

5th December, 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 Rossiter, Thomas Hayes, James Billington and Nicholas Connolly.

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

On the motion of Alderman Rossiter, seconded by Councillor Atkins, the Minutes of Meetings of the 7th and 14th November, 1932, were taken as having been read, and were accordingly signed.

An acknowledgement of vote of sympathy passed with her in her recent bereavement was read from Mrs. Elizabeth Boyce.

Liabilities which had accrued due up to the end of last month, amounting, in the aggregate, to £2,731 - 17 - 4, were submitted, and having been examined, were approved, and an Advice Note was signed to enable the Treasurer to pay them.

The following report was submitted by the Mayor on behalf of the Special Sub-Committee, appointed by the Finance Committee, to consider the salary and terms of appointment of the incoming Town Clerk, viz:-

"A meeting of the Sub-Committee, appointed by the Finance Committee to go into the question of the appointment of a Town Clerk in room of the late Nicholas Bolger, was held under my presidency/Saturday, the 26th ultimo.

"The other members present being:-

"Alderman Thomas Rossiter, Nicholas Connolly, James Billington, with Councillors Cyril Ross and Thomas Buckland.

"The circular letter issued by the Minister for Local Government and Public Health on 15th August last, setting out the procedure to be followed by local bodies where they desired to fill any office under their control in accordance with Section 5 (1) of the Local Authorities (Officers and Employees) Act, 1926, was read.

"From this it appeared that, subject to the Minister's approval, the Corporation had power to transfer pensionable or pensioned officers, whose duties were similar to that of the late Town Clerk, to the vacant office, without obtaining a recommendation from the Local Appointments Commissioners.

"After a lengthy discussion, the members expressed their approval of this method being followed in the present case, as they felt certain that they would be able to find, inside their own area, a person fully qualified to take up the position of Town Clerk.

"They therefore recommended the Council to adopt the procedure laid down in the circular above referred to, and to seek the approval of the Minister for Local Government and Public Health to the following terms of appointment, viz:-

"That the salary to be paid to the incoming Town Clerk should be a basic one of £300 per

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An apology for anything he might have said or done to any member of the Council which was read from a man named Richard Keand, who had recently been sentenced to a period of imprisonment for assaulting an Alderman of the Corporation, was accepted.

Richard Keand
Mayor
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14th November, 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 receive a communication from the Minister for Local Government and Public Health intimating that he had received the authority of the Minister for Finance to the making of a further Grant of £3,000 for the relief of unemployment in the Town, and requesting that a Scheme for the expenditure of the Grant be submitted without delay.

The members present were:-

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

Aldermen: Thomas Hayes, Thomas Rossiter and Nicholas Connolly.

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

At the commencement, the Mayor referred in feeling terms to the death, on the 11th instant, after an illness of but a fortnight's duration, of the Town Clerk, Mr. Nicholas Bolger.

He recalled that for thirty-six years Mr. Bolger had laboured in the interests of the Corporation - for eighteen years as private clerk to the late William A. Browne, and for eighteen years as Assistant Town Clerk and Town Clerk. Mr. Bolger was an authority on Municipal Law and procedure, and was a zealous Officer who approached his duties not only from a professional point of view, but also as a Wexfordman, anxious and willing to do all he could for the advancement of his native town. His demise was keenly regretted, not only by the members of the Council, but by the whole community of Wexford, as his funeral cortege showed, and so he (the Mayor) wished to propose the following Resolution:

"That on behalf of the citizens of Wexford, and on our own behalf, we extend to the relatives of our late Town Clerk, Mr. Nicholas Bolger, our deepest sympathy in their sad bereavement, and that we adjourn this meeting as a mark of respect to his memory."

Councillor O'Leary, in seconding the motion, said he had known the late Town Clerk from childhood, and he had always been an Irishman and a Wexfordman who loved his native town.

Aldermen Rossiter, Hayes and Connolly, Councillors Ross, J. Walsh, Crosbie and Donohoe also spoke of the sterling character of the late Mr. Bolger, and the Acting Town Clerk 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, all the members standing.

Alderman Rossiter moved. That we extend our sympathy to the relatives of the late Joseph Boyce, who was a member of the Council for many years.

Councillor Thomas Walsh seconded this motion which was also passed in silence, and the meeting then adjourned.

Richard Keand
Mayor
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The Mayor appealed to the County Board of Health not to stop Home Help from the men engaged on this work in view of the very short duration of their employment, ^{and} he also appealed to large employers in the Town to do their utmost to take men into work during the Christmas Season. Referring to Minutes of the 7th November last, when a circular letter, No.72, under date of the 5th idem, from the Minister for Local Government and Public Health, which contained, inter alia, a request to be furnished with the Council's proposals for a three year Housing Programme, was referred to the Housing Committee, a report was now submitted from that Body. This was to the effect that they had ^{had} before them a copy of the Survey of Housing Needs supplied to the Minister in the year 1929, which showed that at that time the estimated number of houses needed in the Town was 294.

They further stated that the question of sites for this number of dwellings was engaging their close attention, and they proposed, in the near future, to survey certain lands in the town for this purpose.

Councillor Ross seconded this proposition which was agreed to by all.

He pointed out the special facilities afforded to such Societies under the Housing (Financial and Miscellaneous Provisions) Act, 1932, and urged the public to form one, which would receive every assistance from the Corporation.

He also referred to the Grants available under the Statute to private builders, and to the fact that the Corporation had agreed to act under the Small Dwellings Acquisition Act, 1899, whereby they were empowered to advance 90 per cent. of the value of a house, which could be repaid within any period up to thirty-five years.

There was submitted for execution on the part of the Corporation Lease of premises at West-Gate to Mr. Patrick McCabe for a term of 31 years at an annual rent of £25.

The Lease, which had been prepared by the Corporation Solicitor, was found to be in order in every respect, and thereupon, on the motion of Councillor O'Leary, seconded by Alderman Connolly, the Corporation Seal was affixed to the Document, as well as to its Counterpart, and authenticated by the signatures of the Mayor and Acting Town Clerk.

The question of the future collection of the Water Rates and Charges was next considered.

This matter had been before the Finance Committee on two occasions, when it was pointed out that the present Collector, Mr. White (who was also Collector of Borough Rate and Rate in lieu of County Cess) had only been appointed on 2nd November, 1931, to collect the Water Rates, Etc., until 31st March, 1933, at a commission of tenpence in the Pound,

" 'annum, rising by annual increments of £10 to £400. This salary to include remuneration for all work as Town Clerk, Executive Sanitary Officer, Secretary to Waterworks Committee, Registrar of Dairies, Secretary to Old Age Pensions Committee, and any other duties assigned to him by the Council, by the direction, or with the consent, of the Minister for Local Government and Public Health.

" 'The person appointed should be required to enter into an agreement to lodge to the credit of the Council all fees received for the preparation of the Franchise and Jurors' Lists for Old Age Pensions Work, for Valuation Certificates, Etc., Etc., and should be required to enter into a Fidelity Guarantee Bond in the sum of £1,000 for the due performance of these duties.'

"Signed on behalf of the Committee, this 3rd day of December, 1932.

"Richard Corish,

"Mayor of Wexford."

This report evoked a long discussion. Some members held that the salary to be paid to the incoming Town Clerk should be at the same rate as that paid to the late Mr. Bolger, namely, £350 per annum rising by annual increments of £10 to £450, together with the salary paid by the Government as Secretary to the Old Age Pensions Committee, while others were satisfied that, in view of the present economic depression, the salary suggested by the Sub-Committee was a reasonable one, and the Mayor recalled that in the year 1927, when the late Mr. Bolger was promoted to the position of Town Clerk, the Minister for Local Government and Public Health only assented to a higher salary than that now suggested on account of his (Mr. Bolger's) long service of just 30 years.

Eventually Alderman Connolly moved the adoption of the Sub-Committee's Report, and this was seconded by Councillor Murphy.

Councillor T. Walsh, however, proposed as an amendment, that the salary of the incoming Town Clerk be £350 per annum rising by annual increments of £10 to £450, together with the salary attaching to the Office of Secretary to the Old Age Pensions Committee.

This amendment was seconded by Councillor Clancy, but on a vote it was declared lost, as only three members were in favour of it.

The original motion to adopt the Sub-Committee's Report was then put and declared carried.

In accordance with notice given at Finance and Works Committee meeting on the 28th ultimo, the Mayor moved:

"That the Council authorize the expenditure of a sum of £180 on the repair of streets during the three weeks prior to Christmas."

In moving the resolution, the Mayor referred to the very large number of unemployed in the Town, and said he proposed, if the Council agreed to the expenditure of the sum mentioned in his resolution, to employ about eighty men, in batches of twenty for three days each, on repairing streets and paths, which would alleviate, to some extent during the Christmas Season, the distress among the unemployed.

It was his intention, as well, to ask the Minister for Local Government and Public Health to permit the Council to expend the balance of £30 from the £3,000 Relief Grant notified on the 28th ultimo, on the works.

It was recalled that in June last Messrs. McDonagh & Boland, Insurance Brokers, of Dublin, had offered, on behalf of Underwriters at Lloyds, to insure artizan's dwellings for a premium of eightpence per cent, or for sixpence if a five years contract were entered into, and as this represented a premium of just £14 less than that paid to the Irish Public Bodies Mutual Insurances, the Resolution of 6th December, 1926, placing all the Corporation Insurance with the latter Company had been rescinded on the 7th ultimo, and tenders invited by advertisement for the business.

A short discussion took place on the advisability of dealing with any Company except those incorporated in An Saerstat, at the end of which it was unanimously agreed, on the motion of Councillor Atkins, seconded by Councillor Murphy, to exclude the tenders of all Companies except those incorporated in the Free State.

At this stage Mr. Joseph Brennan, General Manager of the Irish Public Bodies Mutual Insurances, attended, and explained that for the past six years his Company had conducted the insurance business of the Council, and no complaint had ever been necessary as to the manner in which claims, etc., were met.

He pointed out that the Corporation had a share in the assets of this Company which they would forfeit if they now ceased membership, and confidently appealed for a renewal of the trust which they had placed in his Company for the past six years.

An examination of the tenders received showed that if a five years contract were entered into, the Public Bodies Company would insure all the Corporation property to the capital value of £66,500 for an annual premium of £29 - 6 - 6, and for £39 - 2 - 0 on a year to year basis; while the Hibernian Company would cover the same risk for a premium of £37 - 8 - 2 on the basis of a five years contract or for £49 - 17 - 6 from year to year.

For the Comprehensive Insurance of the motor lorries, the Irish Public Bodies Company asked an annual premium of £15 - 16 - 0, the Hibernian Company £21, and the Irish Life and General Insurance Company £25 - 4 - 0; while for the insurance of the Corporation workmen the two former Companies quoted a premium of £2 - 3 - 6 per cent., the latter Company not tendering for this business.

Thereupon the following Resolution was unanimously adopted on the motion of Councillor T. Walsh, seconded by Alderman Connolly, viz.:

"That in future the entire of the insurance of the Corporation be transacted with and through the medium of the Irish Public Bodies Mutual Insurances Limited, and that we enter into a contract for five years with this Company for the insurance of all our property to the capital value of £66,500 against loss or damage by fire at an annual premium of £29 - 6 - 6."

In reply to a query by the Mayor, Mr. Brennan stated that if there was a marked decrease in the fire premiums generally charged in the ensuing five years, his Company would give the Corporation the benefit of such decrease, as it was their policy to reduce the premiums of Local Authorities as much as possible consistent with adequate security; and he further stated that if the claims under the Workmen's Compensation Acts were reasonable in the coming year, he hoped to be able to secure more advantageous terms, when this policy was being renewed, than those at present submitted.

an arrangement which had received the sanction of the Minister for Local Government and Public Health under date of the 22nd October, 1931, by letter No.P.H.79170.

The Committee was of the opinion that the Collection of the Water Rates should be permanently amalgamated with that of the Borough Rate and Rate in lieu of County Cess, and a commission of Sixpence in the Pound paid to the Collector, Mr. White, on all Rates collected and lodged, this being the poundage paid him for collecting the latter two Rates.

The Acting Town Clerk had called attention to what he considered to be the inadequate security held by the Council from Mr. White for the Collection of the Borough Rate and County Cess, namely, a Joint and Several Bond in the sum of £600 with Messrs. James Hayes and Patrick Heffernan, and had suggested that the present was an opportune time to revise such security.

The Committee had concurred in the view that the security was totally inadequate, having regard to the fact that Mr. White's Warrant in the current year amounted to £8,118 - 1 - 8 in respect of these two Rates, and considered that security for at least £1,200 should be required from him to cover the collection of all three Town Rates, which in the year 1932/33 reached a total of £9,630 - 13 - 8, as well as for the collection of the Water Meter, Etc., Charges.

The Committee had therefore forwarded the following recommendation for the consideration of the Council, viz.:-

"That as from 1st April, 1933, the Collection of the Water Rates and Charges be permanently amalgamated with that of the Borough Rate and Rate in lieu of County Cess; that the present Collector, Mr. Patrick White, be paid a uniform poundage rate of sixpence on all rates collected and lodged, and a poundage of Eightpence on all Water Charges other than Rates; that he be required to furnish a Fidelity Guarantee Bond in the sum of £1,200 to cover such collection in place of the present Joint and Several Bond in the sum of £600 with Messrs. James Hayes and Patrick Heffernan for the collection of the Borough Rate and Rate in lieu of County Cess, and his Guarantee Bond of £300 with the Hibernian Insurance Company for the collection of the Water Rates and Charges."

This recommendation evoked little comment by the present meeting, and its adoption was moved by the Mayor, seconded by Councillor T. Walsh, and carried, but with Councillor Bolger dissenting.

As per notice given at meeting of Finance and Works Committee on the 28th ultimo, Councillor Ross moved:

"That owing to Tuesday, December 27th (the day on which the December Fair is due to be held) having been proclaimed a Bank Holiday, we hereby fix this Fair for Wednesday, 28th December, 1932."

Alderman Rossiter seconded this motion which was passed nem. con.

No action was taken on a communication received from the Urban Council of Arklow asking for Financial Support in cases they proposed to have stated for the High Court to establish the meaning of the word "owner" in the Local Government (Rates on Small Dwellings) Act, 1928.

As this concluded the business of the meeting with the exception of the consideration of tenders for the insurance of the Corporation property, workmen, etc., the Mayor moved that this matter be considered in Committee.

Alderman Billington seconded this motion, which was passed but with Councillor Clancy dissenting and accordingly the Council went into Committee.

Councillor T. Walsh seconded the motion which was supported by several members and passed unanimously.

It was pointed out that the foregoing resolution could not apply to Contractors under the Local Authorities (Combined Purchasing) Act, 1925, as the Corporation were compelled to purchase certain goods from such Contractors, and it was agreed that a copy of the resolution should be forwarded to the Trades Section, Department of Local Government and Public Health with a request that the Minister should take up this matter of transport when next inviting tenders.

Tenders for all ^{the} printing work required by the Council for the ensuing twelve months were received from the Wexford Free Press and the 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 tender in every case.

There was laid before the meeting a copy of the Local Authorities (Sanitary Inspectors) Order, 1932, made by the Minister for Local Government and Public Health declaring the Offices of Supervising Sanitary Inspector and Sanitary Inspector to be Offices to which the Local Authorities (Officers and Employees) Act, 1926, applied, and the contents of this order were noted.

There was ^{also} submitted a Circular letter, under date 2nd instant, No. 13, from the Minister for Local Government and Public Health, calling attention to the danger of an outbreak of influenza, and impressing on Sanitary Authorities the necessity for taking immediate steps to deal with any outbreak that might occur in their district, and it was agreed that this Circular together with Circular No. 13, of 8th January, 1932, should be forwarded to the Medical Officer of Health.

The Mayor alluded to the forthcoming General Election, and made an earnest appeal to the partisans of the different political parties in the town to refrain from disfiguring the dead walls with inscriptions in tar or paint during the course of the contest, as it was almost impossible to remove such, which remained a permanent eyesore, and this appeal was warmly supported by all the members present.

An appeal was also made to the Returning Officer to employ as many of the unemployed as possible for the work of Poll Clerks, Etc., at the elections.

The meeting then separated.

Richard Carr

Mayor

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The Acting Town Clerk called attention to the fact that the Corporation were not insured against an action at Common Law by persons in their employ who were outside the scope of the Workmen's Compensation Acts, nor were they insured in respect of Public Liability. The members considered that the Corporation should be insured against both these risks, and it was agreed that Policies should be taken out to cover them as soon as possible.

Richard Corish
Mayor
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3rd January, 1933.

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

The members present were :-

Richard Corish Esq., Mayor (in the chair)

Aldermen: Nicholas Connolly, Thomas Hayes and Thomas Possiter.

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

On the motion of Alderman Connolly, seconded by Councillor T. Walsh, the Minutes of meeting of 5th December, 1932, were taken as having been read and were thereupon signed.

An acknowledgement of vote of sympathy passed with them in their recent bereavement was read from the relatives of the late Town Clerk.

On the motion of the Mayor, seconded by Councillor T. Walsh, the sympathy of the Council was extended to the widow and relatives of the late Peter Crosbie, who for the past ten years was an employee of the Corporation.

The condolence of the meeting was also tendered to Mr. Michael Dwyer, County Registrar, on the tragic death of his brother who was recently killed in a road accident, and to the Rev. Brother Foran, Superior, Christian Brothers Schools, Wexford, on the death of his brother.

Liabilities which had accrued due up to the end of last month, amounting, in the aggregate, to £3151 - 7 - 11, were submitted, and having been examined were approved and an Advice Note was signed to enable the Treasurer to pay them.

In accordance with notice given at a recent meeting of Finance and Works Committee, Alderman Connolly moved :-

"That the Corporation should not purchase goods from traders who received same by Road Transport."

In moving his resolution Alderman Connolly referred at length to the present unsatisfactory position of the Irish Railways and to the unfair competition to which they were subjected by Road Transport. He stated that large orders had been given by the Corporation to traders in the town who were receiving their goods by motor omnibus, and pointed out that the Council received a large sum in rates yearly from the Railway Company, while the Omnibus Companies who did not maintain premises in the town made no contribution to the services rendered by the Corporation.

Thereupon Councillor Thomas Walsh proposed, and Alderman Connolly seconded, the following Resolution:-

"That in accordance with the provisions of Section 5 (1) of the Local Authorities (Officers and Employees) Act, 1926, Mr. John J. Byrne, Acting Town Clerk, be hereby appointed Town Clerk, Executive Sanitary Officer, Secretary to Waterworks Committee, Registrar of Dairies, and Secretary to the Old Age Pensions Committee, Etc., at a salary of £300 per annum, rising by annual increments of £10 to £400 per annum, £20 per annum of which is to be regarded as remuneration for work as Executive Sanitary Officer; That he be required to enter into an agreement to lodge to the credit of the Corporation all fees received for the preparation of the Franchise and Jurors' Lists, for Old Age Pensions Work, and for the issue of Valuation Certificates; That he be required to enter into a Fidelity Guarantee Bond in the sum of £1,000; and that the Minister for Local Government and Public Health be requested to sanction such appointment."

This Resolution was supported by Aldermen Billington, Hayes, and Rossiter, Councillors O'Leary, McMahon, J. Walsh, and Buckland.

Councillor Clancy, however, proposed that Mr. Moore be appointed, and this was seconded by Councillor Atkins.

A poll was taken, at the request of Councillor Clancy, as between Mr. Byrne and Mr. Moore, when there voted:-

For Mr. Byrne:-	Aldermen Connolly, Gibson, Rossiter, Hayes and Billington.	
	Councillors Thomas Walsh, Gaul, John Walsh, Buckland, McMahon, Power,	
	O'Leary, Ross, Donohoe, Martin, Crosbie and Bergin-----	17
For Mr. Moore:	Councillors Clancy and Atkins-----	2

Mr. Byrne, was accordingly declared elected, and returned thanks to the Corporation for the confidence placed in him.

The meeting then separated.

Richard Curtis

Mayor

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20th January, 1933.

A Special Meeting of the Council was held this day (pursuant to the Mayor's requisition) at the Town Clerk's Office, at half-past seven o'clock p.m., to appoint, in accordance with the provisions of Section 5 (1) of the Local Authorities (Officers and Employees) Act, 1926, a person to the vacant position of Town Clerk, Etc.

The members present were :-

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

Councillors: Thomas Walsh, Patrick Clancy, John J.O'Leary, Cyril Ross, Garrett Donohoe, Michael Martin, Myle Bergin, James Gaul, Joan Walsh, Thomas Buckland, James McMahon, John Atkins, William J. Power, James Crosbie.

Owing to the unavoidable absence of the Mayor, Councillor Martin took the Chair on the motion of Councillor T. Walsh, seconded by Alderman Connolly.

At the commencement, Alderman Rossiter referred in feeling terms to the loss recently sustained by Councillor James Murphy through the death of his only daughter, who was a member of the Sisters of Mercy Order, Limerick, and proposed that the sympathy of the meeting be extended to him on the sad occurrence.

Alderman Connolly seconded the proposal, which was supported by all the members present, and passed in silence.

The meeting then proceeded with the business for which it had been summoned, namely, the appointment of a Town Clerk in room of the late Nicholas Bolger, who died on the 11th November, 1932.

It was reported that by letter No. G.118670, under date of the 19th December, 1932, the Minister for Local Government and Public Health had agreed to the salary proposed by the Council on the 5th idem for the incoming Town Clerk, namely, £300 per annum rising by annual increments of £10 to £400, subject to a sum of £20 per annum out of such salary being regarded as assignable to the duties as Executive Sanitary Officer.

When the approval of the Minister was received, advertisements were issued in accordance with instructions contained in a circular letter from the Department of Local Government and Public Health under date of 16th August, 1932, inviting applications from pensionable or pensioned officers of Local Authorities, whose duties related to matters the same as or similar to the duties of a Town Clerk.

In response to such advertisements three applications were received for the post. They were from Messrs. Timothy Moore, of the County Surveyor's Office, Wexford; Stephen Hayes, of the County Secretary's Office, Wexford; and John J. Byrne, Acting Town Clerk, Wexford; who were all pensionable officers.

The three applications had been submitted to the Minister, who under date of the 12th January, 1933, by letter No.G.2915, had agreed to the filling of the vacant post by procedure under Section 5 (1) of the Local Authorities (Officers and Employees) Act, 1926, and forwarded Query Forms for completion in connection with such specific appointment as might be made.

At this stage a letter was read from Mr. Hayes withdrawing his name as one of the applicants for the post.

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Aporepos of this communication, there was submitted for execution on behalf of the Corporation an Agreement with the Town Clerk requiring the latter to lodge to the credit of the former certain fees received by him.

The Agreement, which had been prepared by the Corporation Solicitor, required the Town Clerk to lodge to the credit of the Corporation, immediately on receipt, all fees received by him for the revision of the Franchise or Jurors' Lists, for the issue of Valuation Certificates, and for work done in connection with the Old Age Pensions Acts, but allowed him to retain for himself all fees for acting as Returning Officer at any election. The Agreement also provided for the Town Clerk to include as his duties, as such, the duties of Executive Sanitary Officer, Registrar of Dairies, Secretary to the Waterworks Committee, Secretary to the Old Age Pensions Committee, and any other duty which may be assigned to him by the Corporation, with the consent or direction of the Minister for Local Government and Public Health, and as well that he should enter into a Fidelity Guarantee Bond in the sum of £1,000, with an Insurance Company approved of by the Corporation.

As this Agreement was in the form decided on by the Council on 5th December last, it was unanimously agreed on the motion of Councillor Gaul, seconded by Councillor Ross, to affix the Corporate Seal to the Document.

This was accordingly done and authenticated by the signature of His Worship the Mayor. The Town Clerk stated that he proposed to enter into the necessary Fidelity Guarantee Bond with the New Ireland Assurance Company, and this Company was approved of.

There was submitted for execution a Deed of Mortgage to the Commissioners of Public Works securing repayment of a loan of £970 borrowed for the provision of a new sewer in the Faythe, the obtaining of which had been sanctioned by the Minister for Local Government and Public Health, under date 24th December, 1932, by letter No.S.122323.

The Deed, as prepared by the Treasury Solicitor, had been approved on behalf of the Corporation, and so the following resolution was unanimously adopted :-

It was Moved by Councillor William J. Power, 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 Nine hundred and seventy Pounds, proposed to be advanced by them to us under the Public Health (Ireland) Acts 1878 to 1919 etc."

The Corporate Seal was thereupon affixed to the Document, and attested by the Mayor, two members of the Corporation, and the Town Clerk.

The following further resolution was also unanimously adopted, on the motion of Councillor Ross, seconded by Councillor Thomas Walsh, viz.:-

"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 the 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 requisition shall be forwarded to the said Commissioners and that

6th February, 1933.

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

The members present were :-

Richard Cerish Esq., Mayor (in the Chair)

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

Councillors: William J. Power, James McMahon, Patrick Clancy, Cyril Ross, Myles Bergin, John J. O'Leary, John Walsh, Garrett Donohoe, Thomas Walsh, Edward Belger, James Crosbie, James Gaul and Thomas Buckland.

The Minutes of meetings of 3rd and 20th January, 1933, were read and signed.

Councillor Belger referred to the very heavy bereavement recently suffered by Dr. C. Ward, ^{J.D.} Parliamentary Secretary to the Minister for Local Government and Public Health, through the death of his wife, and proposed that the sympathy of the meeting be extended to him in his great sorrow.

This proposition was seconded by Councillor Clancy, and adopted in respectful silence.

Councillor Ross moved that the congratulations of the meeting be extended to His Worship the Mayor on his recent election, at the head of the poll, to Dail Eireann.

This motion was seconded by Alderman Connolly, supported by several members, and passed unanimously.

The Mayor thanked the members for their congratulations, and stated he would continue to work in the future, as he had done in the past, for the benefit of all sections of the community.

Correspondence was read from Rev. Brother Foran, Mr. Michael Dwyer, Councillor James Murphy, and the relatives of the late Peter Crosbie, acknowledging votes of sympathy passed with them in their recent bereavements; from the Railway Employees' Protection Association thanking the Corporation for the practical manner in which they had decided to support rail transport; and from the Minister for Industry and Commerce intimating that he had requested the Revenue Commissioners to refund Customs Duty paid by the Corporation last year on Water Pipes, Etc.

Liabilities which had accrued due up to the end of last month, amounting, in the aggregate, to £3,455 - 3 - 11, were submitted, and having been examined were approved, and an Advice Note was signed to enable them to be discharged.

Included in the accounts presented was one from Messrs. Healy & Collins for £1, in respect of bunting supplied for the decoration of the Market Place in connection with the Eucharistic Congress.

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 Funds of the Corporation, and that, in his opinion, it would be surcharged by the Auditor, but, nevertheless, the meeting unanimously decided that the amount should be paid.

With reference to Minutes of 20th January last, the Minister for Local Government and Public Health under date of 30th ultimo, by letter No.G.8210, addressed to the Mayor, sanctioned the appointment of Mr. John J. Byrne, as Town Clerk, Executive Sanitary Officer, Etc.

and requesting the Corporation to take the necessary steps to fill the vacancy.

Councillor Thomas Walsh gave notice that the vacancy be filled at the next Statutory Meeting of the Corporation, and this was accepted.

Alderman Hayes asked if it would be possible to have the doors and windows of the Grattan Terrace Houses painted.

In reply to a query the Borough Surveyor stated that the cost of this work would be about £20, and it was unanimously agreed to have the work carried out.

On the motion of Councillor Clancy, seconded by Councillor Belger, a resolution was adopted nem con, demanding the release of Mrs. Sheehy Skeffington who was imprisoned in Northern Ireland.

Richard Corish
Mayor
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13th February, 1933.

A Special Meeting of the Corporation 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 request from Dr. Bastible, County Medical Officer of Health, for a sum of £100 to carry out an Immunisation Scheme against Diphtheria.

The members present were :-

Richard Corish Esq., Mayor (in the Chair)

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

Councillors: Myles Bergin, Patrick Clancy, Thomas Walsh, Thomas Buckland, John J.

O'Leary, Garrett Donohoe, James Murphy, James Crosbie, Edward Belger,

Cyril Ross and Michael Martin.

The following letter, under date of 10th instant, was read from Dr. Bastible:-

"A Chára,

"In view of the small epidemic of diphtheria which has broken out in Wexford Urban area within the past two months and which caused the death of one child and the serious illness of five other children I suggest that an Immunisation Scheme should be carried out in Wexford town.

"A number of those who can afford to go to private medical men have had their children protected from this disease by immunisation, but there are many poor children in the town who cannot afford the luxury of going to a private medical practitioner and they naturally look to the sanitary authority in their area to protect them.

"The value of immunisation may be seen at a glance when one looks at the notifications of Diphtheria cases in Wexford County for the past three years.

They are:-

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all advances shall be lodged to our account in the Wexford Branch of the National Bank."

There was also submitted for execution a Mortgage Deed to the National Bank for the sum of £275 which had been borrowed with the consent of the Minister for Local Government and Public Health, given under date of 17th November, 1932, by letter No.H.101307, to discharge liabilities in connection with the erection of six houses at Davitt Road North.

This Deed, as prepared by the Bank's Solicitor, had also been approved on behalf of the Corporation, and so the following resolution, as submitted by the solicitor, was unanimously adopted on the motion of Councillor Gaul, seconded by Alderman Connolly, namely:-

"That in pursuance of the consent of the Local Government Minister dated 17th November, 1932, the Council do borrow from the National Bank Limited the sum of £275 in connection with the scheme for the erection of houses at Davitt Road, North, Wexford, to be repaid to the Bank by half-yearly instalments spread over the period of ten 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."

The Corporation Seal was also affixed to this Document and authenticated by the signatures of the Mayor and Town Clerk.

A Request to the National City Bank limited, for the transmission by post of a Register Certificate in respect of a sum of £53 in ~~4~~^{4 1/2}% Land Bonds (1923), was sealed and signed by the Mayor and Town Clerk, this being the purchase price accepted by the Corporation on 13th April, 1931, for portion of the Corporate Estate at Farnogue in the occupation of Miss M. B. Walker. Referring to Minutes of 5th December, 1932, when the Corporation decided to permanently amalgamate the collection of the Water Rates and Charges with that of the Borough Rate and Rate in Lieu of County Cess, and fixed a poundage rate of sixpence for the collection of the Rates, and of eightpence for the collection of the Water Charges,

The Minister for Local Government and Public Health under date of the 2nd instant, by letter No.P.H.2664, intimated that he considered a poundage rate of sixpence for the collection of the Rates and Charges sufficient remuneration for the work, and asked the Corporation to reconsider the matter.

After a short discussion it was unanimously agreed on the motion of Councillor Thomas Walsh, seconded by Councillor O'Leary, to accept the Minister's suggestion, and fix the poundage rate at sixpence for the collection of Rates and Charges; but that the Minister be asked to consent to the Corporation paying 50% of the cost of Mr. White's Fidelity Guarantee Bond of £1,200.

The report of the Borough Analyst for the quarter ended 31st December, 1932, was submitted. This showed that he had examined 12 samples of milk, 6 of butter, 4 of margarine, 3 of whiskey, 2 of cheese, 2 of sausage, and one each of buttermilk, white pudding and tea, making a total of 32 samples, all of which were found genuine.

A letter was read from the Chief Executive Officer, Town of Wexford Vocational Education Committee, intimating that a vacancy existed in the Committee through the disqualification of Miss Mortimer for non-attendance under section 11 (3) of the Vocational Education Act, 1930,

Dr. Bastible, in the course of a lengthy statement, and in reply to queries put by members, pointed out that in areas where immunisation had been carried out the number of cases of Diphtheria reported had been reduced by 50% in the past three years, and that no case of the disease had been discovered in any child who had received the full course of three injections. He also stated that the treatment was quite voluntary, and any child who objected, or whose parents objected, would not be immunised.

A long discussion ensued on this matter, and eventually Alderman Billington proposed, and Councillor O'Leary seconded a motion to the effect.

That the Corporation raise a sum of £100 in the Rates for the Financial Year 1933/4, for the purpose of immunising children against Diphtheria, at a cost of not more than 2/- per child.

A poll was taken on this motion, when there voted :-

For:- Councillors Cresbie, Power, Murphy, Donohoe, Belger, Bergin, Clancy, O'Leary, McMahon, Buckland, and Aldermen Billington, Connolly, Rossiter and the Mayor-----14

Against:- Councillors Ross, T. Walsh and Alderman Hayes-----3

The motion was accordingly declared carried, and the meeting separated.

Richard Corish
Mayor
6. 3. 33

6th March, 1933.

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

The members present were:-

Richard Corish Esq., Mayor (in the Chair)

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

Councillors: Thomas Walsh, Patrick Clancy, James Murphy, Thomas Buckland, Myles Bergin, John Walsh, Cyril Ross, John Atkins, John J. O'Leary, James Cresbie, Edward Belger, Garrett Donohoe, William J. Power, Michael Martin.

On the motion of Alderman Connolly, seconded by Councillor McMahon, the Minutes of 6th, 13th and 20th February, 1933, 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 £4,215 - 8 - 5 were submitted, and having been examined were approved.

In addition, a transfer of a further sum of £200 to the wages account was requested, as the present balance of £1400 was not sufficient to meet the wages, which amounted to about £375 per week.

It was recognised that at the present time a sum of at least £1600 was required in the wages account, and so an Advice Note for £4,415 - 8 - 5 was signed to enable all liabilities to be met, and the transfer made.

The Mayor referred in feeling terms to the unexpected death, on 27th ultimo, of

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1930 : 81 cases

1931 : 45 "

1932 : 27 "

"Immunisation was started in New Ross Urban area in December, 1930 and was started in County area in February, 1931. It will be seen at once that the rates have been cut in half for the past two years. Also I should like to point out that no case of Diphtheria has occurred in any child who has received the full course of three injections since the scheme started. The minimum cost of immunising 1000 children in the Urban area of Wexford will be £100, and I am asking you to contribute that sum to this end. It is not a loss of money ever, but rather a saving when one remembers that the minimum cost to the County of treating one diphtheria case is £10. Therefore it costs the same to treat 10 cases of diphtheria as it does to prevent 1,000 people from ever getting this disease throughout life.

"I feel sure that having weighed the considerations I have put before you, your Council will realise that the granting of this £100 will confer a real and lasting benefit on the citizens whom you represent."

The reading of this letter evoked a lengthy discussion.

Various opinions were expressed by members on the value of such a scheme. Some held it would be an admirable thing, others were not at all satisfied that the results would be value for the money spent, while some more held that the scheme should be financed by the County Board of Health.

In view of the diverse opinions expressed it was eventually agreed, on the motion of Alderman Billington, seconded by Councillor O'Leary, that the whole matter be adjourned until Monday, 20th instant, and that the County Medical Officer of Health be requested to attend such meeting.

Richard Corish
MAYOR
6. 3. 33

20th February, 1933.

An adjourned Special Meeting of the Corporation 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 request from Dr. C. Bastible, County Medical Officer of Health, for a sum of £100 to carry out a scheme of Immunisation against Diphtheria, in the Borough.

The members present were :-

Richard Corish Esq., Mayor (in the chair)

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

Councillors: Myles Bergin, James McMahon, John J. O'Leary, Patrick Clancy, Thomas Walsh, Thomas Buckland, Edward Belger, Garrett Donohoe, James Murphy, Cyril Ross, William J. Power and James Crosbie.

Dr. Bastible, County Medical Officer of Health, and Dr. Pierce, Medical Officer of Health for the Borough, were also in attendance.

This matter of immunisation had been before the Corporation on 13th instant, but as members appeared to be in doubt on that occasion as to the advantages of such a scheme, it was considered advisable to adjourn consideration of the question for the attendance of Dr. Bastible.

That the Minister for Local Government and Public Health be requested to sanction the obtaining of a Loan of £650 ~~proposed to be borrowed~~ from the Commissioners of Public Works for the purpose of relaying watermains in Monk Street, Ram Street, Charlotte Street, Francis Street, Waterloo Road, Anne Street and Henrietta Street, to be repaid within a period of twenty-five years with interest at the rate of ~~5~~⁵/₂ per annum.

This motion was agreed to without dissent, and the following further motion was also unanimously adopted on the motion of Alderman Billington, seconded by Councillor O'Leary, viz.:- That the Water Rate Estimate now submitted be approved and a Rate of 1/4 in the pound (A Domestic Rate of Tenpence and a Public Rate of Sixpence) be agreed to.

With regard to the Rate in lieu of County Cess, it was found that a sum of £2,329 - 10 - 10 was required to maintain the streets, footpaths, etc., (exclusive of the cost of upkeep of Main Roads within the Borough) and that a rate of 2/6 in the pound would be required to raise this amount, which included provision for the repayment of instalments of Loans proposed to be borrowed for the laying of sewers in Trimmers Lane and Green Street, and resurfacing certain streets in the town.

Thereupon the three following resolutions were unanimously adopted:-

"That application be made to the Treasurer (The National Bank) for a Loan of £950 for the purpose of resurfacing Francis Street, Waterloo Road, Whitewill Road, John's Gate Street, and the junction of Main Street South, King Street, and Barrack Street, 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 with a minimum of 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."

Proposed by Councillor Clancy, seconded by Councillor Gaul, and resolved:-

"That the Minister for Local Government and Public Health be requested to sanction the obtaining of a Loan of £400 for the purpose of laying new sewers in Trimmers Lane East and Green Street, to be repaid within a period of twenty-five years with interest at the rate of ~~5~~⁵/₄ per cent per annum."

Proposed by Councillor Atkins, seconded by Alderman Connolly, and resolved:-

"That a Rate in lieu of County Cess of two shillings and sixpence in the pound be agreed to."

The Borough Rate Estimate was then considered.

From the figures presented in connection with this rate it was seen that a sum of £4182-15-2 was necessary to meet the deficiency in the Fund for the year 1933/4, which involved a rate of 4/4 in the pound.

Included in the Estimate was a sum of £450 as salary for the Meat Inspector, and it was pointed out that this Officer's appointment would expire on 17th May next, and it would be necessary to reappoint him for a further year as from 18th May, 1933.

Thereupon, on the motion of Councillor T. Walsh, seconded by Councillor Gaul, it was resolved:-

"That Mr. John Mullins V. S. be re-appointed for a further year as from 18th May next, to act as Meat Inspector for the Borough, and Meat Examiner for the Department of Agriculture under the Agricultural Produce (Fresh Meat) Acts, 1930 and 1931, at a salary of £450, one-third of which should be paid by the

Alderman Richard Gibson.

He recalled that for about 25 years Alderman Gibson had been an able member of the Corporation who took a keen interest in everything that was for the betterment of Wexford. He (Mayer) therefore proposed. That we tender our sincere sympathy to his relatives on the sad event, and that this meeting stand adjourned until Monday, 13th instant, at 7.30 p.m., as a mark of respect to his memory.

This proposition was seconded by Alderman Billington, supported by all the members present, and adopted in respectful silence.

The meeting then arose.

Richard Gibson
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13th March, 1933.

An adjourned Statutory Meeting ^{of the Corporation} of the 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, and Thomas Rossiter.

Councillors: Patrick Clancy, Thomas Walsh, William J. Power, John Atkins, James Gaul, John J. O'Leary, James McMahon, Thomas Buckland, Garrett Donohoe, Myles Bergin, John Walsh, James Cresbie, Cyril Ross.

Acknowledgements of Votes of sympathy passed with them recently were read from Dr. C. Ward, and the relatives of the late Alderman Gibson.

The first business to come before the meeting was the consideration of the Estimates ^{of the} to be raised by means of Borough Rate, Rate in lieu of County Cess, and Water Rates in the year commencing on the first proximo.

In presenting the Estimates, copies of which had been furnished to members, the Mayor made a statement on the present Financial position of the Corporation, which showed that all ordinary liabilities for the year, including Instalments of Loans and Interest, had been met in due time. He stated the Corporation had reason to be proud of the fact that the rates for 1933/4 would remain at the same figure as for 1932/3, notwithstanding the fact that large sums had been expended in the current year on the renewal of sewers and watermains and the resurfacing of certain streets. Provision was also made in these Estimates for further expenditure on such work, as well as for the immunisation of children against Diphtheria. The Water Rate Estimate was first examined. It was seen that the amount to be raised by means of this rate was £1,121 - 10 - 0, after taking credit for the sum to be received from the sale of water by meter etc., which would require a Domestic Rate of Tenpence, and a Public Rate of Sixpence in the pound.

Provision was made in the Estimate for the repayment of an instalment of Loan of £650 proposed to be borrowed from the Commissioners of Public Works for the renewal of watermains in various parts of the town, and thereupon Councillor Gaul proposed, and Councillor T. Walsh seconded the following motion:-

It was reported that 21 persons had applied for the post, and that 18 had presented themselves for the examination held in connection with the position, out of which 9 had passed. The examination had been conducted by a representative of Messrs. Ashenkurst, Williams & Co., Ltd., of Dublin, and in order to guard against favouritism, the candidates were only known to the examiner by numbers.

The 9 persons who had qualified for the post were:- John O'Leary, Mill Road, Wexford; Thomas Cresbie, Roche's Terrace, Wexford; Edward Doran, 17, Poleberry, Waterford; Albert Brennan, The Manor, Waterford; Michael Tierney, Green Street, Wexford; Thomas Shiel, Trinity Street, Wexford; Ambrose Stafford, The Faythe, Wexford; John Correll, Harbour Garage, Wexford; and John Molloy, Faythe, Wexford.

Out of the 9 only three submitted Trade Union Cards. Others submitted certificates that they had joined a Trade Union on the 11th instant.

However, after a discussion it was agreed to regard the entire 9 who had passed the test as eligible for appointment.

Thereupon, Councillor O'Leary proposed that a poll be taken to determine the choice of the meeting.

It was seconded by Councillor Gaul, and was carried nem con.

The poll resulted as follows:-

For Cresbie:	Councillors J. Walsh, Bergin, Donohoe, Cresbie, Buckland, Clancy, Aldermen Rossiter, Connolly, and the Mayor-----	9
For O'Leary:	Councillors Ross, Power, O'Leary and Atkins-----	4
For Correll:	Alderman Billington and Councillor Gaul-----	2
For Brennan:	Alderman Hayes and Councillor T. Walsh-----	2.
For Shiel :	Councillor McMahon-----	1.

As no person received a clear majority Shiel was eliminated, and Councillor McMahon transferred his vote to Brennan, but this did not decide the matter, and so Correll was eliminated.

Thereupon, Councillor Gaul and Alderman Billington transferred their votes to Cresbie which gave him a total of 11 as against 7 for the remaining two candidates (O'Leary and Brennan) and he was accordingly declared elected.

Under date of 21st ultimo, by Circular letter No.F.18/33, the Minister for Local Government and Public Health intimated that it was his intention to cause Local Elections to be held during the present year, but as members appeared to be satisfied with the date suggested by the County Council, namely, June 26th, for the holding of such election in County Wexford, no further action was taken in the matter.

A letter was read from the Chief Executive Officer, Town of Wexford Vocational Education Committee, intimating that a vacancy existed on that Committee owing to the disqualification of Miss Mortimer, and stating that the Committee wished that Councillor Thomas Buckland might be selected to fill the vacancy.

Accordingly Councillor Bergin Proposed that Councillor Buckland be appointed to fill the casual vacancy on the Town of Wexford Vocational Education Committee caused by the dis-

qualification of Miss Mortimer and this was seconded by Councillor O'Leary, but Councillor Thomas Walsh moved that Councillor Donohoe be appointed, and this was seconded by Councillor

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Department of Agriculture, and that the sanction of the Minister for Local Government and of the Minister for Agriculture be requested to this arrangement."

Arising out of a receipt appearing in this Estimate in respect of the Government contribution towards Loan Charges under the Housing (Financial and Miscellaneous) Provisions) Act, 1932, a letter under date of 28th ultimo, No.H.15543, was read from the Minister for Local Government agreeing to begin the 35 years subsidy period in the year 1933/4.

As no amendments were suggested in this Estimate it was unanimously resolved, on the motion of Alderman Connolly, seconded by Councillor Buckland, that a Borough Rate of four shillings and four pence be agreed to.

The Finance and Works Committee submitted the following recommendations with reference to the vacant post of Clerical Assistant to the Town Clerk caused by the promotion on 20th January last of Mr. John J. Byrne to the position of Town Clerk, Etc., viz.:-

- (1) That a Male Clerical Assistant to the Town Clerk should be appointed.
- (2) That the salary attaching to the Office should be at the rate of £130 per annum, rising by annual increments of £10 to a maximum of £200 per annum.
- (3) That as the post will be whole-time, and, consequently, pensionable, the appointee should be on probation for one year.
- (4) That a Competitive examination should be held for the position in the following subjects: English, Precise Writing, and Arithmetic, with a Standard of examination equivalent to Intermediate Certificate, and minimum Pass Marks of 60%; Irish, with a Standard of examination equivalent to "Aids to Irish Composition", and minimum Pass Marks of 33 1/3%; Accountancy, Standard, Elementary, with minimum Pass Marks of 60%; Typewriting, 25 to 30 words per minute, and Shorthand 80 to 100 words per minute.
- (5) The appointment should be confined to persons who were born and mainly educated in the Borough of Wexford, and who will not be less than 21, nor more than 25 years of age on their birthday preceding the date on which the examination is held.
- (6) The office hours of the appointee should be from 10 a.m. to six p.m., with one hour for dinner, a half-holiday in each week (on day to be appointed by Town Clerk), and two weeks annual holidays.
- (7) He should be required to attend all Statutory and Weekly meetings of the Corporation and Committees thereof, and other meetings as required.

The only comment made on the foregoing recommendations was in reference to the maximum age limit of 25 years, and Councillors Atkins and Clancy pressed to have this raised to 28 or 30 years, but this did not receive any support as other members contended that for a pensionable post the age limit was sufficiently high.

Accordingly, Alderman Connolly moved that the report of the Finance and Works Committee be adopted, and that the sanction of the Minister for Local Government and Public Health be requested to the filling of the vacant position on such terms.

This was seconded by Councillor Bergin and adopted, but with Councillors Clancy and Atkins dissenting, on the ground that the age limit of 25 years was too low.

The appointment of a Driver for the Leyland Lorry at a wage of £3 per week was then proceeded with.

The Mayor referred to a practice prevailing in the town at present of persons displaying notice beards outside Churches and other public places, and warned such people that legal action would be taken against them if the practice did not cease.

At this stage Councillor Clancy brought forward a motion calling on the Government to abolish the Senate, but as a heated political discussion seemed about to take place on the matter, the Mayor ruled it out of order.

Richard Carish
Mayor of Wexford
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3rd April, 1933.

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

The members present were:-

Richard Carish Esq., Mayor (in the chair)

Aldermen: James Billington, Thomas Hayes, Nicholas Connolly, Thomas Roskiter.

Councillors: Thomas Walsh, James Murphy, James McMaken, Edward Belger, Myles Bergin, John Walsh, Patrick Clancy, Michael Martin, Garrett Donohoe, James Gaul, John J. O'Leary, James Crosbie, Cyril Ross, Thomas Buckland, William J. Power.

On the motion of Councillor Thomas Walsh, seconded by Councillor McMaken, the Minutes of meetings of the 6th and 13th ultimo, 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 £2,788 : 19 : 5, were submitted.

Included in them was a sum of £10 : 10 : 0, for the services of a temporary Meat Inspector for five days during the illness of Mr. John Mullins V.S., and Councillor Clancy objected to this payment, which he held should be met by Mr. Mullins himself. It was pointed out that Councillor Clancy did not object at meeting of Public Health Committee on 6th ultimo, when it was decided to pay the temporary Inspector, Mr. R.J. Nelson of Carlew, the above mentioned sum for his services, and the objection did not find favour with the present meeting.

The accounts, as presented, having been examined, were approved, and an Advice Note was signed to enable the Treasurer to pay them.

The Mayor referred in feeling terms to the death, on 17th ultimo, of Dr. Thomas Pierse, who for over fifty years was Medical Officer of the Wexford Dispensary District, and Medical Officer of Health for the Borough, and proposed the following resolution:-

"That we, the members of Wexford Corporation, tender our deepest sympathy to the relatives of the late Dr. Thomas Pierse, Medical Officer of Health, in their sad bereavement, and that this meeting stand adjourned, until Monday next, 10th instant at half-past seven o'clock p.m., in order to respect his memory."

Power.

A Poll was taken as between the two Councillors, when there voted:-

For Councillor Buckland: Councillors Bergin, O'Leary, McMahon, and Alderman Billington---4.

For Councillor Donohoe: Councillors Ross, Crosbie, J. Walsh, Gaul, Atkins, Power
T. Walsh, Clancy, Alderman Rossiter, Connolly and the Mayor-----11.

Declined to Vote: Alderman Hayes, Councillors Buckland and Donohoe-----3.

Councillor Donohoe was accordingly declared elected.

On the Motion of Councillor T Walsh, seconded by Alderman Connolly, the following resolution as submitted from the New Ross Urban Council was unanimously adopted, viz.:-

"That in view of the abnormal depression in trade, lessening the earning power of the community of the towns, and with a view to assisting Rate-payers in Urban Areas to meet the increased Rates Demand without reducing purchasing power, it is the considered opinion of the Council that it is high time something should be done by Local Administration to press forward a campaign with all possible speed and energy towards relief in Municipal Rates.

The Agricultural Community has succeeded in retaining both Rates and Annuities on their holdings in a way which is too recent to require repetition. Following on the lines conceded to the farmers, the obvious method to be adopted in Towns appears to be immediate recognition by the Government of the fact that the town is labouring under a heavy annual burden, occasioned by the Loans obtained from time to time from the Commissioners of Public Works to build houses under the Working Classes Acts, to construct sewers and to provide a sufficient supply of water for the people amongst other things.

The repayment of Principal and Interest on such Loans constitutes a very heavy tax amounting to more than half the annual liabilities of an Urban District Council at a time when Rate-payers can ill afford the payment. It is admitted that as the farming community are suffering and have been suffering severe losses, the towns dependent on the prosperity of the farming community must be suffering and have suffered. Recognition that the land-owners are entitled to relief in their annuities, is tantamount to a recognition that the tax-payers of the towns are entitled to relief in that part of the rate which is assessed for the purpose of repaying the annuities due to the Local loan Fund. Now, We, Therefore, in Meeting assembled, resolved that the Government be requested to consider legislation if necessary, to meet out the same treatment to the annual payee in the town as they have to the farming community, that is to say, by the granting of a moratorium for 2 years and the halving of the annual payments thereafter.

Councillor T. Walsh referred to a discussion he had had, at a recent meeting, with the County Medical Officer of Health on the matter of immunisation of children against Diphtheria. On the occasion referred to, Dr. Bastible had pressed him very hard to name Medical men who were opposed to immunisation, but he had not the list of names with him. He now read a list of nine Medical men who were opposed to immunisation, and stated he proposed sending a copy of the list to Dr. Bastible.

"That we erect thirty-two three-room, and fourteen four-room, houses on the Whitmill Road site, in accordance with plans prepared by the Borough Surveyor, at an estimated cost of £12,240, and the Minister for Local Government and Public Health be asked to assent to their erection."

"That we hereby request the Minister for Local Government and Public Health to assent to the raising, from the Local Loans Fund, of a Loan of £12,600 for the erection of forty-six houses on the Whitmill Road site, and the acquisition of property contiguous thereto."

With reference to Minutes of 31st ultimo, the Minister for Local Government and Public Health under date of 27th idem, by letter No.G.24883, agreed to the terms and conditions proposed in connection with the appointment of a Clerical Assistant, but considered that the qualifying standard in Irish should be similar to that in other subjects, and stated as the position was to be permanent, a medical certificate as to fitness would be required. It was pointed out that the standard fixed by the Corporation for the examination in this subject was equivalent to "Aids to Irish Composition" with minimum pass marks of 33 1/3 per cent, while that fixed for Arithmetic, English, Etc., was equivalent to Intermediate Certificate, with minimum pass marks of 60 per cent.

When these standards were originally agreed on by the Finance and Works Committee, the reason which prompted a reduction in the qualifying standard of Irish was, that persons between the ages of twenty-one and twenty-five years, who would apply for the position, would not have retained sufficient of the Irish learned in school to enable them to qualify if the standard were fixed similar to that in other subjects, as Irish was not in common use in Wexford outside the schools.

In view of this it was considered unwise, by the present meeting, to adopt the Minister's suggestion, and he was to be again asked to agree to the qualifying standard decided on by the Corporation on 13th ultimo.

The Mayor was also asked to use his good offices to seek agreement by the Minister on this matter, and he promised to do so.

The next proposal was to fix the salary to be paid to the incoming Medical Officer of Health in room of the late Dr. Thomas Pierse, but on the motion of Councillor Thomas Walsh, seconded by Aldermen Rossiter, this matter was deferred until a permanent Dispensary Medical Officer was appointed for the Wexford District, who would, under Section 11 of the Public Health (Ireland) Act, 1878, be Medical Officer of Health for the Borough.

A Resolution from the Sligo Corporation calling for an amendment of the Local Government Franchise Act, to permit the forthcoming Municipal Elections to be contested on the Parliamentary Franchise was marked "read" on the motion of Councillor Ross, seconded by Councillor Bergin.

A proposal by Councillor Belger that this resolution be adopted was not seconded.

With reference to Minutes of 13th ultimo, a further Resolution from the New Ross Urban Council calling on all Public Bodies to reduce their Estimates for 1933/4 by an amount equivalent to the Annuities payable to the Local Loans Fund, was submitted.

This proposition was seconded by Councillor McMahon, supported by all the members present, and adopted in respectful silence.

Councillor Clancy proposed. That we extend our condolences to Mr. Sean T. O'Kelly, Minister for Local Government and Public Health, in his recent bereavement caused by the death of his brother.

This motion was seconded by Councillor Murphy, and was also adopted in silence.

The meeting then separated.

Richard Cerish
Mayor
11. 5. 33

10th April, 1933.

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

The members present were:-

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

Aldermen: James Billington, Nicholas Connolly, Thomas Hayes, Thomas Rossiter.

Councillors: John Atkins, Patrick Clancy, James Murphy, Thomas Buckland, Garrett Lonchoe, Thomas Walsh, Myles Bergin, Cyril Ross, William J. Power, James Cresbie, John J. O'Leary, Michael Martin, Edward Belger, James Gail, John Walsh, James McMahon.

A letter was read from the Vice-President and Minister for Local Government and Public Health acknowledging Vote of Sympathy recently passed with him on the death of his brother.

The Housing Committee sent forward a report recommending the erection of thirty-two three-room, and fourteen four-room houses at Whitmill, and the borrowing of £12,600 from the Local Loans Fund for the purpose.

These houses would be utilised for the re-housing of slum dwellers, and the Mayor informed the present meeting that the three-roomed ones could be let at, approximately, three shillings per week, and the four-roomed at four shillings.

The Borough Surveyor estimated that the forty-six houses could be erected for a sum of £12,240. It would be necessary, however, before the dwellings were completed to acquire and demolish five small cabins contiguous to the site, which were, to some extent, in the way of the sewer pipes, and as well, took from the amenity of the place.

Negotiations were at present in progress between the Housing Committee and the owner for their acquisition, together with about half an acre of land adjoining, and it was recommended that a sum of £360 be included in the Loan as a possible purchase-price for the property.

The Mayor recalled that this site was capable of accommodating over eighty houses. The forty at present in course of erection were roofed, and the Housing Committee thought it desirable to be in a position to go ahead with others as soon as possible. A great deal more houses were needed in the town as numbers of people were living under very bad conditions, and as well, the erection of the houses would provide much-needed employment.

He (The Mayor), therefore, proposed the following two resolutions, which were seconded by Alderman Hayes and adopted unanimously:-

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This brought the full sum to be raised up to £6,879 - 2 - 0, which necessitated a Rate of seven shillings and twopence (7/2) in the pound, and the Finance Committee, on 18th instant, recommended that such a rate should be made.

Thereupon it was unanimously resolved on the motion of Councillor T. Walsh, seconded by Alderman Rossiter

That a Poor Rate of Seven Shillings and Twopence (7/2) in the pound for the Service of the current Financial Year be hereby agreed to, and that the rate be formally made on Monday, May 29th, 1933.

Richard Corish
Mayor of Wexford
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1st May, 1933.

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

The members present were:-

Richard Corish Esq., Mayor (in the Chair)

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

Councillors: Patrick Clancy, James Murphy, Thomas Walsh, Myles Bergin, Thomas Buckland, Cyril Ross, Garrett Donohoe, John Walsh, John J. O'Leary, William J. Power, and Edward Belger.

The Minutes of Meetings of 3rd, 10th, and 24th April, 1933, were taken as having been read on the motion of the Mayor, seconded by Councillor T. Walsh, and were accordingly signed.

An Acknowledgement of Vote of Sympathy passed with them in their recent bereavement was read from the relatives of the late Dr. Thomas Pierse, Medical Officer of Health.

Liabilities which had accrued due up to the end of last month, amounting, in the aggregate, to £5,747 - 13 - 3 were submitted, and having been examined were approved, and an Advice Note was signed to enable them to be discharged.

The Special Rates Committee reported that they had carefully examined the various items of Rates and arrears of Rates outstanding on 31st March last.

Having enquired from the Collectors why the several amounts were in arrear, they submitted the following four recommendations :-

As to the Borough Rate, the total sum to be collected was-----£5353 - 3 - 0

of this amount there was collected
at 31st March last-----£3807 - 5 - 10

Discount as allowed under the Local Government (Rates on small Dwellings Act, 1928) to the amount of 37 - 16 - 0

The Committee now recommended that there be struck off as irrecoverable owing to vacancies, etc. a sum of----- 156 - 15 - 0

and that there should be carried forward as collectible arrears a sum of----- 1551 - 8 - 2

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It was pointed out that the Corporation had already agreed to the rate for the year 1933/4, which included provision for the repayment of Loans borrowed from the Local Loans Fund, and so no action was taken on the resolution.

Adverting to Minutes of 6th February last, the Minister for Local Government and Public Health, by letter dated 4th instant, No. G.17035, forwarded copy of an order under Seal, approving of the acceptance of a sum of £53 - 4 - 0 as the redemption price of a yearly rent of £3 - 4 - 8, payable out of the estate of the late Cecil R. Walker, and directed the investment of the sum in Trustee Securities.

It was reported that this redemption price had been paid to the Corporation in ~~418~~ Land Bonds, and as these were now listed as Trustee Securities, it was agreed to leave the money in such Bonds.

Alderman Connolly referred to the annoyance residents of the town were being subjected to of late owing to the presence of large numbers of beggars and tramps, some of whom did not belong to the Country at all, and he thought some steps should be taken to have them removed from the town.

Several members testified to the truth of Alderman Connolly's complaint, and the Mayor undertook to interview the Superintendent of the Gardai, with a view to having steps taken to remove them from the town.

Richard Corish

Mayor
1st 5th 33

24th April, 1933.

A Special Meeting of the Corporation 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 determine the rate in the pound of the Poor Rate to be raised in the current Financial Year to meet the County Council Demand. The members present were:-

Richard Corish Esq., Mayor (in the Chair)

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

Councillors: Thomas Walsh, Patrick Clancy, Myles Bergin, James Murphy, Garrett Donahoe, James McMahon, Edward Bolger and Cyril Ross.

As the County Council Demand had not been received until the 11th instant, it was not possible to have it dealt with before the 31st March as required by Article 80 of the Public Bodies Order, 1925, but in the circumstances the Minister for Local Government and Public Health had agreed, under date of the 21st instant, by letter No. G.38743, to such departure from the terms of the Order as would enable the Corporation to adopt the Estimate not later than 24th April, 1933. The Estimate had been dealt with by the Finance Committee as soon as possible, namely, at a Special Meeting held on the 18th instant, and copies had already been furnished to the members. It was seen that the amount of the County Council Demand was £6,522 - 17 - 0, but as well, provision had to be made for the preparation and collection of the Rate, and for Rates found to be irrecoverable in former years.

Resolved: That an assessment of One Shilling and Fourpence in the pound, viz.:—
A Domestic Rate of Tenpence and a Public Rate of Sixpence, on Rateable
Value of property within the Town of Wexford be laid on in respect of year
ending 31st March, 1934, pursuant to the Local Government (Ireland)
Provisional Order (Dalkey Etc.) Confirmation Act, 1876, and Acts incorporat-
ed with or amending same, as per an Estimate duly considered and adopted
on the 13th day of March, 1933.

The Book containing the items of the foregoing three Town Rates was thereupon sealed and
signed, and a Warrant authorising their collection as well as the collection of arrears of
previous Years' Rates was also sealed and signed.

