

1st July, 1935.

A Quarterly Meeting of the Council was held this day at the Town Hall at half-past seven o'clock p.m.

The members present were:-

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

Aldermen: William Cullimore, Michael Flusk, Thomas Walsh, 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, Nicholas Connolly, and Thomas Doyle.

On the motion of Councillor Gaul, seconded by Alderman Walsh, the Minutes of Meeting of 3rd June, 1935, were taken as having been read and were accordingly signed.

The first business was the election of a Mayor until Quarterly Meeting to be held between the 23rd June and 1st July, 1936; and until his successor shall have been appointed and made a declaration of acceptance of office.

During the election of Mayor, Alderman Corish vacated the Chair, which was occupied by Alderman Flusk.

Alderman Flusk stated that before he received propositions for the Chair he wished to say that since he and the other members of his Party had been elected they had done their best for all concerned, and he was sure that they or no other Party could claim that they had pleased everybody.

Councillor Martin thereupon moved. That the outgoing Mayor, Alderman Richard Corish, be re-elected for the sixteenth successive year; to hold office until Quarterly Meeting to be held between the 23rd day of June and 1st day of July, 1936; and until his successor has been appointed and made a declaration accepting the office.

Councillor McMahon seconded the motion, which was supported by

practically all those present.

As no other member was proposed for the office, the motion was put to the Meeting and, amidst applause, the Chairman declared Alderman Corish re-elected as Mayor for the ensuing twelve months.

The Mayor then took the Chair and made the declaration of acceptance of office prescribed by the Municipal Corporations (Ireland) Act, 1840. In returning thanks for the unique compliment tendered to him in his re-election for the sixteenth successive year, Alderman Corish reviewed the many activities of the Council during the past twelve months, and referred especially to the energetic efforts which were being made to solve the Housing Problem.

He also alluded to the fact that the majority of these houses were being heavily subsidised by the State as well as the Corporation, and intimated to those in arrear with their weekly rents that they would have to pay up such arrears promptly or serious notice would be taken of it.

He also referred to the fact that it had been necessary in the Current Year to increase the rates by two shillings and sixpence in the pound, sixpence of which was in respect of Poor Rate, over which the Corporation had no control. Of the two shillings increase in the Town Rates, he pointed out that in the Current Year the Corporation would have to meet the repayment of Principal as well as the Interest on the Loan borrowed for the erection of the Whitemill Houses, as in the first two years of such Loans Interest only was paid.

Again, he pointed out that a Grant of £6,000 had been given to the Town of Wexford Vocational Education Committee to equip their schools in a modern manner, and as well, provision was made in the Current Year's Estimates for the erection of a new Town Hall, which, he said, was an urgent necessity in the Town of Wexford.

In conclusion, he thanked all the members for their whole-hearted co-operation in the Municipal Administration during the past twelve months, and expressed a hope that such co-operation would continue during the present year.

The next business was the fixing of days and hours on which three

Quarterly Meetings would be held previous to 23rd June, 1936, and on the motion of Councillor Gaul, seconded by Councillor Crosbie, the following days and hours were decided on:- October 7th, 1935 at half-past seven o'clock p.m.; January 7th, 1936, at half-past seven o'clock p.m.; and April 6th, 1936, at half-past seven o'clock p.m. The appointment of Standing Committees was next proceeded with, and on the motion of Councillor McMahon, seconded by Councillor Crosbie, it was unanimously resolved that the Finance and Works, Waterworks, Old Age Pensions, and Public Health Committees be composed of the entire Council, 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 were constituted a Housing Committee on the motion of Councillor James Billington, seconded by Councillor Murphy, namely, Councillors Moran, O'Leary, Crosbie, Dunne, James Billington, Hayes, Buckland, and John Billington, Aldermen Flusk, Walsh, Cullimore, and the Mayor.

The Fire Brigade Committee, consisting of Councillors James Billington, Connolly, Buckland, Moran, McGuire, Aldermen Walsh, Cullimore, and the Mayor, was re-appointed without any change, on the motion of Councillor Sinnott, seconded by Councillor Atkins.

On the motion of Councillor O'Leary, seconded by Councillor McMahon, the Cemetery Committee was composed of Councillors Cashman, Murphy, Dunne, Sinnott, Buckland, McGuire, Aldermen Tobin and Cullimore.

The following were appointed a Special Rates Committee for the ensuing year, on the motion of Councillor Crosbie, seconded by Councillor Murphy, namely, 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, Hayes, James Billington, Aldermen Walsh and Cullimore, Mrs. Hadden, Mrs. Dowse, Mrs. Kelly, Mrs. McGuire, Mrs. McTaminey, Mrs. English, Miss Kavanagh, and Miss Furlong.

The following were selected to supervise the Education (Provision of Meals) Acts, namely, Councillors Connolly, Crosbie, McMahon, O'Leary,

Alderman Walsh, Mrs. McTaminey, Miss Fennell, Mrs. English, Mrs. O'Connor, and Mr. Myles Bergin.

Liabilities which had accrued due up to the end of last month, amounting, in the aggregate, to £2,603 : 19 : 9 were submitted, and having been examined were approved, and an Advice Note was signed to enable them to be discharged.

Adverting to Minutes of last Meeting, when the question of the charge in Wexford for electricity was under consideration, the Secretary of the Electricity Supply Board, under date of the 22nd ultimo, intimated that he would put the views of the Corporation before the Board at the earliest opportunity.

At this stage His Worship the Mayor moved. That the congratulations of the Corporation be extended to the Rev. John Sinnott, A.D.M., and the Rev. George Murphy, R.C.A. on the attainment of the Silver Jubilee of their Ordination.

Both had been priests for twenty-five years and had spent most of that time amongst the people of Wexford, and he felt that the hope of the members was that they would be left in Wexford for a considerable time longer. They had done much for the people, and were wise leaders. He thought the Corporation would be only doing their duty in passing a vote of congratulation to them.

Councillor Murphy seconded, and said he hoped they would be allowed to remain in Wexford for many years to come.

Councillor Billington said that although he was of a different religious opinion to Father Sinnott, he had worked with him on several Committees, and found him a thorough gentleman.

The motion was also supported by the other members present and adopted unanimously.

The Mayor also proposed that the sympathy of the Council be extended to Councillor Connolly on the death of his nephew.

Councillor O'Leary seconded, and the motion was passed in respectful silence.

At the request of several members, Item No.9 on the Agenda, namely, the appointment of a Collector of Town Rates, in room of the late

Patrick White, was next taken.

This matter was last under consideration by the Corporation on the 3rd ultimo, when it was decided to accept a suggestion from the Minister for Local Government and Public Health that provision should be made in the conditions of appointment for future amalgamation of these posts, but a notice had been given that the rescission of this resolution would be moved at the present meeting.

Under date of the 11th ultimo, by letter No. G.93897, the Minister for Local Government and Public Health pointed out that the conditions agreed to had been arrived at after the fullest discussion accompanied by a reasonable measure of concession on both sides. The Minister would not recede from the decision taken up by him in regard to future amalgamation, and if the condition to this effect was rescinded the whole matter would have to be re-opened.

This communication was submitted to a meeting of the Finance Committee on the 17th ultimo, when Councillor Connolly, at the earnest request of all the other members, agreed to withdraw the notice given on 3rd June having for its object the rescission of the resolution providing for future amalgamation.

Consequently, an advertisement had been issued on the terms already agreed on, including a condition "that the person appointed shall, if at any time he is so required, undertake the collection of 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 response to this advertisement, four applications had been received for the post. They were from Mr. Joseph Busher, Whiterock; Mr. Michael O'Neill, Paul Quay; Mr. Patrick Curran, Abbey Street; and Mrs. Annie White, Thomas Street.

The four candidates had presented themselves for the examination in Irish, English, and Arithmetic, conducted by the Local Superior of the Christian Brothers, and the following Table shows the marks obtained by each candidate.

Name.	Irish.	English.	Arithmetic.
Busher	100 per cent.	94 per cent.	100 per cent.
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NAME.	Irish.	English.	Arithmetic.
O'Neill	93 per cent.	90 per cent.	100 per cent.
Curran	61 " "	78 " "	80 " "
Mrs. White	20 " "	78 " "	4 " "

The average marks were:- Busher 98 per cent.; O'Neill 94 $\frac{1}{3}$ rd per cent.; Curran 73 per cent.; and Mrs. White 34 per cent.

The Town Clerk intimated that the qualifying standard was 33 $\frac{1}{3}$ rd per cent., and the Mayor said the question arose as to what the Corporation meant when deciding on the examination, whether the standard should be 33 $\frac{1}{3}$ rd per cent. on the whole examination or on each subject.

At the request of Councillor Buckland, the Town Clerk read the Minute of 29th April last, when the conditions for this examination were laid down, and following the reading of this Minute the Meeting decided that the qualifying standard should be on the whole examination.

Councillor Martin thereupon moved that a poll be taken on the four candidates. Councillor Crosbie seconded, and the motion was agreed to.

On a poll being taken, there voted:-

For Curran: Councillors Doyle, Connolly, Murphy, Atkins, Moran, McGuire, Dunne, Aldermen Tobin, Walsh, Flusk, and Cullimore----- 11.

For O'Neill: Councillor Cashman----- 1.

For Busher: Councillors John Billington, Hayes, and James Billington----- 3.

For Mrs. White: Councillors O'Leary, Gaul, Martin, Crosbie, Sinnott, Buckland, McMahon, and the Mayor---- 8.

On the elimination of O'Neill, Councillor Cashman transferred his vote to Curran, giving him a clear majority, but it was decided to take a final poll between Mrs. White and Mr. Curran, which resulted as follows:-

follows:-

For Curran: Councillors Doyle, Connolly, Murphy, Atkins, Moran,
James Billington, McGuire, Cashman, Dunne, Aldermen
Tobin, Walsh, Flusk, and Cullimore-----13.

For Mrs. White: Councillors O'Leary, John Billington, Gaul, Martin,
McMahon, Crosbie, Sinnott, Hayes, Buckland, and
the Mayor-----10.

Mr. Curran was declared elected to the position, and the Town Clerk pointed out that Article 96 of the Public Bodies Order prescribed certain disqualifications for the post of Rate Collector, and, in his opinion, Mr. Curran came within one of these disqualifications.

Article 96 (a) provided that no person shall be deemed to be qualified to be appointed to or to hold such office who is engaged in retail trade of any kind.

As far as he (Town Clerk) knew Mr. Curran was a partner in the firm of Curran and Wall, Retail Drapers, and no evidence had been submitted to him to the contrary.

In reply to Alderman Flusk, as to whether or not the Minister had power to sanction the appointment, the Town Clerk intimated that under Article 3 of the Order the Minister could assent to any departure from the Rules and Regulations contained therein, and if the Minister so decided he could assent to such departure as would enable Mr. Curran to be appointed.

Alderman Flusk then stated it was a question for the Minister, and the matter dropped.

Regarding the security to be given by Mr. Curran, it was stated that he proposed to enter into a Fidelity Guarantee Bond in the sum of £1,200 with the New Ireland Assurance Company, and into a Personal Bond in the sum of £400 with Matthew Kehoe, of North Main Street; and Denis Keegan, of South Main Street, Wexford.

The Assurance Company and the two personal sureties above mentioned were unanimously approved of by the Corporation, and it was further decided to request the approval of the Minister for Local Government and Public Health to Mr. Curran's appointment.

In accordance with Notice given, Alderman Walsh moved. That all apprentices employed by the Corporation be required to attend suitable classes at the Technical School, and that the continuation of their employment should be contingent on satisfactory reports being periodically received from the Principal of the School.

Councillor James Billington seconded this motion, which was agreed to by all.

Arising out of this, Councillor McMahon referred to an application from a boy named Patrick Kelly to serve his apprenticeship to the trade of mason. The Corporation had given permission to the boy, he stated, but since then the Masons' Society had objected as he was not the son of a mason.

In reply to a query the Town Clerk stated that at a recent meeting of the Works Committee it was decided to employ this boy as a Mason's apprentice, but as there was a rule in the Masons' Society that no apprentice should be taken without the consent of the Society, he (Town Clerk) had been directed by the Committee to apply for permission in this case.

Such permission had been refused by the Society, and a copy of the Rule dealing with apprentices had been sent him.

In the Rule it was stated that no member of the Society should take a free apprentice except his son or the son of another mason. All other apprentices should pay a fee of £30, £18 of which would be paid to the boy's master; £7 to the benefit of the Society; and £5 for the protection of the boy should anything occur during apprenticeship to cause separation between himself and his master. A lengthy discussion followed on this matter, during which all the members condemned this Rule as being very unfair. It was the only Rule of its kind amongst any of the Trade Unions, and it was the unanimous opinion of the Corporation that the sooner it was expunged from the Rules the better.

Eventually it was decided, on the suggestion of the Mayor, that the matter should be taken up with the Head Office of the Masons' Society. The next business was to receive the accounts of the Town of Wexford

Vocational Education Committee for the period ended 31st March, 1931 and for the years ended 31st March, 1932, 1933, 1934, and 1935, together with a copy of the Auditor's Report.

As these accounts would be before the Vocational Education Committee in the near future, it was decided to accept them without discussion. With reference to Minutes of 6th May last, when it was decided to pass a Planning Resolution for the entire Borough, under the Town and Regional Planning Act, 1934, the Town Clerk reported that all the necessary Notices in connection therewith had been published, and a copy of the proposed Resolution had been furnished to each member on the 17th May.

Thereupon Councillor Sinnott proposed the adoption of the following Resolution, which was seconded by Councillor Buckland and unanimously agreed to:-

"Resolved that the Corporation of Wexford, being the District Planning Authority for the ^{following} Planning District, that is to say; the Borough of Wexford, hereby decides to make a District Planning Scheme for the following area, being the whole of such Planning District, that is to say:- the area consisting of Saint Iberius, Saint Mary's and Saint Selskar Wards of the Borough of Wexford, being the Electoral Divisions of the Wexford Urban District, numbered One, Two and Three, and shown enclosed within the inner edge of a Green coloured Border on a map now produced to us, the said Corporation of Wexford."

With reference to Minutes of 6th May, 1935, when it was decided to lease a plot of ground at Stonebridge to a Mrs. Elizabeth Cullimore for a period of thirty-one years at a rent of £1 : 10 : 0 per annum, the necessary Documents transferring the property were submitted for execution on the part of the Corporation.

The Lease had been prepared by the Corporation Solicitor, and was found to be in order in every respect.

Thereupon Councillor O'Leary proposed that the Corporate Seal be affixed to the Document, and Councillor Dunne seconded.

Before the Resolution was put to the Meeting, the Town Clerk pointed out that when the matter was decided upon on 6th May, both the Corporation Solicitor and himself had objected on the ground that the best price possible was not being secured for this property. He (Town Clerk) now made a similar objection to the sealing of this Lease, and warned the members that in his opinion those voting in favour of it would be sur-charged. The Town Clerk then demanded that a poll should be taken on the proposition.

In reply to a query he further stated that the advice of the Corporation Solicitor was that the matter should be re-advertised, as in his (Solicitor's) opinion the Corporation were bound to obtain the highest price possible for any property they had to dispose of. On a poll being taken, there voted:-

- For: Councillors Doyle, O'Leary, Atkins, Moran, Martin, Crosbie, Sinnott, McGuire, Cashman, Dunne, Aldermen Tobin, Walsh, Flusk, and the Mayor----- 14.
- Against: Councillors James Billington, Murphy, John Billington, and Buckland----- 4.
- Declined to Vote: Alderman Cullimore----- 1.

When this poll was taken, Councillors McMahon, Gaul, Hayes, and Connolly had retired from the meeting. The Resolution was declared carried, and the Corporate Seal was there-upon affixed to the Lease and counterpart.

Under date of the 17th ultimo, the Wexford Timber Company intimated that owing to the Government having imposed a fee of five shillings per ton on all cement imported into the Irish Free State, they were compelled to increase their price for this commodity by the amount of such fee.

This communication had been before the Finance Committee of the Corporation on the 17th ultimo, when it was referred to the present meeting, and in the meantime the Town Clerk was to enquire from the Minister for Local Government and Public Health if it would be in order for the Corporation to pay the increased price now asked by the

Contractors.

The correspondence between the Town Clerk and the Minister was then read.

Under date of the 18th ultimo, the Town Clerk wrote to the Minister that in January last a tender was accepted by the Corporation for the supply of cement for the 154 houses at Maudlintown at £1 : 13 : 0 per ton delivered on the site. The Contractors had now intimated that owing to the Government having imposed a fee of five shillings on all cement imported into the Free State, they were compelled to increase their price by the amount of this fee. He enquired from the Minister if it would be in order for the Corporation to pay the increased price now asked.

Under date of the 26th ultimo, by letter No. H.101231, the Minister for Local Government and Public Health stated that the matter was primarily one for the Corporation's legal Advisor, who should be requested to advise as to their liability according to the terms of the contract. Where the liability of the Local Authority was admitted on the recommendation of the Legal Advisor, the Engineer or Architect should be instructed to check the deliveries of cement as from the date of the operation of the increase in price. In this way it would be possible to arrive at a definite increased sum per house having regard to the amount of work completed before the increased price became an admitted liability. The Engineer or Architect should also keep records of the amount of cement involved and the amount of money so expended in excess of the contract price in order that the total expenditure under this heading would be brought fully into account prior to the issue of the final Certificate in respect of the Scheme. In assessing the amount of the extra to be allowed in respect of increased price, the price of five shillings per ton should not be exceeded.

It was apparent to the members from the general tone of the Minister's communication that he was under the impression the houses were being built by contract, whereas they were being built by the Corporation themselves by direct labour, and the contract with the Wexford

Timber Company was only for the supply of cement.

It was therefore decided to refer the matter back to the Minister, and to explain more fully the actual position in regard to this contract.

With reference to Minutes of last Meeting, when it was decided to divide the contract for 112,000 roofing tiles between Messrs.

McCormack and Hegarty and the Wexford Timber Company, at £7 : 17 : 6 per thousand, and to accept the tender of Messrs. McCormack and

Hegarty for the supply of 3,800 ridge tiles at 7½d. each, the Town Clerk reported that he had written to both Firms informing them of the decision of the Corporation, and asking if they were agreeable to supply the materials on these terms.

The Wexford Timber Company intimated that they were prepared to accept the contract for the supply of 56,000 roofing tiles at the price quoted.

Messrs. McCormack and Hegarty, however, under date of the 6th ultimo, emphasised that the ^{keen} ~~max~~ price given for ridge tiles was based on the number of roofing tiles asked for, namely, 112,000, and in calculating their estimate for this quantity they found that the number of ridge tiles required would make it an economic proposition for them to manufacture simultaneously, as the ingredients were the same, and the time taken to manufacture would also, approximately, coincide, hence their total tender being nearly £40 cheaper than their nearest competitor. They did not agree that the two kinds of tiles were separate contracts, and intimated that in all fairness they did not see how any factor other than the total amount of the tender should have been taken into consideration by the Corporation.

Under date of the 7th ultimo the Town Clerk had acknowledged receipt of this communication, but pointed out to Messrs. McCormack and Hegarty that it did not contain an answer to his letter asking if they were prepared to accept the contract for 56,000 roofing, and 3,800 ridge tiles. He (Town Clerk) further asked that, in order to prevent undue delay in the placing of this contract, they should state whether or not they were prepared to accept the conditions decided on by the Corporation.

No answer was received to this communication up to the 17th ultimo, when he had submitted the correspondence to a meeting of the Finance Committee, who directed him to again ask Messrs. McCormack and Hegarty for a definite reply.

Under date of the 25th ultimo, they (Messrs. McCormack and Hegarty) stated that the Specification asked for a total sum, as well as a price per thousand, and it looked to them that the total sum was altogether forgotten in the consideration of the tenders. They suggested that this should be the paramount consideration. They thought it most unfair to suggest a division, and trusted that after mature consideration the justice of their claim would be recognised. During the discussion which followed, some members held that the ruling at last meeting that these were two separate tenders was not correct, while others held the view that the ruling was correct, and that the Corporation were quite in order in acting as they did. As nothing could be done to alter the decision at the present meeting, Councillor James Billington gave notice that he would move the rescission of the resolution of last meeting dividing the contract at a Special Meeting to be convened for the 15th instant.

This notice was accepted, and the Mayor suggested that in the meantime the Town Clerk should get in touch with Messrs. McCormack and Hegarty, and ask them to agree to a division.

Councillor Billington stated he had no objection to this, and if the Firm agreed he would withdraw the notice given by him.

Under date of the 26th ultimo, by circular letter No. P.H.76, the Minister for Local Government and Public Health directed attention to the marked increase of mortality from Diarrhoea and Enteritis amongst children under two years of age, which invariably occurred about this time of the year, and set out measures to be used to combat an outbreak.

It was decided to forward a copy of this circular to the Medical Officer of Health and the Health Visitor.

Michael Flinn
6/8/34

Andrews

15th July, 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, and Patrick Tobin.

Councillors: James Sinnott, James Crosbie, Thomas Hayes, Nicholas Connolly, Thomas Dunne, Patrick Atkins, James McMahon, James Gaul, James Murphy, Robert Moran, Timothy Cashman, Thomas Buckland, James Billington, and Michael Martin.

In accordance with notice given and accepted on 1st instant, Councillor James Billington proposed that the Resolution of 3rd June last, dividing the contract for roofing tiles between Messrs. McCormack and Hegarty and the Wexford Timber Company, be rescinded.

It was recalled that on the 3rd ultimo five tenders had been submitted for the supply of 112,000 roofing and 3,800 ridge tiles in connection with the Maudlintown Houses.

The two lowest tenders were from Messrs. McCormack and Hegarty, Wexford; and the Wexford Timber Company.

For the Ridge Tiles, the former firm quoted 7½d. each, and the latter tenpence each. Both firms quoted a price of £7 : 17 : 6 per thousand for the roofing tiles.

The Meeting accepted the tender of Messrs. McCormack and Hegarty for the ridge tiles, and, by fourteen votes to eight, decided to divide the ~~tender~~ ^{Contract} for the roofing tiles between the two firms in question.

The Wexford Timber Company had accepted the decision of the Corporation, but Messrs. McCormack and Hegarty refused to accept a contract for half the roofing tiles, and contended that the two articles should have been considered as one tender, and if this had been done, their tender would be approximately £40 cheaper than that of their nearest

competitor for all the materials required.

All the correspondence in connection with the matter had been submitted to a Quarterly Meeting of the Council on 1st instant, and as a result of the discussion thereon, Councillor James Billington gave notice of the proposal he now made.

Councillor Murphy seconded the motion, and intimated that in his opinion the tender of Messrs. McCormack and Hegarty for all the materials required should have been accepted.

A long discussion ensued on the motion, during which various opinions were expressed by the members. Some held that the Corporation were quite right in the action they had taken in dividing the contract as they would suffer no loss - the tender of Messrs. McCormack and Hegarty having been accepted for the ridge tiles. Others held that it was on the assumption that both articles would be considered as one tender that enabled Messrs. McCormack and Hegarty to quote such a low price for ridge tiles, as they could be manufactured simultaneously, and the time required would approximately coincide.

Eventually it was decided to take a poll on the motion, but before this was taken the Town Clerk pointed out that there were twenty-two members present at the meeting held on June 3rd when the resolution was adopted, whereas only nineteen members were in attendance at the present meeting, and according to Section 44 of the Commissioners Clauses Act, 1847, which he read for the meeting, it would be necessary before the resolution was revoked for such revocation to be determined upon by a majority consisting of two-thirds of the Commissioners in attendance at the present meeting, as the number present was less than the number at the meeting on June 3rd.

Councillor Billington, at this stage, stated he was a member of the Corporation for a considerable time, and he never heard the clause quoted before.

Alderman Flusk remarked that being a new member, he was going to ask the same question.

In reply, the Town Clerk stated that in his term of office the occasion had never arisen to quote the particular Section, and Councillor

Billington remarked it was a singular thing for it to be read now.

The Town Clerk protested that such a remark was not fair, and Alderman Flusk stated they were not speaking behind his (Town Clerk's) back.

The Town Clerk then protested that the two members were not entitled to say that he was deliberately misleading the Corporation, and in reply to a further query as to the necessity for reading the Section now, he (Town Clerk) explained that the necessity arose through there being less members present than at the meeting on June 3rd when the Resolution was adopted.

A poll was thereupon taken on Councillor Billington's motion, when there voted:-

For: Councillors Martin, Billington, Buckland, Cashman, Moran,
Murphy, Atkins, Aldermen Walsh, Cullimore, and Flusk-----10
Against: Councillors Gaul, McMahon, Dunne, Connolly, Hayes,
Crosbie, Sinnott, Aldermen Tobin and the Mayor----- 9.

In view of the provisions of the Statute above mentioned, it was seen that the motion was lost as there was not a majority consisting of two-thirds of the members present, and the Resolution of 3rd June could not be rescinded.

It was also seen that there was an absolute deadlock in the position, and Councillor James Billington thereupon moved that the entire matter be referred to the Minister for Local Government and Public Health, and that he be requested to advise the Corporation how to deal with the situation.

Alderman Flusk seconded this motion.

The Mayor, however, proposed as an amendment that the Corporation purchase half the tiles required from the Wexford Timber Company, and proceed with the roofing of the houses.

Councillor Gaul seconded.

During a short discussion which ensued on these two proposals, several members appealed to the Mayor to withdraw his amendment, and allow Councillor Billington's motion to go without a division.

The Mayor accordingly withdrew his amendment, and Councillor Billington's motion that the facts of the case be presented to the Minister for

Local Government and Public Health for his advice, was adopted, but with Councillors Gaul, Hayes, and Connolly dissenting. The Meeting then separated.

m. Hulse
6/8/35

29th July, 1935.

A Special Meeting of the Corporation was held this day at the Town Clerk's Office, at half-past seven o'clock p.m. to elect a member to serve as a Harbour Commissioner for the ensuing year.

The members present were:-

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

Aldermen: William Cullimore, Robert Coffey, Thomas Walsh, and Patrick Tobin.

Councillors: James Murphy, Patrick Atkins, James McMahon, Thomas Dunne, Nicholas Connolly, Thomas Hayes, Robert Moran, Thomas Buckland, Timothy Cashman, Michael Martin.

The Town Clerk intimated that two persons had been duly nominated in accordance with the provisions of the Wexford Harbour Act, 1874, and the Wexford Harbour Order, 1886. These were Councillors Robert Moran and ~~cc~~ Thomas Hayes.

The Election of Councillor Moran was proposed by Councillor Dunne, and seconded by Councillor Murphy.

The election of Councillor Hayes was proposed by Alderman Walsh and Seconded by Alderman Coffey.

Before a vote was taken, however, several members appealed to Councillor Hayes to withdraw his nomination and allow Councillor Moran to be unanimously elected for a further year.

Councillor Hayes then stated that he would withdraw his candidature, and Councillor Moran was unanimously re-elected to represent the Corporation on the Harbour Board for the ensuing year.

At this stage Alderman Walsh asked permission to refer to a matter of Public importance, and on the necessary permission being given, stated that he wished to refer to the facilities provided by the Great Southern Railway Company of the previous Sunday for passengers to Rosslare.

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He (Alderman Walsh) Stated that the people were packed in all the trains in a disgraceful manner. All the passages were full of men, women and children, while empty carriages were lying in a siding at the station. Sunday was the only day on which the working people could go to Rosslare and he considered the Company were not treating those people fairly in the matter of accommodation. He also referred to the fact that a fare of ninepence was charged, while people from Enniscorthy (a distance of 14 miles further) were carried for 1/-. Several members supported the Alderman in his complaints, but Alderman Tobin pointed out that it was very difficult to provide adequate accommodation at such short notice as was received on Sunday last. Eventually it was decided to call the attention of the Company to the lack of accommodation provided, and to ask for a reduced fare to Rosslare on Sundays.

Councillor McMahon referred to the fact that the Corporation had in contemplation the erection of a new Town Hall, and hoped it would be erected by contract, and the Councillor was assured that the Corporation had no intention of building it any other way.

The meeting then separated.

M. Hussey
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6th August, 1935.

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:-

Aldermen: Michael Flusk, Thomas Walsh, Robert Coffey, and William Cullimore.

Councillors: Nicholas Connolly, Patrick Atkins, James Billington, John Billington, Thomas Buckland, James Murphy, Thomas Dunne, Robert Moran, Timothy Cashman, James Crosbie, and Thomas Hayes.

On the motion of Councillor Buckland, seconded by Councillor Murphy, Alderman Flusk occupied the Chair in the absence of His Worship the Mayor.

The Minutes of Meetings of 1st, 15th, and 29th July, 1935, were submitted.

Councillor Dunne proposed that they be taken as having been read, and Alderman Coffey seconded.

Councillor Connolly, however, objected to this course being taken, and asked to have the Minutes read.

In reply to a query by Alderman Walsh as to whether the objection of one person to having the Minutes taken as read could overrule the remainder of the Corporation, the Town Clerk replied that any member was entitled to have the Minutes read.

The Town Clerk thereupon proceeded to read the Minutes of Meeting on 1st ultimo, and after having read several pages thereof the Chairman intervened and asked Councillor Connolly if there was any particular point in the Minutes he wished to refer to as there were some eighteen pages to be read, which would take up a considerable amount of time.

Councillor Connolly thereupon asked to have the Minutes of Committee Meetings held during the month submitted.

The Town Clerk intimated that on 1st ultimo a meeting of the Finance

and Works Committee had been held; on the 13th ultimo a meeting of the Housing Committee; on the 15th ultimo a meeting of the Finance and Works, Waterworks, and Public Health Committees; on the 27th ultimo a further meeting of the Housing Committee; and on the 29th ultimo a meeting of the Finance and Works, Waterworks, and Public Health Committees.

The Councillor thereupon asked to have the Minutes of Housing Committee, held on the 13th July last, read.

These Minutes were read, and the Councillor referred to an entry therein relating to an extract from a report of one of the Local Government Department Inspectors on the subject of the quality of the timber being supplied for the Maudlintown houses.

This extract was as follows:-

"It would not be possible to say, definitely, whether all the red timber is first quality Archangel. The timber for joists etc. is of good quality white wood but in some instances the demensions do not come up to specification requirements. Collars specified $4\frac{1}{2} \times 1\frac{1}{2}$ are $4\frac{1}{2} \times 1\frac{3}{8}$. $7 \times 1\frac{1}{2}$ are only $1\frac{3}{8} - 5" \times 2"$ measures $5" \times 1\frac{3}{8}"$. Sash stuff is $1\frac{3}{4} \times 1\frac{3}{4}$ where $2" \times 2"$ is specified. Colls. are also $\frac{1}{8}"$ slack. The scantlings are all normal stock sizes and would be used generally in such work, but in this case the specification provides that finished sizes shall be figured therein, and all imported scantlings to be full measurements."

Arising out of these Minutes, Councillor Connolly referred to the first part of the Inspector's report, which stated, "It would not be possible to say, definitely, whether all the red timber is first quality Archangel", and asked if the Corporation had anything to show that the timber they were getting was the quality required according to the Specification.

The Acting Borough Surveyor replied that he had documentary proof that the timber was Archangel red, and in reply to a further query by Councillor Dunne as to whether it was first quality the Borough Surveyor stated that the timber was up to the Specification as interpreted by him.

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Councillor Connolly, however, held that he had not received a straight answer as to whether or not the Archangel Red being supplied was first quality as mentioned in the Specification, but the Borough Surveyor again remarked that as the Specification was interpreted by him, the timber was up to it.

Councillor O'Leary asked the Borough Surveyor if he were satisfied that the timber met all the requirements of the Specification, and the Borough Surveyor replied he was.

At the request of Councillor Connolly, the Town Clerk read a copy of the Specification, which stated that all timber was to be of first quality of its respective kinds, and it further stated that Archangel Red was to be of best quality.

This matter was further debated at length between Councillor Connolly and the Surveyor, but the Surveyor maintained that the timber was in accordance with the Specification as interpreted by him, whereas on the other hand Councillor Connolly held that he had not received a definite answer as to whether or not the Archangel Red was of first quality.

Councillor Connolly further asked to be supplied with the markings of the different brands of timber being supplied, but some members held that as a law suit was pending in this connection, it would be unwise for the Borough Surveyor to answer this question.

Alderman Coffey thereupon moved that the Corporation proceed with the next business, and the Chairman ruled that the meeting should proceed therewith.

Councillor Connolly stated he disagreed with the Chairman's ruling but would abide by it for the present and raise the matter on a future occasion.

Liabilities which had accrued due up to the end of last month, amounting, in the aggregate, to £2,650 : 13 : 10, 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, Alderman Coffey referred to an item of £14 : 1 : 6 for the supply and distribution of milk under the

Maternity and Child Welfare Scheme, and asked that the cost of the milk and the cost of distribution should be separately shown for the future, and the Town Clerk intimated that if the members preferred the account in the way asked for by Alderman Coffey, it would be done. The Alderman also referred to other items in the accounts for milk supplied and distributed, and was informed by the Town Clerk that they were for milk supplied under the National Free Milk Supply Scheme, which was paid for by the State.

The next business was to close the accounts of the Town Rate Collector for the year 1934/5.

The amount of the Warrant was £10417 : 6 : 3. Of this, £7,027 : 13 : 9 had been collected by the late Patrick White; £185 : 2 : 1 had been collected by Mr. O'Donohoe, Poor Rate Collector; £84 : 14 : 3 had been allowed as discount; and £3,119 : 16 : 2 was outstanding.

The meeting thereupon examined the various items on the Discharge Sheets, which had been prepared by Collector O'Donohoe, and segregated the amounts which should be written off as irrecoverable, and which should be carried forward as collectible arrears into the 1935/6 Warrant.

These amounts were as follows:-

To be carried forward-----£2795 : 3 : 6

To be written off-----324 : 12 : 8

Total-----£3119 : 16 : 2

Thereupon Councillor Connolly moved. That the sums mentioned above be carried forward as collectible arrears, and written off as irrecoverable respectively.

This motion was seconded by Councillor O'Leary, and unanimously agreed to.

The amounts were thereupon entered in the Schedule, which was sealed and signed on behalf of the Corporation.

The next business was to issue a Warrant to the new Collector of Town Rates, Mr. Patrick Curran, authorising him to collect the rates for the year 1935/6, together with the arrears of former years' rates

carried forward, and on the motion of Councillor O'Leary, seconded by Alderman Walsh, the Warrant was sealed and signed on behalf of the Corporation.

The meeting then separated.

Richard Corish,

Mayor.

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12th August, 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, Robert Coffey, Thomas Walsh, and Patrick Tobin.

Councillors: Nicholas Connolly, Patrick Atkins, Thomas Dunne, Phillip McGuire, James Billington, James McMahon, John Billington, James Murphy, Thomas Doyle, Robert Moran, James Gaul, John J. O'Leary, James Crosbie, Thomas Hayes, Timothy Cashman, Thomas Buckland, James Sinnott, and Michael Martin.

On the motion of Councillor Gaul, seconded by Alderman Walsh, the Minutes of Meeting of 6th instant were taken as having been read and were accordingly signed.

Letters were read from:-

- (a) The Great Southern Railways acknowledging receipt of Resolution relative to Sunday Excursions, Wexford to Rosslare Strand.
- (b) Rev. John Sinnott, Adm., and Rev. G. J. Murphy, R.C.A., acknowledging votes of congratulation on the attainment of their Silver Jubilee.
- (c) The Electricity Supply Board on the subject of the present Rates of Charge for Electricity and the system of collecting accounts,

which was under consideration on 3rd June last.

The first business was to receive a report on the cost of erection of twenty-two houses at Hill Street, together with recommendations from the Housing Committee as under:-

- (a) That the rents be fixed at 3/- and 4/- each per week.
- (b) That a Supplementary Loan of £2020 be raised to discharge outstanding Liabilities in connection with the Hill Street and Joseph Street Schemes, viz.:- £581 : 14 : 0 Joseph Street; £1432 : 12 : 3 Hill Street; and £5 : 13 : 9 cost of Mortgage Deed.

The following is a copy of the Report as furnished to each member and considered by the Housing Committee:-

Statement of the cost of erection of 22 houses at Hill Street, Wexford.

ESTIMATED COST.			
Erection of 22 houses-----	£5060		
Development of Site-----	850		
Land and Law Costs-----	350	£6260	

ACTUAL COST OF SCHEME.

All-in Cost of Scheme-----	£7682	: 12	: 3
Land-----	£325	: 0	: 0
Law Costs-----	23	: 5	: 3
Development-----	850	: 0	: 0
Engineer's Salary-----	96	: 16	: 10
Royalties-----	122	: 5	: 8
Insurance-----	80	: 1	: 6
	1497	: 9	: 3

Net Building Costs-----	£6185	: 3	: 0
Estimated Building cost as above-----	5060	: 0	: 0

Over Estimate of Building Cost-----	£1125	: 3	: 0
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The All-in Cost of £7682 : 12 : 3 is made up as follows:-

Land-----	£325	: 0	: 0
Law Costs-----	23	: 5	: 3
Engineer's Salary-----	96	: 16	: 10
Insurance-----	80	: 1	: 6
Royalties-----	122	: 5	: 8
Materials-----	2965	: 3	: 6

Forward-----	£3612	: 12	: 9
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Forward-----£3612 : 12 : 9

LABOUR:-

Foreman-----	£272	: 19	: 3	
Timekeeper-----	108	: 19	: 11	
Carpenters-----	1083	: 12	: 0	
Masons-----	260	: 1	: 6	
Plumbers-----	77	: 0	: 6	
Plasterers-----	609	: 6	: 1	
Painters-----	159	: 18	: 10	
Carters-----	127	: 7	: 3	
Watchmen-----	133	: 2	: 8	
Labourers-----	1237	: 11	: 6	£4069 : 19 : 6

Total-----£7682 : 12 : 3

The average Cost per house is:-

Four Room-----	£355	: 0	: 0
Three Room-----	£340	: 0	: 0

The Rents are made up as follows:-

The original amount borrowed was-----	£6250	: 0	: 0
The amount to be borrowed is-----	£1432	: 12	: 3

£7682 : 12 : 3

Of the above amount £3850 will be at $5\frac{3}{4}\%$ and £3833 at $4\frac{3}{4}\%$.

