepers of the town, who, in the main, were the largest ratepayers, and were severely hit by these itinerant traders, and he accordingly moved:

"That the Street Trading Act, 1926, be and is hereby adopted in the Urban County District of Wexford."

The motion was seconded by Councillor Crosbie.

It was supported by Alderman Billington, but some members feared that local vendors of fish, vegetables, and papers, could ill afford to pay the necessary licensing fee required if the Act were in force, and as well, they thought its various provisions should be more carefully studied before any final decision was come to.

Accordingly, Councillor McCabe moved. That the consideration of the matter be adjourned until the 28th instant, and that in the meantime a Committee of the Whole House go into the question thoroughly from every point of view.

This motion was seconded by Alderman Hayes, and on a division was declared carried by nine votes to six against.

The meeting accordingly stood adjourned, and thereupon a further Special Meeting was held, pursuant to the Mayor's requisition, to deal with a Committee report as to acquiring certain premises as a Corporation Stores, Etc. Depot.

and paid neither rates nor taxes for this privilege, it was absolutely necessary to put it into operation without further delay, and he accordingly moved:

"That the Street Trading Act, 1926, be and is hereby adopted in the Urban County district of Wexford; and that this resolution shall come into operation on Monday, the 8th day of September, 1930, such date being not less than one month after the first publication of this resolution in two of the newspapers circulating in the said Urban County District."

This resolution was seconded by Alderman Gibson.

Some of the members at present meeting appeared to be still under the impression that certain people in the town who were in the habit of hawking fish, etc., from door to door would be unduly harassed if the Act were put into force, although it was made clear that if they did not sell in the streets to passers-by they would not be affected, but nevertheless a poll was demanded on the above resolution when there voted

For	Councillors Martin, Murphy, Ross, McCabe, Donohoe, Walsh, Goodison	
	Aldermen Gibson, Rossiter, Hayes, Billington, and the Mayor.	12
Against	Councillors O'Leary, Bolger, McMahon, and Clancy. -----	4

The resolution was accordingly declared carried by twelve votes to four against, and the meeting then seperated.

Richard Corish
Mayor
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6th August, 1930.

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

The members present were:-

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

Aldermen James Billington, and Thomas Hayes.

Councillors: John Walsh, John Atkins, William Goodison, Garrett Donohoe, Patrick Clancy, Thomas Walsh, John J. O'Leary, Cyril Ross, and James Crosbie .

The minutes of meetings of the 7th, 21st, and 28th July, 1930, were read and confirmed. Liabilities which had accrued due up to the end of last month, amounting, in the aggregate, to £2,560 - 9 - 3, were submitted, and having been examined were approved, and an Advice Note was signed to enable them to be discharged.

Councillors Atkins and John Walsh, personally, and Mr. John Cummins, M. C. C., of Ballyhack, by letter, sincerely thanked the Council for the symapthy extended to them in their recent bereavements.

The Communication from the Minister for Local Government and Public Health of the 6th June last, No. 4247, relating to the proposed increase in the salary of Mr. John J. Byrne, Clerical Assistant, was again brought forward, but as the Irish Local Government Officials' Union, through which Mr. Byrne's application for an increase had been received, had not, so far, expressed an opinion on the outcome of their application, although it had been communicated to them, it was decided, on the motion of Councillor O'Leary, seconded by Councillor T. Walsh, to still further adjourn consideration of the Minister's letter until Statutory

28th July, 1930.

An adjourned Special Meeting of the Council was held this day at the Town Clerk's Office, at half-past seven o'clock p. m. to come to a decision as to whether the Street Trading Act, 1926, would or would not be put into force in the Borough.

The members present were:-

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

Aldermen: James Billington, Thomas Hayes, Thomas Rossiter, and Richard Gibson.

Councillors: William Goodison, Patrick Clancy, Thomas Walsh, Garrett Donohoe, James McMahon, Patrick McCabe, Cyril Ross, Edward Bolger, James Murphy, John J. O'Leary, and Michael Martin.

Before the business of the meeting was entered upon the following votes of condolence were adopted in respectful silence.

With Councillor John Walsh on the death of his wife, an old and respected inhabitant of the town, as proposed by the Mayor, seconded by Councillor McCabe.

With Councillor John Atkins on the death of his father, who was well known for his many estimable qualities, as proposed by Alderman Rossiter, seconded by Councillor McMahon.

With Alderman Billington on the recent demise in England of his sister, as proposed by the Mayor, seconded by Councillor Bolger.

With Mr. Richard Goodison, an old and faithful employee of the Council, on the death of his only daughter, as proposed by Councillor Bolger, seconded by Councillor McMahon.

The question of putting into force the provisions of the Street Trading Act was then taken up, and the Mayor reported that a Committee of the Whole House had sat on the 25th instant to consider various points which had arisen on the 21st instant when a motion to adopt the Act was first submitted.

Twelve out of a possible twenty-two members had attended, and Superintendent Quinn, of the Garda Síochána, was present by request.

A very full discussion on various objections raised to the adoption of the Act had taken place, during which it was made clear that under Section 2 (5) (b) of the Statute, all persons selling eggs, butter, fish, potatoes, and similar commodities, from door to door would not require a street trader's certificate at all, and could continue to trade in this manner in the future as they had been accustomed to do previously, and that by Section 3 (4) newsboys under the age of sixteen years would not be charged any fee in respect of the granting of a street trader's certificate, and as to the very small number of those boys who were over sixteen years of age, the Wexford Development Association had given an assurance that they would be responsible for the payment of the fees in all such cases.

Various other points which had cropped up had been fully debated, and as a result the majority of the Committee appeared to be of the opinion that the adoption of the Act would serve a very useful purpose.

Councillor McCabe, as the member who had suggested the postponement of the Special Meeting to the present date, now stated that his only object was to enable members to satisfy themselves that no hardship would be inflicted on local dealers if the Act were put into force, and that in order to limit the visits of itinerant street traders who used the public streets as shops

Gaul, and thereupon it was proposed by Councillor Thomas Walsh, seconded by Councillor Ross, and unanimously

RESOLVED: That Councillor James Gaul be and is hereby elected a member of the Harbour Board to represent the Corporation for the ensuing year.

The following report was read:

REPORT OF CONFERENCE ON PUBLIC HEALTH AND SOCIAL SERVICES.

"As decided upon at meeting of the 13th January last, the three Delegates, namely, The Mayor, Councillor Thomas Walsh, and the Town Clerk, appointed to attend the above, which had been convened by the Minister for Local Government and Public Health, were present at the Conference which was held in the Mansion House, Dublin, on the 8th and 9th instant.

The gathering was fully representative / of all public health authorities in the Free State, and was presided over by the Minister.

"The meetings began each morning at ten o'clock and lasted till six each evening, with an interval of one hour for luncheon.

"Questions of great importance were fully debated, such as Health Education, and the methods by which it could be promoted, the economy of preventative measures in health administration the functions of county medical officers of health, the health of school children etc. etc.

"Speakers on these matters were heard from nearly all the twenty-six counties, and the Corporation Delegates, through the Mayor, voiced their opinions in some of the discussions, notably that relating to the duties of county medical officer, during which discussion it seemed to be the desire of some of these officials to pile on needless expense in the administration of the office, but as a result of strong expressions of opinion from various Delegates, such views were considerably modified.

"The question of the proper supervision of meat intended for human consumption cropped up, and the opinion of The Corporation that to carry out these duties thoroughly would require the services of a whole-time veterinary inspector was made known, and the point stressed that the payment of the salary of such an officer in a place like Wexford was impossible, and a suggestion which appeared to meet with general favour was to delegate these duties to the veterinary inspector to be appointed under The coming Bill relating to the inspection of meat for export, and let the council for whom he did the work of inspecting meat for local consumption contribute a share of his salary.

"A promise was secured by the Wexford Delegates that there would be a general discussion on the Housing Acts, but unfortunately time could not be found for this important matter, as the published agenda occupied the entire of the two days.

"The interchange of opinions between the various public representatives was most informative and the hope, publicly expressed by more than one of them, that such a Conference would be held annually appeared to meet with the approval of the Minister.

"Dated this 14th day of July, 1930.

(Signed) "Richard Corish, Mayor.

"Thomas Walsh, T. C.

Nicholas Bolger, Town Clerk."

This report was unanimously adopted on the motion of Councillor Ross, seconded by Councillor O'Leary.

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Meeting in September.

The Superintendent of the Garda Siochana submitted for the approval of the Council a list of places, which, in his opinion, should be recognized as parking places for motor vehicles.

The meeting examined the Scheme minutely, and found that it had been carefully thought out, and that adequate provision had been made for motor car accommodation in all parts of the town, and the opinion was expressed that if the owners of motor cars were compelled to park their vehicles at the places indicated the present congestion throughout the Borough, especially on Saturdays, would, to a great extent, be obviated.

It was, therefore, proposed by the Mayor, seconded by Alderman Billington, and unanimously

RESOLVED: That the parking places indicated in Superintendent Quinn's letter be approved, in so far as the streets under the jurisdiction of the Council be concerned, but as to the thoroughfares under the control of the Harbour Commissioners, namely, the quays and the streets leading thereto, the Superintendent be requested to submit a list of those selected for the approval of that Body.

Regarding the altered dates of the Town Fairs to the last Tuesday in each month as from January, 1931, a letter was read from the County Committee of Agriculture wherein the Council were asked to apply for an Order to authorize a Fair to be held on the 3rd as well as on the 27th January next.

This request was carefully considered, but in view of the fact that the altered dates of the Fairs had already been advertised extensively throughout the Country, and as well, were set out in "Purdons" and "Old Moores" Almanacks for 1931, it was believed that confusion would arise if any amendment were now made in the published arrangements, and so, on the motion of the Mayor, seconded by Councillor Crosbie, it was unanimously decided not to accede to the County Committee's request.

The Secretary of the Wexford Cinema Palace Limited made application by letter for renewal of a licence under the Cinematograph Act, 1909, in respect of the Theatre Royal, High Street.

The local conditions embodied in the expiring licence which related to the prohibition of Cinema exhibitions on all Sundays in Lent, and before 8-30 p.m. on the remaining Sundays in the year, as well as the regulations requiring that the entire of the floor area should be lighted while pictures were being projected, and that no objectionable posters should be displayed were gone over, but it was thought that these were ample and that no further restrictions were needed, especially as there was now a State Film Censorship in being, and so it was unanimously decided to renew the licence for a further year, but to request the Secretary to see that those entering the building should be formed into queues so as to prevent congestion and confusion around the entrance doors.

A resolution from the Wexford Agricultural Society protesting against the recent increase in Railway Rates on live stock and farm produce was submitted, but as it appeared that these rates had lately been modified, it was decided to take no action on the resolution, which was accordingly marked "read".

The election of a member to serve as a Harbour Commissioner for one year, pursuant to the Wexford Harbour Act, 1874, was proceeded with.

It was announced that as required by the twenty-first Section of the Act only one member had been nominated forty-eight hours previous to the present meeting, namely, Councillor James

On the motion of the Mayor, seconded by Councillor Murphy, the condolences of the meeting were tendered to Councillor Goodison on the unexpected demise on this day of his sister, the late Miss Mary Goodison, and on the motion of Councillor Murphy, seconded by Councillor McMahon, a vote of sympathy was extended to the relatives of the late Mr. George Holbrook, a respected native of Wexford.

The Mayor referred to unintentional mis-statements which had been made at a recent meeting of the Wexford Harbour Commissioners. These were to the effect that the County Council were contributing a sum of £300 per annum towards the funds of the Irish Tourist Development Association while no contribution whatever was made by the Corporation.

He wished it to be known that the actual sum paid by the County Council in the current year was £410, and that of this amount the Corporation paid their proper proportion through the Poor Rate.

Alderman Billington regretted having made the erroneous statements referred to and was glad to have them corrected.

There was submitted for execution on the part of the Corporation a Deed of Mortgage whereby security was to be given to the Commissioners of Public Works for the repayment in twenty-five years of a Loan of £1,557 obtained with the approval of the Minister for Local Government and Public Health to lay sewers and watermains in various parts of the town.

The Deed was found to be in order in every respect, and accordingly the following Resolution was unanimously adopted:

It was moved by Councillor Cyril Ross,

Seconded by Councillor Thomas Walsh, and

RESOLVED:- That our Corporate Seal be affixed to the Deed of Mortgage of this day now read, whereby security is given to the Commissioners of Public Works in Ireland for the repayment of the sum of One Thousand Five Hundred and Fifty-seven Pounds proposed to be advanced by them to us under the Public Health (Ireland) Acts, 1878 to 1900, Etc.

The Mortgage Deed was thereupon duly Sealed and signed, and the following further Resolution was then unanimously adopted:

It was moved by Councillor John.J. O'Leary,

Seconded by Alderman Thomas Hayes, and

RESOLVED:- That inasmuch as this Corporation does not immediately require from the Commissioners of Public Works in Ireland the total amount of the sum mentioned in the Deed of Mortgage to them this day executed by this Corporation, but prefer to receive the same by instalments as occasion may require, it is resolved that the requisition for each advance shall be intimated to said Commissioners by the Chairman of this Corporation for the time being countersigned by the Town Clerk, and that each such requisition shall be forwarded to the Accountant of the said Commissioners, and that all such advances shall be lodged to Our Account in the Wexford Branch of the National Bank.

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The Mayor referred with disapproval to the action of the Electricity Supply Board in breaking up a concrete footpath on the north side of King Street Upper in order to lay an underground cable to the Mill Road Ironworks.

The greater portion of this path had only been laid down in November last, and its entire cost came to £108, and the Board had been asked to run the cable along the south side of the Street where no footpath existed so as to prevent the destruction of such a large stretch of concrete. The Board had not seen their way to accede to this request, and moreover, did not accept the price quoted by the Borough Surveyor for replacing the path in a proper manner, and so it was probable that when the work was completed the path would present a very unsightly appearance. The meeting were unanimous in their condemnation of the refusal of the Board, without any reason whatever, to lay the cable where desired, and the Surveyor was directed to get into immediate communication with the Engineer in charge of the work and inform him that the Council expected a new path to be laid to replace the one at present being torn up.

Richard Corish
Mayor
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1st September, 1930.

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: Thomas Hayes, James Billington, Thomas Rossiter, and Richard Gibson.

Councillors: John Walsh, Cyril Ross, Garrett Donohoe, Thomas Walsh, James Murphy, Patrick Clancy, James McMahon, Edward Bolger, James Crosbie, John J. O'Leary, and Michael Martin.

The minutes of meeting of the 6th August last were read and signed, and with reference to entry thereon relating to King Street footpath the meeting was informed that a conference had been held on a recent occasion between officials of the Electricity Supply Board and of the Corporation, and as a result it was agreed that the work of repairing the streets and paths broken up would be done by the Corporation staff under the supervision of the Town Surveyor, and that the Supply Board would meet the entire cost of this work.

Strong representations had been made to the Board to have a new footpath provided for King Street at their expense, but these were unsuccessful. The Surveyor, however, stated that it was his intention to have the work done in the best possible manner, but that still the path would present a patched appearance, but as everything possible had been done to secure the proper repair of the thoroughfare the matter was not further pursued.

Liabilities which accrued due up to the end of last month, amounting, in the aggregate, to £2,557 - 7 - 5, were submitted, and having been examined, were approved, and an Advice Note was signed to enable them to be discharged.

At the outset of the ensuing discussion, the Mayor suggested, in the interest of an Irish industry, that the houses to be built in Hill Street should be roofed with slates from the Killaloe Quarries instead of with asbestos roofing (the material used in recent housing schemes) as there was now available a suitable slate measuring sixteen inches by eight inches which could be supplied for £12 - 10 - 0 per 1,260, while heretofore the only slates to be had were those measuring twenty-four inches by twelve inches, and if they had been put on the houses on St. John's Road would have increased the cost by, at least, £30 per house, with a consequent increase of rent.

If the suggestion regarding the use of Irish slates were adopted it would mean that the rents to be charged would have to be increased by sixpence per house per week, as to roof the dwellings with these slates would cost £29 - 14 - 7 per house, while the expense of asbestos covering would only be £13 - 17 - 7 per house.

At this point the Borough Surveyor stated that the rents of the Hill Street houses set out in the report, which had been drawn up when he was absent on vacation, but was prepared from data supplied by him, referred to four-room houses instead of houses of five rooms each, and that dwellings of the latter type could not be built for less than £340 per house, and a further computation, therefore, had to be made by the present meeting, which showed that on the assumption that these eight houses were roofed with Irish slates a rent, approximately, of 9/5 per house per week would have to be charged to make them self-supporting, while a rent of 8/11 per week would suffice if asbestos covering were to be used.

Some of the members expressed a doubt as to the ability of the average artisan to pay such a rent, but against this it was pointed out that a large number of tradesmen were making application for the five-room houses at present being built on the St. John's Road, the rent of which would be about 11/8 per week.

The report was fully discussed from every point of view, and eventually the three following resolutions were adopted unanimously:-

Proposed by Alderman Rossiter, and seconded by Councillor O'Leary,

That in accordance with the recommendation of the Housing Committee the building site available in Mandlintown be acquired, and fourteen four-room bungalows erected thereon and let at a rent not exceeding 6/6 per house per week.

Proposed by Councillor Bolger, seconded by Councillor O'Leary,

That the Hill Street plot be acquired on the terms set out in the report of the Housing Committee now read, and that eight two-storey houses, seven of five rooms each and one of seven rooms, be built on it, the rents of each of which were not to exceed 9/5 per week.

Proposed by His Worship The Mayor, seconded by Councillor Clancy,

That the eight houses to be erected on the Hill Street plot be roofed with slates from Killaloe instead of with asbestos covering.

With reference to the recent adoption of the Street Trading Act, 1926, which would come into operation on the 8th instant, it was reported that the Minister for Justice had under consideration the issue of appropriate Regulations, and wished to be informed if the Corporation were desirous of having all forms of street trading other than the sale

The following report from the Housing Committee was read:

"The above Committee met on Wednesday, 19th instant, and went fully into the question of providing further housing accommodation for the working classes of the town.

"They were informed that two excellent sites were available, and could be purchased out-and-out and free of rent for ever on reasonable terms.

"One was situate in Hill Street, where formerly a row of small cabins stood, which had adjoined the present Corporation houses but had not been in line with them, and was owned by Mr. Thomas Bent, and the other was portion of a field at Maudlintown, the entire of which was at present in the occupation of Mr. Richard Richards.

"Mr. Bent's ground measured 150 by 75 feet, and could be acquired in fee simple for a sum of £200, and a total of eight two-storey houses could be built on it, seven of which could be of five rooms each, and the other of seven rooms, while the price asked for that part of the land at Maudlintown proposed to be taken, and which was also held in fee simple, was also £200.

"This latter site had a frontage of 356 feet with a depth of 100 feet from front to rear, and as in Hill Street, a proper sewerage and water service was available, and fourteen four-room dwellings of the bungalow type could be built on it.

"From a computation made by the Committee it was ascertained that the rent which would have to be charged for the eight Hill Street houses in order to make them self-supporting would be about 8/8 per house per week, while the economic rent of the fourteen bungalows would be, approximately, 6/6 per house per week.

"The Local Government Housing Department were willing to allow the intended Hill Street houses to be built in line with the adjoining dwellings in that Street and with the building at the corner of John Street, so that the entire thoroughfare would be of uniform width, and draft plans of these particular houses which were submitted, seemed to be satisfactory in every respect.

"The Committee were of the opinion that the two Schemes above outlined would be an admirable continuation of the present building scheme on St. John's Road, and decided to recommend the Corporation to acquire the two plots at the prices set out above, and to build thereon, by direct labour, twenty-two houses, i. e., eight two-storey houses on the Hill Street plot (seven of which would be of five rooms and one of seven rooms) and fourteen four-room bungalows on the Maudlintown site, and if the Council see fit to adopt this recommendation, the Committee will then be in a position to make all necessary arrangements for the raising of the necessary Loan from the Commissioners of Public Works for the purchase of the land and the erection of the buildings, so that the work can be commenced immediately the present twenty-six houses on the St. John's Road are completed.

"Signed on behalf of the Committee.

"Richard Corish.

"Mayor.

"25th August, 1930."

The Town Clerk explained that it was impossible to inform the union of the action taken on their letter of February last until the 12th June, seeing that it was not finally disposed of until the 2nd idem when the Minister's refusal to sanction the salary voted to Mr. Byrne on the 24th March was dealt with, and the meeting expressed approval of the Town Clerk's action all through, and as to the amended demand of the Union on Mr. Byrne's behalf, it was decided, as this was the first occasion on which the new scale had been put forward, to request some of the Executive of the Union to meet the Mayor, Alderman Rossiter, and Councillor T. Walsh, in Wexford, and see what was best to be done in the matter.

Regarding proposed acquisition of store belonging to the Wexford Fresh Meat and Bacon Supply Company, a matter which was agreed to on the 21st July last, it was reported that the National Bank had intimated their willingness to advance by way of loan the sum needed for the purchase of the premises and for necessary repairs to it.

A draft of the purchase agreement had been received from the Company, and this, on being examined, showed that the premises along with others were held on lease for a term of 99 years only as from the 14th February, 1902, and were subject to an annual rent of £20, but were indemnified against this rent by the residue of the buildings comprised in the lease. The Corporation, however, would be subject to an annual rent of 1/- payable to the Great Southern Railways for certain privileges by the latter in respect of the premises.

As the Council, when the matter of the purchase of the store had been decided on, were under the impression that they were securing possession of it free of rent for ever, it was necessary to decide if they would complete the purchase in view of the foregoing information.

The present meeting saw no reason to alter the decision already come to, as the provision of a proper Stores Depot was an urgent necessity, and consequently, on the motion of Councillor McMahon, seconded by Councillor O'Leary, it was unanimously resolved to acquire the premises for the sum of £400 on the terms above outlined.

Richard Corish
Mayor of Wexford
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6th October, 1930.

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: Thomas Hayes, James Billington, and Richard Gibson.

Councillors: James Gaul, Thomas Walsh, William Goodison, John Walsh, Cyril Ross, Garrett Donohoe, Patrick Clancy, James McMahon, John J. O'Leary, Edward Bolger, James Crosbie, Patrick McCabe.

The minutes of meeting of the 1st September last were read and signed, and Councillor Clancy complained of the omission of his name from a communication in Irish

of newspapers prohibited as was the case in Dublin.

To decide this matter, a Committee of the Corporation had been in consultation with some of the members of the Wexford Development Association, and the Superintendent of the Garda Síochána, and having gone thoroughly into the question, decided to recommend the present meeting to ask the Minister to be so good as to issue Regulations prohibiting stall trading, but stall trading only, in certain classes of goods in every street in the town, so as effectually to put a stop to such trading once and for all, unless on Fair and Market Days when, under the Act, it can be carried on.

It was recognized that such stall trading by travelling salesmen was on the increase in Wexford and was proving a serious menace to local Ratepayers, and this being the case, the meeting unanimously agreed that every possible effort should be made to curb their activities and thereupon the following resolution was unanimously adopted:

Proposed by Alderman Billington, seconded by Councillor Murphy, and

RESOLVED:- That the Minister for Justice be requested to make Regulations under Section 13 (e) of the Street Trading Act, 1926, prohibiting street stall trading from being carried on in any of the following classes of goods in each and every street inside the Borough of Wexford, namely, Drapery, cloth, woollen goods, linen goods, saddlery, readymade clothing, boots and shoes, stationery, india rubber goods, haberdashery, soaps and medicines, jewellery, watches and clocks, toilet requisites, perfumery, china, glassware, earthenware, enamelware, cutlery and edged tools, cycle accessories, linoleum, carpets, rugs, and wallpaper.

The communication of the 6th June last from the Minister for Local Government and Public Health on the proposed increase in the salary of Mr. Byrne, Clerical Assistant, a matter which had been adjourned on several occasions, was again brought forward, and a letter relative to it from the Irish Local Government Officials Union and addressed to the Mayor was read.

The Union complained that although they asked on the 28th February, 1930, that Mr. Byrne's salary should be increased, still, it was not until the 12th June that the letter had been replied to, and the Union did not consider that an answer was needed as it merely set out how the application had been dealt with.

The letter further stated that the Union had been in communication with the Ministry of Local Government and Public Health on the matter of the increase, and had been informed that when the present Town Clerk was appointed in 1927, the Corporation were satisfied that a Junior Clerical Assistant only was needed in his office; that such a position, to which Mr. Byrne was appointed, was advertised in due course, and that to apply the scale proposed by the Union would alter the status of the position and would probable necessitate its re-advertisement.

Having regard to the Ministry's view of the matter, the Union did not now intend to press for the increase originally asked for, but expected that the Corporation would fix Mr. Byrne's salary on their approved scale for Junior Clerical Officers, namely, £90 per annum on entrance to the service (subject to a maximum of £120 at 21 years of age) thence by annual increments of £5 to £150 per annum, thence by yearly increments of £7 - 10 - 0 to £210, and thence by increments of £10 to a maximum of £260 per annum.

Councillor McMahon alluded to an anonymous letter which had recently appeared in the local Press wherein the Corporation were criticized for the manner in which a portion of William Street had been laid in concrete, but it was explained that this thoroughfare being a main road was under the control of the County Council, and the work referred to had been done by their staff.

The reason this particular Street was concreted was because the Cement Marketing Board had offered a supply of cement to the County Council in order that a test of a new system of road surfacing with compressed concrete could be made, and the Council accepted the offer and allocated a sum of £300 to provide the necessary labour.

Subsequently, however, the Board withdrew their offer, and, under the circumstances, it was only possible for the County Surveyor to treat so much of the roadway as could be done for an inclusive sum of £300, and in view of all the facts of the case it was agreed that the work had been completed as well as could be expected seeing that the material as well as the labour had to be provided out of the funds placed at the disposal of the Surveyor.

There was submitted for execution a Deed of Mortgage for the repayment in five years of a Loan of £425 borrowed from the National Bank for the purchase and reconstruction of a Stores Depot at Trinity Street, which, on the 21st July last, it had been decided to acquire.

The Deed was found to be in order in every respect, and thereupon the following resolution was unanimously adopted:

It was proposed by Councillor Thomas Walsh,

Seconded by Councillor Cyril Ross, and

RESOLVED:- That pursuant to letter of sanction of the Local Government Minister dated 15th August, 1930, the sum of £425 be borrowed from the National Bank Limited, Wexford, for the purposes therein mentioned, to be repaid within five years with interest at the rate of half per cent. under Irish Banks' Rate, varying subject to a minimum of four per cent. per annum, as in said letter of sanction provided. And it is further resolved that the Seal of the Council be affixed to the necessary Mortgage over the Rates to secure the said Loan. There was laid before the meeting a communication from the Department of Education under date of the 22nd September, 1930, No. 7779, intimating that the Minister for Education, with the consent of the Minister for Local Government and Public Health, had appointed the present date for the first election by the Council of a Vocational Education Committee for the Town in accordance with the requirements of the Vocation Education Act, 1930, which became Law on the 21st July last.

This Committee was to consist of fourteen members, of whom not less than five nor more than eight were to be members of the Council, and regard was to be had to the interest and experience in education of the persons proposed to be elected.

This matter had already engaged the attention of the Finance and Works Committee so that a suitable Body could be set up, and on the motion of Councillor McMahon, seconded by Councillor T. Walsh, it was resolved, Councillor Bolger dissenting, that the following seven members of the Council be elected to serve on the Committee, viz.:- The Mayor, Aldermen Billington, Rosser, Hayes, and Pugh, Councillors Walsh, Martin, and McCabe.

which, according to him, had been submitted but was not read, and contended that thus a slur was cast on the Irish Language.

The Mayor emphatically denied this allegation and reminded the meeting that the letter referred to was not submitted to the General Meeting at all but was laid before the Finance and Works Committee held immediately afterwards, and as it was merely an application for tenancy of one of the houses being built on St. John's Road it was treated as were all similar applications and filed to be dealt with when the houses were being let.

Liabilities which had accrued due up to the end of last month, amounting, in the aggregate, to £2,925 - 2 - 4, were brought forward for payment. Included in them were items amounting to £13 being the expenses of two Delegates who had attended the recent Conference of the Irish Municipal Authorities Association held in Sligo.

It was pointed out that by the Local Conferences Order, 1928, the Council were empowered to pay the reasonable expenses of the Delegates, but that the sum now claimed would be subject to review at the Audit of the Accounts, and that the responsibility for its payment would rest with the signatories of the Treasurer's Advice Note.

The total accounts as presented were then passed for payment.

On the motion of Councillor McMahon, seconded by Councillor O'Leary, the sympathy of the meeting was extended to the relatives of the late Senator Sir Bryan Mahon, and on the motion of the Mayor, seconded by Councillor Gaul, a sincere vote of condolence was passed to Councillor John Atkins in the heavy bereavement which had ^{recently} befallen him by the death of his young wife.

The Mayor referred to an outbreak of fire which had occurred on the 1st September last at premises in Selskar Street, and to criticisms made as to the delay in the attendance of the Fire Brigade on the occasion, and wished to make it clear that no blame whatever attached to the Brigade for their belated appearance on the scene.

In a report received from the Captain of the Fire Brigade which was read it appeared that although the outbreak was discovered at 7-30 on the morning in question, yet, he received no notification of it until twenty minutes afterwards, when he, with the Turncock and two of the Brigade members, immediately proceeded to Selskar Street and found that the fire was but a slight one which resulted in a small old bakehouse being partly burned.

Furthermore, the Superintendent of the Garda Siochana explained by letter that although he had telephoned to the Turncock (to whose residence a special line for the purpose was laid on) immediately he received notice of the fire, he could not get into communication with him until 7-40 a. m. and that everything possible had been done by the Gardai to ensure the attendance of the Brigade on the morning in question.

The Mayor thought it but right to give publicity to the above facts so as to clear the members of the Brigade from the undeserved aspersions cast on them.

Referring to proposed increase in the salary of Mr. John J. Byrne, Clerical Assistant, a matter adjourned from last meeting, the Mayor stated that he had had a consultation with some of the members of the Executive of the Irish Local Government Officials' Union in Dublin on a recent occasion, and as a result, the Union had again decided to approach the Minister for Local Government and Public Health and endeavour to prevail on him to consent at least to the scale of salary adopted by the Council on the 2nd June last.

Under these circumstances, it was decided to await the result of the Union's efforts before coming to any decision on this matter.

A question was raised as to the position of this Contractor if he employed a non trade union painter on his other contracts, while he or a union painter was engaged at the work on the Town Hall, but it was pointed out that this was a supposititious case which could be dealt with if and when it arose.

The Mayor reported the result of an interview which Alderman Hayes and himself had had on a recent occasion with Officials of the Minister for Local Government and Public Health in Dublin as to the reported sale by the Wexford Board of Health of the disused fever hospital buildings at Grogan's Road.

In view of the fact that the Fever Hospital had been transferred to New Ross, the intended sale had caused much uneasiness in the town as it was feared that Wexford with its 12,000 inhabitants was to be left without any accommodation for fever cases.

This serious want had been brought under the notice of the Minister so far back as the 22nd November, 1928, and on various subsequent occasions, and a Committee of the Council had also visited the Offices of the Ministry in an effort to prevail on them to see that proper provision was made locally for an outbreak of infectious disease in the town and the surrounding rural areas, and although a promise of fair treatment had been given, still, so far, nothing had been done to meet the situation.

Under these circumstances, when the intended sale of the Grogan's Road buildings became known, the Finance and Works Committee had again considered the matter, and Alderman Hayes was asked to accompany the Mayor to Dublin.

They were received on the 2nd instant, and pointed out that Wexford Town did not expect the County Fever Hospital to be centred in Wexford, but considered that Enniscorthy, Gorey, New Ross, and Wexford, should each be provided with an isolation hospital, and it was only right to say that this view appeared to have been sympathetically received.

It was also pointed out to the Department that Wexford being a seaport town was liable to be a port of entry for cases of infectious disease from overseas, as was also Ballygeary which would mean that such patients would have to be conveyed a distance of, at least, 24 miles to the present Fever Hospital, and this applied as well to local patients, so that the want of a building in Wexford was apparent.

The Officials of the Department appeared to be impressed with the case made out, but intimated that the derelict hospital in Grogan's Road would not again be approved, but the Mayor gathered that if the Minister were asked to withhold assent to the sale of the premises until ample provision was made for the needs of Wexford it would receive favourable consideration.

The Council were satisfied that everything possible was being done, so far as they were concerned, to safeguard the interests of the people of the town in this important matter, and the following resolution was thereupon unanimously adopted:-

Proposed by the Mayor, seconded by Alderman Billington:

"That we beg to direct the attention of the Minister for Local Government and Public Health to the proposal of the County Wexford Board of Health and Public Assistance to dispose of the former fever hospital buildings in Wexford, and respectfully request him not to sanction such sale until the Board of Health indicate what provision they intend to make for the accommodation of fever patients in Wexford and the surrounding rural areas."

It was further resolved on the motion of Councillor O'Leary, seconded by Councillor Ross, that the following non-members of the Council be elected as the remaining seven members of the Committee, namely:- Rev. John Sinnott, Catholic Administrator; Rev. Chancellor Renndson, Protestant Rector; Rev. Bro. Luttrell, Superior Christian Brothers; Miss Alice Fernell, French Correspondent; Mr. Thomas Barnes, Works Manager Star Ironworks; Mr. John Martin, Works Manager of the Mill Road Ironworks; and Mr. John Dunne, Commercial Traveller.

A letter under date of the 3rd instant from the Irish Sailors and Soldiers Land Trust was read. This was to the effect that it was hoped to invite tenders for the erection on St. John's Road of houses under the Trust on an early date, and as it would be necessary to make a suitable roadway to the houses they suggested that the Council should undertake the construction of such a road on condition that the Trust would be responsible for fifty per cent. of the cost. The meeting was not prepared to come to a decision on this matter off hand, and so to enable it to be fully considered Councillor Gaul gave notice of his intention to move at next Statutory Meeting that the Council would undertake to lay down a macadam road for the houses in question, but only on condition that the Sailors and Soldiers Land Trust would be responsible for payment of fifty per cent. of the entire cost.

This notice was accepted, and the Borough Surveyor was directed to prepare in the meantime an estimate of the all-in cost of making such a road.

The Irish National Assurance Company Limited, of College Green, Dublin, by letter dated 30th September, 1930, requested to be allowed to tender for the insurance of all the Corporation property according as the premiums fell due for renewal.

It was pointed out that on the 6th December, 1926, the Council decided that from that date all such insurances were to be transacted through and with the Irish Public Bodies Mutual Insurances Limited, and so Councillor Ross gave notice of his intention to move on the 3rd proximo that such decision be revoked in order to permit of the request of the Irish National Assurance Company being considered.

This notice was also accepted.

Referring to minutes of the 1st September last, a letter from the Department of Local Government and Public Health under date of the 3rd instant, No. 66234, was read intimating that no objection would be raised to the acquisition of plot of land at Maudlintown for £200 as a site for fourteen working class houses, but as to the ground at Hill Street, an estimate of the cost of clearing this site was desired, and the Town Surveyor was directed to furnish the necessary information with the least possible delay.

In response to advertisements inserted in the local newspapers, four tenders for painting work to be executed on certain parts of the Town Hall were sent in.

they were opened and found to be from the following painters who were prepared to execute the work for the sums set opposite their names as follows:

Michael Doyle, of Clifford Street	£54 - 18 - 0.
Nicholas McEvoy, of Cornmarket	32 - 10 - 0
McCarthy & Sons, of Waterloo Road	28 - 14 - 6
John Butler, of High Street	27 - 10 - 0.

On the motion of Councillor John Walsh, seconded by Councillor McMahon, the tender of Mr. Butler being the lowest of the four was unanimously accepted.

Councillor O'Leary;

"That the Council undertake to lay down a macadam road for houses to be erected on the St. John's Road by the Irish Sailors and Soldiers Land Trust, but only on condition that the Trust will be responsible for payment of fifty per cent. of the entire cost."

This proposal had been before the Housing Committee on the 21st ultimo, who, after much consideration, had sent forward the following recommendation, viz.:-

"That no part of the cost of the road, which is estimated to amount to £208 - 12 - 0, be defrayed by the Council, but that when it is constructed by the Trust, the Council will take it over, and thereafter be responsible for its maintenance."

The Mayor now moved the adoption of this recommendation, explaining that the Housing Committee considered that this concession was as much as could be expected bearing in mind the fact that the Council had always disclaimed liability for the upkeep of private roadways serving terraces of houses in various parts of the town, and as well that the road when made would form a cul-de-sac.

Councillor Murphy seconded the adoption of the recommendation, and on a division, it was declared carried by sixteen votes to four against.

As per notice given at last Statutory Meeting, Councillor Ross proposed that the resolution of the 6th December, 1926, whereby from that date the entire insurance of the Corporation was to be transacted with and through the medium of the Associated Local Authorities Insurances Limited, be rescinded.

This motion was seconded by Councillor Crosbie.

It was intimated that Representatives of the Local Authorities Insurances Limited, and of the Irish National Assurance Company Limited were in attendance and wished to lay their views before the meeting, and on the motion of Alderman Rossiter, seconded by Councillor Murphy, it was unanimously decided to accede to this request.

Messrs. Brennan and Lennon of the former Company, and Messrs. Ryan and Whitty of the Irish National were then heard seperately.

The former pointed out the advantages enjoyed by the Council in having their insurance effected through the Irish Public Bodies Company, while Messrs. Ryan and Whitty endeavoured to prove that it would be profitable for the Corporation to throw the business open to competition between all purely Irish Insurance Companies.

A very protracted discussion resulted, at the end of which the motion proposed by Councillor Ross was put to the meeting, when, on a poll having been taken, there voted

For it	Councillors Ross, Crosbie, O'Leary, McMahon, Goodison, Aldermen Connolly and Billington -----	7.
Against it	Councillors Power, McCabe, Gaul, Murphy, Atkins, Donohoe, John Walsh, Thomas Walsh, Aldermen Hayes, Rossiter, Gibson, and the Mayor.-----	12.
Declined to vote	Councillor Clancy -----	1.

The rescinding motion was therefore declared lost.

As a decision on the question was not taken till 10-15 p. m., it was arranged to adjourn consideration of the other items on the agenda to Monday, the 10th instant, and the meeting thereupon arose.

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The recent drowning fatality in the Harbour was alluded to, and it was suggested that the Harbour Commissioners should be requested to provide fixed iron ladders at certain points along the Quay side leading down to the water to facilitate rescue in future.

This suggestion was adopted.

Richard Corish
Mayor
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3rd November, 1930.

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, Richard Gibson, Thomas Rossiter, and Thomas Hayes.

Councillors: Thomas Walsh, William Goodison, John Walsh, Garrett Lonohoe, John Atkins, Patrick Clancy, James McMahon, James Murphy, James Gaul, John J. O'Leary, Patrick McCabe, James Crosbie, Cyril Ross, and William J. Power.

The minutes of meeting of the 6th October, 1930, were read and signed.

Councillor Atkins returned sincere thanks for the sympathy extended to him on the recent death of his wife.

Liabilities which had accrued due up to the end of last month, amounting, in the aggregate, to £4,282 - 5 - 11, were submitted, and having been examined were approved, and an Advice Note was signed to enable them to be discharged.

The question of the intended sale of the disused fever hospital buildings in Grogan's Road which was discussed at last meeting was again brought forward, but a telegram received by the Mayor from the Secretary of the Department of Local Government and Public Health was read which stated that, so far, no decision on the sale had been come to by the Minister, and so the matter was not further pursued.

At the request of the Finance Committee, who had already considered it, a report from the Superintendent of the Garda Síochána was read.

This had reference to a breach of the Towns Improvement Act, 1854, by a Mr. Thomas Luccan, of St. Peter's Square, who, on a recent occasion, had been found by the Gardai depositing parcels of rubbish on the public street.

Mr. Luccan had tendered a written apology for his action, and promised not to offend in like manner in future, and so the Committee decided not to institute legal proceedings against him for the offence, but arranged for the whole matter to be brought before the present meeting so that it could secure publicity through the medium of the local Press, and thus act as a deterrent to others who might be disposed to litter the streets with rubbish.

In accordance with notice given on the 6th ultimo, Councillor Gaul proposed the following motion, which, if carried, he believed, would induce the Trust to expedite the erection of the houses, a matter which was in abeyance for the past ten years, and which was seconded by

be stipulated for those engaged in the industries concerned."

This was seconded by Councillor Ross and was adopted, but with Councillor Gaul dissenting, as he maintained that a vote should have been taken on the resolution in its original form only.

The resolution as amended was then proposed by Councillor Murphy, and seconded by Councillor Ross. It was put to the meeting and was adopted, Councillor Gaul not voting.

It was in the following terms:

"That we, the Urban District Council of Wexford, call on the Minister for Agriculture to introduce a Measure in the Dail as soon as possible after it assembles prohibiting the importation of bacon of all kinds as well as of oats for feeding purposes from any foreign country into the Irish Free State, but that before it operates a living wage should be stipulated for those engaged in the industries concerned, and that a copy of this resolution be forwarded to the Minister for Agriculture."

Richard Corish
Mayor of Wexford
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17th November, 1930

A Special Meeting of the Council, convened in accordance with the requirements of the Public Libraries (Ireland) Act, 1894, 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: Thomas Rossiter, James Billington, and Thomas Hayes.

Councillors: James Murphy, Garrett Donohoe, Patrick Clancy, John Atkins, Edward Bolger, and Patrick McCabe.

The meeting had been summoned in order to regularize the procedure regarding the Rate chargeable on the Urban District for the Public Library Service in future, and to enable this to be done, according to a communication of the Department of Local Government and Public Health dated the 22nd September, 1930, and received through the Secretary of the County Council, it would be necessary, in the first instance, to adopt the Public Libraries Act (Ireland) 1855. Then the Urban Council should relinquish in favour of the County Council all their powers and duties under the Libraries Acts, 1855 to 1920, in accordance with the provisions of Section 65 (6) of the Local Government Act, 1925, and come to an agreement with the County Council as to the annual sum, within the maximum limit of threepence in the Pound, which should be contributed through the Urban Poor Rate for the expenses of the Wexford Town portion of the Library Service, which sum in the current year came to £42 - 13 - 4.

Thereupon, on the motion of Alderman Rossiter, seconded by Alderman Billington, it was unanimously resolved:

"That the Public Libraries Act (Ireland) 1855 be and is hereby adopted in the Urban District of Wexford, and that this Resolution shall come into operation on Thursday, the first day of January, 1931."

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10th November, 1930.

An adjourned 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: Thomas Hayes, Thomas Rossiter, and Richard Gibson.

Councillors: John Walsh, James McMahon, Patrick Clancy, John J. O'Leary, John Atkins, James Murphy, Garrett Donohoe, Edward Bolger, Thomas Walsh, Cyril Ross, and James Gaul.