It was mentioned that as the Poor Rate Estimate had only been adopted on 24th ultimo it would
not be possible to formally make this Rate until 29th instant.

The Housing Committee sent forward a recommendation that the areas known as Wethereld's
Court (off Bride Street, Wexford), Stonebridge Lane (off Main Street, South, Wexford) and
Water Lane (off King Street, Upper, Wexford) should be declared Clearance Areas within
the meaning of the Housing of the Working Classes Acts, 1890 to 1931.

As far back as January, 1932, the Medical Officer of Health, Dr. Thomas Pierse had
submitted the following report on these three areas :—

"To the Sanitary Authority of the Wexford Urban District.

As Medical Officer of Health of the Wexford Urban District, I hereby report to you
that I inspected the undermentioned localities on the 29th December, 1931, and
found them in the following condition:—

Wethereld's Court.

The houses are in an extreme state of dilapidation, the roofs of several are
stripped, almost all panes of glass are broken in the windows, the window sashes
are decayed, the roofs are leaking, there is no proper sanitary accommodation,
there is a general state of uncleanness in all the houses at present occupied.

All these houses are unfit for human habitation in consequence of dilapidation,
dampness, ill ventilation, deficient sunlight, and absence of sanitary accommodation.

The area is unhealthy and all the houses should be demolished.

Stonebridge Lane.

Many of the houses are overcrowded, all are ill ventilated, damp, dilapidated, and
have no proper sanitary accommodation or healthy surroundings, they are situated
in a narrow, ill smelling lane, much foul refuse finds its way into adjoining river
causing a nuisance. This area is unhealthy.

Water Lane.

There are three houses occupied by sixteen persons. The site is damp and liable
to surface flooding during rainy weather, very little sunlight enters and
ventilation is bad. I found no sanitary accommodation in one house. The area
is unhealthy in consequence of insufficient sunlight and dampness.

2nd January, 1932.

(Signed) T. Pierse,

Medical Officer of Health.

As to the Rate in Lieu of County Cess, the total sum
to be collected was-----£2764 - 18 - 8

of this amount there was collected at
31st March last-----£2019 - 18 - 0½

The discount allowed came to----- 20 - 17 - 2

The sum recommended to be written
off as irrecoverable was----- 80 - 18 - 8

While the amount to be carried forward was 643 - 4 - 9 2764 18 - 7½

As to the Water Rate, the total amount
of the Collector's Warrant came to-----£1512 - 12 - 0½

of this there was collected-----£1045 - 6 - 2

The discount allowed was----- 9 - 0 - 8

The amount recommended to be written
off was----- 175 - 2 - 1½

and the amount to be carried forward was--- 283 - 3 - 1 1512 - 12 - 0½

Regarding the Poor Rate, the total amount to be collected was-----£9752 - 11 - 2

The amount collected was-----£5776 - 2 - 0

The discount allowed came to----- 60 - 2 - 0

The amount recommended to be written
off was----- 392 - 18 - 10½

The amount to be carried forward was-----3523 - 8 - 2½ 9752 - 11 - 1

These four recommendations were unanimously adopted, on the motion of Councillor O'Leary,
seconded by Councillor Murphy.

The making of Town Rates for the Service of the Financial Year ending on 31st March, 1934, was
then proceeded with, and the three following Resolutions adopted, on the motion of Councillor
Ross, seconded by Councillor T. Walsh.

Resolved: That a Borough Rate of Four Shillings and Fourpence (being one shilling for
General Town Purposes, and Three Shillings 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 in year ending on 31st March, 1934, as considered and adopted on 13th March
1933.

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 in respect
of year ending 31st March, 1934, pursuant to the Local Government (Ireland)
Provisional Order (Wexford) Confirmation Act, 1873, and Acts incorporated with
and amending same, as per an Estimate duly considered and adopted on 13th March,
1933

Court (off Bride Street, Wexford), Stonebridge Lane (off Main Street, South, Wexford), and Water Lane (off King Street, Upper, Wexford) the said areas being more particularly defined by being coloured Blue on map deposited in the Office of the Town Clerk, Wexford, and marked:

"Wethereld's Court Clearance Area,

"Stonebridge Lane Clearance Area,

"Water Lane Clearance Area."

Councillor T. Walsh and others referred to the fact that a number of persons residing in rooms in the town were living under very unhealthy conditions, and it was pointed out that such people would also be accommodated at Witenill, but before removing them it would be necessary to adopt Bye-Laws dealing with overcrowding under the Housing (Ireland) Act, 1919, and such Bye-laws were in course of preparation and would be submitted to the Corporation in a short time.

In accordance with Notice given the Mayor moved the rescission of Resolution of 13th March last appointing Mr. John Mullins M.R.C.V.S. as Meat Inspector Etc. for one year as from 18th instant.

The motion was seconded by Councillor T. Walsh and agreed to by all.

The Minister for Local Government and Public Health, under date of 1st ultimo, letter No. P.H.31172, had only sanctioned the continuance of the post for one year on condition that the appointment could be terminated by the giving of one month's notice in writing on either side, and the Minister for Agriculture, who contributed two-thirds of his salary of £450 per annum for duties under the Agricultural Produce (Fresh Meat) Acts, 1930 and 1931, insisted on a similar condition being inserted in the terms of appointment, and it was to provide for this clause that the Resolution was now rescinded.

Councillor T. Walsh, thereupon, moved the following resolution:-

"That Mr. John Mullins, M.R.C.V.S., be re-appointed to act as Meat Inspector for the Borough, and Meat Examiner for the Department of Agriculture under the Agricultural Produce (Fresh Meat) Acts, 1930 and 1931 for one year as from 18th May, 1933, subject to the condition that the appointment may be terminated by the giving of one month's notice in writing on either side, with remuneration at the rate of £450 per annum, two-thirds of which will be refunded by the Department of Agriculture, as per the Department's letter of 30th March, 1933, No.L.960."

This was seconded by Councillor Power and adopted.

Councillor Clancy raised the question of the payment of a substitute on a recent occasion during the illness of Mr. Mullins. He (Councillor Clancy) held that the Inspector should have provided the substitute at his own expense, and asked if on a future occasion Mr. Mullins became ill, whether the Corporation or he would pay the locum tenens.

On being assured that the Corporation would pay him, Councillor Clancy dissented from the adoption of the resolution.

As per Notice given and accepted at a recent meeting of the Finance and Works Committee, the Mayor also moved that the three new streets at Witenill be named Mitchell Street, Davis Street, and Wolfe Tone Street, respectively.

When this report came before the Housing Committee they were prevented from taking action by reason of the fact that no houses were available to accommodate the persons resident in the localities if displaced.

The following table indicates the number of persons and number of separate families resident in the area on this date.

STATEMENT OF NUMBER OF SEPARATE FAMILIES AND NUMBER OF PERSONS OCCUPYING HOUSES IN WETHERELD'S COURT, STONEBRIDGE LANE, AND WATER LANE, WEXFORD, ON 1ST MAY, 1933.

OCCUPIER.	NUMBER IN OCCUPIER'S FAMILY	NO ³ OF FAMILIES OTHER THAN OCCUPIER'S RESIDING IN THE HOUSE	NO OF PERSONS IN FAMILIES' S OTHER THAN OCCUPIER'S	TOTAL NUMBER OF PERSONS RESIDING IN HOUSE.
<u>STONEBRIDGE LANE.</u>				
John Whitty	6	1	4	10
Mary Anne Connors	1	1	1	2
Michael Barlow	3	----	----	3
Peter Farrell	5	1	4	9
Daniel Gimlet	4	----	----	4
Patrick Griffin	2	1	2	4
Patrick Brien	7	----	----	7
Thomas Duggan	5	1	1	6
Patrick Carr	9	----	----	9
Michael Cullen	8	----	----	8
George Fenlen	6	1	7	13
<u>WETHERELD'S COURT.</u>				
Mary Connors	2	2	8	10
Margaret Carty	1	1	7	8
William Swenson	1	1	6	7
Laurence Connors	1	2	19	20
<u>WATER LANE.</u>				
James Murphy	6	----	----	6
Patrick Berry	4	1	1	5
Andrew Waite	2	----	----	2

Since the M.O.H.'s report was originally received the Corporation had undertaken the erection of forty houses at Whitesmill which were now well on the way to completion, and consequently would shortly be in a position to re-house the persons in these unhealthy areas.

The report of the late Dr. Pierse had recently been submitted to, and confirmed by the Acting M.O.H., Dr. Philomena Pierse, and so the Mayor proposed the following resolution, which was seconded by Councillor Power and adopted unanimously:-

RESOLVED: That we, the members of the Wexford Corporation, being the Sanitary Authority for the Borough of Wexford, acting in execution of the Public Health (Ireland) Acts, 1878, Etc., and the Housing of the Working Classes (Ireland) Acts, 1890 to 1931, do hereby declare the following to be the case: That the houses known as Wethereld's

Dr. Bastible, County Medical Officer of Health, wrote enclosing copies of the reports he had received on this water, and stated that the Bacteriological report of Professor O'Kelly, showed that there were far too many organisms growing at blood heat and at room temperature. Further it was not quite free from Coli infection, consequently the water was very unsatisfactory from a Bacteriological point of view. The Chemical report showed a very high percentage of saline and Albuminoid Ammonia, and that rendered the water utterly unfit for drinking.

The report of the Analyst (Miss Phyllis Ryan) which was read, stated that in her opinion the water was suffering from sewage contamination, more particularly of vegetable origin, and was not fit for drinking.

The report of Dr. W.D.O'Kelly of the Department of Bacteriology, University College, Dublin, stated that the organisms growing at blood heat were mainly soil organisms the presence of which might be due to the recent disturbance of the reservoir. It would, therefore, be well to have a further test made after an interval to allow for settling.

The Town Clerk read a letter from Mr. D. McDonald of John Street, who was acting on behalf of the residents of that street, enclosing copy of a report he had received from Dr. Louis L. Griffiths, School of Pathology, Trinity College, Dublin, and stated he (Town Clerk) had asked Mr. McDonald for the original report, which he refused to produce.

The copy of the report submitted showed that the water had greatly improved since Dr. Griffiths had examined it in August 1932. It was now a reasonable water and should be quite fit for drinking purposes.

A lengthy discussion followed the reading of these reports during which the Borough Surveyor stated that when he visited the reservoir at the time of the heavy snow he saw the marks of thousands of rats that were coming there to drink from the adjacent dump.

In view of the conflicting nature of the reports members were divided as to what course of action should be taken in the matter. Some advocated that the water should be made available for Domestic purposes while others considered that further advice should be procured before the public was allowed to use it.

Eventually a suggestion that the Mayor should take the reports to Dr. Sterling Berry, Local Government Medical Inspector, who was somewhat familiar with the position, and ask his opinion on the matter was agreed to.

Councillor Clancy referred to the Bill at present before Dail Eireann, dealing with the Cement Industry, and proposed that the Corporation call on the Government to take immediate steps to have the Drinagh Cement Works re-opened.

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

During the discussion on this resolution the Mayor stated that a high official of the Cement Marketing Company had recently informed him that the Company was prepared to re-open the Drinagh Cement Works and employ one hundred men if permission to open a factory in Skerries, Co. Dublin, was granted and protection afforded the Industry.

With reference to Minutes of 13th March and 10th April, 1933, the Minister for Local Government and Public Health by letter No. G.36934 under date of 24th April, stated he adhered

This motion was seconded by Councillor Clancy, and adopted nem con.

The following recommendation as submitted from the Finance Committee was moved by His Worship the Mayor :-

"That we hereby apply for sanction to the raising of a Loan of £2,000 for the purposes of the Small Dwellings Acquisition Acts, 1899 to 1931."

It was explained that two applications had already been received for advances under these Statutes and it was expected that several more would be received when it became known that the Corporation had money at its disposal for the purpose.

This motion was seconded by Councillor Buckland, and adopted without dissent

The report of the Borough Analyst for the quarter ended 31st March last was next submitted. This showed that he had examined eight samples of milk, four of cheese, three of butter, three of margarine, two of sausage, two of buttermilk, and one each of tea, whiskey, dripping and sugar, making a total of twenty-six samples, all of which were found genuine.

Applications for renewal of Licences under the Cinematograph Act, 1909, were read from the Wexford Cinema Palace and the Capitol Cinema, and on the motion of Councillor T. Walsh, seconded by Councillor Buckland, it was unanimously resolved to renew the Licences with the existing conditions and restrictions for a further year.

A suggestion by Councillor Clancy that the proprietors should be requested to close the doors during the playing of the National Anthem at the close of each night's performance, did not meet with favour.

With reference to Minutes of 13th March, when it was agreed to apply to the Treasurer for a Loan of £950 for the resurfacing of certain streets, to be repaid within seven years, with interest at the rate of $\frac{1}{2}$ per cent below Irish Banks' Rate, with a minimum of 4 per cent, the Mayor, in accordance with Notice given, moved that the amount be increased by £200 in order to permit of the resurfacing of Michael Street.

This motion was seconded by Alderman Billington, and adopted unanimously:-

The following resolution as submitted by the Corporation of Waterford was adopted on the motion of the Mayor, seconded by Councillor T. Walsh :-

"In view of the alarming increase in the demands made upon County and County Borough Councils in An Saorstát for Home Assistance due to unemployment, and since the unemployment question has now definitely become a National one, We, the Mayor, Aldermen and Burgesses of the Borough of Wexford in Meeting assembled, hereby unanimously RESOLVE: That the Government be respectfully called upon to introduce the necessary legislation whereby the relief of the Able Bodied Unemployed will be administered out of Central Funds through the medium of the Employment Exchanges and thus confine to Local rates the relief of the indigent sick and destitute only as originally contemplated by the legislature."

A resolution from Cashel Urban District Council protesting against the continuance of the 25 per cent increase in the charge for Shannon current by the Electricity Supply Board was also adopted, on the motion of Alderman Hayes, seconded by Councillor Murphy.

The next business was consideration of results of Chemical and Bacteriological examinations of John Street water.

A Special Meeting of the Corporation 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 Nicholas Connolly.

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

On the motion of Councillor T. Walsh, seconded by Councillor Atkins, the Minutes of Meetings of 1st and 29th May, 1933, 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 £2575 : 11 : 7, were submitted, and having been examined were approved, and an Advice Note was signed to enable the Treasurer to pay them.

The Condolences of the meeting were extended to the following :-

Alderman Rensiter, on the death of his daughter, on the motion of Councillor T. Walsh, seconded by Councillor Gaul.

Mr. Francis Staples, V.S., on the death of his wife, on the motion of Councillor Clancy, seconded by Councillor McMahon.

Alderman Connolly, on the death of his mother, on the motion of the Mayor, seconded by Councillor Cresbie.

John Molloy, Corporation Turncock, on the death of his daughter, on the motion of the Mayor, seconded by Councillor O'Leary.

With the Community Lorette Convent, on the death of Mother Raphael, on the motion of the Mayor, seconded by Councillor Murphy.

At this stage the Mayor made an appeal to the public to refrain from wasting water during the Summer months. He stated that the Corporation felt that the present Reservoir would not be adequate to supply the needs of the town in the event of a prolonged drought, and in view of this had secured the services of Mr. A.D. Delap to make a survey of the entire water system, and he warned the public that persons found wasting water would be prosecuted without further warning.

Adverting to Minutes of proceedings of 13th March last when the Corporation decided that the vacant post of Clerical Assistant to the Town Clerk should be filled by way of Competitive Examination, the results of such examination were now submitted.

The conditions of appointment had been ratified by the Minister for Local Government and Public Health under date of the 27th March, 1933, by letter No. G.24883, and two candidates had sat for the examination.

The Examination in English (including Precise Writing) Arithmetic, Irish and Accountancy had been conducted by the Local Superior of the Christian Brothers, and in Shorthand and Type-writing by Mr. Thomas Fane, a local journalist who had conducted a similar examination for Wexford County Council some time ago.

The following Table shows the marks obtained by the two Candidates :-

to the view expressed in his letter of 27th March, 1933, No. G.24883, that the Standard of Irish in connection with the examination for the position of Clerical Assistant to the Town Clerk should be similar to that in other subjects, and it was unanimously agreed, without discussion, to accept the Minister's ruling on this matter.

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29th May, 1933.

A Special Meeting of the Corporation 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 Cerish Esq., Mayor (in the Chair)

Aldermen: Thomas Hayes and James Billington.

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

The Meeting had been convened to formally make a Poor Rate in respect of the Financial Year ending on 31st March, 1934, as agreed to on 24th April, 1933.

Thereupon the following Resolution was unanimously adopted on the motion of Councillor Gaul, seconded by Councillor Bergin, viz.:-

"That a Poor Rate of Seven Shillings and Twopence 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 April, 1933."

The Book containing the various items of Poor Rate was thereupon Sealed and Signed, and a Warrant authorizing their collection, as well as the collection of previous years' Rates was also Sealed and Signed.

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the buildings described in the Schedule to such Order to be demolished in accordance with the requirements of the Housing (Miscellaneous Provisions) Act, 1931."

The Clearance Order, together with the Map referred to therein, was thereupon sealed with the Corporate Seal and authenticated by the signatures of the Mayor and Town Clerk.

Under date of the 3rd instant, by letter No. M.C. 3988/33, Sae., the Minister for Local Government and Public Health intimated that Dr. T.E. Pierse had been appointed Medical Officer of Wexford Dispensary District, and in view of his appointment became Medical Officer of Health for the Borough, and that the salary payable by the Corporation in respect thereof was £40 per annum.

Some members contended that £40 per year was not an adequate salary for the post, but it was agreed, however, on the motion of Councillor Buckland, seconded by Councillor Murphy, that the salary of the incoming Medical Officer of Health, Dr. T.E. Pierse, be at the rate of £40 per annum.

With reference to Minutes of proceedings of 5th December, 1932, when it was decided to enter into a Contract with the Irish Public Bodies Mutual Insurance Ltd., for the insurance of all the Corporation property against damage by fire for a period of five years, there was submitted for execution on the part of the Corporation an Agreement to give effect to such decision, and on the motion of Alderman Connolly, seconded by Councillor T. Walsh, this document was sealed and signed.

Adverting to Minutes of 10th April last when it was decided to erect a further forty-six houses on Whitewill Road Site for the accommodation of the working classes, a scheme which provided for the acquisition and demolition of five small cabins contiguous to the site, together with about half an acre of land adjoining, a letter was submitted from Messrs. James J. Stafford & Sons, the owners of the property, offering to dispose of it for a sum of £400.

Negotiations for the purchase of this property had been in progress since February last. At the outset Messrs. Stafford asked £600 for it, namely, £544 : 13 : 9 for the five houses and £55 : 6 : 3 for the land. They submitted there was a profit rent of £36 : 6 : 3 per annum for the five houses, and placed a fifteen years' purchase on them. However, after several interviews between the Vendors, the Mayor, and Town Clerk, they agreed to accept £400 for the entire property which was held in fee simple and free of rent, and the present meeting considered this a reasonable figure.

It was pointed out that it was necessary to acquire this property in order to complete the Whitewill Scheme, and as well to preserve the amenity of the place, so it was unanimously agreed, subject to the approval of the Minister for Local Government and Public Health, to purchase the property from Messrs. James J. Stafford & Sons for the sum of £400 (Four Hundred Pounds)

A Circular Letter under date of 15th May, 1933, No. F 42/33, from the Minister for Local Government and Public Health was submitted, intimating that the Local Elections had been postponed until November next, and a few members protested against such postponement, contending that the Elections should be held during the present month as originally

Subject.	Candidates Names and Addresses together with Marks.	
	Joseph Hayes, Grattan Terrace, Wexford.	John Kehoe, Carrigeen, Wexford.
Aithmetic	100	36
English	70	60
Irish	22	64
Accountancy	28.5	45.5
Shorthand	82	61
Typewriting	77	68
Total Marks.	379.5	334.5
Average Percentage.	63.25	55.75.

It was pointed out that neither of the candidates had obtained the requisite sixty per cent in all subjects, but members contended that Mr. Hayes had secured over 60 per cent in what they held to be the essential subjects, namely, Arithmetic, English, Shorthand and Typewriting, and so the following resolution was proposed by Councillor John Walsh, viz.:-

"That Mr. Joseph Hayes of Grattan Terrace, Wexford, be appointed to the position of Clerical Assistant to the Town Clerk at a salary of £130 per annum rising by annual increments of £10 to a maximum of £200 per annum, and in accordance with the terms and conditions adopted on 13th March, 1933, and that the Minister for Local Government and Public Health be requested to sanction this appointment, in the first instance, for a probationary period of twelve months."

This motion was seconded by Councillor Gaul, and as Mr. Hayes complied in every way with the conditions laid down, and was known to most of the members as a very trustworthy young man, it was adopted unanimously.

Adverting to Minutes of 1st ultimo, when the Areas known as Wethereld's Court, Stonebridge Lane and Water Lane, were declared Clearance Areas, the following resolution was unanimously adopted on the motion of Councillor Power, seconded by Councillor Buckland, viz.:-

"That we, the Mayor, Aldermen and Burgesses of the Borough of Wexford being the Sanitary Authority for the said Borough, acting in execution of the Public Health (Ireland) Acts, 1878, Etc., and the Housing of the Working Classes (Ireland) Acts, 1890 to 1931, having on the First day of May, 1933, declared the areas known as Wethereld's Court (off Bride Street) Wexford; Stonebridge Lane (Off Main Street, South) Wexford; and Water Lane (Off King Street, Upper) Wexford, to be Clearance Areas, and being satisfied that the conditions in such areas can be effectively remedied only by the demolition of all the buildings in the areas which are unfit for human habitation or dangerous or injurious to health, now hereby determine to secure the clearance of the areas above-mentioned by ordering the demolition of all the buildings in the areas which are unfit for human habitation or dangerous or injurious to health. AND it is further resolved that our General Sanitary By-Laws that a Clearance Order now submitted requiring

"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 Deed relating to Loan of £1050 was next submitted. This provided for the repayment of the entire sum within twenty-five years from the present date by fifty equal half-yearly instalments of principal together with interest on the balances from time to time outstanding, and the obtaining of this Loan had been sanctioned by the Minister for Local Government and Public Health under date of 31st ultimo, by letter No. S.58306.

The following resolution, which was moved by Councillor Thomas Walsh, and seconded by Councillor Atkins, was adopted nem con:-

"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 and Fifty Pounds proposed to be advanced by them to us under the Public Health (Ireland) Acts Etc."

This Mortgage was also sealed and signed on behalf of the Corporation, and the following further resolution was adopted unanimously, on the motion of Councillor James Murphy, seconded by Councillor James McMahon:-

"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 Meeting then separated.

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Mayor

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A Circular Letter from the same Minister outlining precautionary measures to be taken against Diarrhoea and enteritis which was submitted was referred to the Maternity and Child Welfare Committee.

Under date of 2nd instant, by Circular Letter No. 59/33, the Minister for Local Government intimated that it had been decided to transfer the administration of the Scheme for the provision of Free Milk from the Poor Law to the Sanitary Authorities.

The revised arrangements would come into operation on 1st October next, and the Corporation was requested to formulate, and obtain the Minister's approval to, a scheme for the provision and distribution of the Free Milk in the Borough.

This Circular was referred to the Finance Committee to formulate, in consultation with the Maternity and Child Welfare Committee, a suitable Scheme for Wexford Town.

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Mayor 3. 4. 33

26th June, 1933.

A Special Meeting of the Corporation 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 Deeds of Mortgage to the Commissioners of Public Works as follows:-

1. To secure repayment of £12,600 proposed to be borrowed for the erection of forty-six houses at Whitmill Road; and
2. to secure repayment of £1050 proposed to be borrowed for the renewal of sewers and watermains in various parts of the town.

The members present were:-

Richard Corish Esq., Mayor (in the Chair)

Aldermen: James Billington, Nicholas Connolly, Thomas Hayes.

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

The Deed relating to Loan of £12,600 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.

The obtaining of this Loan had been sanctioned by the Minister for Local Government and Public Health under date of 10th ultimo, by letter No. H.45380, and thereupon the following resolution was unanimously adopted:-

It was moved by Councillor James Gaul, seconded by Councillor James Crosbie, 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 Six Hundred Pounds proposed to be advanced by them to us under the Housing of the Working Classes Acts Etc."

The Deed of Mortgage was then duly sealed and signed on behalf of the Corporation.

The following resolution was also unanimously adopted, on the motion of Alderman Connolly, seconded by Councillor Buckland:-

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This proposition was seconded by Councillor Ross and adopted nem con.

Councillor Clancy referred to the forty-six houses about to be erected at Whitemill, and asked that flue linings used in these houses should be purchased from a lady in Bunscoerthy who manufactured these articles.

It was explained that the linings referred to by Councillor Clancy had been subjected to a test on the Housing Site some time ago, but that they had cracked. It was also stated that one of the linings had been sent to the Department of Local Government and Public Health for their opinion, but that as yet no reply had been received.

All the members seemed in favour of using the Bunscoerthy article if it were suitable, and it was agreed that the Department should be written to and asked for their opinion on the sample sent them.

Richard Corish
Mayor of Wexford
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31st July, 1933.

A Special Meeting of the Corporation 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 transact the following business:-

1. To elect a member of the Corporation to serve as a Harbour Commissioner for one year in pursuance of the Wexford Harbour Act, 1874.
2. To adopt, if thought well, a recommendation from the Housing Committee that the Corporation make a Compulsory Purchase Order in respect of land and houses at Hill Street, the property of Mr. Thomas Bent; and if this recommendation is adopted, to make such an Order.
3. To receive a report from the Housing Committee recommending the purchase of a piece of land at Davitt Road, North, from Mr. Richard Here for the sum of £65; and the erection thereon, by the No fringe method, of six houses, by Messrs. Delap and Waller.

The members present were:-

Richard Corish Esq., Mayor (in the Chair)

Aldermen: James Billington, Thomas Hayes, Nicholas Connolly.

Councillors: James McMahon, Patrick Clancy, James Murphy, Thomas Buckland, Myles Bergin, John J. O'Leary, Cyril Ross, Garrett Donohoe, William J. Power, John Atkins, Michael Martin, and Edward Belger.

It was reported that in accordance with the provisions of the Wexford Harbour Act, 1874, two members had been duly nominated to represent the Corporation on the Harbour Board for the ensuing year. They were Councillor McMahon (the present representative) and Alderman Nicholas Connolly.

Thereupon Councillor Buckland proposed that Councillor McMahon be elected, and Councillor Bergin seconded.

Councillor O'Leary proposed Alderman Connolly, and Councillor Power seconded.

At this stage several members appealed to Alderman Connolly to withdraw his name, and allow Councillor McMahon to be returned unopposed for a further year, and Alderman Connolly consented to this course.

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3rd July, 1933.

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

The members present were :-

Richard Corish Esq., Mayor (in the Chair)

Aldermen: Thomas Hayes, James Billington, and Nicholas Connolly.

Councillors: Myles Bergin, John Walsh, Patrick Clancy, Thomas Walsh, Cyril Ross, Garrett Donohoe, John Atkins, James McMahon, John J. O'Leary, James Murphy, James Gaul, James Cresbie, Thomas Buckland and Michael Martin.

On the motion of Councillor T. Walsh, seconded by Councillor Bergin, the Minutes of Meetings of 12th and 26th June, 1933, were taken as having been read and were thereupon signed.

Letters acknowledging Votes of Sympathy passed with them on 12th ultimo, were read from the Community of the Lorette Order, Wexford; Mr. F. Staples, Alderman Rossiter and Alderman Connolly.

Liabilities which had accrued due up to the end of last month, amounting, in the aggregate, to £1926 : 7 : 5, were submitted, and having been examined, were approved, and an Advice Note was signed to enable the Treasurer to pay them.

The following Resolution, as proposed by Alderman Billington, and seconded by Councillor Thomas Walsh, was adopted unanimously:

"That this Corporation request the Great Southern Railways Company to stop the 9 p.m. train from Rosslare at Wexford South Station; and to issue tickets for the same price at Wexford South as at Wexford North."

Under date of the 28th ultimo, by letter No. L.2265-33, the Minister for Agriculture intimated that an Officer of his Department, acting under the Sale of Food and Drugs Act, 1899, had on 7th idem, obtained four samples of butter at Wexford for analysis. The samples had been submitted to the Borough Analyst who certified them to be genuine. This communication was considered satisfactory.

The Following recommendation was submitted from the Finance Committee:-

"That Mr. Richard Scallan of Bride Street, Wexford, be granted a Loan of £400 under the Small Dwellings Acquisition Acts, 1899 to 1931, for the purpose of erecting a dwelling for his own use and occupation; the Loan to be repaid on the Annuity System within a period of thirty-five years at six per cent. per annum, that is to say by equal half-yearly instalments of principal and interest calculated at the rate of £3 : 8 : 8 for every £100 of the Loan advanced, and in proportion for any lesser sum so advanced, payable on the First day of May and First day of November in each year."

It was explained that Mr. Scallan had purchased the plot on which he intended to build in fee simple, and that the house he proposed to erect was estimated to cost £500, and had been approved by the "Appointed Officer" and by the Finance Committee.

As well, the Committee considered Mr. Scallan to be a suitable person to advance money to, being an officer of the Corporation and in constant employment as Rent Collector.

Thereupon Councillor T. Walsh proposed. That the recommendation of the Finance Committee be adopted.

The Order was thereupon sealed and signed, together with the map referred to therein.

The recommendation to purchase a piece of land at Davitt Road, Norta, from Mr. Richard Here for the sum of £65 was then submitted.

Very protracted negotiations had taken place for the acquisition of this land, on which the Committee proposed to erect a further six houses, and thus remove an eyesore, as well as an unauthorized dumping ground on this road, which was becoming a nuisance to the residents in the locality.

Mr. Here had first asked a sum of £200 for the land which contained about 40 perches, but after a number of communications had been sent him, he had agreed to dispose of it for £65. Thereupon on the motion of Councillor O'Leary, seconded by Alderman Connolly, it was unanimously agreed, subject to the approval of the Minister for Local Government and Public Health to purchase this land for the sum of £65.

With reference to the erection thereon, by the No frange method, of six houses, by Messrs Delap and Waller, the Mayor stated that this firm could not undertake to erect the dwellings, and he suggested that they should be built by direct labour, but it was pointed out that such a proposal could not be considered by the present meeting as it had been specially convened to deal with the erection of the dwellings by contract.

It was therefore decided to refer the matter to the Housing Committee who could forward a recommendation to the Statutory Meeting of the Corporation in August.

The meeting then terminated.

Richard Cerish
Mayor of Wexford
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11th August, 1933.

A Special Meeting of the Corporation was held this day (in lieu of Statutory Meeting which was due to be held on 7th instant, a Bank Holiday) (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 Cerish Esq., Mayor (in the Chair)

Aldermen: James Billington, Thomas Hayes, and Nicholas Connolly.

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

On the motion of Alderman Connolly, seconded by Councillor Ross, the Minutes of Meetings of 3rd and 31st July, 1933, were taken as having been read and were accordingly signed.

On the motion of Councillor John Walsh, seconded by Alderman Connolly, the Condolences of the Meeting were extended to Councillor McMahon on the death of his grandchild, for which he (Councillor McMahon) returned thanks.

Liabilities which had accrued due up to the end of last month, amounting, in the aggregate, to £5,400 : 18 : 4 were submitted, and having been examined were approved, and an Advice

Accordingly Councillor McMahon was unanimously re-elected to represent the Corporation on the Wexford Harbour Board for the ensuing year.

The Housing Committee recommendation regarding the acquisition of land and houses at Hill Street was next considered.

This property consisted of 1.1 acres of land, two derelict houses of an area of .03 acres, and two occupied dwellinghouses of an area of .02 acres.

The two occupied dwellinghouses projected beyond the line of the remaining dwellinghouses in the street, and it was the intention of the Committee, if they acquired this property, to demolish these two, and thus level the line of all the buildings in this street.

The Mayor explained that so far back as 7th April last, the Committee had asked Mr. Bent if he were willing to dispose of this property, and on 15th May, he was again communicated with asking for a reply. Up to June, no answer had been received from Mr. Bent, and the Committee was informed that he was negotiating with a lady named Boyle for the sale of the two derelict houses on which she intended to erect two or three dwellings, and if this sale took place it would leave the remainder of the property useless to the Corporation for building purposes, so under date of 2nd June last, the Committee informed Mr. Bent, that as no reply had been received to previous communications it was proposed to take compulsory powers to acquire the property for the purposes of the Housing of the Working Classes Acts.

Under date of 8th June, 1933, Messrs. P.J. O'Flaherty & Son, Solicitors, on behalf of Mr. Bent, wrote stating he had concluded an agreement to sell the derelict site to Mrs. Boyle for the sum of £90, but that if Mrs. Boyle was willing to stand down, their client was prepared to enter into negotiations with the Corporation for the sale of the site, but he would require a price based on that proposed to be paid by Mrs. Boyle.

After several communications had passed between the Committee and Messrs. O'Flaherty, the latter offered, on behalf of Mr. Bent, to dispose of the entire property for the sum of £900, namely, £750 for the land and derelict houses, and £150 for the two occupied dwellings.

The Housing Committee had this communication before them on a couple of occasions, but considered that the price asked for the land was out of all proportion to its value. They further considered that Mr. Bent was adopting a most unreasonable attitude, and felt that he would not agree to accept an equitable price for the property, so in the circumstances the Committee decided to ask the Corporation to make a Compulsory Purchase Order in this case.

It was further explained that if this property was acquired the Committee would be in a position to erect at least 22 dwellings for the re-housing of persons living in congested areas in the neighbourhood.

Thereupon the Housing Committee recommendation was unanimously adopted, on the motion of the Mayor, seconded by Councillor McMahon.

The Compulsory Purchase Order was then submitted, and the following resolution, as proposed by Alderman Connolly, and seconded by Alderman Hayes, was unanimously adopted:-

"That our Corporate Seal be hereby affixed to The Wexford (Hill Street Lands, Etc.) Compulsory Purchase Order, 1933; and that the Minister for Local Government and Public Health be requested to confirm such Order."

The Minister accordingly refused to sanction the appointment of Mr. Hayes and requested the Corporation to readvertise the position, and submit to his Department a draft of the proposed advertisement before issue.

This communication was submitted to the Finance Committee on the 26th June last, when it was unanimously decided to request the Minister to reconsider his decision and to sanction the appointment of Mr. Hayes for the probationary period of twelve months, at the end of which he should be required to pass a test in the Irish language similar to that in the examination held in connection with the position, before sanction to his permanent appointment was given. Under date of 5th July, 1933, by letter No. G.70010, the Minister stated he adhered to the decision conveyed in his letter of 20th June. Mr. Hayes failed the examination by not qualifying in Irish ~~in Irish~~ or Accountancy. Even if Mr. Hayes had failed in only one subject, the Minister's position would still be that he could not sanction an appointment as the result of the examination held.

This latter communication was submitted to the Finance Committee on 17th ultimo when it was referred to the present meeting for consideration.

At this stage Alderman Hayes stated he wished to strongly protest against a couple of matters in connection with the appointment.

First he objected to the fact that the decision on the Minister refusing to sanction Mr. Hayes (who was ~~his~~ son) was known in Wexford before it had been officially intimated to the Town Clerk; and as well, he objected to individuals in the town being allowed to approach the Minister, without the knowledge of the Corporation, with the object of inducing him to withhold his consent to the appointment.

He would not he said remain if interference in the business of the Corporation by outsiders was tolerated, and he therefore withdrew from the meeting as a protest,

Councillor Gaul, having made a similar protest, also withdrew.

Several other members protested against the decision of the Minister in refusing to sanction the appointment, and the Mayor stated that officials appointed to the Gaeltacht Area were allowed a number of years to acquire a working knowledge of Irish.

With regard to Accountancy, some members considered that it should never have been included in the examination, as the system of Accountancy in a Public office was entirely different from that used in commercial concerns, and could only be acquired by practice.

It was eventually agreed on the motion of Councillor Buckland, seconded by Alderman Connolly, to again request the Minister for Local Government and Public Health to reconsider his decision and to sanction the appointment of Mr. Hayes on the terms suggested by the Finance Committee on the 26th June last; and he was further to be requested to receive a Deputation consisting of Councillors Buckland, Murphy, T. Walsh and the Mayor to go into this question in detail. The Town Clerk was also directed to again call the attention of the Minister to the references submitted by the appointee, which, it was considered, were given by persons who would hesitate to sign such unless the recipient was worthy of them.

Councillor Power attended at this stage.

An invitation was submitted from the Secretaries of the Association of Irish Municipal Authorities for the Corporation to be represented at the Annual Conference which would be held at Waterford on 12th, 13th and 14th September next.

Note was signed to enable them to be discharged.

There was submitted for execution on the part of the Corporation a Deed of Mortgage securing repayment of a Loan of £2,000 borrowed from the Commissioners of Public Works for the purpose of making advances under the Small Dwellings Acquisition Acts 1899 to 1931.

The obtaining of this Loan had been sanctioned by the Minister for Local Government and Public Health under date of 29th June, 1933, by letter No. H.69139, and thereupon the following resolution was unanimously adopted, on the motion of Councillor Gaul, seconded by Councillor T. Walsh, viz.:-

"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 Two Thousand Pounds, proposed to be advanced by them to us under the Small Dwellings Acquisition Acts."

The Deed was thereupon sealed and signed, and the following further resolution in connection therewith adopted, on the motion of Alderman Connolly, seconded by Councillor O'Leary:-

"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 the 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 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."

Adverting to Minutes of proceedings on 12th June last, when it was decided to acquire five small cabins and half an acre of land at Whitemill Road for the sum of £400, the Deed transferring this property from Mrs. Stafford of Cromwell's Port was submitted for execution.

The Deed had been prepared by the Corporation Solicitor, and the Minister for Local Government and Public Health had agreed under date of 21st ultimo, by letter No. H.72412, to the purchase of the property, and so it was resolved, on the motion of Councillor Ross, seconded by Councillor Murphy, that the Corporate Seal be affixed to the Deed.

The Deed was thereupon sealed and authenticated by the signatures of the Mayor and Town Clerk.

Adverting to Minutes of 12th June last when a Mr. Joseph Hayes was appointed to the Position of Clerical Assistant to the Town Clerk, two communications were read from the Minister for Local Government and Public Health refusing to sanction the appointment.

By request the references submitted by Mr. Hayes were also read.

Under date of 20th June, 1933, by letter No. G.65461, the Minister pointed out that the advertisement issued specifically intimated that the appointment would be made as the result of a competitive examination in certain subjects, with a minimum qualifying standard of sixty per cent. in each subject. Both candidates failed in two subjects, and the examination showed that neither candidate had been successful.

He further intimated that the Corporation was under obligation to keep faith with the Public, and That his suggestion made prior to the examination that the position should be readvertised had been justified by the result.

21st August, 1933.

A Special Meeting of the Corporation 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 dispose of the following business:-

- (1) To adopt, if thought well, Bye-Laws with respect to houses divided into separate tenements, etc.; and
- (2) To receive a report from the Housing Committee recommending the erection of six houses by the Nofrango method, at Davitt Road, North, by direct labour, at an estimated cost of £250 per house.

The members present were:-

Richard Corish Esq., Mayor (in the Chair)

Aldermen: James Billington and Nicholas Connolly.

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

The Bye-Laws with respect to houses divided into separate tenements were first submitted. These Bye-Laws had been submitted for the provisional approval of the Minister for Local Government and Public Health, who, by letter dated 7th July, 1933, No. P.H.70820, 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 Bye-Laws becoming operative, and as the present meeting was of the opinion that the Code should be put into operation with as little delay as possible, the following resolution was unanimously adopted:-

Proposed by Alderman Connolly,

Seconded by Councillor Murphy, and

Resolved: "That the Bye-Laws now submitted with respect to Houses divided into separate tenements, Etc., 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 Bye-Laws; and that the Corporate Seal be now affixed thereto and attested by the signatures of the Mayor and the Town Clerk."

The Bye-Laws in duplicate were thereupon sealed and signed; and as well, a formal request to the Minister for Local Government and Public Health for confirmation was sealed and signed.

In reply to a query it was pointed out that as soon as the Bye-Laws were confirmed, the Corporation would be able to transfer persons living in rooms under unhealthy conditions to new houses erected for the re-housing of slum dwellers and still receive two-thirds of the Loan Charges in respect of the erection of such houses.

It was further pointed out that of the forty houses erected at Whitmill, eleven would be available after rehousing people removed from Clearance Areas, and the following were appointed a Committee to investigate the circumstances of applicants living in rooms in St. Mary's Ward, namely, Councillors T. Walsh, O'Leary, Clancy, Bolger, with Aldermen Connolly, Billington and the Mayor.

In accordance with the provisions of the Local Conferences Order, 1923, Notice had been given that a proposal to appoint delegates would be made at this meeting.

Accordingly, on the motion of Councillor Bergin, seconded by Councillor McMahon, the Mayor and Councillor O'Leary were unanimously selected to represent the Corporation at the Conference; and it was further agreed, in compliance with the requirements of the above mentioned Order, that if either of these two gentlemen happened to be elected on the Executive Committee of the Association, he be authorised to attend not more than two meetings of this Committee in the ensuing year.

It was also agreed that a motion should be tabled calling on the Government to reduce the rate of interest charged on Loans issued from the Local Loans Fund.

A suggestion was made that the 1934 Conference should be invited to Wexford, but it was left in the hands of the delegates to do so if they considered it would be possible to carry it out. The report of the Borough Analyst for the Quarter ended 30th June last was next submitted. This showed that he had examined 8 samples of milk, 4 of butter, 3 of buttermilk, and 1 each of cheese, cocoa, margarine, whiskey and sugar, making a total of 20 samples, all of which were found genuine.

In addition to the foregoing, which had been submitted by the Local Inspector under the Food and Drugs Acts, he had examined 4 samples of butter submitted by an Inspector of the Department of Agriculture, which were also found genuine.

This report was considered satisfactory.

Once again the Mayor made an earnest appeal to the citizens to refrain from wasting water during the present dry weather. The level of the water in the Reservoir was down 87 inches and if waste was not discontinued the supply to the town would have to be drastically curtailed. Attention was called to the condition of the streets leading to the Churches on Sunday mornings, some of them being littered with paper, but it was reported that all these streets were cleaned on Saturday afternoons, and the cause of the nuisance was the dropping of litter by shoppers on Saturday nights.

No Order was made on the matter.

Councillor Belger referred to the risk people took by bathing at Katt's Strand, and requested the Corporation to place a Notice warning the Public of the danger of bathing there, but it was pointed out that the Corporation had no jurisdiction there, and members of the Harbour Board agreed to raise the matter at the next meeting of that Body.

Richard Curran
mayor

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4th September, 1933.

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

The members present were:-

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

Aldermen: James Billington and Nicholas Connolly.

Councillors: Gerrett Donohoe, James Murphy, John Walsh, Patrick Clancy, Thomas Walsh, Myles Bergin, James McMahon, Michael Martin, Cyril Ross and James Crosbie.

On the motion of Councillor T. Walsh, seconded by Councillor McMahon, the Minutes of Meetings of 11th and 21st August, 1933, 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 £4150 : 19 : 10, were submitted, and having been examined, were approved, and an Advice Note was signed to enable them to be discharged.

Under date of the 15th ultimo, by letter No. L-A 1/28/32, the Local Appointments Commissioners intimated that in the case of Statutory Requests received by them after 5th July, 1933, they had decided to recommend for appointment one person, and one person only, for each vacancy under a Local Authority reported to them.

A lengthy discussion followed the reading of this communication during which a number of persons expressed strong objection to the action of the Commissioners in reverting to the system of furnishing only one name for appointments under Local Authorities, and Councillor T. Walsh proposed the following resolution, viz.:-

"That we the members of Wexford Corporation strongly protest against the decision of the Local Appointments Commissioners to recommend only one person for appointment to offices under a Local Authority."

The proposition was seconded by Alderman Billington, and was adopted, but with Councillor Clancy dissenting.

Councillor Murphy declined to vote on the ground that he did not know the reason for the Commissioners' decision.

The Mayor was also asked to raise the matter at the Annual Conference of the Association of Irish Municipal Authorities which was due to be held next week.

In accordance with notice already given the Mayor moved the rescission of Resolution of 1st May last, when it was decided to name the new streets at Whitewill Road - Mitchell Street, Davis Street, and Wolfe Tone Street.

The motion was seconded by Councillor T. Walsh, and was adopted unanimously.

The reason for the change of name was that some difficulty had been experienced in the numbering of the houses, and so the Mayor further moved. That the 86 houses in course of construction at Whitewill Road be named Wolfe Tone Villas.

This was seconded by Alderman Connolly, and adopted nem con.

Councillor Bolger attended at this stage.

Alderman Connolly asked what was the position with regard to the John Street water which had been cut off last year following a report from the Medical Officer of Health that it was unfit for use.

The recommendation from the Housing Committee was next submitted.

The Committee proposed to erect, by direct Labour, six houses in No frango at Davitt Road, North, at an estimated cost of £250 per House.

The Corporation owned a small V-shaped piece of land on this road which was being used as an unauthorised dumping ground and was a constant source of annoyance to the residents in the locality.

In order to erect these six houses, it had been decided, on 31st ultimo, to purchase a further piece of adjoining land containing about a quarter of an acre from Mr. Richard Hore for the sum of £65.

An estimate of the cost of construction had been prepared by No frango Limited, and showed that the all-in cost, including Royalties and supervision would amount to-----£1500 : 0 : 0

The additional land required would cost----- 65 : 0 : 0

Mortgage Deed and Law Costs would amount to about----- 25 : 0 : 0

Total cost of Scheme----- £1590 : 0 : 0

or £265 per house.

On this basis the rents would be as follows:-

Repayment of £265 at £6 : 13 : 4 per £100----- £17 : 13 : 4

Less One-third Government Subsidy----- 5 : 17 : 9

Balance 11 : 15 : 7

Add depreciation at 1% on £250----- 2 : 10 : 0

Rates, on an assumed valuation of £5----- 3 : 16 : 8

Insurance----- 5 : 0

£18 : 7 : 3

Less Contribution by Corporation----- 2 : 0 : 0

16 : 7 : 3

Rent Collector's Commission at 2½%----- 8 : 6

Total to be met by tenants----- £16 : 15 : 9

or 6/6 per week.

The foregoing was explained to the present meeting, and thereupon the following resolution was unanimously adopted, on the motion of Councillor O'Leary, seconded by Councillor Ross:-

"That the recommendation of the Housing Committee be hereby adopted; and that, subject to the approval of the Minister for Local Government and Public Health, six houses be erected at Davitt Road, North, in No frango, by direct labour, at an estimated cost of £250 per house."

The following further resolution was also unanimously adopted, on the motion of Councillor T. Walsh, seconded by Councillor O'Leary:-

"That application be made to the Minister for Local Government and Public Health for sanction to the raising of a Loan of £1590 for the erection of six houses at Davitt Road, North."

The meeting then terminated.

During the Debate it was pointed out that, as a Public Health Authority, the Corporation was responsible for seeing that the water supply given to the public was pure, and as such a supply was available from the Main Reservoir at Coolree the John Street supply should not be used while any doubt existed as to its purity.

Eventually it was agreed to refer the matter to the Public Health Committee for further consideration.

With regard to the Holly Spring, which had also been condemned as impure, the following were asked to inspect the course of the Stream from the well to the outlet, and report to the Public Health Committee, namely, Councillors Crosbie, Martin, and Alderman Billington.

Richard Carish
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2. 10. 33

18th September, 1933.

A Special Meeting of the Corporation 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 dispose of the following business:-

1. To execute a Deed of Mortgage whereby security would be given to the National Bank for the repayment of Loan of £1150 proposed to be borrowed for the resurfacing of streets within the Borough.
2. To receive a Committee report recommending that the conditions laid down on 13th March last, in connection with the appointment of a Clerical Assistant to the Town Clerk, be not altered except that the appointee should be required to provide a Fidelity Guarantee Bond with an Approved Insurance Company in the sum of £500.

The members present were:-

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

Aldermen: James Billington, Nicholas Connolly, Thomas Hayes.

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

At the outset the Mayor referred to the heavy loss which the Rev. M. O'Connor, C.C., had recently sustained through the death of his mother, and moved. That the sympathy of the Council be extended to him in his sorrow.

This motion was seconded by Councillor Murphy, and adopted in silence.

The Deed of Mortgage to the National Bank was then submitted.

The obtaining of this Loan had been sanctioned by the Minister for Local Government and Public Health under date of 27th July last, by letter No. S, and the Deed which had been prepared by the Bank's Solicitor had already been approved on behalf of the Corporation. Thereupon the following resolution, as submitted by the Solicitor, was unanimously adopted on the motion of Alderman Connolly, seconded by Councillor Power:-

"That in pursuance of the consent of the Local Government Minister dated 27th July, 1933, the Council do borrow from the National Bank Limited the sum of £1150 for

A number of samples of this water had been taken from time to time and submitted for chemical and bacteriological examination, but at no time was a report received that would justify the use of the water for domestic purposes.

The latest report was under date of the 3rd ultimo from Professor T.T. O'Farrell of the National University, and stated

"(1) Number of organisms growing at room-temperature from 1.0 cc: Total 312 of which 120 were liquefiers of gelatine.

(2) Number of organisms growing at blood heat from 1.0 cc: Total 120.

(3) B. Coli test. B. Coli was observed in 10. 1.0 and 0.1 of the sample.

The above result indicated the water to be a bad one. The general counts are high and there is an undue number of organisms which liquefy gelatine. The high "blood Heat" count and the discovery of B. Coli in so little as 0.1 C.C. are bad features."

"Thos. T. O'Farrell"

The following communication was also read from Mr. D. McDonald, on behalf of the residents of John Street:-

"Dear Sir,

Will you be good enough to bring the following before your Corporation.

Some time ago I was requested by the Corporation to take a sample of the John Street water in order to have it sent to Dr. Griffiths for examination. I did not do so, and the following are my reasons.

The Corporation were agreed to allow the water of the Reservoir at John Street to run under normal conditions for a month. My contention is that this has not been done. Surely no one can contend that the water running as it is for 24 hours a day is running under normal conditions.

Furthermore, I am creditably informed that the Reservoir itself is polluted by rubbish having been thrown over the walls - a thing to be much deplored, and seen to by the Corporation.

Having taken these things into consideration I want to ask; Could any honest men say that a sample of water could be taken under even fairly normal conditions?

The last sample I sent to Dr. Griffiths was quite satisfactory, and in every way was conclusive that the water is quite good for domestic purposes.

I contend that until the Reservoir is freed from any contaminating refuse and kept so - the water being allowed to run under normal conditions meanwhile for a specific period - there could be little hope of giving the Bacteriologist even a reasonable chance of making a genuine report.

I am, dear Sir,

Yours faithfully,

D. MacDonald."

A long discussion followed on this matter during which members were for, and against having the water made available for domestic use.

With reference to the two houses at Davitt Road, North, recently completed, it was reported that the Minister for Local Government and Public Health had decided to pay a subsidy of twenty per cent. on £350 only in respect of each house instead of 33 1/3 per cent. on the entire cost of £450 per house as expected when the weekly rent of 11/- per house was agreed to, and so it would be necessary to alter such rent.

The Minister further intimated that he considered one per cent. sufficient to cover depreciation, Insurance and Rent Collection, and accordingly a rent of 14/- per house per week was now suggested, made up as follows:-

Repayment of £450 @ £6 : 13 : 4 per cent.	£30 : 0 : 0
Less Government subsidy of 20% on £350	<u>4 : 13 : 4</u>
	25 : 6 : 8
Depreciation, Insurance and Rent Collection	4 : 10 : 0
Rates at 15/4 on an assumed Valuation of £8	6 : 2 : 8
Ground Rent	<u>1 : 10 : 0</u>
	37 : 9 : 4
Less Rent @ 14/- per week	<u>36 : 8 : 0</u>
Subsidy by Corporation	£1 : 1 : 4

Thereupon on the motion of the Mayor, seconded by Councillor Bergin, it was agreed that the rent be fixed at 14/- per house per week.

Richard Corish
Mayor
2.10.33

2nd October, 1933.

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

The members present were:-

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

Aldermen: Nicholas Connolly and James Billington.

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

On the motion of the Mayor, seconded By Alderman Billington, the Minutes of Meetings of 4th and 18th September, 1933, 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 £3781 : 10 : 0, were submitted, together with an account for £200 proposed to be transferred from the Streets Improvement Loan Account to the Wages Account in order to meet the weekly wages of the workmen engaged on the work of resurfacing streets.

The accounts as presented were examined, and having been approved, an Advice Note was signed to enable the Treasurer to pay same.

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the purpose of resurfacing streets in the Borough of Wexford to be repaid to the Bank by half-yearly instalments spread over the 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."

The Corporation Seal was then affixed to the document and authenticated by the signatures of the Mayor and Town Clerk.

The Committee report in connection with the appointment of a Clerical Assistant to the Town Clerk was next submitted.

Adverting to Minutes of 11th ultimo, when it was decided to again ask the Minister for Local Government and Public Health to reconsider his decision refusing to sanction the appointment of Mr. Hayes, and to request him to receive a deputation to discuss the matter, the Minister stated, under date of 19th ultimo, by letter No. G.90527, that he saw no reason for altering his decision as conveyed in the Department's letter of 20th June last (No. G.65461) and intimated that no useful purpose would be served by receiving the proposed deputation. This letter had been submitted to the Finance Committee on two occasions, and a Special Committee was asked to consider if any alterations in the terms of appointment were necessary. The Committee unanimously decided that the conditions adopted on 13th March last should be adhered to, but, on the suggestion of the Town Clerk, recommended that the appointee be required to provide a Fidelity Guarantee Bond with an approved Insurance Company in the sum of £500.

The Mayor moved the adoption of the recommendation, and Alderman Connolly seconded. Councillor T. Walsh suggested that the age limit be reduced from 21 to 18 years of age, but members considered that no person under 21 years of age should be appointed to a position in which he would have to handle an average of £400 per week in wages alone, and in the absence of the Town Clerk on holidays or through illness would have charge of a Petty Cash Account which averaged from £1500 to £1800.

Councillor Murphy asked to have the clause whereby the appointment was confined to persons born in the Borough deleted, but this did not meet with favour either.

At this stage Councillor O'Leary complained of the action of the Minister in refusing to receive a deputation, and asked whether any person could state if the Minister had even seen the Corporation's request on this matter, but it was pointed out that the communication had been sent in the usual way to the Secretary of the Department, as it would be against all established precedent for the Town Clerk to write direct to the Minister, and he was further informed that even if the Minister did not see the request, it was assumed his officials had full authority to act for him.

After further discussion Councillor O'Leary proposed. That His Worship the Mayor be asked to request the Minister for Local Government and Public Health to receive a deputation to discuss the question of the appointment of a Clerical Assistant to the Town Clerk.

Councillor Bergin seconded this proposition which was adopted unanimously, His Worship the Mayor having withdrawn his objection.

After a perusal of the applications, the Committee visited their residences, and found that not alone were the particulars given on the Application Forms correct, but that the conditions under which they were living were appalling. The Committee made the visits at night and found children - boys and girls - huddled together in rooms, with an absolutely poisonous atmosphere.

The Committee therefore recommended that the following be given eight of the Whitemill houses, namely,

John Hayden, Green Street	(8 in family)
Thomas Gaul, Distillery Road	9 " "
Edward Carroll Do.	12 " "
James O'Neill, Bride Street	10 " "
Patrick Clowery Do.	10 " "
George Murphy Do.	10 " "
Richard Pierse, Faythe	12 " "
Richard Keane, Tuskar View	6 " "

With regard to the remaining house, several deserving applicants were considered, and the Committee left it to the Corporation to decide.

The Committee further recommended that all these applicants from St. Mary's Ward living in one room should be given first preference for the forty-six houses in course of construction at Whitemill, and that no other applications be invited until these are dealt with, and that land be sought in St. Ibarius Ward for the purpose of erecting houses immediately.

On the motion of Councillor O'Leary, seconded by Councillor Crosbie, the Committee report was adopted and the allocation of the remaining house was left in the hands of the Finance and Works Committee.

The Mayor intimated that in accordance with instructions received some time ago from the Finance Committee, he had asked the County Board of Health to dispose of the old Fever Hospital and grounds at Grogan's Road to the Corporation for a nominal sum, so that it could be converted, along with other land in the vicinity, into a Public Park.

When the Mayor's request came before the Board, it was decided to offer the premises by public auction in the open market, and the Mayor now asked for permission for himself and the Town Clerk to bid at such auction for the place, and to negotiate with the owners of adjoining land for its acquisition.

Members considered that the provision of such a park in the centre of the town was a most desirable amenity and so on the motion of Alderman Connolly, seconded by Alderman Billington, the necessary permission was given to the Mayor and Town Clerk to bid for the Hospital and grounds and to negotiate for the purchase of land adjoining.

Councillor McMahon complained of excessive prices being charged for food in the Town and asked if it was a fact that there was a Food Prices Tribunal in the country.

The Mayor informed Councillor McMahon that such a tribunal was in existence and if any member of the public considered he was being overcharged for any article he should send particulars to the Minister for Industry and Commerce.

Councillor Clancy, on behalf of the unemployed, asked the Corporation to congratulate

Arising out of some payments for sand and gravel used in the erection of houses, Councillor Walsh complained that cot-men from Enniscorthy were being given orders for sand and gravel while local boats were idle, but it was explained that the local men were given orders for the greater part of the sand and gravel used.

A lengthy discussion ensued on this matter during which it was suggested that tenders for the supply of sand and gravel should be invited, and on the motion of the Mayor, seconded by Alderman Connolly, the matter was referred to the next meeting of the Finance and Works Committee to deal with.

Once again the Mayor referred to the serious position of the water supply to the town (the Reservoir being down 13' 11") and urged the public to conserve the supply as much as possible during the present dry weather.

He also issued a warning that persons found wasting water would be prosecuted, and it was agreed that the officials were to prosecute immediately a case of waste came under their notice without waiting for a meeting of the Corporation.

The circular letter (No. 32/33) under date of the 4th ultimo, from the Minister for Local Government and Public Health, intimating that he had appointed the 14th November, 1933, for the holding of Elections of Members of Local Authorities, was submitted.

Following the reading of this letter, Councillor Clancy asked if the unemployed would be selected to fill the positions of Presiding Officers and Poll Clerks, and the Town Clerk replied that only unemployed persons would be appointed as Poll Clerks, and with regard to Presiding Officers, if unemployed persons competent to do the work were available, they would get first preference. Adverting to Minutes of 31st July last, when it was agreed to purchase a piece of land at Davitt Road, North, from Mr. Richard Hore, for the sum of £65, the Deed conveying this plot to the Corporation was now submitted for execution.

The acquisition of the land had been sanctioned by the Minister for Local Government and Public Health, under date of 15th ultimo, by letter No. H.97693, and the Deed of Conveyance had been prepared by the Corporation Solicitor, so it was Resolved on the motion of Alderman Connolly, seconded by Councillor Ross. That the Corporate Seal be affixed to the Deed.

The Deed was thereupon sealed and signed on the part of the Corporation.

With reference to Minutes of 21st August last, when a Committee was appointed to investigate the circumstances of applicants for houses at Whitewall, the Mayor reported that the Committee had met on the 6th ultimo.

189 applications from persons living in rooms were submitted.

At the outset the Committee agreed that two persons residing in condemned houses at Back Street should be transferred to Whitewall as their removal would facilitate the erection of a large Bakery there and the widening of the Street, as well as providing much needed employment. This left nine houses available after providing for persons to be displaced by the operation of the Clearance Orders which had been submitted for confirmation.

An examination of the applicants showed that the Committee was faced with a formidable task in view of the terrible conditions under which some of the applicants were living, and that only nine houses were available, so it was decided to concentrate on those who had six or more in family and who were living in rooms.

It was unanimously agreed to make such an application and the Town Clerk was requested to forward it with as little delay as possible.

R. Connolly
Mayor
6. 11. 33
30th October, 1933.

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

The members present were:-

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

Aldermen: Nicholas Connolly.

Councillors: Thomas Walsh, Patrick Clancy, Cyril Ross, John J. O'Leary, Myles Bergin, Garrett Donohoe, John Walsh, William J. Power, James McMahon, James Murphy, Michael Martin and Edward Belger.

The meeting had been convened to execute a Deed of Mortgage securing repayment of Loan of £1590 proposed to be borrowed from the Commissioners of Public Works for the erection of six houses in No-fringe at Davitt Road, North.