The repayment of £3850 will amount to-----	£256	: 13	: 4
The repayment of £3833 will amount to-----	224	: 5	: 4

Total annual charge-----	£480	: 18	: 8
Less Government subsidy of 2/3rds on £300-----	£276	: 4	: 9

Net annual charge-----£204 : 13 : 11

Rates:-

Four Room - 14 x £4 : 10 : 0 x 18/6-----	58	: 5	: 6
Three " 8 x £4. x 18/6-----	31	: 9	: 0
Administration at 1% on £300-----	66	: 0	: 0

£360 : 8 : 5

Rents of 4 room houses at 4/- ---	£145	: 12	: 0
Rents of 3 room houses at 3/- ---	62	: 8	: 0

208 : 0 : 0

Corporation Subsidy-----£152 : 8 : 5

Four room house at £355.

Repayment of £177 : 10 : 0 @ £6 : 13 : 4 = £11 : 16 : 8
 " £177 : 10 : 0 @ 5 : 17 : 9½ = 10 : 9 : 6 £22 : 6 : 2

Less Government Subsidy of 2/3rds on £300----- 12 : 11 : 1

9 : 15 : 1

Rates on Valuation of £4 : 10 : 0 @ 18/6----- 4 : 3 : 3

Administration----- 3 : 0 : 0

£16 : 18 : 4

Rent at 4/- ----- 10 : 8 : 0

Corporation Subsidy----- £6 : 10 : 4

Three Room House at £340.

Repayment of £170 @ £6 : 13 : 4 = £11 : 6 : 8
 " £170 @ £5 : 17 : 9½ = 10 : 0 : 1 £21 : 6 : 9

Less Government Subsidy of 2/3rds on £300----- 12 : 11 : 1

8 : 15 : 8

Rates on valuation of £4 : 5 : 0 @ 18/6----- 3 : 18 : 7

Administration----- 3 : 0 : 0

£15 : 14 : 3

Rent at 3/- ----- 7 : 16 : 0

Subsidy by Corporation----- £7 : 18 : 3

The Report showed that the estimated all-in cost of the scheme was £6260, while the actual all-in cost amounted to £7682 : 12 : 6.

After deducting the overhead expenses, amounting to £1497 : 9 : 3, the net building costs were shown at £6185 : 3 : 0, as against an estimated building cost of £5060.

In reply to a query it was stated that Subsidy would only be paid up to £300, and that the difference would have to be made up by the Corporation and the tenants.

Members complained about the costs of these houses, and the Mayor stated that in the first place he believed the houses were underestimated. He did not think it was possible to build a house in an Urban Area at a cost of £230.

At the commencement of the Scheme, the former Borough Surveyor informed the Corporation that he was not equal to taking on the Hill Street and Joseph Street scheme in conjunction with the Whitemill one. The Corporation, the Mayor stated, were then compelled to employ an Architect, and his salary had to be charged against the houses.

That was an expense that was never estimated for, and if the cost of development, land, etc., was taken off the total it would mean that the houses cost £280, which was not a very high cost for them, and would be found to compare favourably with any housing costs in any part of the world; the land alone cost £14 per house, and the development amounted to £850.

Excavations had been done, and concrete roads and paths put in, as well as an eight foot wall between portion of the land the Corporation purchased and that retained by the vendor.

To his (Mayor's) mind it was questionable whether development should be charged to the houses of working class people removed from slum property, but he was not going to raise the point now. He had raised it in other places, and it was a bone of contention all over the Country.

Another large expenditure was the taking down, and the carting away of two houses already there, together with some derelict houses on the property.

As well, the Architect altered the Specification without consulting the Corporation. In the Nofrango system the internal walls were only single, and the uprights and cross pieces were shown. Mr. Reynolds put Nofrango walls on each side, and along with that put smaller panes of glass in the windows than was provided for in the specification, and he understood the cost of that alone would be five pounds per house.

It was unfortunate that the houses at Hill Street and Joseph Street had cost more than the estimate. They had built a number of houses without any loss, and many of them were erected at less than the estimated cost.

What happened, he stated, was to be deplored, and if it recurred he suggested the Corporation should seriously consider their method of building. However, he stated, the matter was not so bad as it looked because development costs were very high.

Some members held that the development costs should not be charged in the rents of the houses, but nevertheless no definite decision was taken thereon.

Eventually, it was proposed by His Worship the Mayor, and seconded by Councillor O'Leary, that the recommendation of the Housing Committee be adopted, and the rents fixed at 3/- and 4/- each per week.

This motion was unanimously adopted.

The Housing Committee's recommendation that a Supplementary Loan of £2020 be raised from the Commissioners of Public Works for a period of thirty-five years to discharge outstanding liabilities in connection with the Hill Street and Joseph Street schemes, was also adopted on the motion of the Mayor, seconded by Councillor O'Leary. In accordance with Notice given, Councillor Hayes moved. That the wages of William Hanrahan, Foreman on the Corporation Building Site at Maudlintown, be increased by fifteen shillings per week.

Councillor Crosbie seconded.

It was explained that Mr. Hanrahan was in receipt of a wage of £4 : 10 : 0, and on the 15th June last he had applied for an increase of fifteen shillings.

The Finance Committee had referred the application to the Housing Committee for consideration.

When the application came before the Housing Committee, a proposal that an increase of ten shillings per week be recommended was defeated by one vote.

The deliberations of the Housing Committee were in due course reported to the Finance Committee, when Councillor Hayes gave notice of the motion he now moved.

In moving his motion Councillor Hayes stated he believed Mr. Hanrahan

was entitled to the increase, as since he came to work for the Corporation under the Direct Labour Scheme, they had never lost a penny on any of the schemes he supervised.

At this stage Councillor Martin moved that the matter be adjourned for a month.

His reason for moving this motion was that certain complaints had been made about the manner in which the work at Maudlintown was being carried on, and he wanted these complaints investigated before Councillor Hayes's motion was decided. Certain charges were being made, and he thought the Town Clerk had received a letter from the Local Labour Party on the subject.

Councillor James Billington seconded Mr. Martin's proposition, and said he understood there were some serious charges with regard to the way in which the work was carried out, and he thought it right that the matter should be adjourned for a month. If the Corporation decided to grant the increase they could make it retrospective.

In a rather lengthy discussion which followed on this matter, members seemed divided on the two motions.

Some members complained that if the increase asked for were granted, it would mean dearer rents for the occupants of the houses.

At this stage Councillor Atkins asked what was the Trade Union Rate of wages for a carpenter, which resulted in a heated interchange of remarks between himself and Councillor Hayes. Eventually Councillor Hayes ordered Councillor Atkins to sit down, and when the latter refused, Councillor Hayes made a move towards Councillor Atkins with the apparent intention of enforcing his command. The requests of the Mayor and other members, however, had the effect of calming the atmosphere, and the business proceeded.

Alderman Flusk complained that there were men earning only two pounds per week who had a guarantee of only two months work, while Mr. Hanrahan had a guarantee of from two to three years. He thought the application should have been put in when he was appointed as Foreman on the scheme. He believed they were trying to put the houses above the estimate altogether. Cement was up five shillings per ton, and

everything else was increasing in price as well. If the present motion were carried, he would hand in notice of motion that all the workers at Maudlintown get a ten per cent. increase.

Eventually a poll was taken on Councillor Martin's amendment, when there voted:-

- For: Councillors Martin, Cashman, Moran, Doyle, Murphy, John Billington, Dunne, James Billington, Atkins, Aldermen Walsh, Coffey, Cullimore, and Flusk----- 13
- Against: Councillors Sinnott, Buckland, Hayes, Crosbie, O'Leary, Gaul, McMahon, McGuire, Connolly, Alderman Tobin, and the Mayor----- 11.

The amendment was declared carried.

In reply to a query the Town Clerk stated there was absolutely no information in the letter he had received from the Local Labour Party. It contained a general complaint about the conditions of employment at Maudlintown, and he had written asking for specific particulars, but up to the present he had not received them.

Eventually it was suggested that the complaints should be referred to the Housing Committee to investigate.

At this stage the Borough Surveyor stated there were a lot of charges going around without foundation, and ended up in a boxing match in his office on the previous Saturday. He suggested that all these complaints should be trashed out.

Ultimately, it was decided that the Local Labour Party should be asked to put their complaints in writing, when they would be investigated by the Finance Committee, and those making the complaints requested to appear before the Committee.

Adverting to Minutes of 3rd September, 1934, when the Corporation had authorised the Housing Committee to arrange the preliminary details in connection with the proposed new Town Hall, and had further authorised the Committee to employ an Architect for the purpose, the Committee recommended the Corporation to appoint Mr. Donnelly, of Messrs. Donnelly and Moore, Architects, Dublin, as Architect for the new building.

It was explained that the Housing Committee had appointed a sub-Committee to consult with Mr. Donnelly some time ago, and had carefully examined a draft plan of a Town Hall submitted by him. After suggesting to the Architect certain amendments which they considered desirable, the Committee decided to recommend the Housing Committee to appoint him in accordance with the authorisation received from the Corporation on 3rd September last.

The Sub-Committee's recommendation was considered by the Housing Committee on 29th ultimo, when it was unanimously agreed to appoint Mr. Donnelly, subject to ratification by the present meeting. The Mayor thereupon proposed the ratification of Mr. Donnelly's appointment as Architect.

This motion was seconded by Councillor Sinnott, and unanimously agreed to.

There was submitted for execution on the part of the Corporation a Deed conveying the land at Slaney Street and Redmond Road from the Great Southern Railways Company, on which it was proposed to erect the Town Hall.

This Conveyance had been prepared by the Corporation Solicitor, and was in order.

Under date of 6th May, the Minister for Local Government and Public Health had intimated by telegram that no objection would be raised to the acquisition of the site, but that he would wish for a further opportunity to consider its suitability as a site for a Town Hall.

On the motion of Councillor Connolly, seconded by Councillor O'Leary, it was decided to execute the conveyance on the part of the Corporation. A motion standing in the name of Councillor Crosbie, "that the Resolution of 1st August, 1934, limiting the period of employment of unskilled men on housing or other casual works to six months, be rescinded", was, at the request of Councillor Crosbie, adjourned until next meeting.

The report of the Borough Analyst for the quarter ended 30th June last, showed that he had examined ten samples of milk, three of butter, two

of margarine, two of cheese, two of Port Wine, two of cocoa, and one each of tea, sugar, and sausage, making in all twenty-four articles, all of which had been found genuine with the exception of one sample of milk which was deficient of 20% of its fats.

The person from whom the sample had been taken had been brought before the District Justice and ordered to pay 30/- costs, and £1 : 1 : 0 Analyst's fee.

This report was considered satisfactory.

A resolution from the New Ross Urban Council, asking the Corporation to give the Barrow and Nore Fishermens' Association their support in the Association's protest against the proposed abolition of net fishing in Irish Rivers, was submitted.

It was explained by the Mayor that the report of the Commission on this matter had not yet been published, and the Executive Council would have to consider it before any legislative action was taken. It was decided, on the motion of Councillor O'Leary, seconded by Alderman Walsh, to support the Association in their protest against any abolition of net fishing.

Arising out of this, Councillor McMahon referred to the activities of foreign trawlers, and suggested that aeroplanes be employed to prevent their fishing within the three mile limit.

The following Resolution submitted by the Youghal Urban District Council, was adopted on the motion of Councillor James Billington, seconded by Councillor McMahon:-

"That we the Wexford Corporation make emphatic protest against the barbarous treatment meted out to our fellow Catholic countrymen in the North, and knowing that the Orange or Protestant Community are in the majority up there, we the Catholic community who are in the majority down here in Southern Ireland, live and are pleased to live amongst our Protestant people whom we hold in the greatest esteem and respect, but while doing so we respectfully request the Protestant people of the South to remain no longer silent on the matter. We ask that they protest through the medium of the Public Press against the vile and barbarous

attacks on the Catholic people of the North. That we accuse Lord Craigavon, Prime Minister of the Northern Government of being responsible for the cowardly assaults on our people, and we demand that he call a halt to these Orange celebrations which are the direct cause of all the bitterness."

Under date of the 7th instant, by letter No. L.A. 17/6/34, the Local Appointments Commissioners recommended Mr. Patrick Kieran McNally, of Earl Street, Longford, for appointment as Borough Surveyor and Superintendent of Waterworks, Wexford.

The communication further stated that Mr. McNally was born in Co. Longford on 23rd September, 1898. His qualifications and experience were B.E. (Civil Engineering) in 1921; M.I.C.E.I. Temporary Engineer to Granard R.D.C. 1922/24; and to Longford Board of Health 1924/5. Town Surveyor Longford 1925/30. Temporary District Surveyor Longford County Council, 1930. Permanent Assistant County Surveyor Longford County Council 1931 to present date; and during that time had also been acting as Town Surveyor of Granard.

In proposing the appointment of Mr. McNally in accordance with the Commissioners recommendation, Councillor O'Leary asked if they would be able to appoint Mr. Millar, Acting Borough Surveyor, to be in charge of the Maudlintown Housing Scheme with which he was so familiar. He gave them very good service, and he thought they should do all they possibly could to give him an appointment until the Maudlintown Scheme was finished.

Councillor Gaul seconded Councillor O'Leary's proposition for the appointment of Mr. McNally, as, he stated, there was no use in protesting.

Mr. McNally was thereupon declared appointed as Borough Surveyor and Superintendent of Waterworks on the conditions laid down.

Councillor O'Leary thereupon proposed that Mr. Millar be appointed as Assistant Borough Surveyor in charge of the Maudlintown Housing Scheme.

Councillor Moran seconded, and stated Mr. Millar was well acquainted

with the position there. He had done all the spade work on the scheme, and he felt there would be plenty of work for the incoming Borough Surveyor apart from the Maudlintown Scheme.

The proposition was supported by a number of members, and was unanimously agreed to; the Finance and Works Committee being authorised to fix the rate of salary, subject, of course, to the approval of the Minister for Local Government and Public Health.

With reference to Minutes of 1st June last, when the question of an increase of five shillings per ton in the price of cement consequent on a fee recently imposed by the Government on this commodity, was under consideration and referred to the Minister for Local Government and Public Health for his advice, the Town Clerk reported that under date of the 16th ultimo, by letter No. H.111514, the Minister had intimated that the Corporation should be guided by the advice of their Law Agent as to their liability according to the terms of the contract entered into for the supply of cement.

The Minister's communication had been submitted to the Finance Committee of the Corporation on the 29th ultimo, when it was decided to refer the matter to the Corporation Solicitor for his advice. The Town Clerk further reported that he had sent all the papers in connection with this matter to Mr. O'Connor, and his reply was as follows:-

"M. J. O'Connor & Co.
Solicitors.
10th August, 1935.

J. J. Byrhe, Esq.,
Town Clerk,
Wexford.

RE CEMENT CONTRACT.

Dear Sir:-

Referring to our interview on the 7th inst.

We have read the documents which you left with us.

In our opinion there is a definite contract in existence between the Corporation and the Wexford Timber Co. Ltd for the full supply of cement for 154 houses at 33/- per ton delivered site, in accordance with the terms of the Timber Company's letter

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of January 18th last.

It is our view that the Contractor has no legal right to ask the Corporation to pay an additional 5/- per ton.

We think it only right however to point out to you that as the increase was due to circumstances over which the Contractor has no control the Corporation might, with the approval of the Minister, consider it fair and equitable to pay the additional 5/-. After all, if the Contractor in his letter of January 18th had protected himself by the insertion of a clause providing for such contingency the Corporation would have to pay such additional duty.

As matters stand however in our opinion it is entirely a matter for the Corporation to decide whether they will pay this increase. If the Corporation refuse to pay the increase the Contractor could give a certain amount of trouble in a subsequent action. The Corporation would not have much merit in the eyes of a Court in an action for an enforcement of the Contract owing to the fact that the addition of 5/- a ton has been caused not by a market fluctuation but by a Government Imposition. We suggest that these views should be put before the Minister.

We return your file.

Yours truly,

M. J. O'Connor & Co."

Councillor Buckland stated that subject to the approval of the Minister they should pay the five shillings. He proposed that the letter from the Solicitor be submitted to the Minister.

Councillor Gaul proposed that they pay the five shillings, but eventually it was decided to fall in with Councillor Buckland's suggestion, and refer the matter back to the Minister, and the Finance Committee was authorised to take a decision as to whether or not the five shillings per ton should be paid when the Minister's reply was received.

With reference to Minutes of 15th ultimo, when it was decided to

submit all the documents in connection with the contract for roofing tiles to the Minister for Local Government and Public Health for his advice, the Town Clerk explained that he had done this on the 16th idem, and under date of the 3rd instant, by letter No. H.119906, the Minister stated that the Corporation should be guided by the advice of their Law Agent.

He (Town Clerk) now reported that on receipt of this communication he had forwarded the file to Mr. O'Connor, and the following is a copy of his reply:-

"M.J. O'Connor & Co.,
Solicitors.
10th August, 1935.

J. J. Byrne, Esq.,
Town Clerk,
Wexford.

Dear Sir,

Re Contract for Tiles.

Referring to our interview with you on the 7th instant.

We have perused the file of papers which you left with us including (1) the invitation for tenders dated the 14th May 1935 (2) specification (3) tenders received (4) your letter of 4th June (5) replies of the 6th, 7th, 17th, 18th, and 25th June and 5th July. We have also read your letter to the Minister and the Minister's reply.

In our opinion there is no contract so far in existence either with Messrs. McCormack & Hegarty or the Wexford Timber Co. Ltd. It is therefore open to the Corporation either to re-advertise or to come to an amicable arrangement with either the Timber co. or with Messrs. McCormack & Hegarty.

We return your file.

Yours truly,

M. J. O'Connor & Co."

Thereupon Councillor Moran proposed that the tender of Messrs. McCormack and Hegarty should be accepted in full, but the Town Clerk pointed out that it would be necessary to first rescind the Resolution

already adopted dividing the contract.

Councillor Connolly thereupon proposed that the contract be divided as agreed to before, and said they had been told some time ago that both firms were paying Trade Union Rates of wages. He could prove that such was not the case. He had Pay Envelopes received by a man who had worked a week of 51 hours in one of these firms, and who had three hours overtime. For the 54 hours he received £1 : 16 : 2. There was he believed a Resolution on the Minute Book of the Corporation whereby Trade Union Rates of Wages must be paid. If these were Trade Union Rates, he was satisfied.

In reply to a query from Councillor Moran, Councillor Connolly stated that he did not look for this information, but was stopped on the street and given it.

Some members thought that it was time the question of this tile contract was definitely decided, and in reply to a query the Borough Surveyor stated that the roof timber if left lying on the houses without tiles would split asunder, and certainly would not improve the house.

It was pointed out that strictly speaking seven days notice should be given of a proposal to rescind a resolution, but the Mayor held that as all the members were present, it was in order to move the rescission of a resolution at the present meeting, and he was prepared to accept it; he would not if any member were absent.

Thereupon Councillor O'Leary moved that the Resolution of 3rd June last, dividing the contract for roofing tiles between Messrs. McCormack and Hegarty and the Wexford Timber Company, Ltd., be rescinded.

Alderman Walsh seconded.

On a poll being taken, there voted:-

For Rescission: Councillors Buckland, Cashman, O'Leary, Moran,
Doyle, Murphy, James Billington, McGuire,
Atkins, Alderman Walsh, Coffey, Cullimore,
and Flusk-----

13.

Against Councillors Martin, Sinnott, Hayes, Crosbie,
 Rescission: Gaul, John Billington, McMahon, Dunne, Connolly,
 Aldermen Tobin and the Mayor----- 11.

The Resolution was thereupon declared rescinded.

Alderman Walsh then proposed that the tender of Messrs. McCormack and Hegarty for the supply of 112,000 concrete roofing tiles at £7 : 17 : 6 per thousand and 3,800 concrete ridge tiles at 7½d. each be accepted.

Councillor James Billington seconded.

Councillor Crosbie moved, however, that the Corporation re-advertise for tenders, and Councillor Connolly seconded.

A suggestion by Councillor Martin, that the Corporation procure a machine and make the tiles themselves, was not considered feasible.

A poll was taken on Councillor Crosbie's motion, when there voted:-

For: Councillors Martin, Sinnott, Hayes, Crosbie, Gaul,
 John Billington, McMahon, Dunne, Connolly,
 Aldermen Tobin and the Mayor----- 11

Against: Councillors Buckland, Cashman, O'Leary, Moran,
 Doyle, Murphy, James Billington, McGuire, Atkins,
 Aldermen Walsh, Coffey, Cullimore and Flusk----- 13.

The motion to re-advertise was accordingly declared lost, and Alderman Walsh's proposition that the contract be given to Messrs. McCormack and Hegarty was then put as a substantive motion, and taken as carried by the same voting.

The contents of a circular letter from the Minister for Local Government and Public Health, under date of the 8th instant, No.H.126012, intimating that for the future Housing Loans would be repayable within 35 years instead of 37, were noted.

The next business was to select unskilled labourers for employment as and when such arose.

At the outset it was decided that each member should nominate four persons, and it was further decided that if any person selected was found on enquiry at the Local Office of the Department of Industry and Commerce to be in receipt of, or entitled to, Unemployment

Benefit, he was not to be employed.

The following is a list of persons selected:-

- Mayor: Laurence Connors, Temperance Row; Richard Keane, Wolfe Tone Villas; Andrew Berry, Wolfe Tone Villas; and John Kinsella, Wolfe Tone Villas.
- Alderman Joseph Nagle, John's Gate Street; Nicholas Roche, John Flusk: Street; William Duggan, Duke Street; and Robert Roberts, Hospital Road.
- Alderman Jas. Roche, Carrigeen; J. Booth, Whitemill; William Cullimore: Leader, Talbot Street; and Laurence Grace, Corry's Terrace.
- Alderman Walter Haughton, Cornmarket; John Dodd, Cornmarket; Coffey: Laurence Meyler, William Street; and Martin Comerford, John Street.
- Alderman Peter McLoughlin, Duke Street; Thomas Brennan, John's Walsh: Gate Street, Samuel O'Brien, Back Street; and Thomas Murphy, Cornmarket.
- Alderman William Neville, Hill Street; Patrick Fox, Selskar; Tobin: Patrick Roche, Cornmarket; and Peter Connors, Selskar.
- Councillors.
- Crosbie: Michael Crosbie, Roche's Terrace; James Byrne, Carrigeen; John Crosbie, High Street; and Patrick Frazer, Thomas Clarke Street.
- Connolly: Andrew Brien, Jr., St. John's Road; Hugh Hynes, John Street; Martin Banville, Abbey Street; and Edward Brien, Abbey Street.
- Atkins: Thomas Malone, Barrack Street; John Lacey, Wolfe Tone Villas; Frank Mason, Abbey Street; and William Harris, Jr., Green Street.
- Dunne: John Jones, John Street; John Cloney, John Street; Nicholas Roche, Gibson Street; and Joseph Hayes, Thomas Clarke Street.
- Hayes: Daniel Kelly, Keyser's Lane; Nicholas Berry, Keyser's Lane; Michael Byrne, Carrigeen; and James Lawlor, King Street.
- McGuire: Martin Roche, Francis Street; William O'Rourke, John's Gate Street; William Gorman, Bride Street; and William White, Croke Avenue.
- James Thomas Rossiter, Barrack Street; John Murphy, 2, William Billington: Street; Michael Burke, Maudlintown; and Thomas Byrne, Wolfe Tone Villas.
- McMahon: John Farrell, Bride Street; William Layne, William Street; Thomas Jackman, Michael Street; and Matthew Murphy, Bride Street.
- John Bill-William Boyce, Abbey Street; Richard O'Brien, John Street; ington: William Anderson, Trinity Place; and William Layne, Temperance Row.
- Murphy: Laurence Roche, Carrigeen; Patrick Carr, Sr., Wolfe Tone Villas; James Walsh, Jr., Bride Street; and James Reck, Wolfe Tone Villas.

Councillors.

Doyle: Harry Cahill, John's Gate Street; Michael Delaney, Cornmarket; Pierce Connors, Monck Street; and John Rossiter, Mary Street.

O'Leary: Andrew Nolan, Hill Street; Charles Delaney, Francis Street; Nicholas Brien, Hill Street; and John Murphy, Cornmarket.

Cashman: Jas. Tottenham, &, Duke Street; John McCormack, Duke Street; Peter Hore, Davitt Road; and Thomas Black, Thomas Clarke Street.

Buckland: Patrick Berry, 37, Wolfe Tone Villas; Alfred Kerfoot, Ram Street; Thomas Hayes, Lower John Street; and Stephen Cahill, Wolfe Tone Villas.

Sinnott: John Sinnott, Faythe; Michael Morris, King Street; Vincent Carley, Fisher's Row; and Martin Carroll, Castle Hill Street.

Martin: William O'Neill, Fisher's Row; Patrick O'Leary, King Street; Peter Hanton, Emmet Place; and John Millar, Batt Street.

NOTE: The persons nominated by Councillor Moran are as follows, and should appear in the list after Councillor Doyle, and before Councillor O'Leary:-

Councillor Moran: Peter Murphy, King Street; Patrick Kehoe, Grogan's Road; John Duggan, Crescent Quay; and Richard Whelan, Maudlintown.

2nd September, 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, Patrick Tobin, Michael Flusk, and William Cullimore.

Councillors: Patrick Atkins, James Billington, James McMahon, James Murphy, James Gaul, Timothy Cashman, John J. O'Leary, Phillip McGuire, Thomas Hayes, James Crosbie, Michael Martin, James Sinnott, Nicholas Connolly, Robert Moran, Thomas Buckland, and Thomas Dunne.

The Borough Surveyor pro tem, and Town Clerk were also in attendance.

On the motion of Councillor Gaul, seconded by Alderman Walsh, the Minutes of Meeting of 12th August, 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 £2455 : 13 : 5, were submitted.

Included in them was a sum of £400 to Messrs. McCormack and Hegarty on foot of contract for the supply of timber for the Maudlintown Housing Scheme.

Arising out of this payment, Councillor Connolly referred to the Minutes of Housing Committee on 13th July last, when an extract from a report of one of the Local Government Department Inspectors, on the subject of the quality of the timber being supplied for the Maudlintown Houses, was considered. This matter had also been considered by the Corporation at meeting held on 6th ultimo.

Councillor Connolly asked if anything further had been heard from the Minister in connection with this matter, as it appeared to him that the Inspector had grave doubts as to the quality of the timber.

The Town Clerk, in reply, said he had sent the Minister a copy of the

Borough Surveyor's observations on the Inspector's report. Since then the Minister had asked for a copy of the Contractor's priced Bill of Quantities; he (Town Clerk) had forwarded this document, and up to the present had heard nothing further.

At the request of Councillor Connolly, the Town Clerk read the Inspector's report and the Borough Surveyor's reply thereto.

The Councillor stated that according to the reports there was a difference of opinion between the Borough Surveyor and the Department Inspector. There seemed to be a doubt as to the quality of the timber, and he would like to know if it was up to the specification. Things might be interpreted in many different ways, but the question was if it was first quality Archangel Red, or were the people being called upon to pay for another quality.

In reply, the Acting Borough Surveyor said he had answered the report of the Local Government Department Inspector in his observations, and that the timber was up to the specification as interpreted by him. Councillor Connolly then quoted a remark made by Councillor James Billington, who had stated he had fifty years experience of the timber trade and that there was no such thing as first quality Archangel imported into the Free State. In face of that, stated Councillor Connolly, the people were paying for a quality of timber they were not getting.

At this stage several members complained that Councillor Connolly was holding up the business of the meeting asking questions to which he had got replies at a previous meeting, but the Councillor held that he had not got a definite answer as to whether or not the timber supplied was first quality Archangel.

The Town Clerk again read the clause in the specification which dealt with the quality of the timber. This stated that "all timber to be of first quality of its respective kinds. The timber to be used in joinery work to be Archangel Red Deal of best quality."

The Mayor stated that he gathered from the discussion that the Surveyor was perfectly satisfied that he was getting timber in

accordance with the specification, and he (Mayor) submitted that that was an answer to Councillor Connolly's query.

Thereupon Councillor Connolly stated he objected to the payment, and, if necessary, would give notice of motion that the amount be not paid until a reply was received from the Minister on the subject of the quality of the timber.

In refusing to accept Councillor Connolly's notice of motion, the Mayor said it was always open to the Corporation to proceed against the Contractor's sureties if the timber supplied was found not to be in accordance with the specification.

The accounts as presented, including the £400 above referred to, having been examined were approved, and an Advice Note was signed to enable the Treasurer to pay them, but with Councillor Connolly dissenting.

At this stage, the Mayor moved that the sympathy of the Corporation be extended to the Community of the Christian Brothers in Wexford in their recent bereavement occasioned by the death of the Rev. ~~Foran~~ Daly. The people of Wexford, he stated, owed a good deal to the Christian Brothers; he thought it would be admitted that they treated their pupils very kindly. Practically all the male folk in Wexford passed through their hands, and they had sent them out into the world ready to take their part in the work they were to do. Brother Daly, who was only a little over twelve months in Wexford, was no exception to the splendid type of men in the ranks of the Christian Brothers, and he thought that the Corporation, as representing the people generally, would be only doing their duty in telling Rev. Brother Foran, the Superior, and the other members of the Community that they had the Corporation's sympathy in the loss they had sustained.

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

The Mayor also proposed that the Corporation extend their sympathy to Mr. J. F. Heffernan on the death of his wife. Mr. Heffernan

was a journalist on one of the local papers, and had attended meetings of the Corporation for some years past. Both himself and the late Mrs. Heffernan had been well known in the town.

Alderman Coffey also seconded this motion, which was supported by a number of members present and passed in the usual way.

A motion standing in the name of Councillor Crosbie, "that the resolution of 1st October, 1934, limiting the period of employment of unskilled men on Housing or other casual works to six months, be rescinded," was withdrawn at the request of the Councillor.

A motion in the name of Councillor Hayes, that the wages of the Foreman on the Maudlintown Housing Scheme be increased by 15/- per week to £5 : 5 : 0, was the next business.

This matter had been before the last meeting of the Corporation, and had been adjourned to enable complaints from the Local Labour Party regarding working conditions at Maudlintown to be investigated.

The Town Clerk explained that he had written asking for details of the complaints made, and he had received a reply from the Labour Party stating they were withdrawing them.

Thereupon Councillor Hayes proposed that the increase of 15/- per week asked for by Mr. Hanrahan, be granted.

Councillor Crosbie seconded.

Alderman Walsh, however, proposed that they pay Mr. Hanrahan the same rate of wages as all foremen were paid on building contracts, namely, £5. per week.

Alderman Coffey seconded the amendment.

Alderman Hayes, however, stated he would accept the proposal of Alderman Walsh and amend his proposal to an increase of 10/- per week.

Alderman Flusk stated they had applied to the Minister for sanction to the employment of the Acting Borough Surveyor as Assistant Borough Surveyor in charge of the Maudlintown Housing Scheme, and asked if they would be acting in his interest or against him in granting the increase to Mr. Hanrahan.

In reply, the Mayor said he did not think it would be any harm. He thought that Mr. Millar would admit that Mr. Hanrahan was worth this money, and the Acting Borough Surveyor stated he certainly would be worth £5. per week.

Alderman Flusk then objected to the increase on the ground that it was not asked for when the estimate was being made out for the houses. He was not against an increase in wages, and if the man had asked for it at the outset he would be the first to support it.

Councillor Murphy supported Alderman Flusk's objection, and stated they were trying to build houses as cheaply as possible. He was opposed to any increase until the job was finished.

Several other members objected to the proposal on the grounds that it would increase the cost of the houses with a consequent increase in the rents, and in reply to a query by Councillor O'Leary, the Mayor stated it would increase the cost of each house by about eightpence, and Mr. Millar's salary by about 5/4d. per house.

Councillor Moran suggested that the matter be adjourned until the scheme was completed, when they would be in a position to know the exact cost of the houses.

On a vote being taken, fifteen members voted for the proposal of Councillor Hayes, as amended, that an increase of 10/- per week be granted, and seven against.

The motion was declared carried.

The next business was to receive tenders for sewer pipes, manhole covers, etc., sheet lead, lime, glass roofing tiles, copper tying wire, and flue liners, for the Maudlintown Housing Scheme.

Tenders for these articles had been invited by public advertisement in accordance with a specification prepared by the Borough Surveyor, and two tenders were received. They were from Messrs. McCormack and Hegarty, of Custom House Quay, Wexford; and the Wexford Timber Company, Ltd., of Crescent Quay, Wexford.

The following Table shows the prices quoted:-

Article.	McCormack & Hegarty.	Wexford Timber Co.
Stoneware Pipes	£216 : 14 : 9	£201 : 11 : 8
Concrete Pipes	280 : 3 : 2	278 : 5 : 6
Manhole Covers, Etc.	58 : 6 : 4	52 : 7 : 6
Sheet Lead	117 : 0 : 0	100 : 0 : 0
Lime	1 : 10 : 0	1 : 14 : 6
Glass Tiles	43 : 2 : 6	—
Tying Wire	12 : 12 : 0	11 : 13 : 4
Flue Liners	41 : 13 : 4	17 : 3 : 9

At this stage, the Borough Surveyor suggested that glass fanlights in the bedroom doors could be substituted for the glass roofing tiles if the Corporation were satisfied, and this was agreed to.

A discussion arose as to the advisability of using concrete sewer pipes of Saorstat Manufacture as against Stoneware pipes of Non-Saorstat Manufacture.

The difference in the price of the actual materials was £76 : 13 : 10, and in addition the Borough Surveyor stated that the cost of labour handling concrete pipes as against Stoneware pipes would be 100 per cent. higher.

Nevertheless, Alderman Flusk proposed that the tender for concrete pipes of Saorstat Manufacture be accepted.

Councillor Moran, however, proposed that the matter be adjourned for two weeks to enable it to be ascertained whether stoneware pipes of Saorstat Manufacture would be available within any reasonable time as it was understood that two factories for the manufacture of these pipes were in course of construction.

Councillor Moran's motion was seconded by Councillor Dunne, and as Alderman Flusk withdrew his proposition in favour of it, it was unanimously agreed to.

The following tenders were thereupon accepted:-

The Wexford Timber Company for the supply of manhole covers, etc., for

the sum of £52 : 7 : 6 on the motion of Councillor Sinnott, seconded by Councillor O'Leary. The Wexford Timber Company for sheet lead for the sum of £100 on the motion of Councillor Hayes, seconded by Alderman Coffey. Messrs. McCormack and Hegarty for lime at £1 : 10 : 0 per ton on the motion of Councillor O'Leary seconded by Councillor Cashman. The Wexford Timber Company for copper tying wire at £11 : 13 : 4 on the motion of Councillor Martin, seconded by Councillor Crosbie. The Wexford Timber Company for flue liners at £17 : 3 : 9 on the motion of the Mayor, seconded by Councillor Crosbie. A recommendation was submitted from the Finance Committee that a Loan of £225, under the Small Dwellings Acquisition Acts, be granted to Mr. Michael Forde, of Slaney Street, for the erection of a dwelling-house.

Mr. Forde was an Inspector of the Great Southern Railways, and was in every way a suitable person to grant a Loan to.

The house was estimated to cost £300, from which the Government Subsidy of £50 would be deducted, making the net cost of the house to Mr. Forde £250, and the recommendation of the Committee was that he should be advanced 9/10ths of this amount or £225.

Thereupon the Mayor proposed, and Councillor O'Leary seconded, that a Loan of £225, under the Small Dwellings Acquisition Acts, 1899 to 1931, be granted to Mr. Michael Forde, of Slaney Street, Wexford, to enable him to erect a house at Redmond Road; the Loan to be repaid within a period of 35 years with interest at the rate of $5\frac{1}{4}$ per cent. per annum; the annuity to be calculated at the rate of £6 : 5 : $5\frac{1}{2}$ per year for each £100 advanced.

This proposition was unanimously agreed to.

With reference to Minutes of 3rd June last, when it was decided to dispose of approximately five acres of land and seven houses at Maudlintown for the purpose of establishing a Steel Factory for the sum of £350, the Contract in this matter was now submitted for execution on the part of the Corporation.

The proposed sale had been sanctioned by the Minister for Local Govern-

ment and Public Health under date of 6th June, by letter No.84740.

The Contract provided that the purchasers (J. Brockhouse & Co (Ireland) Ltd) should erect a factory on the site within a period of twelve months from the date of the Contract, and further, that the purchasers should not erect any dwelling-houses on the lands except houses for the accommodation of employees in the factory and used as ancilliary thereto. It was also stipulated that not more than twenty houses could be erected.

The Contract also provided that the Company should demolish the seven houses comprised in the sale, and that the Corporation should facilitate such demolition by making any Demolition Orders necessary. This Contract had been submitted to a meeting of the Finance Committee on the 26th ultimo, when the Committee had been advised by their Solicitor that the Corporation were quite safe-guarded in the whole matter, and the Committee had decided to recommend the Corporation at present meeting to execute the Contract.

