

26th June, 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: William Cullimore, Michael Flusk, Thomas Walsh, Robert Coffey, and Patrick Tobin.

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

SYMPATHY.

Before the business of the meeting commenced, the Mayor moved that the sympathy of the Corporation be extended to Councillor Thomas Buckland on the death of his mother, an old and respected resident of Wexford.

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

MINUTES.

The Minutes of Meeting of 8th instant (a copy of which had been sent to each member before the present meeting) were taken as having been read and were accordingly signed.

CLEARANCE ORDERS -NOTICE OF MOTION BY COUNCILLOR CONNOLLY.

Arising out of the Minutes, Councillor Connolly referred to a notice of motion given by him on the 8th instant relating to the inclusion of four houses in Keyser's Lane and one at Batt Street in Clearance Orders, and gave notice that he would also move at next meeting that two further houses at Batt Street, occupied by Messrs. Fenlon and Roche and owned by Mr. John Lett, be excluded from the Order.

ELECTION OF MAYOR.

The next business was to elect a Mayor who would hold office until Quarterly Meeting due to be held between the 23rd June and 1st July, 1937, and until his successor shall have been appointed and made a declaration of acceptance of office.

At this stage, Alderman Corish vacated the Chair, which was occupied by Alderman Flusk.

Before receiving nominations for the Mayoralty, Alderman Flusk remarked that at the 1934 Elections his Party had won seven seats on the Corporation. They had promised the electors that they would try to relieve unemployment and to maintain efficient services. In this connection, he stated, they had helped to distribute the work as evenly as possible and they had always supported any scheme for the betterment and more efficient running of the town.

He recalled that last year a big dispute had taken place in the Corporation regarding a timber contract for the Maudlintown houses. At the time he had said that subsidy would be paid in respect of this scheme when the question of its payment arose, and he was now glad to inform the Corporation that the Minister for Local Government and Public Health had agreed to pay a full two-third subsidy in respect of the Maudlintown houses.

He then intimated that he was prepared to accept nominations for the office of Mayor, and thereupon Councillor Martin proposed that the outgoing Mayor, Alderman Richard Corish, be re-elected for the seventeenth successive year; to hold office until Quarterly Meeting to be held between the 23rd day of June and 1st day of July, 1937, and until his successor has been appointed and made a declaration of acceptance of office.

The motion was seconded by Alderman Walsh, and as there was no other nomination the Chairman declared Alderman Corish re-elected 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 compliment paid him, Alderman Corish reviewed some of the work of the Corporation during the past twelve months.

He referred to the colossal task which the Corporation had undertaken in the erection of 154 houses at Maudlintown by direct labour. He also referred to the dispute which had taken place between the

Minister for Local Government and Public Health and the Corporation relative to a Timber Contract in connection with the scheme, and intimated that although he did not vote with the majority in this matter, immediately the decision of the Corporation was made he had accepted it, and had done his utmost ever since to induce the Minister to pay a two-third subsidy in connection with the scheme, and his activities in this matter could be verified by the records in the Department of Local Government.

Despite the number of houses erected by the Corporation, he continued, there was still a big demand for more, and he felt that the Corporation would not hesitate to erect them immediately Maudlintown was completed.

He further referred to the demolition of slum property, and intimated that in certain cases it was a hardship on the landlords to have their property confiscated without any compensation and considered that some Fund should be established by the State to pay compensation in cases where hardship was clearly proved.

Regarding the proposed new Town Hall, he informed the Meeting that the Department of Local Government had provisionally approved of the plans submitted and that the Architect was now awaiting the appointment of a Quantity Surveyor to draft the necessary specification on which to invite tenders.

He also referred to the fact that further improvement of the water supply was necessary, and that two schemes had been submitted by the Consulting Engineer, Mr. Delap, for the consideration of the Corporation. These schemes had been sent to the Chief Engineer of the Department of Local Government and Public Health for his advice and he had visited Wexford on the 24th instant with the Consulting Engineer to examine the schemes on the ground. As soon as his report was received the Corporation would proceed with the improvement of the water supply with as little delay as possible.

An Agreement had also been entered into, he stated, between the Corporation and the Harbour Board whereby the former would take over the maintenance and lighting of the streets leading from the Quays

and the latter would make an annual contribution of £100 towards the cost thereof.

The initial expenditure on the streets would amount to approximately £1200 and the Minister for Local Government and Public Health had agreed to contribute fifty per cent. of this amount.

In conclusion, he thanked all those ratepayers who had promptly met their rate demands during past years, and warned those who were evading payment that the Collectors had been instructed to use the utmost rigour of the law in ensuring that the rate assessments were paid.

With reference to the subsidy on the Maudlintown Houses, under date of the 25th instant the Minister for Local Government and Public Health, by letter No. H.114099, intimated that in order to enable the Corporation to let the houses at rents within the capacity of slum dwellers to pay he had agreed to the payment of a subsidy at the maximum rates if all the houses were used for the re-housing of persons displaced by the operations of the Corporation under the Housing of the Working Classes Acts.

QUARTERLY MEETINGS.

The next business was to fix the days and hours on which three Quarterly Meetings would be held previous to the 23rd June, 1937, and on the motion of Councillor Connolly, seconded by Alderman Coffey, the following three days as suggested by the Town Clerk were unanimously agreed to:- Monday, October 5th 1936, at half-past seven o'clock p.m.; Monday, 4th Jany, 1937, at half-past seven o'clock p.m.; and Monday, 5th April, 1937, at half-past seven o'clock p.m.

STANDING COMMITTEES.

The appointment of Standing Committees was next taken up, and Alderman Walsh proposed that all the present Committees be re-elected. Councillor McMahon seconded.

Councillor Connolly, however, proposed as an amendment, that one Committee composed of ten or twelve members be appointed to undertake

the work of the multiplicity of Committees already in existence. Members were divided as to the wisdom of Councillor Connolly's motion, but the Councillor held that it was not fair to the officials to have them three or four nights a week attending meetings, the work of which could be just as well done by a fortnightly meeting of a Committee of the type he proposed.