The obtainment of the Loan had been sanctioned by the Minister for Local Government and Public Health under date of 18th ultimo, by letter No. H.10313, and a draft of the Mortgage had already been approved on behalf of the Corporation.

Thereupon the following Resolution was unanimously adopted on the motion of Councillor Thomas Walsh, seconded by Councillor O'Leary:-

"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 Five Hundred and Ninety 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 on behalf of the Corporation, and the following further Resolution was also unanimously adopted, on the motion of Councillor Ross, seconded by Councillor Power:-

"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 Meeting then separated.

President E Valera and the Irish Labour Party for the Grant they had given for the relief of the unemployed, and for the proposal to provide Pensions for Widows and Orphans, but the Mayor ruled this motion out of order as likely to lead to an acrimonious political discussion.

R. Curran
Mayor 6.11.33

16th October, 1933.

A Special Meeting of the Corporation 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 motion standing in the name of Alderman Connolly that the Resolution adopted on 21st August last confining the houses at Whitmill to persons residing in St. Mary's Ward be varied so as to permit one of these houses to be given to a Mr. John Kinsella of Dodd's Lane, Wexford.

The members present were:-

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

Aldermen: James Billington and Nicholas Connolly.

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

With reference to Minutes of last Meeting when the allocation of one house at Whitmill had been referred to the Finance and Works Committee, it was reported that when the matter came before the Committee, Alderman Connolly had given notice that he would move the Resolution, for consideration of which the present meeting had been convened.

Alderman Connolly thereupon moved

"That the Resolution of 21st August last, confining the Whitmill Road houses to persons residing in St. Mary's Ward, be varied so as to permit one of these houses to be given to a Mr. John Kinsella of Dodd's Lane, Wexford."

Alderman Connolly stated that the house in which this man resided was without a roof; the sewerage was bad; and it had been condemned together with other houses in the neighbourhood by the Medical Officer of Health as unfit for human habitation, but owing to not yet having houses available to rehouse the persons residing therein the Corporation had not made a Clearance Order.

Councillor Belger seconded the motion.

Several members bore out Alderman Connolly's statement of the conditions under which this man and his wife and family were living, and the motion was adopted unanimously.

Thereupon Alderman Connolly proposed that Kinsella be given the house at Whitmill Road.

This was seconded by Councillor Murphy and was also adopted unanimously.

The Mayor referred to discussions which had recently taken place about the number of unemployed in the Town, and stated he hoped to procure a grant for the resurfacing of streets.

With this object in view he had asked the Borough Surveyor to prepare a specification and estimate for the resurfacing of Back Street, Ram Street, Temperance Row, Fishers' Row and part of the Main Street. This work would cost a sum of £1523 and he (Mayor) now asked the Corporation to make application to the Minister for Local Government and Public Health for a grant to carry out the work.

unanimously adopted.

In accordance with Notice given, the Mayor moved that a sum of £375 be borrowed for the provision of new sewers and watermains in certain streets of the Town.

He (Mayor) stated that he hoped to procure a Relief Grant to resurface some of the streets, and if such a Grant were made available it would be necessary for the Corporation to renew underground services.

This motion was seconded by Alderman Connolly, and adopted nem con.

The Circular letter No. 108/33, under date of 26th ultimo, from the Minister for Local Government and Public Health was read.

This stated that for the future whole-time officials of Local Authorities would not be paid fees in connection with their attendance in a professional capacity in Court as State witnesses, or in connection with the rendering of Special Services for Court purposes, unless such work was done outside official hours or during a period of annual leave or of special leave without pay.

It was mentioned that the only officer of the Corporation who was likely to be affected by the terms of the letter was the Borough Surveyor, and he informed the meeting that he had never been paid for such work as was mentioned.

The Report of the Borough Analyst for the quarter ended 30th September, 1933, showed that he had examined three samples of milk, three of cheese, two of butter, two of buttermilk, two of margarine, one each of cocoa, tea, whiskey, port, white pudding, lard and sausage, making a total of 19 samples, all of which were found genuine.

Two tenders for printing for the ensuing twelve months were referred to the Finance Committee for examination, with instructions to accept the lower in every case.

In accordance with Notice given and accepted on 30th ultimo, Alderman Connolly moved. That the milk under the Government Free Milk Scheme be distributed from depots.

He referred to the difficulty of securing contractors to deliver twice daily to the recipients' homes, and pointed out that the establishment of depots would make for better distribution and better supervision of the entire scheme. He as well pointed out that no difficulty would be experienced in securing contractors to deliver twice daily to depots.

Councillor McMahon seconded the motion.

A long discussion ensued during which various opinions were expressed on the motion. Some agreed with Alderman Connolly, while others opposed the motion on the ground that it would be degrading to the poor to have to attend a depot to secure their supplies. Eventually it was agreed to request the Minister for Local Government and Public Health to be as good as to advise the Corporation, as to which of the two in his opinion would be the better method of distribution.

The Mayor referred to the extra work which the staff had undertaken in the administration of the Scheme and moved that a bonus of five per cent. on the amount of the Grant for the six months ending 31st March next be paid them without prejudice to any arrangements which might be made, if the Scheme were continued after that date.

The amount of the Grant allocated to the Borough was £524 : 3 : 2, and five per cent. of

6th November, 1933.

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

The members present were:-

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

Aldermen: Nicholas Connolly and James Billington.

Councillors: Thomas Walsh, Patrick Clancy, James McMahon, Myles Bergin, Cyril Ross, Garrett Donohoe, Edward Bolger, John Walsh, James Crosbie, Thomas Buckland, and John J. O'Leary.

On the motion of Councillor T. Walsh, seconded by Councillor O'Leary, the Minutes of Meetings of 2nd, 16th and 30th October, 1933, were taken as having been read, and were accordingly signed.

On the motion of the Mayor, seconded by Alderman Connolly, the sympathy of the Meeting was extended to Councillor McCabe on the death of his father, and on the motion of the Mayor, seconded by Councillor McMahon, a vote of condolence was adopted with the widow and daughter of the late James Shannon, who for many years was a member of a number of Public Bodies in the County.

Liabilities which had accrued due up to the end of last month amounting, in the aggregate, to £6057 : 8 : 0, were submitted. Included in them were five payments totalling £6 : 15 : 0 in respect of prizes awarded for the best kept front garden of Artizans Dwellings. The Town Clerk pointed out that he knew of no Statutory Authority for such payments, and informed the meeting that in his opinion they would be surcharged by the Auditor.

Nevertheless it was unanimously agreed that the amounts should be paid, and the Treasurer's Advice Note was thereupon signed to enable the entire liabilities as presented to be discharged. Arising out of the payment of the Meat Inspector's salary, Councillor Ross stated that a number of people were objecting to the method of stamping fresh meat as fit for human consumption by means of a rubber stamp, and the Inspector was to be asked if any other method could be adopted for this purpose.

Under date of 12th ultimo, by Circular letter No. 105/33, the Minister for Local Government and Public Health intimated that he had postponed the holding of elections of members of Local Authorities until 15th July, 1934; and that he intended to introduce legislation, which, inter alia, would alter the basis of local representation.

This letter was accepted.

The Finance Committee recommended that Mr. Michael Conway, of St. John's Avenue, be permitted to redeem the outstanding balance of the purchase price of his house for the sum of fifty-eight pounds.

It was explained that on 30th September the sum outstanding on Mr. Conway's house, after making allowance for the cost of collection, the present value of £67 : 1 : 0 at 4½ per cent. (the rate at which the Corporation borrowed the money to erect the house) was £58.

The proposal of the Finance Committee to complete the sale of the dwelling for this sum had been submitted to the Minister for Local Government and Public Health, who under date of 14th ultimo, by letter No. H.113609/33 intimated that he saw no objection to the proposal, and so on the motion of the Mayor, seconded by Councillor Ross, the Committee recommendation was

13th November, 1933.

A Special Meeting of the Corporation 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 Nicholas Connolly.

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

The first business was to adopt, if thought well, the following recommendations from the Housing Committee:-

- (a) That the tender of Simonis, London, be accepted for the supply of a Fire Engine and Equipment at £922 : 10 : 0;
- (b) That living accommodation be provided over the Station at Gibson Street for an Officer of the Brigade; and
- (c) That a Loan be obtained from the Council's Treasurer for 15 years to enable the above recommendations to be carried out.

It was recalled that some time ago the Finance Committee had decided that up-to-date fire fighting appliances were badly needed in the Town, and had called into consultation Captain Hutson, late of Pembroke Fire Brigade.

Captain Hutson had prepared a Specification of what, in his opinion, were the needs of the Borough, and advertisements inviting tenders were duly issued.

Five such tenders were received. They were from:

Messrs. Simonis, Ltd., London, at	£922 : 10 : 0
The Forth Engine and Motor Works, Newcastle-on-Tyne, at	929 : 11 : 1
Messrs. Charles Hurst, Ltd., Dublin, at	1100 : 0 : 0
Messrs. Doyles Motors, Dublin, at	1120 : 0 : 0
Messrs. Merryweathers, London, at	1178 : 10 : 0

These five tenders had been examined by the Housing Committee with the assistance of Captain Hutson, when it was unanimously agreed to recommend the Corporation to accept the lowest tender, and to provide living accommodation at the Gibson Street Station for an officer of the Brigade.

To carry out the two recommendations it was estimated would cost about £1500, and the Committee further recommended. That a Loan of this amount be obtained from the Treasurer for 15 years for the purpose.

The machine recommended would be built in Dublin on a 2 ton Ford Chassis under the supervision of Captain Hutson, and only the Patent Self-priming Pump and auxiliary gear box would be imported from England.

The present meeting was informed that Captain Hutson had no hesitation in recommending this machine to the Corporation as the one likely to give best service; and so the Mayor proposed the acceptance of the Tender of Messrs. Simonis, Ltd., for the supply of a Fire Engine and Equipment at £922 : 10 : 0.

this would amount to approximately £26, which he (Mayor) suggested be divided as follows:-
£12 to the Town Clerk, £7 to the Clerical Assistant, and £7 to the Health Visitor.

The motion was seconded by Councillor Bergin and agreed to by all.

Referring to Minutes of 18th September last, when the Mayor was asked to interview the Minister for Local Government and Public Health on the proposed appointment of Mr. Joseph Hayes as Clerical Assistant to the Town Clerk, he (Mayor) reported that the Minister refused to alter his ruling on the matter, and under date of the 4th instant, by letter No. G.122625, addressed to the Mayor, the Secretary of the Department intimated that he had been instructed by the Minister to state that, for the reasons already fully explained, he could not see his way to alter the decision given.

The Mayor now suggested that no discussion should take place on the matter at present meeting, but that it be put on the Agenda for a Special Meeting to be held on 13th instant, when the conditions to be advertised could be discussed.

Councillor Clancy referred to a recent award to a member of the Garda Síochána for life saving, and stated that a dock labourer named Murphy had saved nine lives at the Quay. He asked that the Town Clerk write to the Royal Humane Society calling attention to the actions of this man, and this was agreed to.

Adverting to Minutes of 2nd ultimo, when complaints were made about the price charged for meat in the town, a lengthy discussion on a letter which had appeared in the press ~~the~~ the local Victuallers was initiated by Alderman Connolly, during which he quoted figures which purported to show that the butchers were at present making a large profit on the sale of fresh meat.

Other members held that the price of fresh meat was as low as could possibly be expected, and in the end it was agreed that the Food Prices Tribunal should be asked to investigate the matter.

Reference was again made to the untidy state of the streets leading to the Churches on Sunday mornings, and it was explained that these streets were cleaned every Saturday evening, and it was Saturday night shoppers dropping papers, etc. on their way home who were responsible for this state of affairs.

After some discussion it was agreed that a few waste paper baskets should be purchased and placed in the vicinity of the Churches, and a Notice inserted in the Press warning the public that any person found dropping litter in the streets would be prosecuted.

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Mayor of Wexford*

The motion was accordingly declared lost, and the maximum age limit of twenty-five years on the date on which the examination will be held allowed to stand.

With reference to the Clause confining the examination to persons "who were born and mainly educated in the Borough of Wexford". Councillor Murphy moved.

That this clause be extended so as to permit the sons of Ratepayers who had resided for not less than five years in the Borough to compete.

This motion was seconded by Councillor Bolger, and on a division there voted

For the motion Councillors John Walsh, Murphy, Clancy, Bolger

and McMahon----- 5

Against the motion Councillors Martin, O'Leary, T. Walsh, Ross, Donohoe,

Buckland, Bergin, Aldermen Connolly, Billington,

and the Mayo----- 10

This motion was accordingly declared lost.

The net result of the debate was that the minimum age limit was extended to include persons who would reach the age of twenty-one years at the end of the probationary period of one year; and that the appointee should provide a Fidelity Guarantee Bond with an approved Insurance Company in the sum of £500. With these two exceptions, the conditions laid down on 13th March last were unaltered.

A suggestion was also made that the examination papers should be prepared and corrected by some person or persons outside the Borough, and the Town Clerk was directed to enquire if the Department of Local Government and Public Health would be in a position to undertake this task.

The meeting then separated.

*R. Corish J.D.
Mayor of Wexford*

20th November, 1933.

A Quarterly Meeting of the Corporation was held this day at the Town Hall at half-past seven o'clock p.m., convened by the Town Clerk in accordance with Section 11 (2) of the Local Elections Act, 1927.

The members present were:-

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

Aldermen: Thomas Hayes, James Billington, and Nicholas Connolly.

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

The Minutes of Meetings of 6th and 13th November, 1933, were taken as having been read on the motion of the Mayor, seconded by Councillor T. Walsh and were accordingly signed.

A vote of condolence was passed with Aldermen Rossiter on the death of his cousin, Miss Ellen Rossiter, on the motion of Councillor Clancy, seconded by Councillor T. Walsh.

Alderman Connolly seconded this proposition, which was unanimously adopted.

The recommendation that living accommodation be provided at the Station for an Officer of the Brigade was considered necessary by the present meeting, and on the motion of Councillor Ross, seconded by Councillor O'Leary, it was also unanimously adopted.

The following further Resolution was then adopted nem. con. on the motion of Alderman Connolly, seconded by Councillor McMahon, viz:-

"That application be made to the Treasurer (The National Bank) for a Loan of £1500 for the purpose of providing Fire Fighting Equipment for the Borough, to be repaid within 15 years together with interest on the principal from time to time outstanding at one half per cent. below Irish Banks' Rate with a minimum of four per cent.; and that the Minister for Local Government and Public Health be requested to sanction the obtainment of the Loan on the above terms."

The next business submitted was a further recommendation from the Housing Committee to the effect that a plot of land adjoining the present Whitmill Housing Site, and containing about forty-eight perches, should be purchased from Mr. John Bailey for £50 and eight houses erected thereon.

The adoption of this recommendation was moved by Alderman Billington, seconded by Alderman Connolly, and adopted unanimously.

It was also mentioned that negotiations were in progress for the purchase of a large field at Whitmill, and another piece of ground at Joseph Street, on which it was proposed to erect further houses for the Housing of the Working Classes.

The third item on the Agenda was the question of re-advertising the post of Clerical Assistant to the Town Clerk, as well as the question of whether the conditions laid down on 13th March last should be altered.

A Special Committee to whom this matter had been referred some time ago recommended that no change should be made except that the appointee should be required to provide a Fidelity Guarantee Bond in the sum of £500.

The Mayor thereupon proposed. That the Post be re-advertised on the same terms, except that the appointee be required to provide a Fidelity Guarantee Bond with an approved Insurance Company in the sum of £500.

Councillor Ross seconded.

Councillor O'Leary moved. That candidates who would reach the minimum age limit of twenty-one years before the end of the probationary period be eligible.

Councillor T. Walsh seconded this motion which was agreed to by all.

Councillor Clancy proposed that the maximum age limit be extended from twenty-five to thirty years of age on the date on which the examination will be held, and Councillor McMahon seconded.

A number of members opposed this amendment, and at Councillor Clancy's request a poll was taken on it, when there voted

For	Councillors Martin, T. Walsh, Clancy, Bolger, and McMahon----	5
Against	Councillors O'Leary, Ross, Donohoe, Buckland, Murphy, Bergin Aldermen Connolly, Billington, and the Mayor-----	9
Declined to vote -	Councillor John Walsh-----	1

Martin, McMahon, Buckland, Clancy, Ross, and Donohoe.

A School Meals Committee was composed of the following, on the motion of Councillor Donohoe, seconded by Councillor Martin, namely, Alderman Connolly, Councillors Crosbie, T. Walsh, McMahon, Bergin, O'Leary, Mrs. McTamney and Miss Fennell.

The following were appointed a Cemetery Committee, on the motion of the Mayor, seconded by Alderman Billington:- Alderman Billington, and the Mayor, Councillors T. Walsh, Clancy, Martin, Buckland and Bolger.

On the motion of Councillor Buckland, seconded by Councillor Donohoe, the Fire Brigade Committee was composed of the following:- Alderman Connolly, Billington, and the Mayor, Councillors T. Walsh, Ross, Donohoe, Buckland and Clancy.

On the motion of Councillor Ross, seconded by Councillor O'Leary, the following were asked to constitute the Special Rates Committee:- Alderman Billington and the Mayor, Councillors T. Walsh, O'Leary, Buckland and Martin.

On the motion of Councillor Bergin, seconded by Councillor Crosbie, the following were appointed as a Maternity and Child Welfare Committee:- Councillors Ross, McMahon, T. Walsh, Bergin, Mrs. Lowse, Mrs. Hadden, Mrs. Kelly, Mrs. McGuire, Miss Alice Rurlong, and Miss Ellen Kavanagh.

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A Special Meeting of the Corporation was held (pursuant to the Mayor's requisition) at the close of the above quarterly meeting, when the same members were in attendance.

The first business was to adopt, if thought well, a recommendation from the Housing Committee that an Architect be appointed for a period of ^{six} months to prepare plans, etc., of Housing Schemes and supervise the erection of houses by Direct Labour at a remuneration of £5 per week.

It was explained that for some time past the number of houses being erected was the cause of much concern to the Housing Committee.

During the past twelve months only forty-two houses had been completed, and the Committee felt that unless at least 100 houses were erected each year the housing problem would take a long time to solve.

The Committee had been enquiring very carefully into this matter, and found that owing to pressure of other work, the Borough Surveyor had not the necessary time to prepare plans, specifications, etc., for the various schemes the Committee had in contemplation.

The proposal now put forward by the Committee that an Architect be appointed had been submitted to the Minister for Local Government and Public Health, who, under date of 17th instant, by letter No. H.132453, approved of the employment of such a person for a period of six months with remuneration at the rate of £5 per week, and so on the motion of the Mayor, seconded by Councillor T. Walsh, the recommendation of the Housing Committee was unanimously adopted.

It was further agreed that advertisements should be issued without delay, and that an appointment should be made at Statutory Meeting of Corporation due to be held on 4th prox.

The election of a Mayor was then proceeded with, and Alderman Connolly, as senior Alderman of the Borough, acted as Chairman during the election.

Councillor Ross in a eulogistic speech, proposed the following Resolution:

"That Alderman Richard Corish be re-elected Mayor of Wexford for the fourteenth year in succession to hold office until Quarterly Meeting to be held between 23rd June and 1st July, 1934, and until his successor has been elected and has made a declaration accepting the office."

This motion was seconded by Councillor Martin.

It was supported by Councillors J. Walsh, Murphy, O'Leary, and Alderman Billington, all of whom referred to the unremitting attention which Alderman Corish gave to every matter affecting the interests of Wexford.

On being put to the meeting, the resolution 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 continued election as Mayor of Wexford since the year 1920, Alderman Corish took occasion to review the activities of the Corporation during that period. During his period of Office no less than 157 houses had been erected, and these contained over 700 persons, and a further forty-six would be ready for occupation in a short time. Since January last, no less than 519 men had been given work for short periods on various schemes initiated by the Corporation, and this figure did not include the tradesmen at work on the erection of houses or the permanent staff.

He recalled that when his Party first obtained control of the Corporation in 1920, the wages bill amounted to but £15 or £20 per week, whereas at the present time it averaged £350 per week; and the number of employees averaged about 150 each week.

He referred to the various improvements which had been carried out in recent years such as the extension of the Reservoir; the renewal of sewers and watermains; the resurfacing of streets; and the proposal now to provide suitable fire fighting equipment for the Borough. The Mayor also stated that the financial position of the Corporation was sound; that full provision had been made each year for all expenditure to be incurred; and finally expressed approval for the zeal with which the various officers were carrying out their duties.

The fixing of days and hours on which three Quarterly Meetings of the Corporation would be held previous to the 23rd June next, was then proceeded with, and on the motion of Councillor Murphy, seconded by Councillor Buckland, it was decided to fix such meetings for Monday, 4th December next at 7.30 p.m.; Monday, 5th March, 1934, at 7.30 p.m.; and Monday, 4th June, 1934, at 7.30 p.m.

On the motion of Councillor Murphy, seconded by Councillor Ross, it was decided that the Finance and Works, Waterworks, Old Age Pensions, and 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, 1878.

On the motion of Councillor T. Walsh, seconded by Councillor Bergin, the Housing Committee was composed of the following: Alderman Connolly, Billington, Councillors T. Walsh, Crosbie,

within one month; and the Minister for Local Government and Public Health was to be requested to approve of this proposal.

This concluded the business of the Special Meeting, and it thereupon separated.

Richard Corish

Mayor

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4th December, 1933.

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 and Nicholas Connolly.

Councillors: Thomas Walsh, Thomas Buckland, Myles Bergin, Patrick Clancy, James McMahon, Garrett Donohoe, John Walsh, Cyril Ross, John J. O'Leary, William J. Power, James Crosbie, and Michael Martin.

On the motion of the Mayor, seconded by Alderman Billington, the Minutes of two meetings held on 20th November, 1933, were taken as read, and were accordingly signed.

An acknowledgement of vote of sympathy passed with him in his recent bereavement was read from Councillor McCabe.

The Mayor moved that the sympathy of the Meeting be extended to the relatives of the late Peter Nolan, an employee of the Corporation.

This motion was seconded by Councillor T. Walsh, and was adopted in silence.

Liabilities which had accrued due up to the end of last month, amounting, in the aggregate, to £4030 : 6 : 7, 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 large number of unemployed in the town, and thought that, as at last Christmas, a number should be employed during the present season. He informed the meeting that he had discussed this matter with the officials, and they had suggested that eighty should be employed in four batches of twenty each for three days up to Christmas at the work of making a roadway in the new Dumping Ground at Summerhill and clearing the site for twenty-two new houses at Hill Street. Each of these men would receive £1 (less Insurance) and it was not intended that any of them should be paid until Christmas week.

He (Mayor) now moved that this suggestion be carried out, and that of each batch, five should be single men with dependents, and the remainder married.

The motion was seconded by Councillor T. Walsh, and was agreed to by all.

It was also agreed to employ four or five painters for work on the Whitewill houses before Christmas.

Alderman Billington referred to a communication which had recently appeared in the Press from Mr. Phillip Pierce, on the subject of a Public Park for children. He (Alderman

Billington) stated that Mr. Pierce had proposed to know the number of families the

A further recommendation was submitted by the Housing Committee. This was to the effect that a field at Whitmill, the property of Mr. Thomas Cullimore, and containing $4\frac{1}{2}$ acres be acquired for the sum of £350, subject to a small Land Commission Annuity. It was explained that this land was part of an estate containing some 16 acres and the entire of it was subject to a Land Commission Annuity of £20 : 16 : 0. The proportion of this annuity payable in respect of $4\frac{1}{2}$ acres would be approximately £5 : 17 : 0, but that owing to recent Legislation, whereby the Land Annuities had been reduced by 50 per cent., the annuity payable would work out at £2 : 18 : 6.

It was further explained that before any purchase could be made, it would be necessary to obtain a sub-division of the annuity.

Thereupon on the motion of Alderman Connolly, seconded by Councillor O'Leary, it was unanimously agreed, subject to the approval of the Minister for Local Government and Public Health to purchase the field for the sum of £350, as soon as the necessary preliminaries in regard to the sub-division of the annuity had been carried out.

The next business was to consider the advisability of acquiring a plot of ground at Joseph Street from the Christian Brothers.

It was mentioned that this piece of land contained 129 perches, and that it had been valued by an independent valuer at £125, but this was considered slightly excessive as the maximum price which the Corporation usually paid for land of this kind was £150 per acre, and the value of the plot on this basis was £120 : 18 : 9, so it was unanimously agreed, on the motion of the Mayor, seconded by Councillor Ross, to purchase this land from the Christian Brothers if they were agreeable for the sum of £120.

Adverting to Minutes of 31st July last, when a Compulsory Purchase Order had been made in respect of land and houses at Hill Street, the property of Mr. Thomas Bent, it was reported that following a public Local Enquiry the Minister for Local Government and Public Health had confirmed the Order without modification.

It was mentioned that previous to the enquiry, the Corporation had agreed with Mr. Bent to pay him £400 for the property referred to in the Order, but that under date of 23rd September last, by letter No. H.99138, the Minister for Local Government and Public Health had intimated that he considered such a price altogether too high, and was not prepared to approve of it.

Since the confirmation of the Order, further negotiations had taken place with Mr. Bent, with the object of reaching an Agreement on the price to be paid without having recourse to arbitration.

As a result of these negotiations Mr. Bent had agreed to accept £325 for the property, provided the Corporation erected a boundary wall between it and the remainder of his property; and that he was permitted to remove the trees for his own use.

The present Meeting considered £325 a reasonable price for the property as in the ordinary course the Corporation would have erected a boundary wall, and would have had to remove the trees, so it was unanimously agreed on the motion of the Mayor, seconded by Councillor Ross, to pay the sum of £325 for the property; to erect a boundary wall; and to permit Mr. Bent to root up and carry away for his own use the trees on the property provided it was done

The Minister further intimated that he deprecated the curtailment of the field by the residence clause, and strongly urged the Corporation to withdraw the entire condition, but stated the matter was one for the Corporation.

Lastly he said the Department was not in a position to conduct the examination, but the Local Appointments Commissioners might do so if requested.

With regard to the first part of the Minister's letter, it was unanimously agreed that his suggestion regarding the age limits should be adopted, and this clause was accordingly altered to read "not less than 20 or more than 25 years of age on 1st January, 1934".

As regards the residence clause, however, the Corporation did not seem inclined to agree with the Minister's suggestion, and Councillor O'Leary proposed that the original proposal be allowed to stand.

Councillor Bergin seconded.

In putting this Resolution to the Meeting, the Mayor stated if this were a new appointment he might be inclined to agree to the suggestion made. There might be a certain amount of hardship on a person living in the Town for twenty or twenty-five years, but the Corporation did not foresee that when making the condition for the original appointment. Owing to the fact of so much criticism and letter-writing behind the backs of the Corporation in this particular appointment, he was not inclined to budge an inch in the matter.

Councillor O'Leary's proposal was adopted.

The matter of the examination was left in the hands of the Finance Committee.

Under date of 1st instant, by circular letter No. 138177, the Minister for Local Government and Public Health intimated that a Grant of approximately £381 had been made available for the purpose of providing turf for necessitous householders in the Borough during the period to 31st March, 1934, and requested the Corporation to take the matter into consideration and submit a Scheme for its distribution.

The Mayor suggested that a Special Sub-Committee composed of seven members should be appointed by the Finance Committee to prepare a scheme for submission to the Minister and to administer it. He felt sure that the Corporation appreciated the action of the Government in making this money available, as a large number of people were without fires this Winter.

The Mayor's suggestion was unanimously agreed to.

The next business was to fix the days on which the December Fairs in 1933 and 1934 would be held, as the last Tuesday in this year would fall on St. Stephen's Day, and in next year on Christmas Day.

On the motion of the Mayor, seconded by Councillor Ross, it was agreed to fix this year's Fair for Wednesday, December 27th, and next year's for Tuesday, 18th December.

There was submitted to the Meeting a copy of the Report of M. G. McGeeney, Esq., Local Government Auditor, on his audit of the accounts of the Corporation for the two years ended 31st March, 1933, together with certified copies of the abstracts of such accounts.

The Report was as follows:-

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Corporation had provided in recent years.

The Mayor thought that every member appreciated the sentiments expressed in Mr. Pierce's letter as far as providing a park for the people was concerned. The Corporation had anticipated him in that matter, and the only difficulty at the moment in the way of providing a park of some $8\frac{1}{2}$ acres in the centre of the town was the County Board of Health, who had, up to the present, refused to sell the old Fever Hospital for £200. This discussion ended.

Adverting to Minutes of last Meeting when it was decided to appoint an Architect for a period of six months with remuneration at the rate of £5 per week to prepare plans, specifications, etc., of Housing Schemes; to supervise the erection of houses by direct labour; as well as to order and certify materials, workmen's time, etc.

The proposal to appoint such an officer had been approved by the Minister for Local Government and Public Health under date of the 17th ultimo, by letter No. H.132453, and advertisements inviting applications had been inserted in the Dublin and Local newspapers. In reply to such advertisements three applications were received, and these were submitted to the present meeting.

They were from Mr. John J. Reynolds, L.R.I.B.A., of 39, York Road, Dun Laoghaire; Mr. Thomas Millar, M.I.S.E., of Ballina, Curracloe, Wexford; and Mr. C. A. Hall, M.S.I., of Kiltimon, Ashford, Co. Wicklow.

All these had practical experience of Designing and Erecting houses, and thereupon Councillor T. Walsh proposed. That Mr. Thomas Millar be appointed.

Mr. Millar had been for seven years Assistant to Mr. Patrick Hanrahan, a former Borough Surveyor, after which he had been in private practice as Architect, Etc., for about nine years. He had been employed as Engineer by Messrs. Siemens Bauunion on the Shannon Power Scheme; and for the two years prior to March last he had been employed by Messrs. Meagher & Hayes, Builders, Cork, as Engineer in charge of a Scheme of 138 houses for Cork Corporation. In June last he had acted as Borough Surveyor for two weeks during the absence of Mr. Daly on holidays, and gave entire satisfaction in the supervision of the work of erecting Houses, Etc.

The motion to appoint Mr. Millar was seconded by Councillor McMahon, and as neither of the other two candidates was proposed, he was declared elected, subject to the approval of the Minister for Local Government and Public Health.

Adverting to Minutes of 13th ultimo, when it was decided to re-advertise the post of Clerical Assistant to the Town Clerk, the Minister for Local Government and Public Health, under date of 28th idem, by letter No. G.132984, intimated that as it was the intention of the Corporation that any appointment made would be on probation for twelve months, it seemed desirable that the advertisement should say so in definite language. If this were done the clause relating to age limits might then read "not less than 20 or more than 25 years of age on 1st January, 1934. The advertisement should also state that satisfactory evidence of health would be required, and that the appointment would be subject to the sanction of the Minister for Local Government and Public Health.

The following table gives an indication of the extent of arrears of rents of Artizans Dwellings at 31st March, 1933, as compared with 31st March, 1932, and 31st March, 1931:

	Arrears at 31st March, 1931	Arrears at 31st March, 1932	Arrears at 31st March, 1933.
Houses completed before 31/3/30	£159 : 6 : 2	£149 : 9 : 5	£190 : 15 : 9
Houses completed 31/3/30-31/3/31	3 : 6	1 : 2 : 2	7 : 14 : 6
Houses completed 31/3/31-31/3/32		18 : 2	15 : 13 : 2
Houses completed 31/3/32-31/3/33			Nil
	£159 : 9 : 8	£151 : 9 : 9	£214 : 3 : 5

It will be observed that the arrears as on 31st March, 1933, are in excess of the arrears as on 31st March, 1932, by more than 40 p.c.

The amount involved in the default of a former Water Rate Collector during the period under audit was recovered with the exception of a few small sums which were discovered too late for inclusion in the claim against his guarantors.

I have surcharged certain members of the Corporation with the amounts expended in the purchase of hats, robes and flags on the occasion of the Eucharistic Congress and with an amount overpaid by way of pension to the representatives of a former Town Clerk.

The various insurances of the Corporation were in force at the date of audit.

The accounts were prepared and presented to my satisfaction.

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M. G. McGeeney,

L. G. Auditor."

The Secretary, Department of Local
Government and Public Health,
Custom House, Dublin.

Copies of this Report and of the Abstracts therein referred to had been forwarded to each member, and in the course of a covering letter, the Town Clerk pointed out that the total expenditure for the period under review was £38,922. The Capital Debt of the Corporation at 31st March, 1933, was £53,830, which included £35,185 borrowed for the erection of Working Class houses, and was not taken into account when fixing the limit of the Corporation's borrowing powers.

He (Town Clerk) further pointed out that the arrears of rent on Artizans Dwellings continued to increase, due in a great measure to unemployment, and in this connection he felt compelled to say that strong action must continue to be taken if the arrears were to be prevented from increasing still further.

Rates, generally speaking, continued to be well paid, but a number of persons still withheld payment until near the close of the financial year, under the mistaken idea that rates were not due until the end of the year for which they were struck, whereas they were due and payable immediately they were made and demanded.

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Department of Local Government
and Public Health,
Custom House, Dublin.
23rd October, 1933.

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I have the honour to report that I have audited the accounts of the Corporation of Wexford for the years ended 31st March, 1932, and 31st March, 1933, and I enclose two certified copies of the Abstract of Accounts and Clerk's Statement for each year.

The Rates levied for the service of the years ended 31st March, 1931; 31st March, 1932, and 31st March, 1933, were at the following Rates in the £:

	1930-1931	1931-32	1932-33
Borough Rate	5 : 10	5 : 4	4 : 6
Special Rate	2 : 6	2 : 6	2 : 6
Water Rate-			
Domestic-----8d	4d	8d	
Public-----6d	1 : 2	0 : 8	1 : 2
Total Town Rate	9 : 6	8 : 6	8 : 2
Poor Rate	6 : 3	6 : 7	7 : 0
	15 : 9	15 : 1	15 : 2

The decrease in the Water Rate for the financial year 1931-32 was due to the inclusion in the estimate for that year of a non-existent balance in favour of the Water-works Fund.

The balance against the Town Improvement Account as on the 31st March, 1931, was discharged by a transfer from the Borough Fund Account. As the effective valuation for the purpose of the Borough Rate and the Town Improvement Rate is different and as I am of the opinion that the utilization of part of the Borough Fund for the purpose of supplying a deficiency in the Towns Improvement Fund has no foundation in law I have ordered the rescission of the transfer in the accounts of the period under audit. The deficiency in the Towns Improvement Fund should be met by the striking in the future of the maximum Rate consonant with the statutory limitations thereon. As there is a very substantial balance in favour of the Borough Fund a corresponding reduction should be made in the Borough Rate.

It is observed that rents have been paid during the period under audit without the deduction of Income Tax in appropriate cases. Care should be taken to deduct tax in all such cases in future at the rate or rates in force during the period through which such rents were accruing due. In the case of rents receivable where the right to deduct Income Tax exists, the deduction should not be allowed at a rate in excess of the appropriate rate of tax.

It is desirable that ledger accounts be kept to record payments of rent and other payments of a recurring nature. Ledger accounts should also be kept to record payments on foot of contracts where the number of payments in respect of each contract exceeds one.

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A further Resolution submitted from this Council calling on the Government to extend the repayment period of Housing Loans borrowed between 1922 and 1931 was rejected.

Adverting to Minutes of 13th ultimo, when it was decided to purchase a plot of ground at Whitewill from Mr. John Bailey for the sum of £50, and to erect thereon a further eight houses as an extension to the present Whitewill Scheme of 86 houses, the Deed conveying this land to the Corporation was submitted for execution.

The Deed had been prepared by the Corporation Solicitor, and it was reported that the purchase had been sanctioned by the Minister for Local Government and Public Health under date of 17th ultimo by letter No. H.132983.

Thereupon on the motion of the Mayor, seconded by Councillor Bergin, the Corporation Seal was affixed to the Document and authenticated by the signatures of the Mayor and Town Clerk.

Richard Corish L.D.
Mayor of Wexford
18-1-34

8th January, 1934.

A Special Meeting of the Corporation 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 Nicholas Connolly.

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

On the motion of Councillor T. Walsh, seconded by Alderman Connolly, the Minutes of 4th December, 1933, were taken as having been read and were accordingly signed.

Letters were read from the relatives of the late James Shannon, and the late Peter Nolan acknowledging Votes of condolence passed with them.

Liabilities which had accrued due up to the end of last month, amounting, in the aggregate, to £3410 : 6 : 4, were submitted, and having been examined were approved, and an Advice Note was signed to enable them to be discharged.

Councillor O'Leary moved that the sympathy of the Meeting be extended to the relatives of the late Kate Pettit, who for a number of years was School-Attendance Officer for the Corporation.

This motion was seconded by Alderman Connolly, supported by all the members present and adopted in respectful silence.

Under date of the 20th ultimo, by circular letter No. P.H.116, the Minister for Local Government and Public Health pointed out that the period during which Influenza usually made its appearance in this country was fast approaching. He impressed on Sanitary

It was becoming increasingly necessary to issue warnings from his office to defaulting Ratepayers, and in some cases to hand accounts to the Corporation Solicitor with instructions to institute legal proceedings for their recovery, and the Town Clerk asked the Corporation as a Body to issue a strong warning to persons who were in arrear with either Rates or Rent that these must be promptly paid, or legal action would have to be taken for recovery.

With regard to the Surcharges, two letters under date of 20th November and 1st instant, numbered S.126866, were read, intimating that the Minister for Local Government and Public Health had remitted the surcharges made.

The Mayor said he thought that so far as the general question of finance was concerned the report was very creditable. There were certain surcharges, but all of them with the exception of one item were in connection with the Eucharistic Congress. The other was in connection with the superannuation of the late William A. Browne. Mr. Browne died two days before the end of a Quarter, and the late Town Clerk (Mr. Bolger) paid the full quarter's retiring allowance.

He (Mayor) warned defaulting Ratepayers that it was the intention of the Corporation to proceed against them if they did not come forward and meet their liabilities.

He further stated that it was intended in the near future to ask the Corporation to set up a Special Committee to review their existing Loans with a view to funding some at a lower rate of interest by the issue of stock or otherwise.

Finally he congratulated the members on the satisfactory result of the audit and paid tribute to the late and present Town Clerks for their close attention to the finances of the Council.

On the motion of Councillor Ross, seconded by Councillor Buckland, the Report and Accounts were unanimously adopted.

A resolution from Killarney Urban Council calling on the Government to repeal the present Criminal Injury acts was next submitted.

Councillor T. Walsh moved its adoption.

A number of members seemed opposed to the adoption of the Resolution, and Councillor Buckland proposed that it be [^]marked "read" as he considered it would be a great hardship on the people if the Acts were repealed; it might even mean the bankruptcy of a person not insured. After some discussion the above proposals were withdrawn in favour of a motion by the Mayor "that the Corporation disagree with the terms of the Resolution, but consider that compensation for malicious injury should be a National and not a Local Charge."

Councillor Ross seconded this motion which was adopted nem con.

The following Resolution from Tullamore Urban Council was adopted on the motion of Alderman Connolly, seconded by Councillor Ross:

"That we strongly urge upon the Government the necessity of amending legislation so as to ensure a State contribution of 66 2/3 rds Per Cent of the Annual Loan Charges in all Housing Schemes for the Working Classes, irrespective of whether such schemes are for the rehousing of those at present living in slum areas or not."

on the erection of houses. In addition three days work had been provided for 103 men immediately prior to Christmas.

Alderman Connolly drew attention to the condition of Monck Street, and other streets leading from the Quays to Main Street, and asked if anything could be done to have them resurfaced.

It was pointed out that the streets referred to were under the jurisdiction of the Harbour Commissioners, and the Corporation were precluded from spending any money on them, but the Mayor intimated that it was his intention in the near future to ask the Corporation to apply to the Government for a Relief Grant to do whatever work was necessary.

It was also agreed to request the Harbour Board to have the light at the Quay end of Monck Street kept lighting all night.

Councillor Clancy, on behalf of the poor people of the town, proposed that the Corporation congratulate President De Valera and his Government on their action in giving free Grants of milk and turf to the poor.

Councillor Murphy seconded.

This proposition was agreed to without discussion, the Mayor remarking that if discussion were allowed it would develop into an acrimonious debate.

R. Connolly
Mayor

5. 2. 34

15th January, 1934.

A Special Meeting of the Corporation 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 Nicholas Connolly.

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

The Meeting had been convened: (1) To deal with the position created by the refusal of the Minister for Local Government and Public Health to sanction the appointment of Mr. T. J. Millar as Architect, Etc.; and to adopt, if thought well, a recommendation from the Housing Committee, that a Mr. John J. Reynolds, L.R.I.B.A., of York Road, Dun Laoghaire, be appointed to the post subject to a satisfactory interview; and (2) To consider estimates for the erection of 22 houses at Hill Street and 14 at Joseph Street and Distillery Road in (a) Concrete Blocks; and (b) No frango.

At the commencement it was unanimously agreed on the motion of Councillor T. Walsh, seconded by Councillor Ross, that the proceedings be held in Committee.

The letter from the Minister for Local Government and Public Health under date of the 9th instant, No. H.148965, was read. This intimated that as Mr. Millar did not appear to possess the necessary qualifications the Minister was unable to approve of the proposal

Authorities and their Medical Officers the necessity for taking immediate steps for dealing with any outbreak of the disease, and suggested that copies of circular letter No. 13, of 8th January, 1932, should be sent to the Medical Officer of Health.

It was unanimously agreed to send a copy of the above-mentioned letter to Dr. Pierse forthwith.

Adverting to Minutes of 20th November, 1933, when it was decided to pay Mr. Thomas Bent the sum of £325 for land and houses at Hill Street, which had been the subject of a Compulsory Purchase Order, it was reported that under date of 23rd November, 1933, by letter No. H.135479, the Minister for Local Government and Public Health had sanctioned the acquisition of the property for this sum; and the Deed transferring it from Mr. Bent to the Corporation was now submitted for execution.

It had been prepared by the Corporation Solicitor, and so on the motion of Councillor Crosbie, seconded by Councillor McMahon, the Corporate Seal was affixed to the Document and authenticated by the signatures of the Mayor and Town Clerk.

The following two recommendations were submitted from the Housing Committee:-

(a) That fourteen four-room houses be erected on site at Joseph Street and Distillery Road acquired from the Christian Brothers; and (b) that fourteen four-room and eight three-room houses be erected at Hill Street on land acquired from Mr. Bent.

The adoption of Recommendation (a) was moved by the Mayor, and seconded by Alderman Connolly; while the adoption of Recommendation (b) was moved by Councillor T. Walsh, seconded by Councillor Bergin, and both agreed to nem con.

The type of houses proposed to be erected on these sites were:- Four-room - Plan No. 1 revised February, 1931. 661 sq. feet. Three-room - Plan No. 4 revised April, 1933. 531 sq. feet, and it was further agreed that they should be used to rehouse persons displaced by the operations of the Corporation under the Housing of the Working Classes Acts.

The Borough Surveyor intimated that he was only in a position to give the approximate cost of the above two schemes that night, and so consideration of the question of how the schemes were to be financed was adjourned for a week, and in the meantime an estimate was to be procured for their erection in No frango.

Arising out of a query as to when the houses would be started and thus give much-needed employment, the Mayor stated that so far as the Corporation was concerned they were ready to go ahead immediately, but the position was that some time ago the Corporation realized that the Borough Surveyor had too much to do, and was unable to devote all the time required to Housing. The Corporation had agreed to appoint Mr. Millar as Architect in charge of Housing, but up to the present no sanction had been received from the Department, and, of course, that was holding up a number of schemes.

With regard to the provision of employment he (Mayor) further stated that in the year ended November, 1933, the total amount paid in wages by the Corporation was £18,743, out of which they received about £2,634 in Grants. In the year 1933 the Corporation had employed for at least a fortnight 563 men apart from the permanent staff and the tradesmen engaged

This estimate showed that the erection of the houses would cost £3970, and the development of the site £230 making a total of £4,200. In addition, the land was costing £120, which, with Law Costs, Etc., would make the all-in cost of the Scheme £4340. Thereupon the following further Resolution was unanimously adopted on the motion of Alderman Connolly, seconded by Councillor McMahon. That a sum of £10,600 be borrowed from the Commissioners of Public Works for the purpose of erecting thirty-six houses at Distillery Road, Joseph Street, and Hill Street; and that the Minister for Local Government and Public Health be requested to sanction the obtainment of the amount. The meeting then separated.

R. Corish

Mayor

5- 2- 34

5th February, 1934.

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 and Nicholas Connolly.

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

On the motion of Councillor T. Walsh, seconded by Alderman Connolly, the Minutes of Meetings of 8th and 15th January, 1934, 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 £3561 : 8 : 9, were submitted, and having been examined, were approved, and an Advice Note was signed to enable them to be discharged.

At this stage Councillor McMahon moved that the sympathy of the Corporation be extended to His Worship the Mayor on the death of his uncle, the late Captain James Murphy, an old and respected citizen of Wexford; and this meeting stand adjourned until Monday, 12th instant, as a mark of respect.

Councillor Clancy seconded this motion, which was supported by all the members present, and adopted in respectful silence.

The Meeting thereupon adjourned.

of the Corporation to appoint him.

It was further reported that the Housing Committee had had this matter under consideration on three occasions, and had unanimously agreed to submit the above-mentioned Recommendation for the favourable consideration of the present meeting.

In reply to a query it was stated that the necessary qualifications for the post were:-

A degree in Engineering, or Architecture, or membership of the Institute of Architects or Engineers, and as Mr. Reynolds appeared to be the only one of the three applicants who possessed the qualifications required, it was unanimously agreed on the motion of Councillor T. Walsh, seconded by Councillor Ross, that, subject to a satisfactory interview, Mr. John Reynolds, L.R.I.B.A., of 39, York Road, Dun Laoghaire, be appointed as Architect in charge of Housing for a period of six months at a salary of £5 per week; the appointment to be terminable by one month's notice in writing on either side.

The following were asked to interview Mr. Reynolds, and if they considered him suitable for the post, immediate application was to be made to the Minister for Local Government and Public Health for sanction to his appointment, namely The Mayor, Alderman Billington, Councillor T. Walsh, the Borough Surveyor, and Town Clerk.

The next business was to consider estimates for the erection of 22 houses at Hill Street, and fourteen at Distillery Road and Joseph Street.

As decided on the 8th instant, the Hill Street Scheme was to be composed of fourteen four-room and eight three-room, and the Joseph Street/Distillery Road Scheme was to be entirely of four-room houses. The Borough Surveyor's estimate for the erection of the Hill Street houses in concrete blocks was £6,000; while the estimate of Major Waller for their construction in No frango was £5060. This showed a saving of £940 if the houses were constructed in No frango; and as the development of the site would amount to £850 and the land and Law Costs to £325, all of which would have to be charged to the rents of the houses when they were being let, it was unanimously agreed on the motion of Alderman Connolly, seconded by Councillor Crosbie, to erect the Hill Street houses in No frango.

The £850 for development of the site included the removal of two derelict houses, two occupied houses, the making of a concrete road, footpaths, and kerbs, providing sewers, watermains, and boundary wall.

The all-in cost of the Scheme would, therefore, be as follows:-

Erection of 22 houses in No frango	£5060
Development of site	850
Land, etc.	325
Law Costs, Mortgage, Etc.	25

£6260

With regard to the Joseph Street/Distillery Road Scheme, it was agreed at the outset that these should be built in concrete blocks on the motion of Councillor T. Walsh, seconded by Councillor Ross, and the Borough Surveyor's estimate for the erection of these houses was also approved.

annual increments of £10 to a maximum of £200 per annum, in accordance with the terms and conditions adopted on 13th March, 1933, as amended on 13th November, 1933; and that the Minister for Local Government and Public Health be requested to sanction this appointment, in the first instance, for a probationary period of twelve months."

The report of the Borough Analyst for the Quarter ended 31st December, 1933, which was submitted, showed that he had examined 14 samples of milk; 4 of cheese; 3 of butter; 3 of margarine; 2 of buttermilk; 1 of lard; 1 of Port Wine; and 1 of sugar, making in all a total of thirty articles analysed.

All the above samples had been found genuine with the exception of 1 of milk to which 7.1 per cent. of water had been added.

It was further reported that proceedings had been instituted in this case, and the defendant was fined one shilling, together with £1 costs, and analyst's fee.

the next business was to execute a Deed of Mortgage securing repayment of Loan of £350, proposed to be borrowed from the Commissioners of Public Works for the renewal of sewers and watermains.

The obtainment of this Loan had been sanctioned by the Minister for Local Government and Public Health under date of the 23rd ultimo, by letter No. S.4627, and a draft of the Mortgage had already been approved on behalf of the Corporation.

Thereupon the following Resolution was unanimously adopted, on the motion of Councillor O'Leary, seconded by Councillor T. Walsh:-

"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 Hundred and Fifty Pounds, proposed to be advanced by them to us under the Public Health Acts, The Local Government (Ireland) Act, 1898, Etc."

The Mortgage Deed was then duly sealed and signed on behalf of the Corporation, and the following further Resolution was also adopted without dissent, on the motion of Councillor T. Walsh seconded by Councillor Ross:-

"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."

At this stage Councillor T. Walsh raised the question of the John Street water. He said that in view of the present very dry weather he thought they should do something to make the water safe for use instead of cutting it off.

This water had been cut off since April, 1932, following a report from the Medical Officer of Health that its use for domestic purposes was undesirable.

12th February, 1934.

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

The members present were:-

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

Aldermen: James Billington.

Councillors: Myles Bergin, James McMahon, John J. O'Leary, John Walsh, Patrick Clancy, James Murphy, Thomas Walsh, Cyril Ross, Patrick Clancy, Thomas Buckland, Edward Bolger, Garrett Donohoe, Michael Martin, William J. Power.

Mr. James Pettit, Commercial Quay, wrote thanking the Corporation for the vote of sympathy passed with him on the death of his wife.

Councillor O'Leary moved that the sympathy of the Meeting be extended to the relatives of the late Joseph Devlin.

This motion was seconded by Councillor McMahon, supported by Councillors Bergin, Ross, Murphy, Clancy, Donohoe, and the Mayor, and adopted in respectful silence.

Adverting to Minutes of 13th November, 1933, when it was agreed to re-advertise the post of Clerical Assistant to the Town Clerk, it was reported that in response to the advertisement, three applications had been received. The applicants complied with the conditions laid down in every way, and had sat for the Competitive Examination in connection with the Post. The three candidates were Messrs. Harry Doyle, of Bishopswater; Patrick M. Donohoe, of William Street; and John Hayes, of South Main Street.

The examination in English, Irish, Arithmetic, and Accountancy had been conducted by the Local Superior of the Christian Brothers; and in Shorthand and Typewriting by Mr. Thomas Fane, a local Journalist.

The result of the examination was as follows:-

Subject	Candidates Names and Marks.		
	Doyle	Donohoe	Hayes.
English	75.2	61.7	42.5
Irish	82	68	61
Arithmetic	95	92	96
Accountancy	66.6	60.5	74.2
Shorthand	84.8	97.7	26.2
Typewriting	84.2	92.6	44.7
Total Marks	487.8	472.5	344.6
Average Percentage	81.3	78.75	57.43

The foregoing result showed that only Messrs. Doyle and Donohoe had obtained the required sixty per cent. in each subject in order to pass, and as the examination was competitive, the following Resolution was unanimously adopted on the motion of Councillor John Walsh, seconded by Councillor O'Leary, viz:-

"That Mr. Harry Doyle, of Bishopswater, Wexford, be appointed to the position of Clerical Assistant to the Town Clerk, at a salary of £130 per annum, rising by

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Grant. And that a Loan be raised of this amount from the Commissioners of Public Works for a period of twenty-five years, repayable on the Annuity System with Interest at the rate of $5\frac{1}{2}$ per cent. per annum."

This Resolution was seconded by Councillor O'Leary, and on a poll there voted:-

For: Councillors O'Leary, Ross, Martin, Donohoe, Bolger, Crosbie,
T. Walsh, Power, J. Walsh, Bergin, and The Mayor----- 11

Against: Councillors, Buckland, Murphy, McMahon, and
Alderman Billington----- 4

Declined to Vote: Councillor Clancy----- 1

The Resolution was thereupon declared carried.

Under date of the 26th ultimo, by circular letter No. 13, the Minister for Local Government and Public Health forwarded copy of the Unemployment Assistance Act, 1933. Particular attention was drawn to Section 26 of the Statute which required the Corporation to raise a sum equivalent to ninepence in the pound in each Financial Year as a separate item of the Poor Rate.
No comment was made on the Act.

Richard Corish
Mayor.
5. 3. 34

5th March, 1934.

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

The Members present were:-

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

Aldermen: James Billington and Nicholas Connolly.

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

On the motion of Councillor Bergin, seconded by Councillor T. Walsh, the Minutes of Meetings of 5th and 12th February, 1934, were taken as having been read and were accordingly signed.

At the outset Councillor Clancy proposed a vote of sympathy with the relatives of the late Frank Carty of Dublin. Mr. Carty was an old Wexfordman who for a number of years had been a valued member of the Corporation, as well as Chairman for some years of the old Technical Instruction Committee.

The proposition was seconded by Councillor Murphy, supported by all members present, and adopted in respectful silence.

Liabilities which had accrued due up to the end of last month, amounting, in the aggregate, to £3360 : 12s. 6d., were submitted, and having been examined and approved,

Since then a number of samples had been taken for examination and submitted to analysts and bacteriologists, but at no time had a report been received that would justify the Corporation, as a Public Health authority, in permitting the water to be used for domestic purposes, more especially as a plentiful supply of water, which had been certified pure, was available from Coolree.

The water was at present flowing through an ordinary pipe connected with a trapped gully, but Councillor Ross asserted that people were procuring the water from this gully. A lengthy discussion followed on this matter, at the end of which a solution of the problem was no nearer as members were loath to close down the Reservoir completely; while, on the other hand, they could not, as a Sanitary Authority, allow the water to be used for domestic purposes while any doubt existed as to its purity.

Eventually a suggestion by the Mayor, that when Mr. Delap was down in connection with the proposed enlargement of Coolree, he be asked to make a report on the John Street supply, was adopted.

The next business was consideration of a request from the Town of Wexford Vocational Education Committee for a Grant under Section 51 (1) of the Vocational Education Act, 1930, of £5,500 for the purpose of making necessary alterations and additions to the existing school premises at West-Gate. In order to make such a Grant it would be necessary for the Corporation to raise a Loan under Section 51 (5) of the Act of 1930, and the Committee's request was contingent on the Minister for Education agreeing to recoup the Corporation one-half of the Annual Charge of the Loan.

It was reported that such a Loan could be obtained from the Commissioners of Public Works for a period of twenty-five years repayable by Annuity (half-yearly) with interest at the rate of $5\frac{3}{4}$ per cent. per annum. This would mean an annual charge of £3 : 15 : 10 $\frac{3}{4}$ per £100 borrowed, or £417 : 8 : 6 on the entire £5,500. If half of this charge were recouped it would leave a sum of £208 : 14 : 3 to be met by the Rates, which was equivalent to 2 $\frac{1}{2}$ d in the pound.

From the outset it appeared that the majority of the members were in favour of acceding to the Committee's request, but a few strenuously opposed the expenditure on the grounds of economy, and that the work could be postponed until a later date when trade would have improved, and the ratepayers better able to meet the increase of 2 $\frac{1}{2}$ d in the pound which the Loan would necessitate.

The Mayor stated that he refused to accept that the ratepayers of Wexford would measure as between 2 $\frac{1}{2}$ d in the pound and the education of the youth of Wexford. He said the extension of the school was absolutely necessary, and there was a danger that unless they catered properly for Technical Education the Grants from the Department would be reduced. Councillor T. Walsh thereupon proposed the following Resolution, viz:—

"That the application of the Town of Wexford Vocational Education Committee for a Grant of £5,500 under Section 5 (1) of the Vocational Education Act, 1930, be granted subject to the approval of the Minister for Local Government and Public Health, and contingent on the Minister for Education agreeing to recoup the Corporation one-half of the Annual Charge of the Loan necessary to make such a

Borough Rate-----	5. D.	
	4. 4s	in the £.
Rate in Lieu of Co. Cess-----	2. 4s	in the £.
Water Rates-----	1. 4s	in the £.
Total-----	8. 0.	in the £.

In presenting the Estimates, copies of which had been presented to members beforehand, the Mayor took occasion to review the Financial position of the Corporation. He pointed out that in the year drawing to a close the expenditure of the Corporation amounted to £46,695, which included all ordinary liabilities to date. All instalments of Loans and Interest had been met as they fell due, and he as well intimated that the Town Rates for the coming year would be Twopence less than those for the Current Year. He also pointed out that in the past five years the Town Rates had been reduced by no less a sum than 1/10 in the £.

He referred to the activities of the Corporation in the matter of providing Houses for the Working Classes, and stated that since they commenced building 217 dwellings had been erected. At present a survey was being made of an area in which 108 houses could be erected and negotiations had been opened for the acquisition of the necessary land.

Finally, he compared the Wexford Town Rates with those levied in Towns of a similar size and showed that the Wexford Rates were lower in a great number of cases.

The examination of the Estimates was then proceeded with.

The Borough Rate Estimate was first considered. As presented it showed that £4,173 : 18 : 8 was needed, and that a rate the same as in the current year, of 4/4 in the pound, would realize this sum, and, as no alteration could be made in the Estimate as submitted, a Borough Rate of 4/4 in the Pound was agreed to, on the motion of Councillor Buckland, seconded by Councillor Thomas Walsh.

The Estimate of Rate in Lieu of County Cess was next examined. This Rate was for the maintenance and improvement of streets and footpaths. The Estimate showed that a sum of £2,180 would require to be raised, which was equal to a rate of 2/4 in the £. No alteration was suggested in the figures contained in this Estimate either, and so on the motion of Councillor O'Leary, seconded by Councillor Ross, a Rate in Lieu of County Cess of 2/4 in the £ was agreed on.

The Estimate of Sums required to be raised by means of Water Rates was then examined, and the following Recommendation, as submitted by the Estimates Committee was unanimously adopted, on the motion of Alderman Connolly, seconded by Councillor Crosbie, viz:-

"That a sum of £1,775 be borrowed from the Commissioners of Public Works for the renewal of sewers in School Street, Summerhill, and Wygram Place, and Watermains in Well Lane, Wygram Place, Allen Street, Oyster Lane, Spawell Road, and parts of the Faythe and Trinity Street, and that the Minister for Local Government and Public Health be requested to sanction such borrowing."

Before the Water Rate Estimate was considered the Mayor referred to the intention of

and an Advice Note was signed to enable them to be discharged.

The first business was to re-appoint, if thought well, Mr. John Mulline, V.S. as Meat Inspector for a further year as from 18th May next.

It was explained that Mr. Mullin's appointment was only from year to year, and was terminable by one month's notice in writing on either side. He was paid a salary of £450 per annum, two-thirds of which was recouped by the Department of Agriculture for work performed under the Agricultural Produce (Fresh Meat) Acts 1930 and 1931. The following Resolution was therefore adopted on the motion of the Mayor, seconded by Councillor Bergin:-

"That Mr. John Mullins, M.R.C.V.S. be re-appointed to act as Meat Inspector for the Borough, and Meat ~~Inspector~~ for the Department of Agriculture under The Agricultural Produce (Fresh Meat) Acts, 1930 and 1931, for one year as from 18th May, 1934, subject to the condition that the appointment may be terminated by the giving of one month's notice in writing on either side, with remuneration at the rate of £450 per annum, two-thirds of which will be refunded by the Department of Agriculture."

The following recommendation from a Special Committee appointed to consider the Estimates for the year 1934/5 was next submitted:-

"That the Salary of the Borough Surveyor, Mr. Arthur J. Daly, be increased to £300 per annum as from 1st April, 1934, and by a further £20 on 1st April, 1935."

It was explained that Mr. Daly had been appointed in August, 1931, and had taken up duty in September. His salary was £260 per annum rising by annual increments of £10 to a maximum of £320 per annum. He was at present in receipt of £280 and his next increment would fall due in September next.

The recommendation of the Special Committee met with practically unanimous favour by the present meeting, and tributes to Mr. Daly's capabilities as an Engineer were paid by members, the majority of whom intimated that they considered Mr. Daly's present salary inadequate for the amount of work he was performing. The only objection was raised by Councillor Murphy who did not consider it fair to bind a future Corporation by granting the second £20 increase from 1st April, 1935.

The Mayor proposed the adoption of the recommendation, which was seconded by Alderman Connolly, and in the end agreed to unanimously.