The minutes of meeting of the 3rd instant were read and signed, and with reference thereto, a letter from The Irish Sailors and Soldiers Land Trust was read noting with pleasure that when they would construct roadway for houses to be built on St. John's Road, the Corporation would thereafter be responsible for its maintenance.

On the motion of the Mayor, seconded by Councillor T. Walsh, the sympathy of the meeting was extended to the relatives of the late Peter Roche, an employee of the Council for over forty years.

Tenders for all the printing work required by the Council in the ensuing twelve months were received from the Wexford "Free Press" and Wexford "People" Offices, and the examination of the various items in each tender was entrusted to the Finance and Works Committee with instructions to accept the lower item in every case.

At the request of the Tullamore Urban Council, a resolution in the following terms was unanimously adopted as proposed by Councillor T. Walsh, seconded by Councillor Gaul:

"That we, the members of the Wexford Urban Council, call upon the Government to forthwith introduce legislation to carry out the recommendations of the Town Tenants' Commission appointed by them over two years ago."

A resolution which was received from the Longford Urban Council was also adopted unanimously. It was proposed by Councillor Murphy, seconded by Councillor T. Walsh, and ran as follows:-

"That owing to the abnormal increase in local rates occasioned by the upkeep and maintenance of Main Roads, we call upon the Government to substantially restrict heavy Motor Traffic and at the same time to regulate the speed of lighter motor trading vehicles to a maximum of ten miles per hour.

"That in view of the serious loss of goods and passenger traffic sustained by the Railways, whereby they are compelled to considerably reduce their workers and so add to unemployment, we call on all public bodies in the Free State to give their earnest consideration to this Resolution, and in dealing with it to take into account the fact that the Railway Companies pay their full share of the local rates, while the motor traffic owners pay nothing, although their traffic is responsible for almost all of the wear and tear of the Roads."

A third resolution forwarded by the Urban Council of Tralee was submitted. It advocated the prohibition of imports of bacon as well as of oats for feeding purposes.

It was the occasion of a lengthy debate, and before it was put to the meeting the Mayor proposed that there be added to it the following words: "but that before it operates a living wage should

with the local Officials of the Union on behalf of their Executive, and these Officials submitted a recommendation which they thought would receive sanction, although making it clear that they had not been empowered by the Executive to put it forward as a Union demand.

The Finance Committee, to which this recommendation had been referred, however, did not see their way to agree to it, but favoured the alternative one as drawn up by the Sub-Committee above referred to, which they advised the present meeting to accept.

It ran as follows:

"That in connection with the matter of increase of salary proposed to be given to Mr. John J. Byrne, Clerical Assistant, we recommend that his salary be increased by a sum of £10 per annum as from 1st April, 1930, and that on every subsequent 1st April it be further increased by £10 a year until a salary of £200 per annum is reached, as suggested in letter from the Minister for Local Government and Public Health dated the 5th May, 1930, No. 24348; and that this be without prejudice to any further action which the Irish Local Government Officials' Union may take to standardize the salaries of their members in future."

The Mayor now proposed that this recommendation be adopted. This was seconded by Councillor Goodison, but Councillor Gaul, as an amendment thereto, moved:

"That the proposal submitted to the Sub-Committee by the Representatives of the Local Government Officials' Union on the 24th November last be adopted, namely, 'That we accept the incremental scale outlined in the Minister's letter of the 5th May, 1930, No. 24348, to operate for two years as from 1st April last, and that on and after that date Mr. Byrne be put on the superior scale applicable to junior clerks employed in the Wexford County Council Offices, namely, £150 per annum rising by increments of £7 - 10 - 0 until his salary reaches £201 per annum when his increments will be raised to £10 until a maximum salary of £234 per annum is reached.'"

This amendment was seconded by Councillor Thomas Walsh, but on a division was lost as twelve members were against it, and only five in favour of it, one member not voting one way or the other.

The Mayor's proposal, to adopt the recommendation favoured by the Finance Committee, was then put to the meeting, and was carried by twelve votes to five against, with one member again not voting.

A letter from the Department of Local Government and Public Health under date of the 19th November, 1930, No. 85680, was read. It directed attention to the fact that there were 693 vaccination defaulters in the Borough on 30th September last, and called on the Council to take active measures to compel these to obey the law.

In reply to a query put, it was stated that since December, 1928, legal proceedings had been taken against 77 delinquents, and that the total cost of such proceedings amounted to £48 - 4 - 0, and further, that from 30th September to present date, Dr. Pierse, the Dispensary Medical Officer, had vaccinated fourteen children.

Thereupon Councillor Power proposed that the Council should take up the vaccination, and this was seconded by Councillor Gaul, but Alderman Billington moved that twenty names be

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It was further decided to come to a provisional agreement on an early date with the County Council as to the sum to be contributed towards the Library Service in future years, so that it could be finally approved as soon as possible after the 1st January, next, and when such agreement had received the sanction of the Minister for Local Government and Public Health the sum settled upon would be included in the Poor Rate Demand for Financial Year 1931-2 and subsequent years.

Richard Corish
Mayor of Wexford
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1st December, 1930.

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, Thomas Rossiter, Thomas Hayes, and Richard Gibson.

Councillors: Cyril Ross, James McMahon, Thomas Walsh, William J. Power, John Walsh, John Atkins, Patrick Clancy, Garrett Donohoe, James Gaul, James Murphy, Edward Bolger, William Goodison, and Michael Martin.

The minutes of meetings of the 10th and 17th November, 1930 were read and signed.

Liabilities which had accrued due up to the end of last month, amounting, in the aggregate, to £2,267 - 10 - 7, were submitted, and having been examined were approved, and an Advice Note was signed to enable them to be discharged.

Allusion was made to decision come to on the 3rd ultimo to take over and maintain a roadway which the Irish Soldiers and Sailors Land Trust proposed to construct to serve houses about to be built by them, and members complained that notwithstanding this concession on the part of the Council, no steps had, so far, been taken to commence building operations, although Officials of the Trust had paid several visits to the site which had been acquired many months ago.

It was, therefore, proposed by Councillor Gaul, seconded by Alderman Billington, and unanimously RESOLVED:- That we urge upon the Sailors and Soldiers Land Trust the advisability of erecting the dwellings on St. John's Road without further delay as the ex-servicemen for whom they are intended are clamouring for them, and as well, the work would relieve, to some extent, the unemployment which is rife in the town.

The proposed increase in the salary of Mr. John J. Byrne, Clerical Assistant, was again brought forward.

The meeting was reminded that this matter had been before the Council on various occasions since the 24th March last, and that on the 6th October ~~25-1930~~ it had been still further adjourned to see if the Local Government Officials' Union would succeed in securing the assent of the Minister for Local Government and Public Health to the scale adopted on the 2nd June, 1930, but from a communication received from the Union, it seemed that their efforts had not been attended with success.

Then a Special Sub-Committee of the Council on the 24th ultimo had had an interchange of views

5th January, 1931.

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: Thomas Hayes, James Billington, Thomas Rossiter and Richard Gibson.

Councillors: James Murphy, Garrett Donohoe, John Walsh, Edward Bolger, Thomas Walsh, William Goodison, James McMahon, Patrick Clancy, James Gaul, Cyril Ross, William J. Power, James Crosbie, and Michael Martin.

The minutes of meeting of the 1st December, 1930, were read and signed.

Liabilities which had accrued due up to the end of last month, amounting, in the aggregate, to £1,863 - 8 - 11, were submitted, and having been examined were approved, and Advice Notes were signed to enable them to be discharged.

Attention was called to a misstatement which had recently appeared in the "Irish Times" as to the small number of men who were unemployed in Wexford. It seemed that it was reported in the Paper that at a recent meeting of the Council it had been asserted that only eighty persons were out of work in the Town, whereas, as was well known locally, the number without employment was largely in excess of that figure.

The meeting were unanimous in repudiating the misstatement referred to, which was never made by any member of the Council, but it was thought that the error arose through a report submitted by the Superintendent of Home Help, Mr. Shortall, a short time ago to the effect that there were only eighty poor relief recipients on his lists for Wexford Town.

Referring to minutes of last meeting, The Irish Sailors and Soldiers Land Trust by letter stated that they were most anxious to commence building operations on St. John's Road at the earliest possible moment, but that owing to the illness of the Architect who was in charge of the work, it had not been found possible to make a start so far, as it was not feasible to divert one of the other Architects of the Trust to the Wexford Scheme.

A report from the Public Health Committee was submitted. It had reference to the appointment of a temporary whole-time Veterinary Inspector for the supervision of the meat supply in the Borough, and for duties in connection with the Agricultural Produce (Fresh Meat) Act, 1930.

The present meeting was informed that this matter had engaged the close attention of the Committee constantly since September last, when an effort had been made to secure from the Minister for Agriculture, on terms to be agreed upon, the part-time services of the Veterinary Examiner engaged at the Wexford Meat Supply and Bacon Factory Limited, so that in his spare time he could inspect the meat intended for consumption in the Town, but it appeared that this Official's duties had to be confined solely to the examination of fresh meat for export as he was not an Officer of the Local Authority.

Then negotiations were entered into with the Minister for Local Government and Public Health and the Minister for Agriculture, as a result of which it was arranged, subject to the approval of the Council, that the Corporation should appoint a whole-time Veterinary Inspector for one year in the first instance for the supervision of the meat supply throughout the Town, who, as well, under Section 59 of the Agricultural Produce (Fresh Meat) Act, 1930, would be empowered to perform all the duties imposed on a Veterinary

selected for prosecution, and that these be chosen haphazard from the list of defaulters furnished by the Dispensary medical Officer, and this motion was seconded by Councillor John Walsh.

A poll was taken on this latter proposal, when there voted

For	Councillors Martin, Goodison, Murphy, Donohoe, J. Walsh, Ross, Aldermen Gibson, Hayes, Rossiter, Billington, and the Mayor -----	11
Against	Councillors Bolger, Gaul, Atkins, Power, and T. Walsh. -----	5
Declined to vote:	Councillors Clancy and McMahon. -----	2

On the motion of Councillor Gaul, seconded by Councillor Ross, The Rev. Bro. Luttrell, Superior of the Christian Bros., was appointed a member of the School Meals Committee to replace Rev. Bro. Markey, transferred from Wexford.

Councillor Ross, one of the Delegates appointed to attend the Annual Conference of the Association of Irish Municipal Authorities held in Sligo in September last, gave a very exhaustive report of the proceedings of the Congress for which he received the unanimous thanks of the meeting.

It was reported that no tenders had been received for the conversion into w. c's of the sanitary conveniences in the Council's seven houses at Monument place, although advertisements of the work had been duly issued, and the matter was referred to the Public Health Committee to be dealt with as they saw fit.

The recent tariff placed on imported butter was alluded to, and great dissatisfaction was expressed by the meeting at the unwarranted increase which the farmers had charged for butter which they had offered for sale through the town on the previous Saturday.

The Council, without exception, felt much aggrieved that the imposition of the tariff (which they considered justifiable under the circumstances as explained by the Mayor) should have been used by vendors of butter from the rural areas as an excuse to increase the price of this commodity which had been produced only the previous week, and considered that appropriate measures should be taken to see that consumers were not unduly mulcted in the prices charged. At the conclusion of the discussion, the following Resolution as proposed by the Mayor, and seconded by Alderman Hayes, was unanimously adopted, and copies of it were ordered to be forwarded to the Minister for Finance and the Minister for Agriculture, namely:

"That the attention of the Government be called to the local increase of sixpence per pound in the price of butter since the tariff of £5 per cwt. was placed on imported butter, and wish to enter our strong protest against such increase which is altogether unjustifiable in view of the fact that there are ample supplies of butter in the Country."

Richard Corist
Mayor.

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With reference to minutes of the 17th November last, on which date the Public Libraries Act (Ireland) 1855, had been adopted, it was reported that the Finance Committee had agreed with the County Council for the Corporation to contribute annually a sum equivalent to a rate of one halfpenny in the pound on the Valuation of the Borough towards the County Wexford Library Scheme, and that this agreement had been approved by the Minister for Local Government and Public Health as per letter of the 23rd December, 1930, No. 93902.

Accordingly, on the motion of His Worship The Mayor, seconded by Councillor Gaul, it was unanimously

RESOLVED: That in pursuance of Section 65 (6) of the Local Government Act, 1925, we, the Wexford Urban District Council, hereby relinquish all our powers and duties under the Public Libraries (Ireland) Acts, 1855 to 1920, in favour of Wexford County Council, and that in accordance with agreement come to with the latter Body and approved by the Minister for Local Government and Public Health, a sum equivalent to a rate of one halfpenny in the Pound on the Valuation of the Urban District be raised in the Poor Rate in the Financial year 1931-2 and future years in respect of the facilities afforded the residents of the District by the County Library Service.

The advisability of purchasing a small strip of land at Townparks from Mr. Richard Hore, of Windmill's Hill was brought forward. It was stated that it was absolutely necessary that this strip, which only contained about a sixteenth of an acre, should be acquired in order to enable the new road in course of construction between St. John's Road and Wygram Place to be properly laid out.

The Mayor and Councillor Goodison had interviewed Mr. Hore who at first point-blank refused to sell the land, but after considerable persuasion had consented to accept £20 for his interest in it for the unexpired term of his lease, namely, a period of 830 years.

It was thereupon proposed by Councillor John Walsh, seconded by Councillor McMahon, and unanimously

RESOLVED: That the interest of Mr. Richard Hore in portion of land at Townparks containing 296 square yards be acquired out-and-out for a sum of Twenty Pounds.

Under date of the 30th December, 1930, the Commissioners of Public Works by letter drew attention to the provisions of the National Monuments Act, 1930, which, for the first time, gave power to Boroughs and Urban Councils to deal with National Monuments in their areas, and enabled them to levy a rate for the preservation of such monuments.

As it was seen that the Council could appoint an advisory committee of persons having experience or knowledge of, or interest in architecture, archaeology, or some kindred subject, the communication was referred to the Finance and Works Committee who were asked to go fully into the matter with a view to the appointment of such a Committee.

A Copy of a resolution from the Waterford County Council was submitted. It called upon all public bodies to demand the enactment of a law by which they could reduce the salaries of all their officials in receipt of salaries in excess of £300 per annum.

Councillor Murphy moved the adoption of the Resolution. It was seconded by Alderman Billington, but on a division, it was declared lost as only the proposer and seconder voted in favour of it, while the other sixteen members voted against it.

At the request of the Urban Council of Wexford, the following Resolution was unanimously adopted, on the motion of Councillor Thomas Walsh, seconded by Alderman Billington:

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examiner by the Act in question.

The salary was fixed at £450, of which £300 would be refunded to the Corporation by the Minister for Agriculture, and the Committee strongly urged the Council to make the appointment, which they considered to be absolutely necessary if a sound meat supply was to be assured in the town.

The Committee had further carefully gone into the question of the Officer's qualifications and duties, and after much discussion had unanimously agreed upon the following recommendations under these heads which they now also submitted for the approval of the Council, namely:

"That the person to be appointed must be a member of the Royal College of Veterinary Surgeons, and be not less than twenty-five, or more than forty-five years of age, and he must possess an knowledge of the Irish Language.

He is not to undertake any private practise whatever, and is to be at the disposal of the Council at all times on every Monday, Thursday, and Saturday, and as well, be at their disposal on the remaining days of the week when not engaged at the Wexford Bacon Factory on duty under the Agricultural Produce (Fresh Meat) Act, 1930.

The appointment is to be for a period of twelve months, and the salary is fixed at £450.

The duties of the person appointed will be to see that the By-Laws with respect to the condition of slaughter-houses, and those for the decent and seemly conveyance of meat through the streets of Wexford are strictly observed, and as well, he will be required to see that the By-Laws as to the sale of meat within the Borough are faithfully complied with, and further, he will have to carry out all the duties prescribed by the Public Health (Veterinary Inspection) Order, 1929.

In addition to the above, he must act as Veterinary Examiner under the Agricultural Produce (Fresh Meat) Act, 1930, and for this duty, the Minister for Agriculture is to contribute a sum of £300 towards the total salary of £450."

The present meeting was in thorough accord with the various steps taken by the Public Health Committee on the above important matter, and thereupon, on the motion of Alderman Rossiter, seconded by Councillor Power, it was unanimously

RESOLVED: That in pursuance of Section 6 of the Local Authorities (Officers and Employees) Act, 1926, we hereby request the Local Appointments Commissioners to recommend to us a person for appointment to the Office of temporary whole-time Veterinary Inspector on the terms and conditions set out above.

The question of the eligibility for the appointment of Mr. Francis Staples, V. S., part-time Veterinary Inspector in the Borough for the past twenty-two years under the Dairies, Cowsheds and Milkshops Order, 1908, had also been debated by the Committee, and they sent forward the following further recommendation for the approval of the present meeting, and this was also unanimously adopted, on the motion of Alderman Rossiter, seconded by Councillor Power, viz.:-

"That we recommend the Council to request the Local Appointments Commissioners to permit Mr. F. Staples, V. S., to appear before the Selection Board as a candidate for the post, although he is over 45 years of age, but in view of his long service with the Corporation

than seven minutes from that time he had had a line of hose laid on to the burning building, and reported further that every member of the Brigade was in attendance within ten minutes of the outbreak.

A store and all the goods therein were completely destroyed, but the fire was wholly extinguished by one o'clock on the morning of the 28th ultimo.

The Mayor and other members of the Council bore testimony to the efficiency of the Brigade on the occasion, but as they had been unduly hampered by unauthorized persons handling the Brigade appliances, an earnest appeal was made to the public to desist from such a practice if, unfortunately, any other outbreak of fire should occur in future.

Alderman Rossiter drew attention to statements which had been made by Mr. T. Finlay, K. C. a candidate at the recent Bye-Election in Dublin County, to the effect that in the near future a cement works was to be established in Balbriggan, and in connection with this matter, the Mayor read extracts from a voluminous correspondence extending over a period of several months which he had had with gentlemen in America and in London who were interested in the acquisition of the closed cement works at Drinagh with a view to having them re-opened, and with the Ministry of Industry and Commerce on the same subject. From these extracts it appeared that the Syndicate interested were most anxious to purchase the works if satisfactory terms could be arranged between the various parties interested in the sale, and as this was a matter which vitally concerned the Town and the adjoining rural area of Drinagh, the following Resolution was unanimously adopted on the motion of Councillor Clancy, seconded by Councillor Thomas Walsh, viz.:-

"That we call upon the Government not to sanction any proposal to open a cement works in any other part of the Særstat while there is one in existence at Drinagh, Wexford, and that a copy of this Resolution be forwarded to the President of the Executive Council, and to the Minister for Industry and Commerce."

Councillor John Walsh gave notice of his intention to propose at next Statutory Meeting that in future the letting of all the Corporation dwellings be entrusted to the Collector of Corporation Rents, Mr. Richard Scallan, instead of such lettings being made by the Finance Committee as was the present practice.

This notice was accepted.

Richard Corish
Mayor of Wexford
2. 2. 31

19th January, 1931.

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

The members present were:-

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

Alderman: Thomas Hayes.

Councillors: John Walsh, Garrett Donohoe, William Goodison, Cyril Ross, Patrick Clancy, James McMahon, James Murphy, John Atkins, James Crosbie, Patrick McCabe, Edward Bolger.

The Mayor alluded to the recent bereavement which had befallen Councillor Thomas Walsh in the death of his father, the late Captain John Walsh, a well-known and much-respected

"That having regard to the serious economic position in which the tillage farmers of Ireland now find themselves through no fault of their own, and which is bound to become worse day by day, we, the Corporation of Wexford, call on the T. D's representing all sections in the Country to meet at the earliest possible opportunity in order to evolve a workable Scheme calculated to save them from further loss, and, possibly, financial ruin.

We recommend that a National Granary - one of the strongest planks in the early Sinn Fein movement - be established with a view:-

- (1) To ensure sufficient supplies for the Country in case of war or other emergency.
- (2) To ensure for our own main industry a fair and reasonable return in future."

The following two Resolutions forwarded by the League of the Kingship of Christ were also unanimously adopted on the motion of Councillor Gaul, seconded by Councillor Murphy:-

- (1) "Since it is clear that the circulation of foreign literature of a degrading character is a danger to our Irish culture and Christian standards, and since the existing laws are inadequate in face of the magnitude of the evil and the abnormal situation of which it is a feature, this general meeting is of opinion that a fundamental change in the censorship law is required.
Hence it demands that no foreign publication shall be allowed into this Country, for circulation, until it has been examined by a competent official authority and reported to contain nothing offensive to the traditional standards of the people."
- (2) "Since it is manifest that Irish Catholic culture and christian morals are in peril from the activities of cinemas, showing principally films of unchristian origin and degrading tendencies, this general meeting is of opinion that drastic measures are required to cope with the evil, and that a new and far more exacting system of censorship needs to be established. It demands, therefore, that in future no film shall be released for display, nor any film advertisement be exhibited which is out of harmony with the moral sense and Christian standards of the people."

The Wexford Branch of the Ancient Guild of incorporated Brick and Stonelayers drew attention to the attempts of engineers in the service of the Government to force the use of mass concrete throughout the Saorstát, which method of building, if adopted in general, would mean the extinction of the trades of brick and stonelayers, and as well, as mass concrete was porous it formed a breeding ground for tuberculosis, rheumatism, and kindred diseases.

The Guild further stated that they had reason to believe that the Government were about to initiate a general Housing Scheme in which mass concrete was to be the material used for the walls of the houses, and for the reasons stated above the Guild protested strongly against such a proposal on the part of the Government, and asked the Corporation to join with them in the protest.

The meeting, on the motion of Councillor Thomas Walsh, seconded by Councillor Crosbie, warmly supported the Guild in their objections to the use of mass concrete in any general Housing Scheme which might be in contemplation.

Regarding outbreak of fire which had occurred on the premises of Messrs. Healy & Collins, South Main Street, on the night of the 27th December last, the Captain of the Fire Brigade reported that he was notified of the conflagration at 9-35 on the night in question, and that in less

2nd February, 1931.

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: Thomas Hayes and James Billington.

Councillors: James Gaul, William Goodison, Cyril Ross, Thomas Walsh, John Walsh, James Murphy, Garrett Donohoe, William J. Power, Patrick Clancy, James McMahon, Edward Bolger, John Atkins, John J. O'Leary, and Michael Martin.

The minutes of meetings of the 5th and 19th January, 1931, were read and signed.

Liabilities which had accrued due up to the end of last month, amounting, in the aggregate, to £2,267 : 6 : 10, were submitted, and having been examined were approved, and Advice Notes were signed to enable them to be discharged.

The following communication regarding Resolution adopted on the 5th ultimo was read:

DEPARTMENT OF INDUSTRY
AND COMMERCE,
D U B L I N.

10th January, 1931

"CEMENT."

"A Chas,

"I am desired by the Minister for Industry and Commerce to refer to the Resolution on the above subject transmitted with your letter of the 7th instant.

"In reply to the Resolution the Minister desires me to state that it should be clearly understood that if a satisfactory proposal is received for the opening of a cement factory anywhere in the Saorstát the Minister would not withhold approval of that proposal merely on the ground that at some indefinite date some other party might or might not propose to start a works at Drinagh.

"Mise, le meas,

(Signed) "H. S. Murray,

"Runaidhe Aire.

"Nicholas Bolger, Esq.,
"Town Clerk,
"WEXFORD."

A letter was also read from the Enniscorthy Urban Council promising to assist in every possible way in the efforts being made to secure the re-opening of the Drinagh Cement Works. In connection with this matter, the Mayor mentioned that he was still in communication with the gentlemen in America who were interested in the acquisition of the Works, and that on a suitable occasion in the near future, the other four Deputies for Wexford County would join with him in pressing the claims of the closed Drinagh Factory on the Minister for Industry and Commerce.

An acknowledgement was read from Councillor Thomas Walsh of receipt of vote of sympathy extended to him in his recent leave-taking for which he sincerely thanked the Council.

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native of Wexford, and one of its rapidly diminishing band of old-time master mariners.

He proposed that the sympathy of the Council be extended to Councillor Walsh in his sorrow.

The motion was seconded by Councillor McMahon, supported by several of the members, and adopted in respectful silence.

The Council then entered upon the business for which the present meeting was convened, namely, the consideration of a letter from the Department of Local Government and Public Health on the matter of the proposed appointment of a Veterinary Inspector for the supervision of the meat supply in the town, and for duties under the Agricultural Produce (Fresh Meat) Act, 1930, as decided upon on the 5th instant.

This letter, which was read, was dated the 9th January, 1931, and numbered 1569. It intimated that the Minister had approved of the remuneration of £450 for a period of twelve months proposed to be paid to the Inspector, but suggested that the maximum age limit of forty-five years fixed for candidates for the position should be omitted.

(At this juncture, Councillor Thomas Walsh attended.)

The Mayor explained that the Committee when fixing the age limit between twenty-five and forty-five years had before them the probability of the position being made permanent after the expiration of a year, and so, in view of the pension rights which would attach to it, the Committee felt that no applicant of over forty-five years of age would be acceptable, except the present Veterinary Officer, Mr. F. Staples, V. S., who already had twenty-two years service with the Council under the Dairies, Cowsheds and Milkshops Order, of 1908.

He (the Mayor) therefore proposed that as the maximum age limit of forty-five years fixed for the Veterinary Inspector about to be appointed was only arrived at after due deliberation, we cannot see our way to omit such limit, as in our opinion such omission would enable a person of mature age to be recommended for the position, and this would not be desirable in view of the superannuation clauses of the Local Government Act, 1925.

This motion was seconded by Councillor Clancy. It was supported by Councillors Thomas Walsh, McMahon and Murphy, and was adopted unanimously.

The meeting thereupon separated.

Richard Curtis
Mayor of Wexford.
2. 2. 31

In accordance with notice given on the 5th January last, Councillor John Walsh moved. That in future the power of letting all the workmen's dwellings the property of the Council be delegated to the Rent Collector, Mr. Richard Scallan.

This motion was seconded by Councillor Gaul, but on a division failed to be carried, as only the proposer and seconder voted for it, while the remaining fifteen members voted against it.

There was submitted a circular letter from the Department of Local Government and Public Health under date of the 26th January, 1931, No. 13, relating to the precautions to be taken against the spread of influenza in view of its occurrence in various parts of the Country. It was mentioned that the terms of this circular had already been published in the newspapers, and that as well, the County Medical Officer of Health, Dr. Bastable, was preparing, for insertion in the local press, a statement as to the best method of combating the disease in the County, and so it was decided not to have the circular read or to take any action on it.

At the request of the Corporation of Kilkenny, the following Resolution was unanimously adopted on the motion of Councillor Atkins, seconded by Councillor Ross:

"That the Minister for Local Government and Public Health be requested to permit Public Bodies in the Saorstát to accord the same preference (i. e., 5 per cent.) to bona fide contractors who are resident in that area as public Bodies in Northern Ireland are permitted to give to local contractors in that State."

R. Corish
Mayor
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2nd March, 1931.

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, Thomas Rossiter, and Richard Gibson.

Councillors: Patrick Clancy, William J. Power, John Walsh, James Gaul, James McMahon, Garrett Donohoe, William Goodison, Edward Bolger, James Murphy, Thomas Walsh, Cyril Ross, James Crosbie, John Atkins, John J. O'Leary, and Michael Martin.

The Minutes of meeting of the 2nd February, 1931, were read and signed.

Liabilities which had accrued due up to the end of last month, amounting, in the aggregate, to £1,941 - 15 - 11, were submitted, and having been examined were found correct, and

Advice Notes were signed to enable them to be discharged.

Votes of sympathy were extended to Councillor McMahon on the recent death of his brother-in-law, the late Stephen Higginbotham; and Mr. Phillip Lacey, the Corporation Mason, on the unexpected demise of his brother, Michael.

Arising out of the minutes of last meeting, Councillor McMahon alluded to a letter from an anonymous writer which appeared in a recent issue of one of the local newspapers, wherein

There was submitted for adoption a series of By-Laws with respect to the slaughter-houses in the Town, the decent and seemly conveyance of meat through the public thoroughfares, and the sale of fresh meat within the Borough.

It was mentioned that these By-Laws had been under the careful consideration of the Public Health committee for a considerable time past, and that when they were being drafted, the local victuallers, as the people affected, had been consulted, with the result that the By-Laws in their final form had received their cordial approval.

Then they had been submitted for the provisional approval of the Minister for Local Government and Public Health, who, by letter of the 2nd December, 1930, No. 77964, intimated that he would be prepared to confirm them when all the necessary legal preliminaries were complied with. Such preliminaries had been duly carried out, and no objection had been raised by any person to any of the By-Laws becoming operative, and as the present meeting were all of the opinion that the Codes should be brought into operation with as little delay as possible in view of the impending appointment of a Veterinary Inspector, the following Resolution was unanimously adopted:

Proposed by Councillor John J. O'Leary,

Seconded by Alderman James Billington, and

RESOLVED:- That the By-Laws now submitted with respect to slaughter-houses and the decent and seemly conveyance of meat through the public thoroughfares, as well as the By-Laws providing for the inspection of fresh meat intended for sale within the Borough, be, and are hereby adopted, and that in pursuance of Section 221 of the Public Health (Ireland) Act, 1878, application is hereby made to the Minister for Local Government and Public Health for confirmation of such By-Laws, and that the Corporation Seal be now affixed thereto and attested by the signatures of the Mayor and the Town Clerk.

The two Codes, in duplicate, were thereupon duly sealed and signed.

Mr. James J. O'Connor, Solicitor, on behalf of Mr. Patrick McCabe, applied by letter for a renewal of lease of premises at West-Gate, part of the Corporation Estate.

It was mentioned that the premises referred to consisted of shop, stores, and gardens, and had been demised to the late William Walpole on 1st September, 1855, for a term of 75 years at a rent of £25 a year. Mr. McCabe had acquired the former lessee's interest in the property, and as the term of the lease had now expired, he wished it to be renewed.

It was further reported that the Council were not empowered to grant a lease of any of their property for a longer term than that of thirty-one years without the consent of the Minister for Local Government and Public Health, and that, under the circumstances, Mr. McCabe was willing to have the lease renewed for the shorter period.

Accordingly, on the motion of Councillor Ross, seconded by Councillor O'Leary, it was unanimously

RESOLVED: That in accordance with the provisions of Section 140 of the Municipal Corporations (Ireland) Act, 1840, Mr. Patrick McCabe be hereby granted a renewal, for a period of thirty-one years, of lease of premises at West-Gate at present in his possession at the existing rent of Twenty-five Pounds per annum; that the lease be prepared by the Corporation Solicitor, and that Mr. McCabe be responsible for payment of all the legal expenses consequent on the preparation of the deed.

A Resolution from the Clones Urban District Council requesting the meeting to ask the Government to reduce by twenty-five per cent. the salaries of all public servants which were in excess of £300 a year, so as to enable those entitled to an Old Age Pension to become eligible at the age of sixty-five years, was marked "read" on the motion of Councillor O'Leary, seconded by Councillor Gaul.

Councillor Clancy passed some severe strictures on the action of the Conductors of the "Daily Mail" Newspaper in publishing recently a review of a so-called Life of Christ by an Austrian-Jew, which, by its gross falsehoods, outraged the feelings of Christians of all denominations.

He moved that the Council express their deepest indignation at the disgraceful insults levelled at the Redeemer of all Mankind, and as a reprisal, and to mark their detestation of the "Daily Mail's" action, that the local newsvendors be requested to refuse to sell the paper in future.

The motion was seconded by Councillor Murphy, supported by several members, and was adopted unanimously.

Richard Corish
Mayor
13. 4. 31.

23rd March, 1931.

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

The members present were:-

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

Aldermen: Thomas Hayes, James Billington, and Thomas Rossiter.

Councillors: Patrick Clancy, Edward Bolger, John Walsh, Garrett Donohoe, William Goodison, Thomas Walsh, John Atkins, James McMahon, James Murphy, William Power, Cyril Ross, John J. O'Leary, and James Gaul.

The meeting was convened to adopt, if thought well, Committee recommendations on applications for increases of remuneration in certain cases, and on request of Irish Tourist Association for a contribution towards their funds in the year 1931/2; to consider the Estimates, apart from the Poor Rate Estimate, of the several sums required to be raised to carry on the Municipal Administration in the coming Financial Year; and to accept a tender for a supply of new milk under the Maternity and Child Welfare Scheme for year from 1st prox.

At the outset attention was directed to a report which had recently been submitted to the County Board of Health by Dr. Bastible, County Medical Officer, extracts from which had appeared in the Dublin and local newspapers, wherein it was stated that the number of dairymen and milk vendors registered in Wexford under the Dairies, Cowsheds and Milkshops Order, 1908, was nil.

Exception was taken to this statement which was altogether erroneous, as during the year from 1st May, 1930, no less than 113 dairymen and purveyors of milk had been so registered, and Dr. Bastible had been furnished with the names and addresses of these people in December last.

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it was stated that before the Drinagh Cement Works were shut down three strikes had taken place among the workmen there, the inference being that these were the main cause of the closing down of the place.

Councillor McMahon gave this assertion an emphatic contradiction, and the Mayor also said that a ver. long period had elapsed between a strike at the works (not three as stated in the letter) and their closing, and that it was within his own knowledge, that immediately prior to the premises having been shut down the workmen had offered to accept a lower scale of wages as an inducement to the proprietors to keep them open, and the meeting were unanimously of the opinion that it was injudicious to have published the anonymous communication referred to having regard to the efforts which were being made to get the Works again started.

There was laid before the meeting The Street Trading (Wexford Urban District) Regulations, 1930, which were issued by the Minister for Justice in compliance with request made to him on the 1st September last after the Street Trading Act, 1926, had been adopted.

These set out the various Forms to be issued to Street Traders and to Stall Traders, and specified the various classes of goods which Stall Traders were prohibited from offering for sale in any part of the Town, and it was decided to make all necessary arrangements for bringing the Act into effective operation on Saturday, the 4th April, 1931.

In accordance with notice given by the Mayor at a recent meeting of the Waterworks Committee in consequence of complaints received of inferior taps having been used on the Water System he now moved:

"That Rule 3 (a) of the Waterworks Regulations be extended by adding after the words 'and such cocks respectively shall also be of a kind from time to time sanctioned and approved by the Corporation' the words 'namely, cocks supplied by Messrs. Guest and Chrimes, of Rotherham; Messrs. Stone, of Deptford; or Messrs. Blakeborough, of Brighouse; or cocks supplied by such other firm as may be approved by the Waterworks Superintendent.'"

This motion was seconded by Councillor Thomas Walsh, and was unanimously adopted.

As per notice given at last meeting of the Finance and Works Committee, the Mayor also moved. That the new thoroughfare intersecting St. John's Road be known as "Davitt Road North" and "Davitt Road South".

Councillor Ross seconded this motion, which was unanimously agreed to.

It was reported that in response to advertisements in the local newspapers, two tenders had been received for the erection of water closets in the seven Corporation dwellings at Monument Place. These having been opened proved to be from James Browne of Distillery Road who offered to erect the conveniences and build manholes for an inclusive sum of £98, while William Underwood of John Street was prepared to do the same work for £76 - 17 - 0.

On the motion of the Mayor, seconded by Councillor O'Leary, it was resolved to accept the lower of the two tenders, as the price was considered reasonable.

As to the provision of water closets for two dwellings at Temperance Row, the property of Mrs. McKnight, of Henrietta Street, which work the Public Health Committee on the 15th ultimo decided should be carried out under the provisions of Section 45 of the Public Health (Ireland) Act, 1978, it was found that no tender had been received in respect of this work, so it was referred to the Committee to be dealt with as they saw fit.

The following further recommendation sent forward by the Estimates Committee was unanimously approved on the motion of Councillor Thomas Walsh, seconded by Councillor McMahon, viz.:-

"That a contribution of Ten Pounds be made in the Financial Year 1931/2 From the Borough Fund to the Funds of the Irish Tourist Association Incorporated in view of the Eucharistic Congress to be held in Dublin in July, 1932, and on condition that the attractions of Wexford be brought specially before the travelling public by the Association, and that as required by Section 67 (2) of the Local Government Act, 1925, the Minister for Local Government and Public Health be requested to sanction such payment."

In present^{ing} the Estimates of sums to be raised by means of Rates in the Coming Financial Year, apart from the Poor Rate, the Demand for which had not yet been received, the Mayor intimated that it had been found possible to give considerable relief to the ratepayers while still making generous provision for all Municipal Services, and stated that at the close of the present Financial Year the finances of the Council would be in a very sound condition.

All liabilities had been fully met including payment of Loan charges as they fell due, while the Municipal Debt, apart from Housing Loans, amounted to the relatively small sum of £13,542, of which £9,321 was in respect of a Loan of £10,570 raised in 1927 for the purpose of enlarging Coolree Reservoir, while the rateable valuation of the Town was £21,031.

During the Financial year now nearing its close new watermains and sewers had been laid in certain parts of the Town for which a Loan of £1,557 had been sanctioned, and the various activities of the Council had enabled 300 men to find employment during the year on the several works carried out from time to time.

In the coming year it was proposed to borrow a further £1,000 from the Commissioners of Public Works in order to renew watermains in many other of the streets, as it was over fifty years since the present mains were laid down.

Negotiations had been concluded for the acquisition of sites for workmen's houses in Hill Street and Maudlintown, and sanction to the necessary Loan had been applied for, and it was hoped to commence the erection of the contemplated twenty-two dwellings by direct labour on an early date, which would, as well as providing employment, do much towards solving the housing problem in Wexford, so that from every point of view the Council could justly pride themselves on their activities during the year.

The various Estimates, copies of which had been furnished beforehand to the members, were then considered.

With regard to the cost of maintaining and improving the streets, sewers, and footpaths, it was seen that a sum of £2,226 : 2 : 4 would be needed to carry out this work efficiently, and to raise it a rate of 2/6 in the Pound would be required, and as no alteration in any of the figures was suggested by the present meeting, it was resolved that the rate in the Pound of this Rate be fixed at 2/6 on the motion of Councillor Ross, seconded by Councillor Goodison.

Moreover, it was within the recollection of the Council that some months ago steps had been taken by their Public Health Committee to close premises wherein milk was being sold, which were considered unsuitable for the purpose, and these premises were still prohibited from being used for the sale of milk.

The recommendation from the Estimates Committee advocating an increase in the wages of the Caretaker of Crosstown Cemetery was then submitted.

Some time ago application had been made on his behalf by the Irish Transport and General Workers' Union for an addition of Ten Shillings a week to his present wage of 35/-, and the Committee, to whom the matter had been referred, had gone carefully into the case and recommended that the Caretaker be granted an increase of five shillings per week as from 1st July next.

Councillor Goodison now moved that this recommendation be adopted.

The motion was seconded by Councillor Atkins, and was declared carried with Alderman Billington, and Councillors Ross and Murphy dissenting.

A further recommendation from the Estimates Committee was then submitted.

This was to the effect that as from 1st July next the commission payable to the Collector of Corporation Rents be at the uniform rate of $4\frac{1}{2}$ per cent. instead of at the present graduated scale of 5 per cent., 5 per cent., and $2\frac{1}{2}$ per cent.

Mr. Scallan had asked that the poundage of $2\frac{1}{2}$ per cent. at present paid for the collection of certain of the rents be increased to 5 per cent., but the Committee, on going minutely into the matter, considered that if the poundage were at a uniform rate it would prove more satisfactory than the present scale of payment, and the effect would be to increase the Collector's remuneration from £135 - 13 - 0 to £144 - 18 - 0 per annum, more or less.

Councillor O'Leary proposed that the Committee recommendation be adopted, and that in accordance with the terms of the Local Offices and Employments Order, 1924, the Minister for Local Government and Public Health be asked to sanction the arrangement.

The proposition was seconded by Councillor Power, and on a show of hands was declared carried, as with the exception of Alderman Billington, Councillors Bolger and Ross, the remaining fourteen members present were in favour of its adoption.

A third recommendation from the Finance and Works Committee was then considered.

The local Branch of the Irish Local Government Officials' Union had applied on behalf of the Sanitary Sub-Officer, Mr. Edward Byrne, for an increase of £26 per annum in his present salary of £130.

The Committee did not see their way to agree to the full demand of the Union, but in view of Mr. Byrne's service of close on thirty years, thought the case would be fairly met if his salary were increased by £13 as from 1st July next, and submitted this recommendation for the favourable consideration of the present meeting.

Thereupon Councillor Gaul moved. That the recommendation to increase the salary of the Sanitary Sub-Officer by thirteen pounds a year as from 1st July next be hereby agreed to, and that in accordance with the provisions of Article 12 of Sanitary Order No. 2, the Minister for Local Government and Public Health be requested to approve of such increase.

This motion was seconded by Councillor Goodison, and was declared carried.

Alderman Billington, with Councillors Ross and Murphy, dissented from the adoption of the resolution.

Councillor Clancy raised a question as to the acceptance by the School Meals Committee recently of a tender for the supply of bread for the coming year under the Education (Provision of Meals) Acts, and complained that the former Contractor, a widow, had been harshly treated when the Committee rejected her tender.

It was explained that the Committee had acted with the strictest impartiality in this matter.

The contract had been duly advertised in the local newspapers, and three persons had sent in tenders. An examination of the prices asked showed that the tender of Mrs. Murphy, the former Contractor, was greater by 16/3 per week than that of Mr. Lambert who had secured the contract, and the Committee had no inclination, even if they had the power, to pay an additional sum of £32 : 10 : 0 in the year to enable Mrs. Murphy to retain the contract. Tenders for a daily supply of milk for twelve months to the 31st March, 1932, were then considered.

Three tenders had been received in answer to advertisements, and a condition of the contract was that the milk should be obtained from a tubercle-free herd, and be subject to bacteriological examination at any time, as well as to analysis under the Food and Drugs Acts. Mr. Stephen Cleary, of Clonard whose cows had been subjected to the tuberculin test over a year ago, and who intended to have them tested again when the necessary serum was available would supply the quantity needed at 1/2 per gallon. Mr. John Mernagh, of Killiane Castle Drinagh, would supply milk from a tubercle-free herd at 1/2 per gallon; and Mr. J. B. Walker, of Latimerstown, the present Contractor, would deliver the quantity required at 1ld. per gallon.

His herd had been tested some time ago, and found free from tuberculosis, but he proposed to have another test carried out when the local Veterinary Surgeon obtained the necessary serum.

It was stated that Mr. Walker had given the greatest satisfaction during the past twelve months, and thereupon, on the motion of Councillor O'Leary, seconded by Councillor Power, his tender, being the lowest of the three, was accepted.

Richard Corish
Mayor
13. 4. 31

30th March, 1931.

In accordance with instructions issued by the Department of Local Government and Public Health, a Special Finance Meeting of the Council was held this day in the Town Clerk's Office at half-past seven o'clock p. m., to authorize payment of all accounts due up to 31st instant, in respect of work carried out on the new thoroughfare between St. John's Road and Wygram Place, towards the cost of which a special grant was allocated from the Government Relief of Unemployment Fund.