Other members held, however, that if the business of the meetings was conducted properly, and the members confined themselves to the matters under discussion, the officials would not be required to attend for two or three hours at night if the work could be carried out in half that time.

Eventually, Councillor Connolly withdrew his proposition, and Alderman Walsh's motion that the present Committees be re-elected was unanimously agreed to.

Accordingly, the Committees were constituted as follows:-

FINANCE AND WORKS, WATERWORKS, OLD AGE PENSIONS, AND PUBLIC HEALTH Committees, of the entire Council; the latter Committee being empowered to deal with all sanitary matters arising in the Borough in pursuance of Section 5 of the Public Health (Ireland) Act, 1878.

- HOUSING COMMITTEE: Councillors Moran, Sinnott, Crosbie, Dunne, James Billington, Hayes, Buckland, and John Billington, Aldermen Flusk, Walsh, Cullimore, and the Mayor.
- FIRE BRIGADE COMMITTEE: Councillors James Billington, Connolly, Buckland, Moran, McGuire, Aldermen Walsh, Cullimore, and the Mayor.
- CEMETERY COMMITTEE: Councillors Cashman, Murphy, Dunne, Sinnott, Buckland, McGuire, Aldermen Tobin, Cullimore, and the Mayor.
- SPECIAL RATES COMMITTEE: Councillors James Billington, Buckland, Doyle, Aldermen Flusk, Walsh, Cullimore, the Mayor, and Councillor Hayes.
- SCHOOL MEALS COMMITTEE: Councillors Crosbie, Connolly, McMahon, Alderman Walsh, Mrs. McTamney, Miss Alice Fennell, Mrs. English, Mrs. O'Connor, and Mr. Myles Bergin.
- MATERNITY AND CHILD WELFARE COMMITTEE: Councillors Moran, Hayes, James Billington, Aldermen Walsh and Cullimore, Mrs. Hadden, Mrs. Dowse, Mrs. Kelly, Mrs. McGuire, Mrs. McTamney, Mrs. English, Miss Kavanagh, and Miss Furlong.

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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, Patrick Tobin, William Cullimore, and Michael Flusk.

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

PRESENTATION.

Before the business of the Meeting commenced, the Mayor, on behalf of the Royal Humane Society, presented a Certificate for life saving to the Rev. Mr. Moore, who returned thanks for the presentation.

MINUTES.

The Minutes of Meeting of the Corporation on the 26th ultimo (a copy of which had been circulated to the members before the present meeting) were taken as read and were accordingly signed. The following Minutes of Committee Meetings were also submitted for ratification:- Finance, Etc. on the 8th and 22nd ultimo; Special Committee on the 24th ultimo; and Housing Committee on the 3rd instant.

NOFRANGO ROOFS.

Arising out of the Minutes, Councillor Connolly referred to a meeting on the 6th April in connection with the roofs of the Nofrango houses at Hill Street and Davitt Road, North, and complained that the Housing Committee had not yet made any attempt to re-roof these houses in accordance with the recommendation of the Borough Surveyor and Major Waller, of Nofrango Limited.

The following are the reports of the two gentlemen 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 roof.

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."

BOROUGH SURVEYOR'S REPORT.

"As requested, I inspected the above houses, accompanied by Mr. Millar, and beg to submit the following report and estimates:-

REPORT.

I found the Nofrango covered roofs badly sagged and cracked. In my opinion, from experience elsewhere, Nofrango is absolutely unsuitable as a roof covering, and cannot be made water-tight. These roofs are leaking badly in places, and will eventually cause rotting of the roof timbers and considerable damage to the ceilings.

I would, therefore, recommend that the Nofrango covering be stripped off, and the roofs covered with Cement Asbestos Slates.

This involves an expenditure of approximately £23 per house in both Hill Street and Davitt Road Houses.

ESTIMATE.

22 Houses, Hill Street.

Strip, and cart away-----	£80	:	0	:	0
94 sq. Asbestos Slates (12000 - 24 x 12")---	165	:	0	:	0
3 cwt. nails (copper) at 4d. per lb.-----	5	:	11	:	0
699' ridge tiles @ 1/6 per tile-----	35	:	0	:	0
Renewal of flashings-----	30	:	0	:	0
Time: 1 Slater and Lan. (16 weeks approx.)-	70	:	0	:	0
Scaffolding, 22 houses-----	45	:	0	:	0

£430	:	11	:	0	
Provide temporary covers-----	10	:	0	:	0

£440	:	11	:	0	
Incidentals-----	10	:	0	:	0

£450	:	11	:	0
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6 Houses Davitt Road:

32 Sqs. remove old Nofrango and cart away---	£ 20	:	0	:	0
Do. Slates - 4000-----	55	:	0	:	0
198' Ridge Tiles-----	10	:	0	:	0
1 cwt nails (copper) @ 4d. per lb.-----	1	:	17	:	0
Labour: 1 Slater and Labr. (3 weeks)-----	20	:	0	:	0
Renewal of flashings-----	7	:	0	:	0
Scaffolding, 6 houses @ 30/- -----	7	:	10	:	0
Covering-----	10	:	0	:	0
Incidentals-----	10	:	0	:	0

£141	:	7	:	0
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From the report of the Borough Surveyor it was seen that to re-roof the two schemes of houses would cost approximately £600, and accordingly Councillor Connolly moved that the work be put in hands with as little delay as possible, and that a Loan of £600 be raised from the Local Loans Fund to finance the work. Alderman Walsh seconded the proposition, which was unanimously agreed to.

PROPERTY AT HILL STREET.

Councillor Connolly also intimated that certain property at Hill Street and Monument Place, adjoining the Corporation houses there, was for sale, and suggested that the Town Clerk be asked to communicate with the owner, Mr. Thomas O'Leary of John Street, on the matter. This suggestion was agreed to.