No objection was raised by the present meeting, and on the motion of Councillor O'Leary, seconded by Councillor Hayes, the seal of the Corporation was affixed to the Contract, and authenticated by the signatures of the Mayor and Town Clerk.

No action was taken on an invitation to send representatives to a public meeting in support of the new money system to be held at Clashganny, Co. Carlow, on the 8th instant.

The next business on the Agenda was "to make arrangements for the carrying out of the Resolution adopted on 1st July, 1935, deciding to make a Planning Scheme for the Borough", but on the motion of the Mayor, seconded by Councillor Crosbie, this was adjourned until the recently-appointed Borough Surveyor took up office.

Richard Cawser J.D.
Mayor of Wexford.

16th September, 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, William Cullimore, and Michael Flusk.

Councillors: Patrick Atkins, James McMahon, James Murphy, Nicholas Connolly, James Sinnott, James Crosbie, Thomas Hayes, Thomas Dunne, Robert Moran, and John J. O'Leary.

Before the business of the meeting commenced, the Mayor proposed that the sympathy of the Corporation be extended to the widow and family of the late Sir Thomas Esmonde. Sir Thomas Esmonde, he stated, had always been a solid Wexfordman, and a good Irishman. He had taken an active part for some years in the Banking and Commercial Life of the Country, and he thought the Corporation would be only doing their duty in extending sympathy on behalf of the citizens generally to his relatives.

Alderman Coffey seconded the motion, which was supported by Councillor McMahon, and adopted in respectful silence.

With reference to Minutes of last meeting, when the acceptance of a tender for sewer pipes was adjourned to enable it to be ascertained if stoneware pipes of Saorstat Manufacture could be obtained within a reasonable time, the Town Clerk reported that he had been in telephonic communication with the Housing Section, Department of Local Government, when he had been informed that they were not aware of any Firm in the Saorstat manufacturing glazed sewer pipes.

He further reported that on the 5th instant he had communicated with the Ballinphellic Brick Company, of Cork, stating he understood they were about to manufacture these pipes, and asked if they were in a position to state when they could deliver same. As the matter was

urgent, he requested an early reply.

To this communication he had received no answer.

Thereupon it was unanimously decided that the Corporation consider the tenders submitted to last meeting.

They were as follows:-

For Stoneware Pipes, Messrs. McCormack and Hegarty quoted £216 : 14 : 9; and the Wexford Timber Company £201 : 11 : 8. For concrete pipes, the former Firm quoted £280 : 3 : 2; and the latter £278 : 5 : 6.

A discussion arose as to the advisability of using concrete pipes of Saorstat Manufacture instead of glazed pipes which would have to be imported. Some members held that even though concrete pipes were dearer the Corporation would be giving employment to Irish labour by purchasing them; While others were of the opinion that the difference of approximately £77 between the two articles was too high a preference to give to Irish Manufacture. As well, the Borough Surveyor informed the meeting that the cost of labour in laying concrete pipes would be at least one hundred per cent. higher than the cost of laying glazed pipes.

Eventually Alderman Flusk proposed that the tender of the Wexford Timber Company at £278 : 5 : 6 for concrete pipes of Saorstat Manufacture be accepted. Councillor Dunne seconded.

Before this proposition was put to the meeting, the Town Clerk intimated that in his opinion the Auditor would question the acceptance of this tender in view of the fact that it was £77 dearer than the tender for stoneware pipes, and, as well, having regard to the increased cost of labour in handling the concrete pipes. It was possible, he stated, that the Auditor would sur-charge the members for this expenditure. On a vote being taken, nine members voted for Alderman Flusk's motion and five against, one member not voting.

A poll was then taken, when there voted:-

For: Councillors Moran, Dunne, Sinnott, Connolly, Murphy,
Atkins, O'Leary, Aldermen Flusk, Cullimore and Walsh---- 10
Against: Councillors Hayes, Crosbie, McMahon, Alderman Coffey
and the Mayor----- 5.

The Motion was accordingly declared carried, and the tender of the Wexford Timber Company, Ltd. for the supply of concrete pipes of Saorstat Manufacture, for the sum of £278 : 5 : 6, accepted.

With reference to Minutes of last meeting, when a tender for the supply of 500 nine inch flue liners for the sum of £17 : 13 : 9 from the Wexford Timber Company had been accepted, the Town Clerk stated that having received a circular letter dated the 30th ultimo, No. H.128643, from the Minister for Local Government and Public Health intimating that the Ballinphellic Brick Company, Cork, were manufacturing these articles, he had informed the Contractors that the Corporation would expect the liners to be of Saorstat Manufacture. As a result of this intimation, the Contractors had written to him on this day stating they had got in touch with the Irish Manufacturers, and enclosed a revised estimate on the basis of their quotation. This revised estimate showed that the price of liners of Irish manufacture would be one shilling each or £25 for the 500.

Members were doubtful as to the advisability of accepting this revised quotation having regard to the fact that the Timber Company's competitors, Messrs. McCormack and Hegarty, had not been asked to submit a revised quotation, but on the other hand, owing to the second quotation of the Timber Company being known, it was not considered advisable to re-advertise.

After some discussion, the Town Clerk was directed to get into telephonic communication with Messrs. McCormack and Hegarty, and ask them if their quotation of £41 : 13 : 4, submitted to last Meeting, was for Irish or imported liners.

The Town Clerk did as directed, and was informed by Mr. McCormack that their quotation was for imported flue liners. He also informed him that the price quoted included an Import Duty, which at the time of tendering he understood was chargeable to these goods. He had since, however, received a ruling from the Department of Industry and Commerce that they were not subject to Duty, and that consequently his price would be 8½d. each.

He further informed the Town Clerk that he was not in a position to

quote for liners of Irish Manufacture as he would not be able to procure them for some time.

Having regard to this information, it was unanimously agreed on the motion of Councillor Connolly, seconded by Councillor Dunne, to accept the revised tender of the Wexford Timber Company for the supply of 500 nine inch Flue Liners of Irish Manufacture for the sum of £25.

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 £500 proposed to be borrowed to enable a Grant to be made to the Town of Wexford Vocational Education Committee for the purpose of providing a Gymnasium for the school.

The obtainment of this Loan had been sanctioned by the Minister for Local Government and Public Health under date of the 19th ultimo, by letter No.S.134487.

The Mortgage Deed being in order in every respect, the following Resolution was unanimously adopted, on the motion of Councillor Connolly, seconded by Councillor James Sinnott:-

"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 £500 proposed to be advanced by them to us under the Vocational Education Act, 1930."

The Mortgage Deed was thereupon sealed with the Corporate Seal, and the following further Resolution, as proposed by Alderman Walsh, and seconded by Councillor O'Leary, was also 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 the said Commissioners,

and that all such advances shall be lodged to our Account in the Wexford Branch of the National Bank."

The Meeting then separated.

Richard Corish J.D.

Mayor.

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7th October, 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, Robert Coffey, Patrick Tobin, William Cullimore, and Michael Flusk.

Councillors: James Billington, Phillip McGuire, Timothy Cashman, James Murphy, Patrick Atkins, James Sinnott, James Crosbie, Thomas Dunne, Thomas Buckland, Nicholas Connolly, James Gaul, Thomas Hayes, and Michael Martin.

READING OF MINUTES.

On the motion of Alderman Walsh, seconded by Councillor Dunne, the Minutes of Meetings of 2nd and 19th September, 1935, were taken as having been read, and were accordingly signed.

VOTES OF SYMPATHY.

The Superior of the Christian Brothers, and Mr. John F. Heffernan acknowledged receipt of votes of sympathy passed with them at last Meeting.

On the motion of the Mayor, seconded by Alderman Coffey, the sympathy of the meeting was extended to Mr. Matthew Coghlan, Manager, National Bank, Wexford (the Treasurers of the Corporation) on the recent bereavement sustained by him through the death of his brother, Rev. Fr. Coghlan.

NEW BOROUGH SURVEYOR.

The recently appointed Borough Surveyor, Mr. P. K. McNally, who attended

the meeting for the first time, was welcomed by the Mayor on behalf of the Corporation, who stated he hoped Mr. McNally would be with them a long time, and that the relations between the Corporation and himself would be cordial.

PAYMENTS.

Liabilities which had accrued due up to the end of last month, amounting, in the aggregate, to £6114 : 17 : 10, were submitted, and having been examined were approved, and an Advice Note was signed to enable them to be discharged.

LIGHTING OF REDMOND ROAD.

Arising out of a payment to the Electricity Supply Board, in respect of Public Lighting for the month of September, Alderman Coffey referred to the fact that the Redmond Road was always lighted up to the New Bridge when gas was in use, but it was now only lighted to Auburn Terrace.

It was explained that when the Corporation were getting the electric light, they considered it sufficient at the time to light this road only as far as where there were houses. Nothing could be done to extend it at the present stage of the Financial Year, and if Alderman Coffey desired to have the lighting extended, he should raise the matter when the estimates were being considered for 1936/7.

ROAD FUND GRANT.

The Mayor mentioned that the Corporation had secured a Grant of £874 from the Road Fund towards the reconstruction of Main Roads. It was ~~proposed~~ ^{proposed}, subject to the approval of the Corporation and the Minister for Local Government and Public Health, to expend this money on William Street, Joseph Street, and Redmond Road. These three roads were Main Roads, and were in a bad condition.

Councillor Billington referred to the condition of a footpath at Barrack Street, and Alderman Flusk to a footpath at High Street, and asked to have them included in the work, but it was pointed out that neither were on Main Roads, and, therefore, could not be repaired out of this Grant.

It was decided to ratify the proposal to expend the Grant on William

Street, Joseph Street, and Redmond Road.

MINUTES OF HOUSING COMMITTEE.

Councillor Connolly asked to have the Minutes of a Meeting of the Housing Committee, held on the 30th ultimo, read, and in reference to an entry therein regarding the letting of fifty new houses at Maudlintown to be ready in January, 1936, said he thought these houses were not supposed to be for the class of people that would be affected by Clearance Orders, but it was pointed out that no decision had yet been arrived at pending a reply to a communication which had been sent to the Minister for Local Government and Public Health, requesting him to pay subsidy in respect of these houses.

In reply to a query by Councillor Connolly, the Town Clerk stated he had written asking the Minister to pay subsidy, but had not yet received a reply.

ANALYSIS OF BUTTER.

Under date of the 12th ultimo, by letter No.G.3888, the Minister for Agriculture intimated that on 29th August last an Inspector of his Department, acting under Section 2 of the Sale of Food and Drugs Act, 1899, had obtained four samples of butter at Wexford 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 considered satisfactory, and noted.

AUDITOR'S REPORT.

The report of the Local Government Auditor on his audit of the accounts of the Corporation for the two years ended 31st March, 1935, was submitted.

The Report was as follows:-

"I beg to report that I have audited the accounts of the Wexford Corporation for the two years ended respectively 31/3/34 and 31/3/35. Certified copies of the abstracts are forwarded herewith.

The following is a comparative statement of the Rates made for the three financial years 1932/33, 33/34, 34/35.

			<u>1932/33</u>	<u>1933/34.</u>	<u>1934/35.</u>
Borough Rate	..	..	4/6	4/4	4/4
Special "	..	..	2/6	2/6	2/4
Water "	..	..	1/2	1/4	1/4
Total Town Rate			8/2	8/2	8/-
Poor Rate	..	..	7/-	7/2	8/-
			15/2	15/4	16/-

It will be observed that the total Town Rate was practically uniform over the three years. The increase in Poor Rate in 1934/35 resulted from the provisions of the Unemployment Assistance Act, 1933.

There remains due to the Wexford County Council in respect of 1934/35 Demand a sum of £4,014 : 7 : 6.

The Poor Rate Collection for the year 1934/35 was closed on 3rd June, 1935, when an amount of £3777 : 0 : 1 remained to be carried to next warrant after a sum of £427 : 4 : 8 had been written off as irrecoverable. The arrears brought forward from the 1933/34 warrant amounted to £3,569 : 15 : 3.

The Town Rate Collector died before the close of the 1934/35 collection and the Poor Rate Collector, who was appointed to close the collection, was not in a position to make the Statutory Declaration in respect of uncollected rates. Up to the time of his death the deceased collector had issued official receipts for an aggregate sum of £6,984 : 6 : 3 and had lodged £7,000 : 17 : 10, which resulted in an apparent overlodgement of £16 : 11 : 7. It was found later that on the counterfoils of three unissued receipts the deceased collector had made notes showing that he had collected £20 : 1 : 8 in part payments, and also that shortly before his decease he had collected in respect of one rating a sum of £23 : 5 : 10 for which he had omitted to issue an official receipt. There was thus a net under-lodgment of £26 : 15 : 11 in the Collector's account, which it is proposed to deduct from the balance of poundage due to his representative. The Town Clerk has instructed the new Collector to verify the arrears brought forward.

Rates in arrears struck off and carried forward for the two years under audit and previous two years were as follows:

		<u>Struck Off.</u>			<u>C/d. fd.</u>			<u>Total.</u>		
		£.	S.	D.	£.	S.	D.	£.	S.	d.
1931 -32:-										
Town Rate	..	399:	2:	6	1932:	16:	8	2331:	19:	2
Poor Rate	..	413:	15:	4	3051:	6:	5	3465:	1:	9
1932/33:-										
Town Rate	..	412:	15:	9	2277:	14:	0	2690:	9:	9
Poor Rate	..	392:	18:	10	3523:	8:	3	3916:	7:	1
1933/34:-										
Town Rate	..	413:	1:	0	2536:	5:	9	2949:	6:	9
Poor Rate	..	487:	14:	0	3569:	15:	3	4057:	9:	3
1934/35:-										
Town Rate	..	324:	12:	8	2795:	6:	7	3119:	19:	3
Poor Rate	..	427:	4:	8	3777:	0:	1	4204:	4:	9

The tendency to increase will be noted.

The following table will give an indication of the progress of the collection of rents of Artizans' Dwellings:-

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Initials of Chairman.....

	Total weekly Rental.	Arrears.	Approximate average No. of weeks' rent due.	Maximum No. weeks due by any one tenant.
31/3/33	£70: 11: 1	£214: 3: 5	3	66
31/3/34	78: 1: 7	334: 2: 11	4	67
31/3/35	92: 5: 10	427: 16: 9	5	78

At a meeting of the Corporation held on 3/6/35 the following resolution was passed, viz. "That the Rent Collector be empowered "to take any steps he considered necessary for the collection of "the rents of Artizans' Dwellings."

The Corporation continues to ignore the provisions of Section 7 of the Local Government (Rates on Small Dwellings) Act, 1928.

I have surcharged some members of the Corporation in respect of payments made to provide prizes for gardens adjudged to be the best kept in the Urban District as there does not appear to be any statutory authority for such expenditure.

Three Housing Schemes, one at Whitemill, one at Davitt Road North and one at Joseph Street, Distillery Road, were completed during the period under audit and some particulars of the estimated and actual costs are given hereunder.

WHITEMILL:

Cost of erection of 94 houses including development.	£26946
Engineer's estimate for 86 houses as originally proposed:	<u>£25600</u>
	£1346

The additional eight houses were four-roomed for which the Engineer's estimate was £290 per house in the case of end houses and £275 per house in the case of middle houses.

The figure £26,946 was made up of:-	£15129: 15: 6 wages
	10635: 16: 1 material
	1180: 8: 5 cost of site, law costs, etc.
	<u>£26946: 0: 0</u>

JOSEPH STREET:

Actual cost of 14 houses including development:	£4951 : 4 : 2
Engineer's Estimate:	4350 : 0 : 0

The figure of £4951 : 4 : 2 was made up of:-

£2861 : 4 : 0 wages
1849 : 7 : 0 material
<u>240 : 13 : 2 cost of site, law costs, etc.</u>
£4951 : 4 : 2

DAVITT ROAD:

Six houses erected by the Nofrango method including development:	£1809 : 3 : 4
Estimated cost prepared by Nofrango Ltd.	1590 : 0 : 0

The figure of £1809 : 3 : 4 was made up of:-

£902	:	4	:	0	wages
711	:	0	:	10	material
195	:	18	:	6	cost of site, law costs, etc.

£1809 : 3 : 4

I have made an adjustment as between the Borough Fund and the Towns Improvement Fund in respect of certain expenditure on scavenging and watering streets chargeable against the former but charged against the latter.

The sum of £90 received on account of the purchase price of houses sold by the Corporation was applied to reduce Capital Indebtedness and the sum of £58 similarly received was applied to Capital purposes.

Cover Notes are held in respect of a number of newly-constructed houses as shown in Clerk's Statement. Otherwise all Insurance Renewal Premiums have been paid to date.

(Signed) S. Ó h-EALUIGHTE,

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Councillor James Billington referred to that part of the report which stated that the Corporation continued to ignore the provisions of Section 7 of the Local Government (Rates on Small Dwellings) Act, 1928, and the Town Clerk explained that this referred to rates on Artizans' Dwellings. This Section of the Statute placed on the Corporation an obligation to adjust the rents of their Artizans' Dwellings each year in accordance with any fluctuation which might take place in the rates.

This had not been done, and it was the second occasion on which this Auditor had called attention to the matter.

Councillor Billington also referred to the increase in arrears of rents and rates.

At this stage, however, Alderman Coffey suggested that as the members only had the Auditor's Report and Abstracts for a few days previous to the meeting, consideration of it should be adjourned until the next Statutory Meeting so as to give them an opportunity to study the figures in the Abstracts as well as the observations of the Auditor. This course was agreed to, and consideration of the Report deferred until the November Meeting.

MR. MILLAR'S APPOINTMENT.

With reference to Minutes of 12th August last, when it was decided to appoint Mr. Thomas J. Millar, Acting Borough Surveyor, as Assistant Surveyor in charge of the Maudlintown Housing ^{Scheme} ~~Site~~, at a salary of £300 per annum, the Minister for Local Government and Public Health, under date of the 17th ultimo by letter No.140710, intimated that he sanctioned the appointment of Mr. Millar as Clerk of Works on the Maudlintown Housing Scheme with remuneration at the rate of £5 : 15 : 0 per week.

The Minister desired it to be understood that in accordance with the terms of his appointment the Borough Surveyor would be required to superintend the carrying out of all Housing Schemes, and, accordingly, Mr. Millar's services were to be dispensed with when the Maudlintown Scheme was completed.

On the motion of Councillor Gaul, seconded by Alderman Coffey, Mr. Millar was appointed Clerk of Works on the Maudlintown Housing Scheme with remuneration at the rate of £5 : 15 : 0 per week, in accordance with the Minister's suggestion.

TENANT-PURCHASE SCHEME FOR HOUSES AT
ST. JOHN'S ROAD AND DAVITT ROAD.

The next business was to receive a recommendation from the Housing Committee to the effect that ten houses at St. John's Road and two at Davitt Road, North, should be sold to the occupiers on the tenant-purchase system.

The matter had been before the Finance Committee on several occasions at the request of the tenants, all of whom occupied the houses since they were first erected.

The Finance Committee favourably considered the idea of the tenant-purchase system, which gave the occupiers an interest in their houses, and strongly recommended the Corporation to adopt the two schemes submitted.

They were as follows:-

Ten Houses, St. John's Road:

These houses were completed during the year 1931, at an all-in cost of

£400 per house, and the rent of each was made up as follows:-

All-in Cost-----	£400 : 0 : 0
Less Government Subsidy-----	£60 : 0 : 0
Less Corporation Subsidy-----	<u>£60 : 0 : 0</u>
	120 : 0 : 0
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	£280 : 0 : 0
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Repayment of £280 @ £6 : 13 : 4%-----	£18 : 13 : 4
Rates-----	5 : 5 : 7
Depreciation-----	4 : 0 : 0
Collector's Commission-----	1 : 5 : 0
Insurance-----	5 : 0
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Total-----	£29 : 8 : 11.

To meet this annual charge, a rent of 11/4d. per week would require to be charged, but the houses had been let at 11/- each.

The proposed tenant-purchase scheme, which would give the tenant-purchasers the benefit of both the Corporation and Government Subsidies, was as follows:-

Repayment of Loan-----	£18 : 13 : 4
Insurance-----	5 : 0
Rent Collection-----	<u>1 : 0 : 0</u>
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Total-----	£19 : 18 : 4

or a weekly Rent-charge of 7/8d.

In addition, the tenants would, of course, pay their rates direct, together with a ground rent of 10/- each per year, and would, as well, have to keep the houses in a proper state of repair.

As all the present tenants were in occupation since the houses were first erected, the Committee had decided to regard the amounts already paid by them as being in the nature of a deposit, and now recommended the Corporation to adopt this tenant-purchase scheme for a period of 35 years from 1st October, 1931, this being the year in which the Corporation commenced to^{re} pay principal on the Loan borrowed for their erection.

Two Houses Davitt Road, North:

Regarding these two houses, it was reported that they had cost a sum of £450 each to erect, and the rent of 14/- per week charged was made up as follows:-

Repayment of Loan-----	£30 : 0 : 0
Less Government Subsidy under 1932 Act-----	4 : 13 : 4
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	£25 : 6 : 8
Depreciation, Collector's Commission, Etc.-----	4 : 10 : 0
Rates-----	6 : 2 : 8
Ground Rent-----	1 : 10 : 0
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Total-----	£37 : 9 : 4
Rent at 14/- per week-----	36 : 8 : 0
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Corporation Subsidy-----	£1 : 1 : 4.

It had also been reported to the Committee that in view of the increased rates since these houses were erected, and to the fact that the valuation was £1 more than had been assumed when the rents were being fixed, the present economic rent, after allowing for Government and Corporation Subsidies as shown above, should be 15/- per week. With regard to a tenant-purchase scheme, it had been explained to the Committee that if the houses were sold on the tenant-purchase system, the subsidy of £4 : 13 : 4 payable by the Government would probably cease, and the following scheme had been suggested:-

Repayment of Loan-----	£30 : 0 : 0
Insurance-----	5 : 0
Collection, Etc.-----	19 : 0
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	£31 : 4 : 0

or a weekly rent of 12/- each per week.

In addition, the two tenants would be responsible for rates and maintenance of the dwellings, together with a ground rent of ten shillings each per year.

The Committee had also favourably considered this scheme, but at the request of the two occupiers had agreed to recommend the Corporation

to allow them the subsidy of £1 : 1 : 4 which the Corporation made in the original scheme. This would reduce the weekly rent-charge to 11/7.

In this case it had also been decided to regard the amount already paid by the two tenants as being in the nature of a deposit, and to fix the repayment period at 35 years from 1st October, 1934.

The present meeting favourably considered the two schemes submitted, and on the motion of Councillor Gaul, seconded by Councillor Connolly, the recommendation of the Finance Committee was unanimously adopted, subject to the approval of the Minister for Local Government and Public Health.

TOWN PLANNING SCHEME.

The next business was to make arrangements for the carrying out of *Resolution adopted on 1st July last deciding to make* a ~~new~~ Planning Scheme for the Borough, and on the motion of Councillor Sinnott, seconded by Councillor Cashman, this matter was referred to the Housing Committee with a view to their making recommendations to the Corporation.

PURCHASE OF PROPERTY AT WINDMILL'S HILL.

The Finance Committee recommended the purchase of property at Windmill's Hill to enable St. John's Road to be completed.

When this road was being constructed about 1922, the Corporation had done everything possible to acquire the necessary ground there, but had been unable to secure it.

The occupier had died some time ago, and the property had been put up for public auction.

The Finance Committee had considered the advisability of purchasing the ground, and had instructed the Mayor and Town Clerk to bid for it at the Auction up to £400.

They had secured the property for £305, plus the usual fees, and the Committee had considered the price very reasonable as it contained a dwelling-house and approximately two acres of land.

The present meeting thoroughly agreed with the action of the Finance Committee in this matter, and on the motion of the Mayor, seconded

by Councillor Sinnott, it was unanimously decided to purchase this property for the purpose of completing St. John's Road, in accordance with Section 38 of the Public Health (Ireland) Act, 1878.

The Committee further recommended that a Road be constructed there at a cost of £360, and that the necessary money to finance the purchase of the property and the making of the road be borrowed from the Treasurer, subject to the approval of the Minister for Local Government and Public Health.

The amount required would be £708 : 5 : 0, made up as follows:-

Purchase price of Land-----	£305 : 0 : 0
Auctioneer's commission-----	15 : 5 : 0
Fee to Vendor's Solicitor under Conditions	
of Sale-----	5 : 5 : 0
Cost of Deed-----	9 : 0 : 0
Stamp Duty-----	1 : 15 : 0
Registration Fees, Etc.-----	2 : 0 : 0
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	£338 : 5 : 0
Demolition of existing building, boundary	
walls, etc. and construction of Road-----	360 : 0 : 0
Cost of Mortgage Deed-----	10 : 0 : 0
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	£708 : 5 : 0
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This recommendation was also adopted on the motion of the Mayor, seconded by Councillor Sinnott, and, subject to the approval of the Minister for Local Government and Public Health, the necessary Loan of £708 was to be borrowed from the Treasurer for 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.

With reference to this purchase, a question arose as to what would be done with the balance of land available when the road was constructed, and after some discussion it was decided, on the motion of Councillor Murphy, seconded by Councillor Billington, but with Councillor Connolly dissenting, to rent any ground available to private persons to erect good-class houses to be approved of by the Corporation, in

which they intended to reside themselves, and the Housing Committee were authorised to arrange the details of rents when the amount of ground available was ascertained.

RENEWAL OF SEWERS AND WATERMAINS.

The next business was to approve, if thought well, of the renewal of certain sewers and watermains in the town at a cost of £1340.

It was proposed to renew watermains at Clifford Street, Redmond Road, Hill Street to Monument Place, Summerhill Road, Trinity Street (part of) Trimmers' Lane, Barrack Street, and St. John's Road, together with an extension of the sewer at St. John's Road in connection with the purchase of land referred to in the previous Minute.

Alderman Coffey proposed that the work outlined above be carried out, and that the necessary Loan be obtained from the Commissioners of Public Works, subject to the approval of the Minister for Local Government and Public Health. Alderman Walsh seconded, and the motion was unanimously adopted.

In reply to a query by Alderman Flusk regarding the laying of a water-main at Summerhill Road, it was explained that the delay in resurfacing this road was due to the abnormally heavy traffic at present on it in connection with an extension being made to St. Peter's College. The Borough Surveyor had considered that it would be waste of money to carry out this work until the present traffic had abated to some extent.

Alderman Flusk then suggested that the laying of mains and the re-surfacing should be done together, but the Borough Surveyor explained that it would be better to put down the main and allow the ground to consolidate before resurfacing.

TENDERS FOR HOUSING MATERIALS.

Three tenders were submitted for the supply of 132 hip rafter hooks for the Maudlintown houses. They were from the Wexford Timber Company, who quoted £3 : 5 : 0; Messrs. McCormack and Hegarty, who quoted £4: 17 : 6; and J. Byrne & Sons, who quoted £4 : 8 : 0. As the tender of the Wexford Timber Company was the lowest of the

three submitted, it was unanimously decided to accept it provided the hooks were manufactured in Wexford.

The tender of the Wexford Timber Company for six stoneware intercepting traps at £7 : 10 : 0 was also accepted, as against Messrs.

McCormack and Hegarty's quotation of £7 : 12 : 6.

The tender of Messrs. McCormack and Hegarty was accepted for Irish Plaster of Paris at 65/- per ton as against that of the Wexford Timber Company at 70/- per ton.

Two tenders were submitted for the supply of coloured cements. They were from Messrs. McCormack and Hegarty and the Wexford Timber Company.

The former firm quoted for Irish Colourcrete as follows:-

Red and Buff-----£5 : 9 : 6 per ton.

Yellow Stone-----£9 : 10 : 6 " "

The Wexford Timber Company quoted for Red Colourcrete at £5 : 0 : 0 per ton; Buff £5 : 10 : 0; and Yellow £10 : 5 : 0.

They did not state whether the material proposed to be supplied was of Irish manufacture.

As it could not be ascertained at present what quantities of the various colours would be required, it was decided to average the price of the three, and on this being done it was seen that Messrs.

McCormack and Hegarty were the cheaper of the two, and their tender was accordingly accepted.

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21st October, 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)

Alderman: Michael Flusk, William Cullimore, Robert Coffey, Thomas Walsh, and Patrick Tobin.

Councillors: Thomas Hayes, James Murphy, Phillip McGuire, John Billington, James Sinnott, James Crosbie, Patrick Atkins, Nicholas Connolly, John J. O'Leary, Timothy Cashman, Robert Moran, Thomas Dunne, Michael Martin, James Gaul, and Thomas Buckland.

The meeting had been specially convened to consider tenders, which had been invited by public advertisement, for hardware, scrim and nails, glass and putty for 100 four-room and 54 three-room houses at present in course of construction at Maudlintown.

Three Firms submitted tenders.

The first tender to be opened was that for hardware for 54 three-room houses, and a cursory examination showed that it would be very difficult for the present meeting to ascertain the exact amount of the tenders having regard to the number of alternatives asked for, and it was decided that the Borough Surveyor and the Clerk of Works should take the tenders into an ante-room, and ascertain the exact amount of each Firm's quotation.

Before this was done, however, a question arose as to whether closed or open ranges would be used in the houses, and after some discussion the Mayor proposed, and Councillor Martin seconded, that open ranges be installed. This proposition was unanimously agreed to.

It was further decided to accept tenders for timber door furniture, black japanned letter-boxes, etc., and Hegarty's patent window fasteners.

Having examined the tenders for hardware, the Borough Surveyor and Clerk of Works submitted their report to the Meeting, and the following Schedule shows the prices quoted for the various goods required:-

Name of Firm.	Hardware, Etc for 54 3- room houses.	Scrim and Nails for 54 3-room houses.	Glass and putty for 54 3-room houses.	Hardware Etc for 100 4-room houses.	Scrim and Nails for 100 4-room Houses.	Glass and Putty for 100 4- room houses.
Wexford Timber Co., Ltd.	£710: 14: 2	£34 :5: 5	Glass £33:4: 2 Putty 11/3 per cwt.	£1446:3: 2	£68:10: 0	Glass £62: 4: 7 Putty 11/3 per cwt.
McCormack and Hegarty.	£722: 16: 2	£34:18: 6	Glass £34:1: 4 Putty 12/6 per cwt.	£1465:0: 5	£69:17: 0	Glass £63:16: 4 Putty 12/6 per cwt.
Loc Garmain Co- Operative Society.	£759: 13: 1	£51:15: 0	Glass £44:7: 3 Putty 10/- per cwt.	£1537:18:3	£103:10:0	Glass £83: 2: 6 Putty 10/- per cwt.

Tarred Gaskin.) Wexford Timber Co. £1 : 18 : 6 per cwt.
) Messrs. Hugh McGuire & Co. £2 : 4 : 0 per cwt.

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Initials of Chairman.....

Regarding the tender for hardware for the 54 three-room houses, the quotation of the Wexford Timber Co. Ltd., at £710 : 14 : 2, was seen to be the lowest, and it was accepted on the motion of Alderman Walsh, seconded by Councillor Hayes.

The Timber Company's tender for scrim and nails for 54 houses was also accepted on the motion of Alderman Walsh, seconded by Alderman Coffey; as was their tender for glass and putty, on the motion of Alderman Coffey, seconded by Councillor Murphy.

Regarding the 100 four-room houses, the Timber Company's tender for hardware at £1446 : 3 : 2 was also the lowest, and was accepted, on the motion of Alderman Coffey, seconded by Councillor O'Leary. Their tender for scrim and nails for 100 houses at £68 : 10 : 10 was accepted on the motion of Alderman Coffey, seconded by Councillor Crosbie, as was their tender for glass and putty at £62 : 4 : 7, on the motion of Alderman Coffey, seconded by Councillor Murphy.

Two tenders were submitted for the supply of tarred gaskin from Messrs. Hugh McGuire & Co. Ltd., and the Wexford Timber Company. The former firm quoted £2 : 4 : 0 per cwt., and the latter £1 : 18 : 6. The tender of the Timber Company, being the lower of the two, was accepted on the motion of Councillor O'Leary, seconded by Councillor Hayes. Arising out of the hardware tenders, Councillor Hayes questioned the advisability of using Union Locks, which were of foreign manufacture, and suggested that the ordinary three-key night latch, which he stated was manufactured in Dublin, should be used.

It was pointed out to the Councillor, however, that the tender had already been accepted, and that nothing could be done without reopening the whole matter. Eventually, it was unanimously agreed to enquire from the successful contractor if he could supply the ordinary three-key night latch, and if so, at what price?

The meeting then separated.

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4th November, 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: Robert Coffey, Thomas Walsh, Patrick Tobin, Michael Flusk, and William Cullimore.

Councillors: James Murphy, Nicholas Connolly, James McMahon, Phillip McGuire, Thomas Buckland, Thomas Dunne, Patrick Atkins, James Sinnott, Robert Moran, John Billington, Thomas Hayes, John J. O'Leary, James Crosbie, Timothy Cashman, Michael Martin, and James Gaul.

On the motion of Alderman Coffey, seconded by Councillor Murphy, the Minutes of Meetings of 7th and 21st October were taken as having been read and were accordingly signed.

PAYMENTS.

Liabilities which had accrued due up to the end of last month, amounting, in the aggregate, to £8,373 : 15 : 11 were submitted, and having been examined were approved and an Advice Note was signed to enable them to be discharged.

VOTES OF SYMPATHY.

His Worship the Mayor moved that the sympathy of the Corporation be extended to Mr. William O'Donohoe, Poor Rate Collector, on the death of his sister. Councillor Moran seconded the motion, which was adopted in silence.

Councillor Moran proposed that the condolences of the Corporation be extended to the relatives of the late Father Dominic, of the Dominican Order. This motion was seconded by Councillor Connolly, supported by a number of members and adopted in the usual way.

Councillor Moran also proposed a vote of sympathy with the relatives of the late Raymond Corish, M.I.A.A., who was, he said, associated with the Commercial Life of Wexford for a long time. Councillor

McMahon seconded, and this motion was also passed, the members standing.

Mr. Matthew Coghlan, Manager National Bank, acknowledged a vote of sympathy passed with him at last meeting.

BUTTER LEVY.

Councillor McMahon referred to the levy on butter, and asked by whom the Corporation was to be guided in the matter. An Inspector, he stated came to the Market on Saturday, with the result that very few vendors entered the Market, and he asked the Corporation to guide the people and tell them what price to pay for butter.

In the discussion which followed, the position, as far as it was understood, was explained to the meeting, and a number of members held that the Act was a very great hardship on the County Wexford, which was not a Dairy County, and one member who was in the trade intimated that he thought the levy would be reduced as time went on, because Farmers' Butter was getting very scarce.

The discussion ended.

AUDITOR'S REPORT.

The next business was consideration of the report of Sean O h-Ealuighthe, Esq., Local Government Auditor, on his audit of the Corporation accounts for the two years ended 31st March last. A copy of the report is embodied in the Minute of 7th October.

It was seen by the members that the total expenditure of the Corporation for the two years under audit was, approximately, £100,000, and of this, only a sum of £11 : 15 : 0 had been disallowed.

This was in respect of prizes for the best kept gardens, and the members had been warned at the time the scheme was adopted that there was no Statutory Authority for it, and that they would be surcharged in respect of the payments.

Councillor Buckland referred to the fact that the audit of the Corporation Accounts was not being carried out annually, and suggested that representations should be made to the Minister to have it done every year, which would be better for everybody concerned. There might

be a shortage of Auditors, he said, but others could be employed. He further complained of the form in which the accpunts were presented, which was, he said, an antiquated one, and did not show the costs of the various services. Under the head of the Housing, they had no information as to what it cost the ratepayers.

In reply to a query by Councillor Buckland, the Town Clerk intimated that the Abstracts before the meeting were the only accounts available to the public.

Continuing, Councillor Buckland said it would be impossible for any member of the public to form an idea of the cost of the various services without the assistance of the Town Clerk. He further suggested that representations should be made to the Minister to have the method of accounting brought more up-to-date. Taking the accounts as a whole, he stated, they showed a sound financial position.

In reply to a query, the Town Clerk stated that at 31st March last £3119 : 19 : 3 was outstanding in respect of Town Rates, and £4204 in respect of Poor Rate. If the outstanding arrears of Town Rate were collected, they would be in a position to reduce the poundage rates very considerably.

He (Town Clerk) further stated that he had received a formal demand from the Secretary of the County Council asking the Corporation to lodge the outstanding balance in respect of the Demand for 1934/5, and intimated to the meeting that he was lodging to the credit of the County Council as fast as the rates could be collected.

Councillor Buckland further referred to the considerable decline in Unemployment Grants received in the past two years. In 1933, £3,500 was received; in 1934, £3,225; and in 1935, only £300.

In this connection, the Town Clerk explained that the amount of Grants received would not affect the Corporation Accounts, inasmuch as any amounts received would have to be expended. The only thing was that the more Grants received, the more employment they were able to provide. In reference to the arrears of rates, it was arranged to hold a meeting of the Special Rates Committee in the course of the next two weeks to see whether the collection could be further expedited.

In concluding the debate on the Abstracts of Accounts, the Mayor said he thought the sound financial position of the Corporation reflected great credit on the Town Clerk and the other officials concerned, and that the members should be very satisfied with the report.

It was unanimously agreed that the suggestions made by Councillor Buckland regarding the annual audit of the accounts, and their presentation in a more up-to-date and simplified form should be adopted.

SMALL DWELLINGS ACQUISITION ACTS.

In accordance with Notice given, the Mayor moved that the Resolution of 24th October, 1932, limiting the value of houses in respect of which advances might be made under the Small Dwellings Acquisition Acts to £500, be rescinded.

Councillor Moran seconded the motion.