The members present were:-

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

Aldermen: James Billington, Thomas Donoherty, Thomas Hayes.

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The sum required to be raised by Water Rates, which included provision for the repayment of an instalment of the Loan proposed to be borrowed for laying new mains, was computed to amount to £557 : 5 : 0, after taking credit for the very considerable sum to be received for water sold for manufacturing and kindred purposes, and it was found that a rate of eightpence in the Pound (fourpence as a domestic and fourpence as a public rate) would only be needed for the year, as against a rate of 1/2 in the current year.

Thereupon on the motion of Councillor Thomas Walsh, seconded by Councillor Atkins, a Domestic Water Rate of fourpence in the Pound, and a Public Water Rate of fourpence in the Pound was agreed to.

The Estimate of sum to be raised by means of a Borough Rate was then taken up.

As presented, it showed that £4,963 : 5 : 1 was needed, and that a rate of 5/4 would realize this sum as against a rate of 5/10 levied in the present year.

Full provision had been made for all commitments payable from this Rate, and included the Statutory amount to be paid over to the Borough Vocational Education Committee under recent Legislation.

In connection with this Rate, a communication from the Wexford Development Association was read asking for a grant of one penny in the Pound (which would amount to £77) to enable them to publish a guide and trade directory to the town.

This application gave rise to a protracted discussion, during which the steps needed to be taken to legalize any sum voted were pointed out.

Eventually, as a compromise, and to avoid adding another penny to the Rate, a suggestion was made to reduce the sum allocated for law costs by £40 which would then stand at £126 : 14 : 5, and contribute the former amount to the Association for the purpose mentioned.

This suggestion appeared to meet with favour, and the Mayor thereupon proposed. That a sum of Forty Pounds be contributed to the Wexford Development Association towards the publication of a guide and trade directory for Wexford, subject to the condition that the book be printed on Irish paper with Irish ink, and produced in Wexford under trade union conditions, and further, that before the money be paid over, proof be furnished that the requirements of Section 67 (2) of the Local Government Act, 1925, had been complied with by the Association.

This resolution, which was seconded by Alderman Hayes, on being put to the meeting was declared carried by twelve votes to five against.

With regard to sanitary conveniences for Crosstown Cemetery, which, it was stated, were badly needed, it was proposed by Alderman Rossiter, seconded by Alderman Billington, and unanimously RESOLVED:- That the matter of the provision of sanitary conveniences for Crosstown be referred to the Cemetery Committee, so that if thought necessary provision may be made for such conveniences in the Estimated for 1932/3.

No further suggestions were made regarding the Estimate, and thereupon, on the motion of Councillor McMahon, seconded by Councillor O'Leary, a Borough Rate of 5/4 in the Pound was agreed to.

It was then seen that the Town Rates now decided upon came to a total of 8/6 in the Pound as against 9/6 in the current year.

The Mayor made an earnest appeal to such landlords to meet this liability without further delay, as it was morally, if not legally, due, and intimated that the Rates Committee were seriously considering the advisability of bringing such cases before the District Justice for his ruling thereon.

He also called attention to the carelessness of householders in allowing their taps to remain open constantly, whereby an immense volume of water was wasted, which action tended to deprive the residents in the higher levels of the town of a constant and ample supply.

A letter was now read from Mr. O'Donnell, Borough Surveyor and Superintendent of Waterworks, in which he tendered his resignation of these offices as from 11th April next, consequent on his appointment as Assistant County Surveyor for Cork County, and wished to acknowledge the assistance and co-operation he received from the members and officials during the past two years.

The meeting had no option but to accept the resignation, which they did with much regret, and expressed pleasure on learning of Mr. O'Donnell's well merited promotion,

It was then decided, before taking steps to fill the vacancy, to appoint a Committee to go into the question of the incoming Surveyor's duties and salary, in the light of the experience gained since Mr. O'Donnell was appointed, and the following consented to serve on this Committee, namely, Aldermen Billington, Rossiter, and Hayes, with Councillors Atkins, Thomas Walsh, and O'Leary, along with the Mayor.

Richard Corish
Mayor
13. 4. 31

13th April, 1931.

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

The members present were:-

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

Aldermen:- Richard Gibson, James Billington, Nicholas Connolly, Thomas Rossiter, and Thomas Hayes.

Councillors:- John Walsh, William Goodisson, Patrick Clancy, John Atkins, Garrett Donohoe, John J. O'Leary, Thomas Walsh, James Murphy, James McMahon, William J. Power, James Crosbie, Edward Bolger, Michael Martin and James Gaul.

The minutes of the meetings of the 2nd, 23rd, and 30th March, 1931, were, on the motion of Councillor Thomas Walsh, seconded by Councillor O'Leary, taken as read, and were accordingly signed.

Liabilities which had accrued due up to the end of last month, amounting, in the aggregate to £2,837. 9. 9, were submitted, and having been examined were approved, and an Advice Note was signed to enable them to be discharged.

On the motion of Alderman Hayes, seconded by Alderman Gibson, the sympathy of the meeting was extended to the relatives of the late Timothy Michael Healy, who, for many years was one of the most prominent Irish Representatives in the British House of

Councillors: Edward Bolger, Patrick Clancy, Thomas Walsh, James Murphy, James McMahon,
William J. Power, Garrett Donohoe, John Atkins, John J. O'Leary, James Gaul.

With regard to report submitted by Dr. Bastible to a recent meeting of the County Health Board, a matter which was referred to at last Council meeting, a letter was read from that gentleman expressing regret for the misstatement made on the occasion, which was due to a clerical error, and admitting that the actual number of cowkeepers and purveyors of milk registered in the Borough during the present year was 113.

The meeting expressed pleasure at Dr. Bastible's prompt correction of the mistake, and in this connection it was reported that the Dairy, Etc., Inspector within the last twelve months had made no less than 1035 visits to the milkshops in the Town, while the cowsheds had been visited on 52 occasions in the same period.

There was then submitted a copy of a Return which had been furnished to the Local Government Department, showing that on the 31st instant a sum of £1,082 : 19 : 11 would have been expended on opening the new road at Wygram Place, and that it was estimated that a further £195 : 5 : 0 would be needed to complete the work, provision for which had been made in the Estimates for 1931/2.

It was explained that of this total a sum of £1,022 : 12 : 0 would be payable from the Relief Grant, and that a sum of £600 had already been received on account.

Included in the Return was a sum of £25 : 9 : 0 claimed by the Borough Surveyor as fees for superintending the opening of the Road, to which he held he was entitled, although it was pointed out that by the terms of his appointment he was not to be paid any extra remuneration for duties necessitated by the receipt of Government Grants.

The matter of the payment of this claim was adjourned so that the Finance and Works Committee might go into it, and the remaining accounts due, which amounted to £503 : 5 : 0, and included £154 : 1 : 9 paid as wages in the month of February, were ordered to be discharged in accordance with the Local Government Department's instructions.

At the close of this meeting, a Special Meeting of the Council, pursuant to the Mayor's requisition was held, the fourteen members in attendance at the foregoing meeting being also present at this Special Meeting.

The meeting had been called, inter alia, to consider an Estimate of the amount required to be raised by means of a Poor Rate for the year ending 31st March, 1932, as set out in Demand received from the County Council on 25th instant.

The sum required to meet this demand, as well as all expenditure in connection with the preparation and collection of the Rate, came to £6,080, and a rate of 6/7 in the Pound on the net assessable value of property in the Borough should be made in due course.

The Mayor took occasion to point out that while the position regarding the payment of former Poor Rate Demands had improved considerably since last he had alluded to the matter, and while strenuous efforts had been made during the present year to collect the outstanding Rate for 1927/8 and 1928/9 concurrently with the present year's rate, still it was found that a considerable sum was yet unpaid by landlords who had duly collected the Rates in the rent, but were taking advantage of their non-liability for payment for the reason that the sums demanded were for Rates struck prior to the passing of the Rates on Small Dwellings Act.

being connected with the public sewers.

To revise the map of the system of sewerage provided under Section 13 of the 10 & 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 or any Committee thereof, 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 prepare the wages sheets and certify the wages of the Corporation employees, and the accounts for goods and materials bought and received.

To furnish weekly reports of all works performed or in progress during 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 Building By Laws or Regulations in force or to be adopted.

To discharge the duties imposed on him by the Towns Improvement Acts 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, in consultation with the Mayor, to engage or dismiss them, 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 indications 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 Office.

To furnish all reports in writing in a book to be kept for that purpose.

To attend meetings of the Council or of Committees thereof when notified.

To be available at the Office, Town Hall, at least once a day between the hours of ten o'clock a.m. and four o'clock p.m.

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Commons, and on the setting up of the Irish Free State became its first Governor General. 49

A letter was read from Mr. William O'Donohoe, Poor Rate Collector, taking exception to remarks which, according to the issue of the Wexford "Free Press" of the 4th instant, were made by Councillor Clancy at a recent meeting of the Council as to the harsh methods employed in the collection of this Rate.

Mr. O'Donohoe contradicted these assertions, and invited Councillor Clancy to submit specific details of the case to which he had referred, or else withdraw his unfounded statements.

Councillor Clancy explained that he had used information which had been supplied to him, but failed to indicate the source from which it came, but at the same time explained that he had not meant to cast any aspersion on Mr. O'Donohoe's methods of collecting the Poor Rate.

Regarding resignation of Mr. John T. O'Donnell from the Office of Borough Surveyor and Superintendent of Waterworks, which came before the Council on the 30th ultimo, the Committee appointed on that date to go into the question of remuneration, qualifications, and duties of the person to be appointed to fill the vacancy, submitted the following recommendations for the favourable consideration of the present meeting:

"(1) That the initial salary attaching to the Office 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 all working class dwellings or any other class of building to be erected at any future time by the Council or by any Committee thereof which he may be called on to undertake, or any duties whatever necessitated by the receipt of Government Grants.

"(2) That the Office is to be whole-time, and consequently pensionable, and further, that the person holding it 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 45 years.

"(4) That the Official is to possess an Engineering Degree, and must have had experience in the preparation of plans, estimates, specifications, and bills of quantities, as well as in the supervision of the erection of workmen's houses and other buildings.

"(5) That if an examination in the Irish language is held in connection with the appointment, the successful applicant must secure at least thirty three and one-third per cent of the marks allotted to this subject.

"(6) That the duties attaching to the Office be as set out hereunder:-

To prepare plans, sections, specifications, and estimates of works of construction and repair of streets, sewers, and footpaths.

To prepare plans, elevations, specifications, and bills of quantities of all artisans' dwellings or other buildings undertaken by the Council or a Committee thereof, 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 organize and superintend the scavenging (domestic and public) of the town, the watering of the streets, the flushing of sewers, the disposal of refuse, and the treatment of the town sewage, including the inspection of all private drains when

invited for the consideration of the present meeting.

Two such applications had been received, and were found to be from Mr. Clement Morris, of South Main Street, Wexford, Associate Member of the Institute of Civil Engineers, Ireland; and from Mr. Thomas J. Millar, of Curracloe, Wexford, Associate Member of Sanitary Engineers. Both gentlemen were in every way qualified to fill the position, as they had been practising at their profession for many years, and it was agreed that whoever was selected would be allowed to retain his private practise.

Thereupon a Poll was taken to determine the choice of the meeting, when there voted

for Mr. Morris. Councillors Martin, Murphy, Donohoe, Goodisson, John Walsh, Aldermen
Hayes, Rossiter, Billington, Gibson, and the Mayor. : : : 10

for Mr. Millar. Councillors Gaul, Bolger, Crosbie, Power, McMahon, Thomas Walsh,
Atkins, O'Leary, Clancy, and Alderman Connolly. : : : 10

As both candidates secured an equal number of votes, the Mayor, in pursuance of his powers under the Towns Improvement Act, 1854, gave his casting vote in favour of Mr. Morris, and thereupon declared him elected as temporary Surveyor and Superintendent of Waterworks.

A letter was read from the County Surveyor intimating that the County Council had allocated a sum of £750 for the maintenance of the Main Roads within the Borough for the financial Year 1931-2, and enquiring whether the Corporation would be willing to carry out such such maintenance work for the sum named.

On the motion of Councillor Gaul, seconded by Councillor Goodisson, it was unanimously decided to enter into the necessary agreement on the terms set out above.

It was reported that part of the Corporation Estate situate at Townpark had, by virtue of the Land Act, 1923, become vested in the Land Commission on the 20th March last.

This land had been leased by the Corporation to A George Hatchell on the 25th October, 1785, subject to A yearly rent of £3. 4. 8 present currency, and the present Lessee, Mariel Blanche Walker, who was purchasing out this portion of the Estate under the Act Above quoted, enquired through her Solicitors, Messrs Little & Elgee, if the Corporation would be prepared to accept eighteen years purchase for the rent, these being the usual terms fixed by the Judicial Commissioners for the extinction of such head rents.

The Corporation Solicitor, to whom the matter had been referred, advised that the offer should be accepted, as it was unlikely that the Court would consent to a higher price being given if proceedings were taken with this object, and thereupon it was unanimously resolved, on the motion of Councillor Thomas Walsh, seconded by Councillor Atkins, to accept the offer of £3. 4. 0 for the head rent in question, this sum being at the rate of eighteen years purchase.

Following on the adoption of the Street Trading Act, 1926, and the issue of Regulations thereunder by the Minister for Justice, three local traders applied for Street Traders Stall Licences to enable them to sell on a stall or barrow, fruit, fish, vegetables, or ice cream.

The appropriate Certificates had already been issued to the three applicants by the Chief Superintendent of the Garda Síochána, and so, on the motion of Councillor Thomas Walsh, seconded by Alderman Connolly, it was decided to issue a Stall Licence in each case

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 urgently 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 Company, Electricity Supply Board, or By private persons for the laying of gas mains, 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."

The above recommendations were adopted in their entirety on the motion of Councillor Murphy, seconded by Councillor Power, and it was decided to request the Minister for Local Government and Public Health to sanction them.

As a consequence of the adoption of the recommendations, the following resolution was then carried on the motion of Councillor Goodisson, seconded by Councillor Thomas Walsh, but with Councillors Clancy and McMahon objecting on the ground that the Council themselves should have the right to select a candidate.

"That on the assent of the Minister for Local Government and Public Health being signified to the filling of the vacancy on the above terms, the Local Appointments Commission be requested to recommend a suitable person for appointment to the vacant Office in pursuance of Section 6 of the Local Authorities (Officers and Employees) Act, 1926."

The inconvenience to which the Council had been subjected by the unexpected resignation of Mr. O'Donnell after having been in Office for but two years was alluded to, and it was pointed out that a similar situation might arise at any time consequent on the operation of the Local Authorities (Officers and Employees) Act, as it was but natural that existing officials would do their utmost to seek for advancement, so it was decided to request the Appointments Commission to recommend for appointment the better qualified of the two local Engineers who had applied for the post when Mr. O'Donnell secured it, as either of these two gentlemen, it was believed, would remain permanently in the service of the Council owing to their family ties in Wexford.

The following further recommendation, which was also submitted by the Committee appointed on the 30th ultimo, was unanimously adopted on the motion of Councillor Thomas Walsh, seconded by Alderman Connolly.

"That the Minister for Local Government and Public Health be requested to sanction the employment of a qualified Civil Engineer who will be remunerated for his services at the rate of £250 per annum, Mr. O'Donnell's present scale, until such time as a permanent Town Surveyor and Superintendent of Waterworks will be appointed."

It was mentioned that on the supposition that there would be no objection to the adoption of this recommendation by the present meeting, and in order to secure the services of an Engineer with the least possible delay, the Mayor had requested the Minister for Local Government and Public Health to assent to the employment of a temporary Surveyor on the terms set out, and this the Minister had very kindly done, as per letter of the 8th April 1931

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Accordingly the position had been advertised in the local newspapers, and applications

4th May, 1931.

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, Richard Gibson, Thomas Rossiter and Thomas Hayes.

Councillors: John Walsh, Thomas Walsh, James Murphy, Garrett Donohoe, Edward Bolger, Patrick Clancy, John Atkins, Cyril Ross.

The minutes of meeting of the 13th April, 1931, were read and signed.

Liabilities which had accrued due up to the end of last month, amounting, in the aggregate, to £3,234 : 5 : 0, were submitted, and having been examined were approved, and Advice Notes were signed to enable the Treasurer to pay them.

It was mentioned that several complaints had been received from residents of St. John's Road about the annoyance to which they were being subjected by trespassers on the land on which the Irish Sailors and Soldiers Land Trust proposed to erect houses.

The site had become a regular Commons, and the paling which separated it from the adjoining property had been torn down, as a result of which the amenity of this property was being seriously interfered with, and as tenders for the erection of the houses had been invited some time ago it was decided to request the Director of the Trust to expedite building operations, as apart from the trespass, the ground in its present state was by no means a credit to the locality.

The making of Rates for the service of the current Financial Year as already agreed upon was proceeded with, and thereupon the four following Resolutions were adopted unanimously and the Books containing the various Rates were duly sealed and signed, viz:-

Proposed by Councillor Ross, seconded by Councillor Thomas Walsh, and

RESOLVED:- That a Borough Rate of Five Shillings and Fourpence in the Pound (being one Shilling for General Town Purposes and Four Shilling and Fourpence 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 23rd March, 1931.

Proposed by Alderman Rossiter, seconded by Alderman Hayes, and

RESOLVED: That an assessment of Two Shillings and Sixpence 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 the same, as per an Estimate duly considered and adopted on the 23rd March, 1931.

Proposed by Alderman Connolly, seconded by Councillor Murphy, and

RESOLVED: That an assessment of Eightpence in the Pound, viz:- a Domestic Rate of Fourpence, and a Public Rate of Fourpence, on the rateable value of property within the Town of Wexford be laid on pursuant to the Local Government (Ireland) Provisional Orders (Dalkey, Etc.,) Confirmation Act, 1876, and Acts incorporated with and amending the same

which would require to be renewed on the 6th April, 1932.

Under date of the 26th February, 1931, and by letter No. 8673, it was intimated that the Minister for Local Government and Public Health had confirmed the By-Laws made By the Corporation recently with respect to slaughter-houses, and to the sale of fresh meat within the Borough and it was agreed that they would be put into operation when the post of Veterinary Inspector would be filled.

A letter from the Department of Local Government and Public health dated 8th April, 1931, No. 24500, was read stating that the Minister had sanctioned the proposal made on 23rd. ulto to contribute a sum of £10 to the funds of the Irish Tourist Association in the current financial year.

A further communication from the same Department dated 1st April 1931 No. 19656 was read. It expressed the Minister's sanction to the proposal of the Council to obtain a Loan of £5425 for the erection of twenty-two dwellings under the Housing of the Working Classes Acts. the Scheme of building these houses had been Adopted by the Council on the 1st September last. The following resolution which had been forwarded by the Dun Laoghaire Borough Council for the consideration of the meeting was unanimously adopted on the motion of Councillor Gaul, seconded by Councillor O'Leary, viz:-

"That we, the members of Wexford Corporation believing that the preference shown to a certain section in the matter of employment on works of Public Utility is grossly unjust and calculated to foster and maintain differences between Irishmen, express our deep dissatisfaction of the preferential employment clause inserted in Specifications inviting tenders for contracts.

"That we recognize the right to an equal share in such work for all able-bodied men irrespective of class, creed, or politics, and call for the immediate abolition of this clause."

Councillor Gaul raised the question of the provision of a sewer for Parnell Street for which a Loan had been sanctioned in June last, and wished to know why this work had not been proceeded with.

It was explained that from enquiries made it was found that although there was no main sewer in the street in question, yet the dwellings on either side appeared to be efficiently drained and this being so, even if the sewer were laid, there was no power to compel the owners of the houses to connect their drains with it, and so it was considered that it would be a waste of money to lay the sewer, and for this reason the work was not done, but on the motion of Councillor Gaul, seconded by Councillor McMahon, it was decided to appoint a Committee to visit the locality and ascertain what the exact position was, but the meeting failed to nominate the members who were to serve on this Committee.

Richard Carist
Mayor

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As to the Poor Rate, the total sum included in the Warrant was £9,997 : 16 : 11
of this amount there was collected on the 31st March, 1931 £5,897 : 13 : 9
The discount allowed was ----- 68 ; 9 ; 4½
The sum which was recommended should be written off was 200 : 9 : 8
and the sum which was recommended should be carried
forward was ----- 3,831 : 4 : 3½ £9,997 : 17 : 1

This recommendation was also adopted unanimously on the motion of Councillor Murphy,
seconded by Alderman Billington.

The warrants authorizing the collection of the various Rates for year ending 31st March,
1932, as well as the arrears of such Rates, were thereupon sealed and signed.

On the motion of Councillor Ross, seconded by Alderman Hayes, it was decided to constitute
a special Rates Committee for the coming year, whose duty would be to examine the state of
the various collections from time to time, and to exercise a general supervision over the
Rate Collectors, and the following members consented to serve on this Committee, namely,
Aldermen Billington, Rossiter, Hayes, and Councillors Atkins, T. Walsh, and the Mayor.
Councillor Martin attended at this stage of the proceedings.

With reference to minutes of the 15th January last, on which date the Local Appointments
Commissioners were requested to recommend a properly qualified Veterinary Surgeon for
duties in connection with the meat supply in the Borough, a letter from the Commissioners
under date of the 22nd April, 1931 (LA 15/10/30) was read.

This was to the effect that they recommended Mr. John Mullins, of Clancy's Hotel, Anne
Street, Wexford, for appointment as Veterinary Inspector for duties under the Agricultural
Produce (Fresh Meat) Act, 1930, and for the supervision of the meat and milk supply
throughout the Town.

Mr. Mullins was born in County Kilkenny on the 3rd July, 1902, and was admitted a member of
the Royal College of Veterinary Surgeons in 1925.

As to his qualifications and experience. He took a refresher course in meat inspection
in Dublin in April, 1930; He was assistant in Yorkshire for three months in 1926; had
practised privately in Waterford between 1926 and 1928; had acted as assistant to Mr.
Lynch, V. S., New Ross, between 1928 and 1930; and was assistant to Mr. Mernagh, V. S., at
Gorey for six months in 1930; while since September, 1930, he was acting as Veterinary
Examiner in Wexford for the Department of Agriculture.

The meeting was reminded that when appointed this gentleman would also act as Veterinary
Examiner under the Agricultural Produce (Fresh Meat) Act, 1930, and that of his salary of
£450 the Department of Agriculture had agreed to contribute two-thirds.

Thereupon on the motion of the Mayor, seconded by Alderman Connolly, it was

RESOLVED:- That in accordance with the provisions of Section 6 (4) of the Local Authorities
(Officers and Employees) Act, 1926, we hereby appoint Mr. John Mullins as Veterinary
Inspector for the supervision of the meat supply in the Borough for one year, the

Appointments Commissioners having recommended this gentleman for appointment to the Office.
Councillor Clancy and Councillor Ross objected to the adoption of this Resolution, the
former on the ground that no definite proof was submitted that Mr. Mullins had passed a
test of efficiency in the English language, and the latter on the ground that the position
was unnecessary, and so entailed needless expense.

as per an Estimate duly considered and adopted on the 23rd day of March, 1931.

Proposed by Alderman Billington, seconded by Councillor Bolger, and

RESOLVED: That a Poor Rate of Six Shillings and Sevenpence 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 30th March, 1931.

The Special Rates Committee and the Finance and Works Committee sent forward recommendations as to how the items of Rates in respect of Financial Year 1930/31 and previous years, which were outstanding on the 31st March, 1931, should be dealt with, all the Rates for that period having been closed on the latter date.

As to the Borough Rate, the total sum to be collected was £6,379 : 4 : 6

of this amount there was collected on 31st March last £5,130 : 17 : 6

The discount allowed under the Rates on Small

Dwellings Act. ----- 63 : 13 : 5

The Committee recommended that there be written off as

uncollectible owing to vacancies, etc., ----- 174 : 14 : 1½

They also recommended that the balance of outstanding

rates should be carried forward as collectible arrears,

namely, ----- 1,009 : 19 : 5½ £6,379 : 4 : 6

As to the Rate in lieu of County Cess, the total amount to be collected was £2,617 : 13 : 0

of this amount there was collected on the 31st March last

£2,131 : 4 2½

The discount allowed was ----- 26 : 16 : 9

The sum recommended to be written off was 74 : 0 : 0

While the sum recommended to be carried forward as

collectible arrears was ----- 35 : 12 : 0½ £2,617 : 13 : 0

On the motion of Councillor Bolger, seconded By Alderman Connolly, the above two recommendations were unanimously adopted.

As to the Water Rates, the amount included in the warrant was £1,376 : 19 : 0

Of this amount there was collected on the 31st March

last ----- £1,023 : 1 : 10½

The discount allowed was ----- 6 : 13 : 2

The amount recommended to be written off as irrecover-

able was ----- 31 : 3 : 4½

and the sum recommended to be carried forward as

collectible arrears was ----- 316 : 0 : 7 £1,376 : 19 : 0

On the motion of Alderman Hayes, seconded by Councillor Thomas Walsh, this recommendation was unanimously adopted.

1st June, 1931.

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, Thomas Rossiter, Thomas Hayes, and Nicholas Connolly.

Councillors: William Goodison, Garrett Donohoe, Cyril Ross, Thomas Walsh, John Walsh, John Atkins, James Murphy, Patrick Clancy, Edward Bolger, William J. Power.

The minutes of meeting of the 4th May, 1931, were, on the motion of Councillor T. Walsh, seconded by Councillor Ross, taken as read, and were accordingly signed.

Liabilities which had accrued due up to the end of last month, amounting, in the aggregate, to £1,987 - 13 - 4, were submitted, and having been examined were approved, and an Advice Note was signed to enable them to be discharged.

Referring to minutes of last meeting, a letter was read from the Irish Sailors and Soldiers Land Trust stating that they were most anxious to commence building operations at St. John's Road, and would do so as soon as a contractor could be obtained.

This communication was not considered to be at all satisfactory, in view of the fact that the site was a regular Commons, and was rapidly destroying the amenity of the Road, so it was decided to request the Trust to have the ground properly fenced if there was no intention of erecting the houses at once.

There was submitted for execution on the part of the Corporation a Deed of Mortgage whereby security was given to the Commissioners of Public Works for the repayment, within thirty-five years, with interest at the rate of ~~5~~ per cent., of a Loan of £5,425 for the erection of working class dwellings at Maudlintown and Hill Street.

The Deed was found to be in order in every respect, and accordingly on the motion of Councillor Ross, seconded by Councillor Thomas Walsh, the following Resolution was unanimously adopted:

"That our Corporate Seal be affixed to the Deed of Mortgage of this date now read, whereby security is given to the Commissioner of Public Works in Ireland for the repayment of the sum of Five Thousand, Four Hundred and Twenty-five Pounds, proposed to be advanced by them to us under the Housing of the Working Classes (Ireland) Acts, Etc."

The Deed was thereupon duly sealed and signed; and the following further Resolution was also unanimously adopted:

It was moved by Councillor Ross, seconded by Alderman Billington, and

RESOLVED:- "That inasmuch as this Corporation does not immediately require from the Commissioners of Public Works in Ireland, the total amount of the sum mentioned in the Deed of Mortgage to them this day executed by this Corporation, but prefer to receive the same by instalments as occasion may require, it is resolved that the requisition for each advance shall be intimated to said Commissioners by the Chairman of this Corporation for the time being, countersigned by the Town Clerk.

"And that each such requisition shall be forwarded to the Accountant of the said Commissioners and that all such advances shall be lodged to our account in the Wexford Branch of the National Bank."

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The manager of the Cinema Palace, Harpur's Lane, applied for a renewal for a further year of licence under the Cinematograph Act, 1909, in respect of this building, and in this connection the following Resolution which had been received from the Limerick Borough Council was unanimously adopted on the motion of Alderman Rossiter, seconded by Councillor Murphy, viz.:-

"That believing a considerable proportion of the Cinema Pictures licensed for general public exhibition in An Saorstát are of such a character as to be definitely unsuitable for and harmful to young persons from the moral and educational standpoint, and the Censorship being unable under existing laws to remedy this grave evil, we call on the representatives of all parties in Dail Eireann to take prompt measures by the passing of the new or amending legislation to ensure that all Cinematograph Pictures dealing with matters that are of a sensual or criminal nature shall not be publicly exhibited to young persons under the age of 16, and to establish a special or supplementary censorship for the licensing of films suitable for the young.

"That copies of this Resolution be forwarded to the Executive Council, and the Deputies for Wexford County, with the request that as a matter of urgent national importance they would take all necessary steps to foster and advance the cause advocated."

As to the issue of the licence asked for, the meeting was informed that there was no option but to grant the request as all the provisions of the Cinematograph Act and the Regulations made thereunder, as well as the various restrictions imposed by the Council had been faithfully observed during the past twelve months, but at the same time, the proprietors of the two cinemas in the Town were to be asked if it would be possible for them to arrange to exhibit special films of an educational or amusing character only at the matinees held on Thursdays and Saturdays to which children were sent in such large numbers, and also if they could see their way to prohibit boys and girls under sixteen years of age from being admitted to the night performances.

A report submitted by the Borough Analyst, Mr. B. G. Fagan, showed that in the quarter ended on the 31st March last, 27 articles of food had been sent to him for analysis by the local Food and Drugs Inspector, and that with the exception of one sample of milk (which on examination was found to have been deprived of 11.7 per cent. of its fats, and to which 6.5 per cent. of water was added) all the other samples were found genuine.

It was reported that the person from whom the defective sample had been taken had been proceeded against in the District Court, and that he had been fined 12/6 in respect of the two offences, and as well, ordered to pay £2 towards the cost of the prosecutions, together with the Analyst's fees.

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As this was the first occasion on which the Cinema was reported for overcrowding, the apology was accepted.

On the motion of the Mayor, seconded by Councillor Ross, it was decided to hold the meetings of the Finance & Works, Etc., Committees fortnightly only for the summer months.

Allusion was made to the removal of the present sitting of the Circuit Court from Wexford to Enniscorthy owing to the refusal of the County Council to lay linoleum on the floor of the Court Room in order to eliminate noise, and several members pointed out the big loss this would mean to the trading community of Wexford.

After discussion, the Mayor proposed, and Alderman Billington seconded, That strong representations be made to the County Registrar to reconsider his decision in this matter; and it was further decided, on the motion of Alderman Rossiter, seconded by Councillor Ross, that the following be appointed a Deputation to wait on the Registrar, and point out to him the serious loss this removal means to the Town, namely, the Mayor, Alderman Billington, and Councillor Thomas Walsh.

Alderman Rossiter again raised the question of the lack of accommodation for fever patients in Wexford Town consequent on the transfer of the Fever Hospital to New Ross, and it was explained that the County Medical Officer of Health and the Chief Officials of the Department of Local Government and Public Health were strongly in favour of adequate accommodation being provided for fever patients in the Town, but, so far, the County Board of Health had not seen their way to provide such, and it was decided to request Dr. Bastible, County Medical Officer of Health, to consult with the Public Health Committee on the matter.

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1st July, 1931.

A Quarterly Meeting of the Council was held this day at the Town Hall at twelve o'clock noon, the Mayor, in pursuance of an Order made by the Minister for Local Government and Public Health under Section 13 of the Local Elections and Meetings (Postponement) Act, 1931, having been empowered to fix the day and hour for the holding of this particular Meeting.

The members present were:-

Richard Corish, Esq., Mayor.

Aldermen: Nicholas Connolly, James Billington, Thomas Hayes, and Richard Gibson.

Councillors: William Goodison, Cyril Ross, James Gaul, John Walsh, John J. O'Leary, Garrett Lonohoe, James Crosbie, and Thomas Walsh.

The Minutes of Meeting of the 1st June, 1931, were read and signed.

In pursuance of Section 10 (3) of the Local Elections Act, 1927, the election of a Mayor was proceeded with, and during the election the Chair was occupied by Alderman Connolly, the senior Alderman of the Borough.

Councillor Ross, in an eulogistic speech, proposed the following motion:

Under date of the 15th ultimo, by letter No. M.C.37860/31(A) the Minister for Local Government and Public Health forwarded an extract from Form L. showing that there were 783 vaccination defaulters in the Borough on the 31st March last, and calling on the Council to take energetic action to compel such defaulters to comply with the Law.

It was mentioned that a large number of defaulters had been prosecuted in batches of twenty within the past two years, but it seemed to have had no effect in so far as a general compliance with the Law was concerned.

After some discussion, however, it was decided, on the motion of the Mayor, seconded by Alderman Hayes, that twenty further defaulters should be selected haphazard from the lists furnished by the Dispensary Medical Officer, and legal proceedings instituted against them for non-compliance with the Vaccination Acts.

Councillors Atkins and Power dissented from the adoption of this motion.

A further letter from the Minister for Local Government and Public Health under date of the 29th ultimo, No. P.H.35573, was read. This suggested that the Corporation should consider the advisability of framing By-Laws under Section 5 (2) of the Public Health (Ireland) Act, 1896, for the regulation of the water supply in the Borough, and forwarding a copy of Model By-Laws which could be adapted to local requirements.

A propos of this communication, complaints were made about the muddy state of the water supply at the present time, and on the proposition of the Mayor, seconded by Alderman Rossiter, the Town Surveyor pro tem was asked to make a report on the supply to the Waterworks Committee, which Committee was also to consider the advisability of adopting By-Laws as suggested by the Minister. The following Resolution from the Galway County Council was adopted on the motion of Councillor Atkins, seconded by Councillor Thomas Walsh, viz.:-

"That we, the members of the Corporation of Wexford, unanimously join Comhairle Iarthiar Mide in protesting against the imprisonment of Liam Caomhanach by the usurping Government of Northern Ireland and its henchmen.

"We further protest against the savage sentences of six months inflicted on Padraig Sweeney, and twelve months on Tomas MagRaith, the charges against these Republicans were that they were in possession of Republican Literature, and a further charge against Padraig Sweeney with uttering Republican sentiments at the Easter Commemoration in Newry."

With reference to Resolution from Limerick Borough Council on the matter of film Censorship which was adopted at last meeting, letters acknowledging receipt of copies of same were read from the Department of the President and Mr. Denis Allen, T. D.

The Wexford Cinema Palace Ltd. also wrote stating it was not possible at all times to procure suitable educational or amusing films for exhibition at children's matinees, nor was it possible to judge the ages of young persons who applied for admission to the night exhibitions, but that they would, as far as possible, include educational films in their programmes.

The same Cinema also wrote apologizing for breach, on the 10th ultimo, of the Regulations made under the Cinematograph Act, 1909, on which occasion the Inspector reported that the building was overcrowded, inasmuch as several persons were seated in one of the passages, and giving an assurance that the Manager would personally see to it that no such breach occurred in future.

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their interest in it to any person, but the Mayor and Alderman Billington, as members of the Harbour Board, made it clear that no definite decision on this point would be come to without full and due deliberation, and that the rights of any person affected would be protected. Satisfaction was expressed at this undertaking, the publication of which would allay public anxiety on the matter.

The fixing of the days and hours of three Quarterly Meetings to be held previous to the 23rd August, 1932, was then taken up, and the following days and hours were unanimously agreed to on the motion of Councillor Gaul, seconded by Councillor Ross, namely, Monday, the 7th December, 1931, at 7-30 p.m.; Monday, the 7th March, 1932, at 7-30 p.m.; and Monday, the 6th June, 1932, at 7-30 p.m.

The various Committees of the Council were formed as follows on the motion of Councillor Gaul, seconded by Councillor Ross.

That the Finance and Works, Waterworks, Old Age Pensions, and Public Health Committees be composed of the entire members of the Council, 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.

That the Cemetery Committee be constituted as under, viz.:-

The Mayor, with Aldermen Hayes and Gibson, and Councillors T. Walsh, Clancy, Martin and Atkins.

That the following members form the Housing Committee, viz.:-

The Mayor, Aldermen Connolly, Rossiter, Billington, Hayes, with Councillors Atkins, Goodison, T. Walsh, Crosbie, Martin, McMahon, Clancy.

That the undermentioned be selected to act as a Committee to supervise the Maternity and Child Welfare Scheme in operation in the Borough: Alderman Gibson, Councillors Crosbie, McMahon, T. Walsh, Gaul, Goodison, together with the following ladies who had acted on this Committee during the past year, Mrs. Kavanagh, Mrs. Dowse, Mrs. Hadden, Mrs. Kelly, Mrs. McGuire, and Miss Furlong.

That the School Meals Committee be formed of Alderman Connolly, Councillors Crosbie, T. Walsh, Gaul, McMahon, with Reverend Brother Lutteral, Mrs. McTamney, Miss Fennell, and Mr. Matthew Lymbery.

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"That Alderman Richard Corish Be re-elected Mayor of Wexford for the twelfth year in succession to hold Office until Quarterly Meeting to be held between 23rd August, 1932, and the 1st September, 1932, and until his successor be elected and shall have made a Declaration accepting Office."

This was seconded by Councillor John Walsh, who referred to the unremitting attention which Alderman Corish gave to every matter which affected the interests of Wexford.

No other motion was submitted, and thereupon Alderman Connolly put the proposition, declared it carried unanimously, and warmly congratulated Alderman Corish on his well-deserved re-election. The Mayor then took the Chair, and made a Declaration of Acceptance of Office.

In returning thanks for the unique compliment tendered to him in his re-election for the twelfth successive year, Alderman Corish reviewed the many activities of the Council during the past twelve months, and referred especially to the energetic efforts which were being made to solve the Housing problem. He reminded the meeting that since the year 1920, the year in which the Party with which he was associated secured a majority on the Council, the Council had provided no less than 87 houses for the accommodation of the working classes, and that the dwellings provided under the last two Schemes were let at the comparatively moderate weekly rent of 6/6 each, which rent made provision for the repayment of principal and interest of the Housing Loan, as well as for all other expenses including Ground rent, rates, insurance, etc. He laid emphasis on the fact that these houses had been erected by direct labour, the Wexford Corporation being the only Body in the Free State who were allowed to build otherwise than by contract, and that as a consequence weekly employment had been found for an average of 46 workmen.

He also alluded to the Scheme recently sanctioned for the erection of twenty-two additional dwellings on two admirable sites at either end of the Town, and hoped that in the near future the demolition of some of the slums would occupy the serious attention of the Council, and intimated that on an early date plans would be submitted for the erection of three-room houses with proper sanitary conveniences which could be let to slum dwellers with small families at an economic rent of from 3/6 to 4/- per week per house.

It was also proposed to renew watermains in various parts of the town within the next few months for which a Loan of £1,000 had already been sanctioned, and this work would further diminish unemployment.

In conclusion he trusted that all the members of the Council, irrespective of political outlook, would continue to give him the support which he had always found at his disposal during the many years he had occupied the Mayoral Chair.

Alderman Hayes alluded to work which had just commenced at Crescent Quay. It seemed that a local Firm were using the place wherein to dump rubbish with the ultimate object of acquiring it for the purposes of their business, and asked if the Harbour Board, the members of which embraced some members of the Council, had given permission for the filling of the Crescent by the Firm in question. It was explained that the place referred to was looked upon as part of the foreshore of Wexford Harbour, and was consequently vested in the Ministry of Industry and Commerce. The whole matter had been the subject of consultation between the Ministry and the Harbour Board, and an understanding had been arrived at between the two Bodies that the place, in the first instance, should be leased to the Board who would then determine whether or not they would convey any portion of

Councillor Power now moved that the recommendation be adopted, and this motion was seconded by Councillor O'Leary.

Exception was taken by some members to the particular point in the Harbour at which this sewer would discharge, on the ground that the place was extensively used by bathers, and a suggestion was made to lay it in another direction, but when the excessive cost of carrying out the work in this manner was pointed out, all further opposition to the Committee's proposal was waived, and the recommendation to provide a new sewer at an estimated cost of £215 was unanimously adopted. A letter from the Department of Local Government and Public Health under date of the 26th June, 1931, and numbered 42004 was read. It pointed out that only seven samples of milk had been analysed in the quarter ended on the 31st March last, and having regard to the necessity for safeguarding the milk supplies to the Town, that the number of samples sent for analysis should be increased.

In connection with this communication it was mentioned that twenty-eight samples of milk had been analysed in the year 1930, all of which were found genuine, and that of the seven samples taken in the quarter ended in March last, only one was found faulty, while one of the samples taken last month was also found on analysis to have been diluted with water to the extent of 7.1 per cent., but that in both cases substantial penalties had been inflicted on the milk vendors concerned.

It was further mentioned that the number of samples taken had been restricted by request of the Council, as only £25 per annum was provided for this service.

After discussion, it was decided, on the motion of Alderman Connolly, seconded by Councillor McMahon, to inform the Department that it was the opinion of the Council that the local Food and Drugs Inspector was using the greatest vigilance and taking every precaution to ensure a pure milk supply for the Town, but, at the same time, that no objection would be raised if he deemed it well to increase the number of samples taken for analysis, and that he be informed of the Council's conclusion on the matter.

Referring to decision come to on the 23rd March last to pay a uniform rate of poundage of $4\frac{1}{2}$ per cent. to the Rent Collector instead of the present graduated scale of 6 per cent., 5 per cent., and $2\frac{1}{2}$ per cent. whereby his remuneration would be increased by about £8 per annum, the Minister for Local Government and Public Health by letter of the 30th June, 1931, No. 50812, intimated that he considered the proposed poundage rate excessive in view of the growing rent roll consequent on the Housing Programme of the Council.

As the Collector was a very energetic Official, and had given the utmost satisfaction since his appointment, Councillor Gaul proposed. That the Minister be requested to reconsider his decision and allow the Council to remunerate Mr. Scallan at the uniform rate fixed on the 23rd March last.

This was seconded by Alderman Rossiter.

Councillor Ross, however, moved. That the Communication of the Minister now read be approved, and that the existing rates of poundage still continue to be paid.

This amendment was seconded by Alderman Billington, and was put to the meeting, when it was defeated, the proposer and seconder only being in favour of it, while the other members present were against it.

Councillor Gaul's proposition was then brought and was carried by fourteen votes to two against, while one member declined to vote.

6th July, 1931.

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: Nicholas Connolly, Thomas Rossiter, and James Billington.

Councillors: Thomas Walsh, John Walsh, William J. Power, William Goodison, John J. O'Leary, Garrett Donohoe, Patrick Clancy, James Murphy, James Gaul, Edward Bolger, James McManon, Cyril Ross, Michael Martin.

The Minutes of meeting of the 1st instant were read and signed.

Liabilities which had accrued due up to the end of last month, amounting, in the aggregate, to £2,191 : 8 : 5, were submitted, and having been examined were approved, and an Advice Note was signed to enable the Treasurer to pay them. They included a payment of £160 to Mr. Thomas Bent for land acquired at Hill Street as a site for workmen's dwellings, and Councillor O'Leary urged that work should be started on the ground without any delay in order to provide employment for a number of men in the locality who were idle for some considerable time past, and who were the subject of derogatory remarks by an anonymous writer in a recent issue of the local press.