Thereupon the Minutes of the Committees (copies of which had also been circulated to the members prior to the present meeting) were approved on the motion of Councillor Gaul, seconded by Councillor Crosbie.

PAYMENTS.

Liabilities which had accrued due up to the end of last month, amounting, in the aggregate, to £5745 : 19 : 5, were submitted.

Arising out of the payments, Councillor Connolly asked if the amount included therein for Miss Francis M. Daly, Health Visitor, covered the increase of salary granted to her in March last, and the Town Clerk replied "No" that up to the present he had not received the sanction of the Minister for Local Government and Public Health to the proposed increase, and on the motion of Councillor Connolly, seconded by Alderman Walsh, the Town Clerk was directed to again communicate with the Minister on the matter.

Alderman Flusk referred to a further item on the pay sheet of £50 in respect of the Quarter's salary for the Mayor, and was informed that the Corporation, when striking the rate for the current year, had agreed to increase the Mayor's salary by £25 in respect of the Quarter ended on 30th ultimo.

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

CORPORATION MEETINGS.

The Mayor referred to a discussion at last meeting, relative to the length of time meetings of the Corporation were taking, and asked for the co-operation of all members in seeing that the business was dealt with as expeditiously as possible. He would only allow each member to speak once on any question except the mover of a Resolution, who had the right to reply. The necessary co-operation was unanimously agreed to.

ACKNOWLEDGEMENTS.

The Wexford Steamships Company acknowledged receipt of a resolution of congratulation passed with them on the 8th ultimo; and the Rev. Matthew Wickham, P.P., Oylegate, acknowledged a vote of sympathy passed with him on the same date on the death of his brother.

POOR RATE.

A motion in the name of Councillor McMahon, relative to the Poor Rate struck for the past ten years, was adjourned at the request of the Councillor.

HOUSING SITE AT DAVITT ROAD.

With reference to Minutes of the 8th ultimo, Councillor Connolly, in accordance with notice given, moved that the Medical Officer of Health be asked to make a report on the advisability of erecting a Fire Station and a number of houses on ground at Davitt Road, North. Councillor McMahon seconded, but on a show of hands only two members voted for the motion and eighteen against it. The motion was accordingly declared lost.

TOWN SERGEANT'S WAGES.

Councillor Connolly also moved, in accordance with notice given, that the wages of the Town Sergeant be increased from £2 : 10 : 0 to £3. per week. Alderman Tobin seconded.

At the request of Councillor Connolly, the Town Clerk enumerated a list of the duties of the Sergeant, which were as follows:- Town Sergeant, which work included the service of all Notices required to be served by the Corporation and the work of porter in the Town Clerk's and Borough Surveyor's offices; he was also the receiver of.....

Shops, Cinemas, and Theatres; Collector of Market Tolls, Domestic Scavenging fees; and Caretaker of Town Hall and old Graveyards. Alderman Flusk, however, proposed as an amendment that the wages be increased to £2 : 15 : 0 per week. Councillor McMahon seconded. A suggestion by the Mayor, however, that an increase of 5/- be granted as from the 1st instant, and a further 5/- as from the 1st April, 1937, met with unanimous favour, and Councillor Connolly amended his proposition accordingly, which was unanimously agreed to, Alderman Flusk having withdrawn his amendment.

Arising out of this increase in salary, reference was made to the fees received by the Town Sergeant for the use of the Town Hall for dances. In accordance with a Scale fixed many years ago, he was entitled to a charge of 5/- in respect of the use of the Town Hall up to mid-night. Whilst residing in the Town Hall, he had placed at the disposal of Dance Parties one of his bedrooms for use as a Ladies' Cloakroom, and for this he had usually been paid an extra 5/-. Now he had been provided with a house adjoining the Town Hall, and of course he had no further claim on this room, so it was agreed that the public using the Hall should have the benefit of the use of this without any extra charge, and the Town Sergeant was to be informed that for the future he was only to claim a fee of 5/- for the use of the Hall.

HOUSING SCHEMES.

A motion in the name of Councillor Connolly, that the Minister for Local Government and Public Health be asked to hold an enquiry into the Corporation Housing Schemes, was withdrawn by the Councillor, but Councillor James Billington gave notice that he would move at the next Statutory Meeting that the Minister for Local Government and Public Health be requested to send down an official to enquire into the Housing Schemes of the Corporation.

CLEARANCE ORDERS.

In accordance with notice given, Councillor Connolly moved that four houses, included in The Wexford (Keyser's Lane) Clearance Order, 1936, which was made on the 8th ultimo, be excluded from the Order. Councillor McMahon seconded.

The four houses referred to were those numbered 12, 13, 14, and 15 in the Schedule to the Order, and were occupied by Nicholas Berry, Mary Berry, Phillip Roche, and Catherine Codd, and owned by a Mr. Edward Carroll.

Councillor Connolly, in moving the motion, intimated that the life savings of the landlord, who was only a poor man, had been invested in these houses. He had always carried out any repairs asked, and was prepared to carry out any further repairs asked by the Corporation to make them fit for habitation.

A number of members supported the motion, whilst others held that the Corporation should also take into consideration the interests of the persons who were compelled to reside in these dwellings.

On a poll being taken, there voted:-

For the Motion:	Councillors Martin, Gaul, John Billington, McGuire, Atkins, Buckland, James Billington, McMahon, Crosbie, Hayes, Connolly, and Alderman Tobin-----	12
Against the Motion:	Councillors Dunne, Moran, Cashman, Aldermen Cullimore, Walsh, Flusk, and the Mayor-----	7
Declined to Vote:	Councillor Murphy-----	1.

Councillor Connolly also moved that three houses included in the Batt Street Clearance Order, made on the 8th ultimo, be also excluded from that Order. Councillor McMahon seconded.