In moving the motion, the Mayor stated that when it was adopted the Corporation had the intention of endeavouring to secure that the ordinary workingman would build his own house. Unfortunately very few of the working-class had come forward to take advantage of the Acts.

Time after time, they had people coming forward, who would be in a position to build houses of a greater value than £500, and in view of the fact that they were recommending that certain plots be made available for this type of person, the Town Clerk and himself were of the opinion that the Corporation should rescind the resolution so that persons in a position to build houses of a greater value than £500 would be able to take advantage of the Acts.

Arising out of this motion, complaint was made that no plots were available on which an ordinary workingman could afford to build a house, and, as well, the rate of interest was rather high.

In reply to a query, it was stated that each application for a Loan would be considered on its merits, and that the Corporation would not advance money to any person whom they felt would not be in a position to pay the annual instalments.

Alderman Walsh suggested that the Corporation should try and purchase

ground which could be let to working men at a reasonable figure, and the Mayor intimated that he would enquire to see if it were possible to carry out this suggestion, and as well would look out for suitable land.

Eventually the Mayor's motion, that the resolution be rescinded, was unanimously adopted.

FOOD AND DRUGS ACTS.

The report of the Borough Analyst for the Quarter ended 30th September last showed that he had examined nine samples of milk, three of margarine, three of cheese, five of butter, and one each of tea, sugar, sherry and sausage, a total of twenty-four articles, all of which were found genuine.

This report was considered satisfactory.

LETTING OF PLOTS AT ST. JOHN'S ROAD.

Adverting to Minutes of last meeting, when it was decided to lease ground at St. John's Road to persons wishing to build good-class houses, the Housing Committee reported that ten plots would be available there, and recommended that applications for them be invited by public advertisement on the following terms:-

- (1) Term of Lease 100 years.
- (2) Rent £5. per annum.
- (3) Houses to be erected by recognised Tradesmen, and to be approved by the Corporation.
- (4) Each person to erect a wall in front of his house to the approval of the Borough Surveyor.

The Mayor moved the adoption of the Housing Committee's recommendation, and Councillor Murphy seconded.

Councillor Connolly complained that only persons in a position to build large houses could secure these plots, and he advocated the erection of workmen's dwellings thereon.

In reply to a query by the Councillor, the Borough Surveyor stated that taking into account the development of the site a three or four-roomed house would cost approximately £350, and if they were built in

one block, they would possibly erect about 22 houses.

In reply to a query, the Town Clerk stated that the houses in Hill Street had cost £355 for four-room and £340 for three-room.

The Mayor stated that he was as anxious as anyone to house the working classes, but it would not be fair to people who had built houses on St. John's Road costing £1200 and £1500 to congest the area by putting a large number of houses there. It was not a question of class, he stated, but one of density, and if the Corporation erected a number of houses they would be up against the back doors of people who had spent large sums there.

During the discussion which followed, it was stated that from time to time people were calling to the Corporation Offices enquiring if any plots were available on which to erect houses, and the Mayor said that the Corporation owed a duty to every class in the community.

Councillor Cashman suggested an amendment to Clause 3 of the Recommendation about tradesmen, to insert Trade Union Labour instead of recognised Tradesmen, but as all the members seemed to think that recognised tradesmen covered what was required, i.e. that no jerry-building would be done, the Councillor did not press the amendment, and the Housing Committee's recommendation was unanimously adopted.

ADVANCE UNDER SMALL DWELLINGS ACQUISITION ACTS TO MR. FORDE, SLANEY STREET.

With reference to Minutes of 2nd September last, when a Loan of £225 had been granted to a man named Michael Forde, of Slaney Street, under the Small Dwellings Acquisition Acts, the Finance Committee recommended that the amount be increased to £325.

The value of the proposed dwelling, according to the Council's Engineer or Valuer, was £500, and a Loan of £325 in respect thereof would be well within the Statutory limits.

The recommendation was unanimously adopted on the motion of Councillor Gaul, seconded by Councillor Connolly.

APPLICATION FOR ADVANCE UNDER SMALL DWELLINGS ACQUISITION ACTS FROM MR. JOHN SINNOTT.

An application from a Mr. John Sinnott, of Grattan Terrace, for a Loan

~~a loan~~ of £550 under the Acts was next submitted.

Mr. Sinnott proposed to erect a dwelling, the cost of which was estimated at £650, and on the motion of Councillor Gaul, seconded by Councillor O'Leary, the application was granted; the Loan to be repaid on the annuity principle within a period of 35 years by instalments calculated at the rate of £6 : 5 : 5½ per annum for each £100 advanced.

CARPENTERS' INCREASE.

The next business was to receive an application from the Amalgamated Society of Woodworkers for an increase in the wages of their members from 1/6½ to 1/10d. per hour, but the Town Clerk intimated that he had just received a notification from the Society that their demand for increased wages would not take effect until a later date.

HARDWARE CONTRACT - SECURITY, ETC.

With reference to Minutes of last meeting, when the tender of the Wexford Timber Company had been accepted for the supply of hardware, etc., the Company submitted the names of Mr. George Stafford, John Street; and Mr. J. J. Scallan, St. Magdalen's, as security for the carrying out of the Contract, and the meeting unanimously approved of both these gentlemen.

With reference to the query raised by Councillor Hayes regarding night latches included in the hardware contract, the Town Clerk intimated that he had asked the Company if they could supply ordinary three-key night latches of Saorstat Manufacture, but they had informed him that night latches were not made in Ireland.

No further action was taken in this matter.

CROSSTOWN CEMETERY - PATTERN DAY, ETC.

The Mayor stated that in Wexford and all over Ireland there was an old custom, in compliance with which relatives of the dead dressed their graves on Pattern Day, and all the Churchyards were under the patronage of some Saint.

Crosstown Cemetery, however, was only known as "Crosstown", and he thought it should be under the patronage of some Saint, and that there should be dressing of graves there on the feast of that Saint.

He gave Notice of Motion that he would raise the matter at next

Statutory Meeting. He had discussed the matter with the Administrator, Rev. Fr. Sinnott, who was to suggest a name.

REPAIRS TO FOOTPATHS.

Councillor Hayes referred to the condition of footpath from the top of Allen Street to Keyser's Lane, and the Borough Surveyor was asked to make an estimate of what it would cost to have it repaired.

Councillor Sinnott complained of a footpath at Distillery Road, and the Mayor stated that as it was on a Trunk Road they might be able to get money for it next year.

Councillor McMahon referred to the condition of Trimmers Lane, East, at the rere of Monck Street, and asked if anything could be done to prevent dumping of rubbish there, and it was intimated to the Councillor that people in the area who were complaining of this dumping were also well aware of who was doing it, but would not give the names. If they came forward and told the Corporation by whom the dumping was being done, they would prosecute.

That concluded the business of the Statutory Meeting, but Councillor Connolly referred to an item on the Agenda for the Public Health Committee relating to the John Street Water, and asked to have it discussed by the present meeting.

The meeting agreed, and the following communication from the County Medical Officer of Health was read:-

" A Chara,

I am forwarding a copy of a report made by Dr. J. D. McCormack, Medical Inspector of the Department of Local Government and Public Health, as a result of his recent inspection in Wexford. With regard to the matter referred to, I believe that the use of this water constitutes a definite danger to Public Health, and apart from any other consideration, it constitutes a very bad example to other people when the Public Health Committee, in an important centre like Wexford, recommends the use as a Public supply of water which is believed to be infected.

Mise, le meas,

C. BASTIBLE,

Co. Medical Officer of Health."

The Report of Dr. McCormack, referred to in the foregoing communication, was as follows:-

WEXFORD URBAN DISTRICT.

John Street Water Supply.

"This supply has recently been reopened by order of the Public Health Committee.

The supply had been cut off owing to reports of its unsuitability for drinking purposes. Within living memory every bacteriological report has condemned it, owing to sewage pollution.

The reservoirs, two in number, are supplied from drains which tap a surface area of agricultural land. The water is conducted in an open stone drain to the reservoirs. This drain runs under a number of houses, and immediately before entering the reservoir flows under a refuse dump. This dump is situated just outside the protecting wall. Being on a higher level it actually drains directly into the reservoirs.

The surrounding land has been largely built upon, and it is only a matter of time until the water becomes infected by a Typhoid Carrier. Even apart from this danger, its use must result in a large number of casualties from diarrhoeal diseases amongst children, either directly from drinking this water, or through contamination of milk vessels which have been rinsed with or washed in the water.

The supply has been reopened in direct opposition to the advice of the Corporation's Public Health Officials, and the County Medical Officer of Health.

Not alone should the supply be immediately discontinued but it should be permanently and completely cut off.

JOHN D. MacCORMACK,

Medical Inspector."

Councillor Connolly said he did not agree with one word of the Report, and it was only about three years ago that any complaint had been made regarding this water. He stated it was a well-known fact that the John Street water was the best that could be procured, and said that in so far as the opinion of these experts went the same could apply to the Folly and Summerhill Springs. People were using the water from the John Street Reservoir day after day, and they heard of no ill effects, and he questioned if the Corporation had power to cut it off at all. He believed the water was as good, if not better, than the Coolree water, and said that anyone taking a sample from Coolree

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during the Summer months would come to the conclusion that it was not fit for human consumption.

With regard to the remark made by Councillor Connolly about Coolree Reservoir, the Town Clerk read a report which was made by Mr. Delap regarding its brown colour in the Summer, a copy of which had already appeared in the local press. This report was to the effect that the discolouration was due to a growth of brown algae, which was harmless. In reply to a query by Alderman Flusk, the Town Clerk intimated that Dr. Bastible and himself had accompanied Dr. McCormack to the Reservoir and were there about half an hour. Alderman Flusk thereupon questioned that part of Dr. McCormack's report which referred to the source of supply, and intimated that he could not possibly discover the source in half an hour. He further stated that, with all respect to the officials, he considered it a sham report.

Councillor Connolly thereupon moved that no action be taken on the report. Councillor Atkins seconded.

Councillor Gaul, however, proposed that legal advice be taken as to whether the Corporation were safeguarded by the Notice at the Reservoir, to the effect that the Corporation did not guarantee the purity of the supply. Councillor Sinnott seconded the amendment.

On a poll being taken, there voted:-

For: Councillors Gaul, Martin, Cashman, Crosbie, Hayes,
Billington, Sinnott, Buckland, McGuire, McMahon, Murphy,
Alderman Coffey, and the Mayor----- 13

Against: Councillors O'Leary, Moran, Atkins, Dunne, Connolly,
Aldermen Cullimore, Flusk, Tobin, and Walsh----- 9.

The amendment was accordingly declared carried, and the matter was adjourned until the opinion of the Corporation Solicitor was given on the matter.

EMPLOYMENT OF MEN.

With reference to Minutes of 12th August last, when a number of men were selected for employment as unskilled labourers, Alderman Cullimore nominated Thomas McGrath, Hill Street, in place of Laurence Grace, Corry's Terrace, who had since secured employment.

Councillor Hayes nominated Edward Hayes, Allen Street, in place of

James Lawlor, King Street; and Councillor John Billington nominated Michael Doyle, Grogan's Road, in place of Richard Brien, John Street. Alderman Flusk nominated Peter Redmond, Harpur's Lane, in place of William Duggan, Duke Street.

The Meeting then separated.

Richard Corish
Mayor
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18th November, 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. to select unskilled workers for employment as and when such arose.

The members present were:-

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

Aldermen: Robert Coffey, Thomas Walsh, Patrick Tobin, Michael Flusk, and William Cullimore.

Councillors: James Murphy, James McMahon, Patrick Atkins, Robert Moran, Michael Martin, James Sinnott, James Billington, Thomas Hayes, Thomas Dunne, Thomas Buckland, Timothy Cashman, James Crosbie, John J. O'Leary, Nicholas Connolly, John Billington, Thomas Doyle, Phillip McGuire, and James Gaul.

NOMINATION OF MEN.

Each member was requested to nominate four persons, but before the nominations took place, Councillor Cashman proposed to have the two months period, allocated to unskilled workers, reduced to one month in order to spread the amount of work available over as many persons as possible.

A few members supported the motion, but as it did not meet with general favour the Councillor did not press it.

The following are the names of the persons nominated:-

Mayor: Robert Hanton, Wolfe Tone Villas; Michael Whitty, Talbot Street; William Murphy, Talbot Street; Michael Bolger, Wolfe Tone Villas.

Alderman Cullimore: John O'Neill, Green Street; Michael Ryan, Wolfe Tone Villas; William Whitty, Michael Street; Matthew Murphy, Michael Street.

Ald. Flusk: Joseph Haughton, John's Gate Street; Garry Roche, Cornmarket; James Hynes, Paradise Row; Patk. Savage, Duke Street.

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Alderman Coffey: Nicholas Doyle, Hill Street; Jas. Canning, Abbey Street; Jas. Murphy, Selskar Avenue; Jas. Tierney, Hill Street.

Ald. Walsh: Patrick Smith, Charlotte Street; John Cullen, High Street; John Byrne, Cornmarket; Daniel Thomas, Abbey Street.

Ald. Tobin: Wm. Roche, Temperance Row; Jas. Carr, John Street; Jos. McCormack, Abbey Street; Jas. Brennan, Well Lane.

Councillor Buckland: Peter Murphy, 5, Bride Street; Michael O'Connor, Maudlintown; Thomas Kehoe, John Street; William Leary, Michael Street.

Councillor Dunne: Christopher Shudall, Patrick Square; Jas. Jones, John Street; Wm. Murphy, Mary Street; Nicholas Curran, School Street.

Councillor Cashman: John English, Common Quay; Ml. Phillips, School Street; Peter Carley, Lr. John Street; Rd. Fenlon, Duke Street.

Councillor Hayes: Francis Sinnott, Clifford Street; Aidan Roche, High Street; John McMahon, Duke Street; Nicholas Hatchell, Duke Street.

Councillor McGuire: Stephen Sinnott, Cornmarket; Thos. Roche, John Street; Patk. Redmond, Keyser's Lane; Patk. Murphy, Duke Street.

Councillor Connolly: Richard Bierney, Davitt Road; Jas. Boyce, Temperance Row; Thos. Browne, Selskar Avenue; Patk. Doyle, Lr. John Street.

Councillor James Billington: Val. Johnson, 3 William Street; Jos. Bolger, Bride Street; Wm. Pitham, C/o Doolan, Faythe; William Marche, Batt Street.

Councillor Sinnott: Jack Murphy, Byrne's Lane; Thos. Rossiter, Faythe; John Hanlon, Michael Street; Francis Rowe, Faythe.

Councillor Crosbie: Jas. Crosbie, Roche's Terrace; Thos. Nolan, Roche's Terrace; Patk. Crosbie, Distillery Road; James Devereux, Roche's Terrace.

Councillor Moran: Daniel McDonald, Faythe; Stephen King, Maudlintown; Ed. Brennan, Faythe; Nicholas Tierney, Monck Street.

Councillor McMahon: Jas. Mahony, Jr., 3 Upper Bride Street; Wm. Berry, 17 Bride Street; John Whitty, Bride Street; William Leary, 5 William Street.

Councillor Martin: John Sullivan, Trinity Place; Evans White, King Street; Murtagh Marshall, Castlehill Street; Patk. Barry, Faythe.

Councillor Atkins: Lce. Cousins, John Street; Jas. Rossiter, High Street; Rd. Scallan, Talbot Street; Patk. Pitt, Maudlintown.

Councillor Murphy: Patk. Walsh, Distillery Road; Geo. Curran, Wolfe Tone Villas; Patk. Clowery, Wolfe Tone Villas; William Dwyer, Distillery Road.

Councillor John Billington: Wm. Newport, Batt Street; John Cahill, Distillery Road; John Boyte, Jr. Spawell Avenue; Joseph Frazer, Thomas Clarke Street.

Councillor O'Leary: Jas. Carty, Temperance Row; Jas. Hynes, Hill Street; Walter Lawlor, Wolfe Tone Villas; William Lewis, Roche's Terrace.

Councillor Jas. Cousins, Monck Street; James Roche, Paul Quay;
Doyle: Kevin O'Neill, Hill Street; John Furlong, Wygram Place.

Councillor Gaul declined to nominate any person, intimating that he had not come there to employ men but to assist in the administration of Municipal affairs.

RELIEF GRANT.

In reply to a query, the Town Clerk read a letter from the Minister for Local Government and Public Health dated the 16th instant, No. R.G.131, intimating that funds were not available out of the current Relief Vote for the repair of streets in charge of the Harbour Commissioners. If, however, further sums were voted the Scheme would receive consideration in competition with any other Relief proposals for the Urban District.

Disappointment was expressed at this communication, and members seemed to think that the Corporation would not receive a Relief Grant for any purpose before Christmas.

It was explained, however, that the Corporation's proposal regarding the streets under the control of the Harbour Commissioners had not been definitely turned down, and that there was still a possibility of securing a Grant for the purpose if further monies were voted by the Oireachtas.

The discussion ended.

EMPLOYMENT OF MEN.

Councillor Sinnott substituted the name of Michael Doyle, Maudlintown, for Vincent Carley, Fisher's Row, on the list of men selected for employment on 12th August last.

Councillor O'Leary stated that one man selected by him had been dismissed by the Borough Surveyor on the grounds that he had been found idling. This man had since been reinstated for employment on the motion of Alderman Cullimore, and Councillor O'Leary held that he should be allowed to nominate a substitute in place of the man dismissed and proposed a resolution to this effect, but as there was no seconder it fell through.

The Town Clerk was requested to furnish each member as soon as possible with a complete list of the names and addresses of those selected for employment at the present meeting.

A Statutory Meeting COMPLAINT RE BAZAAR.

Councillor Murphy referred to the Bazaar recently opened in a yard on the Quay, and suggested that the Corporation should only allow the proprietors to remain for as short a time as possible, as, he stated, numbers of children were frequenting this place at night, but it was pointed out to the Councillor that the Corporation had no authority to interfere with these people. Last year a request had been made to them not to allow children under the age of sixteen into the premises after dark, and the proprietors had carried out the Corporation's request.

It was decided to make a similar request this year.

The meeting then separated.

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2nd December, 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: Robert Coffey, Thomas Walsh, Patrick Tobin, and Michael Flusk.

Councillors: John Billington, Patrick Atkins, James Sinnott, James Billington, James Murphy, James McMahon, Nicholas Connolly, John J. O'Leary, Thomas Dunne, Thomas Hayes, Michael Martin, James Crosbie, James Gaul, Robert Moran, Timothy Cashman, and Thomas Buckland.

MINUTES.

The Minutes of Meetings of 4th and 18th November, 1935, were, on the motion of Councillor Sinnott seconded by Alderman Coffey, taken as having been read and were accordingly signed.

PAYMENTS.

Liabilities which had accrued due up to the end of last month, amounting, in the aggregate, to £3435 : 4 : 9, were submitted, and having been examined were approved and an Advice Note was signed to enable them to be discharged.

VOTES OF SYMPATHY.

Correspondence was read from Mr. William O'Donohoe; the Guardian of the Capuchin Order, Cork; and Mr. Raymond Corish acknowledging votes of sympathy passed with them at last meeting.

On the motion of the Mayor, seconded by Councillor Gaul, the sympathy of the meeting was extended to Dr. C. Bastible, County Medical Officer of Health, on the death of his brother; and on the motion of Councillor Gaul, seconded by Councillor Connolly, with Councillor Crosbie on the death of his grandchild.

TENDERS FOR PRINTING.

Two tenders were submitted for printing work required for the ensuing

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twelve months, and these were referred to the Finance Committee with instructions to accept the lowest item in each case.

PLOTS AT ST. JOHN'S ROAD.

With reference to Minutes of 4th ultimo, when it was decided to rent ten plots of ground at St. John's Road to private persons for the erection of good-class houses, the Town Clerk reported that he had received nine applications for the plots on the conditions agreed upon. These were from:-Mrs. C. McGill, Grogans' Road; Mrs. C. Stone, Grogan's Road; Mrs. S.M. Redmond, Georges Street; Sergt. P. Breen, Garda Siochana; Mr. P. Murphy, St. John's Road; Mr. Murtagh Meyler, Waterloo Road; Mr. John Leonard, Bride Street; Mr. John J. Byrne, St. John's Road; and Mr. E. O'Brien, North Main Street.

On the motion of the Mayor seconded by Councillor James Billington, the applications of the foregoing nine persons were acceded to, subject, of course, to the approval of the Minister for Local Government and Public Health to each individual letting.

In connection with this matter there was submitted a letter from the Minister for Local Government and Public Health under date of the 30th ultimo, No. R.S.9718, intimating that he had sanctioned the proposal of the Corporation to raise a Loan of £700 from the National Bank for a period of ten years, with interest at the rate of one-half per cent. below Irish Banks Rate, to enable the ground to be purchased and for the completion of St. John's Road.

The Minister further intimated that he had sanctioned the proposal of the Corporation to rent the ground available after development to private persons for the erection of good-class houses, and asked to be furnished with particulars of the rent proposed to be charged for each plot.

The contents of this communication were considered satisfactory and noted.

REMISSION OF SURCHARGE.

Under date of the 23rd ultimo, by letter No. S.140711, the Minister for Local Government and Public Health intimated that he had had under consideration the appeal against the surcharge of £11 : 15 : 0 made

by the Auditor at the last audit of the accounts of the Corporation in respect of expenditure on garden prizes. He had decided that the surcharge was lawfully made, but on consideration of representations made by the appellants he had agreed to the remission thereof.

The contents of this communication were considered satisfactory, but Councillor Billington intimated that having regard to the laudable object for which the prizes were granted, it should not have been necessary for the Auditor to make a surcharge.

The Town Clerk, however, pointed out that no blame could rest on the Auditor for this as there was no Statutory Authority for the payments, and he had no other course open to him but to surcharge them.

In this connection, it was decided to make representations to the Minister to be so good as to consider the advisability of providing Statutory Authority for such a scheme at a convenient opportunity.

PROVISION OF ALLOTMENTS.

There was submitted a circular letter, No. H.110, dated 21st November, 1935, relative to the provision of allotments for unemployed persons during the Season 1936. This circular was from the Minister for Local Government and Public Health, and requested the Corporation to prepare a scheme for submission to the Minister, and, as a first step, it was decided to advertise for applicants for plots, and if sufficient were received to warrant the commencement of a scheme, efforts should be made to procure the necessary land.

NEW TOWN HALL.

The next business was to receive a recommendation from the Housing Committee to the effect that a Town Hall should be erected at a cost of approximately £17,000, in accordance with a plan which had been prepared by Mr. R. Donnelly, Architect.

Under date of the 15th ultimo, by letter No. S.91136, the Minister for Local Government and Public Health intimated that having regard to the terms of a report received from the Architect on the subject, no objection would be raised to the site for the proposed building.

In moving the adoption of the Housing Committee's recommendation, the Mayor gave a detailed report of the accommodation which would be

provided in the new building. He thought it would be admitted that Wexford was badly in need of Municipal Offices and a proper Town Hall. The position of the present Town Hall was not at all what it should be, and one was ashamed to show it to strangers.

The position in which the new Town Hall was to be erected would be an asset to the Town inasmuch as it would have a fine front facing the Railway Station, and people would form a good opinion of the Town the moment they got off the trains.

It might be said that the present was not an advisable time for expending money, but if a Town Hall had been erected some years ago when plans had been prepared, they would not be faced with such expenditure now. He had been speaking to different classes of people and all agreed that the new building was a much needed necessity.

In connection with this matter, Councillor Buckland said he thought provision should be made for the preservation of ancient documents relating to the Town, and it was pointed out that provision was made for a Strong-room in the new building.

All the members favoured the new building as they were aware that the conditions under which the officials of the Corporation at present worked were intolerable.

Councillor Connolly seconded the Mayor's motion, which was unanimously adopted, and it was decided to enquire from the Minister for Local Government and Public Health if he would be prepared to recommend the issue of a Loan for the purpose from the Local Loans Fund, and if so, on what terms?

TRANSFER OF STOCK.

There was submitted for execution on the part of the Corporation a Warrant authorising the transfer by post of a Redemption Certificate in connection with a £1. 4½ per cent. Land Bond standing in the name of the Corporation.

It was explained that in accordance with the Land Bond (Drawing) Regulations, 1934, one of the Bonds standing in the name of the Corporation had been drawn for redemption and would be paid off at par on the 1st proximo, so on the motion of Councillor Buckland, seconded

by Councillor Sinnott, the seal of the Corporation was affixed to the Document and authenticated by the signatures of the Mayor and Town Clerk.

RESOLUTION FROM CASHEL URBAN COUNCIL.

A Resolution was submitted from the Cashel Urban District Council tendering sympathy to the relatives of those who lost their lives in the catastrophe off the Donegal coast on the 9th November last, and on the motion of the Mayor, seconded by Alderman Walsh, the Resolution was unanimously adopted.

A further request in this connection from the Cashel Council that a collection in aid of the dependants be made was referred to a Special Committee to make arrangements for same if it was considered desirable. The Committee above referred to was constituted as follows:-
Aldermen Walsh, Flusk, and Coffey, with Councillors Buckland, O'Leary, Connolly, James Billington, Moran, Martin, and the Mayor.

JOHN STREET WATER.

With reference to Minutes of 4th ultimo, when a report was under consideration from Dr. John D. McCormack, Local Government Medical Inspector, relative to the John Street water, and when consideration of the matter had been adjourned to enable the opinion of the Corporation Solicitor to be procured on the question of the Corporation's liability in the matter, the Town Clerk reported as follows:-

He had written to the Corporation Solicitor on the 5th ultimo, forwarding copy of Dr. McCormack's report, together with a letter from Dr. Bastible, County Medical Officer of Health on this matter. He had informed the Solicitor that some three years ago the water was turned off, but had recently been reopened by order of the Public Health Committee, and a Notice erected to the effect that the Corporation did not guarantee the purity of the supply.

He had further asked the Solicitor to state whether in the event of an epidemic being traced to this supply, any responsibility would rest on the Corporation in the matter in view of the Notice that the supply was not guaranteed to be pure.

Under date of the 7th idem, the Solicitor had replied stating that having regard to what the Town Clerk said about the matter and to the reports of the two eminent gentlemen (Dr. McCormack and Dr. Bastible) he was not aware of any steps which could be taken to safeguard the interests of the Corporation. In his opinion the recommendations of the Doctors should be carried out and the supply should be cut off immediately.

When this correspondence was read, Councillor O'Leary proposed that the matter should be further adjourned until the Public Health Committee had consulted with Dr. Bastible to see if any steps could be taken to make the water pure. Councillor Hayes seconded this motion which was unanimously agreed to.

Arising out of this matter, Councillor Billington referred to the fact that a Notice regarding the Folly Water Supply had been broken down, and the Borough Surveyor was asked to have it repaired forthwith.

FIRES OUTSIDE BOROUGH.

The Fire Brigade Committee asked the Corporation to decide whether or not the Fire Engine should be allowed to go outside the Borough. It was explained that at a meeting of the Fire Brigade Committee held on the 12th ultimo, the Town Clerk had intimated to the Committee that since the new Fire Engine had been purchased he had received requests for its services outside the Borough, which, in the absence of a direction from the Corporation in the matter and having regard to the fact that in his opinion the machine would be useless for the fires which he had been asked to send it to owing to the absence of water, he had refused.

He considered, however, that some definite ruling should be given by the Corporation on this matter for his guidance, as he pointed out, for instance, that if a fire occurred in the Mental Hospital at Enniscorthy, the County Home there, or the County Hospital at Wexford, which was just outside the Borough, it would be a very serious responsibility for him to take to refuse the use of the machine, whereas, on the other hand, if he did allow it to go and a fire occurred in Wexford in its absence the responsibility would be equally

as serious.

The Fire Brigade Committee therefore recommended the Corporation to authorise the use of the machine in outside areas at the request of a responsible official of another Local Authority on such terms as the Corporation would fix.

It was thought that the present meeting was not in a position to fix the charge for the use of the machine, and the discussion was confined to whether or not the machine should be allowed outside the Borough.

Eventually Councillor Sinnott proposed that, if requests were received from a responsible person or a responsible official of a Local Authority for the use of the machine within a radius of 25 miles of Wexford, it should be available, with the proviso that it would not be absent from Wexford for more than twenty-four hours; and if it was required in Wexford during its absence it should be returned immediately notification was sent.

Councillor James Billington seconded this motion, which was agreed to, but with Councillor Gaul dissenting.

Regarding the charge to be made for its use, the Fire Brigade Committee was asked to consider this and submit a further recommendation to the Corporation, and on the suggestion of the Town Clerk it was also agreed that pending the fixing of a definite scale of charges, the use of the machine outside the Borough should be charged for at actual costs.

NAME FOR CROSSTOWN CEMETERY.

A Notice standing in the name of His Worship the Mayor that Crosstown Cemetery be named after a Saint was adjourned, at his request, until next meeting.

NOTICES OF INCREASE IN WAGES.

Notices were submitted from the Masons, Painters, Woodworkers, Plumbers and Plasterers Trade Unions intimating that on and after 1st January, 1936 the wages of their members would be 1/10 per hour; and from the Irish Transport and General Workers Union intimating that on and after the same date the wages of their members would be 50/- per week.

The Mayor proposed that these Notices should be referred to the Housing Committee in the first instance, and Alderman Walsh seconded. Some members held, however, that as no meeting of the Corporation would be held prior to the 1st January that the matter should be dealt with at the present meeting, but it was eventually agreed that the Housing Committee should meet in the near future, and, if necessary, a Special Meeting of the Corporation should be convened for the 16th instant to deal with the matter.

TENDERS FOR GATES ETC.

One tender only was submitted for the supply of iron gates, fencing, vent pipes, etc. for the Maudlintown Houses, and before this was opened Alderman Walsh referred to a Clause in the Specification issued, which stated that "the successful contractor will be required to deliver at Maudlintown within one month from the date on which he is notified of the acceptance of his tender Fencing and Gates for 54 houses. In the event of his failing to comply with this condition the Contractor will be liable to a fine of £5. for every week or part thereof which elapses between the expiration of the aforesaid month and the date of delivery."

Alderman Walsh held that this clause in the specification had been the means of debarring a number of persons from submitting a tender, and suggested that nothing less than two months would be a reasonable time for such delivery.

After a short discussion, Councillor Gaul proposed that the tender submitted be not opened; that the matter be adjourned until next meeting; and that the period of delivery of material for 54 houses be extended to two months.

This motion was seconded by Councillor Martin, and agreed to.

RELIEF GRANT £650.

Under date of the 28th ultimo, by letter No. R.U/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 Grant of £650 from the Relief Schemes Vote to the Corporation for the carrying out

of a Road Scheme for the relief of unemployment. The Minister was anxious that the work should be put in hands with the least possible delay with a view to securing at least two payments to each workman before Christmas, and asked that proposals for the expenditure of the amount should be submitted by return. He further intimated that the selection of the works should be made to secure the greatest possible utility from the Grant, and hoped that the Corporation would supplement it.

The following proposals by the Borough Surveyor for the expenditure of the amount were submitted:-

(1) Footpath and kerb in High Street from Keyser's Lane to Allen Street - 65 lin. yds. x $1\frac{1}{2}$ yds. 4" concrete - 98 sq. yds at 7/- -----		£38 : 6 : 0
(2) Footpath and kerb in Allen Street, Corner of High Street to Main Street - 70 lin. yds. x 2 yds. 4" concrete - 140 sq. yds @ 7/- -----		49 : 0 : 0
70 lin. yds. x 15" x 6" concrete channel @ 2/6---		8 : 15 : 0
(3) Footpath and kerb in the Faythe, Faythe School to New Lane - 180 lin. yds x 2 yds 4" concrete - 360 sq. yds. @ 7/- --		126 : 0 : 0
180 lin. yds. x 18" x 6" concrete channel @ 3/- -----		27 : 0 : 0
(4) Footpath and kerb in Waterloo Road, Presentation Convent to Summerhill Cross roads - 310 lin yds. x $1\frac{1}{2}$ yds 4" concrete - 465 sq. yds @ 7/- -----		162 : 15 : 0
310 lin. yds. x 15" x 6" concrete channel @ 2/6-----		38:15 : 0
(5) Footpath and kerb in Barrack Street (west side) Upper King Street to Lambert Place- 200 lin. yds. x $1\frac{1}{2}$ yds 4" concrete - 300 sq. yds. @ 7/- -----		105 : 0 : 0
200 lin. yds. x 15" x 6" concrete channel @ 2/6 -----		25 : 0 : 0
(6) Footpath from Wygram Place to Tate School- 140 lin yds x 2 yds 4" concrete- 280 sq. yds. @ 7/- -----		98 : 0 : 0
140 lin yds. x 15" x 6" concrete channel @ 2/6 -----		17 : 10 : 0
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		£696 : 1 : 0

Councillor Gaul proposed the adoption of the scheme as submitted, and Alderman Walsh seconded.

In reply to a query it was stated that the men to be employed must be in receipt of Home Assistance, and that the Corporation should apply to the Local Branch of the Department of Industry and Commerce for the requisite workmen.

Regarding the suggestion that the Grant should be supplemented by the Corporation, it was pointed out that the proposals submitted were estimated to cost £696 and that the Corporation would be required to provide the difference of £46 between the estimated cost and the amount of the Grant.

The Mayor, as well, pointed out that early in the present year the Corporation had raised a sum of £600 to supplement a Road Grant of £300, and were now about to borrow a further £700 to complete St. John's Road. In addition, a sum of approximately £1200 was to be raised immediately for the renewal of sewers and watermains, and in these circumstances he did not think the Corporation could be reasonably expected to supplement the Grant now allocated.

Relative to the supplementing of the Grant it was decided to point out these circumstances to the Minister for Local Government and Public Health.

Councillor Connolly asked to have the footpath at Davitt Road, North, included in the proposals, but did not press it when he was informed that some repairs could be carried out to it out of ordinary revenue. Councillor James Billington referred to the condition of the streets leading from the Quays, which were under the control of the Harbour Commissioners, and were in a deplorable condition. He asked the Town Clerk if any of the money of the present Grant could be expended on those streets, but the Town Clerk replied in the negative.

It was further pointed out to Councillor Billington that the Corporation would first have to agree to take over the streets, and, as well, the Minister would have to sanction it, which, it was believed, would unduly delay the administration of the Grant.

Councillor Billington held that the Corporation could take over the streets by paying a nominal rent, but the Town Clerk said it was questionable if they could, and as far as he recollected there was no

question of a nominal rent in the Act. He further stated that he was not in a position to make a statement relative to the taking over of these streets without receiving due notice of the question.

After some discussion, however, the proposal of Councillor Gaul, that the scheme outlined above be adopted, was unanimously agreed to.

On the suggestion of Councillor Connolly it was decided to employ a man named Comerford, of John Street, as watchman on the Grant work.

RE STRIKE OF SCAVENGING ETC. STAFFS.

The next business was a notice in the name of Councillor Martin that he would ask the Corporation to consider the position created by the strike of the Scavenging, Etc. Staffs, and to take steps to have it speedily terminated.

In this connection, it was explained that on the 12th October last, the Borough Surveyor had dismissed two men on the grounds that he found them idling. One of them had since been employed on the Maudlintown Housing Scheme on the nomination of Alderman Cullimore.

The remaining man, named Gough, was looked upon as more than a casual labourer having regard to the fact that he had been continuously employed as a mason's helper for the past six or seven years.

Correspondence had been received from the Transport Union and the Wexford Trades Council relative to this man's dismissal, and it was maintained on his behalf that he was not idling in the accepted sense of the word, but was actually waiting for instructions from the mason, who was putting in a foundation in a trench at the time and he could not do anything until the mason was ready for him.

At a Special Meeting of the Finance Committee held on the 25th ultimo a motion had been adopted recommending the Borough Surveyor to reinstate Gough in his old position. This, Mr. McNally had not seen fit to do, and, consequently, the Scavenging, Etc. Staffs of the Corporation had ceased work on the evening of the 29th ultimo.

In this connection, the following report on the matter was read from Mr. McNally:-

RE DISMISSAL OF JOSEPH GOUGH (Labourer)

"Having regard to the dismissal of Joseph Gough from the

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Initials of Chairman.....

Wexford Corporation and the recommendation of the Finance and Works Committee at the meeting on the 25th ultimo. I beg to submit the following report:-

I dismissed two labourers on the 12th October as I had found them idling on the 10th and 11th October. At a subsequent meeting the matter was discussed and I made an offer to the members present that I had no objection to these men being put on the next list of workers for employment by me as the occasion arose. In addition I said that this would give Gough an opportunity of proving whether he was entitled to re-employment on the regular Town Staff; One of the men McGrath has since been re-employed on the Maudlintown Housing Scheme after being nominated at a special meeting of the Corporation. It is therefore apparent that efforts are being made to interfere with my authority as Borough Surveyor, and if my offer were availed of regarding the re-employment of Gough the present state of affairs would not have arisen. I find myself in the invidious position of being responsible for the carrying out of the works under my supervision in a proper and economical manner, and when I take steps to do my duty I am immediately faced with a strike. In other words if the works under my charge cost too much I am negligent, and when I take steps to carry them out properly I am a slave driver.

I therefore renew my offer of re-employing Gough on the conditions stated above, which is as far as any person in my position, who wished to have his authority respected, could possibly go.

Patrick K. McNally,

Borough Surveyor."

When the report was read, Alderman Flusk asked if Councillor Martin's motion was in order, and the Mayor replied that he was prepared to take the responsibility of accepting it in view of the fact that there was a strike, but Alderman Flusk held that, in his opinion, it was not in order.