The suggestion was warmly supported by all the other members present, and a promise was given that when an instalment of the Loan became available labourers living adjacent to Hill Street would be employed on the Scheme, but it was made quite clear, at the same time, that certain unskilled men who were engaged on previous Housing Schemes would not be displaced as they had become expert in cement block making, etc., and it would not be an economic proposition to delegate untried men to this class of work.

In accordance with notice advertised in the two local newspapers on the 13th and 20th ultimo, the Mayor proposed:

"That application be hereby made to the Minister for Local Government and Public Health for an Order declaring Section 21 of the Public Health Acts Amendment Act, 1907, in force in the Borough so as to enable the names of certain streets to be altered."

It was explained that in the year 1920 the names of eighteen of the streets in the Town had been changed, but that the formalities necessary to legalize the change had not been carried out at the time, and the Order was now being sought to enable this to be done.

The Resolution was thereupon seconded by Alderman Connolly, and was adopted unanimously.

A recommendation from the Finance and Works Committee was submitted. It advocated the construction of a new nine-inch main sewer at Maudlintown at an Estimated cost of £215 in order to allow the fourteen workmen's dwellings in course of erection there to be efficiently drained into Wexford Harbour, and as well, this sewer, when laid, would also serve the other houses in the locality.

It was the original intention to connect the drains of the new dwellings with a main sewer running outside the Borough Boundary and vested in the County Council, but on examination it was found that this sewer was faulty, and so the Committee unanimously agreed to advise the Council to provide new and adequate drainage facilities, and on the assumption that the suggestion would be approved by the present meeting, the Minister for Local Government and Public Health had already been requested to sanction the obtainment of the requisite Loan.

"We consider that the adoption of a Town Planning Bill, on the lines of that already passed by the Senate, is a matter of immediate importance, and that powers should be acquired without delay to provide for the acquisition and demolition of slum properties, without undue cost, and the erection of proper modern dwellings at rentals suitable to the means of the tenants."

"That this Council being of the opinion that the appeal of the President of the Irish Tourist Association is worthy of every support, confidently ask the citizens of Wexford to help in every way possible the Tourist Campaign to 'See Ireland First', particularly this year, by making arrangements to spend their holidays in Ireland."

Councillor Ross raised a question regarding the payment of expenses of delegates to certain meetings. He stated that he was elected a member of the Executive Committee of the Irish Association of Municipal Authorities at their Annual Conference, and had been summoned to a recent meeting to deal with important business, but on enquiry he had been informed by the Town Clerk that no travelling expenses or maintenance allowance could be paid him if he attended.

It was explained that Councillors Ross and McCabe had been selected as Delegates to attend last year's Conference and had been paid their expenses on their return, but that no express authorization had been given at the time, as required by the Local Conferences Order, 1928, for Councillor Ross's attendance at meetings of the Executive Committee, and so payment of his travelling, etc., expenses would not be a legal charge on the Corporation funds.

It was agreed that the procedure outlined above would be followed when Delegates were being appointed to attend the present year's Conference, so that Councillor Ross would be enabled to be present at future meetings of the Executive Committee, if he were still a member of that Body.

Richard Corish,
Mayor of Wexford
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10th August, 1931.

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

The members present were:-

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

Aldermen: Thomas Rossiter, James Billington, Thomas Hayes, Richard Gibson, and
Nicholas Connolly.

Councillors: Patrick Clancy, James Murphy, John J. O'Leary, Michael Martin, John Atkins,
James Gaul, James Crosbie, John Walsh, James McMahon, Thomas Walsh,
Cyril Ross, Garrett Donohoe, Edward Bolger, William J. Power, William
Goodison.

The minutes of meeting of the 6th July, were read and signed.

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A circular letter from the Department of Local Government and Public Health was read. it was dated the 11th June, 1931, and numbered 53, and intimated that a Public Health Conference on lines similar to that of last year would be held in Dublin on the 20th and 21st October next.

The former Conference was a great success, and succeeded in focussing public attention on problems connected with the health and welfare of the people, and there was no doubt but that equal success would attend the present year's meeting, which would be devoted to discussions on the better housing of the people, and possibly on the question of the milk supply in relation to health and disease.

The Department therefore requested that two members of the Council along with the Town Clerk should be nominated to attend the Conference, and it was added that the expenses of the three Delegates could be met in accordance with the provisions of the Local Conferences Order, 1928. Thereupon on the motion of Alderman Connolly, seconded by Councillor McMahon, it was unanimously RESOLVED:- That the Mayor, Councillor Goodison and the Town Clerk be hereby nominated to attend the proposed Conference on behalf of the Council.

The following four Resolutions, copies of which in a similar form were received from other public bodies and local associations, were adopted nem con.

"That we, the members of the Wexford Corporation, respectfully appeal to the Government to immediately introduce legislation whereby urban areas, which are exclusively comprised of buildings, and which accordingly receive only a small share of the £750,000 Grant in relief of rates, will receive such Grant as will at least reduce the liability on foot of demands from County Councils to a sum equal to that in the year 1924-1925.

"While appreciating fully the benefits conferred on the residents in rural areas by the increased Agricultural Grant, we feel constrained to say that the incidence of this Grant is inequitable to urban areas.

"Further, as the increased demand by County Councils is due mainly to legislation, we consider that the residents of urban areas are entitled to consideration not less favourable than that given the rural areas.

"We respectfully request that immediate steps be taken to bestow on urban areas relief in rates in proportion to that given the rural community.

"That copies of this Resolution be sent to all T. D's. for the County."

"That we, the Corporation of Wexford, desire to mark our disapproval and enter our strongest protest against the proposed legislation having for its object the further cutting down of popularly elected representatives of the people. We call on all T. D's to strenuously oppose any such legislation, and that copies of this Resolution be sent to the T. D's. of the County, and to the President of the Executive Council, as also to the Leaders of Fianna Fail and Labour Parties in the Dail."

"Being convinced of the urgency of adequate and well conceived measures being taken to deal with the slum problem in Dublin and other centres of population in the Irish Free State, we, the Corporation of Wexford, call on the Government to press forward the promotion of such legislation as is necessary for this purpose.

"rates, and in the year 1930/31, not only to neutralise the other increases but to produce a net decrease in Town Rate. The decrease in Water Rate is due principally to the diminishing charges in respect of Loan repayment, and the increase under the other heads is due to a number of minor fluctuations.

"A portion of the rural Corporate Estate was acquired compulsorily by the Irish Land Commission under the Land Act, 1923, and paid for in 4½% Land Bonds of an amount of £1,167 nominal, which were subsequently sold within the Financial Year 1928/29. The proceeds of the sale with accrued interest, amounted to £1,116 - 17 - 0 and this sum was applied towards the cost of new Housing Schemes on Menapia Avenue and St. John's Road.

"Two unexpended Loan balances, one of £21 ; 10 ; 0, and another of £271 : 2 : 4, which were merged in Revenue Account have again been transferred back to Loans Account.

"The following Table will give an indication of the progress of the collection of the rents of Artizans' Dwellings:-

Total weekly Rental incl. Rates.	Arrears 31/3/31	Average No. Weeks rent due.	Max. No. Weeks due by any one tenant.
£50 : 4 : 7	£159 : 9 : 8.	3 approx.	70 weeks.

"The arrears at 31/3/1928, 31/3/1929, and 31/3/1930 were respectively £240 : 8 : 5, £193 : 7 : 6, and £170 : 1 : 1.

"The arrears on Water Meter Charges Account increased from £139 : 9 : 8 at 31/3/1929 to £218 : 16 : 0 at 31/3/1930, and to £316 : 15 : 0 at 31/3/1931. The arrears include items which would appear to be readily collectible, and I have formed the opinion that the Collector is not sufficiently zealous in the performance of his duties.

"The rents charged in respect of small dwellings for the financial year 1928/29 included certain increases made from time to time from the year 1910 onwards to compensate the Corporation for rates which were not collected as such from their tenants. The Corporation did not adjust these rents in accordance with the provisions of Section 7 of the Local Government (Rates on Small Dwellings) Act, 1928, but resolved instead to make a general increase of four pence per week in respect of each dwelling falling within the Act. The Corporation's particular attention is drawn

"to Sections 7 and 9 of the Act. The amount of the default of the previous poor Rate Collector was received in full from the Collector's Guarantors.

"I have surcharged certain members of the Corporation with an amount of £2 : 7 : 10 paid to a Delegate appointed to attend a Public Health Conference in August, 1928, in respect of a claim for three and one half days' wages lost by him.

"All Insurance Renewal Premiums have been paid to date.

"Sean O hEaluighthe,

"Inu choir.

"Do'n Aire Rialtais Aiteamhla

Aais Slainte Puiblidhe."

In connection with the surcharge it was mentioned that the members concerned had appealed to the Minister for Local Government and Public Health for its remission, and a letter under date of the 21st July, 1931, No. 48188, was read intimating that the reasons given by the Auditor for making the surcharge were valid. In view of the representations made by the Appellants, the Minister directed that the amount should be remitted, and

Liabilities which had accrued due up to the end of last month, amounting, in the aggregate, to £2,351 : 17 : 5, were submitted, and having been examined were approved, and Advice Notes were signed to enable them to be discharged..

Councillor Clancy referred to an item of £37 : 10 : 0 included in the accounts, being month's salary of the recently appointed Veterinary Inspector, and stated that the resident victuallers were suffering an injustice from the operation of the Meat Inspection By-Laws now in force.

These By-Laws required that all the fresh meat exposed for sale in the Town should be examined and stamped by the Inspector, while butchers resident outside the Borough boundary were able to dispose of meat throughout the Town which was not subject to such examination, and Councillor Clancy asserted that such a practice was being indulged in by at least three non-residents, but the meeting was assured that the Sanitary Sub-Officer was keeping a close watch on the travelling butchers referred to in an endeavour to prove they were infringing the By-Laws, but so far without success.

It was made clear, however, that residents could order meat by post from non-resident victuallers who could then deliver it without in any way violating the Code, but the disadvantage of such a course was that the purchasers had no guarantee that the meat was free from disease when slaughtered, and was in every way fit for human consumption, as was the case where the meat was subject to examination by the Veterinary Inspector.

There was submitted to the meeting a copy of the Report of the Local Government Auditor on his examination of the Municipal Accounts for the three years ended on the 31st March, 1931, together with attested Abstracts of such Accounts.

The Report which was read, ran as follows:

"No. 46815/1931.

10th June, 1931.

"I beg to report that I have audited the accounts of the Corporation of Wexford for the three years ended 31/3/1929, 31/3/1930, and 31/3/1931. Certified copies of the Abstracts are forwarded herewith.

"The following is a comparative statement of the Rates made for the service of the financial years under audit.

	<u>1928/29</u>	<u>1929/30</u>	<u>1930/31.</u>
Borough Rate	5/6	5/9	5/10
Special Rate	2/-	2/4	2/6
Water Rate	2/4	1/9	1/2
<u>Total Town Rate</u>	<u>9/10</u>	<u>9/10</u>	<u>9/6</u>
Poor Rate	6/2	6/2	6/3
	<u>16/-</u>	<u>16/-</u>	<u>15/9</u>

"It will be observed that both the Town and Poor Rates were uniform in the years 1928/29 and 1929/30, and that for the year 1930/31 as compared with the previous two years there was a decrease in the Town Rate of 4d in the £, and an increase in Poor Rate of 1d in the £.

It will also be remarked that of the component rates which formed the total Town Rate, the Borough Rate and Special Rate showed slight increases, whereas the Water Rate showed a continual decrease sufficient in the first two years to offset the increase in the other

Alderman Connolly, who had nominated Councillor McMahon, stated that he did so in the belief that no other member would be proposed, but as he was mistaken in this belief, and as several members of the general public had expressed to him the opinion that Councillor Gaul was in every way a satisfactory Representative, he pressed Councillor McMahon to withdraw his candidature which that gentleman did, but at the same time expressed the hope that he would be selected next year, and thereupon Councillor Gaul was declared unanimously elected.

The Hon. Secretaries of the Association of Municipal Authorities of Ireland intimated by letter that the Annual Conference of the Association would be held in Dublin on the 15th and 16th September next, and requested that members might be sent to represent the Corporation on the occasion.

It was decided to appoint two members to act as Delegates, and thereupon Councillor Goodison proposed that Alderman Connolly be one of the two, and Councillor McMahon seconded this proposition.

Councillor Power proposed that Councillor Ross be selected, and this was seconded by Councillor Thomas Walsh.

Alderman Rossiter proposed that Councillor Gaul be sent, and Councillor Atkins seconded this motion.

A poll was taken as between the three members nominated when Alderman Connolly, and Councillor Ross were chosen as the Council's Representatives, the voting being:-

For Alderman Connolly	15
For Councillor Ross	11
For Councillor Gaul	8

It was further decided, in accordance with the requirements of the Local Conferences Order, 1923, to authorize either of the two members selected, if one of them happened to be elected on the Executive Committee of the Association, to attend not more than two meetings of this Committee in the coming year.

There was read a communication from the Department of Local Government and Public Health under date of the 13th July, 1931, explanatory of the provisions of the Tourist Traffic (Development) Act, 1931. This Enactment permitted the Council to make annual contributions to any Company approved by the Minister for Industry and Commerce whose objects were wholly or mainly the encouragement and development of tourist traffic in Saorstát Éireann, and an agreement could be entered into with such a Company to contribute a specified annual sum for a period not exceeding five years, but the sum which might be raised in any one year was not to exceed the proceeds of a rate of three pence in the Pound.

The contents of this communication were noted.

In accordance with notice given by Councillor Ross at a recent Finance and Works Committee Meeting, that gentleman moved. That the Government be requested to impose a tariff on all agricultural machinery and parts imported into the Saorstát.

This motion, which was seconded by Councillor T. Walsh, gave rise to a prolonged debate, as some members held that the wisdom of indiscriminate tariffs was open to question, and might operate adversely on the more local agricultural implement works, but ultimately on being put to the meeting, it was adopted, but with Alderman Billington, and Councillors Goodison

that he had noted that the Corporation would incur no similar expenditure in future.

The Mayor remarked that while the total amount expended for the period under audit was £83,030:5:8, the Auditor had only been compelled to surcharge the comparatively trifling sum of £2 : 7 : 10, and this surcharge, as was seen, had been remitted on appeal.

As to the tenants of artisans' dwellings in arrear, it was the practice of the Council to be lenient with those who, through unemployment, were temporarily unable to pay their rent, but in all other cases every effort was made to compel punctual weekly payment, and this was evidenced by the fact that in three years the arrears had been reduced by over £70.

As to the large sum outstanding for water charges as apart from Water Rates, the Mayor considered the Auditor's remarks justified, and promised that the Special Rates Committee would give this matter their closest attention and compel the Collector to be more energetic in recovering the sums still due.

He congratulated the members on the satisfactory result of the audit, and complimented the Town Clerk for his close attention to the finances of the Council, a tribute in which other members joined, and for which expressions the Town Clerk returned thanks.

The Accounts of the Technical Instruction Committee for year to 31st March, 1930, and from 1st April, 1930, to the 4th November, 1930, the date of the abolition of this Committee under the Vocational Education Act, 1930, as well as the Auditor's Report thereon were also submitted but called for no comment.

A letter was read from the Secretary of the County Board of Health and Public Assistance asking whether the Council would be prepared to furnish a daily supply of about 4,000 gallons of water to the County Hospital from the Town Supply, and as this was a matter which required careful consideration, it was referred to the Waterworks Committee.

The report of the Borough Analyst on the Articles of food analysed by him in the quarter ended on the 30th June last was submitted. This showed that he had examined twenty-two samples consisting of milk, butter, cheese, lard, and margarine, which were all found pure with the exception of two samples of milk to which water had been added, and which were as well deficient in fats.

As to these two cases it was reported that proceedings had been taken against the milk vendors concerned who had been fined, in one case 10/0 with £1 costs and analyst's fees, and in the other case, £2 with £1 costs and Analyst's fees.

The Department of Agriculture, by letter dated the 5th instant, intimated that on a recent occasion they had obtained for analysis four samples of butter sold in the Town, but on examination by the Borough Analyst they proved to be genuine.

The election of a member to serve as a Harbour Commissioner for one year was proceeded with.

It was reported that two nominations had been received, and that as required by the Wexford Harbour Act, 1874, these had been sent to the Secretary of the Harbour Board forty-eight hours previous to the present meeting.

The two members nominated were Councillor James Gaul, the present representative, and Councillor James McMahon.

Thereupon Councillor Ross proposed that Councillor Gaul be elected to serve on the Harbour Board for one year from this date.

Councillor Martin seconded this proposal.

Assistant Engineer, Barrow Drainage Scheme (Office of Public Works) (1925-27).

Assistant to District Architect, Office of Public Works, Cork, (1927-29).

Clerk of Works, engaged on the construction of a new Church in Cork since 1929.

All the members in attendance expressed the utmost dissatisfaction with the Commissioners' recommendation, as they held that Mr. Clement Morris, Town Surveyor pro tem, who had acted in this capacity on various occasions and for lengthy periods, and who was a candidate for the post, should have secured it.

Complaint was made that the gentleman recommended appeared to have had but slight experience in building work, which, in view of the activities of the Corporation on direct labour Housing Schemes, was very essential in the Official who was to have charge of these Schemes, and as well, the inconvenience which would be caused if Mr. Daly, in a short time, secured a position at a higher salary in another county, as was the case of Mr. O'Lonnell, former Surveyor, was stressed.

Continuity of responsibility for these Housing Schemes was much to be desired, and the point was made that if Mr. Morris had been selected, he would have had no inducement to seek for a more lucrative post, as he was a native of Wexford with a young family, so that all his interests were centered in the Town.

Furthermore, the Commissioners had been requested to give favourable consideration to the claims of the better qualified of the two local Engineers (Mr. Morris and Mr. Millar) who had applied for the post when it was before vacant in 1929.

The Mayor, speaking with a due sense of responsibility, stated that he was satisfied that in some cases the examinations conducted by the Appointments Commissioners were carried out in a casual manner, as he knew of candidates who were only asked two or three questions in a jocular manner, but, at the same time, he pointed out that under the existing Law, there was no option but to accept the Commissioners' recommendation, and therefore submitted the following resolution, which, after further discussion, was unanimously adopted on the motion of Alderman Billington, seconded by Councillor Ross, viz.:-

"That we agree to accept the recommendation of the Appointments Commissioners, and in accordance with the provisions of Section 6 (4) of the Local Authorities (Officers and Employees) Act, 1926, and on the terms and conditions laid down on the 13th April last, hereby appoint Mr. Arthur Joseph Daly, of 9, Hackett's Terrace, St. Luke's, Cork, as Town Surveyor and Superintendent of Wexford Waterworks; but, at the same time, we protest against the recommendation owing to the fact that in our opinion the qualifications possessed by Mr. Daly are not consistent with the qualifications asked for by the Council in April last."

It was further decided to request Mr. Morris to continue in Office at his present rate of remuneration until Mr. Daly was ready to take up duty, from which date his salary was to accrue.

The meeting then terminated.

Richard Condry
Mayor
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and Gaul dissenting.

Councillor Thomas Walsh alluded to the heavy tariff levied on all manufactured furniture imported into the Country, and stated that the omission to impose a similar tariff on foreign joinery was a grave oversight.

He asserted that last year no fewer than 23,000 beaded doors were imported, while in every town in the Free State joiners were to be found idle through lack of work, and he held that if a substantial import duty were placed on doors and similar joinery work, their manufacture in the Country would be assured.

He proposed. That the Government be asked to seriously consider the advisability of acting on this suggestion, and as well, that all towns in the Saorstad be invited to make a similar request. This proposition was seconded by Alderman Hayes, and was adopted unanimously.

Richard Corish
Mayor
4. 9. 31

17th August, 1931.

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

The members present were:-

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

Aldermen: James Billington, Nicholas Connolly, Thomas Hayes, Thomas Rossiter.

Councillors: John Walsh, Patrick Clancy, Garrett Donohoe, James Murphy, Thomas Walsh, James McMahon, Edward Dolger, John J. O'Leary, James Crosbie, Cyril Ross, John Atkins, Michael Martin.

The meeting was convened in order to appoint, in accordance with the provisions of the Local Authorities (Officers and Employees) Act, 1926, Mr. Arthur Joseph Daly, of 9, Hackett's Terrace, St. Luke's, Cork, as Town Surveyor and Superintendent of Waterworks; this gentleman having been recommended for appointment to these Offices by the Local Appointments Commissioners, as per their letter of the 10th August, 1931 (L.A.17/5/31) which was read for the meeting.

It appeared from the communication that Mr. Daly was born in Cork on the 24th December, 1892, and his qualifications were set forth as follows:-

B.E. (Civil Engineering) (National University, Ireland) 1914. (2nd Class Hons.) A.M.I.C.E. (London) 1920.

Junior Draughtsman, Haulbowline Dockyard, for short periods in 1914 and 1915.

Improver, and later Engineering Assistant H.M. Dockyard, Rosyth, (1915-17).

Engaged on preliminary survey work in connection with the construction of Donebristle Aerodrome, Fife, (1917-18).

Assistant Civil Engineer, Invergordon Naval Base, Ross-shire (1918-20)

Assistant Engineer, Stromness, Orkney, (1920-21).

Assistant Engineer, Invergordon Naval Base, (1921-22).

Assistant to District Architect, Waterworks, Cork, (1922-25).

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In accordance with notice already given, Alderman Connolly moved:

"That the Resolution adopted on the 1st September, 1930, whereby the eight houses now being erected in Hill Street were to be roofed with Killaloe Slates be and is hereby rescinded."

This motion was seconded by Councillor McMahon.

It was explained that this motion was being moved on behalf of the Housing Committee, who, on the 24th ultimo, had considered an offer of an alternative roofing material, namely, Red Interlocking Roofing Tiles, which were being manufactured at Dolphin's Barn, Dublin.

From computations submitted to this Committee it was found that to roof a house with the slates would cost (exclusive of wages) £21 - 19 - 6, and with the tiles £14 - 16 - 10, a saving of £7 - 2 - 8, and furthermore, an offer had been received from the manufacturers of the tiles, on condition that they were used on the Hill Street houses, to send some of their machines to Wexford and make locally the entire number required; to engage local labour to assist the tile-makers; and also to instruct the slaters in the fixing of the tiles.

A sample of the tile had been examined by the Committee, and was regarded by them as satisfactory, and it was stated that one of the Local Government Housing Inspectors had approved of the material which had passed every test with the exception of the snow test, and he was satisfied that it would pass this test also.

The Committee had also been informed that twenty houses at present being erected by Waterford Corporation were being roofed with the material, and the Mayor, Borough Surveyor, Foreman and Town Clerk had been deputed to visit these houses, and collect all information possible as to the durability and appearance of the tile when in place, and the Mayor now reported that after exhaustive enquiries, the Delegation were satisfied that the material would be lasting and slightly, and further, that when in Waterford they had had an opportunity of seeing the tiles in process of manufacture.

The present meeting gave the matter full deliberation, and as a saving would be effected by the use of the tiles, and their durability appeared to be beyond question, and as their manufacture would provide a little additional employment in the Town, the foregoing motion as proposed by Alderman Connolly was unanimously adopted.

Thereupon the following Resolution was also unanimously adopted:

Proposed by Alderman Connolly, seconded by Councillor McMahon, and

RESOLVED: "That the eight houses being erected in Hill Street be roofed with Red Interlocking Roofing Tiles instead of with slates from the Killaloe Quarries."

The housing Committee as well made two further recommendations, namely:

- (1) To build the most easterly of the above eight houses of six instead of seven rooms as originally intended; and
- (2) To furnish the entire eight with bathrooms and baths.

Both of these recommendations were unanimously adopted on the motion of the Mayor, seconded by Alderman Rossiter.

It was explained that it had been found impracticable to provide a house of seven rooms, and that the savings effected on the roofs would, to a great extent, meet the extra expenditure caused by the provision of the baths.

7th September, 1931.

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: Thomas Hayes, Nicholas Connolly, James Billington, Thomas Rossiter, and Richard Gibson.

Councillors: John Walsh, Patrick Clancy, William Goodison, Thomas Walsh, James Crosbie, Cyril Ross, James Gaul, James Murphy, Edward Bolger, William J. Power, Garrett Bonohoe, John J. O'Leary, James McMahon, John Atkins, and Michael Martin.

The minutes of meetings of the 10th and 17th August, 1931, were read and signed.

Liabilities which had accrued due up to the end of last month, amounting, in the aggregate, to £2,295 - 1 - 6, were submitted, and having been examined were approved, and an Advice Note was signed to enable them to be discharged.

Councillor Clancy objected to two of the items included in the above total, namely, £37 - 10 - 0 month's salary to Mr. Mullins, Veterinary Inspector; and £29 - 8 - 0, remuneration to Mr. Hickey V.S., for acting as substitute while Mr. Mullins was on holidays. He contended that the Inspector should have paid his substitute during the period of his vacation, but this contention found no support, and the meeting was reminded that the Department of Agriculture would recoup £44-12-0 of the total of £66 - 18 - 0 paid to Mr. Mullins and Mr. Hickey.

With reference to minutes of the 23rd March and 6th July last, on which dates it was decided to borrow a sum of £1,215 from the Commissioners of Public Works for the purpose of renewing certain of the watermains and of laying a new sewer at Maudlintown, there was now submitted for execution a Deed of Mortgage to secure repayment of this amount with interest thereon within a period of twenty-five years.

The Deed was found to be in order in every way, and so a Resolution in the following terms was unanimously adopted on the motion of Councillor Gaul, seconded by Alderman Connolly:

"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 for the repayment of the sum of One Thousand, Two Hundred and Fifteen Pounds proposed to be advanced by them to us under the Public Health (Ireland) Acts, 1878 to 1919, &c."

The Mortgage Deed was thereupon duly sealed and signed, and the following further Resolution was also adopted unanimously.

Proposed by Councillor Gaul,

seconded by Councillor Ross, and

RESOLVED: "That inasmuch as this Corporation does not immediately require from the Commissioners of Public Works in Ireland the total amount of the sum mentioned in the Deed of Mortgage to them this day executed by this Corporation, but prefer to receive the same by instalments as occasion may require, it is resolved that the requisition for each advance shall be intimated to the said Commissioners by the Chairman of this Corporation for the time being, countersigned by the Town Clerk. And that each such requisition shall be forwarded to the Accountant of the said Commissioners, and that all such advances shall be lodged to our account in the Wexford Branch of the National Bank."

A Resolution from the Urban Council of Arklow asking for an alteration of the Valuation Laws so as to permit a Town, apart from the entire county, to be revalued, was marked "read". On the motion of Councillor Thomas Walsh, seconded by Alderman Connolly, the sympathy of the meeting was extended to the widow and daughter of Matthew Lymberry, recently deceased, an old and esteemed native of Wexford, and for many years a member of various public bodies.

Richard Corish
Mayor
5. 10. 31

5th October, 1931.

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, Richard Gibson, Nicholas Connolly, Thomas Hayes, and Thomas Rossiter.

Councillors:- William Goodisson, Thomas Walsh, Patrick Clancy, John Atkins, James McMahon, James Crosbie, John Walsh, William J. Power, Garrett Donohoe, Edward Bolger, Cyril Ross, James Murphy, James Gaul John J. O'Leary, and Michael Martin.

The minutes of meeting of 7th September 1931, were read and signed.

Liabilities which had accrued due up to the end of last month, amounting, in the aggregate, to £4,261. 4s. 4d., were submitted, and having been examined were approved, and an Advice Note was signed to enable them to be discharged.

The Mayor referred in feeling terms to the disaster which had occurred on Sunday, the 13th ultimo, when two respected young Wexfordmen, Patrick Morris and Matthew Busher, of Faythe, were drowned while boating in Wexford Bay, consequent on the sinking of their craft on Hantoon Bar, immediately outside the Port.

He proposed that the sympathy of the Council, as representing the entire town, be extended to the bereaved relatives of the deceased.

The motion was seconded by Councillor McMahon, supported by several other members, and was adopted in silence.

There was submitted for execution on the part of the Council a Deed of Surrender and a Deed of Agreement relating to a small strip of land at Town Parks, containing 296 square yards, which the Council, on the 5th January last, decided to acquire for ever from the owner, Mr. Richard Here, for a sum of £20. in order to permit of the new thoroughfare between St. John's Road and Wygram Place to be properly laid out.

The documents, which had been prepared by the Corporation Solicitor, were found to be in order in every respect, and so were duly sealed and signed on behalf of the Corporation.

On the motion of Councillor O'Leary, seconded by Alderman Billington, it was unanimously agreed to again approach the Irish Sailors and Soldiers Land Trust and endeavour to persuade them to erect a further six houses on the spare ground adjacent to the ten dwellings at present in course of construction at St. John's Road, Wexford, and to send a letter

In accordance with notice given, Alderman Connolly moved:

"That we, the members of the Wexford Corporation, view with grave concern the large number of railwaymen losing their employment, and call upon all traders, farmers, ratepayers, and general public to support the railways."

This was seconded by Councillor McMahon, and was adopted unanimously, and gave rise to a lengthy debate, during the course of which the serious position of railway employees at the present time owing to the patronage extended to motor lorries and motor omnibuses was pointed out, and furthermore, the serious injury to the general public which would follow the threatened curtailment of railway services, and the closing down of 200 miles of branch lines was emphasised. The following further resolution supplementary to the above was also adopted unanimously on the motion of Alderman Connolly, seconded by Councillor McMahon:

"That we, the members of the Wexford Corporation, call on the Government to take immediate action to prevent a National disaster to our Railways, and ruin to our fairs and markets, and view with grave alarm the wholesale dismissal of railway workers; and we further demand an immediate Government Enquiry into the financial position and working of the Railways; and that a copy of this Resolution be forwarded to the President of the Executive Council of Saorstát Éireann."

As per notice given, Alderman Billington proposed, and Councillor Murphy seconded, the following Resolution:

"That this Corporation ask the Government to appoint a Commission of independent finance and business men to enquire into the economic condition of the Irish Free State."

In support of this motion, Alderman Billington contended that having regard to the condition of affairs in Great Britain, and, among other things, to the excessive cost of the Irish Civil Service, and the uncertainty as to the ultimate cost of the Shannon Supply Scheme, such a Commission as he advocated should be set up.

Councillor Thomas Walsh, Alderman Connolly and Councillor Ross, expressed entire disagreement from Alderman Billington's views, and the Mayor made a comparison of the economic position of the Saorstát with that of Great Britain, showing that the National Debt of the former was but £29,000,000, while the indebtedness of the latter came to the enormous total of £7,000,000,000, and gave it as his opinion that the holding of such an Enquiry as Alderman Billington advocated would do more harm than good.

The motion on being put to the meeting was rejected, as only the proposer and seconder were in favour of its adoption.

The following Resolution from the Corporation of Cork was unanimously approved, on the motion of Councillor Power, seconded by Councillor Thomas Walsh:

of the Government

"That the Corporation of Wexford protests against the undue delay in introducing Legislation which would secure to the people a supply of hygienically clean milk conforming to a reasonable standard as to its chemical composition, more particularly since the vital necessity for such legislation has been admitted by the Ministry."

"That we call on the Ministry to allot the necessary time for the passing of this legislation during the next session of the Oireachtas, and we further request that measures be introduced directed towards the eradication of tuberculosis from our dairy and meat supplying herds."

within the meaning of Article 12(9) of the Application of Enactments Order, 1898.

Now therefore, we, the said Corporation, in pursuance of Article 12(10) of the said Order, hereby declare the said Office of Councillor for St. Marys Ward to be vacant, and direct that a Declaration to this effect at, on, or near the outer door of the Town Hall, Wexford, shall be deemed to be sufficient notice of such vacancy for all purposes, and we further declare vacant the Office of Councillor for St. Iberius Ward formerly held by John Browne, deceased.

Given under our hands and Corporate Seal this fifth day of October, One thousand, Nine hundred and Thirty-one.

	Richard Corish, Mayor.	Three members of the
Seal.	Thomas Walsh, T. C.	said Corporation.
	William Goodisson, T. C.	

Countersigned. Nicholas Bolger, Town Clerk.
There was read for the meeting the terms of a Sealed Order issued by the Minister for Local Government and Public Health under date of 4th September 1931, wherein he declared Section 21 of the Public Health Acts Amendment Act, 1907, to be in force in the Borough, and directed that a statement of the effect of the Order should be published twice in the local newspapers and notified in a conspicuous place outside the Town Hall.
The effect of this Order, which was asked for on 6th July last, was to enable the necessary steps to be taken to legalize the alteration in the names of certain of the streets of Wexford, which were changed without any legal formalities in the year 1920, and it was decided to issue the notices referred to in the Order forthwith.

At this juncture Alderman Billington submitted a Resolution which was seconded by Councillor Murphy, and which, after considerable discussion, was adopted, but with Councillors Gaul and Goodisson dissenting, the latter on the ground that the subject matter of it was outside the scope of the business for which the Council had been elected.

The resolution was as follows:-

"Resolved:- that this corporation ask the Minister for Agriculture to have established National Granaries in each of the grain-growing Counties in the Irish Free State to buy grain during the busy Season and hold it for the farmers until a better price can be obtained."

Notifications of approval of increases of salary by the Minister for Local Government and Public Health were read as follows:-

(1) To the Sanitary Sub-Officer. An increase of £13. a year as from 1st July last, as per letter of 3rd. instant, No. 69689.

(2) To the Rent Collector. Rates of Poundage altered from 6 per cent., 5 per cent., and 2½ per cent., to an all-round Poundage of 4½ per cent., but a Poundage of 2½ per cent only to be paid in respect of all houses completed after 1st September last, as per letter of 3rd. instant, No. 56223.

Increases had been granted to the Officers concerned on 23rd. March last, and that of the Sanitary Sub-Officer had been sanctioned in full, while the recommendation regarding the Rent Collector had been modified by the Minister.

The Report of the Veterinary Inspector for September was read. During the month he had inspected the carcasses of 100 cattle, 330 sheep, and 45 pigs intended for sale in the Town. Of the cattle, 2 carcasses and 16 offals were partially rejected, and 8 heads and 4 offals

received from the Trust on the 27th July last, it appeared that the funds at their disposal were exhausted.

A recommendation from the Finance and Works Committee was submitted. It had reference to a request from Mrs M. A. McCarthy, of Rowe Street, for a renewal of lease of plot of ground situate near Windmills Hill, on which the residence known as "Juliamount" stood.

Mrs McCarthy held this land, which contained 1 acre and 16 perches, Irish Measure, from the Corporation for a term of 99 years from 1837, at a rent of £5. 10. 0 per annum, and so the lease had still five years to run.

It appeared that the house was about to become vacant, and as no money had been expended on it for a considerable time past, a large outlay was now needed to put it into a proper state of repair before it could be again occupied.

The Finance and Works Committee had this recommendation under consideration on the 31st August last, when they informed Mrs McCarthy that they could not see their way to recommend a renewal of the lease until the expiration of the term of the existing one in the year 1936.

Subsequently Mrs McCarthy asked the Committee to reconsider their decision, and explained that that she wished to have more security of tenure than five years for the money she was about to expend on the house, hence her request for a renewal of the lease, and undertook, if it were granted, to enter into a contract for the necessary repairs forthwith, and as well, to give the Committee an assurance to spend not less than £300 on the place.

The Committee considered that this explanation altered the case considerably from that presented when the matter was last before them, and so unanimously recommended the present meeting to accept a surrender of the existing lease, and grant a new lease under the provisions of Section 140 of the Municipal Corporations (Ireland) Act, 1840, for a term of 31 years from the present date at the existing annual rent of £5. 10. 0, on condition that all the costs incidental thereto were paid to the Corporation Solicitor by Mrs McCarthy, and further, that she would give a written promise to carry out the necessary repairs at an estimated cost of £300 forthwith.

On the motion of Alderman Hayes, seconded by Councillor O'Leary, the above recommendation was unanimously adopted.

In view of the provisions of Section 7(3) of the Local Elections and Meetings (Postponement) Act, 1931, it was considered that the time had now come to take the necessary steps to fill the vacancies in the membership of the Council which had existed for a considerable time past consequent on the death of the late John Browne, and the departure to America in 1929 of Mr. Patrick Connick who had intimated his intention of permanently residing in that Country. Accordingly a Declaration in the following terms was sealed and signed, so that the two vacancies could be filled by means of the choice of the Council on Monday, the 2nd. prox., viz:-

LOCAL GOVERNMENT (IRELAND) ACT, 1898.

DECLARATION OF VACANCIES IN MEMBERSHIP OF THE WEXFORD CORPORATION.

Whereas on the 26th day of June, 1928, John Browne was elected as Councillor for St. Iberius Ward, and Patrick Connick as Councillor for St. Marys Ward of the Borough of Wexford.

And whereas since the date of said election John Browne has died, and Patrick Connick has absented himself from meetings of the above-named corporation for over six months consecutively without approved reason, and has therefore vacated his seat as a member thereof for absence

On the motion of the Mayor, seconded by Councillor Goodison, the sympathy of the meeting was expressed with Councillor Clancy on the death of his sister, the late Miss Margaret Clancy, a respected native of the Town, and on the motion of Councillor Ross, seconded by Councillor Murphy, condolences were offered to the family of the late John J. Walsh, of Wygram Place, a prominent Wexford citizen.

With reference to minutes of last meeting, there were received from the Corporation Solicitor for execution by the present meeting, documents relating to the acceptance from Mrs. M. A. McCarthy of Rowe Street, of surrender of unexpired period of lease of ground at Townparks, on which the residence known as Juliamount stood, and to the grant of a new lease of the same property from 29th September last, for a term of 31 years at the existing annual rent of £5 - 10 - 0.

In this connection a letter was read from Mrs. McCarthy intimating that the improvements on Juliamount had already been commenced; that the initial outlay would amount to £180, and that those, with other needed repairs, would cost considerably more than £300, which sum would be expended within the ensuing twelve months.

Thereupon on the motion of Councillor T. Walsh, seconded by Councillor Goodison, the documents forwarded by the Solicitor were sealed and signed on the part of the Corporation. The position of Mr. Samuel Nolan, Water Rate Collector, was considered.

The meeting was already aware that this Officer had been suspended from duty consequent on irregularities which had been discovered in his accounts, whereby monies which he had received on foot of water charges had not been lodged with the Treasurer.

As a result he had tendered his resignation to the Finance and Works Committee, but pending advice from the Minister for Local Government and Public Health, such resignation had not been accepted.

Eventually all items of Rate and Charges collected by Mr. Nolan, and for which receipts had been issued, had been lodged to credit, but acting on instructions received from the Minister, the Town Clerk had made arrangements to lodge an information to secure Mr. Nolan's apprehension on the ground that he had received and converted to his own use monies collected on behalf of the Council.

The Corporation Solicitor, however, advised that as all such sums had been accounted for, and as the Corporation were at no pecuniary loss, such proceedings could not be taken, and the Superintendent of the Garda Síochána, who had also been consulted, was unwilling to act until he was fortified with the advice of the State Solicitor, which so far had not been received.

The Minister had been kept fully informed of every step taken in connection with this matter, and had advised that the position held by Mr. Nolan should be declared vacant, and had, as well, agreed to arrangements which had been made by the Finance & Works Committee regarding the resumption of the Water Rate Collection, and this Committee now recommended that the above arrangements should be carried out.

Thereupon on the motion of Councillor Goodison, seconded by Councillor Power, it was unanimously resolved:-

entirely rejected.

Of the sheep, 17 offals were partially rejected.

Of the pigs, 1 carcase, 6 heads, and 3 offals were entirely rejected, while 1 offal was partially rejected.

Councillor O'Leary raised a question as to the hardship from which, he alleged, the victuallers were suffering consequent on the operation of the By-Laws relating to the examination of all fresh meat intended for consumption in the town. He said that cattle were purchased bona fide as free from blemishes, and that when slaughtered, if found to be suffering from tuberculosis or other disease, the whole carcase might be rejected by the Inspector, and in such a case the entire monetary loss would have to be borne by the victualler. He advocated ante-mortem, as well as post-mortem examination of all beasts intended for slaughter, so that disease could be discovered before the animal was killed, in which case the purchaser could repudiate his bargain. It was pointed out that by the terms of the Public Health (Veterinary Inspection) Order of 1929, the Inspector was directed, as far as possible, to undertake the ante-mortem inspection of all animals, but as Mr. Millins was but a part-time Officer, and furthermore, owing to the absence of a public abattoir, such inspection was not feasible.

As well as this, the Council were only concerned to see that the people of the Town were assured of a good meat supply and the meeting was reminded that before the By-Laws were finally adopted, all the local victuallers had been consulted, and had expressed entire approval of them, and a suggestion was now thrown out that these traders ought to consider the advisability of forming an association for the purpose of taking all necessary steps to overcome any difficulties which might arise consequent on the operation of the Meat Inspection By-Laws, which By-Laws it was unanimously agreed were admirably conceived, and were long overdue.

Richard Corish
Mayor

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2nd November, 1931.

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: Thomas Hayes, James Billington, Nicholas Connolly.

Councillors: William Goodison, Garrett Donohoe, James Murphy, Cyril Ross, James McMahon, William J. Power, John Atkins, James Crosbie, John Walsh, Thomas Walsh, Edward Bolger, John J. O'Leary.

The minutes of meeting of 5th October, 1931, were taken as read and were accordingly signed. Liabilities which had accrued due up to the end of last month, amounting, in the aggregate, to £2,985 - 7 - 7, were submitted, and having been examined were approved, and an Advice Note was signed to enable the Treasurer to pay them.

Acknowledgements were made by Messrs. John Morris and Mr. William Busher of the Faythe, of receipt of Resolutions passed with them in their recent bereavements.

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A letter from the Minister of Industry and Commerce under date of 16th October, 1931, was read. The Minister stated that a proposal had been made to substitute a fixed ferro-concrete span for the existing opening span of Ferrycarrig Bridge, and as he was interested from the point of view of navigation, he wished to have the opinion of the Corporation on the proposal before coming to any decision. He added that the span had been only opened once in the past 18 years, and was at present unworkable.

Many of the members present voiced their objection to the proposed change on the ground that it might interfere with water borne traffic between Wexford and Enniscorthy, and the following resolution was adopted on the motion of Alderman Billington, seconded by Councillor Crosbie, Councillor Goodison dissenting, and was ordered to be forwarded to the Minister, viz.:-

"That we, the members of Wexford Corporation, are certain that it would be against the best interests of Wexford as a seaport town to close the drawbridge at Ferrycarrig, and therefore protest against it."

Communications from Cavan County Council and Sligo Corporation advocating the holding of a National Peace Conference between the different political parties in the Country, and from Tralee Urban Council requesting the Government to call a Conference to consider the present economic and financial position of the Saorstát, were ruled out of order by the Mayor.

The Superintendent of the Garda Síochána reported that a shopkeeper had been found selling explosives known as "slap bangs" without having made application to the Local Authority to be registered for their sale.