The three houses referred to were those numbered 16, 19, and 25 in the Schedule to the Order, and were occupied by Patrick Fenlon, Michael Roche, and William Marsh respectively. The first two were owned by.....

a man named John Lett, and the remaining one was owned by the occupier, William Marsh.
In this case, Councillor Connolly stated that Mr. Lett went to considerable expense some time ago in regard to these houses, and also was prepared to carry out any repairs required to make them fit for habitation. The man, Marsh, was the owner of the property, and was unemployed and had three motherless children. This man would not be able to pay the rent of a new house, if his present residence were demolished.
On a poll being taken on this motion, there voted:-

- For: Councillors Martin, Gaul, John Billington, McGuire, Atkins, James Billington, McMahon, Hayes, Connolly, and Alderman Tobin----- 10.
- Against: Councillors Dunne, Moran, Buckland, Crosbie, Cashman, Aldermen Cullimore, Flusk, Walsh, and the Mayor----- 9.
- Declined to Vote: Councillor Murphy----- 1.

When the result of this vote was announced, it was seen that the resolution was not carried by a majority of the members present, and Councillor Connolly complained that ten to nine was sufficient.
Thereupon the Town Clerk pointed out that neither the Resolution in regard to the Keyser's Lane Clearance Area nor the resolution regarding Batt Street Clearance Order were carried as both of them, in effect meant the rescission of the resolution adopted on the 8th ultimo, including the seven houses in Clearance Areas. He further pointed out that in accordance with Section 44 of the Town Commissioners Clauses Act, 1847, no resolution could be revoked unless determined upon by a majority consisting of two-thirds of the Commissioners present at the subsequent meeting if the number present at such subsequent meeting was not greater than the number present when such resolution was come to. In the present instance, twenty members were present on the 8th ultimo, when the resolution was agreed to, and there were also twenty in attendance at the present meeting. Consequently, each of the Resolutions to revoke those of the 8th ultimo would require a two-third majority.

The Mayor thereupon ruled that neither of the two resolutions revoking the Clearance Orders were carried, and it was agreed at the request of several members to put the matter down for discussion again at a Special Meeting of the Corporation due to be held on the 20th instant.

At this stage, the Mayor stated that before they left the question of Housing he wished to say that one would think from some of the remarks made that the Corporation were erecting "Jerry-built" houses all over the town. Since 1928, they had erected 403 houses. He was prepared to admit that the houses at Davitt Road and Hill Street were a bad job in so far as the roofs were concerned and they would have to set about making them right. In a few other houses they had complaints about slates being blown off in storms, or a settlement crack in walls, but if they went into other towns they would have a lot more complaints, and he did not think it fair to say that all the Corporation houses were badly built.
He also referred to the fact that when the Housing Committee had agreed to recommend the Corporation to make the Clearance Orders, which had just been under discussion, the members were unanimous, and he thought it very unfair that members of the Committee should vote that night for a rescission of these Orders.

immediately a house became vacant, was adjourned to enable the Corporation to ascertain from other Local Authorities how the letting of vacant houses was dealt with by them.

SLAUGHTERHOUSES.

The next business was a recommendation from a Special Committee that the owners or occupiers of slaughterhouses be required to make them suitable within three months; failing this that a Public Abbatoir be established; and in the meantime no Licences in respect of Slaughterhouses should be issued for the year 1935/7.

This matter arose out of a recommendation made by Dr. J. D. McCormack, Local Government Medical Inspector, that a Public Abbatoir should be provided having regard to the condition of the existing Slaughterhouses. The recommendation of the Inspector had been warmly supported by the County Medical Officer of Health, the Meat Inspector and the Town Clerk, and in consequence of their representations, the Special Committee had been set up to examine the Slaughterhouses. Some members of the Committee had made an inspection themselves, and as well, they had before them at a recent meeting a detailed report on each of the buildings from both the County Medical Officer of Health and the Meat Inspector.

From these reports, and from members own knowledge, it was seen that with the possible exception of three, none of the Slaughterhouses in town were fit for use as such, and the Committee were unanimous in making the above recommendation.

The recommendation of the Committee was unanimously adopted on the motion of Alderman Walsh, seconded by Councillor Cashman.

HOUSES AT BACK STREET.

The Public Health Committee recommended that three houses at Back Street, owned by Messrs. Godkin & Co., Wexford, and occupied by Patrick Furlong, James Thompkins, and Samuel O'Brien, be condemned as unfit for human habitation and Demolition Orders made in respect thereof.

In these cases the necessary Notices had been served on the owners under the Housing (Miscellaneous Provisions) Act, 1931, intimating that the future user of the houses and any offer with respect to repairs would be considered by the Corporation on the 20th April last. On this date a representative of the owners had asked to be informed of what the requirements of the Corporation were to make the houses fit for human habitation.

This information had been supplied to him on the 18th May last, and up to the 22nd ultimo nothing had been done with the houses, nor had the owners intimated whether or not they were prepared to carry out the requirements of the Corporation. On the 22nd ultimo, the Public Health Committee decided to recommend the Corporation to make Demolition Orders, and on the 23rd idem this decision had been intimated to both the owners and their agent, but up to the time of the present meeting no reply had been received.

Thereupon His Worship the Mayor moved that the recommendation of the Public Health Committee be adopted and Demolition Orders made in respect of the three houses. Alderman Walsh seconded the motion which was unanimously agreed to, and the three Orders were sealed and signed on the part of the Corporation.

SANITARY CONVENIENCES AT BRIDE PLACE.

The next business was a recommendation from the Public Health Committee that the Corporation provide sanitary conveniences for two houses at Bride Place where the owners had failed to do so, but it was intimated to the meeting that the conveniences required were in course of construction and it would not be necessary for the Corporation to move further in the matter.

LOAN TO JOHN ROSSITER, FAYTHE, UNDER THE SMALL DWELLINGS ACQUISITION ACTS.