An application was read from the Irish Tourist Association requesting the Corporation to make a contribution to the Funds of the Association during the ensuing Financial Year, and on the motion of Councillor Thomas Walsh, seconded by Councillor Ross, it was agreed to contribute £10 in the year 1934/5.

The Estimates of sums to be raised by means of Borough Rate, Rate in Lieu of County Cess, and Water Rates in the year commencing on 1st proximo, were next submitted for consideration. They had been previously examined by a Special Committee who recommended that the following Rates be agreed to, namely,

the amount due to the County Council was £10,000. The Corporation were steadily, reducing their liability, and would continue making every effort to have the arrear of this Rate collected, and paid over to the County Council.

At the request of the Town Clerk, the Mayor warned defaulting Ratepayers that unless they promptly paid the Demand made on them, legal proceedings would be instituted for the recovery of the sums due.

No further action was taken on the County Council's letter.

Richard Corish
Mayor
3. 4. 34

26th March, 1934.

A Special Meeting of the Corporation 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} Nicholas Billington and ^{Nicholas} James Connolly.

Councillors: Myles Bergin, Garrett Donohoe, John Walsh, Thomas Walsh, William J. Power, Michael Martin, James Murphy.

The Meeting had been convened to execute a Deed of Mortgage whereby security would be given to the Commissioners of Public Works for the repayment of a Loan of £10,600 proposed to be borrowed for the erection of twenty-two houses at Hill Street, and Fourteen at Joseph Street and Distillery Road.

The obtainment of this Loan had been sanctioned by the Minister for Local Government and Public Health under date of the 21st instant, by letter No.H.30410, and a draft of the Mortgage Deed had already been approved on behalf of the Corporation.

The following Resolution was thereupon unanimously adopted on the motion of Alderman Connolly, seconded by Councillor Murphy:-

"That our Corporate Seal be affixed to the Deed of Mortgage of this date now read, whereby security is given to the Commissioners of Public Works in Ireland for the repayment of the sum of Ten Thousand Six Hundred Pounds, proposed to be advanced by them to us under the Housing of the Working Classes Acts."

The Corporate Seal was then 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, on the motion of Councillor Thomas Walsh, seconded by Councillor Ross:-

"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

the Waterworks Committee to improve the present Water Supply to the Town. Mr. A.D. Delap had been engaged on surveying the area for some months back, and had a scheme practically prepared. He had secured water in the vicinity of Hayestown, and it was his (Mr. Delap's) intention to ask the Corporation to construct a second Reservoir which could flow into the present one as it went down.

However, owing to the fact of a dry Winter and Spring, and the possibility of a dry Summer, Mr. Delap thought it necessary to recommend the Corporation not to proceed with the actual erection of a new Reservoir this year, but to have the streams that had been found, diverted into the present Reservoir practically immediately. This would cost the Corporation about £2,500 and 85% of the work so done this year would be effective in so far as the major job next year was concerned if the Corporation agreed to do it.

He (Mayor) and Mr. Delap had an interview with the Chief Engineer of the Department of Local Government and Public Health, who agreed to Mr. Delap's proposals, subject, of course, to the final plans being deposited with the Department. Further, Mr. Delap had expressed a desire to do the work by Direct Labour and he (Mayor) was glad to say that the Local Government Engineer had agreed to such a course. Mr. Delap would have the necessary plans, etc. sent down for approval by the Corporation in the near future, but in the meantime it would be necessary for certain Notices to be issued in connection with Way-leaves, and he (Mayor) now asked the Corporation to grant the Town Clerk authority to issue whatever Notices were necessary; and as well to formally approve of the steps Mr. Delap had taken up to the present.

All the members agreed that an extension of the Waterworks was necessary owing to the increasing number of new houses, and the number of old ones being fitted with Water Closets, Baths, Etc. and so, on the motion of Councillor O'Leary, seconded by Councillor Bergin, the Town Clerk was authorized to issue the necessary Preliminary Notices; and the steps taken by Mr. Delap up to the present, as outlined by the Mayor, were approved.

The Estimate was then considered, and it was seen that a sum of £1,130 would be required for the year and that a Rate of 1/4 in the £. (Tenpence as a Domestic and Sixpence as a Public Rate) would be necessary to raise this sum, so, on the motion of Councillor Bergin, seconded by Councillor McMahon, the foregoing Rate of 1/4 in the £. was agreed to. Arising out of the Water Rate Estimate Alderman Connolly asked if Mr. Delap had yet done anything in connection with the John Street Water, and the Mayor stated he had asked Mr. Delap about the matter the previous week, but he would not be able to do anything until he was finished with the suggested extension at Coolree. A lengthy discussion ensued in this matter, at the end of which it was agreed to ask Mr. Delap to go into the matter of the John Street water as soon as possible.

A communication was read from the Secretary of the County Council requesting the Corporation to transfer outstanding instalments of Poor Rate Demand for 1933/4 as soon as possible.

The Mayor said that everyone was familiar with the position in so far as the Poor Rate in Wexford was concerned. The Demand was somewhat in arrears, but this was due to the fact that they had had three Collectors in a short space of time. Some five years ago

3rd April, 1934.

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

The members present being:-

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

Aldermen: Nicholas Connolly and James Billington.

Councillors: Thomas Walsh, John Walsh, Myles Bergin, Garrett Donohoe, Cyril Ross, Edward Bolger, William Power, John J. O'Leary, Michael Martin and Thomas Buckland.

On the motion of Alderman Connolly, seconded by Councillor Bergin, the Minutes of Meetings of 5th and 26th March, 1934, were taken as having been read, and were accordingly signed.

Letters were read from the Rev. Martin O'Connor, C.C., and relatives of the late Councillor Clancy acknowledging votes of sympathy passed with them in their recent bereavement.

The Mayor proposed that the sympathy of the Meeting be extended to Mr. Phillip Cowman, who, some years ago was a valuable member of the Corporation, on the death of his daughter.

This proposal was seconded by Councillor O'Leary, supported by all the members present, and adopted in respectful silence.

Alderman Billington moved a resolution of sympathy with the relatives of the late Michael Clare, who, for over forty years had been Caretaker of the Coolree Reservoir. This Resolution was seconded by Councillor T. Walsh, and adopted in the usual way.

Liabilities which had accrued ~~are~~ up to the end of last month, amounting in the aggregate to £3,281 : 10 : 11 were submitted. In addition an account was submitted for the transfer to the Wages Account of a sum of £200. This would bring the latter Account to £1,800, and as the £1,600 already in the account was not always sufficient to meet the wages each month, it was unanimously agreed to increase it by a further £200.

The accounts were then examined, and, having been found correct, an Advice Note was signed to enable the entire £3,481 : 10 : 11 to be discharged.

Under date of the 21st ultimo, by letter No. R.S./32 the Minister for Local Government and Public Health sanctioned the revision of the salary of the Borough Surveyor, agreed to by the Corporation on the 5th idem.

There was submitted to the Meeting a circular letter from the Minister for Local Government and Public Health, under date of the 13th ultimo, intimating that he had had under consideration the procedure to be followed in the filling of vacant offices under Local Authorities, and desired to intimate that from the information before him the appropriate course should normally be reference to the Local Appointments Commissioners.

The contents of this circular were noted.

A recommendation was submitted from the Finance Committee to the effect that prizes as follows should be offered for the best kept gardens of Artizans dwellings in the Town, viz.:-

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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."

At this stage the Mayor referred in feeling terms to the sudden death of Councillor Clancy, which took place on the 14th instant.

Councillor Clancy had attended a Meeting of the Housing Committee on the 12th idem, and then appeared to be in his usual good health.

He recalled that he had been, for over twenty years, a member of the Corporation, and in that time he had been most assiduous in attending its meetings. He had always faithfully served the people whom he represented, and never lost an opportunity of furthering their interests. He had been a staunch champion of the unemployed, and any project which was likely to alleviate their sufferings always had his heartfelt sympathy and full support.

He (Mayor) now moved that the sympathy of the Meeting be extended to his relatives in their sad bereavement, and that the present meeting adjourn without transacting any further business until Tuesday, 3rd proximo.

Councillor Murphy seconded this motion, which was supported by all the members present, and adopted in respectful silence.

The Mayor also moved that the sympathy of the meeting be extended to Councillor Crosbie on the death of his brother, Martin, which had recently taken place in Dublin. This motion was seconded by Alderman Connolly and adopted in the usual way.

The sympathy of the Meeting was also extended to the Rev. Martin O'Connor, C.C., on the death of his brother, which had occurred a short time ago in Waterford.

The Meeting then separated.

R. C. Connolly

mayor

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Gaul and McCabe, pointing out that they had been absent from meetings for over six months, and that unless their absence was caused through illness or some other reason approved by the Corporation, the seats would have to be declared vacant in accordance with the Provisions of Article 12 (9) of the Local Government (Application of Enactments) Order, 1898.

Three communications were then submitted from the three members concerned, intimating that they did not intend to take any further part in Municipal affairs, and expressing a wish that the seats be declared vacant.

Accordingly, a declaration in the following terms was sealed and signed so that the five vacancies could be filled by means of the choice of the Corporation in accordance with the provisions of the Local Elections and Meetings (Postponement) Act, 1931, viz:

"Whereas on the 26th day of June, 1928, Thomas Rossiter was elected as member for the St. Iberius Ward of the Borough of Wexford and at Quarterly Meeting of the Corporation held on the 6th July, 1928, was selected as Alderman for the said Ward. And whereas on 26th day of June, 1928, James Gaul was elected a Councillor for St. Mary's Ward Patrick McCabe and William Goodison Councillors for St. Selskar Ward, and Richard Gibson an Alderman for St. Selskar Ward.

And Whereas since the date of said election William Goodison and Richard Gibson have died, and Thomas Rossiter, James Gaul and Patrick McCabe have absented themselves from Meetings of the above-named Corporation for over six months consecutively without approved reason and have, therefore, vacated their seats as members thereof for absence within the meaning of Article 12 (9) of the Local Government (Application of Enactments) Order, 1898.

NOW THEREFORE, WE, THE SAID CORPORATION, in pursuance of Article 12 (10) of the said Order, hereby declare the following Offices to be Vacant:-

- (1) Office of Alderman for St. Iberius Ward formerly held by Thomas Rossiter.
- (2) Office of Councillor for St. Mary's Ward formerly held by James Gaul.
- (3) Office of Alderman for St. Selskar Ward formerly held by Richard Gibson, deceased; and
- (4) Office of Councillor for St. Selskar Ward formerly held by William Goodison, deceased; and
- (5) Office of Councillor for St. Selskar Ward formerly held by Patrick McCabe.

AND WE FURTHER 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 said vacancies for all purposes.

Given under our hands and Corporate Seal this 3rd day of April One Thousand Nine Hundred and Thirty Four.

Richard Corish, Mayor.
James Billington

Cyril Ross.

Countersigned

John J. Byrne, Town Clerk.

Three members of the
said Corporation.

R. Corish
mayor
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1. For the best kept front gardens of houses owned by the Corporation and let to weekly tenants at Wolfe Tone Villas, Whitmill Road, Wexford—Prizes of £2 : 10 : 0; £1 : 10 : 0; and £1 : 0 : 0.
2. For the best kept front gardens of houses owned by the Corporation and let to weekly tenants not coming under Scheme 1.—Prizes of £2 : 10 : 0; £1 : 10 : 0; and £1 : 0 : 0.

Councillor T. Walsh moved the adoption of this recommendation, which was seconded by Alderman Connolly and unanimously agreed to, although the Town Clerk intimated that he knew of no Statutory Authority for the granting of such prizes, and, in his opinion, they would be surcharged by the Auditor.

On the suggestion of Alderman Billington it was agreed that the condition of the gardens at the rear of the houses should influence the judges in deciding competitions.

The Finance Committee also recommended that the avenue of Ex-servicemen's houses on St. John's Road be named "Spaffield Avenue".

It was explained that complaints had been received from the residents of this Avenue that they had great difficulty with correspondence, etc. owing to the Avenue not being named, and thereupon Alderman Billington moved that the Committee's recommendation be adopted.

Councillor Ross seconded the motion which was agreed to by all.

The next business was to consider the matter of filling the vacancy of Caretaker of Coolree Reservoir consequent on the death of Michael Clare. It was explained that for some four years past, owing to failing health, Mr. Clare had not been able to take an active interest in his duties, and that his son-in-law, Henry Foley, had been acting as Caretaker of Coolree Reservoir.

The Finance Committee had considered the question of the filling of this vacancy on a recent occasion and had decided to recommend the Corporation at present meeting to appoint Mr. Foley as caretaker of the Reservoir, on the same terms and conditions as the late Michael Clare held the post, namely, a wage of 14/- per week, with free house and land adjoining.

The adoption of this recommendation was moved by Alderman Connolly and seconded by Councillor Ross.

A short discussion ensued, during which the Town Clerk pointed out that in his opinion it would be preferable to advertise the post so that every person desiring to do so would have an opportunity of applying. Thereupon, Councillor Martin moved that the post be advertised and that each applicant be examined by the Borough Surveyor on his ability to read the Rain Gauge, and manipulate the valves, etc.

This proposal was seconded by Councillor T. Walsh, and was adopted nem con.

The Town Clerk called attention to the fact that there were five seats on the Council which should be declared vacant. Those were the seats held by the late Alderman Gibson, the late Councillor Goodison; and by Alderman Rossiter, Councillors Gaul and McCabe, who had not attended meetings for six months.

The Town Clerk also intimated that he had written to Alderman Rossiter, and Councillors

Patrick Tobin, of Selskar Street, was selected to fill the vacant office of Councillor for St. Selskar Ward, formerly held by the late William Goodison. With regard to the remaining two vacancies, Alderman Billington proposed the co-option of Mr. Thomas J. O'Brien, of John Street.

Mr. Murphy seconded this proposition, which was passed unanimously.

There now remained one vacancy in St. Selskar Ward, and Alderman Billington intimated that Councillor Buckland was to find a person to fill this seat, but he was not present to-night.

A suggestion was made that a Mr. Robert Coffey be co-opted, but as no member was in a position to state if Mr. Coffey would act, the filling of the third vacancy in St. Selskar Ward was deferred until Statutory Meeting in May.

Aldermen Walsh and Ross returned sincere thanks to the Corporation for unanimously appointing them Aldermen for St. Iberius and St. Selskar Wards.

The Meeting then separated.

K. Curran 40
mayor
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23rd April, 1934.

A Special Meeting of the Corporation was held this day (pursuant to the 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, Cyril Ross, and Thomas Walsh.

Councillors: Michael Martin, John J. O'Leary, Myles Bergin, Garrett Donohoe, James Crossie, James Murphy, T. J. O'Brien, James Sinnott, John Rogan and Patrick Tobin.

The first business was to consider a report from a Special Committee as to the persons living in rooms, in over-crowded houses, who should be allotted houses at Wolfe Tone Villas, Whitehall Road.

This Committee had met on several occasions and had exhaustively examined a huge list of applicants for houses. They had, as well, visited the dwellings given by the occupants, whom they had recommended for houses, and satisfied themselves that each person recommended was at present living under almost intolerable conditions, and they unanimously recommended that the following persons should be given houses at Wolfe Tone Villas:-

Thomas Walsh	Distillery Road.
William Goggins	Back Lane
John Browne	Rurlong's Lane
Michael Kearney	ditto.
Michael Goggins	ditto.
John Murphy	ditto.

9th April, 1934.

A Special Meeting of the Corporation 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.

Councillors: John J. O'Leary, Cyril Ross, William J. Power, James Murphy, Thomas Walsh, John Walsh, Garrett Donohoe, Michael Martin, Myles Bergin.

The Meeting had been convened to fill, by means of the choice of the Council, five seats which had been declared vacant on the 2nd instant.

In accordance with Notice already given the Mayor moved. That Councillor Thomas Walsh be promoted to the vacant office of Alderman for St. Iberius Ward, formerly held by Thomas Rossiter.

He stated that Mr. Walsh had been a member of the Corporation for a considerable period; he had given a good deal of his time on behalf of the people he came to represent, and he thought everyone would agree that he missed very few meetings since he became a member of the Corporation.

Councillor Murphy seconded this motion, which was agreed to by all.

The Mayor also moved. That Councillor Cyril Ross be promoted to the office of Alderman for St. Selskar Ward, formerly held by the late Richard Gibson.

He stated that the remarks he had made in reference to Aldermen Walsh also applied to Councillor Ross, who had been an excellent member of the Corporation since he was first elected in 1928.

Councillor Power seconded this motion, which was also agreed to unanimously.

The Corporation then proceeded to fill the five vacant seats.

For the Office of Alderman for St. Mary's Ward, formerly held by Mr. James Gaul, the Mayor suggested that Mr. James Sinnott, of the Faythe, be co-opted. Mr. Sinnott, he stated, was a member of the Corporation for three or four years from 1920, and during that time gave good service to the Public.

Thereupon, on the proposition of Councillor Murphy, seconded by Councillor Martin, Mr. Sinnott was unanimously selected to fill the vacant office of Councillor for St. Mary's Ward.

With regard to the vacancy in St. Iberius Ward, the Mayor moved. That Mr. John Rogan, of O'Connell Avenue, be selected to fill this seat, caused by the resignation of Thomas Rossiter, and the promotion of Councillor Walsh to the office of Alderman.

Alderman Walsh seconded this motion which was agreed to without dissent.

There were three vacancies in St. Selskar Ward, and the Mayor pointed out that one seat had been held by a Labour representative, and the other two by representatives of Ratepayers. The Labour Party proposed to fill one, and the Ratepayers Representatives were to fill the others.

Thereupon, on the proposition of Councillor Power, seconded by Councillor Murphy, Mr.

seconded by Councillor Sinnott, viz. "That a Loan of £1330 be sought from the Treasurer (The National Bank, Ltd) for the purpose of resurfacing St. John's Road, Etc., to be repaid within a period of seven years with interest on the outstanding balances from time to time, at ~~1~~¹/₂ below Irish Banks Rate, with a minimum of 4% and that the Minister for Local Government and Public Health be requested to sanction the obtainment of this Loan."

The next business was the varying of a Resolution adopted on 5th March last, when it was agreed that a Loan of £1775 should be borrowed from the Commissioners of Public Works for the renewal of Sewers and Watermains in the Borough.

The reason for the variation of this resolution was that, on detailed examination having been made, it was found that the proposed sewer in Grogan's Road would involve a much heavier expenditure than was at first anticipated, owing to rock excavation being necessary, and as well, it would not relieve to the extent expected, owing to difficulties in the levels, the Talbot Street Sewer.

The Borough Surveyor's estimate for the works now proposed to be carried out was as follows:-

New Sewer in School Street-----	£46.	0.	0.
New Watermain in Spawell Road-----	£62.	0.	0.
New Watermains in :- Well Lane, Oyster Lane Batt Street, and Trinity Street-----	752.	0.	0.

£1060. 0. 0.

In addition to the above, a sum of £10 would be required for Law costs in connection with the Mortgage Deed, etc., which brought the amount required to finance the proposed works to £1070.

These estimates had been before the Finance and Works Committee on a recent occasion and this Committee now recommended that the works detailed therein should be carried out, and that a Loan of £1070 be borrowed from the Commissioners of Public Works, with the permission of the Minister for Local Government and Public Health, instead of the Loan of £1775 proposed to be BORROWED on 5th March last.

The present Meeting thoroughly agreed with the recommendation and so it was unanimously adopted on the motion of Alderman Ross, seconded by Councillor O'Leary.

At this stage the Mayor proposed that the sympathy of the Meeting be extended to the relatives of the late Dean Rennison, who, for over twenty years had been a member of the old Technical School Committee and the present Vocational Education Committee.

This motion was seconded by Councillor Murphy, supported by all the members present, and adopted in respectful silence.

The Meeting then separated.

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James Kirwan	Talbot Street
Gregory Browne	Bride Street
Patrick Goggins	Keyser's Lane
Nicholas Farrell	ditto.
William Pitman	Common Quay Street
George Curran	Cornmarket
John Singleton	John Street
Andrew Berry	Bride Street
John Tyghe	Talbot Street
Thomas Ryan	John's Gate Street
Patrick Swords	Cornmarket.

In addition to the above seventeen there were seven families living in four houses at Mallin Street which had been condemned as unfit for habitation, and which the owners wished to demolish in order to erect a new Bakery and to widen the Street, as soon as they could procure possession of the dwellings.

The Committee further recommended that these seven families should also be allotted houses at Whitemill Road.

The families were as follows:-

Patrick Quilen
John Breen
Michael Martin
Richard Scallan
Arthur Barlow
Laurence Codd, and
Denis Farrell.

The present Meeting carefully considered the Committee's report and agreed that no change could be made therein as all the persons recommended were badly in need of houses, so the report and recommendations were unanimously adopted on the motion of Alderman Ross, seconded by Councillor O'Leary.

A recommendation was then submitted from the Finance and Works Committee that St. John's Road and Avenues leading therefrom be resurfaced in Bituminous Macadam, at a cost of £1330; and that the permission of the Minister for Local Government and Public Health be sought to the borrowing, from the Treasurer, of the necessary money to be repaid within a period of seven years, with interest on the outstanding balances from time to time, at $\frac{1}{2}$ per cent. under Irish Banks Rate, with a minimum of four per cent.

It was explained that this road had not received much attention since it was first constructed about 1922, and that it had been carrying very heavy traffic for some years past consequent on the erection of over one hundred houses thereon, so it was unanimously agreed on the motion of Alderman Walsh, seconded by Alderman Ross, that this work should be carried out as soon as possible.

The following further resolution was also adopted, on the motion of Councillor Martin,

7th May, 1934.

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

The members present were:-

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

Aldermen: Thomas Walsh, Nicholas Connolly, James Billington, Cyril Ross.

Councillors: James Sinnott, Michael Martin, John Rogan, Patrick Tobin, Myles Bergin, James Murphy, Thomas O'Brien, Garrett Donohoe, John J. O'Leary, James Crosbie, John Walsh, and Thomas Buckland.

Councillor Bergin moved that the Minutes of 3rd, 9th, 23rd and 30th April, 1934, be taken as read, and this motion was seconded by Councillor Donohoe.

Alderman Connolly asked, however, to have a Minute read which dealt with a proposal to reduce the wages of a c arter.

He was informed by the Mayor that the Minute he referred to was not embodied in the Minutes now open for discussion, but was included in the Minutes of the Finance and Works Committee of 26th March last, and intimated that, if he so desired, this Minute would be read for him at meeting of Finance and Works Committee to be held at close of present meeting.

Alderman Connolly, however, persisted in his request to have the particular Minute read now, but the Mayor ruled the matter out of order, and the Minutes of Corporation of 2nd, 9th, 23rd and 30th ultimo were accordingly taken as having been read, and were signed by the Mayor.

Liabilities which had accrued due up to the end of last month, amounting, in the aggregate, to £6613 : 14 : 0 were submitted, and having been examined were approved, and an Advice Note was signed to enable the Treasurer to pay them.

Letters were read from Mr. Phillip Cowman, and the relatives of the late Frank Carty acknowledging Votes of sympathy passed with them in their recent bereavements.

Under date of the 5th instant, the Manager of the National Bank intimated that his Directors had sanctioned the Loan of £1330 for the resurfacing of St. John's Road and the Avenues leading therefrom, which it was agreed to raise on the 23rd ultimo, and in this connection the Mayor moved that the thanks of the Corporation be tendered to Mr. Coghlan for the prompt manner in which he had had this matter dealt with.

This was seconded by Alderman Walsh and adopted unanimously.

The Special Rates Committee reported that they had carefully examined the various items of rates, and arrears of rates, outstanding on 31st march last.

Having enquired from the Collectors why the several amounts were in arrear, they submitted the following four recommendations:-

30th April, 1934.

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 Walsh, Nicholas Connolly, James Billington, and Cyril Ross.

Councillors: Patrick Tobin, John Rogan, Myles Bergin, Thomas J. O'Brien, James Simmt, James Murphy, James Crosbie, Thomas Buckland, Michael Martin, John J. O'Leary, Garrett Donohoe, and William J. Power.

The Meeting had been specially convened to consider, and accept, if thought desirable, an offer from the representatives of Stafford Gaffney to sell a field at Maudlintown, containing some fifteen acres of land, for the sum of £600, plus an Approval and Contract fee of £5 : 5 : 0.

This field would accommodate, approximately, 250 houses, and after long negotiations the owner had agreed to sell for the sum mentioned above.

The field was considered extraordinary cheap at the price, being at the rate of £40 per acre, whereas on previous occasions the Corporation had been obliged to pay sums varying from £100 to £150 per acre.

The present Meeting was favourably impressed with the offer, and accordingly the Mayor moved that it be accepted.

Alderman Ross seconded this motion, which was adopted unanimously, and instructions were given to have a Scheme, for the erection of houses thereon, prepared with as little delay as possible, and that the Minister for Local Government and Public Health be requested to sanction the proposed purchase.

The Meeting then separated.

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Mayor

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The first three recommendations relating to the Town Rates were unanimously adopted on the motion of Councillor O'Leary, seconded by Alderman Walsh.

The recommendation relating to the Poor Rate was also unanimously adopted on the motion of councillor Bergin, seconded by Councillor Murphy.

The making of Town Rates for the service of the Financial Year ending on 31st March, 1935, was then proceeded with, and the three following Resolutions unanimously adopted, viz.:-

On the motion of Councillor Sinnott, seconded by Alderman Ross it was

RESOLVED: That a Borough Rate of 4/4 (being 1/- for General Town Purposes and 3/4 for General 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 in the year ending on 31st March, 1935, as considered and adopted on 5th March, 1934.

On the motion of Councillor O'leary, seconded by Councillor Rogan, it was

RESOLVED: That an assessment of 2/4 in the pound on the net assessable value of property within the Borough of Wexford be laid on in respect of year ending 31st March, 1935, pursuant to the Local Government (Ireland) Provisional Order (Wexford) Confirmation Act, 1873, and the Acts incorporated with and amending same, as per an Estimate duly considered and adopted on 5th March, 1934.

On the motion of Alderman Walsh, seconded by Councillor Crosbie, it was

RESOLVED: That an assessment of 1/4 in the pound, viz.:- a Domestic Rate of tenpence and a Public Rate of sixpence, on the rateable value of property within the Town of Wexford be laid on in respect of year ending 31st March, 1935, pursuant to the Local Government (Ireland) Provisional Order (Dalkey, Etc.) Confirmation Act, 1876, and Acts incorporated with and amending same, as per an Estimate duly considered and adopted on 5th March, 1934.

The Book containing the items of the foregoing three Town Rates was thereupon sealed and signed, and a Warrant authorising their collection, as well as the collection of arrears of previous years rates, was also sealed and signed.

The next business was 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.

As this Demand was not received in time to have the Rate determined before the 31st March last, as required by Article 80 of the Public Bodies Order, 1925, the Minister for Local Government and Public Health had agreed, under date of 26th ultimo, by letter No. G.49597, to such departure from the Terms of the Order as would enable the Corporation to adopt the Estimate not later than the present day.

The Estimate had been considered by the Finance Committee on 23rd and 30th ultimo, and copies had already been furnished to members.

From this Estimate it was seen that to meet the commitments on this rate in the year 1934/5 would require a sum of £7634 : 3 : 0, and to raise this amount a rate of eight shillings in the pound would be needed.

The Finance Committee under date of 30th ultimo, had recommended that such a Rate be

As to the Borough Rate, the total sum to be

collected was-----£5698 : 15 : 2

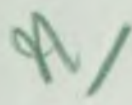
Of this amount there was collected at

31st March last-----£3966 : 19 : 0

Discount was allowed under the Local
Government (Rates on small Dwellings)

Act, 1928, to the amount of-----42 : 10 : 11

The Committee now recommended that there

be struck off as irrecoverable a sum of 228 : 11 : 10 

and that there should be carried

forward as collectible arrears a sum of-----1460 : 13 : 5 5698 : 15 : 2

As to the Rate in Lieu of County Cess the

total to be collected was-----£3096 : 16 : 4

The amount collected to 31st March was-----£2208 : 14 : 7

The discount allowed came to-----24 : 8 : 0

The sum recommended to be written off

as irrecoverable was-----124 : 6 : 6 

and the sum to be carried forward-----739 : 7 : 3 3096 : 16 : 4


As to the Water Rate, the total amount

of the Collector's Warrant was-----£1519 : 12 : 3

The amount collected was-----£1110 : 13 : 10

The Discount allowed was-----12 : 10 : 8

The amount recommended to be written

off was-----: 60 : 2 : 8 

while the amount proposed to be carried

forward was-----336 : 5 : 1 1519 : 12 : 3

Regarding the Poor Rate, the total

amount to be collected was-----£10714 : 9 : 9

The amount collected was-----6583 : 17 : 4

The discount allowed was-----73 : 3 : 2

The amount recommended to be struck off

as irrecoverable was-----487 : 14 : 0 

while the amount to be carried forward

was-----3569 : 15 : 3 10714 : 9 : 9

Billington.

At this stage Alderman Connolly intimated that it was not his wish to attend this meeting, and requested Councillor Bergin to withdraw his proposition.

He (Alderman Connolly) again referred to the matter he had raised at the beginning at the Meeting in reference to the Minutes of the Finance and Works Committee on the proposed reduction of wages, and stated that as the Mayor had refused to have the Minute he asked for read, he considered all the business of the present meeting out of order, and withdrew from the Meeting.

Alderman Billington also requested Councillor O'Brien to withdraw the proposition nominating him, and so Councillor Martin was unanimously appointed as the representative of the Corporation to attend and vote at the General Meetings of the Irish Public Bodies Mutual Insurance Ltd.

The report of the Borough Analyst for the quarter ended on 31st March last was next examined. This showed that he had examined nine samples of milk, four of margarine, two of dripping, three of sausages, two of butter, two of whiskey, and one each of butter-milk, tea, lard, and port wine, making, in all, a total of twenty-six articles analysed in the quarter.

All these had been found genuine with the exception of one sample of butter which contained 20.6 per cent. of moisture, and it was reported that proceedings had been taken against the vendor in the District Court on the 18th ultimo.

The defence was one of warranty, and the District Justice made an Order imposing a fine of 1/- with 30/- costs and Analyst's fee to be paid by the supplier of the butter.

This report was considered satisfactory.

A recommendation was submitted from the Finance and Works Committee that the tender of Messrs. J. J. Stafford & Sons, Ltd. for the supply of a 3 ton "Morris" Lorry at £416 (less an allowance of £50 for the present Leyland Lorry) be accepted, and that a Loan be obtained, subject to the sanction of the Minister for Local Government and Public Health, from the Council's Treasurer for a period of seven years, to enable the Lorry to be purchased.

It was explained that the present Leyland Lorry, which was purchased in 1922, was now in a bad state of repair, and from an Estimate submitted by Messrs. Ashenhurst, Williams, of Dublin, the Irish Agents for Leyland Motors, it was seen that to put this vehicle into a satisfactory condition would cost no less a sum than £322.

The Finance and Works Committee had carefully considered this matter and were of the opinion that the lorry was not at all worth expending such an amount of money on. They had, therefore, invited tenders for the supply of a lorry, and had agreed that to purchase the lorry quoted for by Messrs. Staffords, at a net sum of £366, would be a better proposition than to repair the Leyland.

Six firms had submitted tenders, and as Messrs. Staffords was the lowest, its acceptance was unanimously recommended.

Thereupon, on the motion of the Mayor, seconded by Councillor O'Leary, it was unanimously agreed that Messrs. Staffords tender be accepted, and that the Directors of the National Bank be requested to advance the necessary loan to purchase the lorry, to be repaid

laid on

The Estimate showed that the County Council Demand was £6423 : 0 : 0, but in addition to this the Corporation were obliged to contribute a sum of £810 : 3 : 0 under the Unemployment Assistance Act, 1933, and as well provision had to be made for the preparation and collection of the rate, and for rates found to be irrecoverable in former years.

In reply to a query put, it was pointed out that the Estimate for Poor Relief was the same for the present Financial Year as for the one just ended, namely, £3305 : 0 : 0, notwithstanding the operation of the Unemployment Assistance Act in the present year, but it was also explained that from enquiries made, it was found that were it not for the operation of the Act mentioned, the Estimate for Poor Relief for the year 1934/5 would have been very much higher.

It was seen that no reduction could be made in the Estimate as submitted, and thereupon it was unanimously resolved, on the motion of Alderman Ross, seconded by Councillor Murphy, that a Poor Rate of eight shillings in the pound for the service of the Financial Year be agreed to, and that the Rate be formally made on Monday, 4th June, 1934.

There was submitted a Sealed Order, made by the Minister for Local Government and Public Health, under date of 10th April, 1934, revoking the Local Elections (Postponement) Order, 1933, and fixing the 26th June, 1934, as the date for the holding of elections of members of Local Authorities.

Aporpos of this Order, the Town Clerk explained that the Minister requested that in selecting persons for the work of Poll Clerks preference should be given to unemployed persons, and as regards Presiding Officers, where an unemployed person was found to be competent of carrying out these duties, he should also be given preference, and he (Town Clerk) proposed to do this.

Adverting to Minutes of 5th March last, when it was agreed to contribute a sum of ten pounds to the funds of the Irish Tourist Association in the current Financial Year, there was submitted for execution on the part of the Corporation an Agreement under the Tourist Traffic (Development) Act, 1931, under which the Corporation covenanted to pay the said sum of ten pounds in four equal instalments, and on the motion of Councillor Bergin, seconded by Alderman Billington, this Agreement was sealed and signed on behalf of the Corporation.

Arising out of this Agreement, Alderman Billington asked if all the advertisements seen on Cross Channel Stations were printed in Ireland, and the Mayor, who was one of the Directors of the Association, stated that as far as he knew, they were.

The next business was to nominate a Representative to attend the Annual General Meetings of the Irish Public Bodies Mutual Insurances, Ltd., on behalf of the Corporation.

Since the Corporation had become members of this Insurance, Alderman Rossiter had represented them, but as he had recently resigned, it was now desirable to appoint a member to act in his place.

Alderman Ross proposed that Councillor Martin be nominated on behalf of the Corporation, and Councillor O'Leary seconded.

Councillor Bergin proposed Alderman Connolly, and Councillor O'Brien proposed Alderman

one-third of the supply.

In the circumstances there was no alternative but to seek compulsory powers to deal with the situation, and Mr. Delap was to be instructed to expedite the plans of the entire scheme for the construction of a new Reservoir and conduit, so that application could be made without any undue delay to the Minister for Local Government and Public Health for the necessary powers to carry out the work.

With further reference to the matter of the water supply to the town, it was intimated that early in this year Mr. Delap had requested the Corporation to instal a large meter on the 12" main from Coolree to the town, so that some indication could be had as to the amount of water being consumed.

To purchase and fit this meter would cost a sum of £120, and the Special Committee, which prepared the Estimates for the year 1934/5, had decided to recommend the Corporation to raise this sum by way of Loans.

Accordingly the following Resolution was unanimously adopted, on the motion of Alderman Ross, seconded by Councillor Bergin:--

"That a Loan of £120 be borrowed from the Commissioners of Public Works, subject to the approval of the Minister for Local Government and Public Health, for the purpose of purchasing and fitting a 12" Meter on the watermain from Coolree Reservoir."

Adverting to Minutes of 9th ultimo, when the filling of a vacant seat in St. Selskar Ward was adjourned until present meeting, Councillor Murphy moved. That Mr. Thomas Nolan, of Mummant Place, Selskar, be selected to fill the vacancy. Councillor O'Brien seconded this motion, which was unanimously adopted.

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within seven years with interest at one-half per cent. below Irish Banks Rate, with a minimum of four per cent. subject to the approval of the Minister for Local Government and Public Health.

An invitation from the Chairman of the New Ross Urban Council to attend the Centenary Celebrations to commemorate the unique services to Faith and Fatherland rendered by the Most Reverend James Warren Doyle, D.D., O.S.A. ("J.K.L.") was accepted, as was an invitation from the Committee of Aonach Carmain to attend the opening of the Irish Industrial Exhibition on 13th instant.

With reference to Minutes of 30th ultimo, when it was agreed to purchase a field at Maudlintown, containing some fifteen acres, for the sum of £600 plus £5 : 5 : 0 costs, the Minister for Local Government and Public Health, under date of the 2nd instant, by letter No. H.55546, sanctioned the proposal.

The Corporation Solicitor intimated that in order not to unduly delay the acquisition of this property, the Corporation should authorise the Mayor and Town Clerk to sign the Contract on their behalf as soon as it was prepared, and on the motion of Councillor Sinnott, seconded by Councillor Buckland, such authorisation was unanimously granted.

Two applications were next submitted for the renewal of Licences under the Cinematograph Act, 1909. They were from the Wexford Cinema Palace and the Capitol Cinema.

In reply to a query put, the Town Clerk stated that no complaints had been received during the past twelve months in regard to either of the Cinemas, and so it was unanimously agreed, on the motion of Councillor Bergin seconded by Councillor Crosbie, to renew the Licences for a further twelve months.

Arising out of this, Alderman Billington moved: "That the Minister for Justice be asked to take steps to ensure that only films suitable for children should be exhibited at Children's Matinees; and that children under fourteen years of age should not be allowed to attend the night exhibitions."

This resolution was seconded by Councillor Bergin, and was adopted unanimously.

With reference to the proposal to extend the Coolree Reservoir, it was reported that it had been Mr. Delap's intention to carry out part of this work during the coming Summer months.

In order to do this it would be necessary to secure agreement with the persons whose water supplies or land would be affected by the proposed works.

The Notices required under the Public Health Acts had been duly issued and some objections received. In order to try and overcome these objections, a meeting of the persons affected had been held on the 4th instant.

At this Meeting the representatives of Lady Maurice Fitzgerald, of Johnstown Castle, and the owners of Hodges Mill, Murrintown, had objected to any interference with the water supply, and intimated that Lady Fitzgerald had definitely decided to oppose the Scheme. In view of these objections, which it was found impossible to overcome, notwithstanding the fact that, according to Mr. Delap, Johnstown Castle was receiving, at least, as much water at the moment as the entire Town of Wexford, and that he (Mr. Delap) only proposed to take

have them read now, and the Mayor replied that he was out of order, as he was not there at the particular time the Minutes were submitted, but if there was any particular Minute he wished to have read, it would be done.

With reference to Minutes of last Meeting, when Alderman Connolly protested against the refusal of the Mayor to have the Minutes of the Finance and Works Committee read, the Mayor stated it was not usual to have such Minutes read at a Statutory Meeting, but if the Alderman wished to have any particular Minute of the Finance and Works Committee read, he would ask the Town Clerk to do so.

The Town Clerk, at the request of Alderman Connolly, thereupon read the following extract from the Minutes of the Finance and Works Committee of 25th March last:-

"Adverting to Minutes of last Meeting, when a recommendation to reduce the wages of Thomas Hore by 7/6 per week, was adjourned, the matter again came up for consideration by the present meeting.

A long discussion resulted on this recommendation, when a number of members expressed dissatisfaction at the proposal to reduce this man's wages, having regard to the nauseating nature of his work, while on the other hand it was pointed out that the remaining carters were only paid £3 : 10 : 0, and were not supplied with cart, boots, or oil coat, as was Hore.

Eventually Alderman Connolly moved the rejection of the recommendation.

This was seconded by councillor T. Walsh, and on being put to the Meeting was rejected by six votes to five."

The Town Clerk added that those present at the Meeting of the Committee were:- The Mayor, Aldermen Connolly and Billington, with Councillors T. Walsh, Bergin, Murphy, J. Walsh, Donohoe, Ross, Martin, and Power.

Alderman Connolly asked the Town Clerk if any ruling had been received from the Minister for Local Government and Public Health on the matter of the Finance and Works Committee Minutes, which he had raised at last Meeting, or if he (Town Clerk) had sent any covering letter in connection with the Minutes of the 7th ultimo.

The Town Clerk, in reply, stated that the Alderman had not asked him to submit the case to the Minister for a ruling, but he had embodied his remark in the Minutes, which had been sent to the Minister in the usual way, and he had received no comment on the matter. The Mayor bore out the Town Clerk's contention, and intimated that he (Mayor) understood the Alderman to state he intended communicating with the Minister himself.

A long and acrimonious discussion followed on the matter of the wages of this man, who was employed as a carter, and whose work was the emptying of dust bins, and the removal of contents of ashpits.

During the discussion it was explained that the man had £4 : 7 : 6 per week, which was £2 : 10 : 0 for himself and £1 : 17 : 6 for his horse.

In addition he was supplied with a cart, oilcoat, and boots, while the remainder of the carters were only paid £3 : 10 : 0, and had to supply their own carts. As well, it was pointed out, that when he was first paid this amount, it might have cost £1 : 17 : 6

4th June, 1934.

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

The members present were:-

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

Aldermen: James Billington, Thomas Walsh, Cyril Ross.

Councillors: Garrett Donohoe, Myles Bergin, James Murphy, Thomas O'Brien, John J. O'Leary, John Rogan, Patrick Tobin, James Sinnott, Thomas Buckland, John Walsh, James McMahon, Thomas Nolan, James Crosbie, and Michael Martin.

On the motion of Alderman Ross, seconded by Councillor O'Leary, the Minutes of Meeting of 7th May, 1934, 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 £3197 ; 3 : 11, were submitted, and having been examined were approved, and an Advice Note was signed to enable them to be discharged.

Arising out of the accounts, Councillor O'Brien asked the Borough Surveyor who employed the men on the Joseph Street Housing Scheme, and the Surveyor replied that this Scheme was not under his control, but under that of the Architect, Mr. Reynolds.

Mr. O'Brien then asked if that was quite proper, and the Mayor replied that the Corporation appointed Mr. Reynolds to take some of the work off the Borough Surveyor, and as he had complete charge of the Joseph Street Scheme, Mr. Daly had nothing whatever to do with the employment of the men.

Mr. O'Brien then suggested that the only person entitled to employ men under the Corporation was the person responsible, the Surveyor, and it was again pointed out that the Surveyor had nothing whatever to do with this particular scheme, and the discussion ended.

At this stage Councillor McMahon stated that owing to illness he had been absent from the meetings of the Corporation for some time past. During his absence, one of their colleagues, Councillor Clancy, had passed away. Tributes had been paid to Mr. Clancy by the members, and he (Councillor McMahon) wished to associate himself with all that had been said.

The first business was to formally make a Poor Rate in respect of the year ending 31st March, 1935, as agreed to on 7th ultimo, and the following Resolution was unanimously adopted, on the motion of Councillor O'Leary, seconded by Alderman Ross, viz:-

"That a Poor Rate of eight 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 7th day of May, 1934."

The Book containing the various items of Poor Rate was then sealed and signed, and a Warrant authorising their collection, as well as the collection of arrears of previous years rates, was also sealed and signed.

Alderman Connolly attended the Meeting at this point, and asked if the Minutes had been taken as read.

On being informed that they had, Alderman Connolly asked if he was in order in asking to

There was also submitted a communication, which had been received on this day, from the Wexford Branch of the Irish Transport & General Workers Union, intimating that in the opinion of the Union the wages offered for the post were very small, and requesting the Corporation to consider increasing same.

In reply to a query, it was pointed out that that the wages of the Caretaker would be fourteen shillings per week, with free house and land, but the land (about three acres) would be of very little use as it could not be tilled owing to the close proximity of the Reservoir, nor could cattle be kept on it.

It was also explained that the Caretaker would have no fixed working hours; the main point being that he would have to be there in case of an emergency.

A lengthy discussion followed on this matter, when members expressed the opinion that the wages offered for the post were small, and that there was some justification for the letter from the Transport Union, but it was stated that it would not be possible to increase them at present Meeting, and that Notice of Motion would be required.

Thereupon Councillor O'Leary proposed:-

- (1) That the making of the appointment be adjourned until the 18th instant; and that in the meantime a small Committee be appointed to place a value on the house and land, and to consider whether the wages offered in addition were sufficient.
- (2) That the post be re-advertised on the new conditions (if any) and that only new applicants be required to sit for an examination.

At this stage some members pressed to have the appointment made at present meeting, and the question of remuneration decided at a later date, but others were disposed to defer making the appointment until the matter of wages was finally disposed of.

Thereupon Councillor O'Leary's first proposition, that the matter be adjourned until the 18th instant, which was seconded by Alderman Ross, was put to the Meeting, and on a show of hands was carried by eleven votes for to seven against.

With regard to Councillor O'Leary's second motion, the Town Clerk pointed out that if the post was to be re-advertised, it could not be done until any alterations in the terms of appointment were ratified by the Corporation and as such ratification could not be secured until the 18th instant, at the earliest, an appointment could not be made on that day.

Thereupon Councillor O'Leary, at the request of several members, withdrew his second motion, and the following were appointed a Committee to re-consider the question of the remuneration for the post, namely, Aldermen Billington, Walsh, and Ross, with Councillors O'Brien, Buckland, Sinnott, and the Mayor, and the Committee agreed to meet on the 9th instant at 4.0 p.m.

The Housing Committee recommended the purchase of property at Mandlintown consisting of seven houses, owned by a Mrs. McKnight, for the sum of £300, together with the Ground Landlords interest, for the sum of £150, making, in all, a total of £450 for the property indemnified against rent.

It was explained that the acquisition and demolition of this property would be necessary in order to allow the proposed scheme to be carried out.

to keep a horse, but it would not cost anything like that at the present time.

As no further proposal was made in this matter, the discussion ended, and the meeting proceeded with the Agenda.

There was submitted for execution on the part of the Corporation a Deed of Mortgage, whereby security would be given to the Commissioners of Public Works for the repayment of Loan of £5,500 proposed to be borrowed to enable a Grant to be made to the Town of Wexford Vocational Education Committee under Section 5 (1) of the Vocational Education Act, 1930, for the purpose of making alterations and additions to the Municipal Technical Institute. The Loan, which had been sanctioned by the Minister for Local Government and Public Health under date of the 19th ultimo, by letter No. S. 62366, would be repayable in twenty-five years with interest at $5\frac{1}{4}$ per cent. per annum, and the Minister for Education under date of 14th March, 1934, had intimated his willingness to refund the Corporation fifty per cent. of the annual charge in connection therewith.

Thereupon the following Resolution was unanimously adopted, on the motion of Councillor Sinnott, seconded by Alderman Billington:-

"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 Five Thousand Five Hundred Pounds proposed to be advanced by them to us under the Vocational Education Act, 1930, Etc."

The Mortgage Deed was thereupon sealed and signed, and the following further Resolution adopted, on the motion of Councillor O'Leary, seconded by Alderman Ross:-

"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 Chief Executive Officer of the Vocational Education Committee for the Wexford Urban District Vocational Education Area for time being, countersigned by the Town Clerk of Wexford. And that each such requisition shall be forwarded to the Accountant of the said Commissioners and that all such advances shall be lodged to the Account of the Wexford Corporation in the Wexford Branch of the National Bank."

The next business was the appointment of a Caretaker for Coolree Reservoir in room of the late Michael Clare.

The Town Clerk reported that nine persons had applied for the post; one had subsequently withdrawn, and another had left the district, thus leaving seven candidates.

In accordance with a decision of the Finance and Works Committee, the seven applicants had been interviewed by the Borough Surveyor and Town Clerk, and in their opinion only four of the candidates would be capable of carrying out the duties attaching to the post, namely, Henry Foley, the Acting Caretaker; James McMahon, Barrack Street; Nicholas Culleton, Castlebridge; and John Cloke, of Davidstown.

secure the clearance of the area above referred to by ordering the demolition of all the buildings in the area which are unfit for human habitation, or dangerous or injurious to health."

Councillor O'Brien and Alderman Billington contended that persons living in rooms in overcrowded houses were in a much worse position than persons in houses such as it was now proposed to condemn, and suggested that persons living in rooms should be accommodated in houses before any were condemned.

The views of these two members did not find favour with the remainder of those present, and so the Resolution proposed by the Mayor, and seconded by Councillor McMahon, was adopted, but with Councillor O'Brien and Alderman Billington dissenting.

A Circular letter, under date of the 16th ultimo, No. 50, from the Minister for Local Government and Public Health setting out the procedure to be followed in the employment of Clerks of Works was next submitted, and its contents noted.

It was ordered that copies of a Circular letter under date of the 1st instant, No. p.H. 30/1930, from the Minister for Local Government and Public Health on the subject of precautionary measures to be taken to combat the increasing mortality from Diarrhoea and Enteritis amongst children under two years of age, which invariably occurred in the Third Quarter of each year, should be sent to the Medical Officer of Health and Health Visitor.

Under date of the 24th instant, by Circular letter No. 53, the Minister for Local Government and Public Health intimated that his attention had been drawn to the failure of some members of Local Rating Authorities to pay Rates assessed on them.

The Minister considered that default on the part of a member was more serious than default by other Ratepayers. His example had a very bad effect, and was an embarrassment to the Collector.

The Minister hoped the evil was not of serious dimensions, and directed the Town Clerk to ascertain the names of any members from whom rates were due in respect of the year 1933/4, and the amount due. These particulars were to be submitted to the Local Authority, and a copy sent to the Department.

When the Circular was read, the Mayor stated he did not think it desirable, if any members were concerned, to have their names placarded over the place. He did not believe there was any attempt by members to impede the Corporation or anything of that kind, and the Mayor's opinion was borne out by several of those present.

As directed by the Minister, however, the Town Clerk submitted his report, which showed that four members were in arrear in respect of the rates assessed on them for the year 1933/4 at 31st March last, but since that date they had paid same to the Collectors, and the Town Clerk was directed to so inform the Minister.

Councillor Sinnott referred to the fact that for some years past the "Ninety-Eight Monument" in the Bullring had been used for the display of Bunting and Flags. He suggested that, as the Monument was not solid, but only a shell, an order should be made prohibiting the practice of using the Monument in the manner referred to, as there might be danger of it falling, and it was agreed to issue an advertisement intimating that

proceeded with.

The owner maintained that she had a profit rent of £20 per year, and after considerable arguement had consented to sell the property at fifteen years purchase, namely £300.

The Ground Landlords were receiving £10 per annum out of the property, and were, as well, prepared to sell at fifteen years purchase.

Thereupon the Mayor moved that the recommendation of the Housing Committee be adopted. This was seconded by Councillor Buckland, and was agreed to by all.

The Housing Committee also recommended that part of the Distillery Road be declared a Clearance Area, and the following report from the Medical Officer of Health, Dr. T. E. Pierse, under date of 14th March last was submitted.

"I examined seven houses at Distillery Road. The houses are old, dilapidated, and thatched. The ceilings are low, the floors bad. The windows are small, and panes of glass missing. The rooms are dark and ill ventilated. The walls are damp in many places. There is much overcrowding. There is no sanitary accommodation. I consider these houses unfit for human habitation.

Thomas Pierse, M.D."

The following Table indicates the number of persons residing in the houses affected, on this day:-

Occupier.	No. in Occupier's Family.	No. of families other than occupier's residing in the house.	No. of Persons in families other than occupier's.	Total No. of persons residing in house.
Christopher Lambert.	Three	None	None	Three
William Carroll.	Three	None	none	ThRee.
William Roche	Seven	None	None	Seven.
Thomas Hayden	Four	None	None	Four.
Michael Bolger	Five	None	None	Five.
Robert Hanton	Three	None	None	Three.
Kate Neill	Six	None	None	Six.

It was explained to the Meeting that houses would be available for the persons to be displaced, and thereupon the Mayor proposed the following Resolution, which was seconded by Councillor McMahon:-

RESOLVED: That we, the members of the Wexford Corporation, being the Sanitary Authority for the Borough of Wexford, acting in execution of the Public Health (Ireland) Acts, 1878, Etc., and the Housing of the Working Classes (Ireland) Acts, 1890 to 1931, do hereby declare that part of the Distillery Road, which is coloured blue on map deposited in the Town Clerk's Office, Wexford, and marked "Distillery Road Clearance Area", to be a Clearance Area; and being satisfied that the conditions in such area can be effectively remedied only by the demolition of all the buildings in the area which are unfit for human habitation, or dangerous or injurious to health, now hereby determine to

21st June, 1934.

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

The members present were:-

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

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

Councillors: Thomas O'Brien, James Murphy, and Garrett Donohoe.

The Meeting had been convened to receive a Statement from the Town Clerk showing the estimated amount of salaries payable to officers affected by the Local Services (Temporary Economies) Act, 1934.

This Statement showed that the Town Clerk, who was in receipt of a salary of £310 per annum, which would be increased to £320 on 21st January, 1935, would be reduced under the Act by $5\frac{1}{4}$ per cent., or £16 : 8 : 6 in the year; The Borough Surveyor, whose salary was £300, would be reduced by 5 per cent., or £15 in the year; John Mullins, Meat Inspector, whose salary was £450, would be reduced by $5\frac{1}{2}$ per cent., or £24 : 15 : 0 in the year; and the Architect, whose salary was £260, would be reduced by 5 per cent., or £13 in the year.

This showed a saving of, approximately, £69 in the current year, but as a sum of £16 : 10 : 0 of the £24 : 15 : 0 to be deducted from the salary of the Meat Inspector, would be retained by the Department of Agriculture (who paid two-thirds of his remuneration) the net saving to the Corporation, it was estimated, would be about £52. The members expressed regret that such an Act had been put into operation as in their opinion the most of the officials affected were underpaid, and the Mayor moved. That we accept the Act, and the cuts made thereby, under protest, as we consider there was no justification whatsoever for it.

This Motion was seconded by Alderman Walsh, and adopted unanimously.

The Meeting then separated.

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the hanging of flags, bunting, etc., from the Monument was prohibited.

Alderman Connolly referred to the position of two new lights at St. John's Avenue and Spaffeld Avenue. He stated that the lights had been placed in the centre of the Avenue, and contended that they would be more advantageous if placed at the end of each, and the following were asked to visit the places referred to on Friday, the 8th instant, and report to the Works Committee if they considered any change desirable, namely, Councillors O'Leary and Rogan, with Alderman Walsh and the Mayor.

Complaint was also made regarding Tinkers congregating in the Bullring on Market Days, and converting the place into a Horse and Donkey Fair, and the Town Clerk was directed to request the Gardaí to remove these people when next they used the Bullring for the purpose complained of.

Alderman Connolly referred to the two Timekeepers employed on the Hill Street and Joseph Street Housing Sites, and asked that their services be dispensed with, as in his opinion the Foreman should be able to carry out the duties performed by the two men.

The Borough Surveyor, however, intimated that these two men were also required to check materials coming on the Sites, and that it would be false economy to dispense with their services.

Alderman Connolly, however, persisted in his request to have them dismissed, and eventually Alderman Billington moved a direct negative - that the men be retained. This motion was seconded by the Mayor, and was adopted on a show of hands by twelve votes for to three against.

Councillor Martin referred to the delay in proceeding with the erection of the proposed new Fever Hospital for Wexford Town, and stated that in view of the amount of Fever in Wexford at the moment, the Health Board should be asked to hurry its erection.

He, therefore, proposed the following Resolution, which was seconded by Alderman Billington, and adopted unanimously, viz:-

"That we call on the County Wexford Board of Health to expedite the erection of the proposed new Fever Hospital for Wexford District."

Richard Connolly
Mayor
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Chair.

The Mayor in returning thanks for his re-election expressed satisfaction that the Election had been fought without bitterness on any side, and hoped he could take that as a criterion of the feelings which would prevail amongst the members in the Corporation.

He also gave a brief summary of the activities of the Corporation during the past six years, and of the Schemes which the late Council had in mind before the election and which he hoped the new Corporation would now prosecute to a successful issue.

These included the erection of some 260 houses at Maudlintown, the provision of a new Town Hall, and a Public Park in the centre of the Borough.

Finally he referred to the large number of men the Corporation gave employment to, from time to time. He pointed out that it was not the function of the Council to solve the Unemployment Problem, and that no matter how hard they tried they could not give work to every person who was unfortunate enough to be idle.

He, Mayor, thought the time was now opportune for the Corporation to consider ways and means as to what method would be best to adopt in the employment of men to ensure an equitable distribution of work, and suggested that a Committee should be appointed to consider this matter and report back to the Corporation.

The Meeting favourably considered the Mayor's suggestion as to the employment of labour and appointed the following a Committee to consider the matter, namely: Councillors Jas. Billington, Buckland, Connolly, Doyle, , and O'Leary, with Aldermen Cullimore, Walsh, Flusk, and the Mayor.

The fixing of the days and hours for three Quarterly Meetings to be held prior to 23rd June, 1935, was next considered, and on the motion of Councillor Gaul, seconded by Councillor McMahon, the Meetings were fixed as follows:

Monday, 1st October, 1934, at 7.30 p.m.; Monday, 7th January, 1935, at 7.30 p.m.; and Monday, 1st April, 1935, at 7.30 p.m.

The question of the appointment of Standing Committees was then considered and on the motion of Councillor Gaul, seconded by Councillor Sinnott, it was unanimously agreed that the Finance and Works, Waterworks, Old ~~Age~~ Pensions and Public Health Committees be composed of the entire Council for the ensuing year, and that the latter Committee be empowered to deal with all sanitary matters arising in the Borough in pursuance of Section 5 of the Public Health (Ireland) Act, 1878.

The following twelve members were constituted a Housing Committee for the ensuing year, namely, Councillors James Billington, Moran, O'Leary, Crosbie, Doyle, Hayes, Buckland, and John Billington, with Aldermen Flusk, Walsh, Cullimore, and the Mayor.

A Committee was also set up to look after Crosstown Cemetery, and the following were selected for this duty:- Councillors Cashman, Murphy, Sinnott, Dunne, Buckland, and McGuire, with Aldermen ^{Tobin} ~~Walsh~~, Cullimore, ~~and the Mayor.~~

The following were appointed a Special Rates Committee for the ensuing year:- Councillors James Billington, Buckland, Doyle, O'Leary, with Aldermen Flusk, Walsh, Cullimore, and the Mayor.

The Maternity and Child Welfare Committee was constituted as follows: Councillors Moran,

5th July, 1934.

A Quarterly Meeting of the Council of the Borough of Wexford was held this day at the Town Hall, at Twelve o'clock noon in accordance with the provisions of Section 10 (1) of the Local Elections Act, 1927.

Ald. Richard Corish, T.D. the outgoing Mayor occupied the Chair.

On the Roll being called twenty-two of the twenty-four members of the Council who were elected on the 26th ultimo answered their names.

They were as follows:-

Representing St. Iberius Ward:

Aldermen Michael Flusk and Thomas Walsh, with Councillors Thomas Buckland, Thomas Dunne, Timothy Cashman, Thomas Hayes and Phillip McGuire. (7)

Representing St. Mary's Ward:

Aldermen Richard Corish and William Ollimore, with Councillors James Billington, James Sinnott, James Crosbie, Robert Moran, James McMahon, James Gaul, Patrick Atkins and James Murphy. (10)

Representing St. Selskar Ward:

Alderman Patrick Tobin and Councillors John Billington, John J. O'Leary, Nicholas Connolly and Thomas Doyle. (5)

The Absent Members were Alderman Robert Andrew Coffey, representing St. Selskar Ward, and Councillor Michael Martin, representing St. Mary's Ward.

The twenty-two Aldermen and Councillors present thereupon made and subscribed the Declaration of Acceptance of Office required by Section 85 of the Municipal Corporations (Ireland) Act, 1840.

The Minutes of Meetings of 4th and 21st June, 1934, were taken as having been read on the motion of Alderman Walsh, seconded by Councillor Murphy.

The Election of a Mayor for the ensuing twelve Months was then proceeded with, and Alderman Flusk occupied the Chair during the Election.

Before accepting nominations for the Mayoralty Ald. Flusk thanked the people of St. Iberius Ward for having placed him at the head of the poll. He also thanked the Electors in Town generally for the confidence placed in the Fianna Fail Party, and assured him that his Party would work for the interest of all Classes and the town as a whole. Councillor Sinnott in a Eulogistic speech moved:

"That the outgoing Mayor, Alderman Richard Corish, be re-elected for the fifteenth successive year; to hold Office until Quarterly Meeting to be held between the 23rd day of June and the 1st day of July, 1935; and until his successor has been appointed and has made a declaration accepting the Office."

Councillor Moran seconded this motion.

As no other Member was proposed for the Office, the Chairman put the motion to the Meeting and, amidst applause, declared Alderman Corish re-elected Mayor, promising him, at the same time, the support of the Fianna Fail Party in any project which had for its object the betterment of the Town or the Citizens.

Alderman Corish thereupon made a Declaration of Acceptance of Office and re-occupied the

The Councillor then requested the Town Clerk to record his objection on the Minutes and to ask the Minister for Local Government and Public Health to give a ruling as to whether the election of these four persons was legal, although the Town Clerk intimated that, in his opinion, the matter was one for the Corporation, and that the Minister would not interfere.