The people of the Town were suffering much annoyance and discomfort from a practice which had become very common of late of youngsters scattering these explosives (which burst with a loud report) on the streets, and as those indulging in the practice were difficult to discover, the Superintendent wished to be informed if it was the intention of the Council to proceed against the shopkeeper concerned for a breach of the Explosives Act, 1875.

It was explained that although vendors of these articles had to make application to the Council for registration, yet there was no power to refuse such registration, nor had the Council any control over the sale of the explosives, and as the vexatious practice complained of showed no signs of abating, it was decided to request the Superintendent to nominate one of the Garda whom the Council could appoint as an Officer under the Act, the former Royal Irish Constabulary having performed similar duties, and as well the Minister for Justice was to be asked to take steps to invest the Council with the power of refusing to register shopkeepers for the sale of "Slap Bangs" and Fireworks of every description if it were found advisable for good reason to adopt this course.

As to the person reported for selling the explosives without having been registered, it was decided to take no action against him, as he was unaware of the Regulation, and had now given up their sale.

The Veterinary Inspector's report for the month ended on 31st ultimo was read. During that period he had inspected the carcasses of 104 cattle, 359 sheep, and 60 pigs intended for sale in the Town.

Of the cattle, 1 carcass, 7 heads, 1 offal, and one tongue were totally rejected, while 13 offals were partially rejected.

That the Office of Water Rate Collector be hereby declared vacant in view of the resignation therefrom of Mr. Samuel Nolan consequent on irregularities discovered in his collection.

Further, on the motion of Councillor Power, seconded by Councillor Crosbie, it was also unanimously resolved:-

That the following recommendation of the Finance and Works Committee, as sanctioned by the Minister for Local Government and Public Health in letter of 22nd October, 1931, No. 79170, be adopted, viz.:- "That Mr. Patrick White be appointed to collect the Water Rates and Water Charges until the 31st March, 1933, at a remuneration of tenpence in the Pound on all monies collected and lodged, and that after that date the matter be reconsidered."

A Warrant was thereupon duly sealed and signed authorizing Mr. White to complete the Collection for the current year, the total amount of Water Rates outstanding at present date amounting to £680 - 17 - 6.

The seats on the Council formerly held by the late John Browne and Mr. Patrick Connick having been declared vacant on 5th ultimo, and notice of the vacancies thus declared having been received from two Local Government Electors of each Ward, as provided by Article 27 of the Urban District Councillors and Town Commissioners (Ireland) Election Order, 1898, the filling of them was proceeded with.

Alderman Billington proposed and Councillor Murphy seconded the following motion.

That Mr. Thomas Buckland of 83, South Main Street, be chosen to fill the casual vacancy in the Office of Councillor for St. Iberius Ward for the unexpired period of the late John Browne's term of Office, but in any case not later than 15th July, 1934.

This resolution on being put to the meeting was unanimously adopted.

For the vacancy in St. Mary's Ward, Councillor Crosbie proposed that Mr. Myles Bergin, of Gibson Street, be selected for the unexpired period of Mr. Patrick Connick's term of Office, but in any case not later than 15th July, 1934.

Councillor John Walsh seconded this proposition, but Councillor Murphy proposed that Mr. Patrick Atkins of O'Connell Avenue be selected to fill this vacancy, and this was seconded by Alderman Billington.

On a show of hands three members voted for Mr. Atkins and twelve for Mr. Bergin, who was thereupon declared elected.

The Report of the Analyst on articles of food submitted to him for analysis in the Quarter ended on 30th September last was submitted.

This showed that he had examined 10 samples of milk, 13 of butter, 4 of tea, 3 of cheese, and one each of margarine, sausages, whiskey and sugar, 34 in all, and that they were all found genuine with the exception of one sample of milk which had been deprived of 6.7% of its fats.

In connection with this defective sample it was reported that the person concerned had been proceeded against in the District Court and had been ordered to pay the Analyst's fee and £1 costs.

This was considered satisfactory so far as it went, but as there was a great danger of milk being supplied from tubercular cows, it was decided to ask the Minister for Local Government and Public

Health if the services of a bacteriologist were available for the testing of milk for tubercular Bacilli.

The Mayor in a touching speech referred to the unexpected death, on the 28th ultimo, of the late Mr. William A. Browne, who for over half a century was officially connected with the Municipality, and had only retired on a well-merited pension four years ago. Mr. Browne was a recognized authority on Municipal law and procedure, and was a zealous official who always had the welfare of his native town deeply at heart. His demise was keenly regretted, not only by the members of the Council, but by the entire Community of Wexford, as his funeral cortege showed, and so he (the Mayor) wished to propose the following resolution:-

That we express our deepest regret at the unexpected demise of our late Town Clerk, Mr. William A. Browne, who for over fifty years was engaged in the administration of the business of the Corporation, and for close on forty years acted as its Chief Executive Officer.

His loss is a heavy one to his afflicted widow and young family, to whom we extend our heartfelt sympathy, and as a tribute of respect to his memory we hereby adjourn this meeting until Monday next, 14th instant, at 7-30 p. m.

Alderman Billington in seconding the motion said that the most outstanding features in the late Mr. Browne's character were his transparent honesty and his straightforwardness. It was well known that his legal knowledge of everything pertaining to municipal affairs was profound, and the Council had benefitted by it on numerous occasions.

Councillors McMahon, Bergin, Alderman Connolly, Alderman Gibson, Councillor Ross and Councillor John Walsh also spoke in glowing terms of the worth of the late Mr. Browne, and the present Town Clerk, who had been associated with him in the administration of the affairs of Wexford for over 30 years, also added his tribute at the passing of a thorough Gentleman and a loyal friend and adviser.

The Motion was then put and was passed in silence, the members standing, and the meeting then adjourned.

Richard Corish
Mayor of Wexford
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14th December, 1931.

An adjourned 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, Thomas Hayes, Thomas Rossiter, Nicholas Connolly.

Councillors: John Walsh, Thomas Walsh, John Atkins, James Murphy, James McMahon, Patrick Clancy, Myles Bergin, Garrett Donohoe, William Goodison, Cyril Ross, James Gaul, James Crosbie, Thomas Buckland, Edward Bolger.

The minutes of meetings of 2nd November and 7th December, 1931, were taken as having been read, and were accordingly signed.

Acknowledgements of votes of sympathy recently tendered by the Council were read from Councillor Clancy, Mrs. Walsh, Wygram Place; and Mrs. Browne, George Street.

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Of the sheep, 1 carcase, and 1 offal were totally rejected, and 4 carcasses and 32 offals partially rejected, while in the case of the pigs, 2 heads were wholly and 15 offals partially rejected. Councillor O'Leary again advocated ante-mortem as well as post-mortem examination of all cattle slaughtered, so that the victuallers affected might be in a position to take steps to secure compensation from the sellers of the animals found unfit while alive, as exhaustive enquiries had failed to find an Insurance Company who was willing to indemnify the victuallers against loss of animals rejected when slaughtered.

As to this matter, the meeting expressed their willingness to meet the victuallers in conference, if they so wished, to have a general discussion, along with a Medical Inspector from the Department of Local Government and Public Health, on the point raised by Councillor O'Leary. To clear up a misapprehension as to the sum paid by the Council for the services of the Veterinary Inspector, it was stated that the total amount paid as salary from the date of Mr. Mullins's appointment on 18th May up to 31st August last was £159 - 3 - 2, and that of this, £106 - 2 - 1 had been refunded by the Department of Agriculture for his services as Veterinary Examiner under the Agricultural Produce (Fresh Meat) Act, 1930.

There was laid before the meeting reports from the Delegates who had attended the Conference of Municipal Authorities held in September, and the Public Health Conference held last month, and it was decided to circulate a copy of each report to the members for their information.

Richard Corish
Mayor of Wexford
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7th December, 1931.

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, Richard Gibson, Thomas Hayes, Nicholas Connolly, Thomas Rossiter.

Councillors: Patrick Clancy, John Walsh, Edward Bolger, James Gaul, Thomas Walsh, Garrett Donohoe, James McMahon, William Goodison, James Crosbie, James Murphy, John J. O'Leary, Cyril Ross, John Atkins, Michael Martin, and William J. Power.

Councillors Thomas Buckland and Myles Bergin, who had been co-opted on the 2nd ultimo, were also present, having already made and subscribed the Declaration of Acceptance of Office required by Section 85 of the Municipal Corporations (Ireland) Act, 1840.

Liabilities which had accrued due up to the end of last month, amounting in the aggregate to £3,031 - 17 - 7, were submitted, and having been examined were approved, and an Advice Note was signed to enable the Treasurer to pay them.

Attention was drawn to an item of £9 included in the above total. This represented the cost of six pairs of Rubber Thigh Boots procured for the Fire Brigade from Macinlop, Ltd., of Dublin, and a query was asked as to why they were not procured locally, but it was explained that the Firm referred to were Official Contractors for such articles under the Local Authorities (Combined Purchasing) Act, 1925, and so there was no option but to make the purchase through them.

It was also hoped to secure from the Relief of Unemployment Grant of £250,000 recently voted by An Dail, a sum of £1,400 which would go a long way to develop the site, and construct through it roads and footpaths, and lay down sewers and watermains, and if this Grant were forthcoming, of which the Mayor asserted there were reasonable prospects, it would afford much-needed employment at the present Season, and would allow necessary work to be done which should otherwise be carried out by means of a Loan.

The Finance and Works Committee were very favourably impressed with the Scheme, and were unanimous in recommending its acceptance by the present meeting.

On a discussion which followed this report, the Mayor contended that the financial provisions of the Housing Bill above referred to were not as favourable as those of the previous Acts passed by the Oireachtas, and that under it houses similar to those now being built at Maudlintown for which an economic rent of 6/6 per week was to be charged could not be let at a lesser rent than 7/7 per week, which was too much to expect workmen to pay in view of the rate of wages at present prevailing, and that the Bill appeared to have been drafted to suit Dublin, Cork and Limerick, but as to the field proposed to be acquired, the meeting considered it an admirable site from every point of view, and that it should be acquired forthwith.

Thereupon on the motion of Alderman Connolly, seconded by Councillor Ross, it was unanimously

RESOLVED:- That the recommendation of the Finance and Works Committee as to the acquisition of field at Whitemill as a site for eighty-two working class dwellings (of three and four rooms each) containing 3 acres, 3 roods and 30 perches, and held in fee simple by Mrs. Margaret Kirwan, be acquired for £350; and that the Minister for Local Government and Public Health be requested to sanction this proposal.

It was further agreed if such sanction were forthcoming, and a contribution from the Relief of Unemployment Grant received, that a number of the unemployed be engaged to commence the work of developing the place forthwith.

The advisability of formulating a Scheme for the erection of a further six four-room houses on vacant ground at Davitt Road North was considered.

It was explained that these dwellings would be of a type similar to the twelve already completed on Davitt Road, South, but as a higher rent than that charged for these twelve would have to be fixed consequent on the financial provisions of the present Housing Bill, it was thought that before the work of erection was put in hands, an advertisement should be inserted in the local press inviting would-be tenants to notify the Council of their willingness to occupy the houses at the rent to be decided upon.

The meeting agreed that this would be a prudent course to follow, and so it was unanimously agreed that the Housing Committee be empowered to go fully into the question of erecting the six houses above referred to, and when the Scheme was prepared, together with a full estimate of cost and rent to be charged it should be submitted to the Council for approval or otherwise,

A letter was read from Mr. William Browne, of the Paythe, offering to sell his land at the Bolly as a building site for a sum of £350.

The place was held in fee simple and contained 2 1/2 Statute acres, subject to a Land Commission

A letter from the Department of Local Government and Public Health under date of the 10th November, 1931, and numbered 8656S, was read. It enclosed an extract from a Return furnished by the Medical Officer of Wexford Dispensary District for half-year ended 30th September last, which showed that there were 834 vaccination defaulters in the Borough, and called upon the Council to take energetic action to compel all such defaulters to comply with the Vaccination Laws. The meeting was informed that the Minister not alone desired legal proceedings to be taken against all delinquents, but wished those already prosecuted and who had not obeyed the Law to be again summoned under Section 147 of the Public Health (Ireland) Act, 1878 for their continuing offence of non-compliance.

There was also read a resolution received from Waterford Corporation requesting the Government to amend the Vaccination Acts in favour of parents who believed that vaccination would be prejudicial to the health of their children.

On the motion of the Mayor, seconded by Councillor Murphy, it was unanimously resolved to defer consideration of the whole matter until next Statutory Meeting, at which meeting a statement of the cost of recent proceedings against vaccination defaulters was to be submitted.

The Mayor made a report on the advisability of acquiring a field at Whitemill as a site for a large number of working class dwellings. He stated that the field in question, which was situate within the Borough, was held in fee simple by the widow of the late James Kirwan, of Carrigeen, and contained 3 acres, 3 roods and 30 perches. It was capable of accommodating 82 houses, and could be purchased out-and-out for a sum of £350. This price compared favourably with the price paid for building ground in other parts of the Town, and the Finance and Works Committee, who had had the matter before them, approved of the land being acquired.

The Housing Committee, in view of the Housing (Miscellaneous Provisions) Bill, at present before the Oireachtas, were anxious to secure a site which would enable houses to be provided for the tenants of slum property which it was hoped to demolish with as little delay as possible after the Bill had become Law, and the field in question was an admirable site for this purpose, and as well, would leave ample ground for the erection of houses of a better class later on.

The Bill simplified the procedure for the demolition of slums, and it was intended, if the Council saw fit to acquire the ground, to proceed with the erection of a certain number of three-room houses thereon at a cost of £230 per house.

The money to be raised for the purpose would be borrowed from the Commissioners of Public Works for a period of thirty-five years, the interest chargeable being at the rate of $5\frac{1}{2}$ per cent. per annum, and it should be repaid in equal half-yearly instalments with interest on the balance from time to time outstanding, this being a departure from the annuity system of repayment in operation for recent Housing Schemes.

The Government, instead of the Grant given under former Housing Legislation, proposed now to bear 30 per cent. of the Loan charges conditional on the Council being responsible for payment of a further 30 per cent., so that the tenants would only be obliged to bear the remaining 40 per cent., but as well, they would have to pay a certain sum in lieu of rates, for insurance, depreciation, etc., which would bring the rent up to $5\frac{1}{4}$ per house per week, but if no provision was made for depreciation for the first five years after the houses were completed, then they could be let without any loan charges payable at $4\frac{1}{5}$ per house per week, and this was as much as the tenants of the houses/it was proposed to demolish could afford to pay.

4th January, 1932.

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: Thomas Hayes, Nicholas Connolly, Richard Gibson, Thomas Rossiter.

Councillors: Edward Bolger, Thomas Walsh, Thomas Buckland, James Murphy, Garrett Donohoe, Patrick Clancy, John Atkins, Cyril Ross, and John J. O'Leary.

The minutes of meeting of 14th December, 1931, were read and signed.

Liabilities which had accrued due up to the end of last month, amounting, in the aggregate, to £2,626 - 14 - 1, were submitted, and having been examined were approved, and an Advice Note was signed to enable them to be discharged.

Included in this total was an item of £350 being the purchase-price of field at Whitemill Road acquired as a site for working class dwellings.

The Minister for Local Government and Public Health, by letter of 17th December, 1931, No. 97950, had expressed approval to the acquisition of this field at the agreed-upon price, and as well, pending the receipt of the requisite Housing Loan, had sanctioned the obtainment of an overdraft of £400 up to 31st March next for the development of the site, and it was by means of this overdraft that the payment of the purchase money was now made possible.

In connection with this matter there was laid before the meeting a Conveyance in fee-simple of the field, which had been prepared by the Corporation Solicitor, and duly executed by the Vendor, Mrs. Margaret Kirwan, to which the Seal of the Corporation was now affixed and attested by the signatures of the Mayor and the Town Clerk.

The Mayor alluded in sympathetic terms to the unexpected and regretted demise of the late Councillor Goodison, which took place since last meeting, at which he was present, and proposed that the present meeting should stand adjourned until Monday, 11th instant, at 7-30 p. m., as a mark of respect to his memory.

He said that Councillor Goodison during his term of office was recognized as an upright and far-seeing public representative, who worked whole-heartedly for the good of his native town, and his loss would be felt not only by his colleagues on the Council, but by the poor of Wexford whom it was his earnest desire always to serve.

Councillor Ross in a few well-chosen words, regretfully seconded the proposition, which was supported by all the members present, and was adopted in respectful silence.

Before the meeting separated, it was decided, on the motion of the Mayor, seconded by Alderman Connolly, to convey to Mr. M. J. O'Connor, Corporation Solicitor, the sympathy of the Council on the recent death of his brother, the late Sir James O'Connor, a former Lord Justice of Appeal under the British regime, whose intellectual gifts were of a very high order and shed lustre on his native town of Wexford.

The meeting then arose.

Richard Corish
Mayor

annuity of £9.

It was agreed that Mr. O'Malley, Housing Inspector, of the Department of Local Government and Public Health, who was expected in Wexford in a day or two, should be asked to inspect this land and give his opinion as to its suitability as a site for working class dwellings. In accordance with notice given at the Finance and Works Committee on the 7th instant, Councillor Goodison moved:

"That consequent on the expenses which His Worship the Mayor will have to defray in the year 1932 in representing Wexford at the Eucharistic Congress, and at the Celebrations in connection with the conversion to Christianity of Ireland by Saint Patrick, his salary for the three quarters ended on the 31st December, 1931; 31st March, 1932; and 30th June, 1932; be increased by £25 per quarter, but after this latter date such extra remuneration will cease to be paid."

The motion was seconded by Alderman Connolly, but as a certain amount of opposition became apparent, Councillor Goodison, at the request of the Mayor, withdrew it.

On the motion of the Mayor, seconded by Alderman Billington, it was decided that the range of fourteen houses now almost completed at Maudlintown be known in future as "St. Magdalen's Terrace". A letter from the Irish Live Stock Exporters' and Traders' Association Limited, of Dublin, was read.

Its purport was to exhort the live stock exporters and farmers of Wexford County to give whole-hearted support to the Wexford Steamship Company trading between Wexford and Birkenhead, in view of the attempts which were being made by a rival foreign Company to drive the Wexford Company out of existence.

The Association had given the local Company, which had recently extended its activities between Dublin and Birkenhead, their unanimous support, and in view of the policy which Coast Lines Limited had recently adopted of reducing their rates for the transport of live stock to an uneconomic figure in an attempt to injure the Wexford Company, it was most important that the latter should receive all the encouragement possible, as it was certain, if the service were withdrawn, that the reduction in freight made by Coast Lines Limited would prove of short duration.

The meeting fully approved of the tone of this communication, and expressed a hope that all local shippers and traders would avail of the service of the Wexford Steamship Company for their sea-borne traffic whenever possible, but at the same time a suggestion was thrown out to the proprietors to see that their employees were being paid a fair rate of wages.

A Resolution received from the Tipperary (S.R.) County Council calling for the initiation of a new Housing Scheme on National lines, the finances for which should be provided by the flotation of a Loan, was marked "read" in view of the Housing Legislation at present before the Oireachtas.

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Road, North, the three-room houses, as already decided upon, to be reserved for the occupants of slum dwellings in various parts of the town which it was intended to demolish in the near future.

The cost of the first-mentioned Scheme, including £1,100 towards the acquisition of the field and its development, would amount to £7,918, and of the second £1,500.

The total cost of development was estimated to reach £1,400, but by letter under date of the 17th December, 1931, No. 97950, the Minister for Local Government and Public Health intimated that a Grant of £700 had been allocated from the Relief of Unemployment Fund towards the work which was already proceeding, so that it was necessary to include in the Loan of £7,918 now proposed to be raised, the other £700 required.

The rent intended to be charged for the three-room houses was 4/5 per house per week, while a rent of 7/7 would need to be charged for the bungalows to be built on Davitt Road, North, for the reasons explained at meeting of the 14th ultimo.

The meeting were unanimously in favour of both Schemes being carried out with all possible despatch, the Housing Committee having spent much thought and time on their preparation, and accordingly, on the motion of Councillor Crosbie, seconded by Councillor T. Walsh, it was resolved:-

That the erection, by direct labour, of 28 three-room houses on Whitemill Road for displaced occupiers of slum property, be proceeded with, and that the Minister for Local Government and Public Health be requested to sanction the obtainment of the requisite Loan of £7,918 from the Commissioners of Public Works, said Loan to include a sum of £1,100 towards the development of the entire field as well as for its acquisition.

It was further resolved on the motion of Alderman Connolly, seconded by Councillor Ross:

That the provision of six four-room bungalows on Davitt Road, North, to be also built by direct labour, be hereby approved, and that the Minister for Local Government and Public Health be requested to sanction the raising of a Loan of £1,500 from the Commissioners of Public Works for the purpose.

Formal applications for the requisite sanctions were thereupon duly signed by the Mayor and the Town Clerk.

On the motion of Councillor Atkins, seconded by Councillor Bergin, it was decided to invite, by advertisement in the local newspapers, applications for the six houses to be built on Davitt Road, so that the Council might have some idea of the demand for dwellings of this class.

A letter was read from the Chief Executive Officer of the Town of Wexford Vocational Education Committee intimating that vacancies existed on the Committee consequent on two members having left Wexford permanently, and stating that the Committee wished that Mr. James J. Stafford, of Cromwell's Port, and Miss Mortimer, the Manageress of the Celtic Laundry, might be selected to fill these two vacancies.

Accordingly, it was proposed by Councillor Bergin, seconded by Alderman Hayes, and unanimously resolved:-

That Mr. James J. Stafford and Miss Mortimer be elected as members of the Vocational Education Committee for the unexpired periods of office of the Rev. Brother Lutteral and Mr. John Martin.

11th January, 1932.

An adjourned 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, Thomas Rossiter, Thomas Hayes, Nicholas Connolly.

Councillors: Cyril Ross, Patrick Clancy, Thomas Walsh, John Atkins, Garrett Donohoe, Thomas Buckland, Myles Bergin, James Murphy, James Crosbie, Edward Bolger, William J. Power, and Michael Martin.

The minutes of meeting of the 4th instant were read and signed.

The question of instituting legal proceedings against all vaccination defaulters in the Borough, whether already prosecuted or not, a matter which had been adjourned from meeting of 14th December last, was again taken up.

Communications from the Minister for Local Government and Public Health of 10th November and 23rd December, 1931, advocating energetic action to ensure that the vaccination laws would be complied with, were read, and a statement as to the result of proceedings taken against 57 defaulters between August, 1930, and June, 1931, was submitted.

This showed that the legal expenses attendant on these proceedings amounted to £34 - 12 - 0, and that the amount of fines and costs recovered was only £3 - 3 - 0.

As a result of the proceedings, 21 of those prosecuted had had their children subsequently vaccinated, while 31 others, although fined, still refused to comply with the law, while in the remaining five cases, certificates were produced to show that the children concerned were unfit for vaccination.

It was explained that the Minister expected that the above 31 delinquents should again be proceeded against under Section 147 of the Public Health Act, 1878, as well as a number of the 834 defaulters resident in the Borough on 30th September last under the Vaccination Acts.

In the course of a discussion on this matter, the heavy legal costs which a large number of prosecutions would entail, was alluded to, as was also the comparative failure of previous prosecutions to attain the end aimed at, and it was also pointed out that at the present time many children were suffering from mal-nutrition consequent on the large number of unemployed in the Town, and so, taking all these circumstances into account, it was proposed by Councillor Thomas Walsh, seconded by Alderman Connolly, and unanimously resolved:

That the question of instituting proceedings under the Public Health and Vaccination Acts against defaulting parents, be adjourned for a period of two months.

It was further resolved, on the motion of Councillor Thomas Walsh, seconded by Alderman Connolly, to adopt a Resolution forwarded by the Waterford Corporation in the following terms:

"That the Government be requested to amend the Law dealing with vaccination so that persons who believe that vaccination would be prejudicial to the health of their children will not be liable for penalties under the Vaccination Acts."

Referring to minutes of 14th December last, recommendations from the Housing Committee were considered.

The first advocated the erection of 25 three-room two-storey houses on a portion of field at Whitmill Road, and the second the provision of six good class four-room bungalows at Davitt

walls with inscriptions in tar or paint during the course of the contest, as it was almost impossible to remove the inscriptions which remained a permanent eyesore, and this appeal was warmly supported by all the members present at the meeting.

Richard Corish
Mayor.
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1st February, 1932.

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, Thomas Hayes, Nicholas Connolly, Thomas Rossiter, and Richard Gibson.

Councillors: Cyril Ross, Myles Bergin, Patrick Clancy, Thomas Walsh, Garrett Donohoe, John J. O'Leary, James Murphy, Thomas Buckland, Edward Bolger, James Gaul, James Crosbie.

The minutes of proceedings of meeting of 11th January, 1932, were read and signed.

Liabilities which had accrued due up to the end of last month, amounting, in the aggregate, to £1,411 - 12 - 1 were submitted, and having been examined were approved, and an Advice Note was signed to enable them to be discharged.

Miss Bridget Goodison of John Street, by letter, sincerely thanked the Council for the vote of condolence tendered to her on the death of her brother, the late Councillor William Goodison.

Referring to minutes of last meeting, on which occasion it was decided to defer action in the matter of instituting legal proceedings against vaccination defaulters in the Borough for a period of two months, a letter under date of the 26th January, 1932, No. 5682, from the Minister for Local Government and Public Health was read, requesting to be informed of the reasons which led the Council to come to such decision.

It was decided again to inform the Minister that in view of the heavy legal expenses which a large number of prosecutions would entail, having regard to the fact that the net cost of proceedings already taken against 57 delinquents had amounted to £31 - 9 - 0, as well as to the comparative failure of recent prosecutions to compel parents to obey the vaccination laws, and also to the fact that a large number of children were in a delicate state of health owing to the scarcity of employment in the Town, the Council, on 11th ultimo, arrived at the conclusion that it would be wise to adjourn the question of taking proceedings until meeting due to be held on 7th March next, and that since that decision had been arrived at an outbreak of Mumps through the town was, in the opinion of the present meeting, a further cogent reason for suspending legal action at the present time.

A report from Mr. B. G. Fagan, Borough Analyst, on the 42 articles of food submitted to him for analysis in quarter ended on 31st December last was read.

This showed that he had examined 13 samples of milk, 7 of butter, 5 of cheese 4 of whiskey, 4 of tea, 2 of dripping, 2 of marmalade, 1 of jam, 1 of bread, 1 of butter, 1 of sausage, 1 of white pudding, skim-milk, and Sandeman's Port wine, and that with the exception of one sample of

The advisability of providing facilities for weighing potatoes sold in bulk in Cornmarket was considered.

It appeared that members had received many complaints as to sacks of potatoes purchased from farmers in the Market falling far short of their reputed weight when tested, and it was urged that a beam and scales should be available for those who wished to have the weight of their purchases verified.

It was recalled that some years ago a private individual had provided at his own expense a scales for this purpose, for the use of which he charged a small fee, but that this custom had lapsed for a considerable time.

From a report submitted by the Town Surveyor it appeared that there was a beam and scales in store, and that to procure the requisite weights and a tripod for it would entail an outlay of £5 - 13 - 6.

It was stated by a member that a person resident in Cornmarket was willing to take charge of the scales and set it up on Market Days for the fees which he would receive for its use, and so, on the motion of Alderman Connolly, seconded by Councillor Crosbie, it was decided to expend a sum of £5 - 13 - 6 in putting the beam and scales into proper order.

It was further decided to have a list of conditions governing their use drawn up, and an advertisement inserted in the local Press inviting applications from persons willing to act as Weighmaster for the fees to be paid by those using the scales.

The Corporation of Cork, by letter dated 30th December, 1931, bespoke support for the Irish Agricultural and Industrial Fair and Exhibition to be held in that City from May to September next, and suggested that the Council should avail of the project to draw attention to the resources of Wexford by applying for space which would be utilized for making a display of the commercial, industrial, and educational resources of the town.

It was held that this matter was one for the attention of the local Development Association, to which it was referred on the motion of the Mayor, seconded by Alderman Billington.

On the motion of Councillor Murphy, seconded by Councillor Atkins, the following resolution received from the Leitrim County Council was unanimously adopted, although for over 60 years work was entirely suspended throughout the Diocese of Ferns on Catholic Holydays.

"That we resolve that no business shall be transacted by the Council, its officers or servants, and no meetings shall be held on Catholic Holydays. Business should be transacted as usual on all other holidays."

Councillor Ross alluded to the many acts of charity performed for the sick poor of the town during the past year by Sister Borgia of the Community of the Nuns of St. John of God. The visits of the Sister had done much to alleviate the sufferings and privations of indigent invalids, and it was but fitting that the Council should put on record their appreciation of good work nobly done.

Councillor Bolger and the Mayor added their testimony as to the beneficent daily activities of Sister Borgia during 1931, and the meeting as a whole thoroughly endorsed these expressions of appreciation.

The Mayor alluded to the forthcoming General Election, and made an earnest appeal to the partizans of the different political parties in the town to refrain from disfiguring the dead

The other two candidate were not proposed, and so a poll was taken as between Mr. Roche and Mrs. Connors with the following result.

For Roche	Councillors Bolger, Murphy, O'Leary, Donohoe, Walsh, Clancy, Ross, Aldermen Hayes and Billington, and the Mayor-----	10
For Mrs. Connors.	Councillors Crosbie, Gaul, Buckland, Bergin, Aldermen Rossiter Gibson and Connolly -----	7

Mr. Roche was thereupon elected as Weighmaster.

As complaints had been received by members from time to time about farmers selling farm produce from carts from street to street to the detriment of local shopkeepers, and as the weight of potatoes so purchased was often open to question, it was decided, on the motion of Alderman Billington, seconded by Councillor Ross, to appoint a Committee to go into the whole matter carefully, and see what means could be found to regulate the sale of such commodities throughout the town, having in view the fact that the Street Trading Act, 1926, was in full force in the Borough.

The following members were named to serve on this Committee: Aldermen Billington, Hayes, Connolly, and Councillors Clancy, T. Walsh, Bolger, and the Mayor.

Resolutions received from the People's Rights Association demanding a public inquiry into the conditions existing in Arbour Hill Military Prison, and from Clann Na nGaedheal protesting against the action of the Government in Supporting by public money the erection in Dublin of a Memorial to the Irishmen who fell in the Great War, were ruled out of order by the Mayor, on the ground that it was not the function of the Council to deal with such questions, and a further Resolution from New Ross Urban Council asking the Government not to enforce the proposed reduction of five per cent. in the salaries of the Garda Síochána, was not moved, as according to the latest information available this matter had been satisfactorily settled.

Councillor Clancy alluded to the approaching General Election, and urged the Council to do everything in their power to assure that as many of the unemployed as possible would be engaged to act as Presiding Officers and Poll Clerks.

It was explained that the employment of all the necessary officials rested solely with Mr. Dwyer, the Returning Officer, who was responsible for the proper conduct of the Election, but nevertheless it was decided to approach Mr. Dwyer, and ask him to find positions for as many competent out-of-work people as he possibly could.

Councillor Buckland called attention to a complaint, which according to the local newspapers had been made by Mr. Barry, County Surveyor, at a recent meeting of the County Council as to the Redmond Road having been opened without his permission.

This thoroughfare was one of the Main Roads within the Borough, and it seemed that Messrs. M. O'Connor & Co., Building Contractors, who had to excavate in order to connect a water supply from the main in the roadway, had asked for and secured the permission of the Borough Surveyor to do the necessary work on condition that the surface would be re-instated in a satisfactory manner, but the County Surveyor held that such permission should have been obtained from him.

It was submitted that Messrs. O'Connor had adopted the proper procedure, as the roadway in question, though vested in the County Council, was maintained under contract by the

milk, and one of dripping, all the other articles were found to be genuine.

The defective sample of milk had been deprived of 11.7% of its fats, and the dripping contained 10.0% of water.

With reference to these two samples, a report from the local Inspector of Food and Drugs was read, wherein he stated that the vendor of the milk had been prosecuted at the District Court on 18th December last, but that the case had been dismissed on the defendant undertaking to pay the Analyst's fee as well as £1 towards the prosecuting Solicitor's costs, and that the shopkeeper from whom the dripping had been purchased had been proceeded against on 13th ultimo, when the case was dismissed under the Probation of Offenders Act, on condition that he paid the Analyst's fee and £1 as costs.

Referring to minutes of last meeting, on which occasion it was decided to invite by advertisement applications from persons willing to act as Weighmaster at a Scales to be provided in Cornmarket for weighing potatoes in bulk, it was reported that four applications had been received for the position on the conditions drawn up by the Finance and Works Committee on 25th ultimo. These conditions were now read over to the present meeting, and were unanimously approved, as follows:-

1. The Weighing Machine, which will be stored in the Town Hall, will be in the sole charge of the person appointed, but it is to remain the property of the Corporation, and must be returned to them in good order if the weighmaster resigns the position, or if, for any reason, the Corporation wishes to dispense with his or her services, which may be done on one week's notice.
2. The Scales must be set up in Cornmarket on all Wednesdays and Saturdays throughout the year (with the exception of the Wednesdays and Saturdays in May, June, and July) and must be available on such days from 9-0 a. m. to 1-0 p. m., and the Weighmaster must be in personal attendance at the Scales between these hours.

There is no objection, however, to the Scales being available during the months of May, June, and July, if the Weighmaster so desires.

3. The fee to be charged to the seller of potatoes who uses the scales, which fee is to be retained by the Weighmaster, will be at the rate of one penny for every bag of ten stones, or part of ten stones.
4. The weights and Scales are to be always kept clean and in perfect condition, and must be sent by the Weighmaster to be tested by the Inspector of Weights and Measures annually, the charge for such test to be defrayed by the Corporation, and the weights and Scales to be conveyed by them to the Office of the Inspector.
5. The person appointed is not to be classed as an Officer of the Corporation, and if his or her services are at any time dispensed with, he, or she, will not be entitled to any compensation for any loss which he or she may sustain by being deprived of the position of Weighmaster.

6. The Weighmaster must furnish, every Monday morning to the Town Clerk, a Return of the quantity of potatoes weighed by him or her on the Weighing Machine during the previous week.

The four applications for the post were then opened and were found to be from Patrick Sinnott, of Duke Street; Patrick Boyce, of Cornmarket; Bridget Connors, of Cornmarket; and Thomas Roche, of John's Gate Street.

Alderman Connolly thereupon proposed that Bridget Connors be selected for the position, and Councillor Bergin seconded this proposition; while Councillor Walsh proposed that Thomas Roche be selected, this proposal being seconded by Alderman Hayes.

"That we extend our greetings to Mr. de Valera as the future President of the Irish Free State, and request him to use all his efforts to secure peace and prosperity for our native land."

The question of instituting legal proceedings under the Vaccination and Public Health Acts against all vaccination defaulters in the Borough, a matter which was adjourned on 11th January last to present meeting, was again brought forward, but on the motion of Councillor Ross, seconded by Councillor Thomas Walsh, it was unanimously

RESOLVED: That a decision on the advisability of carrying out prosecutions against parents who have failed to comply with the Vaccination Laws be still further adjourned to enable the incoming Government to deal in a sympathetic manner with this vexed question. It was also decided to forward to the Deputy to be appointed as Minister for Local Government and Public Health a copy of Resolution adopted on 11th January last calling for an amendment of the Vaccination Acts.

As per notice given at a recent meeting of the Finance and Works Committee, Councillor

Thomas Walsh moved:- That the annual subscription of the Council to the funds of the Association of Municipal Authorities of Ireland be increased from £2 - 2 - 0 to £5 - 5 - 0 in accordance with decision come to at last Annual Congress of the Association.

The proposition was seconded by Alderman Connolly, and a letter from the Honorary Secretaries of the Association was read explaining that it had been found necessary to increase the annual membership subscription, as income on the existing basis was found insufficient to meet annual expenditure.

The motion on being put to the meeting, was declared carried, but with Councillors Bolger and McMahon dissenting.

Councillor Bolger, in accordance with notice already given by him moved:

"That the Obelisk at Monument Place be demolished, as it is in a very defective condition, and in danger of collapse."

It was explained that a recent examination of the Obelisk, which had been erected about the year 1800 in memory of a Major Vallotton of the English Army, showed that the top course had become loose and was out of plumb, and that the whole structure required to be overhauled.

The Council had power to remove the Monument, if they so desired, as from an examination of the Corporation Records, it seemed safe to assume that a former Corporation had given permission for its erection, seeing that Municipal Funds had been expended on its upkeep, but before coming to any decision on the matter, it was decided to insert an advertisement in the local Press asking for representations from any persons who from sentimental or historical reasons were averse to the demolition of the Obelisk, and would prefer to have it repaired.

On the motion of the Mayor, seconded by Councillor Thomas Walsh, it was decided to appoint Garda Peter Smith to act as Inspector of Food and Drugs for the Borough, pursuant to Section 13 of the Sale of Food and Drugs Act, 1875, in place of Garda Cornelius Driscoll. As the sixth Annual Meeting of the Irish Public Bodies Mutual Insurance Ltd., (of which the Council was a member) would take place on an early date, it was unanimously resolved, on the motion of Councillor Thomas Walsh, seconded by Councillor Bolger, to nominate

Corporation, and so the Borough Surveyor was the person responsible for its proper upkeep, subject, of course, to the ultimate satisfaction of the County Surveyor.

It was therefore decided to communicate with Mr. Barry on this matter, and to inform him that in all such cases the Corporation considered that a notice to the Borough Surveyor of intended interference with any of the Main Roads inside the town should suffice, as if not a dual responsibility for their proper maintenance would arise, which, it was feared, would prove very unsatisfactory; and as well, to remind him that there had been no departure, so far as the giving of notice was concerned, from the practice adopted since 1926 when these roads for the first time were maintained as "main Roads" by the Corporation.

Richard Corish
Mayor. 4. 3. 32

7th March, 1932.

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

The members present were:-

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

Aldermen: James Billington, Thomas Hayes, Nicholas Connolly, Richard Gibson, and Thomas Rossiter.

Councillors: John Walsh, James Crosbie, Edward Bolger, Garrett Donohoe, Cyril Ross, Thomas Buckland, Thomas Walsh, James Murphy, James McMahon, Patrick Clancy, William J. Power, John Atkins, Myles Bergin, and Michael Martin.

The minutes of last meeting were taken as read and were thereupon signed.

Liabilities which had accrued due up to the end of last month, amounting, in the aggregate, to £3,084 - 10 - 1, were submitted, and having been examined were approved, and an Advice Note was signed to enable them to be discharged.

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Alderman/offered his congratulations to His Worship the Mayor on his re-election to Dail Eireann as one of the five Representatives of County Wexford, and felt assured that the interests of his Constituents, especially those of his native town, would continue to receive that close attention which was characteristic of Alderman Corish since his first election as Deputy over ten years ago. Councillors McMahon, Ross, John Walsh, Thomas Walsh, and Murphy, also expressed much gratification at the success of the Mayor, who, in thanking the members for their expressions of good will, promised to continue his efforts to ameliorate the condition of the people, but more especially of the unemployed, and expressed special gratification at the enormous number of "first preferences" which he had received from the electors of the Borough.

The following resolution was then proposed by Councillor Clancy.

"That we congratulate Mr. de Valera, T.D., our future President in the new Dail."

This was seconded by Councillor Murphy.

The wording of this Resolution created a certain amount of objection, but eventually the following motion was substituted therefor with the consent of Councillors Clancy and Murphy, and was unanimously adopted.

14th March, 1932.

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 examine, and adopt in their entirety, or with any amendments considered necessary, Estimates of sums to be raised by means of Borough Rate, of Rate in lieu of County Cess, and of Water Rates, to enable the various Municipal services to be efficiently carried on during the Financial Year commencing on 1st proximo, and to agree on the rate in the Pound of such Rates; to re-appoint, if thought well, on existing conditions, and subject to Departmental sanction, Mr. John Mullins, V. S., as Meat Inspector for a further year from 18th May next; and to accept a tender for a supply of new milk to be provided under the Maternity and Child Welfare Scheme for one year from 1st April, 1932.

The members present were:-

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

Aldermen: Thomas Hayes, Richard Gibson, Thomas Rossiter, Nicholas Connolly.

Councillors: Thomas Buckland, James Murphy, Myles Bergin, Patrick Clancy, Thomas Walsh, William J. Power, John Atkins, Cyril Ross, Garrett Donohoe, and James Crosbie.

At the opening of the meeting, Councillor Clancy asked for permission to introduce a Resolution congratulating the political prisoners on their recent release by the newly-formed Saorstát Government.

The Mayor refused to accept the resolution on the grounds that it was of a political nature and outside the province of the Council, and declined to alter his ruling, notwithstanding Councillor Clancy's repeated efforts to have the motion considered, whereupon the latter withdrew from the meeting as a protest against the Mayor's action.

In presenting the Estimates, copies of which had been furnished beforehand to members, the Mayor explained that they had been carefully prepared by a Committee specially appointed for the purpose, and dwelt on the sound financial position of the Council, notwithstanding the fact that no less a sum than £31,851 - 2 - 2 had been expended during the year now drawing to a close, which included payment of the full instalments of Loans due, together with interest accrued thereon. He informed the meeting that on 1st April last the amount of Loans outstanding was £35,081 - 5 - 11, of which £21,538 - 19 - 3 had, from time to time, been raised for the erection of working class dwellings, the balance having been procured for the improvement of Coolree Reservoir, the renewal of water mains, sewers, etc., and as the Valuation of the Town was £21,346, it could be seen that the borrowing powers of the Council were by no means exhausted, as Housing Loans were disregarded when computing such powers.

He called attention to the serious diminution for rating purposes of the Valuation of the Town owing to the operation of the Local Government Acts of 1925 and 1927, and to the several Housing Acts passed within the last ten years, which had the effect of reducing the amount realizable by a rate of one penny in the Pound by about £4.

He also referred to the generous sums which had been spent in the current year on a daily supply of hot meals for necessitous school children, and stated that as well, under the Maternity and Child Welfare Scheme in operation, 875 gallons of new milk had been given

Alderman Rossiter to be present at the meeting, and vote on any matter which might arise thereat, as seemed to him proper, as provided for by the Local Government (Mutual Assurance) Act, 1926, this gentleman having acted in this capacity since the formation of the Company.

An invitation for the Council to participate in a Celebration to be held on 17th instant to commemorate the 15th Centenary of the coming of St. Patrick to Ireland was read from the Parochial Committee in charge of the arrangements, and it was unanimously agreed that the Corporation should be present in a Body on the occasion, attended by the Sergeant-at-Mace. At the request of the League of the Kingship of Christ, Dublin, a resolution forwarded by that Association, was unanimously adopted.

It was proposed by Alderman Connolly, Seconded by Councillor Atkins, and ran as follows:

"Since it is clear that the circulation of foreign literature of a degrading character is a danger to our Christian Standards and Irish culture, and since the existing laws are inadequate in face of the magnitude of the evil, the Ard Eheis is of opinion that a fundamental change in the laws is urgently needed so that the evil may be effectively counteracted. Hence it demands that no foreign publication shall be allowed into this Country for circulation unless under licence, and that the necessary legislation be immediately introduced."