A recommendation from the Finance Committee that a Loan of £380 be made to Mr. John Rossiter, Faythe, under the Small Dwellings Acquisition Acts, to enable him to erect a house there was unanimously adopted on the motion of the Mayor, seconded by Councillor Crosbie.

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CIRCULAR RE DIARRHOEA AND ENTERITIS.

Under date of the 20th ultimo, by circular letter No. P.H.75, the Minister for Local Government and Public Health called attention to the marked increase of mortality from Diarrhoea and Enteritis amongst children under two years of age, and to the importance of taking timely measures for the prevention of this cause of death.

It was unanimously agreed that a copy of this circular be forwarded to the Medical Officer of Health and the Health Visitor for their attention.

DRINAGH CEMENT WORKS.

With reference to Minutes of 8th ultimo, when the question of the re-opening of Drinagh Cement Works was under consideration, the Minister for Industry and Commerce under date of the 29th ultimo, by letter No. T.I.M.9/41, intimated that the matter of the location of an Industry was primarily one for the promoters, and that before the selection of Drogheda and Limerick for the establishment of Cement Factories, extensive investigations at many centres, including Drinagh, had been conducted by the promoters, and that should it be decided at a later stage to set up a similar factory, the claims of Drinagh would be borne in mind.

A communication was also read from the Wexford Development Association asking the Corporation to appoint two delegates to represent them on a deputation, which it was proposed to send to the Minister for Industry and Commerce regarding the re-opening of the Cement Works at Drinagh, and it was unanimously agreed that Alderman Flusk and Councillor Hayes should represent the Corporation on the proposed deputation.

SELECTION OF TENANTS FOR THREE VACANT HOUSES.

The next business was to select tenants for three vacant houses at St. Magdalen's Terrace, Davitt Road, South, and Wolfe Tone Villas. The first house dealt with was the one at St. Magdalen's Terrace, and on a poll being taken there voted:-

For John O'Leary (who was living in a room at Selskar with his wife and two children) Councillors Murphy, Dunne, McGuire, Moran, Atkins, Buckland, James Billington, Crosbie, Hayes, Cashman, Aldermen Cullimore, Flusk, and Tobin-----13

For Peter White, of King Street: Councillors Martin, Connolly, Alderman Walsh, and the Mayor----- 4.

For James Mansfield, Faythe: Councillor Gaul----- 1

For James Swan: Councillors John Billington and McMahon----- 2.

John O'Leary, having a clear majority of the votes, was declared the tenant of this house.

On a poll being taken for the tenancy of the Davitt Road house, there voted:-

For John Clancy, High Street: Councillors Murphy, Dunne, Moran, Atkins, Aldermen Cullimore and Flusk----- 6.

For Peter White, King Street: Councillors Martin, Buckland, and James Billington----- 3.

For William White, Monck Street: Councillor Gaul and Alderman Tobin----- 2.

For Thomas Roche, Church Lane: Councillors John Billington, McGuire, McMahon, Crosbie, and Alderman Walsh----- 5.

For Thomas Walsh, Paradise Row: Councillors Hayes, Cashman, and The Mayor----- 3.

For Daniel Cronin, of High Street: Councillor Connolly----- 1.

Daniel Cronin was eliminated, and thereupon Councillor Connolly transferred to Peter White, King Street, giving him four votes. William White was then eliminated and Councillor Gaul transferred to Clancy, giving him seven votes, and Alderman Tobin to Thomas Roche, giving him six votes.

Walsh was then eliminated, and Councillor Hayes transferred to Clancy, giving him eight votes, Councillor Cashman to Roche, giving him seven votes, and the Mayor to Peter White, giving him five votes. Peter White was then eliminated, and a final poll was taken between John Clancy and Thomas Roche, when there voted:-

For Clancy: Councillors Murphy, Martin, Gaul, Dunne, Moran, Atkins, Buckland, James Billington, Hayes, Aldermen Cullimore and Flusk----- 11.

For Roche: Councillors John Billington, McGuire, McMahon, Crosbie, Connolly, Cashman, Aldermen Tobin, Walsh, and the Mayor----- 9.

Clancy was declared the tenant of the Davitt Road house.

For the house at Wolfe Tone Villas, there voted:-

For Joseph Murphy, Barrack Street (who was living in a room there with his wife and two children each 9 and 11 years) Councillors Murphy, Martin, Dunne, John Billington, McGuire, Moran, Atkins, Buckland, James Billington, McMahon, Crosbie, Aldermen Cullimore, Flusk and Tobin----- ~~666~~ 14.

For Thomas Browne, Trimmers Lane: Councillors Gaul and Connolly-- 2.

For Ellen Smith, Keyser's Lane: Councillor Hayes----- 1.

For Nicholas Hatchell, Thomas Clarke Street: Councillor Cashman, Alderman Walsh, and the Mayor----- 3.

Joseph Murphy, having a clear majority of the votes, was declared the tenant of the house at Wolfe Tone Villas.

DEED OF TRANSFER TO MESSRS. BROCKHOUSE.

On the motion of Councillor Cashman, seconded by Councillor Moran, a Deed of Transfer of property at Maudlintown to Messrs. J. Brockhouse & Company (Ireland) Ltd., was sealed and signed on behalf of the Corporation.

ASSOCIATION OF MUNICIPAL AUTHORITIES.

An invitation was submitted for the appointment of delegates to represent the Corporation at the Annual Conference of the Association of Irish Municipal Authorities to be held at Tralee on the 9th and 10th September next. In accordance with the provisions of the Local Conferences Order, notice had been given to the members that a proposal would be made to appoint two delegates, and Councillor Hayes proposed that Councillor Buckland be one. Councillor Gaul seconded. Councillor Cashman proposed that the Mayor be the second delegate, and Councillor Crosbie seconded.