X The Fire Brigade Committee was composed of Councillors James Billington, Connolly, Buckland, Moran and McGuire, with Aldermen Tobin and Ollimore.

A Special Meeting of the Corporation was held (Pursuant to the Mayor's requisition) at the close of the above Quarterly Meeting.

This Meeting, which was also a Finance Meeting, was in lieu of Statutory Meeting due to be held on the 2nd instant, and the Minister for Local Government and Public Health, under date of the 2nd instant, by letter No. G.80117, had consented to such departure from the terms of the Public Bodies Order, 1925, as would enable the Finance Meeting to be held this day.

Liabilities which had accrued due up to the end of last month, amounting, in the aggregate, to £2978 : 17 : 0 were submitted, and having been examined, were approved, and an Advice Note was signed to enable them to be discharged.

There was submitted for execution on the part of the Corporation a Deed of Mortgage, whereby security would be given to the Treasurer (The National Bank, Ltd) for the repayment of a Loan of £1696 proposed to be borrowed for the resurfacing of streets and the purchase of a Motor Lorry.

The Loan, which would be repayable within seven years, with interest at one-half per cent. below Irish banks' Rate (with a minimum of 4 per cent.) had been sanctioned by the Minister for Local Government and Public Health under date of the 29th May, 1934, by letter No. S.64043; and as the Deed was in order, the following Resolution, as proposed by Councillor O'Leary and seconded by Councillor Moran was unanimously adopted, viz:-

"At a Meeting of the Council of the Borough of Wexford held on the 6th day of July, 1934, it was resolved that in pursuance of the consent of the Local Government Minister dated 29th May, 1934, the Council do borrow from the National Bank Limited the sum of £1696 for the purpose of defraying expenditure on the resurfacing of certain streets in the Borough and also for the purchase of a Motor Lorry, to be repaid to the Bank by half-yearly instalments spread over the 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."

The Mortgage Deed was thereupon sealed and signed on behalf of the Corporation.

Adverting to Minutes of 4th ultimo when part of the Distillery Road had been declared a Clearance Area under The Housing (Financial and Miscellaneous Provisions) Act, 1931, the Clearance Order in respect of this Area was now submitted.

It was explained that the Order provided for the demolition of seven small houses which had been condemned as unfit for human habitation by the Medical Officer of Health, and

Hayes, Billington, with Aldermen Walsh and Cullimore, Mrs. Hadden, Mrs. Dowse, Mrs. Kelly, Mrs. McGuire, Mrs. McTamney, Mrs. English, Miss Ellen Kavanagh and Miss Alice Furlong. The following were selected to supervise the administration of the Education (Provision of Meals) Acts, namely: Councillors Connolly, Crosbie, McMahon, O'Leary, with Alderman Walsh, Mrs. McTamney, Miss Alice Fennell, Mrs. English, Mrs. O'Connor, and Mr. Myles Bergin.

The next business was the appointment of a Vocational Education Committee for the Borough in accordance with the Provisions of Section 9 (2) (b) of the Vocational Education Act, 1930; and in this connection a letter, under date of the 20th ultimo, No. 4264, was read from the Department of Education calling attention, inter alia, to the terms of Section 8 (4) of the Statute.

The Committee would be composed of fourteen members, of whom not less than five nor more than eight could be members of the Corporation, and the selection of eight Corporation members was first proceeded with.

The Members Selected were: Councillors Buckland, Moran, James Billington, Cashman, Dunne, and Hayes, with Alderman Walsh and the Mayor.

The following were proposed for the six seats to be filled by non-members, namely: Rev. John Sinnott, Catholic Administrator; Rev. J.E. Hazley, Protestant Rector; Mrs. McTamney, Mrs. J. English, Miss Alice Fennell, Mr. Cyril Ross, Mr. John Dunne, Mr. Thomas Heron, and Mr. Thomas Barnes.

As nine persons were proposed for six seats it was seen that a Vote would be necessary to decide who the six would be, and the Mayor proposed that the Rev. John Sinnott and Rev. J.E. Hazley should be appointed without a Vote. This proposition was seconded by Alderman Walsh and adopted nem con.

This left seven candidates for four seats, and it was unanimously agreed that each member present should be given a slip of paper on which to write the names of the four persons he wished to vote for, and that the four who received the highest number of votes should be elected.

The result of this vote was as follows: Miss Fennell (20) Mrs. English (16) Mrs. McTamney (15) Mr. C. Ross (13) Mr. T. Heron (10) Mr. J. Dunne (6) and Mr. T. Barnes (6)

These made a total of 86 votes cast, and two members only recorded three names on their papers which accounted for the remaining 2 votes.

Thereupon the Mayor declared the four with the highest number of votes elected to the four seats, namely: Miss Fennell, Mrs. English, Mrs. McTamney, and Mr. Cyril Ross.

At this stage Councillor Connolly asked if the four declared elected had a clear majority over all the other candidates and the Mayor replied that they had not, but that they had been elected in a manner unanimously decided on by the Corporation before the vote was taken.

Councillor Connolly thereupon gave verbal Notice that he would move at next Statutory Meeting the rescission of the resolution appointing these four persons, but the Mayor stated he would not accept the motion.

had been received on behalf of apprentices to other trades, he further proposed that the foregoing scale of wages be made applicable to all apprentices employed by the Corporation. These two propositions were seconded by Alderman Flusk, and agreed to by all. The next business was to receive the resignation of Mr. Arthur J. Daly, Borough Surveyor and Superintendent of Waterworks, consequent on his appointment as Borough Surveyor of Drogheda.

Mr. Daly's resignation was before the Finance Committee on the 11th ultimo and would take effect on the 7th instant, and the Committee recommended the Corporation to accept it with regret.

Mr. Daly had also applied for two weeks holidays due to him from 25th June to 7th July, 1934, and the Committee had granted his application.

As no meeting of the Corporation could be held since the Surveyor's resignation was received, the Finance Committee had appointed Mr. Thomas Millar, of Carracloe, to act as Surveyor, Etc., as from the 25th June, 1934, until a permanent appointment was made, at the same salary as Mr. Daly at present enjoyed, namely £300 per annum, and the Corporation were now asked to sanction this appointment, and to make arrangements for Mr. Daly's successor.

The Mayor moved that Mr. Daly's resignation be accepted with regret, and that the Corporation approve of the temporary appointment of Mr. Millar on the terms decided on by the Finance Committee.

This motion was seconded by Councillor Moran and adopted unanimously, several graceful compliments being paid by members to the way in which Mr. Daly had carried out his duties as Borough Surveyor.

As to the appointment of his successor, the Housing Committee were asked to consider the salary and terms of appointment as early as possible and report back to the Corporation. Adverting to Minutes of 4th ultimo, when the question of the employment of a Caretaker for Coolree Reservoir was adjourned until the 18th June for a recommendation from a Special Committee, it was reported that the Special Committee had consulted with the Finance Committee on the 11th ult. when it was decided to recommend the Corporation to fix the wage for the post at 25/- per week with house and land adjoining.

When it was decided to recommend the increase in wages from 14/- to 25/- per week, it was thought that it would be ^{desirable} ~~advisable~~ to re-advertise the post, and so the Finance Committee had deferred sending the recommendation to the Corporation until present Meeting. Thereupon the Mayor moved that the recommendation be adopted, and the wage fixed at 25/- per week with house and land.

This motion was seconded by Councillor Crosbie and agreed to by all.

Alderman Flusk then moved that persons in receipt of pensions in excess of £1 per week be not eligible for the post.

This motion was seconded by Councillor Moran and on a show of hands was adopted by ten votes for to eight against.

A proposal by Councillor Hayes, and seconded by Councillor Connolly that the appointment be made by way of competitive examination to be held at the Reservoir was also adopted

it was intended to transfer the seven occupiers to new houses at Wolfe Tone Villas, (Whitemill Road)

Councillor James Billington protested against the demolition of property without compensation, and on being told the Corporation had no option in the matter stated that, in his opinion, the Statute required amendment to provide for the payment of compensation.

He did not, however, object to the Clearance Order and so, on the motion of Alderman Flusk, seconded by Councillor Crosbie, the following Resolution was unanimously adopted:-

// "That we, the Mayor, Aldermen and Burgesses of the Borough of Wexford, being the Sanitary Authority for the said Borough, acting in execution of the Public Health (Ireland) Acts, 1878, Etc., and the Housing of the Working Classes (Ireland) Acts, 1890 to 1931, having on the fourth day of June, 1934, declared part of the Distillery Road, Wexford, to be a Clearance Area, and being satisfied that the conditions in such area can be effectively remedied only by the demolition of all the buildings in the area which are unfit for human habitation or dangerous or injurious to health, now hereby determine to secure the clearance of the area above-mentioned by ordering the demolition of all the buildings in the area which are unfit for human habitation or dangerous or injurious to health.

AND it is further resolved that our Corporate Seal be hereby affixed to the Clearance Order now submitted requiring the buildings described in the Schedule to such Order to be demolished in accordance with the requirements of the Housing (Miscellaneous Provisions) Act, 1931." //

The Clearance Order, together with the map therein referred to (in duplicate) was thereupon sealed with the Corporate Seal and authenticated by the signatures of the Mayor and Town Clerk.

There was submitted for ratification by the present Meeting an Agreement reached between the Housing Committee and the Plasterers' Society as to the rate of wages to be paid apprentices.

It was explained that the Society had asked to have apprentices paid at the rate of threepence per hour for the first year, and twopence per hour per year extra until the apprentice had completed a full five years to the Trade, when he would be entitled to a Tradesman's wage of $1/6\frac{1}{2}$ per hour.

The Housing Committee did not think it desirable, however, to have apprentices paid by the hour, nor did they agree with the rates suggested by the Union, and put the following alternative Scale before the Society, which had been accepted, viz:-

To start with.....	10/-	per week.
At the end of first year.....	15/-	do.
at the end of second year.....	20/-	do.
At the end of third year.....	30/-	do.
At the end of fourth year.....	40/-	do.
At the end of fifth year.....	Full Tradesman's Wages.	

The Scale to operate only in respect of actual time worked.

The Mayor thereupon proposed the ratification of the Agreement, and as similar applications

of his wife; and to Dr. Ryan, Minister for Agriculture, on the death of his sister. They did not alone admire the late Mrs. O'Kelly as a relative of two distinguished gentlemen, but also as a Wexford lady whom they were all proud of, and who had made her mark in some of the largest Universities in the world.

The proposition was seconded by Councillor Moran, and all the members present associated themselves with it.

On behalf of the Staff, the Town Clerk associated himself with the sympathy of the Corporation, and the proposal was adopted in respectful silence.

The Mayor also moved that the sympathy of the Meeting be extended to the Very Rev. J. Doran, President of St. Peter's College, Wexford, on the death of his father.

This motion was seconded by Councillor Gaul, and was also adopted in silence.

The Meeting then terminated.

R. Curran
Mayor
13. 8. 34

13th August, 1934.

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

The members present were:-

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

Aldermen: Patrick Tobin, William Cullimore, Michael Flusk, Robert Coffey, and Thomas Walsh.

Councillors: Thomas Hayes, James Murphy, Nicholas Connolly, Thomas Dunne, Thomas Doyle, Robert Moran, Patrick Atkins, James McMahon, Phillip McGuire, James Billington, John Billington, Michael Martin, John J. O'Leary, James Crosbie, Timothy Cashman, Thomas Buckland and James Sinnott.

The Minutes of Meeting of 7th August, 1934, were taken as having been read on the motion of Councillor Crosbie, seconded by Alderman Coffey, and were accordingly signed.

Correspondence was read as follows:-

From the Electricity Supply Board acknowledging Resolution on the subject of charges for Electricity.

From the Minister for Local Government and Public Health under date of the 19th ultimo, No. G.90872, on the subject of the procedure adopted in electing representatives on the Vocational Education Committee on 6th July, 1934.

From Mrs. Hadden, Rev. J.E. Hazley, and Miss Alice Fennell acknowledging their appointment on Committees.

From the Very Rev. James Doran, President of St. Peter's College, acknowledging Vote of Sympathy passed with him on the death of his father.

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nam com and the Finance Committee were asked to arrange the details of the Examination. The following Resolution submitted by the Corporation of Clonmel was adopted on the motion of Alderman Walsh, seconded by Councillor James Billington:

"That we, the Wexford Corporation, request the Electricity Supply Board to remove the present 25% temporary increase imposed when the funds of the Board were not satisfactory."

There was submitted a Circular ~~letter~~ from the Minister for Local Government and Public Health, under date of the 5th instant, No. 74, enclosing copy of the Rabies Order, 1933, together with a memorandum on the procedure recommended to be followed in the event of persons being bitten by dogs or cats suspected or ascertained to be rabid, and it was decided to forward the circular and memorandum to the Medical Officer of Health.

Adverting to Minutes of 4th ultimo, when a resolution was adopted calling on the County Board of Health to expedite the erection of the proposed new district Fever Hospital for Wexford, the Secretary to the Board, under date of the 22nd ultimo, stated this matter had been receiving the attention of the Board of Health, and that they were awaiting a report from inspectors on the original and proposed new sites.

The contents of this communication were noted.

Richard Corish
Mayor
4. 8. 34

7th August, 1934.

A Special Meeting of the Corporation 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: Robert Coffey, Thomas Walsh, Patrick Tobin, Michael Flusk, and William Cullimore.

Councillors: Timothy Cashman, Robert Moran, Nicholas Connolly, Thomas Hayes, Patrick Atkins, Phillip McGuire, John Billington, James Murphy, James Billington, James Gaul, James Crosbie, and Michael Martin.

The Meeting was convened in lieu of Statutory Meeting due to be held on the 6th instant (a Bank Holiday) to pass for payment accounts accrued due to end of July.

On the motion of Councillor Gaul, seconded by Alderman Coffey, the Minutes of Meeting of 6th July, 1934, 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 £3151 : 9 : 4, were submitted, and having been examined were approved, and an Advice Note was signed to enable the Treasurer to pay them.

At this stage the Mayor said it was his melancholy duty to propose that the Corporation extend their sympathy to the Vice-President in his bereavement occasioned by the death

- (3) That the age limits for appointment are to be between 25 and 40 years.
- (4) That the Official isto 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 33 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 artizans' 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 organise 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 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 Bye-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

There was submitted for execution on behalf of the Corporation a Deed of Mortgage whereby security would be given to the Commissioners of Public Works for the repayment of a Loan of £1070 for the purpose of laying a new sewer at School Street, and new watermains at Spawell Road, Well Lane, Oyster Lane, Batt Street, and Trinity Street.

The Loan had been sanctioned by the Minister for Local Government and Public Health under date of the 11th July, 1934, by letter No. S.87487, and a Draft of the Deed had already been approved on behalf of the Corporation.

Thereupon the following Resolution was unanimously adopted on the motion of Councillor Sinnott, seconded by Councillor McMahon, viz:-

"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 and Seventy Pounds proposed to be advanced by them to us under the Public Health (Ireland) Acts Etc."

The Deed was then sealed and signed on behalf of the Corporation, and the following further Resolution adopted on the motion of Councillor Buckland, seconded by Councillor Murphy, namely:-

"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."

Adverting to Minutes of 5th ultimo when the resignation of Mr. Arthur J. Daly, as Borough Surveyor and Superintendent of Waterworks, was accepted, and when the Housing Committee were asked to consider the question of salary, and Terms of Appointment, of the incoming Surveyor, it was reported that the Committee had met on a recent occasion, and the following report on the remuneration, qualifications, and duties of the incoming official was submitted on behalf of the Committee for consideration by the present meeting:-

- (1) That the initial salary attaching to the Office be at the rate of £340 per annum, rising by yearly increments of £20 to a maximum of £400, 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 for private persons; or for other Public Bodies except with the permission of the Corporation on the application of such other Bodies.

The recommendations of the Housing Committee in this matter were favourably considered by the present meeting, and the following resolution was unanimously adopted on the motion of the Mayor, seconded by Alderman Coffey:-

"That the assent of the Minister for Local Government and Public Health be sought to the filling of the office of Borough Surveyor and Superintendent of Waterworks on the terms set out above, and on such assent being received that 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."

With reference to Minutes of 6th ultimo, when The Wexford (Distillery Road) Clearance Order, 1934, was made, the following resolution was unanimously adopted on the motion of Councillor Cashman, seconded by Alderman Walsh:-

"That the Minister for Local Government and Public Health be requested to confirm the Wexford (Distillery Road) Clearance Order, 1934, made by the Corporation on the 6th ultimo."

The Housing Committee recommended that Mr. John J. Reynolds, Architect in charge of the erection of new houses at Hill Street, Joseph Street and Distillery Road, be re-appointed until 30th September next at a salary at the rate of £260 per annum.

It was pointed out that Mr. Reynolds' appointment for six months terminated on the 4th instant, but the Committee considered that the appointment should be renewed until the schemes on which he was at present engaged were completed.

It was expected that these would be completed about the end of September and so the recommendation that he be re-appointed until 30th prox. was unanimously adopted on the motion of Councillor Moran, seconded by Councillor Atkins.

Adverting to Minutes of 12th June, 1933, when the Wexford (Wethereld's Court, Etc) Clearance Order, 1933, was formally made by the Corporation, the Finance and Works Committee recommended the Corporation to give instructions to have the property, comprised in the Order, demolished by the Corporation workmen; the owners having failed to carry out their Statutory Obligations in this respect.

The Town Clerk had reported to the Committee that, in accordance with the terms of the Order, the work of demolition should have been commenced on 2nd February last, and that he had written to the Landlords on several occasions, but there had been no practical response, and he (Town Clerk) had asked the Finance and Works Committee to recommend the Corporation to carry out the work themselves and to proceed against the owners for the costs incurred. The present meeting agreed that there was no option but for the Corporation to do this work themselves, and on the motion of Alderman Walsh, seconded by Councillor Sinnott, it was resolved:-

"That if the property, comprised in The Wexford (Wethereld's Court, Etc) Clearance Order, 1933, be not demolished by the owners on the 27th instant, the work of demolition is to be carried out by the Corporation workmen, under the supervision of the Borough Surveyor, and the owners proceeded against for the costs incurred."

An invitation was received for the Corporation to be represented at the annual conference

arising under the Public Health Acts.

To have full and entire control over the workmen in his charge; to engage them in consultation with the Corporation or any Committee appointed from time to time for the purpose; and to have the power to dismiss any person who is not giving satisfaction or for whom there is not sufficient work; 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 watermains being repaired with celerity, and to exercise a general supervision over the Water System.

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 twelve o'clock noon.

To visit each part of the Town wherever works may be in progress at least once a day.

To make a report once a month as to the necessity of carrying out improvements which may appear to him to be 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.

It was noted from the foregoing report that an alteration had been recommended in the salary attaching to the office. Former Borough Surveyors had been paid at the rate of £250 per annum, rising by annual increments of £10 to a maximum of £320 per annum, but it was explained that the Committee considered such a salary inadequate, and was partly the cause of Surveyors not staying in Wexford. They had, accordingly, decided that it would be necessary to make a substantial increase therein if a Surveyor was to be retained for any length of time.

The Committee also considered that the maximum age limit should not exceed forty years, and that the person appointed should be allowed to work for other Public Bodies with the permission of the Corporation on the application of such Bodies.

The only other alteration made in the terms attaching to the appointment of the former Borough Surveyor was that relating to the employment of workmen. Mr. Daly employed all workmen in consultation with the Mayor, but this clause was now altered to provide for the incoming Surveyor employing workmen in consultation with the Corporation or any Committee appointed from time to time for the purpose.

family out of the house attached to the Reservoir without giving him an opportunity of competing for the post, merely because he was in receipt of a pension.

Aldermen Walsh seconded the motion, and urged the Corporation to consider this matter very carefully. He (Ald. Walsh) thought it was a wrong thing to dismiss this man, against whom there was no complaint.

A poll was taken on Councillor O'Leary's motion, when there voted:-

For Rescinding the Resolution: Councillors, Buckland, O'Leary, James Billington, John Billington, McGuire, McMahon, Connolly, Hayes, with Aldermen Walsh and Coffey----- 10

Against Rescinding the Resolution: Councillors: Sinnott, Cashman, Crosbie, Martin, Atkins, Moran, Doyle, Dunne, Murphy, with Aldermen Flusk, Ollimore, Tobin, and

The Mayor----- 13

Councillor O'Leary's motion was accordingly declared lost.

Councillor Moran, in accordance with notice given, moved that the Resolution of 6th July last, providing for the filling of this post of Caretaker of Coolree Reservoir by way of Competitive Examination, be rescinded, and that a qualifying examination be substituted therefor.

He stated that the examination would be very simple, as all the duties attaching to the post could be learned in a very short time, and if a Competitive Examination were held, it would practically mean that the examiner could give the post to whom he liked.

Councillor Dunne seconded this motion.

A number of members opposed his motion on the grounds that if an examination were held at all, the best qualified should secure the post, and on a poll being taken there voted:-

For a Competitive Examination: Councillors Sinnott, Buckland, Cashman, Crosbie, O'Leary, Martin, James Billington, John Billington, McGuire, McMahon, Connolly, Hayes, with Aldermen Walsh, Coffey, Tobin, and the Mayor----- 16.

Against Competitive Examination: Councillors Atkins, Moran, Doyle, Dunne, Murphy, with Aldermen Flusk and Ollimore----- 7.

Councillor Moran's motion was also declared lost.

Further matters in connection with this post, which the Finance and Works Committee asked this meeting to decide, were:-

- (a) If the appointment was to be confined to any area;
- (b) if single men should be allowed to compete; and
- (c) if an age limit should be prescribed.

With regard to (a) The Mayor moved that the post be confined to persons residing in Wexford Borough or Rural District. Councillor Murphy seconded, and the motion was agreed to.

As to (b) Alderman Walsh proposed that only married men be eligible for the post. This was seconded by Alderman Flusk and was unanimously agreed to.

A difference of opinion was expressed on the question of an age limit. The Mayor moved that the age limit be 45 years, and Councillor Murphy seconded.

Councillor Connolly, however, moved that the age limit be 50 years, and Councillor O'Leary seconded.

On a show of hands 15 voted for the Mayor's motion to fix the limit at 45 years, and this

of the ASSociation of Irish Municipal Authorities to be held in Wexford on the 11th and 12th September next.

Alderman Connolly moved that Alderman Walsh be appointed as one delegate, and Councillor Cashman seconded. Councillor Moran moved th-at Alderman Gullimore be a delagate, and Councillor O'Leary seconded.

As no other nominations were received these two gentlemen were unanimously selected to represent the Corporation at the Conference, and it was further agreed, in accordance with the requirements of the Local Conferences Order, 1928, that if either of the two happened to be elected on the Executive Committee of the Association, he be authorised to attend not more than two meetings of this Committee in the ensuing year.

The next business was the appointment of a member to serve as a Harbour Commissioner for one year, in accordance with the provisions of the Wexford Harbour Act, 1874.

It was reported that Councillors James McMahon and Robert Moran had been duly nominated for election, and so the election of Councillor Moran was proposed by Councillor Atkins, and seconded by Alderman Flusk.

The election of Councillor McMahon was proposed by Councillor Buckland, and seconded by Councillor McGuire.

On a show of hands Councillor Moran received thirteen votes against nine for Councillor McMahon, and Councillor Moran was declared elected as the representative of the Corporation on the Wexford Harbour Board for the ensuing year.

Councillor Moran did not vote at the election.

The report of the Borough Analyst for the quarter ended 30th June last was submitted.

This showed that he had examined nine samples of milk, seven of butter, two of cheese, two of sausage, and one each of tea, whiskey, and margarine during the quarter, making a total of 23 samples all of which proved to be genuine with the exception of one sample of butter which contained 19.0 per cent. of moisture.

It was reported that the person from whom the sample of butter had been taken had been summoned before the District Justice on the 18th ultimo in respect of this offense, and was ordered to pay one guinea Analyst's fee, and £1: 10 : 0 costs.

Adverting to Minutes of 6th ultimo, when proposals had been adopted for the filling of the post of Caretaker for Coolree Reservoir, Councillor O'Leary moved the rescission of the resolution prohibiting persons in receipt of pensions in excess of £1 : 0 : 0 per week from applying for the position.

A lengthy discussion followed on this matter. Councillor O'Leary contended that the resolution, which he now proposed should be rescinded, would debar the present Acting Caretaker from applying for the position.

This man had been employed as temporary caretaker for the past three years owing to the illness of the Caretaker, who was his father-in-law, and who had been a faithful servant of the Corporation for over forty years.

He (Councillor O'Leary) stated he did not think the Corporation should start evictions, and if the resolution was allowed to stand they would be putting this man and his wife and

The Town Clerk pointed out that Scales were provided both in the Butter and Potato Markets and were very rarely used, and on his (Town Clerk's) suggestion Alderman Flusk, with Councillors Hayes, Murphy, James Billington, and the Mayor were appointed a Committee to consult with the Superintendent of the Garda Síochána, to see if the practice referred to could be prevented.

Richard Corish Y.D.

7th Apr

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3rd September, 1934.

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

The members present were:-

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

Aldermen: Michael Flusk, William Cullimore, Thomas Walsh, Patrick Tobin, and Robert Coffey

Councillors: Timothy Cashman, James Crosbie, Thomas Hayes, John J. O'Leary, James Sinnott, Michael Martin, Thomas Dunne, Thomas Doyle, Patrick Atkins, Robert Moran, Nicholas Connolly, James Billington, James McMahon, Phillip McGuire, John Billington, Thomas Buckland, James Gaul, and James Murphy.

On the motion of Councillor Gaul, seconded by Councillor Cashman, the Minutes of meeting of 13th ultimo 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 £4054 : 19 : 1, were submitted.

Included in them were three sums, amounting, in all, to £5 in respect of prizes for a Garden Scheme at Wolfe Tone Villas, and the Town Clerk pointed out that he knew of no Statutory Authority for such a scheme, and in his opinion the amounts paid would be surcharged by the Auditor.

Nevertheless the Meeting unanimously agreed that the Scheme was justified and that the prize money should be paid.

The remaining accounts were then examined and approved, and an Advice Note was signed to enable the Treasurer to discharge them.

Letters were read from the Minister for Local Government and Public Health and the Minister for Agriculture acknowledging votes of sympathy passed with them at last meeting on the death of Mrs. O'Kelly.

The Minister for Industry and Commerce stated that with reference to the Resolution adopted at last meeting, on the subject of the intention of Messrs. Arthur Guinness & Co., to open a brewery in London, the effect of the Company's announcement on the barley-growing industry of the County was receiving attention.

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was declared carried.

The position in connection with this post was now as follows:-

- (1) Wages 25/- per week with house and land.
- (2) To be filled by way of Competitive Examination.
- (3) The appointment confined to persons who are (a) married (b) not more than 45 years of age (c) residing in the Borough or Rural District of Wexford, and (d) are not in receipt of a pension in excess of £1 per week.

The Finance and Works Committee were authorised to make arrangements for the necessary examination.

An offer was submitted from the Great Southern Railways to dispose of a piece of land at Redmond Place for a sum of £150.

It was explained that for some twelve months past the Corporation had been trying to secure this site, on which it was proposed to erect a Town Hall, and as the price was considered reasonable, it was decided on the motion of Councillor Moran, seconded by Alderman Tobin, to purchase the ground for £150 provided it was in fee simple.

The Mayor reported that a State Grant of £1100, for work on Main Roads in the Borough, had been allocated.

At the beginning of the year representations had been made by him to the Department to have certain works carried out on Main Roads, and as a result of the receipt of this Grant the following could be done:- Concrete footpath from Hill Street to Rowe Street; concrete footpath from St. John's Road to Francis Street; concrete footpath from South Station to end of William Street; spraying Joseph Street; and steamrolling and laying Creophalt at Carrigeen Street.

The news that this Grant had been made available was warmly received, and on the motion of Alderman Coffey, seconded by Alderman Walsh, it was unanimously agreed to have the works detailed above put in hands immediately.

Alderman Coffey referred to the official announcement that Messrs. Arthur Guinness & Co., Ltd., were transferring part of their business to London, and asked the Corporation to adopt the following Resolution, viz.:-

"That Messrs. Arthur Guinness & Sons be asked to maintain their malting industry with Wexford Town and County on the same scale as hitherto obtained."

This resolution did not meet with unanimous favour, as some of the members held it might be a good matter for some of the smaller brewers, so in the end Alderman Coffey withdrew his proposition in favour of a suggestion by the Mayor, which was unanimously agreed to, that the Minister for Industry and Commerce be asked to try and secure that Wexford, being a barley-growing County, will not suffer as a result of the transfer of part of Messrs. Guinness's Business from Dublin.

Alderman Hayes referred to a very prevalent practice at the present time of persons from Rural Areas using cans and buckets to measure potatoes, etc., instead of a proper scales, and asked that steps be taken to have this practice of selling Farm Produce from door to door stopped.

last, an Inspector of his Department, acting on instructions under Section 2 of the Food and Drugs Act, 1899, obtained four samples of butter for analysis. The samples were duly submitted to the Public Analyst for the Borough, who certified that they proved to be genuine.

The contents of this communication were noted.

A communication was submitted from the Corporation of Cork, enclosing copy of a report submitted by the Medical Officer of Health for the City on the terms of the Milk Bill recently introduced in the Dail. This report contained certain amendments to the Bill, which the Cork Corporation considered vital to the proposed legislation, and they asked the Wexford Corporation to adopt these or other such recommendations, and forward same to the Minister for his consideration.

It was mentioned that a Government Commission had considered this matter at length, and it was thought that no useful purpose could be served by considering the voluminous report of Dr. Saunders, but, however, on the suggestion of Councillor Buckland, the matter was referred to the Public Health Committee.

The Mayor mentioned that on the 11th and 12th instant, the Association of Irish Municipal Authorities would hold their Annual Conference in Wexford, and that it would be necessary to give the delegates an Official Reception.

He also asked that a Reception Committee be appointed to meet the delegates, and make arrangements for their entertainment while in Wexford.

The following were appointed as a Reception Committee:- Aldermen Flusk, Ollimore, Coffey, with Councillors Buckland, Hayes, James Billington, Crossbie, O'Leary, and John Billington.

With reference to Minutes of last meeting, when it was agreed to purchase from the Great Southern Railways a site on which it was proposed to erect a Town Hall, the Housing Committee were asked to consider preliminary arrangements for the provision of this building, and were authorised to employ an Architect for the purpose.

Councillor Hayes referred to the recent election of a member as a representative on the Wexford Harbour Board, and said that on the day following the election the members who voted were criticised all over the town. He protested against this criticism, which he considered was improper as the members of the Corporation were entitled to vote as they thought best.

Councillor James Billington also protested against these references, and the matter dropped. The Mayor mentioned that for some time past the Housing Committee had had under consideration a Scheme for the provision of, approximately, 260 houses at Mandlintown.

The Committee had submitted the provisional Scheme to the Department of Local Government and Public Health, and at the moment some alterations suggested by the Department were being made in it, and it was expected that the approval of the Minister to the Scheme would be received in a short time. He (Mayor) therefore suggested that, in order to get the scheme going as soon as possible, the Town Clerk be authorised to apply for permission to overdraw the Housing (Capital) Account by a sum of £1500 in order to purchase the necessary land, etc., and to carry out preliminary work until the Loan had been negotiated.

Under date of 31st ultimo, by letter No. H.109604, the Minister for Local Government and Public Health sanctioned the continued employment of Mr. John J. Reynolds as Architect to 30th September next on terms already approved.

The Electricity Supply Board acknowledged receipt of a request from the Corporation to take steps to prevent the posting of bills on the electric standards throughout the town, and agreed that a continuance of the practice was most undesirable.

Since the receipt of the Corporation's request, the Boards Engineers had been instructed that the posting of bills on the electric standards must not be allowed under any circumstances, and they had further been directed to requisition the assistance of the Civic Guard, if necessary, in preventing the practice.

Appreciation was expressed at the prompt action of the Electricity Supply Board in this matter, and the Town Clerk was asked to request the Minister for Posts and Telegraphs to take steps to prevent the posting of bills on the telegraph poles throughout the town. With reference to Minutes of last meeting, when the terms and conditions with regard to the appointment of a Caretaker for Coolree Reservoir were fixed, it was reported that seven applications had been received for this post.

Of the seven, five only were eligible to sit for the examination, as the remaining two did not reside within the prescribed area.

The five applicants who were eligible and sat for the examination were as follows:- Thomas Lacey, Clifford Street; James McMahon, Barrack Street; Robert J. Cullen, William Street; Matthew Connolly, The Faythe; and Thomas Farrell, St. Peter's Square.

A Competitive Examination had been held for this post, and the result of same was submitted to the Meeting.

This showed that Thomas Lacey had secured-----21 marks.

James McMahon-----90 "

Robert Cullen-----48 "

Matthew Connolly-----35 "

Thomas Farrell-----35 "

It was seen that James McMahon had the highest number of marks, and he was unanimously elected to the post on the proposition of Alderman Coffey, seconded by Councillor Buckland.

In order to give the Acting Caretaker ample time to secure alternative accommodation for himself and his family, it was agreed that the new caretaker would not take up duty until the 1st prox., and the Acting Caretaker's appointment was extended until the 30th instant.

The Irish Tourist Association applied for authority to issue the sole Official Guide to the Borough for the years 1935/1936.

It was thought that if the Association's request were granted, the Guide should be printed in Wexford by Trade Union Labour. As well, it should be printed as a separate folder, and not as part of a book dealing with two or more Counties.

Thereupon Councillor Sinnott proposed that the Association's request be granted, on condition that the Guide be printed as a separate book, locally, by Trade Union Labour.

Councillor Gaul seconded this proposition which was passed unanimously.

Under date of the 14th ultimo, the Minister for Agriculture intimated that, on the 18th July

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Local Government and Public Health under date of 24th ultimo, by letter No. RS/32, stated that he would be prepared to agree to the salary for the office being fixed at £300 per annum, rising by annual increments of £15 to a maximum of £400 per annum.

It was pointed out that in fixing the salary for this post the Corporation had been influenced by the fact that during the past few years two Borough Surveyors had resigned to take up positions with more attractive remuneration than that offered in Wexford, and it was with a view to retaining the services of the new officer that the salary was fixed at £340 by £20 to £400 per annum.

Members did not think that the salary suggested by the Minister would be sufficiently attractive to attain the desired object of keeping a man in Wexford, but at the same time, it was thought desirable to meet the wishes of the Minister to some extent in this matter, and on the motion of the Mayor, seconded by Alderman Flusk, it was agreed to fix the salary at £320 per annum, by £15 to £330, and by £20 to £400 per annum, and the Minister for Local Government and Public Health was to be asked to agree to this scale, when application would be made to the Local Appointments Commission to recommend a suitable person for the office.

Under date of the 20th ultimo, by letter No. H.121530, the Minister for Local Government and Public Health intimated that he had approved of the lay-out of the proposed Housing Scheme at Maudlintown.

It was explained that for some months past the Housing Committee had been engaged on this Maudlintown Housing Scheme, which would provide for 261 houses to re-house persons to be displaced by the operations of the Corporation under the Housing of the Working Classes Acts, and the Corporation were now asked to adopt this Scheme if thought desirable, and to decide whether the 261 houses would be proceeded with simultaneously, or only a portion thereof.

After some discussion the Scheme was adopted generally on the motion of Councillor Sinnott, seconded by Councillor Moran.

A discussion then took place on the advisability of proceeding with the entire scheme or a part. Some members contended that it would not be possible to secure sufficient tradesmen to proceed with the whole scheme, and others were of the opinion that, in view of the large amount of money involved, it might be better only to deal with part of it as the cost of money might be reduced before the entire scheme was completed.

Eventually it was decided on the motion of Councillor Sinnott, seconded by Alderman Walsh, to refer the matter to the Housing Committee, who could report back to a Special Committee of the Corporation to be convened for the 8th instant.

In accordance with notice given, Councillor Moran moved. That the Press be admitted to all Committee Meetings for the future.

In moving the motion Councillor Moran stated that one reason he did so was that all the business of the Corporation was public business, and another reason was that proceedings at Committee Meetings were not kept secret as everyone in town knew what happened at them immediately afterwards.

Councillor Dunne seconded the motion.

On the motion of Councillor Moran, seconded by Councillor Cashman, the Mayor's suggestion was adopted, and the Town Clerk authorised to seek permission for the necessary overdraft.

L. Curran
Mayor

1. 10. 34

1st October, 1934.

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

The members present were:-

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

Aldermen: Patrick Tobin, William Gullimore, Michael Flusk, Thomas Walsh, and Robert Coffey.

Councillors: Timothy Cashman, Nicholas Connolly, Michael Martin, Robert Moran, Thomas Dunne, Patrick Atkins, James McMahon, Phillip McGuire, John Billington, John J. O'Leary, James Gaul, Thomas Hayes, James Crosbie, James Sinnott, James Billington, and Thomas Buckland.

On the motion of Councillor Gaul, seconded by Councillor McMahon, the Minutes of Meeting of 3rd September, 1934, were taken as having been read, and were accordingly signed.

With reference to Minutes of last Meeting, the Minister for Posts and Telegraphs intimated that the Department's Regulations strictly prohibited the posting of bills or notices on telegraph or telephone poles, and Post Office Engineering linesmen had instructions to remove such bills whenever they came under their notice.

Liabilities which had accrued due up to the end of last month amounting, in the aggregate, to £4117 : 8 : 9 were submitted, and having been examined were approved, and an Advice Note was signed to enable them to be discharged.

With reference to the Quarterly payment to the Minister for Industry and Commerce under the Unemployment Assistance Act, 1933, Councillor James Billington suggested that the Government should devise some means of using this money in the employment of men. He also raised the question of men having to stand in queues outside the Employment Exchanges for long periods, and further, he stated that it had been brought to his notice that if a man secured two day's work he would be debarred from claiming Unemployment Assistance for a further period of two weeks.

The Mayor undertook to take up the matters raised by Councillor Billington with the Minister for Industry and Commerce.

With reference to Minutes of last Meeting, when the Salary and Terms of Appointment of the incoming Borough Surveyor and Superintendent of Waterworks were agreed on, the Minister for

Under date of the 27th ultimo, by letter No. H.122538, the Minister for Local Government and Public Health intimated that he had given instructions to have the Wexford (Distillery Road) Clearance Order, 1934, confirmed without modification.

Councillor Hayes said that some years ago a former member of the Corporation brought on the question of motor cars passing Schools when children were coming out, and he thought it was agreed at the time that notices should be put near the schools warning motorists to drive slowly. This was never done.

The Town Clerk stated that since then there had been a far more practical solution of the problem. Some time ago he had been directed to request the Superintendent of the Garda to detail a Guard to regulate traffic outside each school in the town at the time the children were coming out, and he (Town Clerk) informed the meeting that he was personally aware that this was being done at the junction of George's Street, John Street, and St. John's Road, which was a most dangerous crossing contiguous to two schools. Councillor Hayes mentioned that he had noticed on several occasions motor cars driving at very fast speeds at St. Peter's Square without sounding a horn, and there seemed to be no respect for children in the street.

It was decided to draw the attention of the Garda to the excessive speed of motor cars, and, as well, the cost of warning signs was to be ascertained.

The attention of the Garda was also to be directed to the nuisance of "slap bangs" in the streets, a practice which members complained was again becoming prevalent.

In view of the recent heavy rainfall, it was decided that it was no longer necessary to curtail the water supply to the town.

K. Carr
Mayor
5. 11. 34

8th October, 1934

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

The members present were:-

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

Aldermen: Thomas Walsh, Patrick Tobin, Michael Flusk, William Gullimore, and Robert Coffey.

Councillors: Nicholas Connolly, Patrick Atkins, Phillip McGuire, John Billington, Thomas Hayes, James Billington, James Crosbie, Thomas Dunne, James McMahon, John J. O'Leary, Thomas Doyle, Thomas Buckland, James Sinnott, Timothy Cashman, Robert Moran, and Michael Martin.

Adverting to Minutes of last Meeting, when the Housing Committee were asked to consider what portion of the scheme of 261 houses at Maudlintown should be proceeded with, it was reported that the Committee had met on the 3rd instant, and had carefully considered this whole question.

They recommended that 154 houses would be sufficient to start with, and the Mayor, in submitting the report, suggested that 100 four-room and 54 three-room houses should be

A lengthy discussion followed the moving of this motion, during which it was pointed out that, while the Public were entitled to know what the Corporation were doing, it would be most injudicious to have the Press at every Committee Meeting.

At these Meetings, discussions took place which, if published, might prejudice the Corporation immensely. As an instance, it was mentioned that discussions often took place on the purchase of land for Housing, and if these discussions were published it might cost a lot more money to purchase the land in question.

Eventually, however, Councillor Moran agreed to withdraw his motion, and earnestly appealed to all the members to respect Committee Meetings for the future, an appeal which was heartily endorsed by several other members.

In accordance with Notice given, Alderman Flusk moved. That all unskilled workers, who had been employed for six months or more by the Corporation, be suspended until the unemployed men who have applications in for work get a reasonable term of employment. At the outset Alderman Flusk was asked if he intended his motion to apply to the permanent staff of the Corporation, and he replied "Yes".

A number of members agreed with the principle of Alderman Flusk's motion in so far as casual labourers were concerned, but did not agree that the permanent staff should be affected by the motion, and thought it would be a very bad example to other employers. It was pointed out that it would be very unfair to suspend men such as the scavengers, who had given long and faithful service to the Corporation. Some of these men had been employed for the past twenty years, and if the principle now advocated was established these men would have no incentive to give their best to the Corporation.

At this stage the Mayor moved an addendum to Alderman Flusk's motion, as follows:-

"Provided always that this applies only to Housing Schemes and other casual work carried out by the Corporation by Direct Labour; and that the Surveyor have power to employ certain men, whom he considers to be key-men, no matter what the previous duration of their employment has been."

In moving this addendum, the Mayor stated that he thought it would be found that the number of key-men would never go beyond six, and he believed it was absolutely necessary that any Surveyor should have that power if work was to be successfully carried out. There was such work on Housing Schemes as block making, making ceiling slabs, etc., and in his opinion this work could not be carried out by every labourer.

A further discussion took place on this addendum.

Alderman Flusk was prepared to agree to it provided the Borough Surveyor asked for key-men through the Employment Committee, but the Mayor pointed out that this would not give the Borough Surveyor the authority he thought advisable when moving his addendum. He (Mayor) pointed out, however, that by allowing the Borough Surveyor to employ key-men to the extent of six in number did not mean that these would be employed for the duration of a scheme as there was nothing to prevent them being changed if the Employment Committee were able to satisfy the Surveyor that they could give him men to replace them. Eventually Alderman Flusk's motion, with the Mayor's addendum, was unanimously adopted.

While some members were not in Favour of erecting three-room houses, they recognised that it was necessary to include some in the scheme in order to reduce the average all-in cost, so it was agreed on the motion of Councillor Sinnott, seconded by Councillor James Billington.

That 100 four-room and 54 three-room houses be erected at Maudlintown by direct labour. It was further resolved on the motion of Councillor Connolly, seconded by Councillor Sinnott. That a sum of £50,626 be borrowed from the Commissioners of Public Works to finance the scheme, and that the Minister for Local Government and Public Health be requested to sanction the obtainment of this amount.

A discussion arose as to whether these houses should be built with blocks or in mass concrete. Some favoured the former method, while others favoured the latter, but it was pointed out that it was doubtful if sufficient tradesmen would be available to build in blocks, and eventually it was decided to leave this matter entirely in the hands of the Borough Surveyor.

Councillor James Billington asked if it was the intention of the Corporation to seek a Grant from State Funds towards the cost of developing the site, and in reply the Town Clerk informed the Meeting that he had already made such an application, but it was, however, decided to renew the application for a Grant having regard to the amount of development work necessary, the cost of which would have to be charged in the rents of the houses.

A suggestion that a deputation wait on the Minister for Local Government and Public Health to seek such a Grant was adjourned until a reply had been received to the Town Clerk's Application. The Housing Committee recommended that the appointment of Mr. John J. Reynolds, Architect, should be terminated on the 13th instant, as the houses at Joseph Street were all but completed, and those at Hill Street should be completed in the course of a further two months.

The Committee also thought that as the Whitmill Housing Scheme was now finished, the Acting Borough Surveyor would have ample time to supervise the completion of the Hill Street houses. Some members contended, however, that a professional man like Mr. Reynolds should be given a month's notice, and it was unanimously agreed, on the motion of Councillor Moran, seconded by Councillor Sinnott, to extend his appointment until the 8th prox., subject to the sanction of the Minister for Local Government and Public Health, on which date his appointment was to be definitely terminated.

L. Curran
Mayor
5. 11. 34

erected.

In doing so he pointed out that, from the estimates made out, the all-in cost of 154 four-room houses, including roads, sewers, watermains, etc., would be £332 per house, and this would work out at approximately 5/- per week on the tenants, and it was with a view to reducing the average cost that he suggested the erection of some three-room houses. If the scheme suggested by the Mayor were adopted, the average all-in cost would be approximately £321 per house, and the average building cost £283.

It was also pointed out that in re-housing persons displaced by operations under the Housing of the Working Classes Acts, three-room houses would be necessary in the case of a man and his wife with no family.

The following Table which was submitted showed the all-in cost of the scheme:-

100 four-room houses:-

54 middle houses @ £278	£15,012	
46 end houses @ £298	<u>13,078</u>	£28,720 : 0 : 0

54 three-room houses:-

28 middle houses @ £248	£6,944	
26 end houses @ £264	<u>6,864</u>	13,808 : 0 : 0

Development for 154 houses @ £7 per house		1,078 : 0 : 0
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Removing old walls, etc	(for 154 houses)	71 : 0 : 0
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Roads, paths and kerbs	(173)	3,939 : 15 : 0
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Watermains	(173)	762 : 0 : 0
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Sewers	(173)	516 : 0 : 0
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Land:-

Stafford Gaffney	(261)	£600	
Houses - McKnight & Kelly	(261)	450	
Other houses and lands	(261)	500	
Mortgage Deed, Law Costs and incidentals.	(261)	<u>70</u>	1,620 : 0 : 0
Fencing part of sea road	(154)		112 : 0 : 0

Total-----		<u>£50,626 : 15 : 0</u>
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Average cost of building houses	£276 : 3 : 2 per House.
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Do.	Development	7 : 0 : 0	"	"
Do.	Removals	9 : 3	"	"
Do.	Roads, paths and kerbs	22 : 15 : 0	"	"
Do.	Watermain	4 : 8 : 1	"	"
Do.	Sewers	3 : 0 : 9	"	"
Do.	Fencing sea road	14 : 6	"	"
Do.	Land and Law Costs	6 : 4 : 1	"	"

Average all-in cost-----	£320 : 14 : 10	"	"
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The report of the Borough Analyst for the quarter ended 30th September last, which was submitted, showed that he had examined 13 samples of milk, 8 of butter, 3 each of margarine and cheese, and one each of buttermilk, whiskey, and port wine, making a total of 30 samples for the quarter, all of which had been found genuine.

Under date of the 2nd ultimo, by letter No. 1431, the Chief Superintendent of the Garda Síochána intimated that, in consequence of the transfer of Garda Peter Smith, the Office of Food and Drugs Inspector for the Borough was vacant, and he recommended that Garda Patrick O'Toole, of Wexford No. 2, be appointed by the Corporation to fill the office.

On the motion of Alderman Coffey, seconded by Councillor O'Leary, the Chief Superintendent's recommendation was adopted, and Garda O'Toole appointed as Food and Drugs Inspector for the Borough pursuant to the provisions of Section 13 of the Sale of Food and Drugs Act, 1875.

The Housing Committee forwarded a report on the all-in cost of the six houses constructed in No frango at Davitt Road, North, together with a recommendation that they be let at a rent of 6/6 each per week.

The following Statement shows how this rent was arrived at:-

All-in Cost of Scheme £1,809 : 3 : 4 or £301 : 10 : 6 per house.	
Repayment of £301 : 10 : 6 @ £6 : 13 : 4 per £100-----	£20 : 2 : 0
Deduct Government subsidy of one-third on £300-----	6 : 13 : 4
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	£13 : 8 : 8
Rates on assumed valuation of £5 @ 16/-	4 : 0 : 0
Depreciation, rent collection, Insurance, and administration expenses at 1% on actual building costs-----	2 : 15 : 0
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	£20 : 3 : 8
Rent at 6/6 per week-----	16 : 18 : 0
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Subsidy by Corporation-----	£3 : 5 : 8
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Councillor Crosbie proposed the adoption of the report, and Alderman Walsh seconded. In reply to a query, it was stated that the estimate for these houses was £1590, which they had exceeded by £219 : 3 : 4.

The Mayor explained that unexpected trouble had been met in laying the foundations for these houses, which was very costly, and in addition they had had to be re-roofed, but that No frango Limited had agreed to contribute a sum of £30 towards this latter work.

Some members expressed dissatisfaction with this system of house building, and urged that when the 22 houses at present in course of construction at Hill Street were completed, that no further houses should be erected in No frango.

Eventually the motion proposed by Councillor Crosbie, and seconded by Alderman Walsh, that the recommendation of the Housing Committee be adopted, was unanimously agreed to, and the rent was fixed at 6/6 each per week, subject to the approval of the Minister for Local Government and Public Health.

A Special Committee submitted the following amended Scale of Charges for the supply of water

5th November, 1934.

A Statutory Meeting of the Corporation was held 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: William Oullimore, Michael Flusk, Robert Coffey, Thomas Walsh, and Patrick Tobin.

Councillors: James McMahon, Phillip McGuire, Nicholas Connolly, Thomas Dunne, Patrick Atkins, James Murphy, James Billington, James Gaul, John Billington, Thomas Hayes, James Crosbie, James Sinnott, Thomas Buckland, John J. O'Leary, Timothy Chishman, Robert Moran, and Michael Martin.

The Minutes of Meetings of 1st and 8th October, 1934, were, on the motion of Alderman Walsh seconded by Councillor Gaul, 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 £11,434 : 4 : 9 were submitted. Included in them was a payment to a man named James Barry Walker, of Latimerstown, in respect of Milk supplied under the National Free Milk Supply Scheme, and Alderman Flusk suggested that the payment of this account should be withheld as Mr. Walker had not paid his rates to Wexford County Council. Alderman Flusk stated that, as far as he knew, this man was one of those out to pay no rent, rates, or annuities, and he held that they, as a Public Body, should not be paying him.

A number of members agreed with Alderman Flusk that any man who deliberately set out to impede a Local Council or the National Authorities should not get the support of any Public Body, and while they would be in favour of taking drastic action, it was thought that the payment could not be legally withheld.

It was mentioned that in a few months time the renewal of the Milk Contracts would be under consideration, when the matter could then be further debated, but, in the meantime, it was agreed that the Town Clerk should get in touch with Mr. Walker, call his attention to the fact that he had not paid his rates to Wexford County Council, and suggest that, as he was receiving a good amount of money through the Corporation from the Ratepayers, he should meet his obligations with as little delay as possible.

The accounts as presented, having been examined, were approved, and an Advice Note was signed to enable them to be discharged.

There was submitted for execution on behalf of the Corporation a Deed, transferring from Mrs. Christina McKnight, seven houses at Maudlintown, which it was agreed to purchase on 4th June last for the sum of £300. Under date of the 4th ultimo, by letter No. H.106509, the Minister for Local Government and Public Health had sanctioned the acquisition of this property, which was necessary in connection with the scheme for the erection of 262 houses for the housing of the working classes.

The Deed, which had been prepared by the Corporation Solicitor, was in order, and on the motion of Councillor Sinnott seconded by Alderman Walsh, the Corporate Seal was affixed thereto, and authenticated by the signatures of the Mayor and Town Clerk.

Dairies, hospitals, infirmaries, printing offices, workshops, schools, shambles,
look-up warehouses, offices, and piggeries. xxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxx

C. The following will be supplied on payment of double the Domestic Water Rate:-
Bakers, Confectioners, Eating-houses, Hotels, Public-Houses, Ale Wine and Spirit
Merchants, being bottlers, Posting Establishments, and livery stables.

D. Rates as under will be charged for water supplied by special fittings for the
following purposes:-

Brickwork, in plain walls, per cubic yard-----One Penny.

Buildings in course of erection, for each storey in height
per square yard of roofed site----- Twopence.

Masonry in fence walls per cubic yard----- Twopence.

The foregoing rates will only apply in the case of buildings or walls erected in
stone. If concrete is used the rates will be 100 per cent. extra.

Greenhouses per square yard of site per Quarter One Penny.

Screw nozzle, tap and hose, for house fronts and other purposes, where allowed,
per quarter----- 1/3.

E. Private Stables and coach-houses, supplied by special tap, etc.:- S. - D.

One horse-----	Per quarter-----	1 - 6
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Each additional horse-----	Do. -----	1 - 0
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Two-wheeled carriage-----	Do. -----	1 - 6
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Four Do. -----	Do. -----	2 - 6
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F. Water supply to ships:

3/- per 1000 gallons, but in no case less than 10/- per ship. This includes cost
of attendance and use of hosepipe and meter. Fractional parts of 1000 up to 500
gallons, 1/6; exceeding 500, 3/-. Adequate deposit to cover charge to be made
beforehand.

In the case of schooners, whether under motor power or sail, the above charges will
be reduced by one-half.

G. The following charges will be made for water used in washing every motor car, motor
lorry, motor truck or motor omnibus, unless the water so used is taken from a
supply fitted with a regulation water meter:-

To every person owning one motor vehicle 10/- per annum.

To every person owning two or more motor vehicles,
an additional fee of 5/- per annum for every vehicle in excess of one.

H. Where the attendance of the Turncock is required for tapping main or any other
purpose, a charge for such attendance at the rate of 2/- per hour will be made, with
a minimum charge of 5/-.

I. Water will be supplied for other purposes than those enumerated in the foregoing
list by special agreement.

J. The foregoing rates are subject to re-arrangement by the Corporation or the Water-
works Committee on the application of consumers.

for Trades, Manufactures, and other special purposes:-

WEXFORD CORPORATION

WATERWORKS,

SCALE OF CHARGES FOR THE SUPPLY OF WATER FOR TRADES, MANUFACTURES, AND
OTHER SPECIAL PURPOSES.

A. The following will be supplied by meter only:-

Barracks, Boilers, Brewers, and breweries, Brick makers, Chemical works, Cooling Ponds, Carriers, Distilleries, Engine & Boiler makers, Foundries, Fountains, Gas Works, Hydraulic Machinery, Malsters, Mills, Millwrights, Ornamental Waters, Prisons, Public Baths and Wash-houses, Public Laundries, Street and Road Watering, Tanneries, Railroads, Soda Water, &c., Manufacturers, Urinals, Motor Garages, Steam Bakeries, Wholesale Bottlers, Refrigerators, Premises where photograph negatives are developed, or copies from photograph negatives printed. Water for all Manufacturing purposes. Water supplied by meter will be charged for at the rate of Ninepence per thousand gallons.

The Corporation will provide the meters, which must be installed by a "Registered Waterworks Plumber" at the expense of the consumer, and the following charges will be made for the use thereof:-

<i>For each Low pressure meter capable of delivering</i>		D.	
100 gallons per hour		1 - 6	per Quarter.
200	Do.	2 - 0	Do.
400	Do.	2 - 6	Do.
600	Do.	3 - 0	Do.
800	Do.	4 - 0	Do.
1000	Do.	5 - 0	Do.
2000	Do.	7 - 6	Do.
3000	Do.	9 - 6	Do.
4000	Do.	11 - 0	Do.
6000	Do.	15 - 0	Do.

Where high-pressure meters are supplied, the charge per 1000 gallons will be ten per cent. extra. The minimum charge for water supplied by meter will be 1/5 per quarter in addition to the meter rent.

Where a meter is out of order in any quarter the charge will be computed on the consumption for the corresponding quarter in the last year in which the meter was in order. A meter will be sent to the Manufacturers for test on the application of any consumer on condition that the consumer undertakes to pay the cost of such test if the manufacturers certify such meter to be in order.

B. The following premises, not subject to Domestic Rate, will be supplied on payment of the Domestic Rate on the full valuation of the premises. The water not to be used for manufacturing purposes, or for purposes for which water is required to be supplied through a meter or by special agreement:-

The Committee thought, if the foregoing scale were adopted, that a big increase in the number of persons using dustbins would result, and strongly recommended the Corporation to adopt it. Councillor Sinnott proposed the adoption of the scale, and Councillor Hayes seconded. Councillor James Billington, however, moved as an amendment. That the scale be reduced in each case by 2/- per annum with a corresponding reduction for quarterly payments. Alderman Coffey seconded.

On the amendment being put to the meeting it was declared lost by 17 votes against to 5 for, and the original motion, that the Scale as recommended by the Special Committee be adopted, was declared carried.

The following Resolution was submitted from the Wexford Development Association, viz.:-

"That we the Wexford Development Association view with the utmost approval and satisfaction the steps taken by the Wexford Harbour Commissioners to make Wexford a deep-water Port and we would impress upon the members of the County Council and the Wexford Corporation the urgency of Co-operation with the Harbour Board in striking the Rates sought."

This Resolution dealt with the proposals of Wexford Harbour Commissioners for the improvement of the Harbour at a cost of £170,000.

A copy of a report made by Messrs. McAteer and McEntee, Consulting Engineers to the Harbour Board on the proposed works, had been furnished to each member before the present meeting. This report dealt, inter alia, with the raising of sufficient money to repay the amount necessary for the proposed works. It was suggested that £1,000 should be contributed by Wexford Harbour Commissioners; a rate of 1/- in the pound by Wexford Corporation; and a rate of threepence in the pound by Wexford County Council.

The members of the Corporation were unanimous that something would have to be done to improve the Harbour, as if such improvements were carried out it would be to the advantage of Wexford Town and County, and Councillor Moran gave notice that he would move at next Statutory Meeting that a rate of 1/- in the pound be levied on the Borough for a period of 40 years. At this stage the Town Clerk intimated that the Corporation had no power to lay on such a rate and on his suggestion Councillor Moran added to his motion "provided that the necessary legislation was passed".

The Mayor stated that a proposal would go before Wexford County Council on the 12th instant to raise a rate of threepence in the pound for the project, and he thought it well that the present meeting should give some expression of their willingness to raise the 1/- in the pound required from Wexford Town, and although a proposal was not taken, it was the feeling of the meeting that at the Statutory Meeting in December, the necessary Resolution would be adopted. There was submitted a Resolution from the Ennis Urban Council calling on the Government to introduce legislation to enable Town Tenants to become owners of their holdings, and as the Mayor intimated that the Government had promised to introduce legislation to deal with this matter in the next Session, no action was taken on the Resolution.

A Resolution from the Republican Prisoners Dependents Committee calling on all Public Bodies in the County to demand the release of Republican Prisoners, was ruled out of order by the

This Committee had been asked some time ago to examine the present scale with the object of increasing the revenue from the sale of water. They had met on several occasions, carefully examined the old scale, and presented the foregoing for submission to the present meeting. 168

The alterations in the old scale were explained by the Mayor. They were as follows:-

Section A: Motor Garages, Steam Bakeries, Wholesale Bottlers, Refrigerators, Premises where photograph negatives were developed, or where copies from photograph negatives were printed, were only to be supplied by meter, and a new condition was inserted for the testing of meters, which consumers alleged were out of order.

In Section D the rates for building work were increased by 100% where buildings were erected in concrete.

Section G. had been adopted some years ago, but had never been enforced, and the Committee now proposed that a fee should be charged for the washing of motor cars.

Section H was also a new charge.

A copy of the foregoing scale of charges had been furnished to each member before the meeting, and the only alteration suggested was that a charge should be made for watering gardens, but it was considered that this would be impossible to collect, and was not pressed. Thereupon His Worship the Mayor moved that the Scale, as submitted, be adopted. This was seconded by Councillor Crosbie, and agreed to unanimously.

The same Committee also submitted the following revised scale of charges for the emptying of dustbins:-

Where the Valuation of the premises:

does not exceed £6-----	7/6 per year.
exceeds £6 but does not exceed £12-----	10/- " "
" £12 " " " " £15-----	15/- " "
" £15 " " " " £17 : 10.-----	20/- " "
" £17 : 10-----	25/- " "

The foregoing rates only apply where yearly payments are made in advance in respect of the year 1st February to 31st January.