The following resolution which had been received from the Urban Council of Cobh was also unanimously adopted, on the motion of Councillor Thomas Walsh, seconded by Councillor Ross, viz.:-

"That knowing the views and necessities of the people of this Town, we, their representatives, request of the new Government that a 'Town Tenants Bill' in keeping with the requirements of the people in Urban Areas, be introduced at an early date."

Mr. Thomas Doyle, proprietor of the Capitol Cinema, South Main Street, applied for renewal of licence under the Cinematograph Act, 1909, for a further year.

It was stated that the house had been properly conducted during the past twelve months, and all the Regulations made by the Council strictly complied with, and so, on the motion of Alderman Hayes, seconded by Councillor Ross, it was unanimously agreed that the licence should be renewed for the ensuing twelve months, no restrictions except those embodied in the expiring licence being deemed necessary.

The Mayor referred to the unsatisfactory condition of the surface of the Main Roads inside the Borough, which had not received the attention they needed for the past three or four years, consequent on the County Council not having provided sufficient funds for their adequate maintenance, and read a letter which he had addressed to the Minister for Local Government and Public Health advocating the re-construction of the Main Roads along John Street, and part of Trinity Street and Maudlintown at a cost of £1,487, and pressing that this amount might be allocated from the Road Fund for the purpose.

As a result of his efforts, intimation had been sent to the County Council that the Minister for Finance had authorized a Grant of £1,463 for the upkeep of the roads in question, and much gratification was expressed by the meeting at the successful outcome of the Mayor's efforts, which as well as putting these thoroughfares into a proper condition, would provide work for some of the unemployed labourers in the town.

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The overwhelming opinion of the meeting was that the appointment had in every way justified itself, as the townspeople were now assured of a sound meat supply, and accordingly, on the motion of Alderman Connolly, seconded by Alderman Gibson, it was resolved to re-appoint for a further year, as from 18th May next, Mr. John Mullins, V. S., to act as Meat Inspector in the Borough, and Meat Examiner for the Department of Agriculture, at a salary of £450, two-thirds of which should be refunded by that Department, and that the sanction of the Minister for Local Government and Public Health, and of the Minister for Agriculture be requested to this arrangement.

It was reported that tenders had been invited by advertisement in the local press for a daily supply of not less than eleven gallons of new milk for year commencing on 1st April next, and that only one tender had been received.

This was found to be from the present Contractor, Mr. J. Barry Walker, of Latimerstown, who undertook to deliver the milk at the price charged in the current year, namely at the rate of elevenpence a gallon.

He was willing to comply with all the conditions of the contract, one of which was that the milk should be obtained from a tubercle free herd, and that it should be subject to bacteriological examination and analysis at any time, and as he had given the greatest satisfaction for the past twelve months, the tender was accepted, on the motion of Alderman Hayes, seconded by Councillor Buckland.

The Borough Rate Estimate was then considered. It was seen that it would be necessary to provide a sum of £4,176 - 1 - 11 to meet the various services chargeable on the Borough Fund, for which a rate of four shillings and sixpence in the Pound was necessary, and attention was called to three items which were specially provided for.

The first was a sum of £77 to provide Official robes for the members of the Council in view of the approaching Eucharistic Congress in Dublin, the second was an addition of £50 to the Mayor's salary, and the third was a sum of £40 for two subsidies under Section 63 of the Housing (Miscellaneous Provisions) Act, 1931.

It was pointed out that the provision of robes was not a legal charge on the Rates, but nevertheless in view of the importance of the Congress, and as well, bearing in mind the many functions which the Council were expected to attend in a body, it was felt that the dignity of the Municipality should be upheld, and so it was decided to allow the item to stand.

As to the salary to be paid to the Mayor, it was recognized that he would have to meet extra expenses in representing Wexford at the various ceremonies during Congress Week, and so, on the motion of Alderman Connolly, seconded by Councillor Crosbie, it was

RESOLVED: That in view of the personal expenses which the Mayor will have to meet while representing the Town at the Eucharistic Congress to be held in June next, the salary attaching to the Office be increased in the ensuing Financial Year by a sum of £50, £25 of which is to be paid in respect of quarter ending on 31st March instant, and the remaining £25 in respect of quarter ending on 30th June next.

It was also decided to raise the subsidy of £40 for two artisans who contemplated erecting houses for their own accommodation, and as well, to continue for a further year a donation of £10 to the Funds of the Irish Tourist Association, which body having requested a continuance of this sum.

free to poor, expectant and nursing mothers, while 3691 gallons had been supplied at half-price during the year, and explained that ample funds were being provided for a continuance of these excellent Schemes in the Estimates under review.

Dealing with these Estimates, the Mayor made it clear that full provision had been made for the efficient maintenance of the various Municipal Services, including the repayment of instalments of Loans which the Committee recommended should be raised for the steam-rolling of certain of the streets, and for the renewal of water mains in Paythe, Trinity Street, Castle Hill, and John Street and was pleased to be able to report that it had been found possible to reduce the Estimates by fourpence in the Pound under last year's total of 8/6, and paid a tribute to the Officials for their close attention to their various duties throughout the year.

The Water Rate Estimate was then examined. It was seen that to meet all the commitments payable out of this Rate, including repayment of instalment of intended Loan, a sum of £956 - 5 - 7 would have to be raised, after giving credit for the substantial amount expected to be received for water sold for manufacturing purposes, and that a rate of 1/2 in the Pound would realize this sum. Thereupon the two following resolutions were unanimously adopted.

Proposed by Councillor Thomas Walsh, seconded by Councillor Ross, and

RESOLVED. That the Minister for Local Government and Public Health be requested to sanction the obtainment of a Loan of £1,755 from the Commissioners of Public Works for the renewal of water mains in certain parts of the town, to be repaid within a period of twenty-five years with interest at the rate of $5\frac{3}{4}$ per cent. per annum.

Proposed by Alderman Connolly, seconded by Councillor Power, and

RESOLVED: That the Water Rate Estimate, as now submitted, be approved, and a Rate of 1/2 in the Pound agreed to.

Regarding the Rate in lieu of County Cess, it was found that a sum of £2,278 - 17 - 4 was required to maintain the streets, sewers and footpaths throughout the town, and that a Rate of 2/6 in the Pound would be required to raise this sum, which included provision for the repayment of instalment of Loan proposed to be borrowed for the improvement of some of the streets. Accordingly it was agreed, on the motion of Alderman Hayes, seconded by Councillor Crosbie, to fix the poundage of this Rate at 2/6, and the following resolution was also unanimously adopted in connection therewith.

Proposed by Alderman Connolly, seconded by Councillor Ross, and

RESOLVED: That application be made to the Treasurer (The National Bank) for a Loan of £1,685 for the purpose of steam-rolling four of the streets of the town, to be repaid within seven years together with interest on the principal from time to time outstanding at one-half per cent. below Irish Banks' Rate, but never to fall below four per cent.; and that the Minister for Local Government and Public Health be requested to sanction the procurement of the Loan on the above terms.

Regarding the Borough Rate Estimate, it was thought well to decide as to the continuance of the services of the Meat Inspector before it was considered.

Mr. Mullins had been appointed in May last for a period of twelve months at a salary of £450, two-thirds of which was to be refunded by the Department of Agriculture for work done by the Inspector under the Agricultural Produce (Fresh Meat) Act, 1930, and as the appointment would terminate shortly, it was necessary to renew it at the present time, if the Council thought well.

"That by virtue of the provisions of the Municipal Privilege Act, 1876, the Honorary Freedom of this, the Ancient Borough of Wexford, be conferred on His Grace, the Most Reverend Richard Lowney, D. D., Lord Archbishop of Liverpool, on the occasion of his approaching visit to the Town, as a tribute of high regard for the outstanding personality of a distinguished Prelate and a patriotic Irishman, who is also a tower of strength in maintaining the efficacy of our Christian Faith and Morals in face of the materialistic and pagan tendencies so marked in many sections of society at the present day."

It was mentioned that arrangements would now be made for the appropriate Ceremony to be carried out in a befitting manner, and that the members would receive invitations to be in attendance in a Body when the Freedom was being conferred.

There was submitted from the Department of Local Government and Public Health a circular letter under date of the 3rd March, 1932, together with an explanatory memorandum of the Housing (Miscellaneous Provisions) Act, 1931, as well as a copy of that Act.

The circular drew attention to various amendments made in former Housing Acts, and in the Small Dwellings Acquisition Acts, by the Act of 1931, and stated that the Minister considered, as the houses erected during the past ten years included comparatively few for the re-housing of people living in slum areas and insanitary dwellings owing to several adverse factors, that the Council should now concentrate on the provision of small houses of three or four rooms for the accommodation of such people.

He therefore requested that definite proposals would be formulated for the carrying out of a Housing Programme, especially for the clearance of and opening up of unhealthy areas, and the repair or demolition of insanitary dwelling houses in the Town.

The reading of this circular evoked a long discussion.

It was contended that the Housing Act of 1931 was only suitable for large Cities such as Dublin and Cork, and that under its provisions Wexford would not fare as well as it did under previous Housing Acts, as dwellings provided under these latter Statutes were self-supporting when let at a weekly rent of 6/6, whereas under the recently-passed Act, a rent of 8/6 a week would need to be charged for houses of a similar type, for which there was a great demand.

As to re-housing slum dwellers, it was asserted by the Mayor that unless better financial terms were afforded to Public Bodies the matter was not capable of solution under present Legislation, as if money for building was only to be advanced for a period of thirty-five years at 5 per cent., and the houses cost £250 per house to erect, the initial repayment of principal and interest would amount to £21 - 10 - 0, but when the thirty per cent. contributions payable by the Government and by the Council under the Act of 1931 were deducted from this sum an annual payment of £8 - 12 - 2 would have to be met by the tenant. If provision was also made in the rent for depreciation at one per cent., payment of Rates on an assumed Valuation of £5 at 15/- in the Pound, insurance and collector's commission, as in previous Schemes, the annual charge would reach £15 - 7 - 8, to meet which a rent of 5/11 a week would be required, and even if no sum was included for depreciation, the weekly rent would amount to 4/11.

From an investigation of the rents paid for houses in slum areas, it was found that they ranged from 1/7 to 2/3 per week, and it would be manifestly impossible for such people to

There was no other amendment made in the Estimate, and accordingly it was unanimously resolved on the motion of Councillor Bergin, seconded by Councillor Thomas Walsh, that the rate of the Borough Rate be fixed at Four Shillings and Sixpence.

Alderman Rossiter raised the question of the provision of an Auxiliary Fever Hospital for the District as a substitute for the former Hospital transferred to New Ross.

He laid emphasis on the serious disability from which fever patients resident in or near Wexford suffered by having to be conveyed a distance of twenty-eight miles for treatment, and reminded the meeting that this important matter had been before them on several occasions, and was as well, the subject of various representations to the Minister for Local Government and Public Health, but, so far without avail.

The Mayor undertook to take up the matter with the Minister for Local Government and Public Health, and endeavour to have satisfactory arrangements made in Wexford for the treatment of local residents who were found to be suffering from infectious disease.

R. Corish
Mayor
4. 4. 32

4th April, 1932.

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, Thomas Rossiter, Richard Gibson, Nicholas Connolly, and Thomas Hayes.

Councillors: James Gaul, Garrett Donohoe, James Murphy, Myles Bergin, Thomas Walsh, James McMahon, Patrick Clancy, John Atkins, John J. O'Leary, James Crosbie, Edward Bolger, and William J. Power..

The minutes of meetings of the 7th and 14th March, 1932, were taken as having been read, and were thereupon signed.

Liabilities which had accrued due up to the end of last month, amounting, in the aggregate, to £2,134 - 4 - 10, were submitted, and having been examined were approved, and an Advice Note was signed to enable them to be discharged.

The Mayor referred to the visit, on the 15th instant, of the Most Rev. Dr. Downey, Lord Archbishop of Liverpool, and said he was aware that the people of the Town were most anxious that the Council should pay him every possible honour as a distinguished Churchman whose mother was a native of Wexford.

The highest compliment which it was in the power of the Council to bestow was the Freedom of the Borough, and accordingly the Mayor proposed the following Resolution, which was seconded by Alderman Rossiter, and was adopted unanimously, viz.:-

The Department suggested that the appointment should be made for twelve months as from the 18th May next, and for such further period as the Council, with the consent of the Minister for Local Government and Public Health, might determine, as if this suggestion were acted upon, there would be no necessity of again approaching the Commissioners if it were considered advisable to continue the Office after the 17th May, 1933.

At the request of Councillor O'Leary, this matter was adjourned until the 11th instant pending investigation of complaint made as to the failure of Mr. Mullins to attend on a recent occasion to inspect a slaughtered pig, the property of Mr. Patrick Furlong of John Street.

With regard to the proposed demolition of the Obelisk at Monument Place, a matter which was under discussion at meeting of the 7th ult., three letters were read on the matter.

Mrs. Hadden of Wexford, and Mr. Frank Hadden, of Dublin, objected to its removal on the grounds that it was an old landmark and a familiar object in the locality, while Senator Miss Browne, of Bridgetown, pressed to have it repaired rather than demolished, as it marked a definite and tragic period of Irish History, namely, the Tithe War, of which few memorials now remained.

In view of these objections, the meeting unanimously agreed that the Monument should not be disturbed, and so it was proposed by Councillor McMahon, seconded by Councillor Gaul, and resolved. That the Surveyor take immediate steps to have the Vallotten Obelisk repaired. Councillor Gaul gave notice that on a future date he would move that the cattle drinking trough contiguous to the Obelisk be repaired and furnished with a supply of water.

The notice was accepted, and directions were given to the Town Surveyor to prepare an estimate of the cost of the work, as well as the cost of putting the other public fountains throughout the town into a thorough state of repair.

On the motion of the Mayor, seconded by Alderman Rossiter, it was decided, under Section 64 of the Towns Improvement Clauses Act, 1847, that the seven Corporation houses at Monument Place (which up to the present had not been named) should in future be known as "St. Enda's Terrace."

Councillor Clancy gave notice that at next monthly meeting he would move that the eight houses now nearing completion in Hill Street be known as "De Valera Terrace", while the Mayor intimated that on the same occasion he would propose that they should be called "St. Ita's Terrace".

Both notices were accepted.

A Circular letter dated 18th March, 1932, from the Department of Local Government and Public Health was read intimating that the rule whereby a preference of work was given to demobilized men of the National Army had been withdrawn, and that works financed wholly or in part from State Grants were, in future, to be carried out by men employed through the Local Employment Exchange.

The contents of the circular were noted, and in this connection, the Mayor intimated that he wished Councillor Martin's name substituted for his own on the Committee set up to select men for employment as occasion arose, as it was his intention not to act on this particular Committee in future.

A Resolution received from the Wexford Urban Council was considered, and after having been amended was unanimously adopted in the following form on the motion of the Mayor, seconded

meet a weekly rent of 4/11.

In view of this serious crux, the meeting felt that they could not undertake to provide dwellings for occupiers in slum areas, but it was pointed out that there were many dwellings throughout the town which, though not insanitary in the strict sense, might well be classed as such seeing that every room housed an entire family, the rent charged for each such room in many cases being from 8/- to 10/- a week, and it was thought that if the Minister, under the provisions of Section 64 (5) of the Act of 1931, would agree to make a contribution of thirty per cent. of the annual Loan charges for houses built for the accommodation of such families without insisting on the existing dwellings being demolished, the Council could, with confidence, formulate a Housing Scheme without any undue delay, and it was decided to request the Minister to be so good as to give this suggestion his earnest and favourable consideration.

As to decision come to at meeting of the 11th January last when it was decided to advertise for tenants for the houses intended to be erected on Davitt Road, North, it was reported that no fewer than thirty-one applications had been received from persons who were willing to pay a rent of 7/9 per week for these houses.

The Mayor explained that the computation as to the weekly rent had been made on the basis of a twenty per cent. subsidy of the Loan charges by the Government and by the Council, but from a perusal of the Housing Act of 1931, it now seemed that the subsidy would only amount to fifteen per cent. of such charges, which meant that a rent of 8/6 a week would have to be charged, but if only a half per cent. was charged for depreciation, the houses could be let without any loss at a rent of 8/- per week, and it was agreed to charge such a rent for the houses seeing that similar dwellings on Davitt Road, South, were let at 6/6 per house per week.

A propos of this matter a letter was read from the Department of Local Government and Public Health under date of the 21st March, 1932, No. 9408, intimating that sanction for the raising of the necessary Loan of £1,500 from the Local Loans Fund had been accorded. It would be repayable within a period of thirty-five years with interest at the rate of $5\frac{3}{4}$ per cent. per annum, but as there was a probability of more favourable terms being secured, it was unanimously resolved, on the motion of Alderman Rossiter, seconded by Councillor Atkins. That the erection of the six houses on Davitt Road, North, as already decided on, be commenced immediately the financial terms on which the Loan is to be procured will be notified, and on the assumption that such terms will be modified in favour of the Council.

It was also agreed that the tenants for the houses would be selected only from the thirty-one persons who had now made application for them.

Regarding proposed re-appointment of Mr. John Mullins as Veterinary Inspector, Etc., for a further year, a letter under date of the 31st March, 1932, No. L1211, from the Department of Agriculture was read.

This stated that subject to the consent of the Minister for Local Government and Public Health, the Department was prepared to renew the existing arrangement whereby recoupment of two-thirds of the salary of £450 to be paid to Mr. Mullins would be made for duties to be performed by him under the Agricultural Produce (Fresh Meat) Acts, 1930 and 1931, but that it was again necessary to forward a Statutory Request to the Local Appointments Commissioners for the filling of the Office, and that the Commissioners were prepared to give favourable consideration to the question of recommending Mr. Mullins's re-appointment.

I, Spanish Place,

Manchester Square, W. 1.

" To the Town Clerk,
Wexford.

" Dear Sir,

"It is with great pleasure that I have learned of the decision of your Council to confer upon me the Freedom of your City. I shall feel grateful if you will kindly convey to His Worship the Mayor, and the City Councillors my deep appreciation of this signal honour, and of the whole-hearted and warm-hearted welcome which it signifies.

"I am, Yours devotedly in Christ,

" + Richard,

"Archbishop of Liverpool."

It was reported that the Silver Casket in which the Freeman's Certificate would be enclosed for presentation to His Grace was nearing completion, and that the members would be called together on Friday next to take part in the Presentation Ceremony.

The Poor Rate Estimate was then considered. As the County Council Demand had not been received until 31st ultimo, it was impossible to have it submitted before the close of the Financial Year 1931-32 as provided by Article 80 of the Public Bodies Order, 1925, but it had been dealt with by the Finance Committee on the earliest possible occasion, namely, on Monday, the 4th instant.

From the Estimate, a copy of which had already been furnished to members, it was seen that the full amount of the Demand was £6,132 - 18 - 0, but as well, provision had to be made for the preparation and collection of the Rate, and for a portion of Poor Rate found to be irrecoverable in former years.

This brought the full sum to be raised up to £6,470 - 18 - 0, to realize which a Rate of 7/- in the Pound would be needed, and the Finance Committee on the 4th instant, recommended that a rate of this amount should be made.

Thereupon it was proposed by Councillor T. Walsh, seconded by Councillor O'Leary, and unanimously resolved. That a Poor Rate of 7/- in the £ for the service of the current Financial Year be hereby agreed to, and that the Rate be formally made on the 2nd May next along with the Town Rates which were under consideration on the 14th ultimo.

The re-appointment of Mr. John Mullins, V. S., as Veterinary Inspector, a matter which had been adjourned from last meeting, was then taken up.

The letter from the Department of Agriculture submitted on that occasion was again read, as was also a communication from the Department of Local Government and Public Health under date of the 6th April, 1932, No. 21419, wherein approval to the appointment for a further year was accorded, but suggesting that it should continue for such further period after the 18th May, 1933, as the Council, with the consent of the Minister might determine.

The complaint made by Mr. Patrick Hurlong of John Street, and already investigated by the Public Health Committee, to the effect that Mr. Mullins had neglected to call at his premises to inspect a slaughtered pig until a period of twenty-four hours had elapsed from time notice was given, was now taken up, but as there was a conflict of views on the complaint, and as Mr. Hurlong was dissatisfied with the explanation given him, the

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by Councillor Thomas Walsh:

"Resolved, that we, the Wexford Urban District Council, in view of the condition of grave economic peril to which the Railways of Saorstát Éireann have been reduced owing to the unfair competition of badly-organized road service, appeal to the Oireachtas to take immediate steps to save for the Saorstát the valuable national asset represented by the existing railway system; and the Council also appeal to the Manufacturers and traders to distribute their custom with due regard to the present position; and that the Government be requested to appoint a Commission to inquire into the whole transport problem of the Saorstát."

The Mayor, in view of statements recently appearing in the press to the effect that the Government were considering the opening of a cement factory at Skerries, stated that he had thought it his duty to communicate with the Minister for Industry and Commerce on the matter, and read a reply which he had received thereto.

This was to the effect that such a statement had not been authorized by him; that the whole question of a site for such a factory from the point of view of abundance of suitable material, advantage of distribution, &c., was being carefully inquired into; and that the claims of the closed Drinagh Works would not be overlooked.

This was considered satisfactory.

Richard Corish
Mayor
11 - 4 - 32

11th April, 1932.

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

The members present were:-

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

Aldermen:- James Billington, Nicholas Connolly, Thomas Hayes.

Councillors: James Crosbie, James McMahon, William J. Power, James Murphy, John Atkins, Thomas Walsh, Patrick Clancy, Edward Bolger, Garrett Donohoe, John J. O'Leary, Myles Bergin, Michael Martin, and Thomas Buckland.

The meeting was convened to determine the rate in the Pound of the Poor Rate to be raised in the current Financial Year to meet the County Council Demand; and to arrange for the re-appointment of Mr. John Mullins, V. S., as Meat Inspector for a further year as from 18th May next, or for such further period as the Council, with the consent of the Minister for Local Government and Public Health, might decide.

The Minutes of meeting of the 4th instant were read and signed, and with reference thereto, the following letter was read:

THE MUNICIPAL PRIVILEGE ACT, 1876.

ADMISSION OF AN HONORARY FREEMAN.

IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE TERMS OF A RESOLUTION UNANIMOUSLY
ADOPTED BY THE MUNICIPAL COUNCIL ON THE FOURTH DAY OF
APRIL, ONE THOUSAND NINE HUNDRED AND THIRTY-TWO,
THE HONORARY FREEDOM OF THE BOROUGH WAS CONFERRED ON
HIS GRACE, THE MOST REVEREND RICHARD DOWNEY, D. D.,
LORD ARCHBISHOP OF LIVERPOOL,
ON THIS FIFTEENTH DAY OF APRIL, ONE THOUSAND NINE
HUNDRED AND THIRTY-TWO.

+ Richard, Archbishop of Liverpool SIGNATURE OF RECIPIENT.

Richard Downey MAYOR.

Nicholas Balguy TOWN CLERK.

matter was referred to the Finance and Works Committee so that they might take steps to have a thorough investigation made into the whole affair.

The question of the re-appointment of Mr. Mullins was then considered. It was not thought wise to adopt the suggestion of the Department of Local Government and Public Health as to making the appointment for a longer period than twelve months, as the meeting considered that by renewing the appointment annually, no question of the pension rights of the person holding the Office could arise, and thereupon on the motion of Councillor Walsh, seconded by Alderman Hayes, the following resolution was adopted, but with Councillor Clancy dissenting on the ground that such an appointment was not necessary.

"That in pursuance of Section 6 of the Local Authorities (Officers & Employees) act, 1926, the Local Appointments Commissioners be requested to recommend a properly qualified person to act as Veterinary Inspector for the supervision of the meat supplies in Wexford, and for duties under the Agricultural Produce (Fresh Meat) Acts, 1930 and 1931, for one year from the 18th May next at a remuneration of £450; and that the Corporation venture to suggest that the present holder of the Office, Mr. John Mullins be again recommended, as they are quite satisfied with the manner in which he has discharged his duties for the past twelve months."

Richard Curran
Mayor

2 - 5 - 32

On Friday, 15th April, 1932, Alderman Corish, Mayor, accompanied by Aldermen Rossiter, Hayes, and Billington, and Councillors Buckland, Donohoe, O'Leary, T. Walsh, Murphy, McMahon, Atkins, Crosbie, Martin, Clancy, Bergin, Power and Bolger, and attended by the Sergeant-at-Mace, proceeded to the Capitol Cinema, and there in the presence of a large and distinguished gathering conferred upon His Grace, Dr. Downey, Archbishop of Liverpool, the Freedom of the Borough and presented him with an illuminated Freeman's Certificate in a Silver Gasket.

Nicholas Bolger
Town Clerk

"That inasmuch as this Corporation does not immediately require from the Commissioners of Public Works in Ireland the total amount of the sum mentioned in the Deed of Mortgage to them this day executed by this Corporation, but prefer to receive the same by instalments as occasion may require, it is resolved that the requisition for each such advance shall be intimated to said commissioners by the Chairman of this Corporation for the time being, countersigned by the Town Clerk.

"And that each such requisition shall be forwarded to the Accountant of the said Commissioners, and that all such advances shall be lodged to our account in the Wexford Branch of the National Bank."

The meeting then separated.

Richard Corish
Mayor.
2 - 5 - 32

2nd May, 1932.

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, Richard Gibson, Nicholas Connolly, Thomas Hayes, and Thomas Rossiter.

Councillors: Thomas Buckland, James Murphy, Patrick Clancy, Garrett Donohoe, James McMahon, Thomas Walsh, Cyril Ross, James Crosbie, John J. O'Leary, William J. Power, Michael Martin, Myles Bergin, and Edward Bolger.

The Minutes of meetings of the 11th and 18th April, 1932, were taken as having been read and were thereupon signed.

Liabilities which had accrued due up to the end of last month, amounting, in the aggregate, to £2,965 - 12 - 11, were submitted, and having been examined were approved, and an Advice Note was signed to enable them to be discharged.

Councillor Clancy alluded in feeling terms to the recent death of Mrs. Margaret Pearse, mother of Padraig and Liam Pearse, who in 1916 nobly took up arms to secure the Independence of Ireland, and were executed by the British Military Authorities for the prominent part they took in the Insurrection.

He (Councillor Clancy) moved. That the heartfelt sympathy of the Council be extended to Miss Pearse in the heavy bereavement of her mother's demise.

The motion was seconded by Councillor Murphy, supported by Councillor Walsh, Alderman Connolly, Councillor McMahon, and the Mayor, and was adopted in respectful silence.

Alderman Rossiter proposed. That the condolences of the meeting be tendered to Councillor Bergin on the death, on the 23rd ultimo, of his sister, the late Mrs. Anastasia Davis, an old and respected Wexford lady.

This proposition was seconded by Alderman Connolly, and was also adopted in silence, and Councillor Bergin thanked the Council for the sympathy shown him.

18th April, 1932.

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

The members present were:-

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

Aldermen: Thomas Rossiter, James Billington, Richard Gibson,

Councillors: Thomas Walsh, Myles Bergin, John J. O'Leary, Patrick Clancy, Garrett Donohoe, James Murphy, Thomas Buckland, John Atkins, James Crosbie, and William J. Power.

The meeting had been summoned to execute a Deed of Mortgage whereby security would be given to the Commissioners of Public Works for the repayment within thirty-five years together with interest at the rate of $\frac{5}{4}$ per cent., of a Loan of £1,500 borrowed for the erection of six four-room bungalows on Davitt Road North.

At the commencement of the meeting, the Mayor, in a few touching remarks, referred to the sudden death in Waterford on the previous day of Captain William A Redmond, T. D.

He recalled that for several generations the name of Redmond had been synonymous with that of Wexford. The late Captain Redmond's father and grandfather had served Wexford Faithfully and well for a great number of years, and the family as a whole had always been identified with everything that had been for Wexford's good.

He felt sure that the people of the Town would like the Corporation, as their Representatives, to extend to the bereaved widow and relatives their sincere sympathy on the sad occasion, and he accordingly moved. That we, the Wexford Corporation, on behalf of the citizens of the Town, and on our own behalf, extend our deep sympathy to the widow and relatives of the late Captain William Archer Redmond.

The motion was seconded by Councillor O'Leary, supported by Aldermen Billington and Rossiter, Councillors Bergin, Murphy, and Atkins, and adopted in respectful silence.

It was also agreed that the Corporation should be present at the funeral in a Body attended by the Sergeant-at-Mace.

The Deed of Mortgage to the Commissioners of Public Works securing repayment of Loan of £1,500, the obtainment of which had been sanctioned by the Minister for Local Government and Public Health under date of the 21st March, 1932, No. H.9408, was then submitted, and the following Resolution as proposed by Alderman Rossiter, and seconded by Councillor O'Leary, unanimously adopted:-

"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 £1,500 proposed to be advanced by them to us under the Housing of the Working Classes (Ireland) Acts, Etc."

The Deed was thereupon Sealed and signed on the part of the Corporation.

The following further Resolution was also adopted unanimously on the motion of Councillor T. Walsh, seconded by Councillor Murphy, viz:-

As to the Water Rates, the total amount to be collected was £937 - 16 - 0

Of this amount there was collected at close of year £436 - 5 - 10

The Discount allowed was ----- 3 - 11 - 10

The Committee recommended that there be written off

as irrecoverable ----- 35 - 11 - 5½

And that there be carried forward as arrears 462 - 5 - 10½ 937 - 15 - 0.

This recommendation was unanimously agreed to on the motion of Councillor O'Leary, seconded by Alderman Connolly.

Regarding the Poor Rate, the amount included in the Warrant was ----- £10,168 - 18 - 3½

There was collected during the year a sum of £6,639 - 13 - 3

Still in hands of Collector ----- 1 - 1 - 3

Discount allowed ----- 63 - 2 - 3½

The Committee recommended that there be struck off

as irrecoverable ----- 413 - 15 - 4½

And that there should be carried forward the

balance of ----- 3,051 - 6 - 5 10,168 - 18 - 7

This recommendation was also unanimously adopted on the motion of Councillor Bergin, seconded by Councillor T. Walsh.

In accordance with the provisions of Section 10 (2) of the Local Elections and Meetings (Postponement) Act, 1931, it was decided to hold a Quarterly Meeting of the Council on Monday, 29th August, 1932, at the hour of twelve o'clock noon for the election of a Mayor, and the transaction of all other business appertaining to such Quarterly Meeting.

An application for renewal of Cinematograph Licence under the Cinematograph Act, 1909, in respect of the Wexford Cinema Palace, was submitted, and on the motion of Alderman Hayes, seconded by Alderman Connolly, it was decided to renew the Licence with the existing conditions and restrictions for a further year, and the Manager was to be asked to make arrangements to have the Irish National Anthem played at the close of each performance, and to endeavour to secure that children of tender years should not be permitted to the performances which take place at night.

The question of the suitability of some of the films exhibited at matinees where the great majority of the audience was composed of young boys and girls was alluded to, and on the motion of Alderman Billington, seconded by Councillor Power, it was

RESOLVED:- That the Minister for Justice be requested to ensure that at all Children's matinees the films exhibited should be either of an educational or an innocuous character.

On the motion of the Mayor, seconded by Alderman Rossiter, it was agreed that the row of eight houses now almost complete in Hill Street be called "St. Ita's Terrace".

A circular letter from the Department of Local Government and Public Health under date of the 15th April, 1932, was read intimating that Loans for the erection of working class dwellings were now available from the Local Loans Fund, and that the interest to be charged for such Loans would be at the rate of 5½ per cent. per annum.

The opinion was again expressed by members that the Financial Provisions of the Housing (Miscellaneous Provisions) Act, 1931, were altogether inadequate to permit Municipalities to provide dwellings at a rent within the power of a workman to pay, while it would be utterly

Referring to Minutes of meeting of the 7th March last, the following letter was read from the Department of the President.

"A Chara,

"I am directed by the President to acknowledge receipt of your letter of 8th March, embodying copy of the Resolution which was unanimously adopted by the Municipal Council of Wexford at their quarterly meeting on the 7th March, and I am to convey the sincere thanks of the President to the Right Worshipful Mayor of Wexford and the Municipal Council for their kind greetings. I am also to say that the President has noted their request for his best endeavours to secure peace and prosperity for Ireland.

"I am further to ask you to convey to your Council the President's regret that owing to extreme pressure of Public business it was not possible to acknowledge their kind greetings earlier.

"Mise, le meas,

"Private Secretary."

A letter was read from the Organizing Director of the Eucharistic Congress intimating that a special space was being reserved in the Phoenix Park, Dublin, on Sunday, the 26th prox., for all Municipal Bodies attending the Congress Mass, and that a space would be assigned to such Bodies in the subsequent procession, and that Robes of Office might be worn.

It was requested by the Mayor that such of the members as intended to be present at the Ceremonies would notify the Town Clerk without delay, so that appropriate arrangements could be made for their comfort and conveyance while in Dublin.

The Special Rates Committee reported that they had made a careful examination of the various items of Rates and arrears of such Rates outstanding on 31st March last, on which date the collection for the Financial Year 1931/32 had been closed.

Having made minute enquiries into the reasons why the several amounts were in arrear, they submitted the following recommendations:-

As to the Borough Rate, the total sum to be collected was ----- £6,141 - 3 - 7½
Of this amount, there was collected at 31st March last £4,803 - 3 - 10

The Discount allowed under the Local Government (Rates on Small Dwellings) Act, 1928, came to ----- 49 - 16 - 9

The Committee now recommended that there be struck off as irrecoverable owing to vacancies, etc., a sum of ----- 244 - 6 - 8

That there should be carried forward as collectible arrears a sum of ----- 1,043 - 16 - 4½ £6,141 - 3 - 7½
As to the Rate in lieu of County Cess, the total to be collected was ----- £2,735 - 10 - 3½

Of this amount there was collected a sum of ----- £2,169 - 5 - 7

The Discount allowed came to ----- 23 - 5 - 6

The sum recommended to be written off as irrecoverable was ----- 116 - 4 - 5

While the amount which should be carried forward as arrears was ----- 426 - 14 - 6 £2,735 - 10 - 0

On the motion of Councillor Ross, seconded by Councillor Murphy, the above two recommendations were unanimously adopted.

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Proposed by Alderman Rossiter, seconded by Councillor T. Walsh, and

RESOLVED: That an assessment of Two Shillings and Sixpence in the Pound on the net assessable value of property within the town of Wexford be laid on pursuant to the Local Government (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 14th day of March, 1932.

Proposed by Councillor Murphy, seconded by Councillor Buckland and

RESOLVED: That an assessment of One Shilling and Twopence in the Pound, viz.:- a Domestic Rate of Eightpence and a Public Rate of Sixpence on the rateable value of property within the Town of Wexford be laid on pursuant to the Local Government (Ireland) Provisional Orders (Dalkey, etc.,) Confirmation Act, 1876, and Act incorporated with or amending the same, as per an Estimate duly considered and adopted on the 14th day of March, 1932.

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

RESOLVED: That a Poor Rate of Seven Shillings 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 11th day of April, 1932.

The Books containing the items of the various Rates were thereupon sealed and signed, and the Warrants authorizing their collection, as well as the collection of arrears of previous years' Rates were also sealed and signed.

There was submitted for execution on the part of the Council lease of a building site on St. John's Road. This site measured 50 feet by 100 feet and had been demised for a term of 100 years to Mrs. Margaret Boyle, of John's Gate Street, at an annual rent of £2 - 10 - 0 and the Minister for Local Government and Public Health had sanctioned such demise by letter of the 2nd April, 1932, No. H. 19360.

The lease which had been prepared by the Corporation Solicitor was found to be in order in every respect, and was thereupon duly executed.

There was also submitted for execution a Deed of Conveyance relating to two adjoining stores in Gibson Street.

These stores were formerly used as a generating station and oil depot in connection with the Corporation Electric Lighting Undertaking, but when the Undertaking became vested in the Electricity Supply Board in 1928, the stores were also taken over, although the Council contended from the outset that they did not form part of the undertaking, and after a lengthy correspondence, the Board agreed with this contention, and intimated their willingness to surrender the place.

The Deed of Conveyance, which indemnified the Supply Board against all liabilities or demands which might hereafter be made in respect of the premises, had been certified to be in order by the Corporation Solicitor, and so it was formerly sealed and signed on behalf of the Corporation.

As the smaller of the stores which measured 14 feet 2 inches in length by 26 feet in depth was not now needed for Municipal Purposes, it was resolved on the motion of Alderman

Billington, seconded by Councillor Murphy, to let it at an inclusive annual rent of £10 - 8 - 0, and advertisements inviting applications from would-be tenants were to be inserted forthwith in the local Press.

impossible to build houses for slum dwellers, as such people could not be expected to meet a rent of 4/11 per week, and as this was the minimum economic rent which could be charged for such houses even with the help of the State Contribution made available under the Act, the Mayor was requested to interview the Minister for Local Government and Public Health and earnestly urge on him the desirability of having such amendments made in the Statute as would remove the disadvantages complained of.

Further, on the motion of Councillor Ross, seconded by Councillor Bergin, it was resolved to communicate with the Executive of the Association of Irish Municipal Authorities calling attention to the defects in the Housing Act of 1931, so that the views of the various affiliated Councils might be elicited, and a united endeavour made to have its financial provisions improved.

Under date of the 20th April, 1932, the Department of Local Government and Public Health notified that it was the intention of the Minister on an early date to introduce legislation to annul the provisions of Section 71 of the Local Government Act, 1925, which required Local Officers to make a declaration on appointment or on obtaining an increase of remuneration, and satisfaction was expressed that this obnoxious law was to be repealed.

The report of the Borough Analyst for the quarter ended on 31st March last which was read showed that in that period he had examined fourteen articles comprising six of butter, two of milk, two of margarine, two of tea, and one each of cheese and whiskey, and that all the samples were found to be pure.

Councillor O'Leary, on behalf of a large number of persons who were in the habit of availing of the water supply in the Reservoir at the rear of John Street, requested information as to why this supply had been recently cut off, and it was explained that the Medical Officer of Health and the Borough Surveyor had reported strongly in favour of the complete closing down of the Reservoir seeing that a scavenging dump was within four yards of it, and seeing, as well, that a large number of dwellings had within the past six years been built in close proximity to it, and so the Finance and Works Committee had decided to have the water completely cut off in order that it might not be used for cooking purposes.

In order to satisfy those who considered they had a grievance through not being allowed to avail of the supply, it was agreed to forward a sample to the Borough Analyst for examination, and to acquaint those interested with the result of such analysis, and as some of the residents of John Street were anxious to interview the Council on the matter, it was arranged that they would be received by the Finance & Works Committee on the 9th instant.

The making of Rates for the service of the current Financial Year was proceeded with, and thereupon the four following Resolutions were unanimously adopted, viz.:-

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

RESOLVED: That a Borough Rate of Four Shillings and Sixpence (being One Shilling for General Town purposes and Three 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 to be carried out, as considered and adopted on the 14th March, 1932.

Richard Corin

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17th May, 1932.

A Special Meeting of the Council was held this dat (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, Nicholas Connolly, and Thomas Rossiter.

Councillors: John Atkins, Patrick Clancy, James Crosbie, Thomas Walsh, James Gaul, James Murphy, Myles Bergin, Garrett Donohoe, Thomas Buckland, William J. Power, Michael Martin, and Edward Bolger.

The Mayor stated that he had considered it advisable to convene the present meeting consequent on an important statement relative to the provision of houses for the accommodation of the working classes made by the Minister for Finance when opening his recent Budget.

From this it seemed likely that much improved financial terms were to be made available to Local Authorities for the provision of such dwellings, so that the entire Scheme for the erection of twenty-eight three-room houses at Whitemill formulated by the Council on 11th January last, but which, so far, had not received the sanction of the Minister for Local Government and Public Health, could be amended if the Council thought proper to do so in the light of the information now available.

It was explained that prior to the passing of the Housing (Miscellaneous Provisions) Act, 1931, Loans for the provision of artizans' dwellings were available on the Annuity System, repayable within thirty-five years by an annual payment of £5 - 13 - 4 per cent of the sum borrowed with accrued interest.

The Government made a contribution of £50 per house, while a like contribution was made by the Local Authority, and so it had been found possible for the Council to let such houses without loss at a rent of 6/6 per house per week, full provision having been made in this rent for payment of Rates, ground rent, etc., but under the financial provisions of the Act of 1931, a rent of 8/4 a week would need to be charged for similar houses, which was altogether too much to expect a workingman to pay.

The Mayor intimated that he had had an interview with the President of the Executive Council and the Minister for Finance, and had been informed that it was the intention to make money available from the Local Loans Fund which would be repayable on the annuity System within a period of thirty-five years at a rate of five per cent. per annum, which would cover both sinking fund and interest.

Under these terms the Mayor calculated that the annual Loan charges on a house which would cost £290 to erect, including cost of site and its development, would amount to £14 - 10 - 0 to which would have to be added a sum of £7 - 4 - 10 for Rates, Insurance and Administrative charges, so that the total yearly rent to be charged would amount to £21 - 14 - 10, or 8/4 per week.

He was informed however, that the Government proposed to fix the rent which the tenant would have to pay for such a house at £10 - 8 - 0 per annum, or 4/- a week, leaving the deficiency of £11 - 6 - 10 to be met by the State and the Council.

It was intended that the State should bear two-thirds of the Loan Charges, i. e. £9 - 13 - 4

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Alderman Connolly intimated that he intended on an early occasion to propose, in accordance with the provisions of Section 7 of the Local Elections and Meetings (Postponement) Act, 1931, the co-option of Mr. Thomas Roche, of St. John's Road, to replace the late Councillor William Goodison, and it was arranged that the casual vacancy in St. Selskar Ward caused by Mr. Goodison's death ^{should be} be filled on Monday, the 6th prox.

R. Connolly
Mayor
6. 6. 32

9th May, 1932.

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 execute a Deed of Mortgage to the Commissioners of Public Works for the repayment within a period of twenty-five years of a Loan of £1,755, with interest thereon at the rate of $5\frac{1}{2}$ per cent. per annum, such Loan being required for the renewal of watermains in certain streets of the town.

The members present were:-

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

Aldermen: James Billington, Thomas Hayes, Nicholas Connolly, and Thomas Rossiter.

Councillors: Patrick Clancy, Myles Bergin, James Crosbie, Thomas Walsh, James Murphy, Thomas Buckland, Garrett Donohoe, John J. O'Leary, John Atkins, Edward Bolger, and Michael Martin.

The Deed, as prepared by the Solicitor to the Commissioners, was produced. It had already been approved on the part of the Council, and thereupon the following Resolution was unanimously adopted:-

Proposed by Councillor T. Walsh, seconded by Alderman Billington, 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 One Thousand Seven Hundred and Fifty-Five Pounds proposed to be advanced by them to us under the Public Health (Ireland) Acts.