As there was no other nomination, the appointment of these two gentlemen was unanimously agreed to, and it was further agreed that if either or both of the two gentlemen happened to be elected a member of the Executive Committee of the Association, he or they be authorised to attend a number of meetings of this Committee in respect of which the Minister for Local Government and Public Health sanctioned the payment of expenses under the Local Conferences Order.

BATHING RESORTS.

A letter from the Minister for Local Government and Public Health under date of the 27th ultimo, No. P.H. circ. 78, relative to Public Bathing Resorts, was submitted, and the Borough Surveyor was asked to report as to whether the life saving apparatus provided at the Corporation Bathing Place at Cobden was in accordance with the

POLITICAL PRISONERS.

A letter submitted from a number of persons in Cork, relative to the treatment of prisoners detained at Arbour Hill Barracks, was ruled out of order by the Mayor as being of a political character.

FAIRS.

Complaint was made regarding the state of Hill Street and Spawell Road and John Street after fairs, and a suggestion that a barrier should be erected on each footpath was referred to the Borough Surveyor for a report on what it would cost; he was also to report as to whether any better method of cleansing the streets more expeditiously after these fairs could be devised.

INSURANCE.

Councillor Moran reported that he had recently attended the Annual Meeting of the Irish Public Bodies Mutual Insurances, of which the Corporation was a member. At the meeting, he stated, complaint was made that a number of Local Authorities were insuring property under its value, and decided to call the attention of the Corporation to this matter.

The Town Clerk, however, replied that in so far as houses erected within the last six or eight years were concerned they were insured for their full cost, and he promised to investigate the position regarding the older buildings before the premiums next became due.

BOROUGH SURVEYOR'S HOLIDAYS.

The Borough Surveyor applied for and was granted one month's leave of absence as from the 13th instant, and Mr. T. Millar, who was at present employed as Clerk of Works at Maudlintown Housing Scheme, was appointed to discharge the Surveyor's duties during his absence.

The Meeting then terminated.

Richard Cairns J.D.
Mayor of Wexford
10. 8. 36

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

SYMPATHY.

The Mayor moved that the sympathy of the Meeting be extended to Alderman Cullimore on the death of his brother, Thomas. The motion was seconded by Councillor Moran, supported by all the members present, and adopted in respectful silence.

OPENING OF MAUDLINTOWN HOUSES.

Under date of the 17th instant, by letter No. H/4/M. the Minister for Local Government and Public Health intimated that it would give him much pleasure to open the Maudlintown Housing Scheme on the 27th idem at four p. m., and it was agreed that every member who could find it convenient would attend wearing his Robe of Office.

QUANTITY SURVEYOR TOWN HALL

Four applications were received, in response to a public advertisement for the post of Quantity Surveyor for the proposed new Town Hall. They were from:

Francis D. Shortall, Leinster Street, Dublin.
 Beckett & Medcalf, Clare Street, Dublin.
 A. Edward Smith, Upper Merrion Street, Dublin.
 Cullen & O'Brien, 48, Grafton Street, Dublin.

All the applicants were qualified in accordance with the terms of the advertisement, and on the Motion of the Mayor, seconded by Councillor Moran, Messrs. Cullen & O'Brien were unanimously appointed to the post, subject to the approval of the Minister for Local Government and Public Health.

CLEARANCE ORDERS.

With reference to minutes of last meeting, when it was decided to again consider Councillor Connolly's motion to exclude four houses from the terms of the Wexford (Keyser's Lane) Clearance Order, 1936, and three houses from the Wexford (Batt Street) Clearance Order, 1936. The matter now came up for discussion as agreed on 6th inst. The houses in the Keyser's Lane Order referred to by the Councillor were those numbered 12, 13, 14, 15, in the Schedule to the Order, and in the case of the Batt Street houses were those numbered 16, 19, and 25.

Thereupon, Councillor Connolly, moved that the four houses referred to be excluded from the Keyser's Lane Order, and Councillor McMahon seconded.

In the Course of a lengthy speech, Councillor Connolly referred to the hardship on the owner of these four houses if he was compelled to demolish them, after investing his life savings in the property. He further complained that these houses had not been considered unfit for human habitation by the M. O. H., and question the authority of the Housing Committee to have them examined by the Surveyor, on whose report they had acted in making the recommendation that they be included in a Clearance Order, but he was informed that these officers of the Corporation had power to inspect a house themselves.

On a Poll being taken there voted

For the motion	Councillors Gaul, Buckland, Murphy, Martin, Connolly, Cashman, Sinnott, Hayes, John Billington, James Billington, McMahon, McGuire, Atkins, and Alderman Tobin	14
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Against the motion	Councillors Dunne, Crosbie, Doyle, Moran, Aldermen Walsh, Flusk and the Mayor.	7.
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The motion for the exclusion of the four houses from the terms of the Order was declared carried.

Councillor Connolly also moved that the three houses referred to be excluded from the Wexford (Batt Street) Clearance Order.

Similar arguments were advanced in this case and as well reference was made to a house owned and occupied by a Mrs. Brien, which was numbered 23 in the Schedule to the Order. This lady was a widow, and conducted the business of carter with her sons. In her present circumstances she would not be able to afford to pay the rent of a new house and pay for stabling for her horses as well, and the Councillor asked to have her house included in his motion for exclusion, but the Mayor ruled that notice of this would have to be given and Councillor Connolly intimated that he would move the exclusion of this house at next meeting.

Councillor Martin seconded the motion for exclusion and on a Poll being taken there voted

For the motion	Councillors Gaul, Buckland, Murphy, Martin, Connolly, Cashman, Sinnott, Hayes, John Billington, James Billington, McMahon, McGuire, Atkins, and Alderman Tobin.	14
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Against the motion	Councillors Dunne, Crosbie, Doyle, Moran, Aldermen Walsh, Flusk and the Mayor.	7.
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This motion for the exclusion of the three houses from the terms of the Wexford (Batt Street) Clearance Order, 1936, was also declared carried.