Where payments are made quarterly in advance in respect of the quarters ending on 30th April, 31st July, 31st October or 31st January (or any part thereof) the rates will be:-

Where the valuation of the premises:

does not exceed £6-----	2/- per quarter.
exceeds £6 but does not exceed £12-----	3/- " "
" £12 " " " " £15-----	4/- " "
" £15 " " " " £17 : 10.-----	6/- " "
" £17 : 10-----	7/- " "

It was explained that previously the charges had been:-

Where the Valuation of premises did not exceed £6----- 7/6 per year.
and where the valuation exceeded £6----- 25/- " "

As well if a person required a dustbin at any time during the year, they had to pay the full charge notwithstanding the fact that half the year might have passed.

The rents of the houses were made up as follows:-

Four-room House.

Repayment of £296 : 15 : 3 @ £6 : 13 : 4	£19 : 15 : 8
Less Government Subsidy of two-thirds	13 : 3 : 10

6 : 11 : 10

Rates on an assumed valuation of £5	4 : 0 : 0
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Depreciation, insurance, rent collection, etc. @ 1%

on actual building costs	2 : 16 : 7
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Total annual charge £13 : 8 : 5

A rent of 4/- per week would produce	10 : 8 : 0
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Leaving a subsidy payable by the Corporation of	£3 : 0 : 5
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Three-room House.

Repayment of £271 : 15 : 3 @ £6 : 13 : 4	£18 : 2 : 4
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Less Government Subsidy of two-thirds	12 : 1 : 7
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6 : 0 : 9

Rates on an assumed valuation of £4	3 : 4 : 0
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Depreciation, etc. at 1%	2 : 10 : 0
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Total annual charge £11 : 14 : 9

A rent of 3/- per week would produce	7 : 16 : 0
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Leaving a subsidy payable by the Corporation of	£3 : 18 : 9
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At the outset of this scheme it was decided to build forty houses, and a Loan was raised of

£12,300 : 0 : 0

In addition a Government Grant was received of	700 : 0 : 0
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When these forty houses were nearing completion it was decided

to build a further 46 for which a Loan was raised of	12,600 : 0 : 0
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At a later date it was decided to build a further 8 houses

for which no Loan was raised, and the estimated cost of which,

on the basis of the estimates for the earlier houses, would

have been	2,260 : 0 : 0
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Cost of land for these 8 houses	50 : 0 : 0
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Cost of property purchased for earlier schemes, over estimate	40 : 0 : 0
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Law Costs not previously estimated for	26 : 0 : 0
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Total Estimate of Scheme	£27,976 : 0 : 0
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Actual all-in cost of Scheme	26,946 : 0 : 0
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Saving on estimated cost ©: Wexford Borough Council 2,030 : 0 : 0.

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The Public Health Committee recommended the making of Demolition Orders in respect of three houses at John Street.

It was reported that the Committee had served the necessary notices, under Section 23 of the Housing (Miscellaneous Provisions) Act, 1931, and had received no offer from the owner as to the carrying out of works or the future user of the houses, and so, on the motion of Alderman Walsh seconded by Councillor Crosbie, the three Demolition Orders were sealed on behalf of the Corporation.

*R. Curran V.D.
Mayor of Wexford*

12th November, 1934.

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

The members present were:-

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

Aldermen: Robert Coffey, Thomas Walsh, Patrick Tobin, Michael Flusk, and William Gullimore.

Councillors: Nicholas Connolly, Patrick Atkins, James McMahon, Phillip McGuire, John Billington, James Billington, James Crosbie, James Gaul, Thomas Buckland, James Murphy, James Sinnott, Robert Moran, Thomas Dunne, Michael Martin, John J. O'Leary, and Thomas Hayes.

The first business before the Meeting was to receive a report on the all-in cost of the erection of 96 houses at Whitemill Road, together with a recommendation from the Housing Committee that the dwellings be let at rents of 3/- and 4/- each per week.

The Statement showed that the all-in cost of the scheme was £26,946. This included a sum of £845 : 12 : 2 for the purchase of land, etc. and law costs, together with a sum of £1404 : 12 : 7 in respect of the development of site, so that the actual building costs amounted to £24,695 : 15 : 3.

This showed the all-in cost per house at £286 : 13 : 2, and the building cost £262 : 14 : 7.

The Government had contributed a sum of £700 towards the development of the site, and if this were taken from the £26,946 it would leave a sum of £26,246 to be raised by the Corporation to finance the entire scheme, or an average all-in cost to the Corporation of £279 : 4 : 3 per house.

Of the 96 houses, 66 were three-room, and twenty-eight were four-room houses.

It was estimated that the four-room houses cost £25 per house more than the three-room, and so the average cost of the three-room house was £271 : 15 : 3, and of the four-room house £296 : 15 : 3.

recommending the Corporation to purchase one.

The deputation had also inspected a Merryweather machine at the Ballsbridge Showgrounds, and were much impressed by it. This machine, together with 500 feet of hose and two instantaneous stand pipes could be purchased for the sum of £1229 : 8 : 2, including £233 Import Duty already paid thereon.

The Fire Brigade Committee had carefully considered this matter on two recent occasions, and had unanimously decided to recommend the Corporation to purchase the machine together with a First Aid Reel consisting of a 30 gallon tank, and 180 feet of rubber hose and two nozzles at an extra cost of £32 : 17 : 0.

This brought the entire cost of the machine to £1312 : 5 : 2 made up as follows:-

Fire Engine with Soda and Acid Extinguishers-----	£1178 : 10 : 0
First Aid equipment attached to machine-----	80 : 0 : 0
500 ^{ft} feet of hose-----	38 : 19 : 2
2 instantaneous stand pipes-----	11 : 19 : 0
2 branch pipes and nozzles-----	2 : 17 : 0
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	£1312 : 5 : 2

In addition to the above, provision would have to be made for the cost of the necessary Mortgage Deed, and the Committee further recommended that a Loan of £1320 be borrowed from the Treasurer for a period of ten years at one-half per cent. below Irish Banks Rate subject to a minimum of four per cent.

Thereupon Councillor Murphy moved. That the Resolution of 13th November, 1933, be rescinded. Councillor McMahon seconded, and this was unanimously agreed to.

Councillor James Billington then proposed. That the tender of Messrs. Merryweather for a fire engine and the necessary equipment for the sum of £1312 : 5 : 2 be accepted. Councillor Sinnott seconded and the motion was adopted nem con.

Councillor O'Leary proposed. That a sum of £1320 be borrowed from the Treasurer (The National Bank) to be repaid within a period of ten years with interest at the rate of one-half per cent. below Irish Banks Rate subject to a minimum of four per cent.; and that the Minister for Local Government and Public Health be requested to sanction the raising of this amount.

Councillor Hayes seconded this motion, which was unanimously agreed to.

Adverting to Minutes of 4th June last, when it was agreed to purchase the Ground Landlord's interest in seven houses at Maodlintown for the sum of £150, the necessary legal document in connection therewith was submitted for execution on behalf of the Corporation.

This purchase had been sanctioned by the Minister for Local Government and Public Health under date of the 4th ultimo, by letter No. H.106509, and the document, which had been prepared by the Corporation Solicitor, was signed and sealed on behalf of the Corporation on the motion of Alderman Walsh, seconded by Alderman Coffey.

The Meeting then separated.

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In submitting this report the Housing Committee strongly recommended the fixing of the rents at 3/- and 4/- each per week, and the present meeting expressed gratification at the saving of £1030 on this scheme.

Councillor Moran thereupon proposed the adoption of the report and the recommendation that the rents be fixed at 3/- per week each for three-room, and 4/- per week each for four-room houses.

Councillor Murphy seconded this motion, and it was unanimously agreed to, subject, of course, to the sanction of the Minister for Local Government and Public Health.

It was pointed out at this stage that the sum raised by the Corporation up to the present for this scheme was £24,900, and in addition a Government Grant of £700 had been received which made the gross receipts £25,600, leaving a sum of £1,346 to be borrowed, and the Housing Committee recommended that this amount, together with a sum of £219 in respect of outstanding liabilities on the erection of six houses recently completed at Davitt Road, North, be borrowed subject to the approval of the Minister for Local Government and Public Health from the Local Loans Fund.

Thereupon Councillor Gaul proposed. That a Loan of £1565 be obtained from the Local Loans Fund for the payment of outstanding liabilities in connection with the erection of 94 houses at Whitemill and six houses at Davitt Road, North.

This was seconded by Alderman Walsh, and unanimously agreed to.

Councillor Connolly suggested that for future housing schemes, the figures submitted above should be circulated to the members some time before the meeting at which they were to be considered, and it was unanimously agreed that this should be done.

The next business was to consider a motion on behalf of the Fire Brigade Committee that the Resolution of 13th November, 1933, accepting the tender of Messrs. Simonis, London, for the supply of a Fire Engine, be rescinded.

It was explained that this tender had been accepted on the recommendation of a Captain Hutson, who had been called in to advise the Corporation on Fire Fighting equipment, but that subsequently the Minister for Local Government and Public Health had informed the Corporation that, as Captain Hutson was an agent for the firm, the acceptance of whose tender he recommended, he was unable to sanction same. He further advised that the Corporation should seek the benefit of independent opinion on this matter, and intimated that the Captain of the Dublin Fire Brigade would be a suitable person to give such advice. The Corporation were not aware, at the time Messrs. Simonis tender was accepted, that Captain Hutson was in any way connected with the firm, and as a result of the Minister's communication had taken up the matter with Captain Connolly, Chief of the Dublin Fire Brigade.

Two consultations had taken place with Captain Connolly, one in Wexford and the other at the Tara Street Fire Station, where the Chief kindly demonstrated the machines he had there, which had been supplied by Messrs. Merryweathers, of London.

Neither Captain Connolly nor any of his officers had any knowledge of the Simonis' outfit, but on the other hand he had intimated to the deputation that he had never known Merryweathers' machines to fail in any emergency, and he had no hesitation in

intimated, at least two factories would be established in the Town if this scheme were carried out. While he knew that the ratepayers found it hard to meet their commitments at the present time, he believed that the increase of business, which would be brought about by the expenditure of the £170,000, which was the estimated cost of the scheme, and with the increased trade that was expected, they would find it easier to pay the extra rate, than it was now to pay the present one.

Councillor McMahon seconded the motion, and in doing so he paid a tribute to the Mayor for the splendid fight he had made on the various Bodies of the County to have the Scheme carried through.

At this stage the Mayor pointed out that, in addition to the £960 proposed to be raised by Councillor Moran's motion, the Corporation would also have to pay 2½d. in the pound through the medium of the Poor Rate.

Councillor Moran's motion, on being put to the Meeting, was unanimously agreed to.

Councillor Gaul asked how long it would take to have the Private Bill made law, and the Mayor explained the various stages through which the Bill would have to go, but thought it would be law by next May or June.

The Finance Committee recommended that the salary of the Town Clerk be fixed at £400 per annum as from 1st December, 1934, rising by annual increments of £10 to a maximum of £500 per annum.

It was pointed out that in August last the Town Clerk had applied to have his present rate of salary revised. In his application he stated that his salary was £310, rising by annual increments of £10 to £400 per annum, which was subject to a deduction of £16 in the current year, leaving the net amount payable at £294 or £5 : 13 : 0 per week.

He further intimated that the Corporation received in fees from him £70 for Franchise Work, and £18 for Old Age Pensions Work, which left the net charges for his services to the Corporation at £206 per annum or £3 : 19 : 0 per week.

In addition, he pointed out that the salary paid to the Town Clerk of Wexford had been reduced from £636 per annum in 1927 to the present scale, which was a reduction of more than fifty per cent., and stated that the work since 1927 had increased by at least one hundred per cent. Finally he asked to have his salary increased to a figure commensurate with his duties and responsibilities, and to that paid to other Town Clerks in the State. The Mayor intimated that enquiries had been made as to the salaries paid to Town Clerks in Towns of a similar size to Wexford.

The Town Clerk of Kilkenny was in receipt of £450-£10-£500 per annum; the Town Clerk of Clonmel received £700 per annum together with Franchise Fees; The Town Clerk of Galway received £400-£10-£500 together with Franchise Fees; the Town Clerk of Dundalk was in receipt of £460 per annum, and the Mayor stated that so far as he could gather, the Town Clerk of Wexford was the lowest paid of all, notwithstanding that he had to deal with Direct Labour in connection with the erection of Working-class houses, which involved a considerable amount of extra work not carried out by the other Clerks.

Finally he stated that the Finance Committee were unanimous in granting the increase recommended.

3rd December, 1934.

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

The members present were:-

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

Aldermen: Michael Flusk, William Cullimore, Thomas Walsh, Robert Coffey, and Patrick Tobin.

Councillors: James McMahon, James Crosbie, James Sinnott, James Gaul, Nicholas Connolly, Timothy Cashman, John Billington, Thomas Hayes, Michael Martin, Thomas Dunne, James Murphy, Robert Moran, Patrick Atkins, Thomas Doyle, Phillip McGuire, and Thomas Buckland.

On the motion of Councillor Gaul, seconded by Councillor Crosbie, the Minutes of Meetings of 5th and 12th November, 1934, 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 £2,028 : 2 : 7 were submitted, and having been examined, were approved, and an Advice Note was signed to enable the Treasurer to pay them.

Councillor Murphy referred to the Bazarr and Fancy Fair which was being run nightly in a yard on the Quay, and asked if the Corporation had any power to order the proprietor to leave the Town, and if so, when it was proposed to exercise such power.

The Town Clerk intimated that, so far as he was aware, the Corporation had no authority to remove these people, and Councillor Murphy pointed out that a large number of children frequented these premises until a late hour at night, and, eventually, it was decided that the proprietor should be asked not to admit children under sixteen years of age.

Before the business of the Meeting commenced, the Mayor moved that the sympathy of the Meeting be extended to Mrs. Crofts, Inspector of the Department of Local Government and Public Health, on the death of her husband, the late Gerald Crofts.

In proposing this motion, the Mayor referred to the important part the late Mr. Crofts had played in the fight for Irish Freedom, and stated that his health broke down in consequence of the services he had rendered to his Country during the Black and Tan period. This motion was seconded by Councillor Moran, and adopted in the usual way.

The Mayor also moved that the sympathy of the Meeting be tendered to the relatives of the late James Roche.

James Roche, he stated, occupied the attention of the people of Wexford for a considerable number of years, while in the Boxing arena, and he was champion of Ireland for a long time. Councillor Gaul seconded this motion, which was also adopted in silence.

In accordance with Notice given, Councillor Moran moved that a rate equivalent to £960 per annum be raised by the Corporation for a period of forty years towards the cost of repayment of the Loan for the proposed improvement of Wexford Harbour, conditional on the necessary legislation being passed authorising the striking of such rate.

Councillor Moran, in moving the motion, stated he was of opinion that the scheme was a dire necessity if the Port were to be kept open. When the scheme was completed it would be an immense advantage to the Town and County. According to very reliable information, he

was ninepence per ton more than the lowest tender.

Eventually the tender of Patrick Donovan, for the supply of gravel at 3/9 per ton, was accepted on the motion of Councillor Gaul, seconded by Councillor Hayes; and the tender of John Quirke, for the supply of sand and gravel at 3/9 per ton, was accepted on the motion of Councillor Murphy, seconded by Alderman Flusk.

It was unanimously agreed that both tenders be accepted only on condition that the men employed on the work were members of a recognised Trade Union.

It was thought that the two contractors accepted would be in a position to supply all the sand and gravel necessary, and if not, the remainder of the tenders could be considered at a later date.

The Finance Committee recommended that a Loan of £1,000 be raised in order to make a Grant to the Town of Wexford Vocational Education Committee to provide a gymnasium for the school. As the Grant would be made under Section 5 of the Vocational Education Act, 1930, fifty per cent. of the Loan Charges would be borne by the State.

Councillor Connolly moved that the recommendation of the Finance Committee be adopted, and that a Loan of £1,000 be raised from the Local Loans Fund for a period of twenty-five years, in order to make a Grant to the Town of Wexford Vocational Education Committee, conditional on fifty per cent. of the Loan Charges in connection therewith being recouped by the Minister for Education. Councillor Cashman seconded the proposal, which was unanimously adopted.

The Housing Committee recommended that the rents of the fourteen houses, recently completed at Joseph Street, should be 5/6 each per week, and that they should be let to persons living in condemned houses, or in rooms in overcrowded houses.

The all-in cost of the scheme amounted to £4951 : 4 : 2, and the estimated cost £4350 : 0 : 0. This showed the cost of each house at £352 : 13 : 2, and the following Table shows how they could be let at a rent of 5/6 each per week:-

Repayment of £354-----	£23 : 12 : 0	
Deduct subsidy of 2/3rd on £300-----	13 : 6 : 8	
		£10 : 5 : 4
Rates on assumed valuation of £5-----		4 : 0 : 0
Depreciation, Insurance, Etc.-----		3 : 0 : 0
		£17 : 5 : 4
Rent at 5/6 per week-----		14 : 6 : 0
		£2 : 19 : 4
Corporation subsidy-----		

In moving the adoption of the Housing Committee's recommendation, the Mayor stated that different reasons had been given by the Architect to account for the increase. He (Mayor) knew that underneath some of the houses it was necessary to excavate to a depth of about eight feet, and to put in a concrete raft for the foundations, but in his opinion, and in the opinion of the Housing Committee, the houses had cost too much. The result was the rent would be 5/6 per week, and the Corporation would subsidise each house to the extent of

Councillor Gaul moved that the recommendation of the Finance Committee be adopted. This motion was seconded by Alderman Walsh, and unanimously agreed to.

Arising out of this recommendation, Councillor Buckland suggested that the whole staff of the Corporation should be re-organised, more especially in regard to the Housing Department. Quite recently a Housing Scheme had cost a lot more than the estimate, and in the absence of a proper system of costing it was impossible to accurately check where this loss occurred. He was aware that the Town Clerk had too much work to do, and would probably have to get help to carry out such costing work, but he thought that they should go into the matter and elaborate a scheme for a proper Housing Department.

Some members considered, however, that this was more a question for the Surveyor's Department than the Town Clerk's, and further consideration of it was deferred until a permanent appointment was made to the office of Borough Surveyor.

There was submitted a copy of the Town and Regional Planning Act of 1934, together with Orders and Regulations made thereunder by the Minister for Local Government and Public Health.

A summary of the provisions of this Act had been furnished to the members by the Town Clerk some ten days before the meeting, in which he suggested that further consideration, and a more detailed examination than would be possible at the present meeting, should be made by a small Committee who could make recommendations to the Corporation, and it was unanimously agreed that the Act should be referred to the Housing Committee with instructions to consider it, and make any recommendations they thought necessary to the Corporation. Six tenders were submitted for the supply of pit sand and gravel for the Maudlintown Housing Scheme. The conditions attaching to these tenders were read for the meeting, and included, amongst other things, clauses that all persons tendering should submit a receipt or certificate showing that they had paid their rates to Wexford Corporation and/or Wexford County Council up to the 31st March, 1934; and that they were prepared to pay Trade Union Rates of Wages in respect of all work in connection with the Contract.

The tenders, on being opened, were found to be as follows:-

Mr. Stephen Cleary	4/- per ton.
Mr. William O'Brien	4/- " "
Mr. E. Farrell	3/9 " "
Mr. M. Browne	4/6 " "
Mr. John Quirke	3/9 " "
Mr. Patrick Donovan.	Gravel 3/9. Sand 4/6 per ton.

The Borough Surveyor intimated that he had tested all the samples of sand and gravel from these contractors, with the exception of Farrell, and he knew nothing at all about this man's materials.

With regard to rates, each person submitted a certificate or receipt showing that their rates were paid, with the exception of Michael Browne.

Some members considered that the two local tenders of Donovan and Browne should be accepted, but the Mayor pointed out that he could not take a proposal to accept Browne's tender, having regard to the fact that he had not paid his rates, and that the price quoted by him

10th December, 1934. :

A Special Meeting of the Corporation 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 Walsh, Michael Flusk, William Ollimore, Robert Coffey, and Patrick Tobin.

Councillors: Timothy Cashman, Robert Moran, Patrick Atkins, James Murphy, James McMahon, Phillip McGuire, James Billington, James Gaul, John Billington, John J. O'Leary, Thomas Hayes, James Crosbie, James Sinnott, Thomas Dunne, Michael Martin, Nicholas Connolly, and Thomas Buckland.

The first business of the meeting was to execute a Deed of Mortgage, whereby security would be given to the Commissioners of Public Works in Ireland for the repayment of a Loan of £50,600, proposed to be borrowed for the erection of 154 houses at Maudlintown.

The obtaining of this Loan had been sanctioned by the Minister for Local Government and Public Health under date of the 26th ultimo, by letter No. H.137880, and a draft of the Deed had already been approved on behalf of the Corporation.

Thereupon the following Resolution, as proposed by Councillor Connolly and seconded by Alderman Walsh, 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 Commissioners of Public Works in Ireland for the repayment of the sum of Fifty Thousand Six Hundred Pounds, proposed to be advanced by them to us under the Housing of the Working Classes Acts, &c."

The Corporate Seal was thereupon affixed to the Deed, and the following Resolution, as proposed by Alderman Coffey and seconded by Councillor Sinnott, was unanimously adopted:-

"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 said Commissioners and that all such advances shall be lodged to OUR Account in the Wexford Branch of the National Bank."

The next business was to select tenants for the fourteen houses at Joseph Street, and arising out of this the Mayor referred to a remark passed at last Meeting by Councillor Buckland to the effect that the Corporation had recently lost a large sum of money on the erection of houses, for which they were unable to account, and which had been the subject of what he (Mayor) considered unfair criticism in the Press.

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£2 : 19 : 4 per year.

In reply to a query by Councillor Connolly, it was stated that the Corporation were subsidising the Whitmill houses to the extent of £4 each per year, and that if the rent of these houses was fixed the same as the Whitmill rents, the Corporation would be required to pay an extra subsidy of £3 : 18 : 0, or a total of £6 : 17 : 4 on each house.

Members were disappointed that these houses had cost over the estimate, but it was realised that nothing further could be done to reduce the cost, except that the Housing Committee should take steps to see that all the saving possible was made on the scheme at present proceeding at Maudlintown.

The Mayor's motion, that the Committee's recommendation be adopted, was seconded by Councillor Crosbie, and unanimously agreed to.

Applications for tenancy were to be invited by Monday, 10th instant, and the Housing Committee was to meet beforehand and make recommendations to the Corporation as to the most deserving applicants.

The Mayor gave notice that he would move, at next Statutory Meeting, that the new houses at Joseph Street be named "Columba Villas" and the new Avenue at Hill Street "Croke Avenue".

The Finance Committee recommended the purchase of four houses at Westgate for the sum of £40, in order to improve the street there.

Some members considered that the houses should be condemned, but it was pointed out that even if this were done, the Corporation would have to pay site value for the property, and, as well, an enquiry would be necessary, and possibly an arbitrator would have to be appointed to fix the amount payable for the ground; so having regard to all the circumstances, it was thought that by purchasing the property in fee simple for the sum of £40, the Corporation were securing it at the cheapest possible price.

Thereupon Councillor McMahon moved the adoption of the recommendation, which was seconded by Councillor Sinnott, and agreed to by all.

A further recommendation was submitted by the Finance Committee, that a Loan of £540 be made to James P. Quirke, of North Main Street, under the Small Dwellings Acquisition Acts, 1899 to 1931.

It was explained that Mr. Quirke proposed to erect a house at an estimated cost of £600, on a plot of ground which had been leased to him by the Corporation at St. John's Road, and as members were satisfied that Mr. Quirke was a suitable person for an advance under the Acts, the recommendation was adopted on the motion of Councillor Gaul, seconded by Councillor Dunne.

A motion standing in the name of Councillor James Billington to refer to the decision of the County Board of Health, deferring the erection of a Fever Hospital for the Wexford District, was adjourned owing to the absence of the Councillor through illness.

R. Dunne
Mayor

Mr. Aidan Murphy

Swan View.

Mr. Bernard Quirke

Parnell Street.

Mr. John O'Connor

King Street.

Mr. Richard Delaney

High Street.

Mr. Thomas R. Byrne

Paul Quay.

Mr. Patrick Beary

Abbey Street.

Mr. Patrick Dodd

Temperance Row.

The Meeting then separated.

R. Corish
Mayor
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7th January, 1935.

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

The members present were:-

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

Aldermen: Thomas Walsh, Michael Flusk, William Gullimore, Robert Coffey, and Patrick Tobin.

Councillors: Nicholas Connolly, Timothy Cashman, Thomas Dunne, Patrick Atkins, James Murphy, James McMahon, Phillip McGuire, James Billington, James Sinnott, John Billington, James Crosbie, John J. O'Leary, Robert Moran, Michael Martin, and Thomas Buckland.

The Minutes of Meetings of 3rd and 10th December, 1934, were, on the motion of Councillor Crosbie, seconded by Councillor McMahon, 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 £5,400 : 9 : 1, were submitted, and having been examined were approved, and an Advice Note was signed to enable the Treasurer to pay them.

Councillor Connolly, at this stage, referred to a Meeting of the Housing Committee held on the 4th instant, and asked how many tenders were submitted for the supply of timber for the erection of 154 houses at Maudlintown.

The Town Clerk, in reply, informed the Councillor that three tenders had been submitted. Of the three, only two had been opened, and the third one, from the Wexford Timber Company, had been ruled out of order by the Committee on the ground that it did not comply with the Specification.

Of the two tenders opened, that of Messrs. Graves of Waterford had also been ruled out of order on the ground that it did not comply with the Specification either, inasmuch as the quotation was for materials F.O.R. Waterford, whereas the Specification asked for tenders for the materials delivered on the site, Maudlintown.

The only remaining tender which appeared to be in order was that of Messrs. McCormack & Hegarty, of Custom House Quay, Wexford, and the Committee had decided to accept this tender.

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He did not think Councillor Buckland meant his remark quite literally, as it was very easy to give an account of the cost of the Joseph Street houses, which had certainly taken more to build than was estimated for. The entire Corporation agreed, he said, that these houses had cost too much, but they also knew that, when the estimate had been made by the former Borough Surveyor, certain expenditure which had to be met during the course of construction, had not been contemplated.

At the outset, the foundations were found to be very bad, with the result that it was necessary to excavate to a depth of eight feet in order to secure a foundation. Then again that eight feet had to be filled up with stones and cement, and a reinforced concrete raft put on top, so that almost half the houses were built on a raft.

As well, the Architect had built the houses six inches higher than had been intended on the plan, without consulting the Corporation or the Housing Committee, and further, owing to the nature of the ground, a large amount of drainage work was necessary.

It was admitted that these houses had cost more than the estimate, but he (Mayor) pointed out that on practically every scheme carried out by the Corporation since 1923, they had always kept within the estimate, and in a number of cases very much below it. He instanced the case of Whitmill, where they had saved practically £2,000, and no credit had been given to the Corporation in the Press for this saving.

Councillor Buckland stated he did not mean his remark in the way it had been interpreted in the Local Press, to the effect that they could not account for the expenditure on Joseph Street houses, and his only idea in mentioning the matter was to try and improve their system of costing. He thought that the Housing Committee should have regular reports from the Surveyor, showing how the work was progressing, and if they were keeping within the estimate.

It was pointed out, at this stage, that in connection with the scheme for the erection of 154 houses at Maudlintown, arrangements had been made to have regular reports furnished showing the amount of money expended, and the value of the work carried out therefor. The Meeting then proceeded to allocate the fourteen houses at Joseph Street.

It was mentioned that applications for these houses had been invited, through the Local Press, from persons residing in condemned houses, or in rooms in overcrowded houses.

The Housing Committee had carefully examined the applications, and three persons living in condemned houses, who applied, were granted three of the dwellings at Joseph Street. They were Patrick Goff, Gibson Street; Edward Wilde, Abbey Street; and John Doherty, Cornmarket.

Forty-three applications were received from persons residing in rooms, and a Ballot Paper, showing the names of these, was handed to each member, who was asked to indicate by means of an X, the eleven persons whom he considered should receive the remainder of the houses. As a result of this vote the following were successful:-

Mr. W. J. Sadler

King Street.

Pierce Byrne

King Street.

Mr. Myles Doyle

Commercial Quay.

Mr. Phillip Swan

William Street.

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the Corporation to nominate three delegates to attend a conference with representatives of the Urban Districts of Enniscorthy and New Ross, and the County Council to consider the Act with a view to submitting recommendations to the four Local Authorities concerned.

On the motion of the Mayor, seconded by Councillor Sinnott, it was unanimously agreed to participate in the Conference, and the following were selected to represent the Corporation, namely, Councillor James Billington, Alderman Flusk, and the Mayor.

The following Resolution, as submitted by the New Ross Urban Council, was adopted, on the motion of Councillor James Billington, seconded by Alderman Coffey:-

"That this Council views with concern the high charges for electric lighting obtaining in several areas supplied by the Electricity Supply Board and respectfully requests the Board to concede a reduction of 25% in such charges to consumers in our town.

The Council considers it but just to press this matter as certain towns have succeeded in a similar application and they see no reason for discrimination. There should be uniformity in the charges."

In accordance with Notice given, the Mayor moved. That the new houses at Joseph Street and Distillery Road be named "Columba Villas"; and the new houses at Hill Street "Croke Avenue". Alderman Walsh seconded this motion, which was adopted.

Two tenders were submitted for printing work for the ensuing twelve months, and these were referred to the Finance Committee with instructions to accept the lowest tender in each case.

In accordance with Notice given, Councillor James Billington called attention to the recent decision of the County Board of Health, deferring the erection of a Fever Hospital for Wexford District, and asked the Corporation to protest against the action of the Board.

He pointed out that this matter of Fever Hospital accommodation for Wexford District had been before the Corporation for some years past, and some time ago a tender had been accepted by the Board for the erection of such an Hospital, but now the matter had again been dropped, and it was proposed to erect a new Surgical Hospital, and to adjourn the question of the Fever Hospital.

Eventually it was decided to call the attention of the Health Board to the absolute necessity of providing accommodation for fever patients in Wexford District as soon as possible.

The Mayor mentioned that there was a possibility of a new factory being established in the town. The success of the project depended to a great extent upon secrecy, and he asked the Corporation to grant permission to the Town Clerk and himself to sell, if necessary, before the next Monthly Meeting, three acres of ground at Maudlintown for the purpose of establishing a factory.

Representatives from the Continent had already been in Wexford in connection with the matter, and the only suitable site in the town was on the present building ground at Maudlintown.

It would, of course, reduce the number of houses to be erected on that site, but the Town Clerk and himself had other land in view which would cater for more houses in fact than would be cut off the Maudlintown Scheme.

The Factory, if it materialised, would give a good amount of employment, as it would be the only one of its kind in the country.

Councillor Moran proposed that the necessary permission sought by the Mayor be granted,

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In reply to a further query, the Mayor intimated that the Corporation were quite at liberty to question the decision of the Housing Committee.

Councillor Connolly then asked for further particulars as to why the tender of the Wexford Timber Company had not been opened, and the Mayor, in reply, stated that in the Specification, issued by the Borough Surveyor, Archangel Red was specified for all joinery work. In a letter accompanying the Wexford Timber Company's Tender, they stated that they found it impossible to get supplies of Archangel Red, and were, therefore, quoting for Swedish Red. As a result of this communication, the Committee had decided not to open the Timber Company's tender, as they were not quoting for the Archangel Red specified.

At this stage the Town Clerk read a further letter from the Wexford Timber Company, which, he stated, he had just received.

The Company stated they were surprised that their tender had not been opened. They considered it unfair treatment, owing to the fact that the Red Deal asked for was only about one-fifth of the total figure. On a previous occasion, the Architect had been unable to find fault with their Red Deal. He (Architect) asked for an undertaking that if it were not considered suitable it would be taken back. They gave that undertaking, and the Architect did not find it necessary to complain of any of the timber supplied. They were prepared to give a similar undertaking in the present case, and in view of what they had stated they considered it but fair to ask that their tender be considered.

A lengthy discussion ensued on this matter. Some members held that as the Archangel Red was only a small portion of the contract, the tender of the Timber Company for the white wood should be considered, whilst others held that the tender of one firm should be accepted for the whole lot.

In reply to a further query it was stated that no official intimation had been given to Messrs. McCormack & Hegarty that their tender had been accepted, and that the Corporation, at a Statutory Meeting, had a perfect right to upset the decision of any Committee. Eventually the following three proposals were submitted:-

Councillor Connolly moved that the tender of the Wexford Timber Company be opened, and considered, Councillor Dunne seconded.

Alderman Walsh moved that the tender of Messrs. McCormack & Hegarty be ratified by the Corporation, and Councillor Crosbie seconded.

The Mayor moved that the whole matter be referred back to the Housing Committee for further consideration; the Committee to report back to the Corporation on the 14th instant; and, in the meantime, the advice of the Corporation Solicitor be sought on the whole question. Councillor Murphy seconded.

On a show of hands, the Mayor's proposal, that the matter be referred back to the Housing Committee for further consideration, was carried by twelve votes for to nine against, and it was intimated that no tender would be formally accepted until the matter came before the Corporation again.

With reference to Minutes of 3rd December, 1934, when the Town and Regional Planning Act was submitted, a communication was read from the Secretary, Wexford County Council, asking

Adverting to Minutes of last meeting, when the question of the acceptance of a tender for the supply of timber for the 154 houses at Maudlintown was referred back to the Housing Committee for further consideration, the Committee reported that they had carefully reconsidered this whole matter on the 9th instant, and had unanimously decided to recommend the Corporation to accept the tender of Messrs. McCormack and Hegarty. At the outset, it was explained, that when the specification for the timber required for these houses was issued, it provided that all timber to be used in joinery work should be Archangel Red Deal of best quality.

Three tenders for the supply of this material were submitted, together with a sealed estimate from the Borough Surveyor of what he considered the material should cost. The tenders were from Messrs. McCormack and Hegarty, Wexford; Messrs. Graves & Co., Waterford; and the Wexford Timber Company.

The Wexford Timber Company, in a covering letter, stated that with reference to the Specification for Archangel Red, they had got in touch with two of the largest importers in the Irish Free State of Russian Timber, and they definitely stated they had no supplies of Archangel Red. They (Timber Company) therefore quoted for Swedish Redwood. When this letter was read at the meeting of the Housing Committee, members held that the Timber Company's tender was out of order, inasmuch as they did not comply with the terms of the Specification to supply Archangel Red, and the Committee had decided not to open it. The remaining two tenders, and the Borough Surveyor's Estimate were then opened. Messrs. McCormack and Hegarty offered to supply the necessary materials, in accordance with the terms of the Specification, for:-

100 four-room houses	£2564 : 10 : 2	
54 three-room "	1200 : 13 : 6	
		£3765 : 3 : 8

Messrs. Graves offered to supply the necessary materials F.O.R. Waterford, for:-

100 four-room houses	£2396 : 11 : 2	
54 three-room "	1115 : 15 : 8	
		£3512 : 6 : 10

They further stated that this price was subject to 2½% cash discount, and this, calculated on the entire amount of their two tenders, would amount to----- 87 : 16 : 0

£3424 : 10 : 10

The carriage on the timber from Waterford in waggon lots would be:-

In respect of 100 4-room houses 266 tons @ 6/-	£79 : 16 : 0
54 three-room houses 130 tons @ 6/-	39 : 0 : 0

118 : 16 : 0

Total Free on Rail Wexford----- £3543 : 6 : 10

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Councillor Sinnott seconded, and the proposition was unanimously agreed to.

Councillor Connolly referred to negotiations, which had been carried on some considerable time ago, with the County Health Board for the purchase of some land for a Public Park. At that time the price asked by the Board was considered exorbitant by the Corporation, and he suggested that fresh negotiations should be entered into with a view to acquiring this land.

Councillor Connolly's suggestion was adopted.

Mrs. M. Crofts, of Yew Park, Castle Avenue, Clontarf, returned thanks to the Corporation for the vote of condolence passed with her on the death of her husband, the late Gerald Crofts.

H. Curran
Mayor
4. 2. 35.

14th January, 1935

A Special Meeting of the Corporation 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 Walsh, Robert Coffey, Patrick Tobin, Michael Flusk, and William Gullimore.

Councillors: Phillip McGuire, Patrick Atkins, John Billington, John J. O'Leary, Thomas Dunne, James Crosbie, Nicholas Connolly, James Murphy, Timothy Cashman, Robert Moran, James Sinnott, Michael Martin, Thomas Buckland, and James McMahon.

Before the business of the Meeting was entered on, the Mayor moved that the Corporation extend their congratulations to the Community of Perpetual Adoration, Wexford, on the attainment of their Diamond Jubilee.

Councillor Murphy seconded the motion, which was unanimously adopted.

The first business of the meeting was to ratify, if thought well, the acceptance by the Housing Committee of the tender of the Wexford Timber Company for the supply of Portland Cement for the erection of 154 houses at Maudlintown, at £1 : 13 : 0 per ton delivered on site.

It was explained that two tenders had been received by the Committee for the supply of this material, the other being from Messrs. McCormack & Hegarty, of Custom House Quay, Wexford, who offered to deliver the cement on the site for £1 : 13 : 10½ per ton, but as the Wexford Timber Company's tender was the lower of the two, the Housing Committee had unanimously decided to accept it.

Thereupon His Worship the Mayor moved. That the acceptance of the tender by the Housing Committee be ratified by the present meeting.

Councillor Buckland seconded, and the motion was agreed to by all.

which would have to be done in either Dublin or Waterford.

This statement of Councillor Connolly's was denied by Alderman Walsh, who said he was aware that Messrs. McCormack and Hegarty were in a position to machine any timber required. Eventually Councillor O'Leary moved. That the acceptance of Messrs. McCormack and Hegarty's tender be ratified. Alderman Flusk seconded this motion.

On a poll being taken, there voted:-

For: Councillors Buckland, Martin, Sinnott, Moran, Cashman, Crosbie, O'Leary, John Billington, Atkins, McGuire, Aldermen Gullimore, Flusk, Coffey, ^{Walsh} and the Mayor-----15

Against: Councillors Murphy, Connolly, Dunne, McMahon, and Alderman Tobin----- 5

Councillor Connolly then moved that no contract be entered into until the Town Clerk had submitted a full report on the whole matter to the Minister for Local Government and Public Health, and received a ruling thereon.

Councillor Dunne seconded this motion, which, on being put to the meeting, was declared lost by sixteen votes against to four for.

Councillor Connolly thereupon gave notice that he would move at next Statutory Meeting of the Corporation that the Resolution, ratifying the acceptance of Messrs. McCormack and Hegarty's tender, be rescinded, although the Councillor was asked not to press this motion, which, it was stated, would hold up an amount of work, and prevent at least six carpenters from being employed straight away.

The Councillor insisted on his motion, however, and the Mayor had no option but to accept it.

The next business was to ratify the allocation by the Housing Committee of eight of the twenty-two houses at Hill Street to the following persons, who would be displaced by the operations of the Corporation, namely, James Leary, Hill Street; James Tierney, Hill Street; William Murphy and James Hegarty, John Street; James Layne, Byrne's Lane; George Edmonds, Mary Rock, and Anna Morris, Westgate. //

In connection with these houses, it was mentioned that no picture rail had been included in the Specification, and on the motion of Councillor O'Leary, seconded by Alderman Walsh, it was unanimously decided to put a picture rail in the dwellings, otherwise, it was thought, the walls would be destroyed with nails.

The tenants selected by the Housing Committee were unanimously agreed to, on the motion of Councillor O'Leary, seconded by Councillor Connolly.

Alderman Coffey called attention to the state of the footpaths in Redmond Road (which was a Main Road) and asked if something could be done with them.

The Mayor mentioned that he had submitted an estimate this day to the County Council for the provision of two concrete footpaths at a cost of, approximately, £1100, but the Council would not agree to allocate the amount. He had, however, he stated, succeeded in having £100 added to the amount allocated for the upkeep of Main Roads in the Borough, with the object of putting tar macadam on the land side path, and it was seen that nothing further could be done in the matter as the Corporation had no authority to expend money from their own Funds on Main Roads.

The Borough Surveyor's Estimates showed that he had estimated the cost of the timber to be:-

For 100 four-room houses

£2620 : 4 : 9

54 three-room "

1272 : 9 : 6

£3892 : 14 : 3

The difference between Messrs. McCormack and Hegarty's tender and that of Messrs. Graves was £221 : 16 : 10, but Messrs. Graves intimated that they could take no responsibility for the timber after it left their yard at Waterford, nor could they take responsibility for any Import Duties which might be imposed on timber at a later date.

Further, they were not quoting for handrail brackets.

The members of the Housing Committee thought that the difference between the tenders of Messrs. McCormack and Hegarty and Messrs. Graves would no more than cover the cost of handling the timber at Wexford Station and on the site, together with cartage, and, as well, it was thought it would be very unsatisfactory for the Borough Surveyor to have to go to Waterford and inspect the timber before it left Messrs. Graves yard.

On the other hand, if the material were procured locally, it could be ordered, as required on the site, and there would be no delay if it were found necessary to reject any timber supplied.

Therefore, the Committee decided that, as Messrs. Graves' tenders did not comply with the Specification, inasmuch as they did not provide for delivery on the site, they should be ruled out of order.

This left only Messrs. McCormack and Hegarty's tender, and as it was the only one in order, the Committee had decided to accept it.

The Mayor reported that, in accordance with instructions received at last meeting, the Borough Surveyor, Town Clerk, and himself had consulted the Corporation's legal advisor on this matter, and his opinion was that the Housing Committee were perfectly right in acting as they did. The result of the consultation with the legal advisor had been reported to the Housing Committee on Wednesday night last, and after a lengthy discussion, during which the matter had been examined from every angle, the Committee unanimously decided to adhere to the decision already arrived at.

He (Mayor) did not think they had any option but to accept Messrs. McCormack & Hegarty's tender.

Councillor Connolly held that the tender of the Wexford Timber Company should have been opened and considered, in view of the fact that the portion of Red required was only a very small part of the Specification, but it was explained that, in accordance with the Specification, Lump Sum tenders were submitted, accompanied by priced Bills of Quantities under separate sealed cover.

A protracted discussion followed on this matter, during which Councillor Connolly submitted certain figures, showing amounts which, he stated, would be saved if the tender of the Wexford Timber Company had been opened and accepted.

Councillor Connolly also stated that the Firm, whose tender the Housing Committee recommended for acceptance, would not be in a position to machine the timber themselves,

Councillor Cashman asked if the Scheme would interfere with the receipt of Home Assistance by the plot-holders, and was informed that it would not.

Liabilities which had accrued due up to the end of last month, amounting, in the aggregate, to £4,373 : 0 : 5 were submitted, and having been examined were approved, and an Advice Note was signed to enable them to be discharged.

Arising out of the payment of wages, Councillor Cashman said that, in his opinion, the selection of men for employment by the Committee appointed for the purpose was not fair. He thought that due care and discretion was not exercised in the selection, and had several cases in mind of men who had not been working for over twelve months.

Alderman Tobin concurred with Councillor Cashman's view, and intimated that he would move at next Statutory Meeting ~~of the Corporation~~ that for the future the selection of men for employment be in the hands of the entire Corporation.

On the motion of the Mayor, seconded by Councillor Moran, the sympathy of the meeting was extended to Alderman Cullimore on the death of his child.

The Public Health Committee recommended that the area known as Dodd's Lane (off Temperance Row, Wexford) be declared a Clearance Area, under the Housing (Miscellaneous Provisions) Act, 1931; and if such a declaration were made, to make a Clearance Order in respect of this area.

The following was the report of the Medical Officer of Health on this area:-

Dodd's Lane.

"I consider the following seven houses in above Lane unfit for human habitation:-

1. W. Colfer. Two rooms occupied by man, wife and seven children (22 years to 6 years)
No W.C. Much dilapidation. Much dampness.
2. George Hatchell. Two rooms occupied by man, wife, and three children (ages 8, 14, 17)
No. W.C. Dilapidation. Dampness.
3. John Hynes. Two rooms occupied by man, wife and two children (ages 17, 21) and one adult. No W.C. Dilapidation. Dampness.
4. Wm. Neville. Two rooms occupied by man and four children (ages 19, 13, 10, 8)
No W.C. Dilapidation. Dampness.
5. Mr. Connors. Two rooms occupied by man, wife, and nine children (ages 16 to 2½ years)
No W.C.
6. Elizabeth Browne. Two rooms occupied by old woman, girl (17 years) man, wife and two children (ages 4, 2) No. W.C. Dilapidation. Dampness.
7. Denis Clancy. Two rooms occupied by man, wife and seven children (ages 17 years to ½ year) No W.C. Dilapidation. Dampness.

T. Pierce, M.O.H."

The following Table indicates the number of persons residing in the houses affected on this day:-

The Meeting then separated.

R. Corish

Mayor

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4th February, 1935.

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

The members present were:-

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

Aldermen: Thomas Walsh, Robert Coffey, Michael Flusk, William Cullimore, and Patrick Tobin.

Councillors: Nicholas Connolly, Robert Moran, James Murphy, Patrick Atkins, Phillip McGuire, James Billington, John J. O'Leary, John Billington, Thomas Dunne, Michael Martin, James Crosbie, Timothy Cashman, James Sinnott, and Thomas Buckland.

On the motion of Alderman Walsh, seconded by Councillor Crosbie, the Minutes of Meetings of 7th and 14th January, 1935, were taken as read and were accordingly signed.

Under date of the 12th ultimo, the Electricity Supply Board acknowledged receipt of a Resolution on the subject of the rates charged for electricity, and stated that the Board had continuously under review the prices for electricity in their relation to the consumption and the resultant net revenue. The Corporation could rest assured that the Board would do all that was possible towards an early reduction in the existing charges. The Superioress of the Convent of Perpetual Adoration, Wexford, acknowledged, with thanks, the resolution of congratulation on the occasion of the Diamond Jubilee of the Order in Wexford.

The Secretary of the County Board of Health and Public Assistance acknowledged receipt of the resolution of protest against the decision of the Board deferring the erection of a Fever Hospital for the Wexford District, and stated that this matter would again be considered by the Board at a later date.

The Mayor stated that he had promised an Inspector of the Department of Agriculture to refer to the provision of allotments for unemployed persons in the town.

For some time past the Corporation had been endeavouring to get the unemployed interested in this; they had advertised for land, and they wanted the unemployed to understand that if they took up the plots they would get them for a nominal rent. They would also be supplied with tools and seed, and it seemed to him (Mayor) a very peculiar thing that up to the present they had only about five applicants for plots.

He urged the unemployed to come forward and complete the Application Forms for these plots, when the Corporation would do everything in their power to provide the necessary land, etc. for them.

to be demolished in accordance with the requirements of the Housing (Miscellaneous Provisions) Act, 1931."

The Clearance Order and the necessary map were thereupon sealed with the Corporate Seal and authenticated with the signatures of the Mayor and Town Clerk."

Finally it was also proposed by His Worship the Mayor, and seconded by Alderman Walsh.

That the Minister for Local Government and Public Health be requested to confirm The Wexford (Dodd's Lane) Clearance Order, 1935, made by the Corporation this day.

The report of the Borough Analyst for the quarter ended on 31st December last was submitted.

This showed that he had examined 14 samples of milk; 4 of butter; 3 of cheese; 2 of margarine; 2 of dripping; and 1 each of lard, buttermilk, and whiskey, making a total of 23 samples, only one of which was not genuine.

This was a sample of milk, which on analysis was found to be deficient of five per cent. of its fats, and it was reported that the person from whom the sample had been taken was brought before the District Justice on the 2nd ultimo, when the case was dismissed and the defendant ordered to pay £2 costs.

The Finance Committee recommended that the sale of a house at Menapia Avenue to the occupiers, Mr. and Mrs. Bruin, be completed for the sum of £90. It was explained that the occupiers, Mr. and Mrs. Bruin, had purchased this house in 1928 on the tenant-purchase system. They had made an initial payment of £50, and had paid a rent-charge of 12/- per week since.

Altogether they had paid £254 : 12 : 0, leaving a sum of £107 : 8 : 0 outstanding.

After making allowance for the cost of collection and insurance, the present value of the outstanding amount at $4\frac{1}{2}$ per cent. (the rate at which the Corporation borrowed the money to erect the dwelling) was £90, and under date of the 14th ultimo, by letter

No. H.1613, the Minister for Local Government and Public Health had sanctioned the proposal of the Finance Committee to redeem the outstanding purchase price for £90.

The Finance Committee also recommended that this £90 be applied towards a reduction of the outstanding balance of the Loan raised for the erection of the house.

These two recommendations were unanimously adopted on the motion of Councillor Sinnott, seconded by Councillor Crosbie.

There was submitted, from the Wexford Rural Library Committee, a resolution requesting the Corporation to increase their contribution for library purposes by $\frac{1}{2}$ d. in the pound.

It was explained that at the present time the Corporation were contributing a $\frac{1}{2}$ d. in the pound towards this service, and on the motion of the Mayor, seconded by Councillor Buckland, the Library Committee's request was referred to the Estimates Committee for consideration.

The following Resolution from the Dungarvan Urban Council was adopted on the motion of Alderman Walsh, seconded by Councillor Cashman:-

"That this Council again request the Minister for Local Government and Public Health to extend the Age Limit under the Free Milk Scheme to all School Children

Occupier.	No. in Occupier's family.	No. of families other than occupier's residing in house.	No. of persons in families other than occupiers.	Total No. of Persons residing in house.
William Colfer.	Nine	None	None	Nine
George Hatchell	Five	None	None	Five
John Hynes.	Four	One	One	Five
Elizabeth Browne	One	One	Five	Six
Denis Clancy	Nine	None	None	Nine
William Neville	Four	None	None	Four
Michael Connors	Eleven	None	None	Eleven.

It was explained to the meeting that houses would be available for the persons to be displaced, and thereupon the Mayor moved the following Resolution, which was seconded by Alderman Walsh, and adopted unanimously:-

"That we, the members of the Wexford Corporation, being the Sanitary Authority for the Borough of Wexford, acting in execution of the Public Health (Ireland) Acts, 1878, Etc., and the Housing of the Working Classes (Ireland) Acts 1890 to 1931, do hereby declare that part of Temperance Row, Wexford, known as "Dodd's Lane", which is coloured blue on map deposited at the Town Clerk's Office, Wexford, and marked "Dodd's Lane Clearance Area" to be a Clearance Area; and being satisfied that the conditions in such area can be effectively remedied only by the demolition of all the buildings in the area which are unfit for human habitation, or dangerous or injurious to health, now hereby determine to secure the clearance of the area above referred to by ordering the demolition of all the buildings in the area which are unfit for human habitation or dangerous or injurious to health."

Thereupon the Clearance Order in respect of the area was submitted for execution, and the following Resolution was also unanimously agreed to, on the motion of the Mayor, seconded by Alderman Walsh:-

"That we, the members of the Corporation of Wexford, being the Sanitary Authority for the Borough of Wexford, acting in execution of the Public Health (Ireland) Acts, Etc., and the Housing of the Working Classes (Ireland) Acts 1890 to 1931, having on this day declared the area known as "Dodd's Lane" off Temperance Row, Wexford, to be a Clearance Area, and being satisfied that the conditions in such area can be effectively remedied only by the demolition of all the buildings in the area which are unfit for human habitation or dangerous or injurious to health, now hereby determine to secure the clearance of the area above-mentioned by ordering the demolition of all the buildings in the area which are unfit for human habitation or dangerous or injurious to health.

AND it is further resolved that our Corporate Seal be hereby affixed to the Clearance Order now submitted requiring the buildings described in the Schedule to such Order

and that separate tenders be asked for Archangel Red as distinct from white timberer
Councillor Connolly moved, in accordance with notice given at last meeting. That the
decision ratifying the acceptance of Messrs. McCormack & Hegarty's tender be rescinded.
Councillor Dunne seconded.

At this stage the Mayor ruled that Councillor Connolly's motion amounted to the same as
Councillor Murphy's, and the latter was not necessary.

The discussion on this matter mostly centred on the interpretation of the Minister's
letter of 1st instant, as to whether it was an order or merely a suggestion, and in the
course of the discussion the Town Clerk pointed out that if it was decided to stand by
the acceptance of Messrs. McCormack & Hegarty's tender, he would feel obliged to report
the matter to the Minister and ask for further instructions prior to officially informing
Messrs. McCormack & Hegarty that their tender was accepted.

Members enquired as to where the Minister secured his information on this matter; some
held that it was not procured from the Corporation and the communications followed
representations by outside individuals.

The Town Clerk, however, informed the meeting that the Minister did secure his information
from the Corporation, inasmuch as he was supplied with a copy of the Minutes of each
meeting within seven days from the date on which they were held. He (Town Clerk) was
bound to furnish such Minutes without any request from the Minister.

Eventually a poll was taken on Councillor Connolly's motion, that the resolution of 14th
ultimo be rescinded, when there voted:-

For: Councillors Dunne, Murphy, Connolly, and Alderman Tobin-----4

Against: Councillors Buckland, Sinnott, Cashman, Crosbie, Martin, John

Billington, O'Leary, James Billington, McGuire, Atkins, Moran, and

Aldermen Cullimore, Flusk, Coffey, Walsh, and the Mayor-----16

The motion was accordingly declared lost, and in reply to a query it was stated that the
Town Clerk would not issue any official acceptance of the tender until he heard further
from the Minister.

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of the necessitous poor, who are certified by any Medical Officer of Health to be suffering from any disease or from malnutrition, and who are in the opinion of the Doctor in need of extra nourishment during the Winter months."

Adverting to Minutes of last meeting, when the acceptance of the tender of Messrs. McCormack & Hegarty for the supply of timber for the erection of 154 houses at Maudlintown was ratified, the Notice of Motion given by Councillor Connolly to have this decision rescinded next came up for consideration.

In this connection, a communication was read from the Minister for Local Government and Public Health, under date of the 23rd ultimo, No. H/Wexford U.D., addressed to the Town Clerk, requesting him to state how the matter then stood, and asked to be furnished with copies of the Specification on which tenders were invited, together with specimen Tender Forms, and a copy of the advertisement inviting tenders. A copy of the Law Agent's opinion, referred to in the Minutes of 14th ultimo, was also asked for.

Under date of the 24th ultimo, the Town Clerk gave the information asked for by the Minister, and under date of the 1st instant, by letter No. H.13317, the Minister stated that in all the circumstances he considered that fresh tenders should be invited by public advertisement, in accordance with the Specification as amended by one of his Inspectors. The Minister also stated that before tenders were invited for further supplies of materials in connection with the Corporation's Housing Schemes, the proposed specification should in each case be submitted to the Department.

When these three communications were read, Alderman Flusk asked by whom were the letters signed, and he was informed that they were signed by Mr. J.F.Owens, who was head of the Housing Section, on behalf of the Secretary.

The Alderman then asked to see the correspondence, and commented on the fact that the letter of the 23rd ultimo bore no reference number, but the Town Clerk pointed out that it bore a reference letter, and he considered it more or less a personal letter to himself for further information on the subject than was contained in the Minutes of the 7th and 14th ultimo. Alderman Flusk then stated he did not believe the letter was a genuine one from the Minister or anyone acting on his behalf, but the Town Clerk replied that he had no doubt but the letter was genuine.

The Alderman then asked if he could have copies of the three letters after the meeting, and it was stated there was no objection to giving him such copies.

A very lengthy discussion followed the reading of this correspondence. Some members held that the paragraph of the Minister's letter, which stated that in all the circumstances the Minister for Local Government and Public Health considered that fresh tenders should be invited by public advertisement, could only be construed as a suggestion and not as an order to invite fresh tenders; others held the view that the Corporation should act on the Minister's letter; while the opinion was also expressed that no notice at all should be taken of the correspondence because there was never an order from the Department before to question the decision of the Corporation in reference to a contract. Councillor Murphy thereupon proposed. That the Corporation act on the Minister's letter,

having regard to the Solicitor's letter received on behalf of Messrs. McCormack and Hegarty, and wondered if the Minister's letter would indemnify them against any legal action which might arise.

Some of the members held that if the Corporation proceeded to purchase the material from Messrs. McCormack and Hegarty, the Minister would not withhold the subsidy when the question of its payment arose, having regard to the fact that the tender proposed to be accepted was lower than the Borough Surveyor's estimate, and that the Minister had been misinformed of the facts of the case.

In reply to a query, the Town Clerk pointed out that his interpretation of the Minister's communication was that if the Corporation refused to re-advertise, in accordance with the suggestion contained in the Minister's letters, he would probably refuse to pay, or substantially reduce, the two-thirds subsidy calculated on when the scheme was prepared. He (Town Clerk) further informed the meeting that in previous schemes the Minister was good enough to commence the payment of subsidies in the first year in which interest charges became due, instead of the third year when actual repayment of principal was commenced as provided by Article 7 of The Housing (Loan Charges Contributions) Regulations, 1932. If, in the case of the present scheme, the Minister refused this concession, he intimated that his Estimates for 1935/6 would have to be altered as he had taken credit for the receipt of approximately £320 as subsidy on foot of this scheme. If this were not forthcoming it would have to be met by the Ratepayers, and would mean a sum of fourpence in the Pound on the Rates for the coming year.

With reference to the Statement in the Minister's letter, that there was reason to believe that a lower tender might have been before the Corporation had all those received been opened, Councillor Connolly stated that he was aware that the tender which had not been opened was £240 lower than the one accepted.

Councillor Martin pointed out that while Archangel Red would be dearer at first than Swedish Red, it would be much cheaper for carpenters to work, and its depreciation would not be as rapid as the other material.

Eventually Alderman Flusk proposed that the previous decision retifying the acceptance of Messrs. McCormack and Hegarty's tender be re-affirmed, and Alderman Walsh seconded.

Councillor Dunne proposed that the ruling of the Minister for Local Government and Public Health be accepted. Councillor Connolly seconded.

After some discussion, however, the foregoing two propositions were withdrawn in favour of the following, which was unanimously adopted on the motion of the Mayor, seconded by Councillor Murphy, viz.:-

"That a decision on the Minister's letter of the 9th instant be deferred until he has had an opportunity of perusing the letter received from a Solicitor on behalf of Messrs. McCormack and Hegarty; and has given a decision as to the effect of this letter if the Corporation agree with his suggestion; and further that a deputation be appointed to wait on the Minister to discuss the whole matter."

The following were appointed to comprise the deputation, namely, Councillors John Billington, Thomas Dunne, Aldermen Michael Flusk, Thomas Walsh, and the Mayor, with the

18th February, 1935.

A Special Meeting of the Corporation 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 Walsh, William Cullimore, Robert Coffey, Patrick Tobin, and Michael Flusk.

Councillors: Nicholas Connolly, Thomas Dunne, Robert Moran, James Murphy, Patrick Atkins, Phillip McGuire, John Billington, Timothy Cashman, James Sinnott, John J. O'Leary, James Crosbie, and Michael Martin.

The Meeting had been convened to consider a communication from the Minister for Local Government and Public Health under date of the 9th instant, No. H.19837, on the subject of the tenders received for the supply of timber in connection with the Maudlintown Housing Scheme.

This letter had reference to the decision arrived at on the 4th instant reiterating the decision of the 14th ultimo accepting the tender of Messrs. McCormack and Hegarty for the supply of the necessary material.

A copy of the Minister's letter of the 9th instant had been furnished to each member with the Notice convening the meeting.

In this communication the Minister pointed out that by ruling out of order two of the three tenders received, the Corporation were limited to the consideration of one tender only, thus losing the element of competition which the tender system was designed to secure. He further stated that it was noted from the Minutes of 14th ultimo that there was reason to believe if all the tenders had been opened, a lower one might have been before the Corporation.

In view of the need for houses at the lowest rent possible, and the necessity for keeping at a minimum the loss imposed on Central and Local Funds, it was of the utmost importance that the Corporation should make every reasonable effort to keep down building costs.

If the Corporation should fail to do this, the Minister would be compelled to take the matter into consideration when the question of the payment of State Subsidies arose. In the present case, the Minister was of the opinion that the Corporation would receive more satisfactory quotations by inviting fresh tenders, on the amended specification, by public advertisement.

At the commencement, the meeting was informed that a letter had been received from a Solicitor on behalf of Messrs. McCormack and Hegarty, and it was suggested that, as legal proceedings might possibly arise in this case, the matter should be discussed in committee, but as several members opposed this suggestion, the proceedings were conducted in public. Several members were of the opinion that the Corporation should not alter the decision previously arrived at; others held that the Minister's ruling should be accepted; while more were doubtful as to what the position of the Corporation would be if they re-advertised,

by increments of £10 to the present maximum of £400.

This matter had been before the Finance Committee of the Corporation on several occasions, and they had decided to recommend the Corporation to accept the decision of the Minister, and to authorise the payment of three special increments to the Town Clerk as from 20th January, 1935.