The Corporation Seal was thereupon affixed to the document, and authenticated by the signatures of the Mayor, two members of the Council, and the Town Clerk.

The following further Resolution was also unanimously adopted:-

Proposed by Alderman Rossiter, seconded by Alderman Hayes, and

RESOLVED: That inasmuch as this Corporation does not immediately require from the Commissioners of Public Works in Ireland the total amount of the sum mentioned in the Deed of Mortgage to them this day executed by this Corporation, but prefer to receive the same by instalments as occasion may require, it is resolved that the requisition for each such advance shall be intimated to said Commissioners by the Chairman of this Corporation for the time being, countersigned by the Town Clerk.

And that each such requisition shall be forwarded to the Accountant of the said Commissioners, and that all such advances shall be lodged to our Account in the Wexford Branch of the National Bank. The meeting then arose.

R. Connolly
Mayor
6. 6. 32

Alderman Connolly, it was Resolved:-

That the Minister for Local Government and Public Health be requested to sanction the raising of a Loan of £800 from the Commissioners of Public Works to enable the two houses above referred to to be erected.

Before the meeting separated, Resolutions of condolence were passed with the relatives of the late William Kinsella, of Commercial Quay, Coal Merchant, and with Councillor O'Leary and Councillor Ross, nephew and Brother-in-law respectively of the late Mrs. Sarah Kavanagh, of John Street.

R. Connolly
Mayor
6. 7. 32

30th May, 1932.

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 re-appoint for a further year, in accordance with a recommendation from the Local Appointments Commissioners, Mr. John Mullins, M.R.C.V.S., as Meat Inspector for the Borough; and to agree to revised terms for the repayment of Loan of £1,500 recently borrowed for the erection of six houses on Davitt Road, North, as per a letter from the Commissioners of Public Works.

The members present were:-

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

Aldermen: James Billington, Thomas Hayes, Nicholas Connolly, Richard Gibson,
Thomas Rossiter.

Councillors:- Patrick Clancy, John Atkins, James Murphy, John Walsh, Garrett Donohoe,
Myles Bergin, John O'Leary, Cyril Ross, James Crosbie, James Gaul,
Thomas Walsh, James McMahon, Thomas Buckland, Edward Bolger, William
Power, and Michael Martin.

The Communication from the Local Appointments Commissioners above referred to, which was dated 25th instant, was read, as were the Conditions of Appointment governing the position, which were similar to those in operation during the past twelve months, and thereupon the following resolution was unanimously adopted.

Proposed by Councillor Bergin, seconded by Councillor T. Walsh.

RESOLVED:- That in accordance with the provisions of Section 6 (4) of the Local Authorities (Officers and Employees) Act, 1926, we hereby re-appoint for a further year as from 18th May instant, Mr. John Mullins, as Veterinary Inspector for the supervision of the Meat supply in the Borough, who will also act as Veterinary Examiner under the Agricultural Produce (Fresh Meat) Acts, 1930 and 1931, at a salary of £450, two-thirds of which will be recouped by the Department of Agriculture.

A letter from the Commissioners of Public Works under date of 20th May, 1932, No. 8224, was submitted. This intimated that the terms of the Loan of £1,500 borrowed for housing purposes on 18th April last had been revised, so that it was now to be repaid on the Instalment System instead of by Annuity. It was to be paid off within a period of thirty-seven years, with interest at the rate of 5½ per cent. per annum, but for the first two years, interest only on the sum borrowed would need to be met.

leaving the balance of the deficiency of £11 - 5 - 10, namely, £1 - 13 - 6, to be met by the Council.

The Mayor considered this an admirable Scheme to provide cheap houses for workers which would not press too hardly on the Ratepayers, as on the forty-eight houses provided within the last few years and let at a rent of 6/6 a week, a weekly subsidy of 1/6 was borne by the Ratepayers, whereas under the Scheme now adumbrated, the subsidy would only amount to eightpence per house per week, and so he advocated the alteration of the Scheme already adopted for the erection of twenty-eight three-room houses at Whitemill Road, and the substitution thereof of a Scheme for the provision of forty four-room, two-storey houses which could be made available for workmen who could not afford to pay a rent higher than four shillings a week, and who would not necessarily be slum dwellers.

He further stated that an alternative Scheme was also being considered whereby the Government would meet two-thirds of the rent in excess of four shillings, the Local Authority being responsible for the remaining one-third, but expressed preference for the first-mentioned plan. The meeting, on considering the Mayor's statement, came to the conclusion that advantage should be taken of the financial terms outlined in it as soon as they became available.

They expressed appreciation of the efforts the Government were making to ameliorate the condition of the working classes by providing houses at rents which they could afford to pay, and the following Resolution was unanimously adopted on the motion of Councillor Gaul, seconded by Councillor Power:-

That the Scheme for the erection on Whitemill Road of twenty-eight houses for the working classes, which was adopted on the 11th January last, be not proceeded with, but that instead forty four-room houses be erected on this site on the terms now outlined by the Mayor, as conveyed to him by President De Valera and the Minister for Finance, and that the Minister for Local Government and Public Health be requested to consent to the Scheme being amended in the manner indicated.

It was further proposed by Alderman Rossiter, seconded by Councillor Crosbie, and resolved:-

That immediately approval to the Scheme for the provision of the forty houses is notified, the Minister be further requested to sanction the obtainment from the Local Loans Fund of a Loan of £12,300, so as to enable the dwellings to be erected, and the site to be purchased and developed; such Loan to be repaid on the Annuity System within a period of thirty-five years at the rate of £5 per cent.

per annum, which is to include both sinking fund and interest accrued thereon.

There was submitted a plan of two good-class dwellings which it was recommended should be erected on a spare piece of ground on Davitt Road, North, adjacent to the site of the six working class houses at present under construction.

These houses would consist of five rooms each, and would be provided with baths. The two could be built at an all-in cost of £800, and it was asserted that there were many applicants for houses of this type who would be prepared to pay the full economic rent for them, as well, if the dwellings were erected, an unsightly space would be put to very good use, and the appearance of the entire locality immensely improved.

The meeting, after discussion, came to the conclusion that it was desirable from every point of view that the houses should be provided, and so, on the motion of the Mayor, seconded by

Alderman Rossiter alluded to the recent demise of the Lord Bishop of Waterford, the Most Reverend Dr. Hackett, who was well known for many years in Wexford as a member of the Redemptorist Order, and a Preacher of high eloquence, and expressed on behalf of the people of the Town, sincere sympathy with the Clergy and laity of the Diocese of Waterford in the loss of their Revered Bishop.

Councillor McMahon, Councillor Bergin, Alderman Connolly, and the Mayor, joined in this expression of regret, which was passed in respectful silence.

With reference to minutes of meeting of the 2nd ultimo regarding water supply in the Reservoir at John Street, which had recently been cut off from the Town, the following Report was read from Mr. O'Dwyer, Chief Engineering Inspector to the Minister for Local Government and Public Health:-

"WEXFORD BOROUGH COUNCIL.

"The Secretary,
"Department of Local Government and Public Health.

"I inspected the available system of water supply to Wexford Borough on the 10th instant.

"There are two separate supplies, one derived from the high ground in the John Street area and one from a storage Reservoir at Colestown Bridge.

"The John Street supply cannot be regarded as safe from a Public Health point of view. Catch drains communicating with springs at a higher level, laid under tilled ground across a public road and under a public dump, convey water to twin tanks which are uncovered. The first risk to be contended with in this case is at the source, which, being a thickly populated district, must be regarded with suspicion. Then the fact that the fields referred to are tilled introduces the risk of contamination through manurial matter finding its way to the drains. These drains are not under pressure as a cast iron main is, nor are they jointed in the same way, so that anything that is in their vicinity can as a rule find access. The further risks of contamination at the public road and dump are equally serious.

"I am strongly of opinion that the John Street System should be kept closed as a source of domestic water supply.

"The supply for Colestown Bridge provides a water of good quality but insufficient quantity. There are two separate difficulties to be contended with in this case. The first is the insufficiency of quantity at the reservoir in the event of a prolonged drought. The second is the lack of capacity in the main between the reservoir and the town.

"As to the first, I am satisfied that the necessity for further storage will become evident in the event of a recurrence of a dry year such as 1905. In fact it is only by carefully watching every possible loss or leakage that the Corporation can hope to maintain the supply under any conditions less favourable than the average.

"In this connection I suggest that gauge boards be erected at each of the present inlets to the reservoir, and that readings be taken regularly to enable the Council's Engineer to ascertain more definitely the yield of the catchment and so calculate with greater accuracy the further requirements of the Corporation in the matter of storage. A record should also be kept of the height of water over the sill from day to day when the Reservoir is overflowing. These with the splendid record of rainfall kept by the

The Commissioners had been advised that a new Mortgage Deed was not necessary to give effect to the new conditions if a resolution was passed by the Corporation accepting them, and they asked that a copy of such resolution when adopted, might be forwarded for attachment to the existing Deed.

With reference to this matter, it was pointed out to the meeting that in consequence of the abolition of the Annuity System of repayment, the houses on Davitt Road, North, could not be let at a weekly rent of 8/-, as agreed to on 4th ultimo, as it would now need a rent of 9/- to meet the Loan Charges, Rates, Ground Rent, Etc., while if no ground rent was charged, as was the case in the O'Connell Avenue houses, a rent of 8/5 per week per house would still have to be fixed, as against a rent of 6/6 for houses of a similar type on Davitt Road, South, which were completed last year.

Under these circumstances, the advisability of the Works Committee deferring for the present the selection of tenants from among the 31 applicants was advocated, but on the Mayor expressing the conviction that under the promised Housing Legislation, substantial relief would be afforded, and that the rents of these particular houses would be very much less than 8/- or even than 6/- a week, it was decided to authorize the Works Committee to proceed with the selection of occupiers for the six houses, when built, but as to accepting the new conditions of repayment of the Loan, it was agreed to postpone this matter so that the Minister for Local Government and Public Health might be requested to be so good as to assure the Council that any advantageous financial provisions in the foreshadowed Housing Bill would apply to the six houses for which the Loan referred to was borrowed.

The meeting then arose.

L. Corish
Mayor
6. 4. 32

6th June, 1932.

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: Nicholas Connolly, Thomas Hayes, James Billington, Richard Gibson, and Thomas Rossiter.

Councillors: Thomas Walsh, John Atkins, John J. O'Leary, Patrick Clancy, John Walsh, Garrett Donohoe, James McMahon, Edward Bolger, James Murphy, Myles Bergin, Thomas Buckland, William Power, James Crosbie.

The minutes of meetings of 2nd, 9th, 17th, and 30th of May, 1932, were taken as having been read, and were thereupon signed.

Liabilities which had accrued due up to the end of last month, amounting, in the aggregate, to £1,517 - 17 - 4, were submitted, and having been examined were approved, and an Advice Note was signed to enable them to be discharged.

Acknowledgements of votes of sympathy tendered to them in their recent bereavements were received from Councillor O'Leary, and Mr. William Kinsella, Crossstown.

With regard to this communication, the following Resolution was unanimously adopted, on the motion of Councillor T. Walsh, seconded by Councillor Power, viz.:-

That the Minister for Local Government and Public Health be requested to have the Law dealing with vaccination amended so that parents who believed that vaccination would be prejudicial to the health of their children would not be liable for penalties under the Vaccination Acts.

It was also decided to postpone the question of taking legal proceedings against any of the 925 defaulters until the Minister would have had an opportunity of considering the above Resolution, and intimating whether he was prepared to act on the suggestion embodied in it. There was submitted a statement showing the result of a plebiscite taken of the residents of 19 streets (the names of which were irregularly changed in the year 1920) as to whether or not they desired such change to become effective.

From this it was seen that the names of four only of the streets could be legally altered, as the requisite majority of two-thirds in number and value of the Ratepayers of the remaining 15 streets were not desirous of having any change made in the existing names. Thereupon on the motion of Councillor T. Walsh, seconded by Councillor Murphy, it was unanimously

RESOLVED:- That in accordance with the provisions of Section 21 of the Public Health Acts Amendment Act, 1907, which is in force in the Borough, the names of Back Street, Castlehill Street, Gibson Street, and Ram Street, be altered to "Mallin Street", "Kevin Barry Street", "Peter Street", and "Skeffington Street" respectively.

There was submitted for execution a Consent to the acceptance of a sum of £53 - 4 - 0 to extinguish a head rent of £3 - 4 - 8 paid to the Corporation for part of their Estate at Farnogue, this price having been accepted on the 13th April, 1931, consequent on the land in question having been sold to the tenant thereof under the Land Acts, 1923 to 1931, and thereupon the Consent was duly sealed and signed on the motion of Alderman Rossiter seconded by Councillor McMahon.

With reference to minutes of meeting of 14th March last, on which occasion it was decided to contribute a sum of £10 in the current year to the Funds of the Irish Tourist Association there was submitted an Agreement, which, under the Tourist Traffic (Development) Act, 1931, required to be entered into between the Corporation and the Association, which was "An approved Company" within the meaning of this Act.

This Agreement set out the times at which moieties of the money were to be paid over, and stipulated that it should be expended only on such objects and in such a manner as the Minister for Industry & Commerce would approve, and on the motion of Councillor Bergin, seconded by Alderman Rossiter, the Corporation Seal was affixed to the Document and authenticated by the signatures of the Mayor and the Town Clerk.

With reference to request made to the Minister for Justice on the 2nd ultimo to provide that only suitable films should be exhibited in Cinemas at matinee performances, a letter from the Department of Justice under date of the 13th May, 1932, was read pointing out that there was no power at present to put the suggestion into effect, and it was doubtful whether even by fresh legislation it would be possible to evolve a suitable scheme without creating difficulties for those engaged in the cinema business. The exhibition of pictures which were suitable for children only would not prove remunerative, as the demand

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Caretaker and extending back to July, 1904, will provide extremely valuable data for calculations necessary in connection with the yield of the present catchment.

"The second difficulty referred to above can be dealt with in either of two ways, or perhaps by a combination. A decision on this point would have to be based on more detailed investigation and consideration of estimates.

"(a) A second pipe ~~line~~ might be laid between the reservoir and the town to supplement the existing pipe.

"(b) A service reservoir might be erected at a suitable elevation near the town and be connected with the existing main and distribution system.

"The advantage of '(a)' demands no explanation, the advantage of '(b)' arises as follows:-

"If the average consumption is 30 gallons per head per day to a population of 12,000, the daily demand on the pipe will be 360,000 gallons. This if spread equally over the 24 hours would represent 250 gallons per minute. In fact it is never spread equally over the 24 hours (even if the water is turned on for the full period) as there are rush periods and slack periods in the town's consumption. At 9 a.m. the demand is probably at the rate of 600 to 650 gallons per minute, while at 3 a.m. it should be practically nil. It will be seen then that the twin mains without a service reservoir would have to be capable of delivering 650 gallons per minute at a pressure sufficient to command the highest levels in the town. If, however, a service reservoir were installed, the demand on the main would be the average figure taken at 250 gallons per minute while a short length of large diameter main from the service tank to the distribution system would be called upon to yield the higher figure of 600 to 650 gallons per minute.

"The figures are taken for the purpose of illustrating the relative advantages of schemes (a) and (b) and do not purport to represent actual consumption which I did not have an opportunity of measuring.

(Signed) "Nioclás O'Duibhir,

"Príomh Chigire Innealtoireachta.

"12adh Bealtaine, 1932."

As well as the foregoing report, there was also submitted the result of the analysis of a sample of the water in the John Street Reservoir forwarded to Mr. B. G. Fagan, Borough Analyst, on the 7th May last.

According to this the water was almost colourless; its general appearance was slightly dull; while no trace of any serious or dangerous contamination could be found in the sample.

It was stated that Dr. Pierse, Medical Officer of Health, had been shown the result of Mr.

Fagan's examination, but still he was insistent that the water should not again be made available for the use of the public.

The consideration of these two reports was deferred to enable a deputation of the residents of John Street to submit a case to the Finance and Works Committee showing why they should still be permitted to use this water, although it was recognized by the meeting that in view of Dr. Pierse's opinion, there was no option but to cut off the supply from the town.

A letter from the Department of Local Government and Public Health under date of the 21st May, 1932, No. 26539, was read. It requested the Council to take action against the 925 vaccination defaulters in the Borough on the 1st March 1933.

A Resolution from the Dundalk Urban Council calling on the Minister for Local Government and Public Health to abolish the Central Purchasing Department, so that Local Bodies could revert to the old and financially sound system of spending the Rates in the areas in which they were contributed, was unanimously adopted on the motion of Alderman Hayes, seconded by Alderman Rossiter.

It was agreed on the motion of Councillor Bergin, seconded by Alderman Rossiter, to hold meetings of the Finance and Works Committee on every alternate Monday evening only until the end of September.

Richard Corish.
Mayor
4. 4. 32

17th June, 1932.

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 a report from the Housing Committee recommending that the eight houses now completed in Hill Street should be sold on the Tenant-purchase System instead of being let to weekly tenants as already decided upon.

The members in attendance were:-

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

Aldermen: Thomas Rossiter, Nicholas Connolly, Thomas Hayes.

Councillors: John Walsh, James Gaul, Garrett Donohoe, James Murphy, Myles Bergin,
Patrick Clancy, Thomas Buckland, and James McMahon.

At the outset the Mayor proposed. That the respectful sympathy of the meeting be offered to President DeValera on the recent death, in New York, of his mother.

The proposition was seconded by Councillor Clancy, supported by Alderman Connolly, Councillor McMahon, and Councillor Murphy, and was adopted in silence.

The following report was then submitted:-

"REPORT OF HOUSING COMMITTEE.

"The above Committee met on Friday, 10th instant, to make arrangements for the letting of the eight newly-erected two-storey dwellings in Hill Street (St. Ita's Terrace).

"From a statement which had been furnished to the members of the Committee, it was seen that the all-in cost of building the houses, excluding the cost of the footpath, was £3,434-11-1, or an average of £429 per house, but as one of the dwellings contained an extra room, the cost of seven of them was taken at £423 each, and the remaining one at £473.

"The statement showed that if it was intended to adhere to the original intention to let the houses to weekly tenants, the smaller houses could each be let at a rent of 11/10 per week, while a rent of 13/7 a week would have to be charged for the larger one.

"The computations on which these rents were based gave the occupiers the benefit of the Government and Corporation Subsidies, and made full provision for the repayment of the Loan Charges, Rates, Depreciation, Insurance and Collector's Commission.

"If, however, it was considered well to dispose of the houses to tenant-purchasers, the following two computations were included in the statement. Wherein provision was made for the immediate payment of £25 on foot of the purchase price by each of the successful

would be limited, so that it seemed that the only effective way to deal with the matter was to prohibit young persons to enter picture ^{Theatres} at all, and the Minister doubted whether public opinion would support such a measure.

There was no further action taken on this matter.

There was laid before the meeting notice of an application to be made to the Circuit Court on behalf of Messrs. Boggan Brothers of Anne Street, for £60 as compensation for damage done to two of their motor omnibuses and to their garage at Tuskar View on Sunday, the 29th ultimo.

It was mentioned that some of the delinquents had been apprehended and were to be brought before the District Court on an early date, so it was decided to defer taking any steps towards contesting the claim until the proceedings at the District Court were disposed of.

Under date of the 26th May, 1932, a letter was read from the Department of Justice asking for information as to the administration of the Employment of Children Act, 1903, more especially as to the general effect of any By-Laws made under the Act as regards health, educational progress, and time for rest and recreation, as compared with the position which obtained before the operation of such By-Laws.

It was explained that under the Act in question the Corporation had power, inter alia, to regulate the employment of children under 14 years of age, and to regulate street trading by persons under the age of 16 years, as also to prohibit the employment of young children in certain cases.

As no such By-Laws were in force in Wexford, it was decided to so inform the Minister for Justice, but on the motion of Alderman Rossiter, seconded by Councillor T. Walsh, the following were appointed to examine the Act carefully, and see if it would be desirable to put it into effective operation, namely, Aldermen Rossiter, Billington, Connolly, Councillors T. Walsh, Atkins, and Clancy, along with the Mayor.

A letter was read from the Department of Local Government and Public Health under date of the 2nd instant calling attention to an advertisement which had been extensively published in the newspapers throughout the Saorstát intimating that unemployed workmen could now be registered at Post Offices and Civic Guard Stations if more convenient than at Employment Exchanges.

The letter further intimated that it was of supreme importance that persons seeking employment under Government Relief Schemes should be registered, as Grants would be allocated on the basis of the unemployed in each area, and the recruitment of the necessary labour would be effected solely through the Employment Exchanges.

The contents of this letter were noted, and it was stated that acting on advice already given them, the unemployed in Wexford Town were now making it a rule to enter their names at the local Exchange.

A further communication from the Department of Local Government and Public Health under date of the 26th ultimo was read. It pointed out that where, under the provisions of Section 5 (1) of the Local Authorities (Officers and Employees) Act, 1926, local Bodies were empowered to appoint certain pensionable or pensioned officers without obtaining a recommendation from the Local Appointments Commissioners, it had been decided by the High Court that before proceeding to make such an appointment the prior sanction of the appropriate Minister should be obtained, and that this course should be invariably followed in future.

The contents of this communication were also noted.

"Furthermore, the legal charges for the preparation, by the Corporation Solicitor, of the Conveyance for each house must be met by each tenant-purchaser."

"It was pointed out that if the above recommendation was approved by the Council, it would be necessary to rescind Resolution of the 1st September, 1930, whereby it was decided to let the eight houses to weekly tenants, and to enable this to be done, a notice of motion was given that a resolution to that effect would be moved on the 17th instant."

"Signed on behalf of the Committee."

"Richard Corish,

"Mayor."

"13th June, 1932."

From an inquiry made by Alderman Rossiter, it was stated that the cost of the site, of taking down the wall which had surrounded it, as well as providing bathrooms and baths for the houses, were taken into account when computing their purchase price, and according to the Mayor, if these items were excluded, the cost of each house would have been reduced by £46 - 10 - 0.

The report having been discussed, the sense of the meeting seemed to favour the disposal of the dwellings to tenant-purchasers on the terms embodied in it, and, therefore, in accordance with notice already given, the Mayor moved:

"That the Resolution of 1st September, 1930, whereby it was decided to let the eight houses in Hill Street to weekly tenants be and is hereby rescinded."

This motion was seconded by Councillor Bergin and was carried unanimously.

Thereupon the Mayor further moved. That the report of the Housing Committee now submitted be adopted; that the eight houses be disposed of of the tenant-purchase system on the terms set forth therein; and that the Minister for Local Government and Public Health be requested to sanction the sale of the dwellings on these terms.

This proposition was seconded by Councillor Murphy, and was also adopted unanimously.

It was then arranged that advertisements should be inserted forthwith in the local Press inviting applications from would-be purchasers, and that the houses would be allocated at meeting to be held on the 4th July next, the hope being expressed that by that time the assent to their sale would have been given by the Minister.

Alderman Rossiter asked for and was granted permission to refer to recent proceedings at the County Board of Health when the provision of a Fever Hospital for the County was under consideration.

From the report it seemed that a County Hospital in Enniscorthy, or District Hospitals in New Ross, Enniscorthy and Wexford, were the alternative Schemes suggested, but Alderman Rossiter stressed the importance (in case the Central Hospital was decided upon) of having accommodation available in Wexford Town for local fever patients as well as for patients from the contiguous rural areas.

The meeting was in agreement with Alderman Rossiter's contention, and the Mayor was requested to make every effort to secure that a District Hospital should be set up in the town with accommodation for thirty-two patients, and the Mayor promised that he would do his utmost to have the wishes of the Corporation carried out, as he realized the danger of fever patients having to be conveyed any great distance for treatment as would occur if the

"applicants.

"Cost of each of the seven smaller houses ----- £423.

Less Government Subsidy ----- 60 £363.

Less deposit by purchaser ----- 25

Sum to be repaid by tenant-purchaser ----- £338

Repayment of £338 in 35 years at £6 - 13 - 4 per cent ----- £22 - 10 - 8

Insurance ----- 5 - 0

Commission ----- 12 - 0

Total annual charge ----- £23 - 7 - 8

A rent-charge of 9/- a week would meet this sum.

"Cost of the larger house ----- £473

Less Government Subsidy ----- 60 £413.

Less deposit by purchaser ----- 25

Sum to be repaid by tenant-purchaser ----- £388

Repayment of £388 in 35 years at £6 - 13 - 4 per cent ----- £25 - 17 - 4

Insurance ----- 5 - 0

Commission ----- 13 - 6

Total annual charge ----- £26 - 15 - 10

A rent-charge of 10/4 a week would meet this sum.

"As well, it was suggested that at the end of the 35 years, each of the houses should be subject to an annual ground rent of 10/-; that from the outset the occupiers should be responsible for the payment of all rates and taxes assessed on the dwellings; and that the legal charges for the preparation, by the Corporation Solicitor, of the Conveyance should be met by the purchasers.

"The Committee went carefully into both Schemes, and in the case of the tenant-purchase one, it was noted that the benefit of the Government Subsidy only was given, and the Committee were in agreement that this Subsidy only should be allowed, as it was their view that the ratepayers should not be called on to pay for the provision of houses for people who could not be classed as workmen, some of whom, it was known, having already canvassed for possession of them.

"The Committee also closely considered whether the houses should be let or sold, and it was their unanimous opinion that it would be more satisfactory to dispose of them to tenant-purchasers who would be responsible for their maintenance from the time they entered into possession, and the following terms were drawn up for ratification by the Council if viewed with favour, viz.:-

"As to the seven six-room houses, including bathrooms. Each Tenant-purchaser will be required to make an immediate payment of £25, and as well pay a weekly rent-charge of nine shillings for a period of thirty-five years, the terms of the Loan by means of which they were built, at the end of which period the houses will become the property of the purchasers.

"As to the remaining one house of seven rooms, including bathroom. The purchaser will be required to make an immediate payment of £25, and also to pay a weekly rent-charge of 10/4 for 35 years, when the house will become his, or her, property.

"As well at the end of the thirty-five years, each of the eight houses will be subject to an annual ground rent of 10/-, and from the outset each tenant-purchaser will be responsible for the payment of all rates and taxes assessed on his, or her, dwelling.

However, Alderman Billington gave notice of his intention to move at next Statutory Meeting that whenever watermains were to be laid in future the work should be done by contract and not by direct labour, and this notice was accepted.

Regarding the three men to whom objection had been raised, it was decided that Patrick Lacey, permanent workman, was not to be employed at overtime work in future, seeing that he was in receipt of a regular weekly wage, and on the motion of Councillor T. Walsh, seconded by Alderman Connolly, it was unanimously resolved that in future all casual workmen employed to lay watermains, &c., be discharged without exception at the termination of their period of employment, namely, four weeks, and an entire fresh batch of the unemployed engaged to continue at the work, and so on for regular periods of four weeks until the work be completed. It was announced that the National Bank had agreed to advance the necessary Loan to enable certain of the streets to be steam-rolled, as decided upon on the 14th March last, and thereupon the following resolution was unanimously adopted preliminary to the preparation of the necessary Mortgage Deed, viz.:-

Proposed by Councillor Thomas Walsh,

Seconded by Councillor Power, and

RESOLVED: "That in pursuance of the consent of the Local Government Minister dated 8th June, 1932, the Council do borrow from the National Bank, Limited, the sum of £1,85 for the purpose of steam-rolling certain streets in Wexford, to be repaid to the Bank by Half-yearly instalments spread over a period of seven years, with interest on said sum at one half per cent. under the Irish Banks' Rate rising and falling therewith from time to time, but at no time to be less than £4. per cent. per annum, said Loan to be secured by a Mortgage over the rates available for that purpose.

"And that the Seal of the Council be affixed to said Mortgage."

With reference to minutes of proceedings of Special Meeting of the Council held on the 17th ultimo, a letter under date of the 30th June, 1932, No. 45936, was read expressing the approval of the Minister for Local Government and Public Health to the sale of the eight houses at St. Ita's Terrace, Hill Street, on the terms then agreed upon, namely:-

"Seven of the houses to be sold for £363 each with a deposit of £25, and the balance payable in 35 years at 5½% with the usual additions for insurance and rent collection.

"One house at £413 with a deposit of £25 and the balance payable in 35 years at 5½% on similar conditions.

"At the end of the 35 year period the houses will be subject to an annual ground rent of 10/- per house."

It was reported that in response to advertisements in the local Newspapers, nineteen applications had been received from persons who were willing to purchase on these terms. One of the applicants was Mr. Daly, the Borough Surveyor, and the Housing Committee had recommended that his application should be acceded to, and this recommendation was unanimously adopted by the present meeting.

The applications of the remaining eighteen would-be purchasers were then read, and on the motion of Alderman Connolly, seconded by Councillor Clancy, it was decided that a list of those persons be prepared and furnished in ballot form to each member of the Council, so that they could mark thereon their choice of the houses to be purchased. The list was also marked to be returned for scrutiny to the Finance & Works Committee on the 11th instant.

hospital were situated in Enniscorthy.

*Richard Corish, Esq. J.D.
Mayor of Wexford
21. 7. 32*

4th July, 1932.

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, Thomas Hayes, Richard Gibson, Thomas Rossiter, Nicholas Connolly.

Councillors: John Walsh, James Gaul, Garrett Donohoe, Thomas Buckland, James Murphy, Myles Bergin, Thomas Walsh, Patrick Clancy, William J. Power, James Crosbie, John J. O'Leary, John Atkins, James McMahon, Edward Bolger, Michael Martin.

The Minutes of meetings of the 6th and 17th June, last were taken as having been read, and were accordingly signed.

Liabilities which had accrued due up to the end of last month, amounting, in the aggregate, to £3,086 - 14 - 4, were submitted, and having been examined were approved, and an Advice note was signed to enable them to be discharged.

Among them was one from Messrs. Healy & Collins for supplying Robes and Hats for the members, and flags for the decoration of the Town Hall in connection with the Eucharistic Congress.

The cost of these articles came to £30 - 1 - 5, and the Town Clerk, in accordance with the requirements of Section 61 of the Local Government Act, 1925, pointed out that this was not a legal charge on the Corporation Funds, and that in all probability it would be surcharged by the Auditor, but nevertheless the meeting unanimously decided that the amount should be paid.

In connection with the various works now being proceeded with by the Council on the direct labour system, several members expressed dissatisfaction with the present method of employing the men needed for laying watermains and steam-rolling streets, and suggested that the necessary casual labour should, without exception, be taken on in batches, and each batch engaged for a period of four consecutive weeks only, so that the work could be distributed among as many of the unemployed in the town as possible.

Objection was especially made to one of the regular Corporation employees, who was in receipt of a fixed weekly wage, being employed after his working hours at the laying of the watermains, whereby he secured extra remuneration, and as well, strong objection was taken to the employment of two of the casual labourers who were kept on for a much longer period than were others hired at the same time.

The Surveyor explained that the three men referred to were most useful at the particular jobs at which they were put, and as the matter of the employment of labour was a recurring subject, advised that the entire work of completing the laying of the watermains should be done by contract, but this suggestion was not favourably received.

2nd August, 1932.

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

The members present were:-

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

Aldermen:- James Billington, Nicholas Connolly.

Councillors:- Patrick Clancy, John Walsh, Thomas Buckland, Myles Bergin, Thomas Walsh, James McMahon, John J. O'Leary, James Murphy, John Atkins, Edward Bolger, James Crosbie, Garrett Donohoe, William J. Power, Michael Martin.

The minutes of meetings of 4th and 18th July last were read and signed.

Liabilities which had accrued due up to the end of last month, amounting, in the aggregate, to £2,077 - 17 - 5, were submitted, and having been examined were approved, and an Advice Note was signed to enable them to be discharged.

The Mayor referred sympathetically to the unexpected demise on 31st ultimo, of Dr. Sinnott Vincent O'Connor, Medical Officer of Crossabeg Dispensary District, who had practised all his lifetime in Wexford Town, and was noted for his deep sympathy with the poor and needy. He, the Mayor, moved that an expression of regret at the sad event be forwarded on behalf of the Council to the relict of the deceased gentleman.

The motion was seconded by Councillor McMahon, supported by all the members present, and was passed in silence.

Alderman Connolly moved that a vote of condolence be conveyed to Councillor Ross, whose wife had passed to her Eternal Reward since last meeting.

The late Mrs. Ross belonged to a very old and respected Wexford family and her death was regretted by her numerous friends in the town.

Councillor Bergin seconded the motion with much regret.

It was supported by all the members, most of whom had enjoyed the friendship of the late Mrs. Ross, and was also adopted in respectful silence.

Councillor Ross now joined the meeting.

A recommendation from the Housing Committee was submitted.

It had reference to decision come to on 17th May last to erect 40 four-room two-storey houses on Whitemill Road, and let them at 4/- a week each, but in view of the improved financial terms about to be made available under fresh Housing Legislation, the Committee felt that the Scheme needed amendment.

It was explained that it would now be possible to provide two-storey three-room houses for slum dwellers which could be let at rents of 3/- a week each without unduly harrassing the Ratepayers, and as the rents which the present occupiers of slum property in Dodd's Lane were paying ranged from 1/- to 1/7 a week, the additional sum which they would have to meet when removed to the new dwellings would be moderate, and this was a side of the Housing Problem which could not be overlooked when dealing with the class intended to be catered for at Whitemill.

Furthermore, the same sleeping accommodation would be available in a three-room as in a four-room dwelling, as it was certain that in the latter type were built, one of the rooms would be used as a parlour, and not as a bedroom.

A circular letter from the Department of Local Government and Public Health dated 7th June, 1932, was read.

It drew attention to the marked increase in mortality from Diarrhoea and Enteritis amongst children under two years of age which invariably occurred at this period of the year, and set out measures to be taken for the prevention of such diseases.

As this was a very important matter, the circular was referred to the Maternity and Child Welfare Committee with a request that they should take steps to have suitable warning and instruction given to the mothers of young children so as to check as far as possible an outbreak of Diarrhoeal Diseases.

Richard Corish
Mayor
2.. 8. 32

18th July, 1932.

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 execute a Deed of Mortgage to secure re-payment to the National Bank within a period of seven years, of a sum of £185. borrowed to enable four of the streets in the town to be steam-rolled.

The members present were:-

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

Aldermen:- James Billington and Nicholas Connolly.

Councillors:- John Walsh, Myles Bergin, Thomas Buckland, Garrett Donohoe, James McMahon, Thomas Walsh, Patrick Clancy, John Atkins, James Crosbie, and James Murphy.

The Mortgage above referred to, which had been prepared by the Solicitor to the Bank, was produced. It set out the terms on which the Loan was to be repaid, as already agreed upon, and so, on the motion of Councillor Thomas Walsh, seconded by Alderman Billington, it was

RESOLVED:- That the Seal of the Corporation be affixed to the Deed of Mortgage now submitted, and attested by the signatures of the Mayor and the Town Clerk.

The Deed was thereupon duly sealed and signed, and the meeting arose.

Richard Corish
Mayor
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explain the exact meaning of the report.

Alderman Billington, who on 4th ultimo, intimated that he intended to move at present meeting that certain work should in future be carried out by contract instead of by direct labour, now asked permission to alter the terms of the motion so that it would embrace all structural work to be undertaken, but as this considerably widened the scope of his original proposal, it was decided to adjourn its consideration until next Statutory Meeting, so that all the members could have timely notice of it.

The election of a member to serve as a Harbour Commissioner for one year was proceeded with. It was reported that two nominations had been received, and that as required by the Wexford Harbour Act, 1874, these had been handed to the Secretary of the Commissioners forty-eight hours previous to the present meeting.

The two members nominated were the present representative, Councillor James Gaul, and Councillor James McMahon.

Thereupon Councillor Ross proposed that Councillor Gaul be elected to serve on the Harbour Board for one year.

Councillor Crosbie seconded this proposal.

Councillor O'Leary moved that Councillor McMahon be elected, and Councillor Bergin seconded the proposition.

A Poll was taken as between the two candidates, when there voted

For Councillor Gaul.	Councillors Ross, Martin, Power, Crosbie, T. Walsh, Alderman Billington, and the Mayor -----	7
For Councillor McMahon.	Councillors Donohoe, Bolger, Atkins, Murphy, O'Leary, Bergin, Buckland, J. Walsh, Clancy, and Alderman Connolly.-----	10

Councillor McMahon did not vote.

The Mayor thereupon declared Councillor McMahon elected, and that gentleman returned thanks for the confidence reposed in him by the Council.

An invitation was received from the Secretaries of the Association of Municipal Authorities for the Council to be represented at the Annual Conference which was to be held in Drogheda on 13th and 14th September next.

Councillor Buckland proposed that Alderman Billington be selected as a Delegate, and Councillor O'Leary seconded the proposal, while Alderman Connolly proposed, and Councillor Crosbie seconded a motion to the effect that Councillor Ross and Councillor Thomas Walsh be sent as Delegates.

At Alderman Billington's request his name was withdrawn, and so Councillors Ross and Walsh were unanimously selected, and it was further agreed, in accordance with the requirements of the Local Conferences Order, 1928, that if either of these gentlemen happened to be elected on the Executive Committee of the Association, he be authorized to attend not more than two meetings of this Committee in the ensuing year.

The Report of the Borough Analyst relating to the articles of food examined by him during the Quarter ended on 30th June last, was read.

This showed that he had analysed four samples of milk, two of butter, and one each of margarine and cheese, and had found them all genuine.

The Committee had carefully examined the financial side of the amended Scheme, which was now explained in detail to the present meeting. It was found that taking the cost of erection of a three-room house, together with the cost of the site, at £250, it would require an annuity of £16 - 13 - 4 for 35 years (the term of the Loan) to repay this amount. As well, depreciation, rates, insurance, and collector's commission would need to be provided for, so that the total yearly charge per house would amount to £22 - 9 - 6.

The Government were prepared to pay two-thirds of the Loan Charges, i. e., £11 - 2 - 2, as the houses were intended for displaced slum dwellers. These latter would pay a rent of 3/- per week per house, namely, £7 - 16 - 0, leaving the balance of the total annual charges of £22 - 9 - 6 per house to be met by the Corporation.

The sum to be so met would be £3 - 11 - 4, as against an annual contribution of £4 under the present Housing Acts.

The Committee therefore strongly recommended that the existing Scheme be amended, so that instead of forty four-room two-storey houses, there would be provided 34 three-room two-storey, and only six four-room two-storey houses; the 34 to be reserved for displaced slum dwellers, and let to them at rents of 3/- per week.

The present meeting were in full accord with the views of the Housing Committee, as they recognized that moderate rents for slum dwellers were imperative if the slum problem was to be successfully grappled with, and therefore the following resolution was unanimously adopted, as proposed by Councillor Bergin and seconded by Alderman Connolly.

That the recommendation of the Housing Committee be and is hereby adopted, that the 34 three-room houses be built in accordance with Government Housing Plan No. 4 of February, 1931, and that the Minister for Local Government and Public Health be requested to be so good as to assent to this change in the Scheme of 17th May last, which received his approval on 6th July, 1932, by letter numbered 45593.

With reference to minutes of 6th June last, when reports on the Coolree and John Street water supplies were read, there were now submitted the results of the bacteriological examination of these two sources of supply, and a deputation of the residents of John Street, who keenly resented the cutting-off of the John Street water, attended to hear them read.

From the reports it was gathered that the sample taken from the Coolree Reservoir was very satisfactory, but that the germ content in the sample ~~from the Coolree Reservoir~~ from the John Street Reservoir, apart altogether from the evidence of pollution, was far too high, and proved that the water was entirely unfit for human use.

In a covering letter, Dr. Bastible, County Medical Officer of Health, explained as regarded the latter sample, that several hundreds of colonies of organisms had been found in one cubic centimetre of the water. This was a very high count and was an index to the very large amount of organic matter in the sample, and was such as would cause irritation of the intestinal tracts. Furthermore, there was evidence of the presence of bacteria foreign to good water, while there were distinct traces of *Bacillus coli*, a type of organism which caused typhoid and typhus fevers.

As the report of the Bacteriologist was of a technical nature, and the deputation did not appear to be satisfied that the water could not again be used if the Reservoir was cleaned out and covered over, it was agreed that the matter should be adjourned, and discussed by the Finance & Works Committee to be held on 8th instant, and that Dr. Bastible should be requested to attend and

On the motion of Councillor Thomas Walsh, seconded by Alderman Connolly, a Resolution received from the Letterkenny Urban Council asking that Legislation should be introduced by the Government to authorize Urban Authorities to be directly represented on County Councils, was unanimously adopted, with an addendum that Urban Authorities should also have direct representation on County Boards of Health.

Councillor Murphy asked for and was granted permission to introduce a resolution of confidence in the Government, and appreciation of the support given them by the Labour Party, and pledging the Council's support in any steps the Government might think well of taking to defend the National Interests.

Some of the members objected to the Resolution in toto, while others objected to its phrasing. Eventually it was amended to read as follows, and its adoption was moved by Councillor Murphy, and seconded by Councillor Atkins, viz.:-

"That we, the Wexford Corporation, pledge our confidence in the Government in their effort to relieve the Country of its crushing financial burden.

"And that we fully appreciate the support given by the Labour Party."

A Poll was taken on the amended Resolution, when there voted

For	Councillors Martin, Crosbie, Bolger, Atkins, Murphy, Clancy, T. Walsh, J. Walsh, Alderman Connolly, and the Mayor. -----	10
Against	Councillors Ross, Power, O'Leary, McMahon, Bergin, Buckland, and Alderman Billington -----	7

It was accordingly declared carried.

Councillor Donohoe had left the meeting before the Resolution was put.

N Connolly
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29th August, 1932.

A Quarterly Meeting of the Council was held this day at the Town Hall, at twelve o'clock noon in accordance with the requirements of the Local Elections and Meetings (Postponement) Act, 1931.

The Members in attendance were:-

Richard Corish, Esq., Mayor.

Aldermen: Nicholas Connolly, Richard Gibson, Thomas Hayes, and Thomas Rossiter.

Councillors: James Crosbie, Michael Martin, Cyril Ross, Thomas Walsh, John Walsh, William J. Power, Thomas Buckland, Garrett Donohoe, James Murphy, Myles Bergin, and John J. O'Leary.

The Minutes of meeting of the 2nd instant were read and signed, whereupon Councillor Ross returned heartfelt thanks for the vote of sympathy then tendered to him on the death of his wife.

The election of a Mayor was proceeded with, Alderman Connolly, as senior Alderman of the Borough, acting as Chairman during the election.

Councillor Martin, in a felicitous speech, proposed:

The Secretary of the County Council, under date of 26th ultimo, intimated that owing to the defective condition of the abutment of Ferrycarrig Bridge, with the consequent jamming of the bascule opening very extensive alterations would need to be carried out.

The estimated cost of the work was £5,000, but if the opening span were altered to a fixed one, a considerable saving could be effected, and so the County Council had appointed a Committee to go thoroughly into the matter, along with representatives of other Public Bodies, and the Corporation were asked to send a member to meet the Committee.