Councillor Gaul intimated that he was inclined to support Councillor Martin's motion, but at the meeting on the 29th ultimo he had proposed a similar motion and was told that it was out of order and could not be accepted, but it was explained by the Mayor to Councillor Gaul that the previous meeting was merely a Committee Meeting; the present meeting was a meeting of the Corporation; A strike had not arisen then but it had now, and he (Mayor) was not going to sit down when Corporation men were on strike without making an effort to settle it. A lengthy, and sometimes acrimonious discussion, followed on this matter during which it was pointed out that the Borough Surveyor had power to dismiss any man, but on the other hand the Corporation had power

to employ. As well, in view of the fact that a strike had arisen, the Corporation, as a higher authority than the Borough Surveyor, should interfere in the interests of peace and harmony.

Councillor Martin thereupon proposed that Gough be re-employed in his old position. Alderman Walsh seconded.

Alderman Flusk, however, proposed that the report of the Borough Surveyor be adopted. Councillor Moran seconded.

The Mayor in summing up the debate on this matter said he had taken the part of officials all over the County, and did not like, as a member of any Public Body to take part in the passing of a resolution over their heads, but the position was now so far advanced that the Corporation would have to do something or get out. They could not sit there impotent and be a laughing stock for the town. There was talk of the Transport Union going over the head of the Borough Surveyor to the Government. They did not do so. Gough was dismissed on the 12th October, and on the 16th they wrote to the Borough Surveyor, and up to the present time he had not replied. Proceeding, the Mayor said he thought it would be admitted by everybody that Gough was a hardworking and good man, and he thought it would have to be admitted that it was quite possible to find a builder's labourer not working, but still they could not say he was idling. A mason's labourer must wait until a mason tells him what to do, and they knew that if a labourer set out to do something he was not told to do, he would hear all about it.

The Mayor then read copies of correspondence between the Transport Union, the Department of Local Government and Public Health and the Borough Surveyor, and said he thought the letter from the Transport Union to the Minister was a very conciliatory one.

With regard to the Borough Surveyor's reply to the Minister in which he stated he gave a verbal report on the matter to the Corporation on the 21st October, the Mayor said that no report was made until questions were asked by members regarding this man's dismissal.

The Mayor further read the recommendation of the Court of Referees

on an appeal against suspension of Unemployment Benefit made by Gough, the man concerned in the discussion.

The recommendation was as follows:- "The Court, after hearing the evidence, are of the opinion that the Borough Surveyor before taking drastic action should have satisfied himself that the appellant was in fact idling, and that he should have heard the appellant when he called on him. Court was also of the opinion that appellant was not idling, and accordingly decided to recommend that the application for Unemployment Benefit be allowed as from October 14th."

The Mayor said it was all very well to talk about certain powers being given to the Borough Surveyor, but when the Corporation were settling the conditions upon which a Borough Surveyor might be appointed, they never visualised a position in which the practically unanimous decision of the Corporation would be flouted, and he did not think any person present would stand for that.

The whole difficulty in this position seemed to be whether or not Gough was rightly or wrongly dismissed.

On the one hand it was claimed by the Surveyor that he found him idling on two occasions, while on the other hand it was held that on the two occasions, as a result of which he had been dismissed, the Surveyor had only passed by in his car and did not stop, consequently it was not possible for him to be aware whether or not the man was genuinely idling. It was further held that Gough was waiting for the mason to complete portion of his work in a trench before he could put in more cement, and that the Borough Surveyor should have enquired from the mason, who it was held was nominally in charge of the labourers when with him, why the men were not actually working at the time the Surveyor passed.

Councillor Martin stated that he had asked the mason if there was any delay in the supplying of cement to him, and the mason had replied that the cement was ready for him immediately he required it.

Eventually Alderman Flusk's amendment, that the Borough Surveyor's report be adopted, was put to the meeting, and a poll was taken thereon,

when there voted:-

For: Councillors Moran, Dunne, and Alderman Flusk----- 3.

Against: Councillors Buckland, Cashman, Gaul, Crosbie, Martin,
Hayes, O'Leary, Connolly, McMahon, Sinnott, John
Billington, Aldermen Tobin, Walsh, and the Mayor----- 14.

Declined Councillors Murphy, James Billington, Atkins, and
to Vote: Alderman Coffey----- 4.

The amendment was declared lost, and Councillor Martin's proposition, that Gough be reinstated in his old position was put to the meeting as a substantive motion.

A poll was taken thereon when there voted:-

For: Councillors Buckland, Cashman, Gaul, Crosbie, Martin,
Hayes, O'Leary, Connolly, McMahon, Sinnott, John
Billington, Aldermen Tobin, Walsh, and the Mayor----- 14.

Against: Councillors Moran, Dunne, and Alderman Flusk----- 3.

Declined Councillors Murphy, James Billington, Atkins, and
to Vote: Alderman Coffey----- 4.

Councillor Martin's motion was thereupon declared carried.

ARREARS OF RATES BY CORPORATION MEMBERS.

The next business was to receive a communication from the Minister for Local Government and Public Health dated 21st October, 1935, No. G.103, relative to the payment of rates by members of the Corporation. The letter requested that the names of members from whom any rates were due for the year 1934/5, and the amount due, should be submitted to a meeting of the Corporation and a copy sent to the Department.

The necessary particulars were submitted to the meeting and were as follows:- Alderman Thomas Walsh £3 : 0 : 0; Councillor Timothy Cashman £5 : 8 : 0; Councillor McMahon £8 : 8 : 0; Councillor Michael Martin £2 : 16 : 0; and Alderman Tobin £5 : 16 : 10.

It was ordered that these particulars should be forwarded to the Minister.

EMPLOYMENT OF MEN.

Councillor O'Leary gave notice that he would move at next meeting

to employ a man in place of one named McGrath who had been dismissed by the Borough Surveyor, but had subsequently been reinstated on the motion of another member.

STOPPAGE OF UNEMPLOYMENT BENEFIT.

Members referred to the stoppage of Unemployment Benefit on workmen who had been dismissed at Maudlintown when they had been found playing pitch and toss, and it was pointed out that the officials of the Corporation were asked certain particulars by the Department of Industry and Commerce in connection with each person employed by the Corporation who made application for Unemployment Benefit.

One of the questions asked was the reason for dismissal, and it was stated on behalf of the officials that they could not give false information in this connection but felt obliged to state the true facts of each case.

This discussion ended.

A further question was asked regarding the dismissal of a labourer named O'Brien from Maudlintown Houses, and the Borough Surveyor intimated that this man had been under observation by the Clerk of Works for some time and was very unsatisfactory.

Further consideration of this matter was adjourned to next Meeting of the Housing Committee, when the Clerk of Works on the Maudlintown houses would be in attendance.

Richard Carson 43
Mayor of Wexford
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16th December, 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, Michael Flusk, and Patrick Tobin.

Councillors: Thomas Hayes, Robert Moran, James Crosbie, James Billington, James Sinnott, John Billington, James McMahon, Thomas Dunne, Patrick Atkins, Nicholas Connolly, James Murphy and Timothy Cashman.

VOTE OF SYMPATHY.

Before the business of the meeting commenced, Alderman Walsh moved that the sympathy of the Corporation be tendered to the relatives of the late Ignatuis Brennan, who had been a faithful servant of the Corporation for many years. Councillor James Billington seconded the motion, which was supported by all the members present and adopted in the usual way.

TENDERS FOR GATES, ETC.

Two tenders were submitted for gates and railings for the Maudlintown Houses, in accordance with a Specification prepared by the Borough Surveyor.

They were from Mr. Thomas Malone, of Newtown; and the Wexford Timber Company, Limited.

Mr. Malone quoted £498 : 6 : 0 for gates and railings for 154 houses; and the Wexford Timber Company £515 : 5 : 0.

As the former tender was the lower of the two it was accepted on the motion of Councillor Cashman, seconded by Alderman Flusk.

For Fence Wire, Posts, Etc. the Wexford Timber Company quoted the sum of £61 : 0 : 3, and as this was the only tender received it was accepted on the motion of Councillor McMahon, seconded by Councillor

Crosbie.

A tender from the Timber Company for cast iron Vent. Pipes, Etc. for the sum of £25 : 4 : 4 was also accepted on the motion of Alderman Coffey, seconded by Councillor McMahon, it being the only tender submitted.

LETTING OF PLOT AT ST. JOHN'S ROAD.

With reference to Minutes of last meeting when nine applications had been received for ten plots of ground at St. John's Road, two applications for the remaining plot were submitted from Mr. Matthew Boggan, St. John's Road; and Mr. E. J. Howlin, James Connolly Street. On a show of hands Mr. Boggan's application was acceded to by fifteen votes to two for Mr. Howlin.

The meeting then separated.

Richard Corish J.D.
Mayor of Wexford
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7th January, 1936.

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, William Cullimore, Robert Coffey, and Michael Flusk.

Councillors: Timothy Cashman, John J. O'Leary, James Murphy, Patrick Atkins, James McMahon, James Billington, Thomas Hayes, James Crosbie, Robert Moran, Nicholas Connolly, Michael Martin, and James Gaul.

MINUTES.

The Minutes of Meetings of 2nd and 16th December, 1935, were taken as read on the motion of Councillor Hayes, seconded by Councillor McMahon, and were accordingly signed.

VOTES OF SYMPATHY.

Sir Osmond Gratian, Esq., and Dr. C. Bastible acknowledged votes of
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sympathy passed with them in recent bereavements.

The Mayor moved that the sympathy of the meeting be extended to the relatives of the late William Sullivan, who for a number of years had been a member of the Corporation Scavenging Staff.

The motion was seconded by Councillor Crosbie, supported by a number of members and adopted in the usual way.

PAYMENTS.

Liabilities which had accrued due up to the end of last month, amounting, in the aggregate, to £4,335 : 4 : 7 were submitted, and having been examined were approved, and an Advice Note was signed to enable them to be discharged.

Arising out of an account for the repairs of a motor lorry, members asked that work of this nature should be distributed amongst the different garages in the town.

VETERINARY INSPECTOR'S APPOINTMENT.

A communication was received from the Local Appointments Commissioners under date of 27th ultimo recommending Mr. Michael Finucane, Custom House Quay, Wexford, for appointment as Veterinary Inspector for the supervision of the meat supply in the Borough. The following is a summary of the recommended candidates qualifications:-

- (1) Born in County Kerry on 4th September, 1908.
- (2) M.R.C.V.S., 1934.
- (3) Registered in the Veterinary Register of Saorstát Éireann. Employed as assistant to Mr. B. Hickey, Custom House Quay, Wexford, from December, 1933 to July, 1934. In private practice in Tarbert, County Kerry, July, 1934, to December, 1934. Assistant to Mr. Hughes, M.R.C.V.S., December, 1934 to March, 1935. Acting temporarily in the vacant position since 1st April, 1935.

Thereupon Councillor Dunne proposed, and Alderman Walsh seconded, the following motion:-

"That in accordance with the recommendation of the Local Appointments Commissioners dated 27th December, 1935, we hereby appoint Mr. Michael Finucane as Meat Inspector for the

Borough of Wexford, and for duties under the Agricultural Produce (Fresh Meat) Acts, 1930/31, until 31st March, 1937, on condition that the appointment be terminable by the giving of one month's notice in writing on either side, and to the recoupment by the Department of Agriculture of two-thirds of his salary of £450 per annum for work to be performed under the Agricultural Produce (Fresh Meat) Acts 1930/31."

This resolution was unanimously agreed to.

NAME FOR CROSSTOWN CEMETERY.

A motion in the name of His Worship the Mayor, that Crosstown Cemetery be named after a Saint, was further adjourned at the request of His Worship.

CIRCULAR RE INFLUENZA.

Under date of 30th ultimo, by letter No. P.H.124, the Minister for Local Government and Public Health called attention to the danger of an outbreak of influenza at this period of the year, and referred to the measures for dealing with such an outbreak set out in the Department's circular letter of 8th January, 1932.

As in previous years, it was decided to call the attention of the Medical Officer of Health to the terms of the communication under consideration as well as to the Department's letter of January, 1932.

NOMINATION OF MEN FOR EMPLOYMENT.

In accordance with notice given, Councillor O'Leary moved that he be permitted to nominate a person for employment in the place of E. McGrath.

McGrath had been dismissed some few months ago by the Borough Surveyor but had subsequently been re-employed on the motion of Alderman Cullimore, and Councillor O'Leary held that he was entitled to nominate a further man in his place.

After a short discussion, the members present agreed that Councillor O'Leary should be allowed to nominate a person in place of McGrath, and he nominated Matthew Morris, of Wygram Place.

The Mayor replaced a man previously nominated by him named Murphy, who

had since secured other employment, by William Browne of King Street Avenue; and Councillor O'Leary replaced a man named John Murphy by Michael Martin, of Wolfe Tone Villas.

EXECUTION OF DEED OF MORTGAGE.

The next business was to execute a Deed of Mortgage whereby security would be given to the Commissioners of Public Works In Ireland for the repayment of Loan of £2020 proposed to be borrowed to discharge outstanding liabilities in connection with the erection of thirty-six houses at Hill Street and Joseph Street.

The Loan had been sanctioned by the Minister for Local Government and Public Health under date of 3rd October, 1935, by letter No. H.152867, and the Mortgage Deed was in order in every way.

Arising out of this, Alderman Coffey remarked that this matter was previously before the Corporation some months ago, and asked how they managed to fix the economic rents.

It was explained that the Joseph Street houses were 1/6 per week dearer than the other houses, but in Hill Street they did not add that as slum people were going into these latter houses.

In reply to a further query the meeting was informed that only normal subsidy was paid by the Corporation in respect of the Joseph Street houses, and that the Corporation were bound to subsidise all houses to some extent.

Alderman Flusk asked that the matter be postponed until next meeting in order that members should be supplied with details of how the estimate for these houses was exceeded by £2,000.

Councillor Connolly supported Alderman Flusk, and said that the undertaking was not such a big one nor the houses so elaborate as to cost such an amount over the estimate, and he thought it only fair to everybody concerned that ^{further investigation} ~~consideration~~ of the excessive cost ^{be} ~~was~~ ^{made} ~~necessary~~.

The Mayor stated that when the rents of these houses ~~were~~ being fixed he had explained some of the things which had caused the increase in the cost. One was that there was not sufficient money in the estimate for development, and cavity walls had been substituted by the Architect

for single walls; picture rails and skirting had been put on which were not estimated for. In the Joseph Street houses, various difficulties had been met in the development of the site, and finally a raft had to be put in and the houses raised a block or two higher. After some further discussion, at the suggestion of the Mayor Alderman Flusk withdrew his motion for adjournment, and the Housing Committee were asked to make a further investigation into the cost of these houses and report to the next meeting.

The Mayor thereupon proposed the following resolution, which was seconded by Councillor Crosbie:-

"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 and Twenty Pounds proposed to be advanced by them to us under the Housing of the Working Classes Acts Etc."

The Mortgage Deed was thereupon sealed and signed on behalf of the Corporation, and the following further resolution was unanimously adopted on the motion of Councillor O'Leary, seconded by Alderman Coffey:-

"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."

TOWN PLANNING SCHEME.

With reference to Minutes of 1st July last, when a Resolution had been

adopted deciding to make a Planning Scheme for the Borough, under the Town and Regional Planning Act, 1934, the Town Clerk intimated to the meeting that he had been advised by the Minister for Local Government and Public Health that the notice of intention to propose a Planning Resolution did not comply fully with the Regulations, and that it would be as well if a fresh Resolution were adopted.

The Mayor thereupon gave notice that he would move at Statutory Meeting due to be held on 2nd March next that a Planning Resolution for the entire Borough of Wexford be adopted.

STREETS LEADING FROM QUAYS.

Alderman Coffey asked if any report had been received in regard to the state of streets leading from the Quays after the storm on Sunday night last. Although they were not legally bound, he stated, to attend to those streets, still they got the rates, and he thought they had some moral responsibility in regard to their staff turning out to do something.

In reply to the Alderman it was pointed out that the Corporation had no authority to touch these streets, and as far as the moral responsibility was concerned, no official had the right to take on a moral obligation in the absence of a meeting of the Corporation. If any official ordered the scavengers down to clean those streets, when an Auditor came along any ratepayer could object and the members could be surcharged for it.

Councillor James Billington stated he thought it was about time the Corporation decided to take over and keep in repair the streets leading from the Quays. He held that the Corporation could take them over although he knew the Town Clerk disagreed with him.

In reply to Councillor Billington the Mayor stated that the Corporation would be considering their Rate Estimate within the next two months, and he thought that would be the time to go into the matter.

Councillor Billington, however, gave notice that he would move at next Statutory Meeting that the Corporation take over and maintain the streets leading from the Quays.

The Meeting then separated.

Richard Coffey V.D.
Mayor of Wexford

27th January, 1936.

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: Robert Coffey, Michael Flusk, William Cullimore, Thomas Walsh, and Patrick Tobin.

Councillors: John J. O'Leary, Nicholas Connolly, John Billington, Robert Moran, James Murphy, Thomas Dunne, Patrick Atkins, James McMahon, James Crosbie, Thomas Hayes, James Gaul, and James Sinnott.

The Meeting had been convened for the purpose of considering a suggestion made by representatives of the Building Group of the Trades Council that the Corporation employees on strike at the Maudlintown Housing Site should be allowed to resume work at the old rate of pay on condition that the Corporation would agree to make any increase in wages, ultimately agreed to, retrospective.

The Mayor stated that early last week a deputation from the Trades Council had a conversation with the Town Clerk and himself, when the above suggestion had been put forward.

In reply to a query by Councillor Hayes, it was stated that the suggestion had not been embodied in a letter, although it had been expected that this would have been done before the present meeting. The members did not seem inclined to act on the suggestion until it was put in writing, and a member of the Trades Council, who was also a member of the Corporation, intimated that a letter should have been sent to the Corporation to-night, and he did not know why it had not come.

During the course of the discussion, it was mentioned that an offer of $1/7\frac{3}{4}$ per hour had been made to the Tradesmen, and in reply to Alderman Flusk, the Mayor stated that he met the Trades Council on last Friday night; he asked them if the Corporation were prepared to concede the Enniscorthy rate of $1/7\frac{3}{4}$ and if a certain amount were

given to the Bulider's labourers, would they be prepared to resume work. He (Mayor) told them the Corporation had nothing to do with it; there was no offer made, and it was only a suggestion by him personally.

In reply to a further query as to whether materials would be available if the men returned to work, it was stated that unless a settlement was arrived at between Messrs. McCormack and Hegarty and the Timber Company, the Corporation would only be able to keep the men employed for a few days.

Eventually, Alderman Flusk proposed that the matter be adjourned until the Statutory Meeting due to be held on the 3rd proximo.

Councillor Gaul seconded this motion which was unanimously agreed to. The Meeting then separated.

*Richard Corish & Co
Mayor of Wexford*

3rd February, 1936.

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: Robert Coffey, Michael Flusk, Thomas Walsh, and Patrick Tobin.

Councillors: Nicholas Connolly, James McMahon, James Billington, Patrick Atkins, John Billington, Robert Moran, Thomas Dunne, James Murphy, Timothy Cashman, John J. O'Leary, James Crosbie, Thomas Hayes, James Sinnott, Thomas Buckland, and James Gaul.

MINUTES.

On the motion of Alderman Walsh, seconded by Councillor Hayes, the Minutes of Meetings of 7th and 27th January, 1936, were taken as having been read, and were accordingly signed.

PAYMENTS.

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

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amounting, in the aggregate, to £2831 : 9 : 3, were submitted, and having been examined were approved and an Advice Note was signed to enable them to be discharged.

VOTE OF SYMPATHY.

The Mayor moved that the sympathy of the meeting be extended to Councillor Phillip McGuire on the death of his wife.

Alderman Coffey seconded this motion, which was supported by several members, and adopted in the usual way.

LETTER FROM TRADES COUNCIL RE STRIKE.

With reference to Minutes of last meeting, when a suggestion that the men at present on strike should be allowed to resume work at their existing rate of pay, on condition that any increase subsequently agreed to would be made retrospective by the Corporation, was adjourned to the present meeting, a letter from the Trades Council requested the Corporation to allow the men to resume work on these conditions. Councillor Sinnott thereupon proposed that the men be allowed to resume work, and Councillor Crosbie seconded.

Councillor James Billington, however, proposed as an amendment that the Corporation ask the employers and employees to confer with a view to having the strike brought to a satisfactory termination.

In proposing the amendment, Councillor Billington stated that the longer the strike went on the more rent the Corporation would lose, and the sooner it was brought to a termination the better for the occupiers of the houses and the ratepayers generally.

Alderman Coffey seconded Councillor Billington's proposition.

It was explained to the meeting that when the question of an increase of wages first arose the Town Clerk informed the members that they would have to be guided by the standard of wages fixed by private contractors. In his (Town Clerk's) opinion they could not pay a higher rate than that paid by outside individuals, and consequently were not in a position to grant any increase unless it had been granted in the first instance by the private Builders. If the present motion were carried the Corporation would not be binding themselves to pay any higher rate than that which might be subsequent-

ly agreed to outside, and in the meantime work would be progressing on their scheme.

A lengthy discussion followed on this matter, during which it was suggested that the sanction of the Minister for Local Government and Public Health should be obtained first, but the Town Clerk replied that it was entirely a matter for the discretion of the Corporation as in his opinion the Minister would neither grant nor refuse sanction. The question of the wages paid by the Corporation to their employees was one which he had to discuss annually with the Auditor, and if the Corporation paid a higher rate than outside persons the Auditor would take serious notice of it.

Eventually, on the suggestion of several members, Councillor Billington agreed to make his amendment an addendum to the substantive motion, and the motion with the addendum was unanimously adopted.

NAME FOR CROSSTOWN CEMETERY.

In accordance with notice given, His Worship the Mayor moved that Crosstown Cemetery be named "St. Ibar's".

In moving this motion the Mayor stated he had been in touch with the Rev. Administrator, and he understood that His Lordship the Bishop had suggested this name. The Feast occurred on the 23rd April, and it would be very desirable that there should be a Pattern at the Cemetery the same as in other Churchyards. He thought a great many people who had relatives buried there were anxious that a Pattern Day should be appointed.

Councillor Gaul seconded the motion, which was unanimously adopted.

REPAIRS TO CHANNEL-WAY AT CEMETERY.

Councillor Sinnott referred to the channel-way at the entrance to the Cemetery, and it was agreed to write to the County Surveyor asking him to have some repairs carried out.

EXECUTION OF DEED OF MORTGAGE.

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 Loans of £600 and £700 proposed to be borrowed

by the Corporation.

The Loan £600 was to enable Summerhill Road to be resurfaced and to lay a new footpath at Hill Street. The total cost of this work was £900, and the Minister for Local Government and Public Health had made a Grant of £300 from the Relief Schemes Vote towards the cost of the work. He had further sanctioned the raising of the necessary Loan for a period of seven years under date of the 30th March, 1935, by letter No. S.R.B/32.

The Loan of £700 was to enable the Corporation to purchase property to complete St. John's Road, as well as to carry out the work of completion, and this Loan had been sanctioned by the Minister for Local Government and Public Health under date of the 30th November, 1935, by letter No. R.S.9718, for a period of ten years.

The Mortgage Deed was found to be in order in every respect, and the following Resolution was unanimously adopted on the motion of Councillor Gaul, seconded by Alderman Walsh:-

"That in pursuance of the consents of the Local Government Minister dated the 30th March, 1935, and 30th November, 1935, the Corporation do borrow from the National Bank Limited the sum of £700 for the purpose of purchasing a plot of ground at Windmill's Hill containing about 2 acres and for carrying out development work at St. John's Road, and also the further Loan of the sum of £600 to defray the expenditure on the re-surfacing of Summerhill Road and the laying of a new footpath at Hill Street to be repaid to the Bank by half-yearly instalments spread over the respective periods of 10 years and 7 years with interest thereon 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 Corporation be affixed to said Mortgage."

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

RESIGNATION OF COUNCILLOR O'LEARY.

The next business was to receive the resignation of Councillor John J. O'Leary.

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O'Leary as member for St. Selskar Ward. The Town Clerk read a letter from Councillor O'Leary, and the Councillor himself, who was present up to this stage, thanked all the members and officials of the Corporation for their courtesy during his term of office. Before the resignation was accepted, the Town Clerk pointed out that in accordance with the provisions of Section 87 of the Municipal Corporations Act, 1840, Councillor O'Leary was liable to a fine on resigning a Corporate Office. He further pointed out to him that in accordance with a Bye-law made some years ago by the Corporation the fine was Ten Pounds. Nevertheless, Councillor O'Leary persisted in his resignation, and it was accepted with deep regret on the motion of Councillor Gaul, seconded by Alderman Walsh. The Councillor thereupon withdrew from the meeting.

PLOTS AT ST. JOHN'S ROAD.

With reference to Minutes of 2nd December last, when the Corporation leased a plot of ground at St. John's Road to Sergeant Breen, Garda Siochana, it was reported that this gentleman did not intend to avail of the plot, and three applications for it were submitted. They were from Mr. Patrick Toal, King Street; Mr. Edward Howlin, William Street; and Mr. Thomas J. Millar, Town Hall. On the motion of Alderman Coffey, seconded by Councillor Gaul, it was unanimously agreed, subject to the approval of the Minister for Local Government and Public Health, to grant the plot to Mr. Millar on the same terms and conditions as it was granted to Sergeant Breen. With further reference to Minutes of 4th December, when a plot of ground had been granted to a Mrs. C. Stone, of Grogan's Road, it was unanimously agreed, at the request of Mrs. Stone, to grant the lease of this plot in the name of her daughter, Miss Ellen Stone.

BOROUGH ANALYST'S REPORT.

The report of the Borough Analyst for the Quarter ended 31st December last showed that he had examined eight samples of milk, seven of buttermilk, three of margarine, two of butter, two of sausages, and one each of cheese, lard, whiskey, Port Wine, rice, and pudding.

This made a total of twenty-eight articles analysed during the Quarter, and the only one found defective was one of buttermilk which was adulterated with 10.7 per cent. of water exclusive of the 25 per cent. allowed for churning purposes.

The contents of this report were considered satisfactory.

LONDON & NEWCASTLE TEA CO. PROSECUTION.

In accordance with notice given, Councillor Connolly moved that a decision of the Finance Committee to prosecute the London and Newcastle Tea Company for a breach of the Shops Act be rescinded.

It was explained to the meeting that on Thursday, December 12th, 1935, which was a weekly half-holiday, the Shops Inspector found four assistants working there at 5.15 p.m. He spoke to the Manager, who informed him that he had got in a large consignment of goods that day and had to have same stored.

In moving his motion, Councillor Connolly stated that the Manager had promised the assistants an extra half-holiday in the New year for the day on which he kept them working, and he was aware that this promise had been kept.

Councillor Murphy seconded the motion, and on a vote being taken twelve members voted for rescission, and seven against.

The decision of the Finance Committee was accordingly rescinded.

STREETS LEADING FROM QUAYS.

In accordance with Notice given, Councillor James Billington moved that the Corporation take over and maintain the streets leading from the Quays.

In moving his motion, Councillor Billington asked if maintenance would include lighting, but it was pointed out that he should have specifically mentioned lighting when he was giving his notice of motion. Councillor Billington then asked to alter the motion to include lighting, but the Mayor held that each member would require notice of such an alteration.

Councillor Billington thereupon moved his motion in the original terms, and said that some months ago the Harbour Board received a Memorial

from the residents of Anne Street and Monck Street with regard to repairing the streets. The Board were not in a position to do that at the present time, and as the Corporation received rates out of the property in those streets he thought they should maintain them. Councillor Connolly seconded the motion, and said that for some years past the residents of these streets had been agitating to have something done with them.

In connection with this proposal, it was pointed out that to put the streets into a proper state of repair would require an initial outlay of at least £1,000, and as well, under Section 54 of the Wexford Harbour Act, 1874, the Commissioners were charged with the duty of maintaining the streets leading from the Quays, but they could agree with the Corporation for the transfer of the liability to the latter Body on such terms as might be agreed on.

The Mayor moved an amendment, however, that the matter be referred to the Special Rates Committee, who would shortly be considering the Rates Estimates for 1936/7. This Committee could examine the matter better than the present meeting, and report back to the Corporation. The Mayor also suggested that the Committee should apply for a Grant from the Government to enable these streets to be put into a proper state, and if such were given the Corporation could then take over their maintenance.

Alderman Coffey seconded the Mayor's amendment, which was carried by twelve votes to seven for the original motion.

CIRCULAR RE CLERKS OF WORKS.

The contents of Circular letter No. 5, dated 23rd January, 1936, from the Minister for Local Government and Public Health, relative to the employment of Clerks of Works on houses and other building works, were noted.

RESOLUTION FROM BRAY URBAN COUNCIL.

A resolution was submitted from the Bray Urban Council viewing with grave concern the terms of the Insurance Bill, 1935, in its present form, but the members did not seem inclined to take any action, and

after some discussion it was decided to leave the matter entirely in the hands of the Government, whom it was thought would do everything possible to safeguard the interests of Irish Companies.

JOHN STREET WATER.

The Public Health Committee referred to the present meeting the consideration of the position of the John Street water.

As far back as 1930, this water had been condemned as unfit for human use, and since then periodical chemical and bacteriological examinations had not shown any improvement in the condition of the water.

On numerous occasions the Corporation had been requested by their Public Health Officials to close down this water supply, but up to the present had not done so.

Under date of the 18th December, 1935, by letter No. P.H.200114, the Minister for Local Government and Public Health had drawn attention to a report regarding this water made by Dr. J. D. McCormack of the Department. In his report Dr. McCormack recommended that the supply should be permanently and completely cut off, and the Minister pointed out that in allowing the continued use of this water supply notwithstanding the repeated unfavourable analyses received, the Corporation exposed themselves to legal action by any person who might contract a disease through using it. The Minister further pointed out that any costs incurred by the Corporation in providing this supply, and any expenses which might result from a legal action, would be subject to review by the Auditor. Finally, the Minister stated that if any complaint was received by him in regard to the provision of this water supply, he would be obliged to institute an investigation with a view to ascertaining whether the Corporation had not made default in their duty under Section 65 of the Public Health (Ireland) Act, 1878, and he further requested that immediate steps be taken to have the supply in question closed down.

As well, the following report was submitted from Dr. Bastible, County Medical Officer of Health, on this water supply:-

"Owing to complaints received from the Medical Officer of Health for Wexford Urban Area, Dr. Pierse, in 1930 and 1931 I was requested by the Corporation of Wexford to investigate the condition of the water supply from the John St. Reservoir.

The water apparently arises from a number of surface springs drained by shallow drains about half a mile from the town of Wexford, it is then carried in an open stone drain which passes under a number of houses in the John Street area to within 20 yards of the reservoir whence it is continued into the reservoir by an earthenware pipe. This pipe passes underneath a public dump before it enters the reservoir; the dump itself is situated alongside the reservoir and sewage matter from it is washed directly from it into the reservoir in wet weather.

In June, 1932, a bacteriological examination of the water showed a number of organisms growing at blood heat was 100 colonies per cubic centimeter, the number growing at room temperature was 200 colonies per cubic centimeter, there was B.colli in 10c.c. and a typical B. coli in 1c.c. and 0.1c.c. This showed that the water was infected with sewage organisms and with organisms which cause disturbances of the stomach and bowels.

A further bacteriological examination was made in August, 1932, and showed the number of colonies growing at blood heat to be one-forty per cubic centimeter, the number growing at room temperature 1,044 per cubic centimeter and there was B.colli in 10c.c. and 1c.c. but not in 0.1c.c. The result is of the same nature as the first one. I again sent a specimen for analysis in February, 1933, this time from the stream flowing into the reservoir, and found the number of organisms growing at blood heat to be uncountable. There were provisional B.colli in 10c.c., 1c.c. and 0.1c.c. The Analyst's comment was that it was a badly polluted water.

A chemical examination of the water was carried out in 1933 and the report was that the water showed sewage contamination of vegetable origin, and was unfit for drinking. A further bacteriological examination was carried out in March 1933 and showed the number of organisms growing at blood heat to be 316 per cubic centimeter, the number growing at room temperature to be uncountable, and there were presumptive B.colli in 10c.c. and a typical B.colli in 1c.c. and 0.1c.c. This classifies it again as a bad water.

In December, 1934, a further bacteriological and chemical examinations were carried out, the number of organisms growing at room temperature was found to be 14 per cubic centimeter, the number growing at blood heat was 11 per cubic centimeter, and there were 160 B.colli per 100 c.c's of water, that is B.colli was present in 10 and 1 c.c's. The comment was that the water was not suitable for domestic use. The chemical examination showed a rather high content of Chlorine and Albuminoid ammonia, which suggest sewage contamination, but otherwise the water was fairly satisfactory.

All the examinations carried out on this water over a period of years and at various times during the year show that on any occasion on which the water was examined it was found to be unsuitable for human use, and in addition there was distinct danger of the water causing epidemics of diarrhoeal and epidemic diseases. As the situation of the water is completely unprotected there is also the danger that a carrier of Typhoid could very easily infect the water and cause an outbreak of this

disease amongst those who drink the water.

In view of the number of sources of contamination from the source to the outlet of the water the cost of purifying it would be excessively high. The source would need to be explored and the reservoir for it would need to be placed at the source and the water coming from the reservoir should then be filtered and chlorinated. The risk entailed to Public Health in allowing the public to drink this water is very great, and a grave responsibility is placed on the members of the Corporation as guardians of the Public Health in regard to this water.

C. Bastible,

County Medical Officer of Health."

Councillor Connolly remarked that it was only John Street Water that was referred to in the report, but it was pointed out to him that unfavourable reports had also been made on the Folly and Summerhill springs, and the Corporation had, as well, been advised to cut those off.

Councillor Connolly thereupon moved:-

"That all waters in the Town of Wexford which had been reported to the Corporation by their Medical Advisors as unfit for human use, be cut off, unless the Corporation Engineer could make them fit for human use at a reasonable cost."

Councillor Murphy seconded.

Councillor James Billington objected to the cutting off of the Folly supply, and said it would only be a matter of £60 or £70 to make it right, but it was pointed out to him that this source had been traced back to a well which was found to contain rats.

A lengthy discussion followed on this matter, and eventually Councillor Connolly's motion was unanimously agreed to, and the Borough Surveyor was directed to try and trace the source of all the supplies in respect of which unfavourable reports had been received with a view to having samples taken at the source for examination, and, as well, he was to report on the cost of making the supply fit for human use.

NEW FACTORY.

Councillor Hayes stated that some time ago the Corporation were asked to give a piece of ground for the building of a new factory. They were told then that it would be a big boon for the working classes

of the Town. At the time it was stated that a certain number of key-men would be brought over from England, but that their services would be dispensed with as soon as local men were trained to do their work. He had since been informed that in respect of one particular job the key-man would not be employed on it all the time, but would be occupied with other work as well. He hoped that this would not apply to all of them, as, if so, it would be a bad job for the working man of Wexford.

A short discussion followed, and this matter dropped.

The meeting then separated.

*Richard Corish Esq. J. D.
Mayor of Wexford
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2nd March, 1936.

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, Michael Flusk, William Cullimore, and Patrick Tobin.

Councillors: James Gaul, Patrick Atkins, Thomas Hayes, Phillip McGuire, John Billington, Nicholas Connolly, James Billington, Timothy Cashman, Thomas Dunne, James Sinnott, James Murphy, and Michael Martin.

MINUTES.

On the motion of Councillor Gaul, seconded by Alderman Walsh, the Minutes of Meeting of 3rd February, 1936, were taken as having been read and were accordingly signed.

PAYMENTS.

Liabilities which had accrued due up to the end of last month, amounting, in the aggregate, to £1234 : 12 : 2 were submitted, and having been examined were approved and an Advice Note was signed

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to enable them to be discharged.

VOTES OF SYMPATHY.

Votes of sympathy were adopted as follows:- On the motion of the Mayor, seconded by Councillor Connolly, with Councillor McMahon on the death of his wife. On the motion of Councillor Murphy, seconded by Alderman Flusk, with Councillor Moran on the death of his nephew. On the motion of Councillor Dunne, seconded by Councillor Sinnott, with Mr. Millar, Clerk of Works, on the death of his child.

TOWN PLANNING RESOLUTION.

In accordance with Notice given on 7th January last, His Worship the Mayor moved the following Resolution:-

"That the Corporation of Wexford, being the District Planning Authority for the following Planning District, that is to say; the Borough of Wexford, hereby decides to make a District Planning Scheme for the following area, being the whole of such Planning District, that is to say:- the area consisting of Saint Iberius, Saint Mary's and Saint Selskar Wards of the Borough of Wexford, being the Electoral Divisions of the Wexford Urban District numbered one, two and three, and shown enclosed within the inner edge of a green coloured border on a map now produced to us, the said Corporation of Wexford."

Alderman Walsh seconded.

Councillor James Billington asked did the Resolution give them power in regard to the acquisition of land adjacent to Wexford, and it was pointed out that it did not, but that it would give the Corporation absolute control of building inside the Borough, and enable them to regulate the development of the town on progressive lines.

The motion was unanimously adopted.

RATIFICATION OF WAGES INCREASE.

With reference to Minutes of last meeting, when it was agreed to allow the workmen then on strike to resume their employment on condition that any increase in wages subsequently agreed to would be

made retrospective by the Corporation from the date of resumption, and when the Town Clerk had been asked to try and arrange a Conference between the employers and employees with a view to having the strike terminated, it was reported that such a Conference had been held on the 15th ultimo, under the Chairmanship of His Worship the Mayor.

The employers and employees were fully represented, and the Town Clerk was also in attendance.

The Conference had lasted some five hours before terms, satisfactory to both sides, had been arrived at. The terms agreed on between the Building Contractors and the men were as follows:-

TRADESMEN: From date of resumption 1/7 $\frac{1}{4}$ per hour; and from 1st October, 1936, 1/8 per hour.