The recommendation of the Finance Committee was unanimously agreed to on the motion of the Mayor, seconded by Councillor Connolly.

Adverting to Minutes of 3rd December last, when it was decided to make a Grant of £1,000 to the Vocational Education Committee to provide a gymnasium for the school, it was explained that, at the time this resolution was adopted, it was thought that the Department of Education would refund the Corporation fifty per cent. of the annual charges in connection with the Loan necessary to make this Grant.

It now appeared that the Vocational Education Committee had undertaken to repay half the charges, but legal difficulties stood in the way of this course being adopted. The only way out would be for the Corporation to raise a Loan of £500, and for the Vocational Education Committee to raise a similar amount, but no State Contribution would be payable on the £500 raised by the Corporation.

It would be necessary, therefore, to rescind the resolution of 3rd December, 1934, and in accordance with Notice given, Councillor Sinnott moved its rescission. This was seconded by Councillor Cashman and unanimously agreed to.

Councillor Sinnott thereupon proposed. That a Grant of £500 be made, under Section 5 of the Vocational Education Act, 1930, to the Town of Wexford Vocational Education Committee to be applied towards the cost of providing a gymnasium for the school; and that a Loan for this amount be raised from the Local Loans Fund for a period of twenty-five years, subject to the approval of the Minister for Local Government and Public Health.

This motion was seconded by Councillor Connolly, and agreed to by all.

The Public Health Committee recommended the Corporation to adopt a resolution agreeing to administer the National Free Milk Supply Scheme for the year ending 31st March, 1936.

Under date of the 23rd ultimo, by circular letter No. 29, the Minister for Local Government and Public Health intimated that a grant of the amount actually expended in the current Financial Year would be made for the year ending 31st March, 1936. The same conditions would apply to next year's Grant as to the Current Year's, and the Sanitary Authority were asked to pass a Resolution intimating their intention to continue the administration of the existing approved scheme during the coming year.

This matter had recently been considered by the Public Health Committee, and they had unanimously decided to recommend the Corporation to continue the administration of the scheme until 31st March, 1936.

Alderman Coffey accordingly moved. That the Corporation undertake to administer the existing National Free Milk Supply Scheme until 31st March, 1936.

This motion was seconded by Councillor O'Leary, and unanimously agreed to.

A letter was read from the Town Clerk, Bray, requesting the Corporation to join with Bray

Acting Borough Surveyor and Town Clerk.

The Town Clerk was further directed to communicate with the Department on the 19th instant by 'phone, to find out if, and when, the Minister would be prepared to receive the deputation.

It was thought advisable not to read the Solicitor's letter referred to at the commencement of the meeting.

The Meeting then separated.

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Mayor of Wexford
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4th March, 1935

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

The members present were:-

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

Aldermen: Michael Flusk, Thomas Walsh, William Cullimore, Patrick Tobin, and Robert Coffey.

Councillors: Nicholas Connolly, Patrick Atkins, Thomas Dunne, James Murphy, Phillip McGuire, John Billington, James McMahon, Robert Moran, John J. O'Leary, James Crosbie, James Sinnott, Timothy Cashman, Michael Martin, and Thomas Buckland.

On the motion of Alderman Walsh, seconded by Councillor Murphy, the Minutes of Meetings of 4th and 18th February, 1935, 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 £2495 : 17 : 11 were submitted, and having been examined were approved, and an Advice Note was signed to enable them to be discharged.

Arising out of the accounts presented for payment, Alderman Walsh called attention to the fact that an account for the Wexford Timber Company, in respect of the supply of timber for the Mill Street Housing Scheme, was £56 : 16 : 0 over the estimate, but it was pointed out to the Alderman that scantlings of certain sizes, included in the estimate, were not required, while more than was estimated for was required of other sizes. After charging up the debits, and allowing credit for those not used, the net debit amounted to the figure stated above, and was properly due to the Wexford Timber Company. With reference to Minutes of 3rd December, 1934, when the scale of salary paid to the Town Clerk was altered, it was explained that the Minister for Local Government and Public Health, under date of the 15th January, 1935, by letter No. G.165783, had refused to sanction the alteration proposed by the Corporation, but he was prepared to allow the salary to be advanced by three special increments, to take effect on the completion of his second year of service. The salary would therefore be £350 from 20th January, 1935.

available for that purpose, AND that the seal of the Council be affixed to said Mortgage."

The Deed was accordingly sealed with the Corporate Seal, and authenticated with the signatures of the Mayor and Town Clerk.

The Finance Committee recommended the payment of a sum of £10 to a Mr. James O'Leary, of Hill Street, under Section 36 of the Housing (Miscellaneous Provisions) Act, 1931, in respect of the loss of a garden sustained by him through his removal from a house at Hill Street, which had been compulsorily acquired in connection with a Housing Scheme.

Mr. O'Leary claimed £35 as compensation in respect of the loss of fruit trees, etc. in his garden at Hill Street, and when the matter recently came before the Finance Committee they did not feel competent to decide the matter without expert opinion.

They had asked a Mr. Woodroffe, who for a number of years was Secretary to the Wexford Horticultural Society, to make a valuation of the loss sustained by O'Leary, and he had reported that a sum of £10 would be ample compensation.

The Committee had accordingly decided to recommend the Corporation to make a payment of this amount, subject to the sanction of the Minister for Local Government and Public Health. At this stage the Town Clerk explained that since issuing the Agenda he had received a communication from O'Leary intimating that £10 was not a fair offer, and did not cover his loss.

He stated that in 1934 he sold £35 worth of fruit and vegetables, and he thought the Corporation should be fair, and give him at least an allowance for one year's crop.

Some members held that O'Leary was not at such a heavy loss, as he had had ample time in which to transplant most of his trees, etc. to the garden of the new house allocated to him at Croke Avenue, while others held that the garden had been the means of supplementing his scanty income for some years past, and £10 was not sufficient compensation.

Eventually Councillor Sinnott proposed that a sum of £15 be granted as compensation, and Alderman Flusk seconded.

This motion was agreed to, but with Councillor McMahon dissenting.

A recommendation was submitted by the Special Rates Committee that a Loan of £600 be raised from the Treasurer to supplement a Relief Grant notified from the Department of Local Government and Public Health, and to expend both monies in the laying of a concrete footpath at Hill Street, and the resurfacing of Summerhill Road.

The Borough Surveyor's estimate for the laying of the footpath was-----£131 : 5 : 0
and for Summerhill Road----- 800 : 0 : 0

making a total of----- £931 : 5 : 0

Under date of the 28th ultimo, by letter No. RU/131, the Minister for Local Government and Public Health intimated that he had received the sanction of the Minister for Finance to the making of a further Grant of £300 to the Corporation for the carrying out of a Road Scheme for the relief of unemployment. The Grant would have to be expended, however, before the 31st instant.

Urban Council and other Local Authorities in promoting a Private Bill for the purpose of giving effect to the recommendations of the Municipal Boundaries Commission of 1881, and suggesting that a strong resolution should be sent to the Minister for Local Government and Public Health urging him to bring in a Government Bill to give effect to the findings of the Commission.

In reply to a query as to the adoption of a Resolution under the Town Planning Act, the Town Clerk stated that when this Act had been submitted to the Corporation, they had referred it to the Housing Committee for consideration and report.

At the same period the Act had been submitted to Wexford County Council, and a suggestion was made that representatives of the Urban Authorities of Wexford, New Ross, and Enniscorthy should be asked to confer with representatives of Wexford County Council on it.

The three Urban Districts had appointed representatives to attend such a conference, but at a recent meeting of the County Council it was decided that the Urban Authorities should confer amongst themselves before meeting the representatives of the County Council, and he (Town Clerk) had been trying to find a suitable date for a meeting between representatives of the three Bodies.

On the motion of Councillor Sinnott, seconded by Councillor Crosbie, it was decided to refer the Bray Resolution to the Conference for consideration.

The following Resolution, which was submitted from the Arklow Urban Council, was unanimously adopted on the motion of Alderman Walsh, seconded by Alderman Coffey:-

"That we, the Wexford Corporation, call upon the Government to take immediate steps to secure Mariners against possible destruction and death, by the provision of a Lightship at the North Arklow Bank, or failing this, that Coast Watchers be placed along the Coast as far as Hook Head."

There was submitted for execution on the part of the Corporation a Deed of Mortgage whereby security would be given to the National Bank for the repayment of a Loan of £1320 proposed to be borrowed by the Corporation for the purchase of a Fire Engine and Equipment for the Borough.

The raising of this Loan had been sanctioned by the Minister for Local Government and Public Health under date of 14th December, 1934, by letter No. S.165018, and was to be repaid within a period of ten years with interest at the rate of one-half per cent. below Irish Banks Rate with a minimum of four per cent.

The following Resolution, as submitted by the Solicitor to the Bank, was adopted, on the motion of Councillor Sinnott, seconded by Councillor O'Leary:-

"At a meeting of the Council of the Borough of Wexford, held on 4th day of March, 1935, IT WAS RESOLVED that in pursuance of the consent of the Local Government Minister, dated 14th December, 1934, the Council do borrow from the National Bank, Limited, the sum of £1320, for the purchase of a Fire Engine and equipment to be repaid to the Bank by half yearly instalments, spread over the period of ten 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

and the inner walls of the latter in blocks.

The reply of the masons to this communication was that they could not alter their decision not to work on houses erected in massed concrete, and further they proposed to take the masons off all other jobs belonging to the Corporation as well as the houses, if the proposal to erect them in massed concrete was persisted in.

A lengthy discussion followed the reading of this correspondence, during which it was pointed out that the only object the Housing Committee had in proposing the erection of some of these houses in massed concrete was that the scheme would be completed in half the time, and employment would be given to more unskilled labour.

It was pointed out, for instance, that on eight houses being built in blocks, eight masons and six labourers would be employed; whereas on a similar number of houses being erected in massed concrete four carpenters and twelve labourers would be employed, and the masons would have the inside walls to build.

It was the considered opinion of the Housing Committee that the masons were adopting a very unreasonable attitude, as it was thought that at least 400 houses more were required in Wexford, and if they could not provide them much faster than they had been doing up to the present it would take about ten years to erect the number necessary.

Eventually Councillor Sinnott proposed that the action of the Housing Committee be approved. This was seconded by Alderman Flusk, and agreed to by all.

In accordance with Notice given, Alderman Tobin moved. That in future the employment of all workmen be in the hands of the entire Corporation.

It was explained that for the past six months the work of employing unskilled labourers had been carried out by a Special Committee of ten, and if the motion now proposed by Alderman Tobin were adopted, it would mean that whenever men were required for any particular work they would have to be employed by the Corporation acting as a Statutory Body at either a Statutory or Special Meeting.

Councillor Atkins seconded Alderman Tobin's motion, and in connection with this matter the Town Clerk read a communication from the Department of Industry and Commerce, under date of 30th January, 1935, requesting that all vacancies should be notified to the Local Office of the Department, who would send suitable applicants for interview. If this were done it would prevent Unemployment Assistance being paid to any person for whom suitable work was available.

A lengthy discussion followed on this matter, during which it was suggested that the Borough Surveyor was the proper person to employ the men, because he was judging their work and knew their worth.

The majority of the members seemed in favour of Alderman Tobin's motion, and the members of the Committee who had carried out this task for the past six months, were quite willing to hand the work back to the Corporation.

After the matter had been discussed from all angles, Alderman Tobin's motion was carried by 13 votes for to 7 against.

Councillor O'Leary asked if any communication had been received from the Department of Local Government and Public Health on the subject of the Timber Contract, which was under

As regards the expenditure of the Grant before the 31st March, 1935, this was not considered possible, as no stones were at present available to do any work, and unless the Grant was paid over to the Corporation before that date and expended by them together with the £600 now proposed to be raised, as soon as possible, there seemed no option but to turn it down. It was decided, however, on the motion of Councillor Sinnott, seconded by Councillor Connolly, to raise a Loan of £600, subject to the sanction of the Minister for Local Government and Public Health, from the Treasurer (The National Bank) for the purpose of supplementing an Unemployment Grant of £300 to resurface Summerhill Road and to lay a concrete footpath at Hill Street.

It was further decided to point out to the Minister the difficulty of expending this Grant before 31st March, 1935, and asking him to extend the period if at all possible.

The next business was to consider correspondence which had passed between the Housing Committee and the Wexford Branch of the Masons' Society, on the subject of the erection of the Maudlintown Houses.

In December last, the masons had protested against the proposal of the Corporation to build these houses in massed concrete, but the Committee had replied that they only proposed to build some of the houses in massed concrete and the remainder in blocks. As well, the Society was informed that in the opinion of the Committee there would be sufficient work on the scheme to absorb all available masons.

Since then several communications had passed between the Committee and the Society, terminating in a Deputation being received on the 25th ultimo, when this whole matter was discussed in detail.

Following the discussion between the Committee and the deputation, the Town Clerk had, on the 27th ultimo, written to the Society pointing out that the Committee were not satisfied that adequate reasons had been put forward to warrant the present plans being altered.

He pointed out that hundreds of people in the Town, who were living in rooms or in unsuitable dwellings, were urgently in need of new houses, and if the proposals put forward by the Society, that all the houses be erected in blocks, be accepted, it would take at least six years to complete the scheme of 264 dwellings; whereas with the method of construction proposed by the Corporation the scheme would be completed in three years, and the Committee could not agree to allow it to be extended over a period of six years when it could be completed in half that time. Further, the overhead charges would be increased by 100 per cent. with a proportionate increase in the rents.

The Town Clerk further intimated that on previous Housing Schemes difficulty had been experienced in procuring the services of sufficient masons, and in view of the size of the Maudlintown Scheme and the amount of other building work in progress and in contemplation in the town, it was feared that sufficient masons would not be available to carry out the work as expeditiously as the present need for houses demanded.

He stated it was the intention of the Corporation to commence the erection of these houses by both methods simultaneously. They proposed to proceed as soon as possible with the erection of 24 houses, 12 would be built in blocks and 12 in massed concrete,

instalments of Loans and interest, had been met. He regretted that the estimates about to be presented would show a substantial increase on those presented last year, but the greater part of such increase was due to Services which he thought no ratepayer would object to. They were, increased Housing activity on the part of the Corporation, which necessitated the payment of certain subsidies by the ratepayers in order to enable houses to be let at rents which the occupiers could afford to pay. Provision was also being made for the erection of a new Town Hall during the ensuing year; and, as well, the repayment of grants made for building purposes to the Vocational Education Committee had to be provided for.

In addition, the general increase in the work of the Corporation necessitated slightly increased expenditure on administration, but he (Mayor) thought that the ratepayers were receiving excellent value for the money contributed by them.

He pointed out that a number of Municipalities in Ireland had been compelled to increase their rates, and finally stated that although the ratepayers, generally speaking, were meeting their obligations in a proper manner, a large amount of rates was still outstanding, which, if the Corporation was certain would be received by the 31st March, would enable a substantial reduction to be made in the estimates now presented.

He also referred to the arrears of rent on Artizans' Dwellings, and stated that a number of Corporation tenants appeared to be under the impression that unless the Corporation provided them with work, they were under no obligation to pay rent. This impression, he stated, would have to be got rid of immediately, and he issued a warning to all persons in arrear with either rent or rates that they would have to meet their obligations or the Corporation would be compelled to take legal steps to recover the sums due to them.

Before the estimates were considered, a recommendation was submitted on behalf of the Special Rates Committee that the salary of Dr. Thomas Pierse, Medical Officer of Health, be increased by £35 per annum. It was explained to the meeting that at present Dr. Pierse was in receipt of a salary of but £40 per annum, and the Committee felt that, having regard to the increased amount of work thrown on him in recent years, his present salary was entirely inadequate. They, therefore, unanimously recommended that his present remuneration be increased to £75 per annum as from 1st April, 1935.

The present meeting was in favour of the recommendation, and on the motion of the Mayor, seconded by Councillor Connolly, it was unanimously agreed to, subject to the approval of the Minister for Local Government and Public Health.

// It was mentioned that an application had been submitted to the Committee from the Health Visitor, Miss Francis M. Daly, for an increase in her present salary of £156 per annum. This salary was fixed in the year 1924, and she pointed out that since then her duties had increased considerably. She further suggested that her present salary should be increased to £165, and then by annual increments of £5 to a maximum of £200 per annum. The Rates Committee did not feel disposed to recommend an increase in this case, and had decided to adjourn consideration of it for twelve months.

Councillor Connolly, however, moved that the increase asked for by the Health Visitor

consideration on the 18th ultimo, and was informed that no reply had been received to the Corporation's request to the Minister to receive a Deputation.

Thereupon Councillor O'Leary moved. That the Corporation proceed to place the contract with Messrs. McCormack and Hegarty, and to purchase the materials, but the Mayor ruled the motion out of order, as the matter was adjourned pending the decision of the Minister. Councillor O'Leary thereupon asked that a Special Meeting be convened for the 18th instant, and gave notice that he would move at such meeting that the decision of the 18th ultimo, adjourning consideration of the letter from the Minister for Local Government and Public Health, dated 9th February, 1935, No. H.19837, be rescinded, and that the Corporation proceed to purchase the materials specified in the tender from Messrs. McCormack and Hegarty, as if no communication at all had been received from the Department on the subject.

The motion was accepted, and it was decided to convene a Special Meeting for the 18th instant to consider it.

Richard Corish

19th March, 1935.

A Special Meeting of the Corporation 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 Walsh, Michael Flusk, William Cullimore, and Robert Coffey.

Councillors: Nicholas Connolly, Timothy Cashman, Robert Moran, Patrick Atkins, Thomas Dunne, Phillip McGuire, Thomas Buckland, John J. O'Leary, James Crosbie, James Sinnott, James Murphy, and Michael Martin.

The first business of the Meeting was to adopt, in their entirety, or with any amendments considered necessary the estimates of sums required to be raised by means of Borough Rate, Rate in lieu of County Cess, and Water Rates, to enable the various Municipal Services to be carried out during the Financial Year commencing on 1st April, 1935, and to agree on the rate in the pound of such rates.

A copy of the Estimates, as revised by the Special Rates Committee, had been furnished to each member with the notice convening the meeting.

The estimates, as prepared by the Town Clerk, had been submitted by direction of the Finance Committee to the Special Rates Committee, who had reduced them by the equivalent of threepence in the pound.

In presenting the estimates, the Mayor took occasion to review the financial position of the Corporation, and pointed out that all ordinary liabilities for the year, including

in particular to Housing, and pointed out that it was very hard for the members to ascertain from the estimates the net loss on Housing, having regard to the fact that the Receipts shown included rents together with Rates without any segregation, and he asked the Town Clerk to evolve a more up-to-date method of presenting the estimates at his convenience. This the Town Clerk agreed to do, and as well promised to let the members have, in time for the meeting at which the rates would be formally struck, a Statement showing exactly how much Housing was costing the ratepayers of Wexford each year.

Thereupon a Borough Rate of 5/10 in the pound was unanimously agreed to on the motion of Councillor O'Leary, seconded by Councillor Buckland.

The estimate of Rate in lieu of County Cess was next examined. This Rate was for the maintenance and improvement of streets and footpaths, exclusive of Main Roads, and showed that a rate of 2/8 in the pound, which was an increase of fourpence on the current year's, would be necessary for the year 1935/6.

As no member could suggest any alteration in the estimate, a Rate in lieu of County Cess of 2/8 in the pound was agreed to on the motion of Alderman Walsh, seconded by Councillor Sinnott.

The Water Rate Estimate of 1/6 in the pound (an increase of twopence) was recommended by the Special Rates Committee, was unanimously agreed to on the motion of Councillor Martin, seconded by Councillor O'Leary.

The next business was to execute a Deed of Mortgage whereby security would be given to the Commissioners of Public Works for the repayment of a Loan of £1565 to discharge outstanding liabilities in connection with the erection of 94 houses at Whitewill Road, and six houses at Davitt Road, North.

The obtaining of this Loan had been sanctioned by the Minister for Local Government and Public Health under date of the 10th December, 1934, by letter No.H.15355, and the Mortgage Deed had already been approved on behalf of the Corporation.

Thereupon the following Resolution, as proposed by Councillor O'Leary, and seconded by Councillor Crosbie, was unanimously adopted, viz.:-

"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, Five Hundred and Sixty-five Pounds proposed to be advanced by them to us under the Housing of the Working Classes Acts 1890 to 1931, etc."

The Mortgage Deed was thereupon sealed and signed on behalf of the Corporation, and the following further Resolution unanimously agreed to on the motion of Councillor Buckland, seconded by Councillor Sinnott:-

"That inasmuch as this Corporation does not immediately require from the Commissioners of Public Works in Ireland, the entire 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."

should be granted as from the 1st prox. Councillor Atkins seconded.

Alderman Coffey, however, proposed as an amendment that she be granted an increase of £10 and that consideration of the question of increments be adjourned for twelve months. Councillor McGuire seconded.

After a short discussion Councillor Connolly withdrew his proposition in favour of Alderman Coffey's amendment, which was unanimously agreed to. //

An application from the Irish Tourist Association for a contribution in the year 1935/6 was next submitted, and on the motion of Councillor Connolly, seconded by Alderman Walsh, it was decided to grant a sum of £10.

Arising out of this application, Councillor Sinnott complained of the manner in which the printing work of the Association was carried out, and the Mayor, who was a member of the Management Committee, undertook to raise this matter at the next meeting of the Association.

The next Resolution was a recommendation from the Special Rates Committee that the Corporation re-appoint, on existing conditions, and subject to Departmental sanction, Mr. John Mullins, V.S., as Meat Inspector for a further year from the 18th May next. When this recommendation came before the present meeting, the Town Clerk intimated that he had just received Mr. Mullins' resignation to take effect as from the 30th instant. Mr. Mullins, he explained, had secured an appointment under the New Zealand Government, and regretted that he could not give the necessary month's notice required by the terms of his appointment.

Mr. Mullins, however, felt that as he had to sail from Southampton on the 18th prox., the Corporation would appreciate that it would be impossible for him to make the necessary preparations for his journey if he gave a month's notice.

The Corporation agreed that in the special circumstances of the case they could not insist on a month's notice being given by Mr. Mullins, and ordered that a Special Meeting be convened for the 25th instant to consider the following matters:-

- (1) To accept Mr. Mullins' resignation.
- (2) To consider applications for the post of temporary Meat Inspector at the same salary as Mr. Mullins at present enjoyed, namely, £450 per annum.

In this connection the Town Clerk was directed to issue the necessary advertisement in the local papers forthwith.

- (3) To make the necessary arrangements for the appointment of Mr. Mullins Successor as soon as possible.

The first estimate to be considered was the Borough Rate. This showed that to meet the deficiency in the Borough Fund for the year 1935/6 would require a rate of 5/10 in the pound, which was an increase of 1/6 on the rate levied in the current year.

No alteration was suggested in this rate except that Councillor Buckland suggested that in future the estimates should be presented in such a manner as would enable members to see at a glance whether any Service was showing a loss or making a profit. He referred

were not members of the Corporation. He had no objection to stating the result of Mr. Lavery's opinion in public, but felt it was not unreasonable to ask the Corporation to allow the sound details of Mr. Lavery's reasoning to be retained solely for the benefit of the Corporation.

When this communication was read, members were divided as to whether or not Counsel's opinion should be read in detail, and on a show of hands it was decided by eleven votes to six that the opinion should be read, although the meeting was advised by the Solicitor and Town Clerk that this was a most unwise procedure to adopt.

Mr. O'Connor, the Corporation Solicitor, then gave a summary of Mr. Lavery's opinion. This was as follows:-

- (1) The Housing Committee acted quite properly and within their rights in refusing to open the tender sent by the Wexford Timber Company.
- (2) There was no enforceable contract in existence between the Corporation and Messrs. McCormack and Hegarty.
- (3) Mr. Lavery's advice to the Corporation was that they should follow the directions of the Minister, and re-advertise the contract.

He then read Mr. Lavery's opinion, which was as follows:-

"I have read and considered the foregoing Instructions and the Correspondence and the Minutes of the Corporation, and I am clearly of opinion that there is not in existence any enforceable Contract between the Corporation and Messrs. McCormack and Hegarty.

Generally speaking a Corporation can only contract under its Seal. There are no doubt many exceptions to this general rule such as for example Companies incorporated under the Companies Act 1908 which are authorised to contract in certain cases without Seal by Section 76 of the Act. However the only exception to the General rule which appears to apply in the case of the Corporation is Section 56 of the Commissioners Clauses Act 1847 which applies to Querists Corporation which has adopted the Towns Improvement Act 1854, Section 53 of which applies the contract sections of the Act. This Section provides inter alia that any contract which if made between private persons would be by law required to be in writing and signed by the parties, the Commissioners may make in writing signed by the Commissioners or any two of their number acting by the direction and on behalf of the Commissioners. The contract in the present case is one which should be in writing under the Sale of Goods Act 1893 Section 4 as there has been of course no part payment or part delivery. Section 56 further provides that any contract which if made between private persons would by law be valid although made by Parol only, the Commissioners or any two of them acting by the direction and on behalf of the Commissioners may make by Parol only without writing.

It is quite clear that this Section has not been satisfied.

If the goods in question had been supplied in accordance with the accepted tender without a valid contract having been entered into, the Contractor might be able to recover payment under the principle of the case of Lawford v Billericay Rural Council 1903 1 K.B. 772 which decided that a Corporation may be liable by reason of its acts in accepting goods or services. Nothing of this kind exists in the present case and it is

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 next business was to consider a motion in the name of Councillor O'Leary that the Resolution of the 18th ultimo, adjourning consideration of the letter from the Minister for Local Government and Public Health dated 9th February, 1935, No. H.19837, be rescinded; and that the Corporation proceed to purchase the materials specified in the tender of Messrs. McCormack and Hegarty as if no communication at all had been received from the Department of Local Government and Public Health.

It was explained to the present meeting that under date of the 7th instant, by letter No. H.29656, the Minister had stated that, with reference to the Resolution of the Corporation of 18th ultimo, his views were contained in the Department's letter of 9th February, 1935, No. H.19837. The amendments suggested by the Department were designed to secure lower tenders, and to remove contradictions from the documents on which tenders were originally invited.

The Minister's letter further stated that the communication from Mr. Kirwan, Solicitor, should be referred to the Corporation's Law Agent for his advice. A copy of this should be submitted in due course to the Minister together with a memorandum of the further points which the Deputation, proposed on the 18th ultimo, wished to place before him.

It was further explained that this communication of the Minister's had been submitted to a meeting of the Finance Committee on the 11th instant, when it was unanimously decided to procure the Law Agent's advice, as requested by the Minister, and, if the Law Agent thought it necessary, to refer the whole matter to Counsel for his opinion.

The Law Agent did consider that Counsel's opinion was necessary in this matter, and had accordingly prepared a case which was submitted to Cecil Lavery, Esq., S.C.

The questions on which Counsel was asked to advise were:-

- (1) If any contract existed between the Corporation and Messrs. McCormack and Hegarty.
- (2) If the Corporation were under any liability to Messrs. McCormack and Hegarty.
- (3) If not under any liability, what steps they should now take in connection with the matter.
- (4) If the Housing Committee, at their meeting on January 9th, were within their rights in refusing to consider the tender of the Wexford Timber Company, having regard to the covering letter which accompanied it.
- (5) If the Minister's directions to issue fresh advertisements for new tenders should be carried out.
- (6) To give the Corporation such further advice as he considered necessary.

Under even date the Corporation Solicitor forwarded copy of Mr. Lavery's opinion, and intimated that he would attend the present meeting.

He suggested, however, that any discussion should be in committee. In the event of any further proceedings he did not think it would be fair that the Corporation should go to the expense of obtaining the best legal opinion in Ireland for the benefit of those who

My view therefore is that having regard to all these matters it may be advisable for the Corporation to issue fresh advertisements for tenders.

I may observe in conclusion that Section 102 of the Municipal Corporation Act 1840 under which the charter of the Borough was made in 1846 provides that all acts of Committees of the Corporation are to be submitted to the Council for approval. I therefore agree with the advice given by the Law Agents that the Resolution of the Housing Committee required confirmation by the Council (Corporation)

Cecil Lavery."

The discussion which followed the reading of Counsel's opinion was merely a reiteration of the views stated by members at previous meetings, with the exception that a number of members seemed to regard very lightly the suggestion contained in the Minister's letter of 9th February last, No. H.19837, that he would be compelled to take this matter into consideration when the question of the payment of State Subsidies arose, and expressed the view that if the Corporation proceeded to purchase the materials from Messrs. McCormack and Hegarty the Minister would not interfere with the payment of subsidy, but His Worship the Mayor and some others thought that the Corporation should not proceed to erect these houses with this threat hanging over their heads, as if the Minister did refuse to pay subsidy, a very serious position would arise when the rents of the houses were being fixed. As well, as pointed out to a previous meeting, by the Town Clerk, if the Minister refused to commence the 35 years' subsidy-period in 1935/6, it would be necessary for the Corporation to raise by means of rate a sum of approximately £370 which the Town Clerk had taken credit for in his estimates on foot of this subsidy.

Eventually the following two resolutions were submitted:-

Proposed by Councillor O'Leary, and seconded by Alderman Flusk. That the decision of the 18th ultimo, adjourning consideration of the letter from the Minister for Local Government and Public Health dated 9th February, 1935, No. H.19837, be rescinded; that the Corporation adhere to their former decision ratifying the acceptance of Messrs. McCormack and Hegarty's tender; and that they proceed forthwith to purchase from this firm the materials specified in their tender as if no communication at all had been received from the Minister on the subject.

An amendment was moved by Alderman Coffey, and seconded by Councillor Connolly. That this meeting stand adjourned until the 25th instant; that the Minister be furnished with a copy of Mr. Lavery's opinion; and that he be requested to inform the Corporation by the 25th if it was his intention to interfere with the State Subsidy in connection with this contract.

A poll was taken on the amendment, when there voted:-

For: Councillors Martin, Murphy, Buckland, McGuire, Dunne, Connolly,
Alderman Coffey, and the Mayor-----8

Against: Councillors Sinnott, Crosbie, O'Leary, Atkins, Moran, Cashman,
Aldermen Gullimore, Flusk, and Walsh-----9

The amendment was accordingly declared lost, and Councillor O'Leary's resolution was passed as a substantive motion by the same vote.

quite impossible for the proposing contractors to allege an enforceable contract based merely on the resolution of the Corporation accepting the tender. It has been decided expressly that a Corporation will not be bound by a Resolution of the Corporation not resulting in a sealed contract (*R. v the Stamford Corporation* 1844 6 Q.B. 433; *Kingston upon Hull Guardians v. Petch* 10 E. 610-).

The Corporation are therefore in my opinion at present under no liability to Messrs. McCormack and Hegarty.

I have no information as to the usual procedure of the Corporation in such cases but I assume that the ordinary practice is after notification of the acceptance of a tender that a contract of a formal character is prepared and executed. I note that in the present case the Notice given stated that the Contractor would be required to enter into an Agreement for the carrying out of the contract to the satisfaction of the Borough Surveyor and the Corporation.

In my opinion the Housing Committee were clearly within their rights in not considering the tender of the Wexford Timber Co., Ltd.

It is difficult for me to offer any opinion or advice as to how the Corporation should now proceed. I am not aware of any provision applying to the Corporation which requires the consent of the Minister for Local Government to contracts made or to be made by the Corporation. As stated by Agent the Minister has effective control in his power to give or withhold the Grants for Housing. Article 25 (7) of the Procedure of Councils Order 1899 provides that where any proposal for a Works by the County Council involves the borrowing of money, the County Council shall not enter into any contract for the work until the L.G.B. have sanctioned the borrowing of the money. This Article does not, however, apply to the Corporation and I have not found in the time at my disposal any similar provisions which do apply. The Grants, however, are I assume to me made by the Minister under the Housing Acts and therefore may be given or withheld at the discretion of the Minister. I have no particulars as to how far, if at all, the Minister has sanctioned or committed himself to the making of the Grants.

An important question arises as to whether the tenders have been properly obtained. I have not before me the Minutes of the Housing Committee (or of the Corporation) at which it was decided to invite the tenders and I do not know if advertisements were directed. It appears however from the letter of 24th Jan'y. 1935 from the Town Clerk to the Minister that no advertisement was in fact issued. Section 57 of the Commissioners Clauses Act 1847 (which as pointed out above applies) provides that before any contract to the amount of more than £100 is entered into, ten days notice at the least shall be given in some one of the newspapers circulating in the district expressing the purpose of such contract and inviting proposals and further provides that the Commissioners shall accept the proposal which upon the view of all the circumstances shall appear to them to be most advantageous and shall take security for the due performance of such contract. The Minister in his letter of 1st February 1935 though not referring to any statutory requirement states that the invitation of tenders shall be by public advertisement.

The Corporation recognised that in the special circumstances of the case, they could not insist on Mr. Mullins giving a month's notice, and on the motion of Aldermen Coffey, seconded by Councillor Sinnott, it was decided to accept Mr. Mullins' resignation with reluctance. In response to an advertisement, three applications were submitted for the temporary post of Meat Inspector. They were from Messrs. B. Hickey, J. Finucane, and Francis Staples, all three of whom were qualified Veterinary Surgeons.

Mr. Hickey had acted as temporary Meat Inspector on several occasions during the past few years, and had attended lectures for a post-graduate course in meat inspection.

Mr. Finucane had also acted on a couple of occasions for Mr. Mullins, and as he was only recently qualified, his course had included meat inspection both practical and theoretical.

Mr. Staples had been employed by the Corporation as Veterinary Inspector, under the Dairies, Cowsheds, and Milkshops Order, for the past thirty years, during which time he had given every satisfaction.

At the outset, it was mentioned that the only person who would be in a position to give whole-time service to the Corporation would be Mr. Finucane, and a number of members were of the opinion that to carry out the work satisfactorily, a man should give his full time to the post.

Thereupon Councillor Connolly moved that Mr. Staples be appointed, and Councillor Murphy seconded.

Councillor Dunne proposed Mr. Finucane, and Alderman Coffey seconded.

On a show of hands Mr. Finucane was declared elected by ten votes to five for Mr. Staples. The next business was to fix the salary and terms of appointment of Mr. Mullins' successor. It was pointed out that Mr. Mullins' appointment was made yearly, and was terminable by a month's notice on either side. The salary attaching to the post was £450 per annum, of which £300 was recouped by the Department of Agriculture in respect of work performed under the Agricultural Produce (Fresh Meat) Acts, 1930 and 1931. The age limits fixed when Mr. Mullins was first appointed were 21 and 45 years.

His duties were to act as Veterinary Examiner under the Agricultural Produce (Fresh Meat) Acts, 1930 and 1931; to see that the Bye-laws with respect to the condition of slaughter-houses, and those for the decent and seemly conveyance of meat through the streets of Wexford, were strictly observed; to see that the Bye-laws as to the sale of meat within the Borough were satisfactorily complied with; and to carry out all duties prescribed by the Public Health (Veterinary Inspection) Order, 1929.

He was not allowed to undertake private practice.

Alderman Walsh thereupon moved. That, subject to the sanction of the Minister for Local Government and Public Health and on condition that the Department of Agriculture would agree to recoup the Corporation two-thirds of the Inspector's salary for work under the Agricultural Produce (Fresh Meat) Acts, the Local Appointments Commissioners be requested to recommend a suitable person, on the same terms and conditions as Mr. Mullins held the post, for appointment for one year, and for such further period as the Corporation, with the consent of the Minister for Local Government and Public Health, shall determine. The

In reply to a query, the Town Clerk informed the meeting that he could not yet give instructions to have this material purchased from Messrs. McCormack and Hegarty without reporting further to the Minister, more especially having regard to the opinion of Counsel outlined above.

The Meeting then separated.

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Mayor

25th March, 1935.

A Special Meeting of the Corporation 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: Michael Flusk, William Cullimore, Thomas Walsh, Robert Coffey, and Patrick Tobin.

Councillors: Nicholas Connolly, Robert Moran, Patrick Atkins, Phillip McGuire, John Billington, James Sinnott, Thomas Dunne, John J. O'Leary, and Timothy Cashman.

The meeting had been specially convened, in accordance with a decision of the 19th instant, to dispose of the following matters:-

- (1) The acceptance of the resignation of Mr. John Mullins, M.R.C.V.S., as Meat Inspector from the 30th instant.
- (2) The appointment of a temporary Meat Inspector as from the 1st prox. until Mr. Mullins' successor was appointed.
- (3) The fixing of the salary and terms of appointment of Mr. Mullins' successor.

Before the business of the meeting proceeded, the Mayor moved that the sympathy of the Corporation be extended to Councillor Crosbie on the death of his two sisters.

This motion was seconded by Alderman Coffey, and adopted in the usual way.

Councillor Sinnott moved that the sympathy of the meeting be extended to Councillor Connolly on the death of his sister.

This motion was seconded by His Worship the Mayor, and was also adopted in silence.

Councillor Connolly returned thanks to the members for their kind vote.

The first business was then entered upon.

It was explained that by the terms of his appointment Mr. Mullins should give the Corporation one month's notice, but that he was compelled to ask for his release with only two weeks' notice.

On behalf of Mr. Mullins, it was stated that having secured an appointment under the New Zealand Government, he would have to sail from Southampton on the 18th prox., and could not give the necessary month's notice as it would take him some considerable time to prepare for such a journey.

signed to enable the Treasurer to pay them.

The first business was to fix, in accordance with Section 10 (2) of the Local Elections Act, 1927, the day and hour on which a Quarterly Meeting would be held, not earlier than the 23rd day of June nor later than the 1st day of July next, for the election of a Mayor and Committees for the year 1935/6.

On the motion of the Mayor, seconded by Councillor Murphy, it was unanimously decided to hold a Quarterly Meeting on Monday, July 1st, 1935, at half-past seven o'clock p.m.

Under date of the 13th ultimo, by letter No. H.31663, the Minister for Local Government and Public Health intimated that he had given instructions for the confirmation, without modification, of The Wexford (Dodd's Lane) Clearance Order, 1935.

This was considered satisfactory.

A recommendation was submitted by the Public Health Committee to the effect that a house at Cornmarket be acquired by the Corporation, in accordance with Section 28 of the Housing (Miscellaneous Provisions) Act, 1931.

This house was in a very bad state of repair, and to make it safe for human habitation the Borough Surveyor estimated would cost, approximately, £200.

In January last, a Notice had been served on the owner intimating that the question of making a Demolition Order in respect of it would be considered on the 18th February, when any offer as to the carrying out of works would be considered.

No offer of any description was received, and on the 25th February last a Demolition Order was made, under Section 23 of the above-mentioned Act.

Since the making of this Order, the matter had been considered by the Public Health Committee on several occasions, and it was suggested that the house could be made suitable for human habitation by the carrying out of the repairs specified by the Borough Surveyor. These repairs the owner was neither willing nor in a position to do, and members were loath to have the house demolished, as the resultant site would be an eyesore in the locality, and as well would prove dangerous to the buildings adjoining on either side.

When this matter came before the Public Health Committee, the Town Clerk pointed out that in his opinion Section 28 of the Act did not give the Corporation power to acquire this house as no appeal had been taken to the Circuit Court in the case.

As well, if a sum of £200 were spent on putting the house into a habitable state, even though the owner was willing to hand the property over to the Corporation for a nominal sum of ten shillings, the economic rent would be 8/6. He (Town Clerk) did not believe that any person would be willing to pay such a rent for this house, having regard to its location, and, further, he thought that the Increase of Rent and Mortgage Interest (Restrictions) Acts would prohibit such a rent being charged.

He (Town Clerk) gave the same advice to the present meeting as he gave to the Public Health Committee, but it was unanimously agreed, however, on the motion of Councillor Connolly, seconded by Councillor Sinnott, that the sanction of the Minister for Local Government and Public Health be sought to the acquisition of this house and to the raising of a Loan of £200 from the Local Loans Fund for the purpose of carrying out the necessary repairs.

On the motion of Alderman Coffey, seconded by His Worship the Mayor, Councillor Michael

appointment to be terminable by a month's notice in writing on either side.

Alderman Coffey seconded this motion.

An amendment, however, was suggested by Councillor O'Leary, that the age limits be between 21 and 50 years.

This was accepted by Alderman Walsh, and embodied in his original proposition, which was unanimously agreed to.

The Meeting then separated.

*R. Corish M.P.
Mayor of Wexford*

1st April, 1935.

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

The members present were:-

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

Aldermen: Robert Coffey, Michael Flusk, William Cullimore, Patrick Tobin, and Thomas Walsh.

Councillors: Timothy Cashman, Robert Moran, James Murphy, Patrick Atkins, Phillip McGuire, Thomas Buckland, John J. O'Leary, Michael Martin, James Crosbie, Thomas Dunne, Nicholas Connolly, and James Sinnott.

The Minutes of Meeting of 4th January were read, and on the motion of Councillor O'Leary, seconded by Alderman Coffey, those of the 19th and 25th ultimo were taken as having been read.

With reference to Minutes of 19th ultimo, when the question of the salary of the Health Visitor was under consideration, Alderman Coffey questioned the accuracy of the Resolution granting her an increase of £10 and adjourning for twelve months consideration of the question of increments. The Alderman stated that his intention at the time was to dispose of the whole salary question finally with the increase of £10, but no member agreed with his present contention, and it was held that the Minute prepared by the Town Clerk was accurate.

Liabilities which had accrued due up to the end of last month, amounting, in the aggregate, to £3,949 : 0 : 4 were submitted. Included in them was an account from Mrs. T. C. Healy for alterations carried out to the members' robes as far back as 1933.

The Town Clerk, in accordance with Section 61 of the Local Government Act, 1925, pointed out that this was not a legal charge upon the funds of the Corporation, and would in all probability be sur-charged by the Auditor.

Nevertheless, it was unanimously agreed that as the account was due, it should be paid, and the remaining accounts having been examined and found correct, an Advice Note was

31 years at an annual rent of £1 : 10 : 0.

On the 4th ultimo, Mrs. Ollimore had applied to the Finance Committee for this plot, but it was decided that before considering the application, an advertisement should be issued stating that the application had been received, and inviting others from interested persons. This advertisement was duly issued, and two applications had been received in addition to Mrs. Ollimore's. They were from Mrs. Anastasia Murphy, South Main Street; and Mr. Michael Broaders, South Main Street, whose property adjoined that which it was now proposed to lease.

The Finance Committee had considered the three applications on the 11th ultimo, and had decided to recommend the Corporation to accede to that of Mrs. Ollimore on the terms outlined above.

The Town Clerk stated that on the 14th ultimo he had received a further application for this plot from Messrs. James J. Stafford & Sons, Ltd.

On this day he had received an offer, from Mr. Michael Broaders, of £50 for a lease of the plot in addition to the annual rent of £1 : 10 : 0; and from Messrs. Staffords, an offer of £25 and a rent of £7 per annum.

In the event of Messrs. Stafford securing the site, it was their intention, they stated, to throw down the boundary walls of their present premises there, cover in the river, and leave the site accessible to the public.

Members were rather surprised at the offers now made for this plot, but Councillor O'Leary proposed that the recommendation of the Finance Committee be adopted.

The Town Clerk, however, pointed out that this matter would want to receive very careful consideration, having regard to the fact that an offer of £50 had been received for a lease, and so Councillor O'Leary withdrew his proposition, and moved that the matter be referred to the Finance Committee for further consideration, and, if necessary, to obtain the advice of the Corporation Solicitor.

Alderman Coffey seconded this motion, which was unanimously agreed to.

After a series of ballots had been taken, the following were selected as sledgers for employment at Faythe Quarry, namely, Thomas Clampett, Thomas Swift, James Pitt, William Roche, and M. Kennedy.

Adverting to Minutes of 19th ultimo, when the question of tenders received for timber in connection with the erection of 154 houses at Maudlintown, was under consideration, and it was decided that the material should be purchased from Messrs. McCormack and Hegarty, despite the fact that Counsel had pointed out that, in accordance with the Commissioners Clauses Act of 1847, tenders should have been invited by public advertisement, and repeated requests from the Minister for Local Government and Public Health to re-advertise this contract, this matter again came up for consideration.

It was explained that at a meeting of Finance Committee held on 25th ultimo, members had referred to the fact that although the Corporation had decided to purchase the materials from Messrs. McCormack and Hegarty on the 19th ultimo, no order had been issued by the Town Clerk.

The Town Clerk had explained to the Committee that he had communicated with the Minister

Martin was appointed to represent the Corporation at the annual General Meeting of the Irish Public Bodies Mutual Insurances, which would take place at an early date.

A letter was read from the Enniscorthy Urban Council asking for the views of the Corporation on the question of the making of joint issue of Stock by the Councils of Wexford, New Ross, and Enniscorthy, and on the suggestion of the Mayor, this matter was referred to a Special Committee composed of the following, for further consideration, namely, Alderman Coffey, Councillors Buckland, Moran, Sinnott, and the Mayor.

With reference to Minutes of 3rd December, 1934, when it was decided to purchase, for the sum of £40, four houses at Westgate, the Deed transferring this property from Mrs. McCarthy to the Corporation, was submitted for execution, and on the motion of Councillor O'Leary, seconded by Alderman Walsh, the Corporate Seal was affixed thereto and authenticated by the signatures of the Mayor and Town Clerk.

With reference to Minutes of 7th January last, when permission was given to the Mayor and Town Clerk to negotiate for the sale of part of the Maudlintown Housing Site, on which it was proposed to erect a Factory, it was pointed out that at the time negotiations were in progress with a Belgian Firm for the establishment of a glass factory there, but unfortunately this had fallen through owing to the fact that a firm of Irish Nationals intended to start a similar factory at Dublin.

Recently representatives of a firm named Brockhouse, of Birmingham, had been sent to Wexford by the Minister for Industry and Commerce with the object of commencing a Steel Works. On looking round for a site, they had been impressed by the one at Maudlintown, having regard to its close proximity to rail and sea. After some preliminary negotiations, a Mr. Arthur Cox, Solicitor, of Dublin, had asked for an option on part of the site for a period of six months at the price of £80 per acre. It was explained that part of the site required by these people would include the old houses purchased from Mrs. McKnight some time ago, which it was intended to demolish, and some members thought that, as these houses had cost the Corporation £450, £80 per acre was a very small sum.

It was explained, however, that the Corporation would not lose anything on the transaction as the proposed purchasers would have to demolish the houses and clear the site, which, if done by the Corporation, would cost them approximately £200.

The wording of the proposed option would be agreed on between Mr. Cox and the Corporation Solicitor, and would contain a clause providing that the site should be used for nothing but the proposed factory.

It was explained to the meeting that before any such option as they were now asked for could be given, it would be necessary to seek the approval of the Minister for Local Government and Public Health, and on the motion of the Mayor, seconded by Councillor Moran, it was unanimously agreed that the option be granted, subject to the Minister's approval. It was further decided that a Draft of the proposed Option should be submitted to the Corporation for consideration before being put into final form.

The next business was to consider a recommendation from the Finance Committee to the effect that a plot of ground at Stonebridge be leased to a Mrs. Elizabeth Cullimore for a period of

He (Alderman Flusk) then asked what had the Hill Street houses cost up to date, and the Town Clerk replied, £6,474. It was further stated that there was a sum of approximately £760 outstanding for materials, and Alderman Flusk intimated that if the estimate was £6,250, these houses had cost approximately £1,000 over it, and asked the Town Clerk if State Subsidy was being paid in respect of the Hill Street Scheme.

The Town Clerk replied that State Subsidy was being paid in respect of the Hill Street Scheme, but it would only be paid up to a maximum of £300 per house.

The Alderman further stated that they were told that the tender of the Timber Company was £240 lower than that accepted, and he could not understand why the Minister refused to pay subsidy because the Corporation declined to re-advertise for the sake of this £240, while he paid subsidy in respect of the Hill Street Scheme, which, from the figures submitted, would cost approximately £1,000 over the estimate.

Alderman Flusk further intimated that he did not believe, when the question of the payment of subsidy actually arose, that the Minister would refuse to pay it, but would reconsider the whole matter.

During the discussion on this matter, it was pointed out that if the houses were erected without the State Subsidy, the rent would be approximately 8/- per week, even if allowing for a contribution by the Corporation, but the meeting seemed inclined to carry out the previous decision accepting the tender of Messrs. McCormack and Hegarty, although it was pointed out that the loss of the State Subsidy would make a huge increase in the rents which persons in slum areas would not be able to meet.

The Town Clerk intimated that apart altogether from the question of whether the Minister would eventually pay the State Subsidy or not, the important point was where he was going to get money to pay the interest on Maudlintown Loan during the current year. In the estimates adopted last month, he had estimated that a sum of £500 would be required for the payment of interest on the amount needed to finance the scheme during 1935/6, and had taken credit for receiving two-thirds of this from the Government.

If the Corporation now decided to place this contract with Messrs. McCormack and Hegarty, the Minister would certainly not pay State Subsidy in the current year, and it would be necessary to bring in a supplementary estimate for approximately £435, which was the equivalent of a rate of fourpence in the pound. If such a supplementary ^{rate} estimate was not raised, it would mean that provision was not being made for the repayment of this Loan, and he (Town Clerk) did not think that the Minister would be prepared to recommend the Commissioners of Public Works to issue instalments in these circumstances.

Eventually, however, Councillor O'Leary proposed that Messrs. McCormack and Hegarty be required to give security, through the medium of two solvent sureties, in the sum of one-half the amount of the contract, and that the Bond be prepared for execution by the Corporation at a Special Meeting to be held on the 8th instant.

Alderman Flusk seconded.

The Mayor, however, moved as an amendment, that the meeting be adjourned, and that the Corporation endeavour to get in personal touch with the Minister to discuss the matter in the

for Local Government and Public Health under date of the 20th ultimo, asking if, having regard to the decision of the Corporation on the 19th, he should issue an Official Order to Messrs. McCormack and Hegarty.

The Committee had held the view that the Town Clerk had exceeded his functions in this matter. His responsibility ended when he had made a formal protest, and the members maintained that he should not have asked for any directions from the Minister for Local Government and Public Health, but should have immediately placed the order with the firm whose tender had been accepted.

The Town Clerk informed the Committee that in any case he could not place the order until the Agreement provided for in the Specification had been completed by both parties, and the Committee had decided that this Agreement should be prepared forthwith, and executed at the present meeting.

Under date of the 26th ultimo, the Town Clerk had communicated with the Corporation Solicitor directing him to prepare the necessary Agreement for execution on the part of the Corporation, but the Solicitor had replied pointing out:- (1) By Section 57 of the Commissioners Clauses Act, 1847, security should be given for the due and faithful performance of every contract over £100, and asked if the Corporation had yet decided the amount of the Bond to be given by Messrs. McCormack and Hegarty; (2) In Mr. Lavery's opinion, which was read to the Corporation on the 19th ultimo, it was pointed out that ten days' notice should have been given, under the before-mentioned Statute, in one of the newspapers circulating in the district, and as no such advertisement had been issued, the Solicitor stated that it would be open to persons to query the contract and claim that it was ultra vires on the part of the Corporation.

There was also submitted a letter from the Minister for Local Government and Public Health dated the 27th ultimo, No. H.47703, stating that the action proposed by the Corporation, in face of the Department's letters of the 9th February and 7th March, and the advice obtained by them from their Law Agent, showed that they were not fully alive to the importance of securing every reasonable saving in the provision of houses so that the losses to be borne from State and Local Funds would be kept at the minimum. In the circumstances the Minister had decided that he would not pay State Subsidy, under the Housing (Financial and Miscellaneous Provisions) Act, 1932, in respect of this scheme at Maudlintown. He further pointed out that by Section 56 of the Housing of the Working Classes Act, 1890, the provisions of Section 201 of the Public Health (Ireland) Act, 1878, were applied to the making of contracts for the purposes of Part 3 of the first-mentioned Act.

After the reading of the correspondence, Alderman Flusk asked why the Minister refused to pay subsidy in respect of this scheme, and the Town Clerk again read the communication from the Minister. The Alderman stated he took it from the letter that it was because the Corporation had accepted Messrs. McCormack and Hegarty's tender and had refused to re-advertise the contract although they were informed afterwards that a lower tender might have been before the Corporation if all those received had been opened.

(b) to execute on the part of the Corporation this contract.

It was reported that the sureties proposed by Messrs. McCormack and Hegarty were Mr. Laurence Harpur, North Main Street, Ironmonger; and Mr. Patrick Whelan, North Main Street, Grocer.

Alderman Walsh thereupon moved that the two names submitted be approved of Councillor O'Leary seconded, and as the members were aware that both gentlemen were solvent, the motion was unanimously agreed to.

In reply to a query, the Town Clerk read a letter from the Minister for Local Government and Public Health under date of the 5th instant, No. H.55240, stating that he had nothing to add to the terms of the Department's letter of the 27th ultimo, No. H.47703, on the subject of the tenders received for the supply of the necessary material.

Alderman Walsh complained that Messrs. McCormack and Hegarty had been given very short notice that sureties would be required, and stated they were only informed at five o'clock on the 5th instant, but the Town Clerk intimated that he had given instructions to the Corporation Solicitor on the morning of the 3rd instant to prepare the necessary Contract and Bond.

A short discussion then took place as to whether the Corporation should affix their seal to the Bond before it was signed by Messrs. McCormack and Hegarty, who were in attendance with their sureties during which it was pointed out that even if the Document were signed by the partners in this firm, it would not become a contract until the Corporation Seal was affixed thereto.

Councillor O'Leary thereupon moved that the Seal of the Corporation be affixed to the Contract, and Councillor Crosbie seconded.

Councillor Connolly called attention to the every large amount of money involved in this case. He pointed out that at a meeting of the Corporation held on the 19th March in order to fix the rate in the pound of the Municipal Rates for 1935/6, it had been stated that the members were anxious to keep down the rates as much as possible, but the action of the Corporation in this particular matter tended to increase them. He pointed out that without a Government Subsidy the rents of these houses would be anything up to nine shillings per week, and he did not think that, as suggested by some members, the Minister for Local Government and Public Health would depart from the attitude he had taken up.

Councillor Connolly also stated that the tender of Messrs. Graves of Waterford should have received more consideration having regard to the fact that it was over £200 cheaper than that of Messrs. McCormack and Hegarty, and asked was it a fact that their tender was ruled out of order on the grounds that their quotation did not provide for delivery on the site. The Councillor contended that after allowing for carriage from Waterford and cartage, at the rate of 3/- per ton, from the railway station at Wexford to the site, Messrs. Graves' tender would be approximately £150 cheaper than that of the one it was now proposed to accept.

Councillor Connolly further stated that a number of members had a leaning towards a particular firm, and instanced the fact that in October last, when two tenders for cement were being considered, a suggestion was made (but not carried out) that the contract should be divided, although one tender was sixpence per ton dearer than the one accepted.

light of all the circumstances.

Aldermen Coffey seconded.

A motion by Councillor Connolly, that the Corporation re-advertise in accordance with the instructions of the Minister, was not considered necessary, and was not seconded.

On a show of hands, eight members voted for the Mayor's amendment, and ten against.

Councillor Connolly then asked for a poll, which resulted as follows:-

For the Mayor's Aldermen Tobin and Coffey, Councillors Connolly, Dunne, Martin,

Amendment: Buckland, Murphy and the Mayor----- 8

Against: Aldermen Walsh, Gullimore and Flusk, Councillors O'Leary,

Sinnott, Crosbie, McGuire, Atkins, Moran, and Cashman-----10

The amendment was accordingly declared lost, and Councillor O'Leary's proposal, on being put as a substantive motion, was agreed to, but with Councillors Connolly and Dunne dissenting.

In reply to a query, the Borough Surveyor gave details of the work carried out to date on the Maudlintown Housing Site, and estimated the cost thereof at £5,200.

On the 7th instant, he stated, the masons refused to work on the scheme owing to the outside walls of some of the houses being built in massed concrete. In consequence of this attitude he was reluctantly compelled to dispense with the services of 27 labourers. Up to that time, there were approximately sixty men employed on the scheme, and in addition an average of ten carters.

The Meeting considered, from this report, that satisfactory progress was being made on the scheme.

Richard Corish.
Mayor of Wexford

8th April, 1935.

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

The members present were:-

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

Aldermen: Robert Coffey, Thomas Walsh, William Gullimore, Michael Flusk, and Patrick Tobin.

Councillors: Nicholas Connolly, James Murphy, Robert Moran, Patrick Atkins, Michael Martin, James Crosbie, Thomas Buckland, Phillip McGuire, John J. O'Leary, James Sinnott, Thomas Dunne, and Timothy Cashman.

The Meeting had been convened, in accordance with decision of the 1st instant, to:- (a) Approve of the sureties proposed by Messrs. McCormack and Hegarty in connection with the contract for the supply of timber for the erection of 154 houses at Maudlintown; and

A number of members suggested that plenty of people could be had to pay a rent of eight or nine shillings per week for these houses, and the majority of members seemed to think that there was nothing else for the Corporation to do but to let these houses to persons who would be willing to pay a rent near to their economic value and to disregard the slum-dwellers for the moment, although it was pointed out that it was the original intention of the Corporation when preparing this scheme to use the dwellings to re-house persons proposed to be displaced by their operations under the Housing of the Working Classes Acts. Some members, however, held that the Corporation would be failing in their duty if they disregarded the claims of those residing in slum areas, and in this connection it was pointed out that if the Corporation decided to build the houses without the subsidy, they would lose approximately £54,000 over the 35 year period during which such subsidy would be paid.

A further suggestion was made by Councillor Moran that if the Minister did withhold the subsidy (which he did not believe he would) the houses should be let on the tenant-purchase system.

Alderman Flusk asked was it not because there was supposed to be a difference of £240 between the tender of the Wexford Timber Company and Messrs. McCormack and Hegarty that the threat of withholding the subsidy had been made, but the Town Clerk pointed out that the Minister did not say that.

Alderman Flusk further stated that when the whole matter was placed fairly before the Minister he believed the question of subsidy would be reviewed, and in reply to the Town Clerk said he did not mean that he (Town Clerk) had put the matter before the Minister unfairly.

Eventually Councillor O'Leary agreed, on the suggestion of the Mayor, to add to his proposition "that in the event of the Minister not being prepared to give a subsidy, the Corporation let the houses at their full economic value."

Before the motion was put, the Town Clerk pointed out to the Meeting that in accordance with the opinion of the Corporation Solicitor and Mr. Cecil Lavery, S.C., the entry into this contract was illegal, and it followed that by entering into such an illegal contract the members would, in his opinion, be sur-charged with the amounts paid on foot thereof. It was his duty to inform them of this and to make a formal protest against the execution of the contract.

Aldermen Flusk and Walsh complained that at a previous meeting they had been informed by the Mayor and Town Clerk that no question of a sur-charge would arise, and whilst the Mayor admitted making the statement, the Town Clerk denied that he had said it. The Mayor stated that, in his opinion, a sur-charge would only arise if the Corporation let the houses at a rent much below their economic value.

The Town Clerk, he stated, disagreed with that, but he still believed that it was the only way a sur-charge would arise.

A poll was thereupon taken on Councillor O'Leary's motion, when there voted:-

Councillor Connolly also referred to the emphatic statement by Alderman Flusk that the Minister would not stop the subsidy, but would review the case when the question of its payment arose, and stated it would be interesting to know if the Alderman had been in communication with the Minister or if he had anything to show that the statement he made was genuine.

Councillor Connolly further pointed out that at last meeting the Town Clerk had informed the Corporation that by the refusal of the Minister to pay subsidy in this case, the estimates for 1935/6 would be short by the equivalent of fourpence in the pound, and finally asked the meeting to reconsider this whole matter having regard to the fact that if the Minister refused to pay subsidy when the houses were finished they could not be let to slum dwellers, whom they were originally intended for.

Councillor Buckland stated that while he agreed that Messrs. McCormack and Hegarty had qualified for the contract, he thought the Corporation would not be justified in accepting it that night and depriving themselves of the subsidy. They would be entitled to receive approximately £12 per annum in respect of the 154 houses, and this would amount to a total of £1848 in each year.

Councillor Buckland further suggested that they should defer this matter indefinitely, and that the Corporation should consider the question of erecting the houses by contract instead of by Direct Labour. Their experience of Direct Labour recently had been rather unfortunate. Their estimate for Joseph Street had been exceeded by approximately £600, and on Hill Street it was thought that the estimate would be exceeded by over £1,000, so he considered that in deferring the matter the Corporation would be taking a very sensible view and acting wisely.

In reply to Councillor Buckland, the Town Clerk stated that they had spent approximately £5,000 on the scheme to date, and Councillor Buckland considered it was quite possible that further instalments of this Loan would not be issued unless the Corporation made provision for its repayment by a supplementary rate of fourpence in the pound.