In reply to a query the Town Clerk intimated that he could do nothing to give effect to the terms of the two rescinding motions just carried, as in his opinion the Corporation had no power to rescind an Order once it was made, and that the houses must come within the scope of any Inquiry which might be held by the Minister for Local Government and Public Health, who alone had power to exclude the houses after such an Inquiry.

STREET NAMES - MAUDLINTOWN.

The Housing Committee recommended that the Streets and avenues on the Maudlintown Housing Estate be named as follows:- Hantoon Street, Harbour View, Gulbar Road, Saltee Avenue, Edenvale Avenue, Antelope Street, and Dolphin Street. These names, it was stated, were after old Wexford Sailing Ships, and on the motion of Councillor Connolly, Seconded by the Mayor, the recommendation of the Housing Committee was unanimously adopted, and it was further agreed to ask the Minister for Local Government and Public Health to name the Streets accordingly when he was opening the Scheme on the 27th instant.

EMPLOYMENT OF MEN.

The next business was the employment of not more than 96 unskilled labourers for work as and when such arose, and in this connection a letter was read from the Wexford Trades Council asking the Corporation to extend the period of employment from two to three months, so that men would have sufficient Stamps to qualify for Unemployment Insurance, and to be paid when wages were not paid. The motion of Alderman Walsh, seconded by Councillor Cashman, but with Councillor James Billington dissenting.

The following were selected:-

Mayor: William Byrne, William Street; Peter Lacey, Whitemill;
Patrick Berry, Wolfe Tone Villas; Thomas Murphy, Green St.

Alderman
Flusk: William Gorman, High St.; Aidan Clancy, Harpur's Lane;
Nicholas Murphy, Lower John St: John Comerford, Wygram.

Alderman
Walsh: Laurence Murphy, Abbey Street; Richard Murphy, High St;
Francis Tompkins, Mallon St; Edward Redmond, Wolfe Tone
Villas.

Alderman
Tobin: J. Doherty, Columba Villas; John Alyward, Hill Street;
Denis Clancy, Croke Avenue; Michael Hynes, John Street.

Councillor
Buckland: John Murphy, Harpur's Lane; John Rossiter, Mary Street;
John Butler, Bride Street; James Whitmore, Allen Street.

Councillor
Dunne: Charles Roche, Carrigeen; Joseph Whelan, Lower John St.;
Joseph Hynes, John St.; Patrick Butler, Duke Street.

Councillor
Cashman: Martin Fenelon, Duke St; Patrick Goggins, Wolfe Tone Villas
William Murphy, Croke Avenue; Patrick Mythen, Francis St.

Councillor
Hayes: Patrick Sinnott, Abbey St; Edward Murphy, Mary Street;
Daniel Kelly, Keyser's Lane; James Moore, Common Quay St.

Councillor
McGuire: John Hynes, O'Connell Avenue; Thomas Doyle, Mary Street;
James Wilson, Duke Street; Jos. Somers, Wygram.

Councillor
James Daniel Clancy, Byrne's Lane; John Fenlon, Bride Street;
Billington Thomas Lewis, Maudlintown; Michael Codd, Junior, Wolfe
Tone Villas.

Councillor
Sinnott: Patrick O'Brien, Faythe; Patrick Radford, Faythe;
John Lacey, Barrack Street; John Kearney, Faythe.

Councillor
Crosbie: John Crosbie, Hith Street; Patrick Wilde, Roches Terrace;
Peter Hamilton, Cornmarket; Michael Crosbie Roche's Tee.

Councillor
Moran: John Lacey, Wolfe Tone Villas; Patrick Goff, Columba
Villas; James McGrath, Bride Place; John Nolan, Faythe.

Councillor
McMahon: Patrick Berry, Bride Street; John Murphy, Byrne's Lane;
Patrick Carr, Snr. Wolfe Tone Villas; Michael Clowery,
Bride Street.

Councillor
Martin: George Murphy, Maudlintown; Michael Murphy, Seaview Av.;
James Delaney, Parnell St; Edward Grace, Distillery Rd.

Councillor
Atkins: Patrick Byrne, Talbot St; Patrick Swords, Wolfe Tone
Villas; Frank Tennant, Barrack Street; John Canning,
5. St. Magdalen's Terrace.

Councillor
Murphy: Patrick Whitmore, Barrack St; James Reck, Wolfe Tone Villas
Thomas Walsh, Distillery Rd.; Michael Carty, Barrack St.

Councillor
John George Edmonds, Croke Avenue; William Layne, Temperance Row
Billington Richard O'Brien, Upper John St; Michael Shiel, Trinity St.

Councillor
Connolly: James Conway, Talbot St; John Quinlisk, John Street;
John Flaherty, Hill St.; John Roche, Abbey Street.

Councillor
Doyle: Nicholas Brien, Hill St.; James Kells, Cornmarket;
George Furlong, Croke Avenue; Nicholas Roche, John St.

The following four persons were selected by the members of Salskar
Ward in lieu of the number Councillor O'Leary(resigned) would have
been entitled to nominate if he were still a member:-Walter Houghton
Cornmarket; Martin Roche, Francis St; James Swords, John Street;
and Michael Roche, John Street.

Initials of Chairman.....

Alderman Flusk referred to the unavoidable absence of Alderman Cullimore through a family bereavement, and stated that Ald. Cullimore had given him four names and had asked him to request the permission of the Corporation to hand them to the Town Clerk.

Some members, however, pointed out that Ald. Coffey was also absent and that similar facilities should be afforded him as were requested for Ald. Cullimore, so it was agreed to defer the matter until the two Aldermen were in attendance.

The Borough Surveyor was given permission to employ seven key-men for Quarry work whether their names appeared on the list or not.

DEMOLITION ORDERS - LAST MEETING.