LABOURERS: From date of resumption 1ld. per hour; and from 1st October, 1936, 1/- per hour.

It was now necessary for the Corporation to agree to pay the increased rates of wages, and on the motion of Councillor Gaul, seconded by Councillor James Billington, the payment of the rates of wages mentioned above was authorised from the day on which the men resumed work.

BUILDING PLOT LETTING.

With reference to Minutes of 2nd December last, when the Corporation had granted a plot of ground on lease to Mr. Peter Murphy, St. John's Road, it was reported that Mr. Murphy found himself unable to proceed with the erection of a house on the plot in accordance with the terms laid down, and two applications were submitted for the vacant site.

They were from Mr. Patrick Toal, Leinster Terrace, King Street; and Mr. P. K. McNally, Borough Surveyor.

On the motion of Councillor Gaul, seconded by Councillor Connolly, it was unanimously agreed to grant the plot to Mr. McNally.

PUBLIC LIGHTING TENDER.

The next business was to ratify the acceptance by the Finance

Committee of the tender of the Electricity Supply Board for the Public Lighting of the Town for the year ending 31st March, 1937. The Board's estimate for lighting the number of lamps in operation in the Current Year was £537. In addition, it was proposed to erect a new lamp at Roche's Road; a new lamp at Carrigeen; a new lamp at Allen Street; a new lamp at Mary Street; and a new lamp at Duke Street. A new lamp at St. John's Road, and another at Redmond Place near the Railway Station.

In addition, some minor adjustments were being made in the existing system, and the total charge for lighting would amount to £555 for the year 1936/7, together with a charge of £2 : 15 : 5 for alterations.

Councillor James Billington complained that the Electricity Supply Board could supply for much less than they were doing at present, and the Town Clerk replied that the rates charged were similar to those charged in most Municipal Towns, but Councillor Billington complained that the rate was much cheaper in Dublin.

However, on the motion of Councillor Gaul, seconded by Councillor Hayes, the acceptance of the tender by the Finance Committee was ratified, with Councillor James Billington dissenting.

WALL AT DUMP, DAVITT ROAD.

In accordance with notice given, Councillor Connolly moved that the Corporation make provision for the erection of a wall around the old dump at Davitt Road.

In moving his motion, the Councillor complained that unauthorised dumping was being carried on there. He further complained that the residents in the locality suffered great annoyance during the Summer months by reason of flies which the Dump drew to the neighbourhood. He maintained that if a wall were erected it would prevent the dumping that was going on at present there to the annoyance of the residents.

Alderman Walsh seconded the motion, but suggested that the place should be turned into a playground for children.

With reference to unauthorised dumping at this place, the Town Clerk pointed out that during last year complaints had been received from the residents of this nuisance, and as a result of such complaints the Borough Surveyor had set one of the Corporation employees to keep a watch on the place.

On the first morning of his watching, he discovered two people dumping refuse on this ground, and the matter had been reported to the Finance Committee, but they had refused to prosecute the offenders, and it was maintained that a prosecution would be the only effective means of putting a stop to unauthorised dumping of refuse. A further suggestion was made that a Fire Station and houses for members of the Brigade should be erected on this ground, but eventually, on the suggestion of the Mayor, consideration of the motion was adjourned to enable the Borough Surveyor to make a report on (1) as to its suitability as a playground for children; and (2) as to its suitability for the erection of a Fire Station, together with houses for the members of the Fire Brigade.

FREE MILK SUPPLY SCHEME.

Under date of the 25th ultimo, by circular letter No. P.H.26, the Minister for Local Government and Public Health intimated that the amount of the Grant for the Borough, under the National Free Milk Scheme, for the year ending 31st March, 1937, was £901 : 11 : 11, and he asked that the Corporation make arrangements to administer a Scheme for the ensuing year in accordance with the conditions laid down in the past, and, on the motion of Councillor Gaul seconded by Councillor Cashman, it was agreed to administer a scheme for the year 1936/7; the details of administration to be left in the hands of the Public Health Committee.

UNEMPLOYMENT ASSISTANCE FOR FISHERMEN.

The following Resolution from the Arklow Urban Council was adopted on the motion of Councillor Gaul, seconded by Alderman Walsh:-

"That we, the Wexford Corporation, respectfully request the Minister for Industry and Commerce to amend the Regulations

regarding Unemployment Assistance in the case of Fishermen, who are in a totally distinct category to other workers owing to their precarious way of living. Under the existing rules if a fisherman goes out for a night's fishing he is deprived of the Assistance, and, as is very often the case, he returns from the fishing in far greater straightened circumstances than when he departed, due to the fact that no fish is caught or the fishing is extremely light, and the last position of the fisherman is worst than the first, as he has then neither Assistance nor fishing money. The fisherman is thus in a dilemma, not knowing whether to chance getting a little money by the fishing or to remain on shore and be sure of the Unemployment Assistance to provide food for himself and his family."

"Boats at the present time cannot get men owing to this peculiar state of affairs and this is very bad for the Industry."

"Arrangements could be made whereby the Fisherman would continue to receive Assistance, and, if as a result of the fishing, he earns money the amount received in Assistance could then be returned to the Government."

"The whole position in our opinion calls for an inquiry."

RESIGNATION OF LOCAL OFFICERS.

Under date of 28th ultimo, by circular letter No. 18, the Minister for Local Government and Public Health intimated that it was not conducive to the public interest that local officers should continue in pensionable employment above the age of 65 years. The Minister thought it well to give this indication of his view that the normal procedure should entail compulsory retirement at the age of 65.

Where that age had already been reached or exceeded, and there was no obvious loss of efficiency by reason of physical or mental impairment, the Minister would be prepared, if the Local Authority so desired, to allow a period of six months to elapse before an officer was required to relinquish his duties.

The Town Clerk reported that there were two officers affected by the communication, namely, the Sub-Sanitary Officer, who had reached the age of 66 years; and the Corporation Solicitor, who had reached the age of 72, and he suggested that as both officers were at present quite capable of carrying out their duties, the Corporation should request the Minister to allow them to be retained until 1st September next. This period, of course, would also permit the Corporation to carefully consider the matter of their successors, and to make

arrangements to have them appointed against the date of retirement. The Mayor thereupon suggested to the meeting that it would be desirable to fall in with the views of the Town Clerk, and it was unanimously agreed to.

STREETS LEADING FROM QUAYS.

With reference to Minutes of last meeting, when the question of the taking over of the streets leading from the Quays by the Corporation from the Harbour Commissioners was adjourned for consideration by a Special Committee, it was intimated that the Special Rates Committee, to whom the matter had been referred, had carefully considered the whole question of the cost of taking over these streets. The Committee found that the surface of six of them was in a deplorable condition, and as four of the streets were carrying heavy traffic, they would require to be entirely re-made; the remaining two being merely narrow laneways not carrying modern traffic would not require extensive repairs.

The Committee found that to have the four streets remade in concrete would cost at least £1,200, and were prepared to recommend the Corporation to take over the streets and to raise a sum of one-third of the cost of repairing them provided a Grant of the balance of £800 would be made by the State.

The necessary application for the Grant had been made, and His Worship the Mayor had personally interested himself in the matter. On this day a communication had been received from the Minister for Local Government and Public Health, No. R/G.131, intimating that the Minister was unable to see his way to recommend the issue of a Grant of two-thirds of the cost of the improvement works. He was, however, prepared to recommend the issue of a Grant of 50 per cent. subject to a maximum of £600, provided an agreement was entered into between the Corporation and the Harbour Commissioners under which the former would take over the streets and accept responsibility for the maintenance, lighting and cleaning of them, and the latter would make an annual contribution towards maintenance, lighting and cleaning, and the Loan Charges to be incurred by the Corporation in connection with

the improvement works.

The object of raising the matter at the present meeting was to enable the Corporation to express an opinion as to the amount they would require the Harbour Commissioners to contribute towards the cost of this work, so that it could be considered at a meeting of the Commissioners due to be held on the 3rd instant.

It was further explained to the meeting that the annual charge on a Loan of £600 for a period of ten years would be-----£84 : 0 : 0
 There were 19 gas lamps at £2 : 10 : 0 each----- 47 : 10 : 0
 and the scavenging and maintenance was estimated
 to cost, per annum-----100 : 0 : 0

Total Annual Charge-----£231 : 10 : 0

Councillor James Billington proposed that the Harbour Board be asked to pay a sum of £50 per annum towards the cost of the above-mentioned services, but the Town Clerk pointed out that the lighting alone would cost £47 : 10 : 0, thus leaving £2 : 10 : 0 for the repayment of the Loan, scavenging, and maintenance, which would cost £184. Under Section 54 of the Wexford Harbour Act the Corporation could undoubtedly take over the maintenance, lighting, and cleansing of these streets at a figure to be agreed on, but this was intended to apply to a real Agreement, and it would not be ~~within~~ within the spirit of the terms of the Power of Transfer given them by the Section to carry out the work for such a figure as £2 : 10 : 0, which the proposal of Councillor Billington meant.

The Mayor thereupon proposed that the Harbour Board be asked to pay £100 a year, and Councillor Sinnott seconded the proposition, which was agreed to but with Councillors Billington and Gaul dissenting.

STONEBREAKING MACHINERY.

Councillor Gaul asked if any change had been made with regard to the Stonebreaking Machinery in the Quarry. He had been told that the machinery used for some years past had been replaced by County Council Plant.

The Borough Surveyor replied that he had asked for prices from the

County Council and two outside Contractors, and the County Council were the cheapest.

Some members complained, however, that it was not fair competition for a Public Body to be competing against private individuals, but the Borough Surveyor said that the difference was very high, and by employing the County Council Plant it would mean a saving of £2. per day.

The Surveyor intimated that the amount allowed for the particular work on hands would hardly be sufficient, and he wanted to save as much as possible.

As the hiring of Plant in the present instance was only for a few weeks work, no action was taken.

KEY-MEN AT NEW FACTORY.

With reference to Minutes of last meeting, when Councillor Hayes had complained regarding the employment of key-men at the factory of Messrs. J. Brockhouse and Company, the Councillor again referred to this matter, and said he had been the subject of an attack by an anonymous writer in the press over his remarks. He again reiterated that the key-men which were being brought over were intended to be kept here permanently, which he did not consider fair to Wexfordmen. This matter dropped.

EMPLOYMENT OF MEN.

Councillor Sinnott substituted Michael Murphy, Faythe, for Thomas Rossiter in the List of those nominated for employment by him on the 18th November last; and Councillor Hayes substituted Michael Mahon, O'Connell Avenue, for Francis Sinnott.

TIMBER CONTRACT - THE JUDGE'S REMARKS.

The Mayor referred to, what he described as, the extraordinary outburst indulged in by Mr. Justice Hanna in the Law Courts, Dublin, recently. The matter arose out of a slander action by Messrs. McCormack and Hegarty against the Wexford Timber Company in connection with the supply of timber for the Maudlintown Housing Scheme, and the case was commenced on the 17th ultimo. When the hearing was resumed on the 18th, it was announced that the case had been settled in a friendly

way.

After recording the decision, Mr. Justice Hanna said "When it is disclosed in a Public Court by the evidence of public officials like Mr. Millar and Mr. Byrne that the affairs of the Wexford Corporation in connection with this contract have been conducted in the way they have, and that they acted contrary not only to the advice of the Local Government Department but the advice of their own Counsel, it is my duty in public here to express my disapproval of the conduct of the Wexford Corporation in connection with this matter. It is perfectly obvious that this question as to the quality of the timber that was supplied was brought to their notice at an early date, and although they were asked to re-advertise with an amended specification, they declined to do so. I am only expressing my opinion on the evidence given by the Corporation officials when I say that I think the conduct of the majority who acted adversely to the advice of the Local Government Department was quite discreditable, and that they are not fit to conduct public affairs of any description."

In his (Mayor's) opinion the remarks of the Judge were very far removed from his duty, absolutely uncalled for, and impertinent on his part. He was obviously wrong in his conclusion, as indicated by the statement. He (Mayor) would gather from it that they had got inferior timber on the job, or that they had been advised by their Surveyor that they would get inferior timber and that they had absolutely refused to listen to advice. Everyone knew that any dealings the Corporation had with the matter in dispute were a long way prior to any timber being delivered on the site.

The Corporation had Counsel in Court holding a watching brief, and it was a peculiar thing to him (Mayor) that although Mr. Hooper was not allowed to speak, Mr. Justice Hanna ran riot in his remarks. In his opinion, Mr. Hanna was not called upon to give a decision ~~on a~~ ~~decision~~ as to whether the Corporation were right or wrong.

Being in the minority on the occasion on which the Corporation were

deliberating on this matter, the Mayor stated he was not concerned, but although he was not amongst those who voted in a certain direction, he thought it was his duty as Mayor to say what he had said. The matter had been mentioned to him by very prominent people who were of the opinion that Mr. Hanna went a good deal out of his way in making those uncalled for remarks.

Councillor Connolly stated he was very pleased he was one to whom the Judge's remarks did not refer. He thought it would have been better for all concerned if the matter had been allowed to rest, but in reference to the learned Judge's remarks he intimated that the Judge had more information before him than he could get. He (Councillor Connolly) had asked for certain information on several occasions, but had been refused point blank.

Councillor Connolly further intimated that one member went so far as to say that there had been bribery attached to the matter, but he (Councillor Connolly) wished it to be understood that he neither took nor was offered a bribe in the case from start to finish.

Councillors James Billington and Sinnott intimated that in voting as they did in connection with this contract, they did so in all honesty, and would do the same thing again if it occurred to-morrow. Several other members complained of the remarks of the Judge, and the matter dropped.

The Meeting then terminated.

Richard A. O'Sullivan J.D.
Mayor of Wexford

9th March, 1936.

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 statement of estimated receipts and expenditure, together with the estimate of rates to be raised in the Financial Year ending on 31st March, 1937, as prepared by the Town Clerk.

The members present were:-

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

Aldermen: William Cullimore, Thomas Walsh, Patrick Tobin, Robert Coffey, and Michael Flusk.

Councillors: Patrick Atkins, Phillip McGuire, James Billington, Nicholas Connolly, James Gaul, James Crosbie, Thomas Hayes, Thomas Dunne, James Sinnott, and James Murphy.

The Borough Surveyor and Town Clerk were also in attendance.

TOWN RATES.

A copy of the statement and estimates had been furnished to each member of the Council some days previous to the meeting, and showed that the total Town Rates to be raised for the year 1936/7 amounted to nine shillings and tenpence in the pound as against a rate of ten shillings for the year ending 31st March next. A copy of the statement of estimated receipts and expenditure, together with the estimate of rates to be raised, is appended to this Minute.

VALUATION OF BOROUGH.

In introducing the statement, the Mayor explained that the gross valuation of the Borough had increased by £113 to £22,266 : 18 : 0. Unfortunately, however, he stated, this was not all effective as various allowances had to be made for reduction of valuation on new buildings; under the Housing Acts; in respect of arable land; domestic water rate, etc.

STATEMENT.

The statement of receipts and expenditure was taken item for item, and No. 1 - Housing of the Working Classes - showed a loss of

£213 : 1 : 0, which was the equivalent of 2·38d. in the pound.

In reply to a query, the Town Clerk stated that that was the entire amount he estimated the ratepayers would have to contribute towards the housing of the working classes in the ensuing Financial Year.

In reply to a further query the Town Clerk stated that he had not estimated on receiving any subsidy in respect of the Maudlintown Housing Scheme, but had estimated for rents of Eight Shillings for four-roomed houses and Six Shillings for three-roomed houses.

Councillor Connolly stated that for the current Financial Year a sum of £313 : 13 : 4 had been included as subsidy in connection with the Maudlintown Housing Scheme, and asked if that money had yet been received, and the Town Clerk replied that no subsidy would be paid in the current year in respect of the Maudlintown Scheme. He further explained that even if they were entitled to a Two-third Subsidy, the actual amount would only have been £230 as the Loan Charges were somewhat less than he had estimated.

In reply to a further query by Councillor Connolly, the Town Clerk intimated that the loss of this subsidy had been made up by various savings during the year sufficient to pay all debts without the subsidy.

Councillor Connolly further stated that he had been told by an official last year that they would have three months' rents from 54 houses at Maudlintown by the end of the Financial Year, but it was pointed out by the Mayor that, in all fairness to the official concerned, there had been two strikes which had occupied the best part of three months. Councillor Connolly further enquired that if the subsidy had been received would not the savings mentioned by the Town Clerk have been used to relieve unemployment, and the Councillor was informed that it would be entirely a matter for the Council to deal with any such savings as they deemed fit, provided it was done in a legal manner. The Councillor Further questioned the amount of £6,469 appearing for repayment and interest on Loans for the erection of houses, and the Town Clerk explained to him that the figure mentioned was to pay all

interest and sinking fund charges in respect of houses (including Maudlintown) for which the Corporation would become liable in the next twelve months. It did not matter whether they got subsidy or not, the Corporation were liable in the first instance for interest and sinking fund; the question of subsidy did not arise between them and the Commissioners of Public Works, who loaned the money. He (Town Clerk) estimated the amount of subsidy to be received next year at £1,800 excluding the Maudlintown Scheme. In respect of this latter scheme, he was estimating for rents at the rate of Eight shillings and Six Shillings. When the actual cost of the houses was ascertained the Corporation were at liberty to fix an economic rent or allow a certain subsidy themselves.

Councillor Connolly further asked if he was right in saying that they were informed by the Town Clerk, when dealing with the rates for the current year, that in respect of some houses, the final instalment of the Loan would be paid, and he was informed that he was correct and that the final instalment on the St. John's Avenue houses had been paid, but of course this relief was more than offset by the Charges on the Maudlintown Loan.

This completed the discussion on this portion of the Statement, and the Mayor appealed to tenants who had been given new houses within recent years to pay their rent more regularly.

No question was raised on Item No. 2, in respect of Graveyards. Regarding No. 3 - Markets and other Corporate Property, it was explained that in the current Financial Year a sum of £250 had been raised in respect of the proposed new Town Hall, but it had not been found possible to proceed with the building, and a further £200 was being raised in the current year, making in all £450.

The amount to be received in respect of Market Tolls was questioned by Alderman Coffey, and he was informed that this matter was engaging the attention of the Special Rates Committee, who intended going into the whole question of the charges in the Market and would make a report to the Corporation.

Item No. 4. showed that Vocational Education was costing the Rate-

payers of Wexford a net sum of £645 or the equivalent of 7.36d. in the pound, and in reply to a query, Alderman Walsh, the Chairman of the Vocational Education Committee, stated that full advantage was being taken of the facilities provided.

Referring to Item No. 5 - Domestic and Public Scavenging - it was pointed out that the estimated receipts were down by £40. This was accounted for by a revision of the Scale of Charges for the emptying of dustbins made last year, which it was thought at the time would have induced more people to avail of this service, but unfortunately this was not the case.

With regard to No. 6 - Maintenance of Streets, Roads, and Footpaths - it was pointed out that the Loan Charges of £796 were in respect of short-term Loans (seven years) and would reduce by approximately £175 each year. The original Loan for opening St. John's Road was for a period of twenty years, and the Loan borrowed this year to complete it was for ten years. The estimate for repairs to streets was the same as last year.

Alderman Coffey questioned the advisability of laying footpaths with concrete flags, and stated that he noticed that a number of them were cracking, but it was explained that these were laid under a Relief Grant and a large number of unskilled men had been employed for short periods at the work.

With reference to No. 7 - Public Health and Social Services - it was pointed out that these were costing 23.59d. in the pound, and the Mayor reviewed the various Public Health Services such as the supplying of milk, the feeding of necessitous school children, etc., etc. to which this expenditure related.

An amount of £60 included in the estimate for the Bathing Place was queried by several members, who were of the opinion that it would not be sufficient to maintain the place in the ensuing year as it had got into a bad state of repair during the Winter. However, the estimate was not increased.

SALARY OF MEDICAL OFFICER OF HEALTH.

Councillor Hayer questioned the Salary of the Medical Officer of Health.
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Health (£40 per year) but it was pointed out that last year this had been increased by £35 and up to the present the Minister for Local Government and Public Health had not seen fit to sanction it. It appeared that it was the intention of the County Board of Health to divide Wexford into two Dispensary Districts and to appoint a second Dispensary Doctor, who would also be Medical Officer of Health for the Borough, and in view of this the Minister for Local Government and Public Health had intimated that the question of the salary of the Medical Officer of Health could not be decided by him until a proposed arrangement by the Board of Health was completed.

IMMUNISATION AGAINST DIPHTHERIA.

A sum of £40 was included in the Estimate for the immunisation of children against Diphtheria. Some two years ago a sum of £100 had been allocated for this service, but then it was the first occasion on which immunisation had been carried out, and it was now thought that if a sum of £40 was included annually, it would be sufficient.

FIRE BRIGADE ESTIMATE.

No comment was made on the Fire Brigade Estimate, which was increased by a sum of approximately £75, and was accounted for by the purchase of a new Fire Engine last year.

WATERWORKS RATE.

The Waterworks Rate remained the same as last year. The expenditure had been reduced by approximately £100, but on the other hand the receipts from the sale of water to ships was rapidly declining, so that no reduction could be made in the rate required for this service.

GENERAL ADMINISTRATION.

No objection was raised to any items contained in No. 10 - General Administration, or No. 11 - Miscellaneous - and the Mayor having compared the 1935/6 rates with the estimate for 1936/7 said the net result was a reduction of twopence in the pound. That was not very much, but when they read the newspapers they found that a number of Public Bodies in the State were increasing their rates considerably. In view of the amount of work the Corporation was doing and the number of improvements being carried out, he did not think they were doing too

badly. He believed they would have a reduction in the Poor Rate as well, and that also would be helpful.

RECOMMENDATIONS FROM SPECIAL RATES COMMITTEE.

Before the Resolutions agreeing on the rates in the pound were put, a number of recommendations from the Special Rates Committee were submitted. They were:-

- (1) That a sum of £40 be included in the Estimates for the immunisation of children against Diphtheria.

This was agreed to on the motion of the Mayor, seconded by Councillor Crosbie.

- (2) That a sum of £10 be contributed to the funds of the Irish Tourist Association in the year 1936/7.

This was unanimously adopted on the motion of Councillor Gaul, seconded by Councillor James Billington.

- (3) That the salary of Miss Lacey, typist, be increased from £1 : 10 : 0 to £2. per week.

Relative to this Recommendation, a letter was read from the Irish Union of Distributive Workers expressing the opinion that the present salary was inadequate, and intimating that the lowest specified rate was 40/- per week.

In reply to a query, the Town Clerk intimated that the position was only a temporary one. Last year the Corporation had sanctioned her employment for a period of twelve months and the Minister for Local Government and Public Health had approved in two half-yearly periods. On the motion of Councillor Gaul, seconded by Councillor Crosbie, the increase in salary was granted; and on the motion of Alderman Flusk, seconded by Councillor Murphy, it was agreed that her employment be extended to the 30th September, 1936, subject to the approval of the Minister for Local Government and Public Health.

- (4) That the salary of the Mayor in the quarter ended 30th June, 1936, be increased by a sum of £25.

This was agreed to on the motion of Councillor Connolly, seconded by Alderman Coffey.

HEALTH VISITOR'S SALARY.

A letter was read from Miss Daly, Health Visitor, applying to have her salary put on an incremental scale to a maximum of £200 per annum. Twelve months ago Miss Daly applied to have her then salary of £156 per annum increased to £165, and thence by increments of £5 to a maximum of £200.

At that time the Corporation agreed to grant her an increase of £10, and to re-open the matter again this year.

Alderman Coffey said that from enquiries he had made he found she was a very competent lady, and that the services she rendered to the poor were very necessary.

Other members having spoken of the efficiency of the Health Visitor, it was unanimously agreed on the motion of Councillor Sinnott, seconded by Councillor Connolly, that her present salary of £166 be increased, as from 1st April, 1936, to £170, and thence by annual increments of £5 to a maximum of £200 per annum.

STREETS LEADING FROM QUAYS.

With reference to Minutes of last Meeting, when the question of taking over the streets leading to the Quays from the Wexford Harbour Commissioners was under consideration, and when it had been decided that the Commissioners be requested to contribute £100 per annum towards the service, the Special Rates Committee also recommended that the streets be taken over and that the Corporation raise a Loan of £600 to supplement the Government Grant.

The estimated cost of putting the principal streets into a proper state of repair was £1,200, and the Minister for Local Government and Public Health had intimated, under date of the 2nd instant by letter No. R/G.131, that he was prepared to recommend a Grant of fifty per cent. of the cost, the Corporation to raise the balance.

The Harbour Commissioners had been asked if they were prepared to contribute a sum of £100 towards the cost of the maintenance, lighting and cleansing of these streets, and under today's date the Secretary intimated that the Commissioners were agreeable to pay the figure

suggested by the Corporation; the Agreement to be without prejudice to any settlement that may be made under the Ports and Harbour Tribunal, 1930.

The estimated cost of maintaing these streets was made up as follows:-

19 Gas Lamps at £2 : 10 : 0-----£47 : 10 : 0

Repayment of Loan of £600 for 10 years----- 84 : 0 : 0

Scavenging and maintenance-----100 : 0 : 0

Total-----£231 : 10 : 0

With reference to this matter it was stated that at the meeting of the Harbour Commissioners the number of lights mentioned in the Corporation's estimate was questioned, and so it was agreed on the motion of Councillor Connolly, seconded by Councillor Sinnott, that the Corporation take over and maintain the streets leading from the Quays including their lighting and cleansing for the sum of £52: 10 : 0 per annum, plus the present cost of lighting.

It was further agreed on the motion of Councillor Sinnott, seconded by Alderman Walsh, that a Loan of £600 for a period of ten years be raised from the Treasurer 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.

RE DUMPING AT DAVITT ROAD.

In accordance with notice given at last meeting, Councillor Connolly moved that the Corporation make provision in the estimates for the erection of a wall in front of the old dumping ground at Davitt Road, North.

As requested at last meeting, the Borough Surveyor reported that he had inspected the site and could see no serious objection to building houses of the bungalow type on practically the full frontage of the site. The more recently used portions could be covered with soil in order to combat the fly nuisance before the warm weather sets in. The erection of buildings was the only solution for the prevention of dumping, which was undoubtedly being carried on there at present.

BOROUGH OF WEXFORD

A

STATEMENT OF ESTIMATED RECEIPTS AND EXPENDITURE

AND

B

ESTIMATE OF RATES TO BE RAISED

IN THE FINANCIAL YEAR ENDING ON 31st MARCH, 1937.

Gross Valuation of Borough

£22,266 18 0

The Valuation effective for Assessment Purposes is:—

In respect of.—

Borough Rate	...	...	£19,228
Rate in lieu of Co. Cess	...	...	£18,789
Domestic Water Rate	...	...	£16,800
Public Water Rate	...	...	£18,900

JOHN J. BYRNE,

Town Clerk.

Town Clerk's Office,
Town Hall, Wexford.
2nd March, 1936.

A.

STATEMENT OF ESTIMATED RECEIPTS AND EXPENDITURE

	Receipts.			Expenditure.		
	£	s	d	£	s	d
No. 1.—HOUSING OF THE WORKING CLASSES.						
Repayment and Interest on Loans				6469	0	0
Maintenance and Repair of Artizans' Dwellings				450	0	0
Ground Rents				18	1	0
Rent Collector's Commission				200	0	0
Fire Insurance				60	0	0
Rates—Town, £640; Poor, £530				1170	0	0
Income Tax				100	0	0
Rents (including Rates)						
from houses in course of Construction				4837	0	0
Grant under Housing Act, 1908				1577	0	0
Grant under Housing Act, 1932				40	0	0
				1800	0	0
				£8254	0	0
				£8467	1	0

Rate Chargeable—Borough Rate

No. 2.—GRAVEYARDS.

Repayment and Interest on Loans				33	0	0
Wages of Caretaker				104	0	0
Wages of Grave-digger				39	0	0
Cost of Grave Openings				90	0	0
General Maintenance				30	0	0
Rates and Taxes				5	0	0
Telephone Service				8	0	0
Cleansing of Old Graveyards				16	0	0
Sale of Grave Spaces and Burial Fees				200	0	0
				£200	0	0
				£325	0	0

Rate Chargeable with—Borough Rate

No. 3.—MARKETS AND OTHER CORPORATE PROPERTY.

Loan for Proposed New Town Hall, £450						
Less amount raised last year				250		
				200	0	0
Fee for Performing Rights Society				5	5	0
Toll Collector (part of Town Sergeant's Salary)				26	0	0
Rent Collector (Corporate Estate)				10	0	0
Insurance				20	0	0
Rent of Market Site				50	0	0
Rent of Town Hall (Cornmarket) Site				13	8	6
Repairs to Corporate Property (B. & C.)				70	0	0
Market Tolls and Stalls				100	0	0
Fees from Town Hall				40	0	0
Rents from Corporate Estate				120	0	0
				£230	0	0
				£394	13	6

Rate Chargeable with

		Receipts.	Expend.
Borough	...	£230	£374 13 6
Co. Cess	...	—	20 0 0

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No. 4.—VOCATIONAL EDUCATION.

	Receipts.			Expenditure.		
	£	s	d	£	s	d
Repayment of Loans for Extension Grants				460	0	0
Contribution in Aid for year 1936/7				415	0	0
Recoupment of Half Cost of Loans	230	0	0			
	£230	0	0	£875	0	0

Rate Chargeable with—Borough.

No. 5.—SCAVENGING—DOMESTIC AND PUBLIC.

Cleansing and Watering of Streets				1000	0	0
Domestic Scavenging	120	0	0	550	0	0
Petrol and Insurance of Ford Lorry				80	0	0
Boots and Oilcoats for Workmen				15	0	0
Collector of Scavenging Fees (Part of Town Sergeant's Salary)				26	0	0
Insurance of Workmen (Employer's Liability)				60	0	0
National Health and Unemployment Insurance				12	0	0
	£120	0	0	£1743	0	0

Rate Chargeable with—Borough.

No. 6.—MAINTENANCE OF STREETS, ROADS AND FOOTPATHS (Exclusive of Main Roads Upkeep).

Repayment of Loans (Streets)	796	0	0
Repayment of Loans (St. John's Rd.) B.	290	0	0
Repayment of Loan (Lorry)	120	0	0
Repairs to Streets and Footpaths	600	0	0
N.H. and Unemployment Insurance	60	0	0
Employer's Liability Insurance	40	0	0
Rent of Stone Depot at Faythe	10	0	0
Licence Duty, Insurance and Petrol for " Morris " Lorry	130	0	0
	£2046	0	0

Rate Chargeable with

Borough £290
Co. Cess 1756

No. 7.—PUBLIC HEALTH AND SOCIAL SERVICES.

	Receipts.			Expenditure.		
	£	s	d	£	s	d
Repayment of Sewer Loans	427	0	0
Repairing and Cleansing Sewers	150	0	0
Vaccination Acts Expenses	20	0	0
Food and Drugs Acts Expenses	45	0	0
Salary of Sanitary Sub-Officer	143	0	0
do. Medical Officer of Health	46	0	0
do. Veterinary Inspector (Dairies and Cowsheds)	30	0	0
do. Veterinary Inspector (Meat Inspector)	318	13	4
do. Health Visitor	83	0	0
do. Inspector of Milkshops (Town Sergeant)	26	0	0
do. Executive Sanitary Officer (Town Clerk)	20	0	0
Administration of Free Milk Scheme	50	0	0
Bathing Place	60	0	0
Milk—Maternity and Child Welfare	82	10	0
Feeding of Necessitous School Children	100	0	0
Immunisation against Diphtheria	40	0	0
Public Lighting	580	0	0
Recoupment of Portion of Sanitary Officers' Salaries	35	0	0
	£619	3	4
				£2640	0	0

Rate Chargeable with—Borough.

No. 8.—FIRE BRIGADE.

Repayment of Loan for Fire Engine	...	...	200	0	0
General Maintenance (including Men's Stipend)	...	...	75	0	0
Telephone Service	...	...	8	0	0
			£283	0	0

Rate Chargeable with—Borough.

No. 9.—WATERWORKS.

	Receipts.			Expenditure.		
	£	s	d	£	s	d
Repayment of Loans				1252	0	0
Proposed Renewal of Mains, 1936/7				25	0	0
Income Tax and Rates				35	0	0
Salary of Superintendent				165	0	0
Wages of Turncock				200	0	0
„ Caretaker				65	0	0
„ P. Somers				15	12	0
Collector's Commission				50	0	0
Printing and Advertising				30	0	0
Employer's Liability Insurance				10	0	0
National Health and Unemployment Insurance				12	0	0
Right-of-way to John Street Reservoir				4	0	0
Audit Fee				7	0	0
Preparation of Rate Books				9	10	0
General Maintenance				100	0	0
Sale of Water by Meter	400	0	0			
Special Charges	50	0	0			
Special Agreements	13	0	0			
Government Rates	5	0	0			
Sale of Water to Ships	50	0	0			
Miscellaneous Receipts	25	0	0			
	£543	0	0	£1980	2	0

Rate Chargeable with—Water.

No. 10.—GENERAL ADMINISTRATION.

Salary of The Mayor	100	0	0
„ Town Clerk	360	0	0
„ Clerical Assistant	160	0	0
„ Typist	104	0	0
„ Town Sergeant (Part of)	52	0	0
„ Office Cleaner	8	0	0
Printing and Advertising (B. & C.)	150	0	0
Telephone Rents (B. & C.)	30	0	0
Fuel and Light (B. & C.)	60	0	0
Law Costs	120	0	0
Stationery & Office Equipment (B. & C.)	40	0	0
Preparation of Rate Books (B. & C.)	19	0	0
Delegates' Expenses	20	0	0
Uniform and Boots—Town Sergeant	10	0	0
Reports of Association of Municipal Authorities	5	5	0
Audit Fee—Part of (B. & C.)	14	0	0
Town Surveyor's Salary (Part of) (B. & C.)	160	0	0
Rate Collectors' Commission (B. & C.)	220	0	0
Fees returned by Town Clerk:—			
Franchise	70	0	0
Old Age Pensions Salary	18	0	0
	£88	0	0
	£1632	5	0

Rate Chargeable with:

	Receipts.	Expenditure.
Borough	£88	£1385 15 0
On. Cess	—	246 10 0

No. 11.—MISCELLANEOUS.

	Receipts.			Expenditure.		
	£	s	d	£	s	d
Small Dwellings Acquisition Acts	105	0	0	100	0	0
Employer's Liability Insurance				35	0	0
Tithe Rent Charge				10	0	0
National Health and Unemployment Insurance				12	0	0
Irish Tourist Association				10	0	0
Miscellaneous Receipts	20	0	0			
Government Rates (B. & C.)	10	10	0			
	£135	10	0	£167	0	0

Rate Chargeable with:

	Receipts.	Expend.
Borough	£132 0 0	£167 0 0
Co. Cess	3 10 0	

ESTIMATE OF RATES TO BE RAISED.

BOROUGH RATE.

No.	Service.	Receipts.			Expenditure.		
		£	s	d	£	s	d
No. 1.	Housing of the Working Classes	8254	0	0	8467	1	0
" 2.	Burial Grounds	200	0	0	325	0	0
" 3.	Markets and other Corporate Property	230	0	0	374	13	6
" 4.	Vocational Education	230	0	0	875	0	0
" 5.	Scavenging—Domestic and Public	120	0	0	1743	0	0
" 6.	Maintenance of Streets, Roads and Footpaths				290	0	0
" 7.	Public Health and Social Services	619	3	4	2640	0	0
" 8.	Fire Brigade				283	0	0
" 10.	General Administration	88	0	0	1385	15	0
" 11.	Miscellaneous	132	0	0	167	0	0
	Contingencies				150	0	0
	Collectable Rates Outstanding at 31st March, 1936	300	0	0			
	Excess of Estimated Expenditure over Receipts and amount to be raised by means of a Borough Rate	*6527	6	2			
		£16700	9	6	£16700	9	6

Amount to be raised by Borough Rate
 Less Rate Collected in Rents of Artizans' Dwellings

*6527 6 2
 437 0 0
 6090 6 2

A Borough Rate of 6/4 in the £ will produce:—

For General Town Purposes at 1/- in the £

960 0 0

For General Sanitary Purposes at 5/4 in the £

5120 0 0
 6080 0 0

RATE IN LIEU OF CO. CESS.

No. 3.	Markets and other Corporate Property				20	0	0
" 6.	Maintenance of Streets, Roads and Footpaths				1756	0	0
" 10.	General Administration				246	10	0
" 11.	Miscellaneous	3	10	0			
	Contingencies				100	0	0
	Collectable Rates Outstanding at 31st March, 1936	120	0	0			
	Excess of Estimated Expenditure over Receipts and amount to be raised by means of a Rate in lieu of Co. Cess	*1999	0	0			
		£2122	10	0	£2122	10	0
	Amount to be raised by Rate in lieu of Co. Cess	*£1999	0	0			
	Less Rate Collected in Rents of Artizans' Dwellings	139	0	0	£1860	0	0
	A Rate of 2/- in the £ will produce about				£1872	0	0

WATER RATES.