On the motion of Alderman Connolly, seconded by Councillor Ross, it was unanimously decided to appoint Councillor Thomas Walsh as the nominee of the Corporation, and he was directed to re-iterate their considered opinion, given to the Minister for Industry and Commerce in November last, that it would be against the best interests of Wexford as a seaport town, to close the draw-bridge at Ferrycarrig.

A letter from the Roads Department of the Ministry of Local Government and Public Health, dated 29th July, 1932 was read.

This intimated that the Minister was prepared to make a Grant not exceeding £3,000 towards the cost of improving certain of the streets of the town, so as to relieve unemployment, but that the Borough Surveyor's estimate of the cost of concrete, viz.:— 10/- per square yard, should be capable of reduction to 6/- or 7/-, so that the Grant ought to be adequate to complete all the work set out in the list already submitted to the Minister.

The communication added that before the money would be available, it would be necessary for the Surveyor to furnish full particulars of the materials in the aggregate, as well as details of the mixture, depth of slab, and nature and extent of any re-inforcement to be used.

From a statement submitted by the Surveyor, it appeared that it would be impossible to carry out all the concreting, &c., for the £3,000, but that if the Minister could see his way to agree to Roche's Road and Parnell Street being treated with tar macadam and unaphalt - these being two very wide thoroughfares - the Grant would be adequate, but if not, the Council themselves would have to provide no less than £923 to complete the work.

The meeting gave this matter much consideration. It was seen that in order to renew the sewers and watermains in some of the streets to be re-surfaced, it would be necessary to raise a Loan of £1,389, and this being the case, it was considered that it would be too much to expect the Ratepayers to find a further £923, and therefore, on the motion of Councillor Ross, seconded by Councillor T. Walsh, it was resolved:— That the Minister for Local Government and Public Health be requested to consent to tar macadam being substituted for concrete in both Roche's Road and Parnell Street, in which case the Grant of £3,000 will enable the entire work already submitted, with the alteration now suggested, to be carried out in its entirety, and that a sum of £1,389 be borrowed from the Commissioners of Public Works, so that the sewers and watermains in some of the streets intended to be dealt with, may be renewed.

The surveyor was also directed to furnish all the information asked for in the Communication.

A Resolution from the Tralee Urban Council, advocating the grant by the State of pensions to all employees of County and Urban Councils, was referred to the forthcoming Conference of the Association of Municipal Authorities, on the motion of Alderman Connolly, seconded by Councillor Ross.

The following were constituted a Housing Committee on the motion of Councillor Thomas Walsh, seconded by Alderman Hayes, viz.:— The Mayor, Aldermen Connolly, Rossiter, Billington, Hayes, Councillors Atkins, Buckland, T. Walsh, Crosbie, Martin, McMahon, Clancy.

A Maternity and Child Welfare Committee was formed of the following, on the motion of Councillor T. Walsh, seconded by Councillor Bergin:—

Councillors Ross, Crosbie, McMahon, Thomas Walsh, Gaul, and Mrs. Dowse, Mrs. Hadden, Mrs. Kelly, Mrs. McGuire, Miss Alice Furlong, and Miss Ellen Kavanagh.

It was agreed that the School Meals Committee would comprise the following:—

Alderman Connolly, Councillors Crosbie, T. Walsh, Gaul, Bergin, O'Leary, McMahon, with Mrs. McTaminey and Miss Alice Fennell.

Richard Corish
Mayor
5. 9. 32.

5th September, 1932.

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: Richard Gibson, Nicholas Connolly, Thomas Hayes and Thomas Rossiter.

Councillors: John Walsh, Garrett Lonohoe, Cyril Ross, Thomas Buckland, John J. O'Leary, James Murphy, Myles Bergin, Thomas Walsh, Patrick Clancy, James McMahon, Michael Martin, Edward Bolger, James Crosbie, and John Atkins.

The Minutes of meeting of the 29th ultimo were read and signed.

A letter was read from Mrs. Mary J. O'Connor, of West Gate, expressing gratitude for the sympathy which the Council extended to her on the death of her husband, the late Dr. S. V. O'Connor.

With reference to minutes of meeting of 30th May last, when the question of agreeing to revised terms for the repayment of a Loan of £1,500 borrowed for the erection of working class houses was deferred, a further letter on this matter from the Commissioners of Public Works under date of 30th August, 1932, was read.

This was to the effect that the Minister for Finance had now agreed to the Loan being repaid within a period of thirty-seven years by the Annuity instead of by the Instalment System, and so a resolution agreeing to the revised terms should be adopted for attachment to the existing Mortgage Deed.

As this was the method by which the Corporation wished to repay the £1,500, the following resolution was unanimously adopted, as proposed by the Mayor, seconded by Councillor Ross:

"That the following terms relating to repayment of Loan of £1,500 borrowed for the erection of six working class dwellings on Davitt Road, North, be accepted, in lieu of those embodied in Mortgage Deed of 13th April, 1932, viz.:—

(1) That the Loan will be repayable on the Annuity System.

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"That Alderman Richard Corish be re-elected Mayor of Wexford until Quarterly Meeting to be held between 23rd June and 1st July, 1933, and until his successor has been elected and has made a Declaration accepting the Office."

This motion was seconded by Councillor John Walsh, who took pride in the fact that for the last twelve consecutive years it had been his privilege to support a resolution in similar terms.

It was supported by Councillors Ross and O'Leary, both of whom referred to the energy displayed by Alderman Corish on every possible occasion to advance the interests of Wexford.

On being put to the meeting, it was carried unanimously, and Alderman Corish was thereupon declared re-elected. He made a Declaration of Acceptance of Office, and took the Chair, which was vacated by Alderman Connolly.

In returning thanks for his continuous election as Mayor of his native town since the year 1920, Alderman Corish took occasion to recall the many improvements effected throughout the Borough since that time, including the additional housing accommodation provided for the working classes at moderate rents, all of which had been carried out with the willing co-operation of every member of the Council.

Since the commencement of the current year no less than 183 of the unemployed had been given work for agreed-on periods on the various schemes initiated, the wages paid being over £200 a week, and in the near future additional men would be needed when work would be commenced on the resurfacing of certain of the streets for which a Grant of £3,000 had been allocated by the Minister for Local Government and Public Health, and furthermore, a total expenditure of £23,895 was contemplated over and above the ordinary services carried out by the Council.

As to the provision of houses on the Whitewill Road site, the delay in commencing building operations was due to an alteration in the method of repaying the requisite Loan, which was now to be met by yearly instalments of principal and interest, instead of by annuity as stated by the Minister in An Dail.

By this System it would not be possible to let the houses at rents of three shillings a week as promised without requiring the ratepayers to bear a greatly increased annual contribution, and this the Council were unwilling to ask them to do.

The Commissioners of Public Works were being pressed to revert to the annuity method of repayment, but until this most important matter was satisfactorily settled the erection of the houses would not be proceeded with.

The Mayor also stated that the financial position of the Council was sound; that full provision had been made for all expenditure to be incurred during the year; and finally expressed appreciation for the zeal with which the Officers, without exception, were carrying out their various duties.

The fixing of days and hours on which three Quarterly Meetings of the Council would be held previous to the 23rd June next was then proceeded with, and on the motion of Alderman Connolly, seconded by Councillor Ross, it was decided to fix such meetings for Monday, 7th November next, at 7-30 p. m.; Monday, 6th February, 1933, at 7-30 p. m.; and Monday, 1st May, 1933, at 7-30 p. m.

On the Motion of Councillor Ross, seconded by Councillor O'Leary, it was decided that the Finance and Works, the Waterworks, the Old Age Pensions, and the Public Health Committees would be composed of the entire members of the Council, the latter Committee to be empowered to deal with all sanitary matters arising within the Borough, in pursuance of Section 5 of the Public Health (Ireland) Act,

Notification was received of a casual vacancy in the Office of Councillor in St. Selskar Ward caused by the death of the late William Goodison, and the seat was thereupon declared vacant, and on the motion of Councillor O'Leary, seconded by Councillor McMahon, it was decided to have such vacancy filled by the co-option of a qualified person on Monday, the 19th instant.

A letter from the Department of Local Government and Public Health under date of the 2nd instant (RFU/13) was read intimating that the Minister had approved of the Scheme submitted for the expenditure of £3,000 allocated from the Relief of Unemployment Grant to Wexford Town, and that all the labour required in connection with the work should be recruited through the local Employment Exchange.

Much satisfaction was expressed at the prospect of a number of the unemployed being put to work in the course of the next few days on the labour outlined in the Scheme.

Councillor Clancy drew attention to the fact that flue linings were being manufactured in Enniscorthy, and pressed to have them used in the houses being erected by the Council so as to encourage a local industry, but it was explained that after test they had been found unsuitable as they did not stand moderate heat, but the meeting unanimously agreed that if and when they were turned out in such a manner as would satisfy the requirements of the Town Surveyor, they were to be substituted in future Housing Schemes for the linings being used at present.

A deputation of four of the unemployed in the town appeared before the meeting with the object of bringing the case of those in receipt of Home Assistance under notice in the hope that they might secure some of the work for which the Relief Grant of £3,000 had been given. Mr. John Kinsella, of Dodd's Lane, who acted as spokesman, asserted that most of those in receipt of Home Assistance, although unemployed for from two to seven years, had never been engaged on any of the various works carried out by the Council, although they were well suited for manual labour, and some had large families dependent on them, and the deputation trusted that these latter men, who numbered fifty, would now receive favourable consideration. The Mayor pointed out that no less than 188 men had secured employment since the beginning of the year, while even at the moment an extra twelve men had been put to work, and that recently the Council had decided to dispense with the services of all men who were in receipt of service pensions above a certain amount, so that others not so favourably circumstanced could take their places.

He promised to go into the merits of each individual case submitted to him with the object of finding them work as the opportunity offered, married men with families to have priority, and the deputation, who stated that those who accompanied them in procession to the Town Hall, were not making a demonstration/against the Government or the Corporation, but merely wished to draw attention to their plight, thanked the meeting for the hearing which had been given them and withdrew.

Richard Gordon Murray
10. 10. 32

- "(2) That the period for the repayment of the Loan will be thirty-five years with interest for the time being at $5\frac{1}{4}$ per cent. per annum, repayment period to be reckoned from a date two years subsequent to the date of the Mortgage.
- (3) That the sums repayable for the first two years of the Loan will consist of interest charges only at $5\frac{1}{4}$ per cent. Thereafter the Loan will be repayable by a half-yearly instalment of £3 - 6 - 8 per one hundred pounds over a period of thirty-five years."

Regarding proposed alteration in Scheme for the erection of forty houses on Whitmill Road, made on 2nd ultimo, a letter from the Department of Local Government and Public Health numbered 60630 was read, wherein the Minister approved of the amended Scheme, and in this connection a communication dated 2nd instant was read from the Office of Public Works intimating that the Loan to enable the houses to be erected would be repayable on the Annuity System within a period of thirty-five years, with interest for the time being at $5\frac{1}{4}$ per cent., and that the thirty-five years of the repayment period was to be reckoned from a date two years subsequent to the date of the Mortgage - interest only to be charged in the meantime - which made the repayment period thirty-seven years. It was seen that these terms were embodied in the Draft Mortgage which accompanied the Communication and so it was approved and ordered to be returned to the Office of Public Works to be engrossed for execution, as was a Draft of Mortgage for Loan of £800 for erection of two houses on Davitt Road, North, the terms of repayment being exactly similar.

There was submitted a copy of the Housing (Financial and Miscellaneous Provisions) Act, 1932, which became Law on 3rd August last, together with a letter explanatory of the various Sections of the Act, but as all the members had already been made aware of the scope of the Statute, it was not deemed necessary to have the letter read.

It was reported that recently an offer had been made by Messrs. MacDonagh & Boland, Insurance Brokers, of Dublin, to insure all the Council's houses for a premium of eightpence per cent. per annum, or at sixpence per cent. if a five years contract were given, and as the premium being paid to the Irish Public Bodies Insurances Ltd. was at the rate of $1\frac{1}{3}$ per cent. per annum, the latter Company, on their attention being called to this great difference, agreed to allow a rebate of twenty-five per cent. on their premiums if the policies were kept in existence for a continuous period of five years from next renewal date.

This offer would reduce the annual payment on these policies to £30 - 2 - 5, whereas if the offer of Messrs. MacDonagh & Boland were accepted, the same risks would be covered for a sum of £16-3-6 a year.

The Finance Committee had had the matter before them and referred it to the present meeting, and as the difference between the two amounts was considerable, it was now agreed, on the motion of Councillor Thomas Walsh, seconded by Councillor Atkins, to postpone the matter until next meeting, and in the meantime to ascertain from Messrs. MacDonagh & Boland full particulars of the Company for which they were acting, including its financial stability, and the Country in which it is incorporated.

As Alderman Billington was not present to move the motion standing in his name whereby all work in future should be done by contract instead of by direct labour, it was decided to adjourn its consideration till next Statutory Meeting for his attendance.

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 Eight Hundred Pounds proposed to be advanced by them to us under the Housing of the Working Classes Acts.

The Mortgage Deed was thereupon duly sealed and signed, and the following further Resolution was then adopted as proposed by Alderman Rossiter, and seconded by Councillor Crosbie:-

"That inasmuch as this Corporation does not immediately require from the Commissioners of Public Works in Ireland the total amount of the sum mentioned in the Deed of Mortgage to them this day executed by this Corporation, but prefer to receive the same by instalments as occasion may require, it is resolved that the requisition for each advance shall be intimated to said Commissioners by the Chairman of this Corporation for time being, countersigned by the Town Clerk.

"And that each such requisition shall be forwarded to the Accountant of the said Commissioners, and that all such advances shall be lodged to our Account in the Wexford Branch of the National Bank."

The question of filling the casual vacancy in the Office of Councillor for St. Selskar Ward was next taken up, but on the motion of Councillor T. Walsh, seconded by Alderman Connolly, it was unanimously agreed to defer action in the matter sine die.

This concluded the business for which the meeting had been convened.

Richard Corish
Mayor
10. 10. 32

3rd October, 1932.

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: Thomas Hayes, James Billington, Thomas Rossiter, and Nicholas Connolly.

Councillors: John Walsh, James Crosbie, Garrett Donohoe, Thomas Buckland, John J. O'Leary, James Murphy, Myles Bergin, James McMahon, Patrick Clancy, Cyril Ross, Michael Martin, William J. Power, Thomas Walsh, John Atkins, and Edward Bolger.

Liabilities which had accrued due up to the end of last month, amounting, in the aggregate, to £2,875 : 1 : 8, were submitted, and having been examined were approved, and an Advice Note was signed to enable them to be discharged.

Included in them was an item of £50 for the purchase of a second-hand concrete mixer, which the Finance & Works Committee, on 5th ultimo, decided to acquire at as cheap a price as possible.

The Surveyor reported that the Vendor, Mr. George O'Connor, refused to accept a lesser sum than £50 for the machine, and as it was urgently needed, and was undoubtedly a bargain, the meeting unanimously agreed to complete the purchase.

A Paying Order for £600 was also issued to augment the Petty Cash in the hands of the Town Clerk to enable him to pay the weekly wages of the men engaged at the erection, on the White-mill Road, of forty workmen's houses.

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19th September, 1932.

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 execute two Deeds of Mortgage, one relating to Loan of £12,300 borrowed from the Commissioners of Public Works for the erection of forty houses on the Whitemill Road, and the other to Loan of £300 borrowed from the same source for the erection of two good-class houses on Davitt Road, North; and to fill by means of the choice of the Council, as provided by the Local Elections and Meetings (Postponement) Act, 1931, the vacancy in the Office of Councillor in St. Selskar Ward caused by the death of the late William Goodison.

The members in attendance were:-

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

Aldermen: James Billington, Thomas Hayes, Thomas Rossiter, Nicholas Connolly, and Richard Gibson.

Councillors: James McMahon, Patrick Clancy, Thomas Walsh, John Atkins, Garrett Donohoe, James Crosbie, Edward Bolger, Myles Bergin, John Walsh, Cyril Ross, Thomas Buckland, James Murphy, and John J. O'Leary.

The Deed relating to Loan of £12,300 was first submitted. It provided for the repayment of the entire sum within a period of thirty-five years after the expiration of two years from present date by half-yearly instalments calculated at the rate of £3 - 6 - 8 per £100, and thereupon the following Resolution was unanimously adopted:-

It was moved by Councillor Thomas Walsh,

seconded by Alderman Connolly, 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 Twelve Thousand Three Hundred Pounds proposed to be advanced by them to us under the Housing of the Working Classes Acts.

The Deed of Mortgage was then duly sealed and signed.

The following Resolution was also unanimously adopted on the motion of Councillor Ross, seconded by Alderman Rossiter:

"That inasmuch as this Corporation does not immediately require from the Commissioners of Public Works in Ireland the total amount of the sum mentioned in the Deed of Mortgage to them this day executed by this Corporation, but prefer to receive the same by instalments as occasion may require, it is resolved that the requisition for each advance shall be intimated to said Commissioners by the Chairman of this Corporation for time, counter-signed by the Town Clerk.

"And that each such requisition shall be forwarded to the Accountant of the said Commissioners and that all such advances shall be lodged to our Account in the Wexford Branch of the National Bank."

The Deed relating to Loan of £300 was next submitted. It was seen that the terms of repayment were exactly similar to those embodied in the Mortgage Deed of the £12,300 Loan, and so, on the motion of Councillor Atkins, seconded by Councillor Bolger, it was unanimously resolved:

Alderman Billington intimated that he did not intend to move the motion of which he had given notice whereby all future work would be carried out by contract instead of by Direct labour, seeing that the several projects to which he had intended it to apply were now being proceeded with by the latter method, and so the motion was, by consent, withdrawn.

In the absence of Councillor Bolger it was agreed to postpone till next Statutory Meeting Consideration of resolution which he had intended to submit to limit the period of employment of watchmen in the service of the Council.

A letter from the Borough Surveyor was read. This intimated that in consequence of the very large amount of work in progress and which would continue for some time to come, he needed the services of a lad to do clerical and office work, and asked for such assistance to be given him. The following Committee were appointed to go carefully into this matter and report to the Council on an early date, viz.:- The Mayor, Aldermen Billington, Rossiter, Hayes, and Connolly, with Councillors T. Walsh, Clancy, Buckland and O'Leary.

A letter from the Department of Local Government and Public Health under date of the 14th September, 1932, No. 71406, was read. It was to the effect that the Minister had made an Order fixing at six per cent. per annum the rate of interest on advances to be made by Local Authorities under the Small Dwellings Acquisition Acts, but intimated that if money could be raised in the open market at a lesser rate than $5\frac{1}{2}$ per cent. (the rate at which Loans could be borrowed from the Local Loans Fund for the purpose of the Acts) the Minister would be prepared to make an Order fixing a lesser rate of interest than six per cent. on any advances such Local Authorities would make to persons who might take advantage of the facilities afforded by these Acts.

A further communication from the same Department was read intimating that Mr. Daly, Borough Surveyor, was the "Appointed Officer" for the erection of new houses in Wexford Urban District under the Housing (Financial and Miscellaneous Provisions) Act, 1932.

As the meeting was anxious that the provisions of the Small Dwellings Acquisition Acts should be made available to residents of the Borough, Councillor T. Walsh intimated that on the 24th instant he would ask the Council to adopt a Resolution undertaking to act under the Acts in question so that the Corporation would then become the Local Authority in the case.

This disposed of the business appearing on the Agenda, and the Mayor thereupon referred to misstatements made by a Deputation of some of the unemployed in the town who had appeared before a recent meeting of the County Board of Health with the object of obtaining additional Home Help.

According to reports appearing in the local Newspapers, some members of the Deputation complained that they had not been fairly treated by the Corporation when the Relief Grant of £3,000 was being expended, whereas at the time the Scheme for which the Grant had been given had only been started and but six men engaged.

The works in progress, to which they apparently referred, were the laying of sewers and mains and the resurfacing of certain of the streets, all of which projects were being financed by Loans borrowed by the Corporation which the Ratepayers would have to repay, and it was the settled policy of the Council to employ on such works only men who would give value for the wages received, and were competent to carry out efficiently the labour required of them.

As to the men needed for the Relief Grant work, these were selected by the Manager of the Local Employment Exchange in accordance with Regulations issued by the Minister for Local Government

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The Mayor, in feeling terms, alluded to the death, on the 29th ultimo, of Mr. Patrick Hanrahan, former Borough Surveyor, who, in 1928, had been obliged to relinquish Office through ill-health, and paid a glowing tribute to the manner in which, for over twenty-five years, he had discharged his many duties; and as a further tribute to his memory proposed that the meeting should adjourn until 10th instant at 7-30 p. m.

The motion was seconded by Councillor McMahon and supported by the other members present, all of whom expressed regret at the demise of an efficient and zealous Official and a Wexfordman, who took a deep pride in the development of his native town, and was adopted in respectful silence. On the motion of the Mayor, seconded by Councillor Clancy, the sympathy of the meeting was tendered to Rev. L. Allen, C.C., and Mr. Denis Allen, T.D., on the recent demise of their sister, the late Miss Annie Allen.

The meeting then arose.

Richard Corish
Mayor
10. 10. 32

10th October, 1932.

An adjourned 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, Thomas Rossiter, Nicholas Connolly, and Thomas Hayes.

Councillors: John Walsh, Garrett Donohoe, Thomas Buckland, Myles Bergin, James Crosbie, Thomas Walsh, Patrick Clancy, John Atkins, James McMahon, James Murphy, Cyril Ross, and John J. O'Leary.

On the motion of Councillor T. Walsh, Seconded by Councillor Atkins, the Minutes of meetings of 5th and 19th September, and of 3rd October, 1932, were taken as having been read, and were thereupon signed.

Acknowledgements of votes of sympathy extended to them in their recent bereavements were submitted from Miss Hanrahan, and Rev. L. Allen C. C.

Referring to Minutes of the 5th ultimo, when an attractive offer for the insurance of the Council's houses was received from Messrs. MacDonagh & Boland, of Dublin, a letter from that Firm was read intimating that the offer was made on behalf of Underwriters at Lloyds, and that if any claims arose they would be dealt with from Dublin.

As the quotation was very much lower than that of the Irish Public Bodies Mutual Insurances Ltd., with whom the houses were at present insured in accordance with Resolution of 6th December, 1926, it was thought that the whole matter should be re-opened so as to secure the protection of all the Corporation property against loss or damage at as cheap a rate as possible consistent with adequate security, and to enable this to be done Councillor Thomas Walsh gave notice that he would move at next Statutory Meeting the rescission of the Resolution above referred to, and this notice was accepted.

17th October, 1932.

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

The members present were:-

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

Aldermen: James Billington, Nicholas Connolly.

Councillors: John Walsh, Garrett Donohoe, Thomas Buckland, Patrick Clancy, James McMahon, James Murphy, William J. Power, James Crosbie, John J. O'Leary.

The meeting was summoned to fix the rents at which the six completed houses on Davitt Road, North, would be let to those who were selected as tenants on the 30th May last.

From a statement which had been furnished to the members beforehand, it was seen that the total all-in cost of the buildings amounted to £1,772 : 5 : 9, which worked out at £295 : 7 : 8 per house, and that the annual charge to meet this latter sum came to £21 : 0 : 11.

This amount was arrived at after allowing for a Government Contribution under the Housing (Financial and Miscellaneous Provisions) Act, 1932, of $33\frac{1}{3}$ per cent, of the annual Loan Charges, and providing for depreciation, full rates, ground rent, insurance and Collector's Commission.

This statement also showed that if a rent of 6/6 per week were charged, an annual contribution of £4 : 2 : 11 in respect of each house would be needed from the Rates to make good the loss in letting at this figure, or if a rent of 6/9 were charged the Rates should bear an annual contribution of £3 : 9 : 11 per house, while a contribution of £2 : 16 : 11 per house would be required if the rent were fixed at 7/- a week.

Attention was directed to the fact that the houses exceeded by £272 : 5 : 9 the amount of the Loan raised for their erection, but it was explained that this was due to unexpected difficulties which had arisen on the preparation of the site.

On considering the rents to be charged it was pointed out that in previous Housing Schemes where the dwellings were let at 6/6 a week, the contribution from the Rates amounted annually to £4 in respect of each house, and this being the case it was thought that a similar rent should be charged for the dwellings now under review, and, accordingly, on the motion of the Mayor, seconded by Alderman Connolly, it was unanimously resolved:

"That the rent of the six houses on Davitt Road, North, be hereby fixed at 6/6 per house per week, and that the Minister for Local Government and Public Health be requested to approve of this rent."

The question of the provision of the additional sum necessary, namely, £272 : 5 : 9, to enable all outstanding liabilities on the houses to be discharged was then considered, and on the suggestion of the Mayor, it was decided to enter into negotiations with the Council's Treasurer (The National Bank) for the raising by way of Loan of the sum needed on the most advantageous terms which could be secured, and on condition that the entire amount would be repaid within a period of ten years.

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Richard Corish
Mayor of Wexford

and Public Health, and this Rule was being strictly carried out, the Corporation not being consulted in any way on the matter.

The spokesman of the Delegation, the Mayor added, stated, on being questioned by a member of the Health Board, that they were then engaged on Relief Work at the County Hospital, whereas in reality some of them at the time were in the employment of the Corporation, and had obtained permission to absent themselves from work to appear before the Board.

Another of the Deputation stated that he had only obtained two months work in eleven years, while an examination of the Corporation records showed that he had been employed with them in November and December, 1931, and in July and August, 1932. As well, he had been working with the Wexford Steamships Company and Messrs. Stafford & Sons on various occasions, during which time he was paid compensation under the Workmen's Compensation Acts for eighteen weeks at the rate of £1 - 6 - 3 per week. At another period within the last eleven years he had been sent to Blackrock Hospital, during which time his family was in receipt of a generous allowance, and yet again he had been sent by the War Pensions Committee to Tipperary to be trained as a shoemaker, his family for this period also receiving a maintenance allowance.

The Mayor considered it his duty to make the above statement to clear himself and the other members of the Corporation of the unjust aspersions cast on them, and stated that since February last work of a month's duration had been provided for no less than 272 men, while at the present date they had 140 men employed, the wages bill amounting, approximately, to £250 a week.

The meeting unanimously approved of the Mayor's statement which would dissipate the unjust rumours prevalent regarding favouritism in the selection of casual workmen by the Corporation, and allusion was made to the refusal of the Health Board to accept from the Minister for Local Government and Public Health an offer of £33,000 for the provision of hospital accommodation for the County contingent on the comparatively trifling sum of £4,000 being raised in the Rates.

It was emphasized that the expenditure of this money would provide employment for many men, and the need of a District Hospital for Wexford town was stressed, the opinion being held that cases of infectious disease were not reported because of the fear that the patients would be sent to New Ross for treatment, a distance of 24 miles, and it was recalled that the Minister for Local Government and Public Health and the chief Officials of his Department were all in favour of such an hospital being provided for the town.

At the conclusion of the discussion, the following resolution was unanimously adopted as proposed by Councillor T. Walsh, seconded by Alderman Connolly:

"That we earnestly request the County Board of Health and Public Assistance to accept the offer of £33,000 made by the Minister for Local Government and Public Health for the provision of hospital accommodation for the County contingent on a sum of £4,000 being contributed from the Rates, and call on the Board to provide a District Hospital for Wexford Town and the surrounding Rural areas, so that there would be no necessity for fever patients to be sent to New Ross for treatment as at present."

Richard Board
Mayor of Wexford

These recommendations evoked no comment, and so, on the motion of Councillor Ross, seconded by Alderman Connolly, it was unanimously resolved. That the report now submitted be hereby adopted.

The question of office accommodation for the boy when appointed was raised by the Borough Surveyor. He strenuously objected to having him at work in his own Office, and suggested that part of the adjoining Waterworks Store should be fitted up for his use, and this, he stated, could be done at a cost of about £5.

It was contended by some of the members, however, that the lad should work in the Surveyor's Office, where he would be under his direct supervision, and where he could gain some experience in the work of the Surveyor's Department, and as well, objection was made to the provision of office accommodation for a temporary clerk whose services might be dispensed with at the expiration of six months.

As against this, however, other members held that the Surveyor was the best judge of how the boy could render the most useful service, and that his opinion on the point should not be disregarded, and so Councillor Buckland proposed. That part of the Waterworks Store be fitted up in manner suggested by the Surveyor at a cost not exceeding Five Pounds.

This motion was seconded by Alderman Billington.

Before it was put the Mayor suggested that Mr. Daly should agree to have the boy in his Office for a couple of weeks, and if the arrangement was not found satisfactory, the matter of separate accommodation could then again be gone into, but Mr. Daly refused to agree to this suggestion, and stated he would not accept the lad's services unless a separate office were provided for him.

A Poll was then taken on Councillor Buckland's proposal, when there voted:

For Councillors Buckland, Murphy, O'Leary, and Alderman Billington ----- 4

Against Councillors Martin, Crosbie, Donohoe, Atkins, Walsh, Ross, Clancy,

Bergin, Aldermen Connolly, Hayes, Rossiter, and the Mayor ----- 12

Declined to vote - Councillor Gaul ----- 1

The proposal was thereupon declared lost, and as the Surveyor, in view of this decision, still remained obdurate in refusing to accept the clerical help he had asked for, the meeting unanimously decided to treat as non-existent the Committee report which had been adopted at the outset.

In accordance with notice given on the 10th instant, the following Resolution was unanimously adopted on the motion of Alderman Billington, seconded by Councillor Ross:

"That we hereby undertake to act under the Small Dwellings Acquisition Act, 1899, so that we may become the Local Authority in Wexford Town for the purpose of that Enactment."

Further, on the motion of Councillor Gaul, seconded by Councillor Crosbie, it was also unanimously resolved:

"That the sum to be advanced by way of Loan to any person intending to construct a house in which he intends to reside be fixed at 90 per cent. of the value of such house, but with the proviso, however, that the maximum of such value should not exceed £500 inclusive of any Government Grant made by the Minister for Local Government and Public Health under Section 5 of the Housing of the Working Classes Act, 1901, and the Housing of the Working Classes Act, 1932."

24th October, 1932.

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, Committee recommendations relating to the appointment of a temporary Boy Clerk for the Borough Surveyor's Office; and to pass a Resolution whereby the Corporation would become the Local Authority in Wexford Town for the purpose of the Small Dwellings Acquisition Act, 1899.

The members present were:-

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

Aldermen: James Billington, Thomas Rossiter, Thomas Hayes, Nicholas Connolly.

Councillors: James Gaul, Thomas Buckland, John J. O'Leary, James Murphy, Myles Bergin, Patrick Clancy, Cyril Ross, Thomas Walsh, John Atkins, Garrett Donohoe, James Crosbie, and Michael Martin.

On the motion of Alderman Rossiter, seconded by Councillor Bergin, the sympathy of the meeting was extended to the relatives and Clerical Colleagues of the late Dean of St. Peter's College, Father Michael Kelly (R.I.P.) who died on the 20th instant after a prolonged illness.

Regarding application made by the Borough Surveyor on the 10th instant for temporary clerical assistance, the following report from the Committee then appointed to consider the matter was read:

"The Committee met on Monday, the 17th instant, when the following members attended:

"The Mayor (in the Chair) with Aldermen Connolly, Billington, Hayes, and Councillors Buckland, O'Leary, Clancy, and T. Walsh.

"The Committee went very carefully into the Surveyor's request, and in view of the various works at present in progress, including the erection of forty houses by direct labour, all of which have necessitated the employment of 130 men in addition to the ordinary working staff, unanimously agreed to recommend the Council to appoint (subject to the approval of the Minister for Local Government and Public Health) a temporary boy clerk to assist Mr. Daly in the work of his Office, who should not be less than 16 or more than 18 years of age, and who should be paid a wage of 15/- a week.

"They further agreed to recommend that the appointment should continue until the sewers and watermains at present being laid are completed, and until the termination of the Scheme for the relief of unemployment, for which a Grant of £3,000 has been secured, and suggest that one month's notice by the Corporation or by the appointee should terminate the engagement.

"They also recommend that the position should be advertised in the local Press; that all applicants should sit for a written examination in subjects, including Irish, to be set by Mr. T. D. Sinnott, Secretary of the County Board of Health, who very kindly undertook, in consultation with Mr. Daly, to prepare the papers, and that the candidate who obtains the highest total number of marks should secure the appointment.

"The Committee, in submitting these recommendations, suggest, if they are adopted, that the Relief Grant, the Housing Loan, and Ordinary Revenue should each bear one-third part of the boy's wages.

"Signed on behalf of the Committee.

"Richard Corish,

"Mayor.

"22nd October, 1932."

Some members contended that in view of the large number of male clerical workers at present unemployed, one of that sex should be given the work, while others held that if a male clerk were appointed it would be necessary to increase the wages of 30/- per week which was being paid Miss Lacey.

Eventually it was unanimously agreed, on the motion of Alderman Connolly, seconded by Councillor McMahon, that Miss Lacey be appointed as typist for a period of four weeks at a remuneration of £1 - 10 - 0 per week, the appointment to date from the 2nd instant, when she was first employed by the Finance and Works Committee.

The Mayor intimated that he had hopes of procuring a further grant of £3,000 for the relief of unemployment in the Town, and consequently had asked the Borough Surveyor to prepare a Scheme of road work for submission to the present meeting.

Two Schemes were submitted. One provided for the concreting of the surface of the Faythe, which would cost, approximately, £3,200, and the other for the resurfacing with unaphalt of the Faythe, Castlehill Street, Barrack Street, Thomas Street, Green Street, Francis Street and Waterloo Road, at an approximate cost of £3,000.

A long discussion took place as to which of the two Schemes should be adopted in the event of a Grant being forthcoming, during which it was pointed out that the Minister for Local Government and Public Health would very likely insist on concrete work being carried out.

Some members contended that by the use of Unaphalt support would be given to a home industry, while if the concreting Scheme were undertaken the necessary cement would have to be imported. As against this, however, others held the view that the concrete would be practically an everlasting job, whereas the Unaphalt would require an annual maintenance outlay, and so Alderman Billington moved. That in the event of a Grant being forthcoming we resurface the Faythe in concrete.

Councillor Buckland seconded this motion.

Councillor T. Walsh, however, proposed. That in the event of a grant being forthcoming, we request the Minister for Local Government and Public Health to permit us to resurface the Faythe, Castlehill Street, Barrack Street, Thomas Street, Green Street, Francis Street and Waterloo Road with unaphalt.

This proposition was seconded by Councillor O'Leary, and on a vote was declared carried, as only the proposer and seconder were in favour of the former motion.

The question of the Faythe sewer was then raised.

The Mayor stated that whatever was going to be done with the Faythe a new sewer would have to be laid, as the present one was of the old box type and was continually giving trouble.

The Borough Surveyor estimated that a new sewer of 9" and 12" pipes would cost £970, and if the Corporation agreed to provide it, and if they procured a Grant of £3,000 for roadwork, it would mean an expenditure of practically £4,00, which would provide work for a good number of the unemployed.

Thereupon Councillor Ross moved. That we provide a new sewer in the Faythe at a cost of £970, and that the Minister for Local Government and Public Health be requested to sanction the raising of the necessary Loan from the Local Loans Fund for the purpose.

Alderman Connolly seconded this motion which was carried nem. con.

The meeting then separated.

Richard Corish
Mayor of Wexford
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7th November, 1932.

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

The members present were:-

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

Aldermen: Thomas Hayes, Nicholas Connolly, Thomas Rossiter and James Billington.

Councillors: Thomas Walsh, Patrick Clancy, John Walsh, Thomas Buckland, James Murphy, Cyril Ross, Garrett Donohoe, Michael Martin, James McMahon, James Crosbie, John Atkins, and John J. O'Leary.

On the motion of Councillor Thomas Walsh, seconded by Councillor Ross, the Minutes of meetings of 10th, 17th and 24th October, 1932, were taken as having been read, and were thereupon signed. Liabilities which had accrued due up to the end of last month, amounting, in the aggregate, to £5,292 - 10 - 11, were submitted, and having been examined were approved, and an Advice Note was signed to enable them to be discharged.

Included in them were six payments, amounting, in all, to £20, in respect of the annual retaining fee paid to the members of the Fire Brigade, and Councillor McMahon enquired if it would not be possible to procure a contribution towards the upkeep of the Brigade from the Insurance Companies who covered fire risks in the Town, and it was explained that a request of this nature had been made some years ago without avail, the Companies pointing out at the time that if the Brigade were not in existence, the premiums charged would be very much higher.

The following recommendation submitted by the Finance and Works Committee was unanimously adopted on the motion of Alderman Connolly, seconded by Councillor O'Leary, viz:-

"That we recommend the Council to appoint Mr. John J. Byrne, of the Town Clerk's Office, to deputise for the Town Clerk during the latter's illness."

It was reported that the Minister for Local Government and Public Health had sanctioned Mr. Byrne's temporary appointment by telegram on the 1st instant.

Councillor McMahon enquired if Mr. Byrne would be paid the same salary as the Town Clerk while acting as his deputy, and the Mayor stated that the question had not yet been considered, but suggested that the matter should be dealt with at meeting of the Finance & Works Committee to be held at the close of the Quarterly Meeting.

The question of the employment of a typist to assist the Acting Town Clerk was then considered. It was reported that the Finance and Works Committee had appointed a young lady named Kathleen Lacey, who had been employed for about ten years by the late Mr. Hanrahan, when Borough Surveyor, to act as typist in the Town Clerk's Office up to present date, and it was now for the Council to say whether this appointment should continue for four weeks (the period for which the sanction of the Minister for Local Government and Public Health had been obtained, as per his letter of the 3rd instant, No. G.100651) or whether a fresh appointment should be made.

"executed by this Corporation, but prefer to receive the same by instalments as occasion may require. It is resolved that the requisition for each advance shall be intimated to said Commissioners by the Chairman of this Corporation for time being, countersigned by the Town Clerk.

"And that each such requisition shall be forwarded to the Accountant of the said Commissioners and that all such advances shall to our account in the Wexford Branch of the National Bank."

A Resolution received from the Standing Committee of Sinn Fein protesting against the proposed visit of the Prince of Wales to Ireland, was ruled out of order by the Mayor.

A Circular letter from the Department of Local Government and Public Health, under date of the 19th ultimo, No. H.89646, enclosing copy of the Housing (New Houses) Order, 1932 was submitted.

Particular attention was called to the second paragraph thereof which requested the Council to to give special consideration to the formation of Public Utility Societies for the erection of houses for letting to the working classes, thus leaving the Council free to concentrate on the clearance of slums and unhealthy areas, and the rehousing of the persons displaced.

There was also submitted a circular letter from the same department under date of the 5th instant, No. 72, enclosing copy of The Housing (Loan Charges Contributions) Regulations, 1932, and as the Council had not yet decided what areas were to be cleared when the thirty-four houses at present in course of construction at Whitmill (which were intended to rehouse displaced slum dwellers) were completed, attention was directed to paragraph 8 of this communication, as well as to paragraph 10 in which the Minister desired to be informed of the Council's proposals for a three years Housing Programme.

As both circulars referred to matters which required careful consideration, it was decided to ask the Housing Committee to deal with them at their meeting on the 19th instant, and report to the Council on an early date.

A Deputation representing the Wexford Branch of the Unemployed (Able Bodied) Men's Association came before the meeting to protest against an attempt which, they said, was about to be made to have the Corporation rescind their Resolution which debarred men in receipt of pensions of 15/- a week or over from being employed on Corporation Works; and to request that a larger percentage of men in receipt of Home Help should be employed on the various Schemes in progress.

The Mayor informed the Deputation that the Corporation was not aware of any attempt to have the Resolution referred to rescinded, nor did he think the Corporation would agree to do so. He (Mayor) also stated that since 1st February last the Corporation had given a month's work to no less than 339 men, and pointed out that from a list of 50 men given him by the Association some time ago, 43 had been employed for at least one month, and in conclusion promised the Deputation to do everything in his power to provide as much work as possible for the unemployed.

One of the Deputation protested against five men being reinstated in the Quarry recently after a period of only two weeks unemployment, they having been previously employed for about six months, but it was explained that this was absolutely necessary as they were skilled quarrymen.

The Deputation then withdrew after having thanked the Council for the hearing given them.

As per notice given and accepted on the 10th ultimo, Councillor T. Walsh moved the rescission of Resolution of the 5th December, 1926, whereby the entire insurance of the Corporation was to be transacted with and through the medium of the associated Local Authorities Insurances Ltd. The motion which was seconded by Alderman Billington, was carried unanimously, and it was agreed that tenders be invited by advertisement in the local Press for the entire of the Corporation Insurance.

In the absence of Councillor Bolger, Councillor T. Walsh also moved the rescission of order of Finance and Works Committee of 8th August last which authorized the employment of watchmen on any particular work until such work is finished, such period of employment not to exceed six months.

This motion which was seconded by Councillor Murphy was also passed unanimously. Thereupon the Mayor proposed the following Resolution in substitution for the order of Finance and Works Committee just rescinded:-

"That in future when a watchman is required for any work (except Housing Schemes) two men be employed to work alternate weeks for the duration of that particular work."

Councillor Ross seconded this motion which was agreed to by all.

The report of the Borough Analyst for the Quarter ended 30th September last was then read.

This showed that he had examined 11 samples of milk, 6 of butter, 4 of margarine, 3 of tea, 3 of cheese, 2 of sugar, 2 of sausage, 1 of lard, 1 of port wine, 1 of baking soda, 1 of white pudding, 1 of dripping, 1 of buttermilk, and one of whiskey, making, in all, a total of 38.

All the samples submitted were found to be genuine, with the exception of one sample of milk which had been deprived of 11.8 per cent. of its fats, and the meeting was informed that the person from whom the defective sample of milk was taken, had been brought before the District Court and the case dismissed under the probation of Offenders Act, the defendant to pay £1 costs with the Analyst's fee.

There was submitted a Deed of Mortgage to the Commissioners of Public Works securing repayment of Loan of £1,322 which was required to renew sewers and watermains in certain streets of the Town, the obtainment of which was sanctioned by the Minister for Local Government and Public Health under date of the 28th September, 1932, by letter No. S.82757.

The Deed, as prepared by the Solicitor to the Commissioners, had already been approved on behalf of the Council, and so the following Resolution was unanimously adopted:

It was moved by Councillor Cyril Ross,

Seconded by Councillor John J. O'Leary, 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 Thirteen Hundred and Twenty-two pounds, proposed to be advanced by them to us under the Public Health (Ireland) Acts, 1878 to 1919."

The Corporation Seal was thereupon affixed to the Document, and authenticated by the signatures of the Mayor, two members of the Council, and the Acting Town Clerk.

The following further Resolution was also unanimously adopted on the motion of Councillor Buckland, seconded by Councillor T. Walsh:

"That inasmuch as this Corporation does not immediately require from the Commissioners of Public Works in Ireland, the total amount of the sum mentioned in the Deed of Mortgage to them this day