He was certainly against this increase having regard to the fact that the rates this year had already gone up by no less than two shillings in the pound.

If the houses were built by contract, the Corporation would know exactly where they stood, and there would be no possibility of the houses exceeding the estimate.

With reference to Councillor Buckland's suggestion that the Corporation should consider the erection of the houses by contract, the Mayor pointed out that on a number of schemes carried out by Direct Labour they had saved on the estimate, and the Borough Surveyor stated that all the spade work had been done at Maudlintown and up to the present he was satisfied they had a very good saving on the scheme.

During the discussion it was pointed out that assuming the houses were built for the estimated cost, namely £320 for a four-roomed house, the economic rent would be ten shillings per week, and no slum-dweller could possibly afford such a rent, whereas if the two-thirds subsidy were received, the houses could be let at four shillings per week with a loss of rent £2 : 15 : 0 per year to the Corporation.

29th April, 1935.

A Special Meeting of the Corporation 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 Walsh, Michael Flusk, and Robert Coffey.

Councillors: Patrick Atkins, Thomas Buckland, John Billington, Phillip McGuire, James Murphy, Nicholas Connolly, James Sinnott, Michael Martin, Robert Moran, Timothy Cashman, Thomas Dunne, James Gaul, and James Crosbie.

Before the first business of the meeting commenced, the Mayor proposed that the Corporation extend their sympathy to the widow and family of the late Patrick White. Mr. White had been Town Rate Collector for the Corporation for the past thirteen years and had given the greatest satisfaction to all parties in the discharge of his duties. He was a well known figure in the town, and he (Mayor) felt that Wexford was the poorer for his passing. Alderman Coffey seconded the motion, and all those present associated themselves therewith. On behalf of the staff the Town Clerk associated himself with the resolution, and stated that he had always found Mr. White a most efficient officer of the Council.

The motion was passed in the usual way.

The first business was to adopt, if thought well, a recommendation from the Finance Committee that Mr. William O'Donohoe, Poor Rate Collector, be appointed to complete the collection of the Borough Rate, Rate in lieu of County Cess, Water Rates and Water Charges for the year 1934/5 or until a permanent successor was appointed.

The question of the completion of the collection of Town Rates was under consideration by the Finance Committee on the 15th instant, when it was reported that the collector, Mr. White, had died on the 10th idem.

The Committee were further informed that the total amount of his Warrant for the year 1934/5 was £10,417 : 6 : 3. Of this he had collected and lodged up to 31st March last £5,984 : 5 : 3; he had allowed as discount £84 : 14 : 3; and the amount outstanding was £3,348 : 5 : 9.

The Town Clerk had explained to the Committee that the amount outstanding was approximately 33 per cent. of the total Warrant, and had expressed the opinion that anything from 15 to 20 per cent. more could be collected, and advised that Mr. O'Donohoe, Poor Rate Collector, should be asked to complete the collection.

The Finance Committee had carefully considered this matter, and had unanimously decided on the foregoing recommendation; Mr. O'Donohoe to be paid at the same rate as Mr. White was paid, namely, sixpence in the pound on all monies collected and lodged.

No objection was raised by the present meeting to the recommendation of the Committee, and on the motion of Councillor Crosbie, seconded by Alderman Coffey, the recommendation was unanimously adopted.

Thereupon a Warrant was submitted authorising Mr. O'Donohoe to collect the outstanding balance of Town Rates, and on the motion of Councillor Gaul, seconded by Councillor Martin, the Corporate Seal was affixed to the Warrant and authenticated by the signatures of the

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For: Councillors Cashman, Moran, Atkins, Martin, Crosbie, McGuire, Sinnott,
O'Leary, Aldermen Flusk, Ollimore and Walsh-----11

Against: Councillors Dunne, Connolly, Buckland, Aldermen Tobin, Coffey, and
the Mayor-----6

Declined

to Vote: Councillor Murphy

The motion was accordingly declared carried, and on the contract being presented to Messrs. McCormack and Hegarty for signature, they pointed out that no sum had been inserted in respect of a fine for delay in supplying materials, and asked the Corporation to now decide the amount. On the motion of Alderman Walsh, seconded by Councillor Crosbie, this was fixed at Five Pounds per week.

Messrs. McCormack and Hegarty also asked that a Resolution be passed to the effect that their responsibility should end when the materials delivered by them had been inspected and passed by the Borough Surveyor, and that they be given a certified copy of such Resolution. The Meeting considered this a reasonable request, and unanimously agreed that the Firm's responsibility should end when the materials had been inspected and passed by the Borough Surveyor.

On the contract being signed on the part of Messrs. McCormack and Hegarty, the Corporation Seal was affixed thereto on the part of the Corporation and authenticated by the signatures of Councillors O'Leary and Crosbie.

Councillor Dunne asked if he would be in order in handing in Notice of Motion to have the whole matter rescinded at next meeting, but the Mayor declined to take the notice stating the matter had been going on too long.

When the matter of this contract had been disposed of, the Town Clerk asked where the money to meet the interest on the Maudlintown loan in the year 1935/6 was to be found. As previously pointed out, the estimates provided for a sum of approximately £330 being received in subsidy from the Minister for Local Government and Public Health. This would not now be forthcoming, and would have to be provided for by some other means.

Alderman Walsh gave notice that he would move at Statutory Meeting, due to be held on the 6th prox., that a supplementary rate be raised equivalent to the amount of subsidy to be withheld by the Minister in the current year.

The Mayor referred to the withdrawal of the masons from the Corporation works, and stated he believed a settlement could be arrived at if negotiations were entered into with representatives of the Corporation and the masons, and suggested that such negotiations should be initiated forthwith.

The Meeting agreed to do everything possible to bring about an early settlement of the dispute, and it was decided that the Mayor, with Alderman Walsh, Councillors Moran, Crosbie, and the Borough Surveyor should meet representatives of the masons if possible on the 9th instant, and try to arrive at a settlement. They should then report to a meeting of the Housing Committee, who were authorised to make a settlement on behalf of the Corporation. The Meeting then terminated.

Richard Beards
Mayor of Wexford

It was also suggested that it would be difficult for one man to collect all the rates.

Eventually Councillor Buckland's amendment was put to the meeting, but as only four members voted for it, it was declared lost.

The Mayor then suggested that the Corporation should consider the advisability of handing over the collection of Town Rates, etc. to Mr. O'Donohoe; the establishment of a Rates' Office; and the appointment of an assistant to help the Collector.

If this suggestion were agreed to, the Mayor pointed out that the Corporation would not be depriving a person of employment as a second man could be appointed to assist Mr. O'Donohoe. He (Mayor) further stated that if the Corporation agreed to his suggestion, he would recommend them to fix an inclusive salary for the rate collection and the preparation of the Franchise Lists.

The Mayor's suggestion, however, did not meet with favour, and was not put in the form of a proposition.

Councillor Moran's motion, that the recommendation of the Finance Committee be adopted with the addition of an examination in Irish, was then unanimously agreed to.

The Town Clerk explained that, as instructed by the Finance Committee, he had enquired from the Superior of the Christian Brothers if he would be prepared to conduct the examination, and he was quite willing to do so.

The Meeting thereupon decided that the examination should be conducted by the Local Superior of the Christian Brothers.

It was explained to the meeting that no advertisement could be issued in connection with this post until the terms of appointment now agreed on had been sanctioned by the Minister for Local Government and Public Health.

The Meeting then separated.

Richard Cornish
Mayor of Wexford

6th May, 1935.

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

The members present were:-

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

Aldermen: Robert Coffey, Patrick Tobin, Michael Flusk, William Cullimore, and Thomas Walsh.

Councillors: James Murphy, John Billington, Thomas Dunne, Thomas Buckland, Patrick Atkins, James McMahon, James Gaul, John J. O'Leary, Timothy Cashman, James Sinnott, James Crosbie, Robert Moran, Michael Martin, and Nicholas Connolly.

On the motion of Alderman Walsh, seconded by Councillor McMahon, the Minutes of Meetings of 1st, 8th and 29th April, 1935, 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 £3,250 : 2 : 6 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 19th March last, when the Town Clerk promised the members to

Mayor, five members of the Council, and the Town Clerk.

The next business was to consider and adopt, if thought well, a further recommendation from the Finance Committee as to the terms of appointment of a permanent Collector of Borough Rate, Rate in lieu of County Cess, Water Rates and Water Charges. These terms were as follows:-

- (1) Applications to be invited by Public Advertisement from persons qualified for appointment in accordance with the terms of the Public Bodies Order, 1925.
- (2) Age limits 21 to 45 years.
- (3) Security to be by means of a Fidelity Guarantee Bond in the sum of £1200, and a personal Bond with two solvent sureties in the sum of £400.
- (4) Remuneration to be at the rate of sixpence in the pound on all monies collected and lodged.
- (5) The appointment to be made by way of Qualifying Examination in English and Arithmetic equivalent to Fourth Standard, with minimum pass marks of 33 1/3rd per cent.

Councillor Moran moved that the recommendation of the Finance Committee be adopted, and Councillor Dunne seconded.

Councillor Gaul questioned the accuracy of the recommendation. He stated that at the meeting of the Finance Committee he had moved that Irish be included in the recommendation with pass marks of 33 1/3rd per cent., but the members who were present at the Committee Meeting reminded the Councillor that the Committee could not agree on a standard for Irish, and had, therefore, excluded it from the recommendation.

Councillor Cashman thereupon moved that an examination in Irish be included of a standard equivalent to the first book of O'Growney with minimum pass marks of 33 1/3rd per cent. Councillor Gaul seconded.

Councillor Moran, however, agreed to include the Irish examination in his proposal that the recommendation of the Finance Committee be adopted.

Councillor Buckland then proposed as an amendment that the office of Collector of Borough Rate, Rate in lieu of County Cess, Water Rates and Water Charges be amalgamated with the Office of Poor Rate Collector, with a view to the future consolidation of the Rate Collection, and that a remuneration of fourpence in the pound on all monies collected and lodged be fixed.

Councillor Coffey seconded.

It was explained to the meeting that if Councillor Buckland's amendment were passed, the Minister for Local Government and Public Health would probably agree that the office would be whole-time, whereas with two collectors each would only be a part-time officer. On previous occasions the question of this status had been gone into by the Corporation and the Minister, when the latter had decided that nothing less than the collection of all rates by one person would be sufficient to warrant the creation of a full-time post.

It was further explained to the meeting that if the amendment were adopted, a saving of approximately £150 per year, or the equivalent of twopence in the pound would be effected. A number of members objected to this course on the grounds that it would be keeping a man out of employment, and at the present time, in view of the number of persons unemployed, they considered that amalgamation was not advisable.

31st March, 1936, pursuant to the Local Government (Ireland) Provisional Order (Dalkey, &c) Confirmation Act, 1876; the Public Health (Ireland) Act, 1878; and Acts incorporated with and amending or extending same as per an estimate duly considered and adopted on the 19th March, 1935."

The Book containing the items of the foregoing three Town Rates was thereupon sealed and signed on behalf of the Corporation, and a Warrant authorising their collection was also sealed and signed on the motion of Councillor O'Leary, seconded by Councillor Connolly. As to the closing of the Collectors Accounts for the year 1934/5, it was explained that owing to the death of Mr. White, Town Rate Collector, it was not possible to have the Schedules of uncollected rates completed in time for the present meeting as the Poor Rate Collector was about to close Mr. White's Warrant for last year. With regard to the Poor Rate, it was decided in March last that the Collector should continue to work until the 30th April, and the Schedule would be completed in time for the Statutory Meeting to be held in June.

Arising out of the sealing of the Rate Book, Councillor Buckland asked if it would be possible to assign numbers to all the dwelling-houses and business premises in the town, and have such numbers inscribed on the Rate Demand Notes, but the Town Clerk explained that such a method would not serve any useful purpose as a large number of the occupants of the houses never paid Rates direct, and consequently never received Demand Notes. The rates on all houses under a valuation of £5. were paid by the Landlords and charged in the rents. He further explained that to carry out the Councillor's suggestion, a number would have to be allocated to each house and a notice served on the occupier requiring him to affix such a number. He had done this in the case of High Street some couple of years ago with success. The Town Clerk also stated that he had tried to have the Faythe and John Street numbered some six months ago but without much success.

After some discussion it was decided that as soon as the Town Clerk had time to go into the matter he should allocate numbers to the houses in Faythe and John Street and serve notices on the occupiers requiring them to affix such numbers to their doors. When these two streets were done the question of the others could be taken up.

The next business was 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. It was explained that as the Demand was not received until the 8th April it was not possible to have the rate in the pound determined before 31st March.

The estimate had been before the Finance Committee on the 15th and 29th April, and copies had already been furnished to the members.

From this estimate it was seen that to meet the commitments on this rate in the current Financial Year would require a sum of £8,167 : 6 : 2 and to raise this amount a rate of eight shillings and sixpence in the pound would be necessary.

The estimate showed that the County Council Demand was £6,445 : 6 : 2, but in addition the Corporation were obliged to contribute a sum of £31 : 0 : 0 under the Unemployment Assistance Act, 1933, and as well provision had to be made for the preparation and collection of the rate and for rates found to be irrecoverable in former years.

supply them with a Statement showing all the estimated receipts and expenditure applicable to Artisans Dwellings in respect of the current Financial Year, such a Statement had been circulated and Councillor Buckland thanked the Town Clerk for it.

The Statement showed that the estimated expenditure applicable to Housing was £6,318 : 11 : 0, and the estimated receipts, after deducting Rates, &c., amounted to £5,565 : 3 : 8. This showed a loss, as per the estimate for 1935/6, of £753 : 7 : 4.

A foot-note to the Statement, however, showed that the above loss would have to be increased by £333 : 13 : 4, being the amount of subsidy estimated to be received under the Housing Act, 1933, in respect of the Maudlintown Scheme; the Minister for Local Government and Public Health having decided not to pay subsidy in respect of these houses.

This would bring the estimated loss to £1,087 : 0 : 8, but having regard to the decision of the Corporation on the 8th ultimo to charge the economic rent for these houses, it was estimated that an extra £200 would be received in rents in the current year, thus bringing the estimated loss on Housing for the year 1935/6 to £887 : 0 : 8.

Councillor Buckland enquired if it was the intention of the Corporation to increase the rent of the houses by the amount of the increase in rates for this year, and in reply the Town Clerk stated that the Corporation's attention was directed to that particular question by a Local Government Auditor shortly after the passing of the Local Government (Rates on Small Dwellings) Act, 1928, but it was then decided to leave the rents as they were and not to make any adjustments in respect of increased or decreased rates in any year.

In reply to Alderman Coffey, the Town Clerk stated that approximately £400 was due in arrears of rent.

The first business was to formally strike Town Rates for the service of the Financial Year 1935/6, and the three following Resolutions were unanimously adopted:-

- (1) On the motion of Councillor O'Leary, seconded by Councillor Sinnott, it was 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 general Sanitary purposes) be made on the net assessable valuation 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 in the year ending on 31st March, 1936, as considered and adopted on 19th March, 1935."

- (2) On the motion of Alderman Walsh, seconded by Councillor Murphy, it was resolved:-

"That an assessment of Two Shillings and eightpence in the pound be laid on in respect of the year ending on 31st March, 1936, pursuant to the Local Government (Ireland) Provisional Order (Wexford) Confirmation Act, 1873, and Acts incorporated with and amending or extending same as per an estimate duly considered and adopted on the 19th March, 1935."

- (3) On the motion of Councillor Crosbie, seconded by Councillor Buckland, it was resolved:-

"That an assessment of One Shilling and Sixpence in the Pound, viz:- a Domestic Rate of one shilling, and a Public Rate of sixpence on the rateable value of property within the Town of Wexford be laid on in respect of the year ending on

the necessary material for the sum of £72 : 6 : 8; and Messrs. McCormack and Hegarty, who offered to supply it for £78 : 16 : 0.

As the tender of the Wexford Timber Company was the lower of the two submitted, it was accepted on the motion of Councillor Gaul, seconded by Councillor Sinnott.

With reference to Minutes of 8th ultimo, when it was decided to initiate negotiations with the object of arriving at a settlement in connection with the strike of masons on Corporation Works, it was reported that a couple of conferences had been held on this matter, and the strike had been settled on the 9th ultimo on the following terms:-

- (1) The erection of the proposed 154 houses at Maudlintown should be by means of blocks in respect of 90 houses, and in massed concrete in respect of 64, the inside walls of the latter 64 to be built in blocks.
- (2) The Housing Committee agreed to recommend the Corporation to appoint a working charge-hand mason at a wage of £4. per week. This person to be a paid-up member of his Trade Union.
- (3) The Housing Committee agreed to re-employ seven masons on the 11th ultimo, and to employ altogether ten to twelve masons within two weeks.
- (4) The masons agreed on their part not to leave the Maudlintown job to work for other persons while the Corporation were in a position to provide employment for them.

The present meeting agreed with the settlement made by the Housing Committee in this matter, and on the motion of Councillor Sinnott, seconded by Alderman Coffey, it was approved of. With regard to the appointment of a working charge-hand mason on the Maudlintown Scheme, it was reported that a Notice had been posted up on the works inviting applications for the post, and a copy sent to the Masons' Society.

Only one application was received from a man named William Bolger, of O'Connell Avenue, and the Borough Surveyor recommended him for appointment.

Thereupon, on the motion of the Mayor, seconded by Alderman Walsh, William Bolger was appointed charge-hand mason at a wage of £4 : 0 : 0 per week for such period as the Borough Surveyor deemed a charge-hand to be necessary.

With reference to Minutes of 25th March last when the terms of appointment of a Meat Inspector in place of Mr. Mullins, recently resigned, were agreed to, the Minister for Agriculture approved of such terms but suggested that applications for the post be limited to persons between the ages of 21 and 45 years.

The Minister for Local Government and Public Health, under date of the 8th ultimo, by letter No. P.H.57743, also approved of the terms, and made a similar suggestion regarding the age limit.

It was explained to the meeting that the Corporation ~~that the Corporation~~ had fixed the maximum age limit at 50 years.

Councillor Connolly, however, proposed that the Minister be again asked to agree to the age limits of 21/50 years.

Councillor O'Leary seconded, and the proposition was passed.

Applications were submitted from the Wexford Cinema Palace Limited, and the Capitol Cinema for the renewal of Licences under the Cinematograph Act, 1909, for a further year.

It was explained to the meeting that a good deal of the increase of sixpence in the pound in this rate was to make up for irrecoverable rates and arrears in the County Council Demand, and as the members could not point to any figure in the estimate which could be reduced without impairing the services for which it was to be raised, it was unanimously resolved on the motion of Councillor O'Leary, seconded by Councillor Billington, that a Poor Rate of eight shillings and Sixpence in the Pound for the service of the Financial Year 1935/6 be agreed to, and that the rate be formally made on Monday, June 3rd, 1935. In accordance with Notice given on the 8th ultimo, Alderman Walsh moved. That a supplementary rate be raised equivalent to the subsidy of £333 estimated to be received in connection with the Maudlintown Housing Scheme; the Minister for Local Government and Public Health having intimated that he would not pay subsidy in respect of these houses. In connection with this motion, the Town Clerk explained that the procedure to be gone through in connection with the raising of a supplementary rate was very involved. A meeting of all persons liable to the assessment would have to be convened, and a majority of such persons would have to affirm the Resolution of the Corporation. As the Rate Books for the current Financial Year were now practically completed it would be necessary to have a new Rate Book copied and applotted and supplementary receipt and Demand Notes prepared.

Having regard to the decision of the Corporation to charge the economic rent for the Maudlintown houses, which would amount to approximately ten shillings each per week, the Town Clerk estimated that an extra £200 in rents would be received and that the net loss would not exceed £133. It might be possible to make savings in other directions so that when the present year ended the loss to the Corporation would not be very serious.

Several members suggested to Alderman Walsh that he should withdraw the motion and that later on the Corporation might prevail on the Minister to pay the subsidy.

Alderman Walsh agreed to the suggestion, and accordingly withdrew his motion.

Three tenders were submitted for the supply of materials for the erection of fifteen Water Closets in the Summit Place Houses.

They were from the Wexford Timber Co. Ltd.; Messrs. M. Harpur & Sons, Wexford; and Messrs. Cosgrave & Co., Dublin.

An examination of the three tenders disclosed that Messrs. Cosgrave's tender did not include all the materials in the specification, and accordingly, it was not considered. The tender of the Wexford Timber Co. was £65 : 7 : 1; there was an alternative price of £64 : 4 : 7 if flushing cisterns of Saorstad Manufacture were used. The tender of Messrs. Harpur & Sons was £63 : 14 : 8.

Thereupon on the motion of Councillor Gaul, seconded by Councillor O'Leary, the tender of the Wexford Timber Company for the necessary materials, including Flushing Cisterns of Saorstad Manufacture, for the sum of £64 : 4 : 7, was accepted.

Two tenders were submitted for the supply of 3877 lineal yards of 9", and 918 lineal yards of 4½" Graves' Fibrous Asphalt Damp Course, Grade 0, delivered to the Maudlintown Housing Site. They were from the Wexford Timber Company, Ltd., who offered to supply

Staffords' offer was now in by the 11th March it should not be entertained, and as to Mr. Broader's offer, some held the view that the Corporation had not put the plot up for auction. In reply to a query, the Mayor ruled on the matter as follows:- That the application of Mr. Broaders, Mrs. Cullimore, and Mrs. Murphy were in order and properly before the meeting. He further contended that in view of the fact that Mr. Broader's original application was in order, his subsequent offer of £50 was entitled to consideration.

A number of members held, however, that the higher offers of Messrs. Broaders and Stafford should not be entertained as they had not been received within the time specified by the advertisement, although it was explained that the advertisement had only been authorised by a Committee of the Corporation and that the four applications including the higher offers were placed before the Corporation before the recommendation to grant the plot to Mrs. Cullimore was considered.

Eventually Alderman Flusk proposed that the recommendation of the Finance Committee to lease the plot to Mrs. Cullimore for a term of 31 years at a rent of £1 : 10 : 0 per annum be adopted. Councillor O'Leary seconded.

Alderman Coffey proposed as an amendment, however, that the opinion of the Corporation Solicitor be accepted, and that the plot be re-advertised. Councillor Buckland seconded.

Councillor McMahon suggested that as portion of this plot would be over the Stonebridge River the Sanitary Officer should be asked for his opinion as to whether it was a suitable place on which to build, but the members held that this was a matter for future consideration when the question of the erection of a building arose.

Alderman Coffey's amendment was thereupon put to the Meeting, and at the request of the Town Clerk a poll was taken thereon, when there voted:-

For: Councillors Connolly, Gaul, McMahon, Buckland, Billington, Murphy, and
Alderman Coffey-----7

Against: Councillors Martin, Moran, Crosbie, Sinnott, Cashman, O'Leary, Atkins,
Dunne, Aldermen Walsh, Flusk, Tobin, and the Mayor----- 12 x

Declined

to Vote: Alderman Cullimore----- 1

The amendment was accordingly declared lost, and Alderman Flusk's motion, that the recommendation of the Finance Committee be adopted, was then put to the meeting. At the request of the Town Clerk a further poll was taken on this motion, when there voted:-

For: Councillors Martin, Moran, Crosbie, Sinnott, Cashman, O'Leary, Atkins,
Dunne, Alderman ^{Walsh} Flusk, Tobin, and the Mayor----- 12

Against: Councillors Connolly, Gaul, McMahon, Buckland, Billington, Murphy, and
Alderman Coffey----- 7

Declined

to Vote: Alderman Cullimore----- 1

The motion to lease the plot to Mrs. Cullimore was accordingly declared carried on condition that a building approved of by the Corporation was erected on the site, notwithstanding the

As no complaints had been received during the past twelve months in regard to either of the Cinemas, it was unanimously decided on the motion of Councillor Gaul, seconded by Councillor McMahon, to renew the Licences for a further twelve months.

With reference to Minutes of 1st ultimo, when the question of the granting of a lease of a plot of ground at Stonebridge to Mrs. Cullimore was adjourned to enable the Finance Committee to further consider the application, and if necessary to seek legal advice on the offers received for the plot, it was explained that the Committee had come to no decision, but referred the entire matter back to the Corporation with the Solicitor's opinion.

In reply to a query, the Town Clerk gave a summary of this whole matter. This was as follows:-

On the 4th March an application was received by the Finance Committee from Mrs. Cullimore for a lease of this plot, on which she proposed to erect a shop. Before making any recommendation the Committee agreed to issue an advertisement in the Local papers of the 8th idem stating that the application had been received, and inviting further applications by 5.0. p.m. on the 11th. Two such further applications were received from Mr. Michael Broaders, of South Main Street, whose premises adjoined the plot; and Mrs. Anastasia Murphy, of South Main Street. On the 11th March the three applications were before the Committee and it was decided to recommend the Corporation to grant the lease to Mrs. Cullimore for 31 years at a rent of £1 : 10 : 0 per annum. On the 14th March a further application was received for the plot from Messrs. J.J. Stafford & Sons.

On the 1st April, 1935, the day on which the recommendation of the Committee was to come before the Corporation for approval, a letter was received from Mr. Broaders offering a sum of £50 for the plot in addition to the rent of £1 : 10 : 0 per annum; and an offer from Messrs. Stafford of £25 for a lease with a rent of £7 : 0 : 0 per annum.

The Corporation, in view of a warning issued by the Town Clerk on the 1st ultimo, adjourned consideration of this matter in order that legal opinion might be obtained as to whether they would be within their rights in considering the higher offers of Messrs. Broaders and Stafford seeing that they were not received by the 11th March, 1935.

The Corporation Solicitor stated it was quite clear that the various Statutes placed upon the Corporation the onus of obtaining the best value for any property held by them under lease or otherwise. Having regard to the fact that a higher offer than Mrs. Cullimore's was now before the Corporation, he could not advise them to let to her at her figure without fear of sur-charge. He suggested that the plot should be re-advertised for letting for a term of 31 years, and that the draft advertisement should be submitted to him for approval.

The Town Clerk pointed out to the present meeting, as required by Section 61 (2) of the Local Government Act, 1925, that if the plot were granted to Mrs. Cullimore in view of the higher offers received, the Corporation would sustain a loss and the members might be sur-charged for such loss.

A lengthy discussion followed on this matter during which members held that as Messrs.

Town Rate Receipts for amounts of £2. and upwards had also been stamped. The only effect of the Section was that it would be necessary to stamp receipts for Poor Rate in the future, and it was estimated that this would not cost any more than £5. in the year.

The contents of the communication were noted.

Under date of the 13th ultimo, by letter No. H.31663, the Minister for Local Government and Public Health forwarded copy of an Order made by him confirming the Wexford (Dodd's Lane) Clearance Order, 1935, and it was explained to the meeting that the occupiers of the houses comprised in the Order had been transferred to new houses at Croke Avenue, and the owners were proceeding with the demolition of the property.

Adverting to Minutes of last meeting, when it was decided to pay a sum of £15. as compensation to a man named James O'Leary for the loss of a garden attached to the house occupied by him and recently acquired by the Corporation for the purposes of a Housing Scheme, the Minister for Local Government and Public Health, under date of the 15th ultimo by letter No.H.44141, intimated that the compensation payable under Section 36 of the Housing (Miscellaneous Provisions) Act, 1931, applied only to persons displaced from dwelling-houses which were acquired under the Act as being comprised in a Clearance Area or incapable of being rendered fit for human habitation. In the circumstances the question of payment to Mr. O'Leary did not arise.

Members held that the Minister was taking advantage of a technicality in the Act to object to compensation in the present case. The Corporation took action something equivalent to what they would take if there had been a Demolition Order made. The house was unfit for human habitation and would probably have been condemned only if it was acquired with other land in connection with the Mill Street Scheme.

Councillor Sinnott moved that the matter be again referred to the Minister for further consideration and that the Mayor should make personal representations to him in the matter.

Councillor Connolly seconded the motion which was passed, and the Mayor intimated that he would see the Minister and do his best in the matter.

Adverting to Minutes of last Meeting, when the terms of appointment of a Town Rate Collector were decided on, the Minister for Local Government and Public Health under date of the 29th ultimo by letter No. G.64831, intimated that in his view a new appointment was not necessary and that the collection of these rates be entrusted to the Poor Rate Collector.

The Town Clerk explained that he had received this communication on the morning following the meeting at which the terms were adopted. He had since communicated with the Minister asking for sanction to these terms and pointed out that the suggestion contained in his letter had been made at the Corporation Meeting on the 29th ultimo, when only four members were in favour of it.

No action was taken on this letter pending a reply from the Minister to the Town Clerk's letter requesting sanction to the terms adopted.

With reference to Minutes of 19th March, when complaint was made regarding the manner in which the printing work of the Irish Tourist Association was carried out, a letter was read from

warning of the Corporation Solicitor and the Town Clerk that the members were liable to ^{be} sur-charged ^{for} when turning down the higher offers made for this plot of ground. 200

A recommendation was submitted from a Special Committee that the Corporation agree to pass a planning resolution for the Borough under the Town and Regional Planning Act, 1934.

It was explained that a Conference had recently taken place between members of the Urban District Councils of New Ross and Inmischorthy and the Corporation, when it was decided that the delegates from each of the three Authorities should recommend their respective Councils to adopt a planning Resolution.

It was pointed out to the present meeting that before a resolution was adopted certain public notices would have to be issued, and on the motion of Councillor Buckland, seconded by Councillor Cashman, the recommendation of the Committee was unanimously adopted.

The report of the Borough Analyst for the quarter ended on 31st March last was next submitted. This showed that he had examined 19 samples of milk, two of buttermilk, two of tea, two of butter, one of cheese, and one of whiskey, making in all 27 samples, all of which were found to be genuine with the exception of two samples of milk which were deficient of five per cent. and 26.7 per cent. of their fats respectively.

The persons from whom these samples had been taken were brought before the District Justice when they were ordered to pay £1 : 0 : 0 costs together with Analyst's fee.

The Finance Committee recommended that an Advisory Committee be appointed, under the National Monuments Act, 1930.

The Committee had had this matter under consideration on several occasions, and they had asked the Local Branch of the Gaelic League to suggest the names of persons interested in archaeology or kindred subjects who would be likely to act on the Committee.

The Gaelic League suggested that the Rev. T. O'Byrne, P.P., Piercestown; the Rev. J. Butler, C.C., Wexford; and Mr. T.D. Sinnott, would be suitable persons, and the Finance Committee further recommended that these persons should be appointed on the Committee. Thereupon, on the motion of Councillor Gaul, the three persons above named, together with His Worship the Mayor, were appointed as an Advisory Committee under the Act.

The following Resolution, as submitted by the Bray Urban Council, was adopted on the motion of Councillor Gaul, seconded by Councillor Connolly:-

"That the Minister for Local Government be and is hereby requested to bring in amending legislation by which he will be empowered to extend the boundary of any Urban District on the application of the Council instead of the antiquated procedure at present existing of having to apply to the County Council instead of applying to the Minister direct."

Under date of the 29th March, by circular letter No.46, the Minister for Local Government and Public Health called attention to the provisions of Section 6 of the Finance (Miscellaneous Provisions) Act, 1935, and pointed out that Rate Receipts ^{for amounts} of £2. and upwards, cheques, and Paying Orders were amongst the instruments issued by Local Authorities which were liable for stamp duty as from the 1st April, 1935.

It was pointed out to the meeting, however, that the Section did not affect the Corporation very much as up to the present all their Paying Orders had borne twopenny stamps, and

20th May, 1935.

A Special Meeting of the Corporation 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: William Gullimore, Michael Flusk, Thomas Walsh, Robert Coffey, and Patrick Tobin.

Councillors: Thomas Buckland, Thomas Dunne, Timothy Cashman, Thomas Hayes, Phillip McGuire, James Billington, James Sinnott, James Crosbie, Robert Moran, James McMahon, Michael Martin, James Gaul, Patrick Atkins, James Murphy, John Billington, John J. O'Leary, and Nicholas Connolly.

The Meeting had been convened in accordance with the decision of the 6th instant, to employ not more than seventy unskilled labourers for work as and when such arose.

At the outset, Alderman Flusk complained that if the representatives of the Press had not left the Meeting on the 5th instant before this business had been disposed of, there would have been no necessity for the present meeting, and Mr. Heffernan, who was representing the "Free Press", objected, on behalf of the Press, to statements made by the Alderman at last meeting.

A question then arose as to how the men were to be selected, and on the motion of Councillor Connolly, seconded by Councillor O'Leary, it was agreed, by seventeen votes for to five against, that each member present should nominate three men.

Councillor Gaul declined to vote on this proposal, intimating that he did not intend to nominate any person for employment as he believed it was a matter best left in the hands of the Borough Surveyor, who had charge of the men and who would have to dismiss them if they did not give satisfaction.

The following were nominated for employment:-

His Worship the Mayor: John Clowery, Barrack Street; Michael Williams, Byrne's Lane; and Patrick Sullivan, Michael Street.

Alderman Gullimore: Nicholas Duggan, Maudlintown; James Kirwan, Wolfe Tone Villas; and John Dempsey, Paul Quay.

Alderman Flusk: James Roberts, Mary Street; Thomas Walsh, Monck Street; and William Whitmore, Allen Street.

Alderman Walsh: Richard Murphy, High Street; Patrick Furlong, Back Street; and Nicholas Hatchell, Duke Street.

Alderman Coffey: Nicholas Walsh, Quay; Laurence Murphy, Abbey Street; and Thomas Roche, Upper John Street.

Alderman Tobin: Patrick O'Neill, Monck Street; James Cousins, Monck Street; and Moses Brennan, Ram Street.

Councillor Buckland: Thomas Doyle, Grogan's Road; Laurence Malone, Gibbon Street; and Laurence Jones, John Street.

Councillor Dunne: John Hynes, O'Connell Avenue; John Duggan, Mary Street; and Michael Kingsella, Wolfe Tone Villas.

the General Manager stating that a substantial portion of the Associations' Printing work went to Wexford Firms purely on the basis of good value and competitive terms.

He further stated that the Association were not in a position to issue a separate Guide for the Borough this year, and if the Corporation desired to transfer the rights to issue such Guide to any other Company or Organisation, the Association would not object.

Councillor Sinnott, who raised the question of the printing work of the Association, was satisfied with the explanation of the General Manager, and it was decided not to transfer the authority given to the Irish Tourist Association in September last to issue a Guide to the Borough.

The last item on the Agenda was to select the men for employment as labourers - not more than 70- as and when work arose. At Statutory Meeting held on March 4th last, it was decided that for the future all unskilled labourers should be employed by the Corporation at Statutory Meeting, or Special Meeting called for the purpose.

Councillor McMahon first rose to speak on this matter, and suggested that it should be adjourned.

While the Councillor was speaking, the three representatives of the Press left the Meeting, and Councillor Gaul suggested that as the Press had gone the Corporation were not in order in proceeding to select these men, but it was explained that while the Press had a perfect right to attend a meeting of the Corporation, the Corporation could not compel them to be present or to report the proceedings.

Councillor Gaul thereupon left the Meeting, and Alderman Flusk, who apparently held the same view as the Councillor, also retired.

During the discussion which followed members complained of the annoyance they were receiving from unemployed persons looking for work.

Councillor Buckland suggested that a list of 100 men who were a long time out of employment should be obtained from the Labour Exchange, and that the Corporation should select their employees from such list.

Councillor Cashman suggested that the officials of the Labour Exchange should send the Corporation the number of men required for any particular work.

None of these suggestions seemed to meet with general favour, and Councillor Connolly moved that the Corporation proceed to select the 70 men in accordance with the Notice on the Agenda.

Councillor Crosbie seconded.

In reply to a query the Borough Surveyor stated that he would not be pressed for workmen for a further two weeks, and thereupon Alderman Cullimore proposed, as an amendment, that the selection of the men be adjourned until the 20th instant, and that a Special Meeting be convened to select them on that night.

Councillor Billington seconded this motion, which on being put to the Meeting was declared carried by eleven votes for to five against.

The Meeting then separated.

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Mayor of Wexford

3rd June, 1935.

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

The members present were:-

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

Aldermen: William Ollimore, Thomas Walsh, Robert Coffey, Patrick Tobin, and Michael Fluke.

Councillors: Robert Moran, James Murphy, Patrick Atkins, Nicholas Connolly, James Billington, James Gaul, John Billington, John J. O'Leary, James Crosbie, James Sinnott, Thomas Hayes, Timothy Cashman, Thomas Dunne, Michael Martin, Phillip McGuire, and Thomas Buckland.

Councillor McMahon attended at a later stage.

On the motion of Councillor O'Leary, seconded by Councillor Crosbie, the Minutes of Meetings of 6th or 20th May, 1935, 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 £2,947.4-11 were submitted, and having been examined were approved, and an Advice Note was signed to enable them to be discharged.

Arising out of amounts on the Pay Sheet to several Medical Practitioners for reporting infectious diseases Alderman Coffey asked for the authority for these payments, and the Town Clerk replied that the Corporation were compelled to pay these fees under Section 4 (2) of the Infectious Disease (Notification) Act, 1889.

Alderman Coffey again called attention to the footpath on Redmond Road, which, he stated, was in a very bad way, and he was informed that as soon as the Rates began to come in the matter would be attended to.

Councillor James Billington proposed. "That the Corporation ask the Electricity Supply Board to reduce the price of electricity in Wexford and District, as we believe that if this is done there will be a very considerable increase in the amount used."

The Councillor stated he noticed from the Daily Press that the Board had reduced the charges for electricity in other places. Recently the Chairman of the Board stated that the consumption in Dublin & District had been doubled, and Councillor Billington believed that this was a direct result of a reduction in the charges made in Dublin some time ago.

Alderman Coffey seconded the motion, and complained that the collection of the accounts by the Board had been altered on a couple of occasions recently and he thought it might be wiser to have a Unit System charge instead of the present Valuation Rent.

The Mayor stated there was no doubt but that the charges for electricity in Wexford at the moment were too high, especially as they had paid Gas which was the cheapest in Ireland. He also referred to the system of collecting the Board's accounts, and stated that a number of poor people had their houses wired for electricity at the inception of the scheme on the understanding that the Board were going to make weekly collections. They had done so for a considerable time, but they were now only collecting every two months, with the result that many were not able to meet their liabilities and had to have the electricity disconnected.

Councillor Billington's motion was passed unanimously.

The Special Rates Committee reported that they had examined the accounts of the Collector of Poor Rate for the year 1934/5.

Councillor Cashman: Thomas Ryan, Wolfe Tone Villas; James Wilson, Duke Street; and John Hynes, High Street.

Councillor Hayes: Michael Mahon, O'Connell Avenue; Patrick Hynes, Old Pound; and Patrick Sinnott, Clifford Street.

Councillor McGuire: James Whelan, Lower John Street; Nicholas Walsh, John Street; and Stephen Sinnott, Cornmarket.

Councillor James Billington: Daniel Clancy, Fisher's Row; William Duggan, Fisher's Row; and Henry Beaver, William Street.

Councillor Sinnott: Thomas Whitty, Sunset Place; Nicholas Reville, Faythe; and Joseph Bergin, Wolfe Tone Villas.

Councillor Crosbie: Peter Hamilton, Cornmarket; Patrick Walsh, Bride Street; and John Walsh, Bride Street.

Councillor Moran: Daniel McDonald, Faythe; John Nolan, Faythe; and Michael Rossiter, Rose Rock.

Councillor McMahon: James Mahony, Jr., Bride Street; Patrick Cleary, Wolfe Tone Villas; and John Carroll, Faythe.

Councillor Martin: Aidan Leary, Michael Street; John Layne, Trinity Place; and Patrick Radford, Faythe.

Councillor Atkins: Richard Bierney, Davitt Road, South; James Brennan, Parnell Street; and James Murphy, Byrne's Lane.

Councillor Murphy: Patrick Walsh, Distillery Road; George Murphy, Wolfe Tone Villas; and Patrick Murphy, Distillery Road.

Councillor John Billington: James Turner, Charlotte Street; Thomas Goodison, Selskar Avenue; and John Tierney, Jr., Selskar Avenue.

Councillor O'Leary: Matthew Morris, St. John's Road; Daniel Carty, Menapia Avenue; and Thomas McGrath, Hill Street.

Councillor Connolly: William Quinlisk, John Street; Thomas Hynes, John Street; and William Murphy, Croke Avenue.

Alderman Coffey thereupon gave Notice that he would move at next Statutory Meeting that the Resolution of 4th March, deciding that all unskilled labourers should be employed at a Statutory or Special Meeting of the Corporation, be rescinded, and this notice was accepted.

The Meeting then separated.

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Mayor of Wexford

With reference to the tender of the Weatherwell Tile Company, it was stated that as their tiles were larger than those specified they were only costing for 95,000, which would amount to £1045 on the basis of 112,000 tiles this would work out at £9:6:4 per thousand.

The Mayor at the outset suggested that they should divide the contract for the roofing tiles equally between the two local firms as their prices were equal and the lowest.

In reply to a query it was stated that Messrs. McCormack & Hegarty's quotation for ridge tiles was £39:11:8 below that of the Timber Company. After a short discussion, the Mayor ruled that the two items, roofing tiles & ridge tiles, were separate tenders, and Councillor Connolly proposed that the contract for the roofing tiles be equally divided between Messrs. McCormack & Hegarty and the Wexford Timber Company at £7:17:6 per thousand.

Councillor Hayes seconded.

Alderman Thurl, however, proposed that the tender of Messrs. McCormack & Hegarty be accepted for all the roofing tiles and the ridge tiles as being the cheaper of the two on the gross total.

Councillor Murphy seconded.

It was pointed out that this would not mean any saving as Messrs. McCormack & Hegarty would get the contract for the ridge tiles in any case.

On a show of hands being taken, Councillor Connolly's proposition was declared carried by thirteen votes for to eight against.

Alderman Thurl, however, called for a poll on Councillor Connolly's motion, when three voted.

For: Councillors Buckland, Martin, Dunne, Lashman, Hayes, Sinnott, Broshe, O'Leary, John Billington, Yeal, Connolly, Aldermen, Tobin, Walsh, and the Mayor _____ 14

Against: Councillors McQuire, James Billington, Atkins, Murphy, Moran, Aldermen Thurl, Coffey and Kilmore _____ 8.

Councillor Connolly's motion was thereupon declared carried.

Councillor James Billington then proposed that the tender of Messrs. McCormack and Hegarty for the supply of 3,800 ridge tiles at £22 each be accepted.

Councillor Sinnott seconded.

Alderman Thurl again proposed that Messrs. McCormack & Hegarty's tender be accepted for all the roofing and ridge tiles.

The Mayor however, ruled Alderman Thurl's proposition out of order as being a direct negative to what had already been passed.

Councillor Billington's proposition was then declared carried, with Alderman Thurl, Kilmore, Councillors Moran and Atkins dissenting.

Thereupon Alderman Thurl complained that the Mayor's ruling was not straight, but the Mayor replied that he considered what he had done to be perfectly fair and in order.

Having inquired from the collector why the several amounts were in arrears, 203
they submitted the following recommendation:-

The total sum to be collected was ----- £11,605 : 3 : 6
Of this there was collected at 30th April last ----- £4315 : 16 : 6

Discount was allowed under the Local Government
(Rates on Small Dwellings) Act, 1928, to the amount of ----- 85 : 2 : 3.

The Committee now recommended that there be struck
off as irrecoverable a sum of ----- £27 : 4 : 8

and that there should be carried forward as
collectible arrears a sum of ----- 3777 : 0 : 1 £11,605 : 3 : 6.

It was pointed out that by the terms of the Public Bodies Order 1925 the accounts
of the collector should have been closed within one month after the end of the
financial year, but that under date of 17th April, 1935, by letter No 460271, the
Minister for Local Government and Public Health sanctioned such departure from the
terms of Article 102 of the Order as would enable the Council to investigate the
accounts on this date.

In reply to Councillor Buckland, the Town Clerk intimated that the total indebtedness
of the Corporation to the County Council was now £4,514 : 7 : 6. The Councillor then
pointed out that even if all the arrears carried forward were collected they would still
be short in the County Council Demand but it was stated that provision had
been made in the current year's Rates to cover the amount written off as
irrecoverable by the Corporation, and when it was collected the County Council
Demand could be met in full.

The recommendation of the Committee was thereupon unanimously adopted on the
motion of Councillor O'Leary, seconded by Alderman Coffey.

The making of a Poor Rate in respect of the year ending 31st March, 1936, as agreed
to on 6th ultimo, was next proceeded with, and on the motion of Alderman
Coffey, seconded by Councillor O'Leary the following Resolution was unanimously
adopted:-

553 "That a Poor Rate of Eight Shillings and Sixpence in the Pound be made on
the net assessable valuation of property within the Urban District of Wexford,
as per an Estimate duly considered and adopted on the 6th day of May, 1935.
The Book containing the various items of Poor Rate was then sealed and signed,
and a Warrant authorising their collection, as well as the collection of arrears
of previous years' Rates, was also sealed and signed on the motion of Councillor
Simnett, seconded by Councillor Cashman.

Five tenders for the supply of 112,000 concrete roofing tiles, and 2,800 ridge tiles
were received in response to an advertisement.

The following Table shows the prices quoted:-

	Roofing Tiles @ per 1,000.	Ridge Tiles @ per each.
Messrs. Mc Cormack & Legard, Wexford.	£7 : 17 : 6	7½d.
The Wexford Timber Company.	£7 : 7 : 6	10d.
The Weatherwell Tile Company, Dublin.	£11 : 0 : 0	8d.
The Southern Concrete Brick & Tile Works, Waterford.	£9 : 0 : 0	8d.
The Ennisceathy Company, Wexford.		—

It was stated that the Rates Committee had examined this case exhaustively and were satisfied that the salary attached to the post was not adequate, and that Dr. Purse's duties had considerably increased in recent years.

The Corporation did not consider that the advent of the County Medical Officer of Health had reduced the duties and responsibilities of Dr. Purse as in practice the County Medical Officer of Health was only called in on very rare occasions, such as an outbreak of fever or when any difference arose between the Corporation and Dr. Purse. All Sanitary matters were, in the first instance, referred to the Medical Officer of Health, and it was only in cases of doubt that the County Medical Officer of Health was consulted.

It was decided that the Town Clerk should reply to this communication pointing out the reasons for the increase, and intimating that the Corporation were satisfied that Dr. Purse was entitled to it.

The next business was to adopt Regulations governing the opening of streets, the laying of drain pipes, and connections with public sewers, etc.

For some time past, these questions had been under consideration by the Works Committee and the Town Clerk and Borough Surveyor had been asked to draft Regulations to ensure that these works would be properly carried out.

A copy of the proposed Regulations had been submitted to each member beforehand, and was as follows:-

"(1) Street openings: (a) All persons requiring to have any Road, Pavement, or Footpath, under the control of the Corporation, opened, must make application to the Borough Surveyor at least forty-eight hours beforehand, on the prescribed Form (which can be obtained at the Office of the Town Clerk or Borough Surveyor) stating for what work the opening is required, and by whom the proposed work is to be carried out.

(b) The work of opening and closing any Road, Pavement, or Footpath will be carried out by the Corporation Workmen, and a sum sufficient to cover the estimated cost of such work must be deposited with the Town Clerk, who will make the necessary adjustment when the exact cost thereof has been ascertained.

(2) Sewers: (a) All connections to Public Sewers must be made by Corporation Workmen at the expense of the person requiring such connection.

(b) New drains, or existing drains opened for repair or inspection, must be tested and approved by the Borough Surveyor, and trenches must not be filled until such test has been carried out and the approval of the Borough Surveyor intimated in writing.

(c) All drains to sewers must be properly trapped, and have intercepting trap and air inlet.

(d) All drainage work must be carried out by a qualified tradesman recognised for the purpose.

(e) No connections will be made, or permitted to be made, to the sewers unless the Regulations (2) b, c, and d above have been complied with.

(3) These Regulations will come into operation on _____

(4) These Regulations will be applied in interpreting the Bye-laws made by the Corporation with respect to the above matters on the 29th day of June, 1847, which Bye-laws provide a penalty of £5 for breach thereof.

Councillor McMahon attended at this stage.

An invitation was submitted for the Corporation to appoint representatives to attend the Annual Conference of the Association of Irish Municipal Authorities to be held in Limerick on the 10th and 11th September, 1935.

Notice had been given to all the members, in accordance with the Local Government Order, 1928, that a proposal would be submitted to appoint two representatives.

Thereupon Councillor O'Leary proposed that His Worship the Mayor be one of the delegates. Alderman Coffey seconded, and this proposition was unanimously agreed to.

Alderman Ballmore proposed that Alderman Thurst be the second representative and Councillor Dunne seconded.

Alderman Coffey, however, proposed Councillor James Billington, and Councillor Buckland seconded.

On a vote being taken as between Alderman Thurst and Councillor Billington, the Alderman received fifteen votes, and Councillor Billington five.

His Worship the Mayor and Alderman Thurst were accordingly declared to be the Corporation's representatives at the conference, and on the motion of Councillor Connolly, seconded by Councillor Dunne, it was further agreed that if either of the two gentlemen happened to be elected on the Executive Committee of the Association, he be authorised to attend not more than two meetings of this Committee in the ensuing year.

With reference to Minutes of last meeting, when it was decided to request the Minister for Agriculture and the Minister for Local Government and Public Health to reconsider their decision regarding the maximum age limit for the post of Veterinary Inspector, and to allow persons between the ages of 21 and 50 years to apply for the post, both Ministers intimated that they were not prepared to agree to any higher age limit than 45 years.

Thereupon the Mayor proposed that a maximum age limit of 45 years be fixed. Councillor Murphy seconded and the proposition was agreed to.

At the request of the Town of Wexford Vocational Education Committee, it was unanimously decided to accord a civic welcome to the delegates attending the Annual Congress of the Irish Technical Education Association which would open in Wexford on Wednesday, 12th instant.

With reference to Minutes of 19th March last when it was decided to increase the remuneration of the Medical Officer of Health, Dr. J. K. Purse, from £40 to £75 per annum, the Minister for Local Government and Public Health under date of the 27th ultimo, by letter No. P.H. 50591, asked to be furnished with a statement of the grounds on which the Corporation proposed to increase the remuneration of this Officer. He further pointed out that the duties and responsibilities of Dr. Purse as Medical Officer of Health had been considerably reduced by the appointment of the County Medical Officer of Health who was also Superintendent Medical Officer of Health for the Borough.

Councillor Buckland asked if the present meeting could bind future corporations in this, and the Mayor stated they could if they put a Resolution on the Minutes, and in reply to a further query the Town Clerk intimated that there was nothing to prevent a future corporation from rescinding such a Resolution, but that such rescission would, of course, have to be sanctioned by the Minister.

Councillor Gaul thereupon proposed that the Corporation proceed to appoint a collector in room of the late Mr White, and that the other portion of the Minister's letter be dealt with when the occasion arose.

Councillor Hayes seconded.

Alderman Walsh however, proposed that the Minister be informed that the Corporation did not agree with his suggestion regarding future amalgamation. Councillor O'Leary seconded in reference to Councillor Gaul's proposition that the portion of the Minister's letter regarding provision for future amalgamations being dealt with when the occasion arose, the Town Clerk expressed the opinion that the occasion arose now.

A further motion was moved by Councillor Cashman. That the Corporation accept the Minister's ruling, and Councillor Buckland seconded.

On a poll being taken on Councillor Cashman's motion, there voted:-

For: Councillors Buckland, McQuire, Dunne, Cashman, John Pillington, James Pillington, Atkins, Murphy, Moran, Alderman Thos Coffey, Kullimore, and the Mayor.

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Against: Councillors Martin, Hayes, Dinnett, Brosbie, O'Leary, Gaul, Connolly, Aldermen John and Walsh

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Refused to Vote: Councillor McMahon

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Councillor Cashman's motion was accordingly declared carried.

At this stage Councillor Connolly said that the majority had voted for doing away with a job although they were elected to increase employment, and he gave notice that he would move at next Statutory Meeting that the Resolution just carried be rescinded.

Several members disclaimed that they had voted in the way suggested by Councillor Connolly, and the Mayor ruled further discussion out of order as he was accepting the Councillor's Notice of Motion.

On the motion of Councillor Gaul, seconded by Councillor Brosbie, the acceptance of a tender from the Wexford Timber Company for the supply of scaffolding for the Sandhinton Theatre at £143:6:8 was accepted, the only other tender received being from Messrs. McErmack & Hegarty, who asked £169:3:4 for the materials.

There was submitted a copy of the Sale of Food and Drugs (Milk) Act, 1935, together with an explanatory letter from the Minister for Local Government and Public Health on the provisions of the Statute.

The contents of these documents were noted, and the Town Clerk explained that he had forwarded a copy of the Act and the Minister's explanatory letter to the Inspector of Food and Drugs for the Borough.

On the motion of the Mayor, seconded by Councillor Buckland, the following resolution, as submitted by the Traded Urban Council, was unanimously adopted:-

That we the members of the Wexford Corporation request the Government to examine without further delay the position of the various Leaseholders throughout the

The members thoroughly agreed with all the Regulations with the exception of that relating to Street openings, and complaints were made regarding the charges made by the Corporation in the past for this work.

In this connection it was explained that since the Corporation had commenced putting down concrete Roads, they had always insisted on them being opened and closed by Corporation Workmen, and the person requiring this work done had only been charged the actual cost, the Corporation making no profit on the transaction.

It was further pointed out that the opening and closing of a macadam road would not be quite as costly, and that it was the considered opinion of the Sunning and Lion blocks that the work would be better done by the Corporation themselves, who had to maintain the road afterwards.

Alderman Walsh complained, however, that the cost for opening a concrete road was excessive, and stated that the Corporation should mark on the footpaths where water service pipes were entering a house.

The Lion block, however, pointed out that this would be a very costly undertaking, and as well, in his opinion, one which the Corporation should not do, as water service pipes were the property of the consumer and the only concern of the Corporation with them was to see that they were in accordance with the Waterworks Regulations.

On the motion of Councillor Gaul, seconded by Councillor Leach, the Regulations, as submitted, were unanimously approved.

It was further decided that they should come into operation on 1st July, 1935, and as well that any dispute regarding the cost of opening and closing a street could be reviewed by the Works Committee if necessary.

With reference to Minutes of 29th April last it was reported that under date of 7th May, 1935, by letter No. 4.72877, the Minister for Local Government and Public Health had pointed out that in his opinion there was no necessity for two collectors in Wexford, and that he was not prepared to sanction a new appointment being made in place of Mr. White. He had further suggested that a permanent arrangement should be made with the existing Poor Rate collector, by which he would undertake the collection of the Rates, at a reduced rate of poundage in respect of Town Rate.

This communication had been submitted to a meeting of the Finance Committee on the 20th ultimo, when it was decided to request the Minister to reconsider his decision in the matter, and under date of 28th ultimo, by letter No. 4.85464, the Minister intimated that he did not see that the public interest would be served by appointing two collectors to carry out duties which might be assigned to one.

As the Council, having before them the Minister's views, were not disposed to adopt the suggestion made to them, the Minister did not press the amalgamation of the Town Rates entrusted to one person, at some future time should be provided for in the conditions attached to the appointment now about to be made. He stated, that subject to the insertion of the following, the draft advertisement submitted was approved:-

"The person appointed shall, if at any time he is so required, undertake the collection of the Poor Rate in the Urban District at such remuneration as the Corporation, with the consent of the Minister for Local Government and Public Health, shall fix."

In accordance with notice given, Alderman Walsh moved. That the Rent Collector be empowered to take any steps he considered necessary for the collection of the rents of Artizans Dwellings.

He stated he did not consider it fair for the members to be coming three week after week considering the collection of rents when they were paying a Rent Collector. He thought it should be the collector's duty to take strong measures where necessary to get in the rents. Councillor Gaul seconded.

This motion arose out of a discussion at a recent meeting of the Finance Committee on the question of legal proceedings against tenants who were in arrears with their rents. In these two cases the Town Clerk had reported to the Committee that Notices to Quit, which had been served on them, had expired and asked for authority to proceed for possession of the houses.

This authority was refused by the Committee as the tenants in question offered to discharge the arrears by weekly instalments of sixpence, although the Town Clerk had informed them that similar arrangements had been made in the past and had been broken. He (Town Clerk) had no doubt that the arrangements made in the present cases would not be kept either.

He had further pointed out to the Finance Committee that the collection of the rents of Artizans Dwellings was daily becoming worse. A considerable amount of his time was taken up writing letters to tenants in arrears, and in having Notices to Quit served, but invariably these Notices were withdrawn by the Corporation on the tenant undertaking to pay a small sum weekly off the arrears, which undertaking was never kept. He had further pointed out to the Committee that the arrears of rent had increased from £151 at 31st March, 1932, to £435 at the 30th April, 1935, and unless strong action was taken and an example made of some of the tenants, in his opinion the collection would fall into a state of chaos.

Following this report of the Town Clerk, Alderman Walsh had given Notice that he would move the above-mentioned Resolution.

Councillor Connolly held that if the Rent Collector were given that power, he should also have power to let the houses, but the Mayor informed the Councillor that the Corporation would have to let the houses themselves.

Councillor Gaul stated that when he seconded Alderman Walsh's motion he understood that he included giving the collector the letting of the houses, and on being informed that this was not the case, stated he did not wish to second the motion.

Councillor Murphy, thereupon seconded Alderman Walsh's proposal, and it was carried by eighteen votes for to five against.

The Finance Committee recommended that a further five feet of ground at St. John's Road be let to Mr. James F. Curke at a rent of sixpence per month. The tenancy to be terminable by one month's notice in writing.

Some time ago the Corporation had leased this young man a plot of ground on which to erect a dwelling house, and it was now found that when the house was completed, he would have practically no ground at either side, and the Finance Committee had unanimously decided to lease him another five feet on the terms mentioned above.

Thereupon Councillor Gaul proposed that the recommendation of the Finance Committee be adopted. Councillor Bashman seconded, and the motion was unanimously agreed to. In reply to a query, the Mayor stated that, as requested at a recent meeting, he had interviewed the Minister for Local Government and Public Health on the question of the payment of compensation to Mr. James O'Leary, of Hill Street, for the loss of a garden, but the Minister had intimated to him that he was precluded by the terms of the

country, whose grievances it is sought to remedy, as the matter is one of immediate national and economic importance and that a copy of the said resolution be forwarded to the Minister for Justice.

In accordance with Notice given, councillor Gaul moved that the Resolution of 1st April last agreeing to dispose of part of the Maudslinton Housing Site for £80 per acre as a site for a factory, be rescinded.

Councillor Connolly seconded, and the proposition was unanimously agreed to.

Councillor Gaul thereupon moved that five acres of land and seven houses be disposed of for the purpose of establishing a Steel Factory for the sum of £350. Councillor Connolly seconded.

In reply to Alderman Keffy, the Town Clerk stated that the entire property had cost the Corporation £1113: 9: 0, including Law costs.

On the basis of this cost, the five acres of the field proposed to be sold should be valued at £212: 16: 0; and the seven houses with a large garden had cost the Corporation £475: 1: 0.

It was estimated, however, that it would cost the Corporation at least £150 to demolish these houses, and allowance should be made for this.

The Mayor stated it should be clearly understood that the houses would be demolished, and that they would have been demolished if the Corporation had kept them. No one should have the idea that the Corporation were selling houses that were habitable.

Councillor Buckland asked how were the people in the houses to be accommodated if they were demolished. Was it the intention of the Corporation to transfer them to the Maudslinton houses at an economic rent? These people, he stated, would hardly be able to pay 10/- per week when at the moment they were only paying 8/6. The Mayor intimated that the Corporation would again try to induce the Minister to pay subsidy on this scheme.

It was explained that the Finance Committee had this matter under consideration on 28th ultimo, and had unanimously decided that the offer of £350, on behalf of the new company, should be accepted, and they had applied to the Minister for Local Government and Public Health for sanction to the proposed sale, but up to the present no reply had been received.

Councillor Gaul's motion, that the property be disposed of for £350, was then unanimously agreed to.

In accordance with Notice given, Alderman Keffy moved that the Resolution of 4th March last deciding that all unskilled labourers should be employed at a Statutory or Special Meeting, be rescinded.

The Alderman said he thought it should not be their duty to go to a meeting to employ any men. He believed that the paid officials or the Labour Exchange should do this work.

Councillor James Billington seconded.

On a show of hands however, only eight voted for the Alderman's motion, and it was accordingly declared lost.

Arising out of this motion, Councillor Connolly asked why a man named Wilson, who was a carter, had only been employed for 1½ days, and the Borough Surveyor informed the Councillor that he had no work for him.