No.	Service.	Receipts.			Expenditure.		
		£	s	d	£	s	d
9.	Waterworks	543	0	0	1980	2	0
	Collectible Rates Outstanding 31st March, 1936	50	0	0			
	Excess of Estimated Expenditure over Receipts and amount to be raised by means of Water Rates	*1387	2	0			
		£1980	2	0	£1980	2	0
	Amount to be raised by Water Rates	*1387	2	0			
	Less Rates Collected in Rents of Artizans' Dwellings	67	0	0	1320	2	0
		£1320	0	0	£1320	0	0
	A Domestic Rate of 1/- in the £ will produce about	£840	0	0			
	A Public Rate of 6d. in the £ will produce about	£474	0	0	£1314	0	0

SUMMARY OF RATES TO BE RAISED IN YEAR 1936/37:

	Rate in the £	
Borough Rate	6	4
Rate in lieu of Co. Cess	2	0
Domestic Water Rate	1	0
Public Water Rate	0	6
Total Estimated Rate in the £ for 1936/37 in respect of Town Rates	9	10

The Rate in the £ for 1935/36 was 10/- in the £.

JOHN J. BYRNE,

Town Clerk.

Town Clerk's Office,
Town Hall, Wexford.
2nd March, 1936.

Forward-----	55.02d.	in the Pound.	
7. Public Health-----	23.65d.	" "	"
8. Fire Brigade-----	3.20d.	" "	"
9. Waterworks-----	18.00d.	" "	"
10. General Administration -	17.72d.	" "	"
11. Miscellaneous-----	.41d.	" "	"
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Total-----	118.00d.	" "	"

The Meeting then separated.

Richard Corish J.D.
Mayor of Wexford

6th April, 1936.

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: Michael Flusk, William Cullimore, Robert Coffey, Thomas Walsh, and Patrick Tobin.

Councillors: Robert Moran, James Murphy, Patrick Atkins, James McMahon, James Sinnott, James Crosbie, James Gaul, Michael Martin, Thomas Hayes, Phillip McGuire, James Billington, John Billington, Thomas Buckland, Timothy Cashman, Thomas Doyle, Nicholas Connolly, and Thomas Dunne.

MINUTES.

On the motion of Councillor Gaul, seconded by Alderman Walsh, the Minutes of Meetings of the Corporation of 2nd and 9th March, 1936, were taken as having been read and were accordingly signed.

Councillor Gaul also moved that the Minutes of Meetings of Finance and Works, Waterworks, and Public Health Committees of 2nd and 23rd ultimo, and of Meeting of the Housing Committee on the 18th ultimo, be taken as having been read, and ratified. Alderman Walsh seconded. Arising out of Minutes of Housing Committee on the 18th ultimo,

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Minutes of Chairman.....

Alderman Flusk asked for the report of Major Waller on the leakage of the Nofrango roofs, and for the report of Mr. Millar on the cost of the Nofrango houses at Hill Street.

The following are the two reports referred to:-

Major Waller's Report.

"As instructed I have examined the roofs of the Nofrango houses in Wexford.

I find there are leaks in the roofs of some of the houses.

The leakage is caused by the movement that has taken place in the timber sheeting under the felt due to shrinkage. The timber used was practically unseasoned with the result that the boards have shrunk abnormally. Evidence of this shrinkage can also be seen in the doors of the houses, which doors were made from timber which I am informed was selected from the same parcel as used on the roofs.

I anticipate that the shrinkage will continue and that the leakage will become more serious.

In my opinion there is no satisfactory method of staunching the roofs that will not fail with further shrinkage.

Accordingly, I consider that the Nofrango and felt should be removed and the roofs covered with asbestos slates, the pitch in some of the houses being too flat for tiles."

Mr. Millar's Report.

"With reference to the cost of Hill Street Houses, I beg to state that I have again gone into this question.

I have gone into the Estimate prepared by Major Waller, and I find that £5,060 should have been ample to build those houses as per plan-----£5060 : 0 : 0

Add for extra work outside of Plan as mentioned in my previous report----- 352 : 0 : 0
Add extra for Duroid Felt----- 44 : 0 : 0

£5456 : 0 : 0

Development of Site, as per Estimate prepared by Mr. Daly, which I consider more than ample for this work----- 850 : 0 : 0

Engineer's salary----- 96 :16 :10

Insurance----- 80 : 1 : 6

Royalties----- 122 : 5 : 8

Land----- 325 : 0 : 0

Law Costs----- 23 : 5 : 3

The total cost of houses should not have exceeded the sum of-----£6953 : 9 : 3

The All-in cost was £7682 : 12 : 3 or £729 : 3 : 0 more than what I estimate the houses should have been built for.

If the houses had been built in a reasonable time, say six months, the Corporation would have saved in wages £257 on Foreman, Timekeeper and Watchman, and this deducted from £729 leaves £472 to be accounted for, and it is my opinion from the analysis of the costs already furnished to members that the cost of labour is in excess by about 12% of what it should have been, and would more than account for the deficiency shown above.

I would also like to point out that a considerable amount of materials were purchased, for which no tenders were invited, and this also would tend to increase the cost of the houses by at least two per cent."

In reply to a query, the Town Clerk stated that according to an Estimate prepared by the Borough Surveyor the Hill Street houses would cost £450 and the Davitt Road houses £140 to re-roof.

In reply to a query by Alderman Flusk, the Town Clerk stated that subsidy was being paid on the Hill Street houses, but he had received no report on the scheme from any Department Inspector.

In reply to a further query, the Town Clerk stated that it did not follow because he had received no report that the houses were not inspected. An Inspector might visit the houses, and he (Town Clerk) would not be aware of it; the Inspector would make his report to the Minister, and it did not follow that the Town Clerk would receive a copy of it.

After a short discussion, this matter dropped.

IRISH MANUFACTURED GOODS.

Also arising out of Minutes of the Housing Committee, Alderman Flusk asked if there was any clause in the specification for the supply of hardware to the effect that goods of Irish Manufacture should be used as much as possible, and he was informed there was such a clause.

He then asked if that clause in the specification was being carried out in regard to eave brackets, and the Borough Surveyor stated that the matter had been discussed before, when he explained that these brackets were not being manufactured in Ireland.

A Dublin Firm was written to, and they said they could make the brackets at about four times the cost.

The position in this case was that when the specification for hardware

was issued, a section was made showing the type of bracket required, but this particular bracket was not manufactured in the Saorstat and could only be produced as a special order.

Alderman Flusk then said he had written to the Firm in question, and had a reply stating they could supply a number for Maudlintown within fourteen days at a certain price.

The Borough Surveyor stated that when he wrote first it would take five weeks, and they could only supply half the order.

A lengthy discussion followed on this matter as to whether or not the Corporation should support the Irish manufactured article in the present case even though it was 400 per cent. dearer, and Alderman Flusk moved that the brackets of Saorstat manufacture be used irrespective of the cost. Councillor Moran seconded.

The Mayor, however, moved as an amendment that the matter be referred to the Housing Committee for an investigation to see if the Contractor could be compelled, having regard to the terms of the Specification, to supply a bracket of Irish manufacture. Councillor James Billington seconded the amendment, and on a show of hands the amendment was declared carried by fifteen votes for to seven against.

The Minutes of the Committees as submitted were thereupon taken as having been read, and were approved.

PAYMENTS.

Liabilities which had accrued due up to the end of last month, amounting, in the aggregate, to £5,962 : 17 : 0 were submitted, and having been examined were approved, and an Advice Note was signed to enable them to be discharged.

VOTES OF SYMPATHY.

On the motion of the Mayor, seconded by Councillor Gaul, the sympathy of the meeting was extended to Mr. J. V. Fahy, District Justice, on the death of his mother.

The President of the Executive Council, Mr. Thomas Millar, and Councillor Robert Moran acknowledged votes of sympathy passed with them at previous meetings.

URBAN DISTRICT OF WEXFORD

PURCHASE OF GROUND AT MAUDLINTOWN.

The Housing Committee recommended the purchase of a piece of ground at Maudlintown from Mr. Joseph Scallan for the purpose of completing a roadway to the 154 houses in course of construction there, for the sum of £50.

It was explained to the meeting that when first asked to sell this piece of ground, Mr. Scallan asked for £300, and as it contained approximately 1/25th part of an acre, this would be at the rate of £7,500 per acre, and, as well, the Corporation would be required to carry out the necessary alterations, which would cost approximately £200.

A short time ago, the Borough Surveyor, Clerk of Works, and Town Clerk had an interview with Mr. Scallan on the site, when the piece of ground proposed to be acquired was pointed out to him, and on behalf of the Corporation the Town Clerk offered £30 for it. Subsequently Mr. Scallan refused to accept this amount and asked for £75, but the Housing Committee had made him a further offer of £50, which he had agreed to accept.

As the piece of ground was very necessary, the recommendation of the Housing Committee was unanimously adopted on the motion of Alderman Walsh, seconded by Alderman Coffey.

A further recommendation was submitted from the Housing Committee, relative to the purchase of ground necessary to complete the Maudlintown Housing Scheme and to allow a roadway to be made to the site at a cost of approximately £840.

The Housing Committee had been in negotiation with a number of people concerned for some time past, and eventually had agreed on the following amounts as compensation for the property proposed to be acquired:-

Mrs. Edward Murphy, £175 for a house and garden; Captain Cardiff £20 for part of a garden; John Molloy, £15 for part of a garden; the Abbott of Mount Melleray and Mrs. Barry Smith, £30 for two holdings; and Mr. M. O'Neill, £5 in respect of a reversionary interest.

This amounted to a total of £245, and the fee simple interest would

URBAN DISTRICT OF WEXFORD.

*Poor Rate Estimate
referred to in Page 142
14-4-36.*

ESTIMATE OF EXPENSES to be raised by means of a Poor Rate in the Urban District of Wexford
for the Service of the Financial Year ending on 31st March, 1937.

To County Council Demand :—	£	s	d	£	s	d
In respect of Roads	1219	0	0			
In respect of County Services	1313	0	0			
In respect of Library Service	52	0	0			
In respect of Poor Relief	3486	0	0			
In respect of Board of Health Charges	307	0	0			
In respect of Separate Charges	48	15	9	6425	15	0
To Rate Collector's Poundage				250	0	0
Printing, Advertising, etc.				100	0	0
Legal Expenses				50	0	0
Preparation of Rate Book, Receipt and Demand Notes, etc.				21	0	0
To Contribution under the Unemployment Assistance Act, 1933				875	0	0
Irrecoverable Rates from previous years (part of)				650	0	0
Total amount to be raised by means of Poor Rate for the Financial Year ending on 31st March, 1937				8371	15	9
Less Amount collected in Rents of Artizans' Dwellings				530	0	0
				7841	15	9
A Rate of Eight Shillings and Twopence (8/2) in the Pound will produce about	7840	0	0			
Total Valuation of Borough	22266	18	0			
Total Valuation effective for assessment purposes	19228	0	0			

On Monday, March 23rd, 1936, the Finance Committee recommended that
a Poor Rate of Eight Shillings and Twopence (8/2) in the Pound be
laid on in respect of Financial Year 1936/37.

RICHARD CORISH.

Mayor.

JOHN J. BYRNE.

Town Clerk.

cost another £150, making in all £395 for the entire property acquired.

The acquisition of this property would enable a road to be made from the junction at Batt Street to William Street to link up with the road coming from the South ^{end of the} site, in respect of which it had been agreed to purchase the ground from Mr. Scallan to complete.

The Borough Surveyor estimated the road would cost £840 to make, and the Minister for Finance had sanctioned the making of a Grant of 50 per cent. of the cost provided it was carried out as an Experimental Unemployment Assistance Scheme. This the Corporation agreed to do, and it now only required the completion of these purchases to enable the road to be made.

The Housing Committee's recommendation in this case was also unanimously agreed to, on the motion of Councillor Sinnott, seconded by Councillor Crosbie.

FIXING OF QUARTERLY MEETING.

The next business was to fix, in accordance with the Provisions of 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 June nor later than 1st July next; and on the motion of the Mayor, seconded by Councillor Sinnott, it was unanimously agreed to fix Friday, 26th June, 1936, at half-past seven o'clock p.m. as the day and hour of such meeting.

POOR RATE.

The Finance Committee recommended that a Poor Rate of eight shillings and twopence in the Pound be made in respect of the year 1936/7, and a copy of the Estimate as prepared by the Town Clerk (which is attached hereto) had been furnished to each member previous to the meeting.

This showed that the County Council Demand for the ensuing twelve months was £6425 : 15 : 0. In addition, provision had to be made for a contribution at the rate of ninepence in the Pound under the Unemployment Assistance Act of 1933, together with the cost of preparation and collection, and an allowance for irrecoverable rates.

The net result was that a sum of £7,841 : 15 : 9 required to be raised by means of a Poor Rate in the year 1936/7, and a rate of Eight shillings and two pence in the pound would be necessary to realise this amount.

The Mayor said that the rate was Fourpence in the Pound less than last year, but pointed out that were it not for the operation of the Unemployment Assistance Act, it would be much lower. They were paying £875 a year as a contribution to the Act, and were the only Public Body in the County Wexford doing so. Notwithstanding the operation of the Act, no reduction had been made in the Demand of the County Board of Health in respect of Poor Relief. Actually, the Demand was increasing, and he thought it would be only reasonable to ask the Government for a reduction of this £875 in view of the fact that they had reduced their contribution to the Fund by approximately £102,000. He suggested that before the Government reduced their own contribution they should relieve local ratepayers.

After a short discussion, it was agreed that the Department of Industry and Commerce should be written to and asked to amend the Unemployment Assistance Act to provide for a reduction of Local Contributions, and on the motion of the Mayor, seconded by Councillor Crosbie, a Poor Rate of Eight Shillings and Twopence in the Pound for the Financial Year ending 31st March, 1937, was unanimously agreed to.

APPOINTMENT OF DELEGATE FOR ANNUAL MEETING OF IRISH PUBLIC BODIES MUTUAL INSURANCES.

A letter was read from the Irish Public Bodies Mutual Insurances, and intimated that the tenth General Meeting of the Company would be held at an early date. The Corporation was requested to nominate one of its members to attend the meeting.

Alderman Cullimore proposed that Councillor Moran be nominated, and Councillor Murphy seconded. Councillor Sinnott, however, proposed that Councillor Martin be nominated, and Councillor Hayes seconded, but at the request of Councillor Martin, Councillor Sinnott withdrew his proposition, and the nomination of Councillor Moran was unanimously agreed to.

EASTER COMMEMORATION.

It was decided to accept the invitation of the County Wexford Easter Commemoration Committee to attend the eleven o'clock Mass in the Church of the Immaculate Conception, Rowe Street, on Easter Sunday which would be offered for the repose of the souls of those who fell in the fight for Irish Freedom.

LETTING OF VACANT HOUSES.

In accordance with notice given, Alderman Flusk moved that for the future all houses be let at a Public Meeting of the Corporation only by means of a poll. Councillor Moran seconded.

A lengthy discussion followed on this motion, when various reasons were given for and against, and eventually a poll was taken when there voted:-

For: Councillor Martin, Crosbie, Dunne, Doyle, Murphy, Moran, Gaul, Sinnott, Hayes, Atkins, Aldermen Tobin, Cullimore, Flusk, and the Mayor----- 14.

Against: Councillors Cashman, Buckland, McMahon, James Billington, John Billington, McGuire, Connolly, Aldermen Coffey, and Walsh----- 9.

The motion was accordingly declared carried.

The Town Clerk mentioned that he had applications for a house vacant at Menapia Avenue, and asked if it would be let now, but the Mayor ruled that each member should receive notice of the intention to let the house, and it was accordingly deferred until next meeting.

SOLICITOR'S BILL OF COSTS.

In connection with the recent taxation of the Solicitor's Bill of Costs, it was explained that the Taxing Master had queried amounts appearing therein in respect of prosecutions under the Food and Drugs Acts and against defaulting ratepayers. In the former case the Master held that the prosecutions should be carried out by the Gardaí, and in the latter case at the expense of the Rate Collectors.

The Special Rates Committee of the Corporation had had this matter under consideration, and agreed with the Taxing Master that Food and Drugs prosecutions should be conducted by the Gardaí, but in the case

of Rate Prosecutions had referred the matter to the Minister for Local Government and Public Health for his advice..

The Taxing Master, however, before taxing the Solicitor's account in respect of these two matters asked that a Resolution sealed and signed on behalf of the Corporation should be adopted, requesting him to tax the items appearing in the account in connection with the Food and Drugs Prosecutions and proceedings to recover rates.

The Mayor thereupon moved the following resolution, which was seconded by Councillor Gaul, and unanimously agreed to, viz.:-

"That Master O'Hanlon, Taxing Master of the High Court, be requested to tax the items in the Bill of Costs of the Corporation Solicitor, Mr. M. J. O'Connor, in respect of prosecutions under the Food and Drugs Acts and proceedings to recover rates as included in the said Bill of Costs."

RESOLUTION FROM ARKLOW URBAN COUNCIL RE RECRUITING FOR BRITISH FORCES.

A resolution from the Arklow Urban Council relating to recruiting for the British Forces in Ireland was submitted.

Councillor Moran proposed that it be adopted, and Alderman Cullimore seconded.

The Mayor, however, moved that it be marked "Read". Councillor Gaul seconded, and the latter motion was carried by thirteen votes for to ten against.

RESOLUTION FROM NATIONAL GRAVES ASSOCIATION.

The following resolution from the National Graves Association was unanimously adopted on the motion of the Mayor, seconded by Councillor Moran:-

"In view of the fact that the British Government, with the co-operation of the Free State Government, disturbed numerous graves of British Officers and Agents killed during the War and transferred the remains for re-interment in England, we are of the opinion the excuse that it is the 'settled practice of the British Government not to disturb graves' should not be accepted by the Irish

people; that immediate and united national demand should be made to have the last wishes of the dead patriot complied with, and his remains restored to his native land where he wished them to find their final resting place."

LETTER FROM PIG DEALERS ASSOCIATION.

A letter was read from the Irish Pig Dealers Association asking the Corporation to protest against a proposal, which the Association understood was before the Pigs Marketing Board, by which the Board hoped to control the entire pig supply of the Saorstát with the object of eliminating live pig Fairs and Markets, and after a lengthy discussion it was agreed on the motion of the Mayor, seconded by Councillor Crosbie, to request the Pigs Marketing Board not to interfere with the Fairs and Markets held all over the Country, which provided much-needed employment for large numbers of people.

RESOLUTION FROM ENNIS URBAN COUNCIL, RE ELECTRICITY CHARGES.

A resolution from the Ennis Urban Council protesting against the present excessive charges for public and general lighting by the Electricity Supply Board was unanimously adopted on the motion of Councillor James Billington, seconded by His Worship the Mayor; and a resolution from the same Body requesting the Minister for Local Government and Public Health to repeal Article 26 of the Schedule to the Local Government (Application of Enactments) Order, 1898, with a view to expediting the procedure by which Urban District Councils could extend their boundaries, was ~~adopted~~ ^{adopted} on the motion of the Mayor, seconded by Councillor Buckland.

EMPLOYMENT OF MEN.

The next business was to select not more than 92 men for employment as casual labourers, as and when work arose.

When this business was called, Councillor Connolly referred to the recent resignation of Councillor O'Leary, and stated that as a result St. Selskar Ward would lose the selection of four men. The Ward had the lowest representation in the Borough, and he thought it would be only fair that as one of the members was gone, the remaining

representatives of the Ward should be permitted to select an extra four men.

The Councillor's suggestion did not meet with favour, and he thereupon declared he would move that the necessary action be taken to have the seat filled. In reply to a query, the Town Clerk stated that the first thing necessary was to declare the seat vacant, and then to proceed to held an election in St. Selskar Ward.

In reply to a query by Alderman Coffey, the Town Clerk intimated that the Corporation had no power to co-opt. The power to co-opt had been given them temporarily by the Local Elections and Meetings (Postponement) Act, 1931, but this power ceased on the holding of elections in June, 1934. The Town Clerk further asked the meeting if it would be advisable to hold an election for one seat now considering that the elections were normally due in June of next year. As well, an election would cost a considerable amount of money (having regard to the extended Franchise) which had not been estimated for.

A lengthy discussion followed, during which Councillor Dunne proposed that no man who had been employed by the Corporation during the past nine months should be selected, and Councillor Hayes proposed that men who were members of a Trade Union and who had paid up their subscriptions get first preference.

Councillor James Billington, however, proposed that the whole matter in regard to the selection of men be adjourned for a fortnight. Alderman Flusk seconded the proposition which was unanimously adopted. Councillor Dunne thereupon gave notice that he would move at a Special Meeting to be held on the 20th instant, that no man who had received two months work from the Corporation within the past nine months be selected for employment; and Councillor Connolly gave notice that he would move that the members for St. Selskar Ward be permitted to nominate a number of men equivalent to the number Councillor O'Leary would be entitled to nominate if he were still a member of the Council. Alderman Flusk substituted Thomas Harpur of Cornmarket for Garry Roche on the list of names of persons nominated for employment in

November last; Councillor Cashman substituted Francis Lawlor, Duke Street for Peter Carley of John Street; and Councillor Dunne substituted Edward Murphy, St. Magdalen's Terrace, for Christopher Shudall of Patrick Square.

SELECTION OF QUARRYMEN.

Councillor Moran referred to the selection of men for the work of quarrying stones for the re-surfacing of William Street, and asked who selected the men. The Borough Surveyor replied that he had selected them on the recommendation of the Foreman from a list of names given him by Mr. Millar, which list had been submitted to and approved by the Corporation last year, but the Councillor held that before the men had been selected for this particular work the names should have been submitted to the Corporation.

The Meeting then separated.

Richard Corish
Mayor
6.15.36

20th April, 1936.

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, Patrick Tobin, Robert Coffey, Michael Flusk, and William Cullimore.

Councillors: Michael Martin, James Sinnott, James Crosbie, James Gaul, James McMahon, James Billington, Patrick Atkins, Robert Moran, James Murphy, Thomas Hayes, Timothy Cashman, Phillip McGuire, Thomas Buckland, Thomas Dunne, Thomas Doyle, Nicholas Connolly, and John Billington.

The Meeting had been convened to:-

- (1) Select men for employment as and when such arose; and
- (2) To select tenants for three houses at O'Connell Avenue, Menapia Avenue, and Hill Street.

COUNCILLOR DUNNE'S MOTION RE SELECTION OF MEN.

Before the selection of men was proceeded with, Councillor Dunne,.....

in accordance with notice given, moved that no man be employed who had worked two months with the Corporation during the previous nine months.

In moving his motion Councillor Dunne said his idea was to have the work distributed as evenly as possible.

The motion was seconded by Alderman Coffey.

COUNCILLOR GAUL'S MOTION.

Councillor Gaul, however, proposed that all men be employed by the Borough Surveyor through the Local Office of the Department of Industry and Commerce, but the Mayor ruled the motion out of order, as it would vary the terms of the Borough Surveyor's appointment and would require special notice.

Councillor Gaul thereupon gave notice that he would move at Statutory Meeting due to be held on 6th May that the terms of the appointment of the Borough Surveyor be varied to such an extent as would enable him to employ all men required by the Corporation through the Local Office of the Department of Industry and Commerce.

COUNCILLOR DUNNE'S MOTION.

At the request of several members, Councillor Dunne agreed to vary his motion to read that no person be employed who had worked (for any person or Public Body) for a period of two months during the past eight months.

The amended motion on being put to the meeting was declared carried, but with Councillor Crosbie dissenting.

RE EMPLOYMENT OF MEN FROM ST. SELSKAR WARD.

In accordance with notice given, Councillor Connolly moved that the five remaining members of St. Selskar Ward be permitted to nominate an extra number of men equivalent to the number Councillor O'Leary (resigned) would be entitled to nominate were he still a member of the Council.

In moving his motion, Councillor Connolly declared that Selskar Ward had the lowest representation of any of the three Wards, and as one member had resigned it would mean four men less being selected for employment by the representatives of that Ward.

Alderman Tobin seconded the motion, which was agreed to.

Councillor Hayes moved that no man who was selected and employed, but was subsequently dismissed for any cause, be replaced by another nomination.

Councillor Murphy seconded, and the motion was declared carried.

The following men were thereupon nominated for employment:-

The Mayor: Hugh Walsh, Bride Street; Thomas Lawlor, Wolfe Tone Villas; Michael Lane, Wolfe Tone Villas; and John O'Neill, 93, Wolfe Tone Villas.

Ald. Flusk: John Browne, Lower John Street; Peter Black, Sr., Duke Street; Michael Sutherland, Gibson Street; and John O'Connor, School Street.

Ald. Cullimore: Harry Roberts, O'Connell Avenue; Sonny Duffin, Barrack Street; Patrick Hayes, Abbey Street; and John Connors, Wolfe Tone Villas.

Ald. Walsh: John Singleton, John's Gate Street; John Black, Duke Street; George Black, Duke Street; and William Berry, Keyser's Lane.

Ald. Tobin: Moses Brennan, Ram Street; William Browne, Well Lane; James O'Brien, Cornmarket; and Bernard Swift, Well Lane.

Ald. Coffey: Michael Connors, Croke Avenue; James Walsh, Abbey Street; Patrick Morris, Abbey Street; and James O'Connor, Temperance Row.

Councillor Dunne: Thomas Lacey, Clifford Street; Phillip Kehoe, John's Gate Street; John Harpur, High Street; and Thomas Hayes, John's Gate Street.

Councillor Atkins: Michael Whitty, Barrack Street; John Walsh, Faythe; John Fowler, Faythe; and Richard Donnelly, Carrigeen.

Councillor Murphy: Christopher Lambert, Wolfe Tone Villas; Patrick Murphy, Distillery Road; George Murphy, Wolfe Tone Villas; and David Lacey, Wolfe Tone Villas.

Councillor Connolly: Christopher Rossiter, Cornmarket; Martin Banville, Abbey Street; Michael Culleton, Abbey Street; and Alfred Jones, John Street.

Councillor Buckland: John J. Kenny, King Street; Patrick Murphy, 66, Wolfe Tone Villas; Richard Murphy, Bride Street; and John Hayes, Lower John Street.

Councillor Martin: Michael Nolan, Distillery Road; Richard McGee, Maudlin-Town; Benjamin Leary, Barrack Street; and Patrick O'Brien, Barrack Street.

Councillor Sinnott: Thomas Wade, Faythe; John Lane, Trinity Place; Thomas Murphy, Byrne's Lane; and Aadan Leary, Michael Street.

Councillor Crosbie: James Haughton, Roche's Terrace; Danial Gimlett, Wolfe Tone Villas; John James, Roche's Terrace; and Joseph Bergin, Wolfe Tone Villas.

Councillor John Kenny, Barrack Street; Martin Roche, King Street; McMahon: Patrick Harpur, Bride Street; and Denis Byrne, Carrigeen.

Councillor James Pender, Barrack Street; John Sinnott, 119, The James Bill- Faythe; John Murphy, 107, The Faythe; and Michael ington: Sinnott, 798, The Faythe.

Councillor Frank Mason, C/o Doyle, Abbey Street; William McCabe, John Bill- Abbey Street; Michael Malone, The Faythe; and James ington: Cullen, High Street.

Councillor Patrick O'Brien, Paradise Row; John Murphy, 3, Thomas Cashman: Clarke Street; Thomas Brennan, John's Gate Street; and John Reck, 4, Thomas Clarke Street.

Councillor Patrick Curran, Maudlintown; Richard Lawlor, Trinity Moran: Place; Bernard Daly, Maudlintown; and James Nolan, Faythe.

Councillor James Dillon, Common Quay; Nicholas Connolly, Temperance Doyle: Row; John Cosgrave, John Street; and Patrick O'Brien, Hill Street.

Councillor Andrew O'Brien, St. John's Road; James Murphy, Duke McGuire: Street; Laurence Malone, Croke Avenue; and Peter McLoughlin, Hill Street.

Councillor James Goodison, Duke Street; William Doyle, Henrietta Hayes: Street; John Hynes, High Street; and James Murphy, Duke Street.

In addition to the foregoing, the five members for St. Selskar Ward selected by lot the following four men:-

James Hanton, Well Lane; Nicholas Kelly, Cornmarket; John Tierney, Well Lane; and H. Dempsey, Croke Avenue.

SELECTION OF TENANTS FOR VACANT HOUSES.

The next business was to select tenants for three vacant houses, but before a selection was made, applications for transfers from other Corporate houses to a house vacant at Hill Street were submitted. They were from Mr. N. Connolly, Davitt Road, North, and Mr. P. McGuire, of O'Connell Avenue (both members of the Corporation) Councillor Gaul thereupon proposed that the principle of transfer be agreed to, and Alderman Coffey seconded.

On a vote being taken, eight members voted for the motion and eleven against.

A poll was thereupon demanded, when there voted:-

For: Councillors Murphy, Sinnott, Hayes, Buckland, McGuire, Gaul, McMahon, Alderman Coffey and the Mayor----- 9

Against: Councillors Cashman, Martin, John Billington, Doyle,
Dunne, Moran, James Billington, Aldermen Tobin,
Walsh, Flusk, and Cullimore----- 11.

Declined
to Vote: Councillors Crosbie and Connolly----- 2.

Retired
from
Meeting: Councillor Atkins----- 1.

The selection of a tenant for the vacant house at Menapia Avenue was
then proceeded with, with the following result:-

Applicants.

- Rogan: Councillors Cashman, McGuire, Crosbie, Aldermen
Walsh and Coffey----- 5.
- White: Councillors Murphy, Doyle, Dunne, Moran,
Aldermen Tobin, Flusk, and Cullimore----- 7.
- Lacey: Councillors Martin and Sinnott----- 2.
- Roche: Councillor John Billington----- 1.
- Sinnott: Councillors Hayes, Connolly, and The Mayor----- 3.
- Clancy: Councillor Buckland----- 1.
- Brien: Councillors Gaul and James Billington----- 2.
- Brennan: Councillor McMahon----- 1.

On the elimination of Roche, Clancy and Brennan, Councillors John
Billington and McMahon transferred to Rogan, and Councillor Buckland
to Sinnott.

On the elimination of Brien and Lacey, Councillor Gaul transferred to
White, James Billington to Rogan, and Councillors Sinnott and Martin
to Sinnott.

On the elimination of Sinnott, Councillors Hayes, Connolly, Buckland,
Martin, Sinnott, and the Mayor transferred to Rogan, who had then
fourteen votes against eight for White. Rogan was declared elected.

The vote for the vacant house at O'Connell Avenue was as follows:-

Applicants.

- Roche: Councillors Cashman, Billington, and Alderman Walsh--3.
- Brennan: Councillors Murphy, Doyle, McGuire, Crosbie, Dunne,
Moran, James Billington, McMahon, Connolly,
Aldermen Tobin, Flusk, and Cullimore-----12.

Applicants.

Sinnott:	Councillors Martin, Sinnott, Hayes, and Buckland-----	4.
White:	Councillor Gaul-----	1.
Roche:	Alderman Coffey-----	1.
Gethings:	The Mayor-----	1.

Brennan, having a clear majority, was declared elected.

The following is the result of the poll for the vacant house at Hill Street:-

Applicants.

Tierney:	Councillors Cashman, Crosbie, and Alderman Coffey-----	3.
Hynes:	Councillors Murphy, Doyle, McGuire, Dunne, Moran, McMahon, Aldermen Flusk and Cullimore-	8.
O'Brien:	Councillors Martin and Gaul-----	2.
Comerford:	Councillors Sinnott, Hayes, Buckland, and Connolly-----	4.
Roche:	Councillors John Billington, James Billington, and Alderman Tobin-----	3.
Murphy:	Alderman Walsh-----	1.
Flaherty:	The Mayor-----	1.

On the elimination of Murphy and Flaherty, the Mayor transferred to Roche, and Alderman Walsh to Comerford.

On the elimination of O'Brien, Councillor Martin transferred to Comerford and Councillor Gaul to Roche.

On the elimination of Tierney, Councillor Cashman transferred to Hynes, and Councillor Crosbie and Alderman Coffey to Comerford.

Roche was then eliminated, and the final poll between Hynes and Comerford was:-

For Comerford:	Councillors Martin, Sinnott, John Billington, Hayes, Buckland, Crosbie, James Billington, Connolly, Aldermen Tobin, Walsh, Coffey, and the Mayor-----	12.
For Hynes:	Councillors Cashman, Murphy, Doyle, McGuire, Dunne, Moran, Gaul, McMahon, Aldermen Flusk, and Cullimore-	10.

Comerford was declared elected.

The Meeting then separated.

Richard Corish
Mayor of Wexford
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4th May, 1936.

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 Cullimore, Thomas Walsh, Patrick Tobin, and
 Michael Flusk.

Councillors: John Billington, James Murphy, Patrick Atkins, James
 McMahon, James Billington, James Sinnott, James Crosbie,
 Thomas Hayes, Nicholas Connolly, Robert Moran, Thomas
 Dunne, Michael Martin, and James Gaul.

MINUTES.

Councillor Gaul moved that the Minutes of Meetings of 6th and 20th April, 1936, be taken as read. Councillor Crosbie seconded.

Councillor Connolly, however, asked to have the Minutes of the previous meetings read.

The Town Clerk proceeded to read the Minutes of the meeting on 6th ultimo, and after some time Alderman Walsh intervened, and asked if the reading of the Minutes was going to bring them anywhere. This request led to a scene between Alderman Walsh and Councillor Connolly during which blows were threatened. After a few minutes, however, the situation took on a peaceful aspect, and Councillor Connolly declared that as far as he was concerned the portion of the Minutes which had already been read would satisfy him.

With reference to the Minutes read, Councillor Connolly drew attention to the report contained therein from Major Waller in connection with the roofing of the Nofrango houses at Hill Street, and asked if a letter

had been received intimating that Messrs. Nofrango did not guarantee the roofs.

In reply, the Mayor intimated that such a letter had been received when the houses in Hill Street were more than half completed, but certainly not during the construction of the Davitt Road houses.

The Town Clerk read a letter, dated 17th October, 1934, from Messrs. Nofrango intimating that should the Corporation wish to cover the felted roofs of their houses with Nofrango, there was no objection to it being done, but no liability would be accepted for them, nor would any charge for royalties be made in respect of the Nofrango that was used. In every case where roofs covered with Nofrango had been unsatisfactory, the fault had never been due to the Nofrango, but by reason of the existence of Nofrango on the roofs persons assumed that it was due to it, which was entirely wrong. Therefore, the Directors decided that if Nofrango was used to cover roofs, the person using it must accept all responsibility in future.

Councillor Connolly said he thought there was something radically wrong in connection with the whole matter. They were told at last meeting that there were complaints made about the timber being wet, and he now gave notice that he would move at next Statutory Meeting that the Local Government Department be asked to hold a sworn enquiry into the Corporation Housing Schemes.

This motion was accepted.

With reference to Minutes of last meeting, Alderman Flusk asked the Press to report the divisions on a letting of houses which took place thereat.

The remainder of the Minutes of 6th and 20th ultimo were taken as having been read and were accordingly signed.

The following Committee Minutes were also submitted for ratification, namely, Finance and Works, Etc. Committees on 6th and 20th ultimo; Housing Committee on 18th ultimo; and Special Rates Committee on 26th ultimo, and on the motion of Councillor Gaul, seconded by Councillor Crosbie, these were taken as having been read, and approved.

PAYMENTS.

Liabilities which had accrued due up to the end of last month, amounting, in the aggregate, to £8052 : 3 : 9 were submitted, and having been examined were approved, and an Advice Note was signed to enable them to be discharged.

VOTES OF SYMPATHY.

Before the business of the Meeting proceeded, the Mayor moved that the sympathy of the Corporation be extended to Alderman Coffey on the death of his brother-in-law. The motion was seconded by Councillor Murphy, and adopted in silence.

The Mayor also moved that the sympathy of the Corporation be extended to Father Edmund, of the Order of Friars Minor, on the death of his mother.

This motion was seconded by Alderman Flusk, and was adopted in the usual way.

TRANSFER OF MANAGER OF NATIONAL BANK.

The Mayor referred to the recent announcement in the newspapers of the transfer on promotion to Waterford of Mr. Matthew Coghlan, Manager National Bank, Wexford. The members were aware, he said, that the National Bank was the Treasurer of the Corporation, and they had always found Mr. Coghlan very helpful and obliging. While they were glad that Mr. Coghlan's ability had been recognised, as evidenced by his promotion, they were sorry to lose him because he had always been very courteous in their dealings with him. He therefore moved that the Corporation congratulate him on his promotion.

Councillor James Billington seconded the motion, which was unanimously adopted.

TOWN RATE COLLECTOR'S ACCOUNTS.

The first business was to close the accounts of the Collector of Town Rates for the year ending 31st March, 1936. The following Table shows the state of the collection for the year:-

Arrears. <i>3/3/36</i>	Current.	Total.	Collected.	Discount	Outstand- ing.
Boro' £1579: 19 : 1 Co.	£5817:5:4	£7397:4:5	£5054:14:1	£60:9:1	£2282:1: 3
Cess £824: 8 : 9	£2600:17:6	3425:6:3	£2299: 9:0	£28:4:8	£1097:12:7
Water £390: 18 : 9	£1439:16:6	1830:15:3	£1250: 6:8	£16:9:9	£ 563:18:10
£2795: 6 : 7	£9857:19:4	12653:5:11	8604: 9;9	£105:3:6	£3943:12:8

The Collector's Discharge Sheets had been carefully examined by the Special Rates Committee on the 18th instant, and they recommended that they be dealt with as follows:-

Rate.	Total Outstanding 31/3/36.	To be written off as irrecover- able.	To be carried forward into next Year's Warrant.
Borough.	£2282 :1 : 3	£231 : 11 :11	£2050 : 9 : 4
County Cess.	1097:12 : 7	148 : 11 : 3	949 : 1 : 4
Water.	563:18 :10	58 : 4 : 4	505 : 4 : 6
	£3943:12 : 8	£438 : 7 : 6	£3505 : 5 : 2

The Mayor said that personally he thought the position was not bad. It would be noticed that the collection was one per cent. less than for the previous year, but in all fairness to Mr. Curran, the Collector, it was only right to say that he did not get his books until August. Coupled with that, he was a new Collector and found it hard to discover the people who actually made the payments in certain instances. He thought, therefore, in view of the circumstances, that the Collector had done exceedingly well, and he had not the slightest doubt that by next year he would be able to considerably reduce the arrears. The recommendation of the Special Rates Committee was thereupon adopted on the motion of Councillor Sinnott, seconded by Alderman Walsh.

MAKING OF TOWN RATES.

The making of Town Rates for the service of the current Financial Year was thereupon proceeded with, and the three following Resolutions were unanimously adopted, viz.:- (1) On the motion of Councillor Gaul, seconded by Councillor Murphy, it was resolved:-

"That a Borough Rate of Six shillings and Fourpence in the Pound (being one shilling for general Town purposes and Five shillings and Fourpence 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, 1937, as considered and adopted on 9th March, 1936."

(2) On the motion of Councillor Moran, seconded by Councillor Sinnott, it was resolved:-

"That an assessment of Two shillings in the Pound be laid on in respect of the year ending on 31st March, 1937, 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 9th March, 1936."

(3) On the motion of Councillor James Billington, seconded by Alderman Flusk, it was resolved:-

"That an assessment of One shilling and sixpence in the Pound viz.:→ A Domestic Water Rate of one shilling and a Public Water Rate of sixpence - on the rateable value of property within the Town of Wexford be laid on in respect of the year ending 31st March, 1937, pursuant to the Local Government (Ireland) Provisional Order (Dalkey, etc) 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 9th March, 1936."

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, together with arrears of previous years rates carried forward, was also sealed and signed on the motion of the Mayor, seconded by Councillor James Billington.

AUDIT OF ACCOUNTS.

There was submitted a notice from J. J. Flood, Esq., Local Government Auditor, intimating that he would open the audit of the Corporation Accounts for the year ending 31st March, 1936, at the Town Clerk's Office on Tuesday, 12th instant, at twelve o'clock, noon.

CINEMATOGGRAPH LICENCES.

Applications for the renewal of Licences under the Cinematograph Act, 1909, were submitted from the Wexford Cinema Palace and the Capitol Cinema, and on the motion of Councillor Gaul, seconded by Councillor McMahon, the Licences were renewed for a further year on the usual conditions.

At the request of Councillor James Billington, it was agreed to ask the proprietors of both Cinemas to exhibit as far as possible films of an educational character at Childrens' Matinees.

HOUSING (INSPECTION OF DISTRICTS) REGULATIONS.

A communication was read, under date of the 9th ultimo No. H.59, from the Minister for Local Government and Public Health forwarding copies of the Housing (Inspection of Districts) Regulations, 1936. The Regulations prescribed that the Local Authority should have a list prepared from time to time by the Superintendent Medical Officer of Health showing the dwelling-houses in the district, which, in his opinion, should be inspected at an early date.

The Town Clerk intimated that he had already forwarded a copy of the Regulations to the Medical Officer of Health, and it was agreed to call the attention of the County Medical Officer of Health, who was, ex officio, Superintendent Medical Officer of Health for the Borough, to the regulation requiring him to prepare a list of houses to be inspected, and to request him to do so at an early date.

CONNOLLY COMMEMORATION.

An invitation from the Wexford Trades Council for the Corporation to attend the Eleven o'clock Mass in the Church of the Immaculate Conception on Sunday, ~~10th~~, 10th instant, which was being offered for the repose of the soul of the late James Connolly, was accepted.

TOWN PLANNING.

The next item on the Agenda read:-

"To take steps to give effect to the Resolution adopted on 2nd March, 1936, deciding to make a Planning Scheme for the Borough."

The Town Clerk intimated that he had put down this matter for discussion, and pointed out that having decided to make a Planning Scheme, the Corporation were bound by law to proceed to prepare such a scheme with as little delay as possible, but on the motion of the Mayor, seconded by Alderman Walsh, the matter was referred to the Housing Committee to deal with.

BOROUGH ANALYST'S REPORT.

The report of the Borough Analyst for the Quarter ended 31st March, 1936, showed that he had examined twelve samples of milk, two of butter, three of margarine, two of cheese, and one each of whiskey, cocoa, buttermilk, and sugar, making a total of twenty-four samples, all of which had been found genuine with the exception of one sample of butter which contained 17.1 per cent. of moisture. It was further reported that the person from whom the defective sample of butter had been taken had been proceeded against in the District Court for the offence.

DEMOLITION OF HOUSE AT GIBSON STREET.

The Public Health Committee recommended that a condemned house at Gibson Street, which the owner had failed to demolish, be demolished by the Corporation, and the owner proceeded against for the costs. The Town Clerk explained that numerous requests had been made to the owner to demolish this house. He had commenced the work but had not finished it, and now it was positively dangerous to the public. The recommendation was thereupon adopted on the motion of the Mayor, seconded by Alderman Flusk.

CLEARANCE AREAS.

The Housing Committee recommended that the areas known as Batt Street and Keyser's Lane be declared Clearance Areas under the Housing

(Miscellaneous Provisions) Act, 1931.

The adoption of the recommendation was moved by His Worship the Mayor, and seconded by Alderman Walsh.

Some of the members appeared to be under the impression that the passing of the above resolution meant the demolition of all the houses in the areas, but it was explained that this was not so and that only houses which were considered unfit for human habitation would be demolished.

The motion that the recommendation be adopted was thereupon agreed to unanimously.

Arising out of this question of Clearance Areas, Councillor Connolly referred to the rents to be charged to people who would be displaced by the operations of the Corporation, and he was informed that the Housing Committee were at present in negotiation with the Minister regarding the subsidy for the Maudlintown houses. The Minister had asked them to indicate the number of houses which would be required to re-house persons displaced by the operations of the Corporation under the Act of 1931, and they were at present compiling this information, but up to the present no decision had been arrived at by the Housing Committee as to what rents they would recommend the Corporation to charge for the Maudlintown Houses.

DUMP AT DAVITT ROAD.

Councillor Connolly also referred to the old dump at Davitt Road, and it was agreed to have the place cleaned up immediately, and to cover it with dry earth and sods as they became available.

It was explained to Councillor Connolly that the Housing Committee had received a report from the Surveyor intimating that houses could be erected on this ground, and that he was at present preparing a lay-out plan for a Fire Station, together with a number of houses.

It was further agreed that if possible a report should be submitted from the Housing Committee to the next Statutory Meeting on the matter of building on this ground..

EMPLOYMENT OF MEN.

The next business was a motion by Councillor Gaul to the effect that

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in future all men be employed by the Borough Surveyor through the Local Labour Exchange. This motion appeared on the Agenda in the following terms:-

"To consider a motion to be moved by Councillor Gaul (notice of which has already been given) that the Resolution of 13th August, 1934, agreeing to the terms of appointment of the Borough Surveyor be varied, with the consent of the Minister for Local Government and Public Health, to such an extent as will enable the Surveyor to employ all workmen required through the Local Office of the Department of Industry and Commerce."

Councillor Gaul objected to the manner in which the motion appeared on the Agenda, and said he did not wish to upset the terms of the Borough Surveyor's appointment in any way.

The Town Clerk, however, explained that unless that part of the Resolution of the 13th August, 1934, dealing with the employment of men, was rescinded, Councillor Gaul's motion was not in order. He read an extract from the terms of appointment of the Borough Surveyor as follows:-

"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."

The terms of appointment of the Borough Surveyor, he added, had been approved by the Minister for Local Government and Public Health, and any alteration would also require his approval.

Councillor Gaul's motion was seconded by Councillor Martin.

After a short discussion, the motion was defeated by fourteen votes against to two for.

With reference to Minutes of last meeting, when a number of men had been selected for employment, the Town Clerk reported that some of them had worked with the Corporation within the last eight months, and in accordance with the terms of Councillor Dunne's motion adopted on the 20th ultimo, these men could not be employed.

It was agreed, however, that the men concerned should be moved to the bottom of the list, and by the time their names were reached the

eight months referred to in Councillor Dunne's motion would, more than likely, have expired.

COMPENSATION FOR LOSS OF GARDEN.

Councillor Connolly again referred to the question of compensation for the loss of a garden for Mr. James O'Leary of Hill Street, and again asked to have the matter brought before the Minister with a view to having him sanction the payment of compensation, but it was decided to wait until the Corporation would have an opportunity of putting their views on the subject before the Minister personally.

TRAIN FARES TO ROSSLARE.

Alderman Walsh referred to the recent announcement by the Great Southern Railways of an increase in the fare to Rosslare Strand, and after a discussion it was agreed to request the Company to reduce the fares to the level of last year, and, as well, to alter the 11.0 a.m. train from Wexford to Waterford to 11.15.

The Meeting then separated.

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Mayor

30th May, 1936.

A Meeting of the Special Rates Committee was held this day at the Town Clerk's Office at half-past Two o'clock p.m.

The members present being:- The Mayor (in the Chair) with Aldermen Cullimore and Flusk, and Councillor James Billington.

POOR RATE ACCOUNTS

The accounts of the Poor Rate Collector in respect of the year 1935/6 were submitted. These showed that his total Warrant for the year was £12256 : 0 : 10. Of this he had collected £7520 : 12 : 5; there was allowed as discount £92 : 15 : 11; and the amount outstanding was £4642 : 12 : 6. The percentages were:- Collected, 62, Discount, 7, and Outstanding, 37.3. The comparative percentages for the year 1934/5 were:- 63, 7, and 36.3.

This showed that the collection was one per cent. below that of last year, but the Committee were aware that Mr. O'Donohoe was in very bad health for some months, and having regard to this, considered the collection was satisfactory.

2nd June, 1936.

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

The members present were:-

Aldermen: Robert Coffey, and William Cullimore.

Councillors: Robert Moran, Patrick Atkins, James Murphy, James Billington, Nicholas Connolly, Michael Martin, James McMahon, Thomas Hayes, Thomas Dunne, and Thomas Buckland.

The Meeting had been convened in accordance with a requisition signed by the Mayor to pass accounts due; to close the accounts of the Collector of Poor Rate; and to formally make A Poor Rate for the year 1936/7.

On the motion of Alderman Coffey, seconded by Councillor McMahon, it was unanimously agreed that Councillor Martin preside in the absence of the Mayor.

PAYMENTS.

Liabilities which had accrued due up to the end of last month, amounting, in the aggregate, to £3684 : 6 : 2 were submitted.

Arising out of the accounts, Alderman Coffey referred to an item of £2. as the salary of the Office Cleaner for the three months ended 30th May, and stated he considered it was very small. He gave notice that he would move at a meeting due to be held on the 8th instant that the salary be revised.

Councillor Hayes referred to the account of Messrs. McCormack and Hegarty for materials supplied, and especially to items amounting to approximately £22 in respect of galvanized iron for the roof of the Fire Station at Gibson Street, and asked if tenders had been invited for this material.

In reply, the Town Clerk intimated that the materials had been ordered by the Borough Surveyor, and he did not think tenders had been procured or they would have been attached to the account before the Surveyor certified it.

It was decided, however, to pass for payment the accounts as presented and

As the Surveyor was not present, it was agreed to ask for his observations as to why tenders were not procured for the next meeting.

DRINAGH CEMENT WORKS.

Alderman Coffey gave notice that he would refer at next meeting to the Drinagh Cement Works, and asked to have the matter put on the Agenda for ~~next~~ meeting.

CONDITION OF MORGUE.

The Alderman also referred to the condition of the Morgue on the Quays, but the Town Clerk informed him that the Corporation had no control over this building, which was under the jurisdiction of the Harbour Commissioners.

POOR RATE ACCOUNTS.

The accounts of the Poor Rate Collector for the year 1935/6 were submitted.

It was seen that his total Warrant for the year was---£12256 : 0 : 10

Of this, he had collected ----£7520 : 12 : 5

Discount allowed----- 92 : 15 : 11

Outstanding----- 4642 : 12 : 6 £12256 : 0 : 10.

The percentages were:- Collected 62, Discount .7, and Outstanding 37.3. The comparative percentages for 1934/5 were:- Collected 63, Discount .7, and Arrears 36.3.

The Rates Committee had carefully examined the list of uncollected rates and recommended that £367 : 11 : 1 be written off as irrecoverable, and that £4275 : 1 : 5 be carried forward as collectible arrears. In reply to a query by Councillor Buckland, the Town Clerk stated that a sum of £4834 was due to the County Council. They were carrying forward £4275, and had a balance to credit in the Poor Rate Account this day of £922. From this it was seen that, taking everything into account, there would be sufficient to meet the County Council Demand if all the rates were collected.

In reply to Councillor McMahon, the Town Clerk intimated that the Poor Rate for 1935/6 was eight shillings and sixpence in the pound and for the year 1936/7, eight shillings and twopence, and the

Councillor asked the Town Clerk to prepare against next meeting the rates in the pound of Poor Rate for the past ten years.

On the motion of Alderman Coffey, seconded by Councillor Dunne, the recommendations of the Special Rates Committee in regard to the balance of Poor Rate outstanding were unanimously adopted.

The making of a Poor Rate for the year ending 31st March, 1937, was then proceeded with, and on the motion of Councillor Buckland, seconded by Councillor Moran, the following Resolution was unanimously adopted:-

"That a Poor Rate of Eight shillings and Twopence 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 April, 1936."

The Book containing the various items of Poor Rate was then sealed and signed on behalf of the Council, 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 Alderman Coffey, seconded by Councillor Murphy.

STREETS LEADING FROM QUAYS.

Councillor James Billington referred to the streets leading from the Quays, and stated he noticed that the Corporation had commenced the resurfacing work, and asked when it was proposed to formally take them over.

The Town Clerk reported that no formal Agreement had been entered into at the moment, but he proposed to discuss the clauses of an Agreement with the Secretary of the Harbour Board during the coming week, and have them submitted to both Bodies for ratification.

In reply to a further query by the Councillor, the Town Clerk stated that the Government were making a Grant of £600 towards the cost of resurfacing, and the Corporation would raise another £600.

PROCESSION OF BLESSED SACRAMENT.

The Chairman referred to the Annual Procession of the Blessed Sacrament, which would be held on the 14th instant, and suggested that an order be made to have the wall at Roche's Terrace lime-

washed, and to have something done with the surface of the roadway at St. Peter's Square and Clifford Street.

The suggestion of the Chairman was agreed to.

The Meeting then separated.

R. Burns 7D
Mayor

8th June, 1936.

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, Robert Coffey, William Cullimore, and Patrick Tobin.

Councillors: Nicholas Connolly, Thomas Dunne, Robert Moran, James Murphy, Patrick Atkins, James McMahon, James Billington, James Gaul, John Billington, James Crosbie, Thomas Hayes, Phillip McGuire, Michael Martin, and Timothy Cashman.

SYMPATHY.

On the motion of Councillor Connolly, seconded by Councillor Murphy, a vote of sympathy was passed with the Rev. Matthew Wickham, P.P. Oylegate, on the death of his brother.

Letters were read from the Rev. Fr. Edmund and Alderman Robert Coffey acknowledging votes of sympathy passed with them in recent bereavements.

CORRESPONDENCE.

A letter was also read from Mr. Matthew Coghlan, Manager National Bank, acknowledging vote of congratulation on his promotion to Waterford.

With reference to Minutes of 15th April last, when a Resolution was adopted requesting the Minister for Industry and Commerce to reduce the contribution payable by Urban Authorities under the Unemployment Assistance Act, 1933, the Minister, under date of the 27th ultimo, by letter No. E.B.196130, intimated that during the Financial Year 1935/6 Unemployment Assistance amounting to approximately £11,600 was paid to applicants residing in the Urban Area of Wexford. It was estimated that if the lower rates payable to applicants residing outside the Urban Area had been paid to

Urban residents, this sum would have been reduced by over £1300.

In the circumstances, it would be appreciated that the contribution payable by the Corporation was not excessive.

No further action was taken on this matter.

MINUTES.

On the motion of Councillor Gaul, seconded by Councillor Atkins, it was agreed that the Minutes of Meetings of the Corporation on the 4th ultimo and 2nd instant be taken as read and signed, and that the Minutes of Meetings of Finance and Works Committee on 4th ultimo and 18th instant; the Housing Committee on 23rd ultimo and 6th instant; and the Rates Committee on 30th ultimo be taken as having been read, and approved.

BATT STREET AND KEYSER'S LANE CLEARANCE AREAS.

The Housing Committee recommended that Clearance Orders be made in respect of houses unfit for human habitation at Batt Street and Keyser's Lane, which were declared Clearance Areas on 4th May, 1936. The first Order taken was the Batt Street Clearance Order, 1936. It was reported that there were twenty-five houses in the area. Of these, the Medical Officer of Health considered fifteen unfit for human habitation and ten as fit. The Borough Surveyor considered sixteen unfit, and nine fit. The house in dispute was that owned and occupied by a man named William Marsh, and the Borough Surveyor intimated that it had neither sanitary accommodation, drainage, or water supply. The structure was of poor quality, badly lighted, badly ventilated, and should be demolished.

In reply to Councillor Connolly it was stated that it was proposed to re-house the persons concerned on the Maudlintown Estate and that the Housing Committee felt reasonably certain that a subsidy would be paid in respect of these houses.

Arising out of this recommendation, Councillor Connolly intimated that he proposed to move at next meeting that a copy of the Minutes of all Committees be laid before the Corporation.

intimated that the Town Clerk and himself had been discussing this

matter during the past few days and were already making arrangements to have this done.

Councillor Connolly stated he thought the members should have time to consider this recommendation, and proposed that the matter be adjourned.

It was pointed out to the Councillor that he would be taking a very serious step in having the matter adjourned for a month as a number of houses would be ready shortly to re-house the persons proposed to be displaced, and these could not be left idle indefinitely. If the matter were adjourned the Corporation might possibly be faced with a situation that when the Order became operative they would not be in a position to re-house the persons displaced thereby.

As there was no seconder for Councillor Connolly's proposition, it fell through.

Some members complained that it would be a great hardship on the man Marsh to have his house demolished. He had the house and large garden for 22/6 a year, and it would not be possible for the Corporation to provide accommodation for him at anything as low as that rent.

The question of compensation for this man was also raised, and it was pointed out that under the Statute no compensation could be paid unless the Corporation purchased the site afterwards and then he would be paid site value.

Eventually the following motion was moved by His Worship the Mayor, seconded by Councillor Crosbie, and unanimously

RESOLVED:- That we, the members of 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, having on the Fourth day of May, 1936, declared the area known as Batt Street, 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 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

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hereby affixed to the Clearance Order now submitted. Entered 171
The Wexford (Batt Street) Clearance Order, 1936,"
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; and that the Minister for Local Government
and Public Health be hereby requested to confirm the
Order."

The Corporate Seal was thereupon affixed to the Order and the map
referred to therein, together with the map of the Clearance Area,
which documents were authenticated by the signatures of the Mayor
and Town Clerk.

The next Order was that relating to Keyser's Lane.

The number of houses in this area was thirteen. Of these, the
Medical Officer of Health considered that seven were unfit for
human habitation and six fit, but in the opinion of the Borough
Surveyor the area was unfit for dwelling-houses and that none of
the houses were fit for human habitation.

In connection with this Order, members referred to four houses
occupied by Catherine Codd, Phillip Roche, Nicholas Berry, and Mary
Berry, and owned by a man named Carroll. They did not consider it
just to have these four houses demolished, as, they stated, the
landlord had been put to the expense of installing sanitary
conveniences a few years ago and had always carried out necessary
repairs.

It was pointed out, however, to the meeting that apart from sanitary
conveniences these houses were in a bad state of repair and would
take a great deal of money to make them fit. Coupled with that,
they were built in the narrowest part of the Lane in a very
congested area.

In reply to a query it was stated that the four houses in question
had not been considered unfit for human habitation by the Medical
Officer of Health.

A lengthy discussion followed on this matter, at the end of which
Alderman Coffey proposed the following Resolution, which was
seconded by Alderman Walsh:-

"That we, the members of Wexford Corporation, being the
Sanitary Authority for the Borough of Wexford, acting
in execution of the Public Health (Ireland) Acts,
1878, Etc.; the Housing of the Working Classes (Ireland)

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Acts, 1890 to 1931, having on the Fourth day of May, 1936, declared the area known as Keyser's Lane, 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 entitled "The Wexford (Keyser's Lane) Clearance Order, 1936" 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; and that the Minister for Local Government and Public Health be hereby requested to confirm the Order."

Councillor Connolly, however, proposed as an amendment that the four houses mentioned be deleted from the Order.

On a poll being taken on the amendment, there voted:-

For: Councillors Martin, Hayes, Crosbie, John Billington, Gaul, James Billington, McMahon, Connolly, and Alderman Tobin----- 9.

Against: Councillors Cashman, McGuire, Atkins, Murphy, Moran, Dunne, Aldermen Cullimore, Coffey, Flusk, Walsh, and the Mayor----- 11.

The motion was accordingly declared lost.

Alderman Coffey's motion was then put to the Meeting, and on a show of hands was declared carried by fourteen votes for to four against.

The Corporate Seal was thereupon affixed to this Order and the map referred to therein, together with the map of the Clearance Area, which documents were authenticated by the signatures of the Mayor and Town Clerk.

WATERLOO ROAD CLEARANCE AREA.

The Housing Committee also recommended that the areas known as Paradise Row, Corry's Terrace, and part of Grogan's Road be declared the "Waterloo Road Clearance Area" and that a Clearance Order be made in respect of the houses therein unfit for human habitation.

In this connection it was reported that in Paradise Row there were

Eleven houses. Of the eleven, the Medical Officer of Health considered that three were unfit and eight fit for human habitation, and in the opinion of the Borough Surveyor there was only one house fit and ten unfit.

In Corry's Terrace there were six houses of which the Medical Officer considered three as fit and three unfit for habitation, but in the opinion of the Surveyor none of the houses were fit for human habitation.

On Grogan's Road there were two houses (originally one converted into two) The Medical Officer considered that one was fit for human habitation and the other unfit, but in the opinion of the Surveyor both houses were in a dilapidated condition and should be demolished.

Accordingly the following Resolution was unanimously adopted on the motion of the Mayor, seconded by Alderman Walsh:-

"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 areas known as Paradise Row, Corry's Terrace, and part of the North side of Grogan's Road, Wexford, to be a Clearance Area, and marked Waterloo Road Clearance Area on a map deposited at the Town Clerk's Office, Wexford; 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 following further resolution was unanimously adopted on the motion of Alderman Walsh, seconded by Councillor Crosbie:-

"That we, the members of 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, having on this day declared the areasknown as Paradise Row, Corry's Terrace, and part of the North side of Grogan's 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 entitled

"The Wexford (Waterloo Road) Clearance Order, 1936" 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; and that the Minister for Local Government and Public Health be hereby requested to confirm the Order."

PURCHASE OF FIELD AT WHITEMILL.

The Housing Committee further recommended the purchase from Mr. Thomas Cullimore of South Main Street, as a building site, a field containing 4a. 1r. 24p. at Whitemill for the sum of £350, together with a Land Annuity for approximately £74.

The field in question was part of a holding containing approximately 16 acres held by Mr. Cullimore at Whitemill, and in respect of which there was a Land Commission Annuity payable of £20 : 16 : 0.

The Commission had intimated, however, that the portion of the Land Annuity applicable to the holding proposed to be acquired would be £3 : 1 : 4, and that this could be redeemed for approximately £74. This meant that the entire field could be acquired by the Corporation in fee simple for the sum of £424, which was approximately £95 per acre.

In reply to a query the Town Clerk intimated that the average price paid for land by the Corporation was £100 per acre and that they had sometimes had to pay as much as £150.

Councillor McMahon thereupon proposed that the recommendation of the Housing Committee be adopted, and Councillor Connolly seconded. The motion was unanimously agreed to, and the Borough Surveyor was asked to submit a lay-out plan as soon as possible.

WASTE GROUND AT DAVITT ROAD.

The Housing Committee further recommended that eight bungalows and a Fire Station be erected on waste ground at Davitt Road, North, and that the members of the Fire Brigade be compelled to reside in these houses.

Members were reminded that the plot in question was the one referred to by Councillor Connolly recently as being made a dump of by certain people, and suggested that a wall should be built around it. At the time doubts were expressed that the wall would have the desired effect of preventing the unauthorised dumping, and a suggestion had been made that the houses should be erected on the site of the dump. The Borough Surveyor had submitted a plan to the Housing Committee and they now

recommended that such plan be adopted.

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Councillor Connolly, however, held that the ground was not fit to build on, and asked if a report had been obtained from the Sanitary Officer thereon, and he was informed that the Sanitary Officer had not been asked to examine the ground.

The Councillor stated that the ground on which it was proposed to erect the houses had until a few years ago been used as a refuse dump, but it was seen from a map produced by the Surveyor that the houses would not be very near the old Quarry hole which had been filled in by the dumping of rubbish.

Another matter complained of was the recommendation that the members of the Fire Brigade should be compelled to reside in these houses and some members complained that a few of the Brigade members owned their own houses, but it was stated that in the opinion of the Housing Committee that if the Corporation could not find men in the present Fire Brigade prepared to reside in these houses alongside the Fire Station, they should recruit new ones. It was further pointed out that in the interest of efficiency the members of the Brigade should live in close proximity to the station where the engine which had cost over £1300 was housed, instead of being scattered all over the town.

After some further discussion, Councillor Connolly moved that the matter be adjourned until a report was received from the Medical Officer on the condition of the ground, but there was no seconder, and on the motion of Alderman Walsh, seconded by Councillor Murphy, the recommendation of the Housing Committee was adopted.

Councillor Connolly thereupon gave notice that he would move at next Statutory Meeting of the Corporation that a report be asked from the Medical Officer on this ground before any building work was undertaken.

RELIEF OF UNEMPLOYMENT SCHEMES.

The next business was to consider proposals from the Housing Committee for submission to the Government in connection with Grants for the relief of unemployment.

The Mayor, however, intimated to the meeting that the Committee were

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not yet in a position to give accurate estimates of the proposals they had under consideration, and suggested that the matter be adjourned until next meeting, and in the meantime if members could suggest any scheme of utility, the Committee would gladly consider it.

The Mayor's suggestion was agreed to.

TIMEKEEPER'S WAGES.

The Finance and Works Committee recommended that Nicholas Lacey, Time and Storekeeper on the Maudlintown Housing Scheme be given an increase in wages proportionate to that given all the Corporation labourers some time ago.

It was stated that the increase granted to the other members of the building staff was 3/- per week, and on the motion of Councillor Gaul, seconded by Councillor Crosbie, the recommendation was unanimously adopted.

RESERVOIR CARETAKER'S WAGES.

The Finance Committee also recommended that the wages of James McMahon, Caretaker of the Reservoir, be increased by 2/6 per week. Councillor Crosbie proposed the adoption of the recommendation and Councillor McMahon seconded.

It was explained to the meeting that the Caretaker of the Reservoir was in receipt of 25/- per week plus house and three acres of land. Councillor Gaul, however, moved as an amendment that this man's wages be increased by 5/- per week. Councillor Atkins seconded. Some members opposed this increase, and during the debate it was pointed out that when this position was first advertised the wage was only 14/- per week. Before an appointment was made, however, a resolution had been adopted by the Corporation prohibiting persons in receipt of pensions from applying for the post, and as it had always been held by a pensioner the wage of 14/- had been increased to 25/- consequent on the prohibition of those people. The amendment on being put to the meeting was lost by three votes for to fourteen against, and the original recommendation as proposed by Councillor Crosbie was adopted, namely that the wages

be increased by 2/6 per week.

TOWN SERGEANT'S WAGES.

Arising out of the latter two motions, Councillor Connolly gave notice that he would move at next Statutory Meeting that the wages of the Town Sergeant be increased by 10/- per week.

EXAMINATIONS FOR JUNIOR CLERKS AND TYPISTS.

circular

Under date of 25th May, 1936, by letter No. 69, the Minister for Local Government and Public Health stated it would be of advantage if greater uniformity could be secured in examinations for posts of Junior Clerks and Typists in the offices of Local Authorities. The Minister's attention had been drawn to the diversity in the Standards that different Authorities decided to adopt, and the following, which had been drawn up in consultation with the Local Appointments Commissioners, were regarded as appropriate standards for the posts mentioned:-

Junior Clerks: Standard - Intermediate Certificate. Subjects:
Irish (oral and written) English; Arithmetic;
History; and Geography.

Typists and Short- Standard - National School Sixth. Subjects:
Hand Typists: Irish (oral and written) English; Arithmetic;
Typewriting; and Shorthand.

The Minister further intimated that he would not consent to a permanent appointment unless it had been ascertained that the candidate had the requisite knowledge and ability for the proper discharge of the duties of the post.

Examinations would be conducted by the Local Appointments Commissioners for the posts above-mentioned if the Local Authority so desired.

On the suggestion of the Mayor it was agreed to accept the principle of the subjects and standards laid down in the circular above mentioned, but if any post became vacant the Corporation reserved the right to have the examination conducted locally.

APPOINTMENT OF SECOND MEDICAL OFFICER.

Under date of the 15th instant, by letter No. M.C.70044, the Minister for Local Government and Public Health intimated that it was proposed

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to appoint a second Medical Officer for the Dispensary District of Wexford, and to allocate to that officer a salary at the rate of £35. per annum in respect of the duties of Medical Officer of Health of the Urban portion of this Dispensary District. The Minister trusted that this matter would meet with the approval of the Corporation.

The salary of £35. suggested by the Minister was unanimously agreed to.

RENEWAL OF SEWERS AND WATERMAINS -
LOAN £1340.

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 a Loan of £1340 proposed to be borrowed for the renewal of sewers and watermains in the Borough.

The raising of the Loan had been sanctioned by the Minister for Local Government and Public Health under date of the 28th April by letter No. S.89215, and the Mortgage Deed was in order in every respect.

Thereupon the following resolution was unanimously adopted on the motion of Councillor Martin, seconded by Councillor Crosbie:-

"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 Three Hundred and Forty Pounds, proposed to be advanced by them to us under the Public Health Acts, 1878 to 1919, Etc."

The Mortgage Deed was thereupon duly sealed and signed on behalf of the Corporation, and the following further Resolution, as proposed by Councillor Gaul seconded by Councillor Cashman, was adopted nem con:-

"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."

INQUIRY INTO HOUSING SCHEMES.

A motion in the name of Councillor Connolly that the Minister for Local Government and Public Health be requested to hold an inquiry into the Corporation Housing Schemes, was adjourned until next meeting at the request of the Councillor.

OFFICE CLEANER'S SALARY.

In accordance with notice given, Alderman Coffey moved that the salary of the Office Cleaner be increased to £13. per annum. Councillor Martin seconded.

In reply to a query the Town Clerk intimated that the present salary was £8. per annum. He further stated that the cleaner for a great number of years past was a woman named Johanna Tierney, but that some time ago the Finance Committee had agreed, owing to her being in ill health, to allow her daughter, Mrs. Layne, to carry out her duties, and that at the present time this latter lady was being paid for the work.

As soon, however, as Mrs. Tierney was in sufficiently good health to resume her duties the services of her daughter would be dispensed with.

The motion was unanimously agreed to.

DRINAGH CEMENT WORKS.

Alderman Coffey referred to the recent announcement in the newspapers that it was proposed to establish cement factories in Limerick and Drogheda and remarked that the claims of the Drinagh Cement Works had been overlooked. Other members also spoke in favour of the Drinagh Works where cement had been manufactured for a number of years until it had been acquired by the Associated Portland Cement Company and closed down.

Councillor Moran intimated that when a deputation had waited upon the Minister for Industry and Commerce some time ago in regard to the establishment of a cement factory at Drinagh, Mr. Lemass had definitely stated that he would give preference to Wexford if the people put up the money and form a Company. The money was not forthcoming although there was more money in the Banks in Wexford than in any other town in Ireland.

Eventually a suggestion by the Mayor was adopted, to the effect that the Minister for Industry and Commerce be asked if he had given an opportunity to the people of Wexford to put up Share Capital with the object of having the Drinagh Cement Works re-opened, and if not, would he be prepared to do so now, and curtail the output of the Drogheda and Limerick Factories to enable Drinagh to have a third.

TRAFFIC ON MAIN STREET - COMPLAINT.

Councillor McMahon stated that about ten days ago a funeral was going through the Main Street when its passage was obstructed by motor cars parked on both sides of the street. As a result of the horses drawing the Hearse trying to manoeuvre round the motor vehicles they fell, and he asked that the Guards be requested to prevent motor cars from being parked on the Main Street.

It was intimated to the meeting, however, that a couple of years ago the Guards had been very busy in removing cars parked on the Main Street and objections had been received by the Corporation from the Traders and the Local Development Association to the effect that business was being interfered with.

With regard to the present complaint it was thought that if the attention of the Superintendent of the Guards was drawn to the matter, it would serve the purpose.

Councillor James Billington also referred to errand boys on bicycles who went through the Main Street at a very dangerous speed, and the Town Clerk intimated to the meeting that as requested at a previous meeting he had mentioned this matter to a Garda Officer and it was receiving their attention.

Councillor Connolly referred to the parking of motor cars in the Bull-ring and Common Quay Street on Saturday mornings, which, he stated, was becoming a nuisance.

The Mayor, however, pointed out that some time ago the Corporation had agreed to these streets being used as parking places for cars, and Councillor Connolly asked if that authorisation could be cancelled, but the Town Clerk intimated that under the Road Traffic Act this was entirely a matter for the Gardai.

It was agreed, however, that the Guards be asked to keep a clear passage in these streets.

TENDERS FOR MATERIALS.

With reference to Minutes of last meeting, when Councillor Hayes raised a question regarding items approximating £22 in connection with the roofing of the store at Gibson Street, the Borough Surveyor reported that this was an accumulation of small items, and that no tenders had been procured.

It was agreed, however, that for the future tenders should be invited for any item required of £5. or over.

HAULAGE CHARGES.

Councillor Connolly referred to a debate at last week's meeting of Wexford Harbour Commissioners on the subject of haulage of waggons on the Quay. It appeared that a deputation waited on the Traffic Manager of the Great Southern Railways on this matter, and he (Councillor Connolly) stated that he had pointed out to the Corporation before when the matter came up for consideration that if there was any reason before the amalgamation of the Railways for the charge of 2/6 per waggon for haulage to and from the Quay, there was absolutely none since amalgamation came into force as it was necessary for an engine to go daily from the North to the South Station to do haulage work.

In conclusion, Councillor Connolly suggested that the five T.D's for the County should take up the matter with the Minister for Industry and Commerce with the object of having legislation enacted to prohibit the charge referred to, and if not, suggested that local traders should be asked to withdraw their support from the Railway Company.

No action was taken on the Councillor's suggestions.

CONGRATULATIONS.

Alderman Coffey proposed that the congratulations of the Corporation be extended to the Wexford Steamships Company on their initiative in purchasing a new steamer for service between Wexford and Cross-channel ports.

Councillor James Wilmington seconded the proposition, which was.....

unanimously agreed to.

TENANT FOR HOUSE AT WOLFE TONE VILLAS.

The next business was to select a tenant for a vacant house at Wolfe Tone Villas, and on a poll being taken there voted for:-

John Sutton, Green Street (who was residing in rooms there)

Councillors Martin, Hayes, Gaul, McMahon, Atkins, Murphy, Moran,

Dunne, Connolly, Aldermen Cullimore and Flusk-----11

For John Murphy: Councillor Crosbie----- 1

For John Barry: Councillor John Billington and Alderman Tobin--- 2

For N. Hatchell: Councillors Cashman, McGuire, Aldermen Coffey,

Walsh, and the Mayor----- 5

For T. Browne: Councillor James Billington----- 1

As Sutton had a clear majority over all the other applicants, he was declared the tenant.

EMPLOYMENT OF MEN.

With reference to Minutes of 20th April last when a number of men were selected for employment, Councillor Hayes substituted James Roche, of High Street in place of William Doyle, Henrietta Street. Councillor McMahon substituted Martin Roche, of King Street in place of John Kenny, Barrack Street, and Alderman Cullimore substituted Michael Mahon, of Wolfe Tone Villas, in place of Matthew Murphy, Michael Street, selected on the 18th November, 1935.

NEW TOWN HALL.

It was reported to the meeting that under date of the 28th ultimo, by letter No. S.95054, the Minister for Local Government and Public Health had provisionally approved of the drawings submitted in connection with the erection of the proposed new Town Hall, and intimated that the proposal would be further considered on receipt of a Specification and Bill of Quantities.

The Housing Committee in this connection recommended that the permission of the Minister be sought to the employment of a Quantity Surveyor to take off the necessary quantities, and on the motion of Councillor Gaul, seconded by Alderman Walsh, the recommendation was unanimously agreed to.

With further reference to this Scheme, the Architect intimated that as a result of trial pits being opened water had been met at about 30" below street level, and that the ground seemed to be filled and made, so that for the purpose of securing foundations for the Town Hall a scheme of piling would be necessary.

For the purpose of formulating a scheme, it would be necessary to have one or two trial piles driven on the site, and the Irish Piling Company had quoted an approximate figure of £40 for this work. The Architect asked for permission to have this done.

It was explained to the meeting that this matter had been considered by the Housing Committee and they unanimously recommended the Corporation to have two trial piles driven.

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

CONDITIONS OF EMPLOYMENT ACT.

Under date of the 5th instant, by circular letter No. 73, the Minister for Local Government and Public Health forwarded copy of the Conditions of Employment Act, 1936, which came into operation on the 29th ultimo. He drew attention to the various obligations imposed on Local Authorities in regard to their workmen under the Statute, and the contents of the circular were noted.

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