With reference to the Demolition orders made at last meeting in respect of three houses at Back Street, it was stated that the owners Messrs. Godkin & Co. had inferred from the newspaper report of the proceedings that they had appeared to be discourteous to the Corporation and indifferent to the destruction of their property. They wrote stating that such was not the case, as they had had an estimate prepared of the cost of putting the houses into a state fit for human habitation but had found that it would not be economic. They had instructed their Solicitor at a recent meeting of the Board of Directors to so inform the Corporation, but through some error he had not written, and they wished to assure the Corporation that they did not mean to be discourteous.

The meeting then terminated.

Richard Quinn YD
Mayor of Wexford
 10 8. 36

4th August, 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 eight o'clock p.m.

The members present were:-

Alldermen: Patrick Tobin and Michael Flusk.

Councillors: James Murphy, James Billington, Michael Martin, Thomas Hayes, James Crosbie, Phillip McGuire, Robert Moran, Thomas Dunne, James Gaul, and Patrick Atkins.

On the motion of Councillor Hayes, seconded by Councillor Crosbie, Councillor Martin presided in the absence of His Worship the Mayor.

SYMPATHY.

Before the meeting commenced, the Chairman moved that the sympathy of the Corporation be extended to the relatives of the late Very Rev. Thomas Here, P.P., Monageer, who for a number of years was Administrator in the town.

Councillor Gaul seconded the motion, which was supported by all the members present and adopted in respectful silence.

PAYMENTS.

Liabilities which had accrued due up to the end of last month, amounting, in the aggregate, to £4019 : 12 : 9 were submitted, and having been examined were approved, and an Advice Note was signed to enable them to be discharged.

HARBOUR BOARD ELECTION.

The next business was the election of a member of the Corporation on the Wexford Harbour Board for the ensuing twelve months.

Councillor Robert Moran was the only person nominated, and on the motion of Councillor Hayes, seconded by Councillor Billington, he was unanimously elected, for which he returned thanks to the members.

EMPLOYMENT OF MEN.

Councillor Martin, on behalf of the Mayor, substituted Patrick Murphy, of Wallis Tone Villas, in place of J. Byrne, who was nominated by him for employment at a recent meeting.

The members then separated.

10th August, 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, Patrick Tobin, and Michael Flusk.

Councillors: Thomas Hayes, Phillip McGuire, James Billington, James Crosbie, Nicholas Connolly, John Billington, Patrick Atkins, James Murphy, James McMahon, Thomas Dunne, Robert Moran, James Gaul, and Michael Martin.

The Acting Borough Surveyor and Town Clerk were also in attendance.

MINUTES.

On the motion of Councillor Hayes, seconded by Councillor Crosbie, the Minutes of Meetings of the Corporation on the 6th and 20th July and 1st August, 1936 (a copy of which had been sent to each member beforehand) were taken as having been read and were signed. The following Minutes of Committees (copies of which had also been furnished to members) were submitted for ratification, namely, Finance Etc. on 6th & 20th ult. and Housing on 17th ult. and 1st inst. Arising out of these, Councillor Connolly referred to an entry in the Minutes of the Housing Committee of the 17th ultimo regarding computations submitted by the Town Clerk on the subject of the rents of the new houses at Maudlintown, but on being informed that the Committee had not yet reached a definite decision on this matter, and that such a decision when reached would be submitted to the Corporation in the form of a recommendation for ratification, the Councillor did not press the point and the matter dropped. The Minutes, as submitted, were thereupon approved on the motion of Councillor Hayes, seconded by Councillor Crosbie.

POOR RATE.

A motion in the name of Councillor McMahon with reference to the rate in the pound of the Poor Rate for the past ten years was further adjourned at the request of the Councillor himself.

HOUSING INQUIRY.

In accordance with notice given, Councillor James Billington moved:- "That we ask the Minister for Local Government to send down an Inspector to inquire into the building of houses by the Corporation." Alderman Coffey seconded the motion. Councillor Billington, as one of his reasons for the motion, read from a newspaper report the remarks of a High Court Judge concerning the Corporation at the conclusion of a Lawsuit between two Local Firms regarding the supply of timber to the Maudlintown Houses. The remarks of the Judge are set out in the Minutes of the proceedings of the Corporation on 2nd March, 1936. As a further reason he quoted the Report of Major Waller (of Nofrango Ltd) on the subject of the roofs of the Nofrango houses at Hill Street and Davitt Road. This report will be found embodied in Minutes of Proceedings of the Corporation on the 6th ultimo. Councillor Billington maintained that if the timber in the Nofrango roofs was as bad as stated by Major Waller, the timber in the doors and walls was no better. He also referred to the delay in completing the first 54 houses at Maudlintown, and pointed out that they should have been ready early in January last, and these could have been occupied now

only for the bad management of the Corporation.

A lengthy discussion followed on this matter, when some members contended that Councillor Billington had not made any case for an inquiry nor had he even proved some of the statements he had made. Having regard to the statements made by Councillor Billington as to the walls of the Nofrango houses, and to the decision of the Corporation on the 6th ultimo to re-roof them, Councillor Moran moved that Councillor Billington's motion be adjourned until the roofs were stripped so that it could be ascertained if the timber in the walls was shrinking.

Councillor Dunne seconded this amendment and on a show of hands it was declared carried by twelve votes to five for Councillor James Billington's motion.

It was further agreed that when these roofs were stripped the Minister for Local Government and Public Health should be asked to send one of his Inspectors to examine the houses before they were re-roofed.

BATT STREET CLEARANCE ORDER.

Councillor Connolly, in accordance with notice given, moved that the house at Batt Street, owned and occupied by Mrs. Brien and numbered 23 in the Schedule to the Order be excluded from the Wexford (Batt Street) Clearance Order, 1936.

This lady, he stated, carried on the business of carter with the assistance of her sons, and in her present circumstances would not be able to pay the rent of a new house in addition to paying for stabling for the horse.

Alderman Coffey seconded the motion, and on a poll there voted:-

For: Councillors Martin, Gaul, McMahon, Murphy, Atkins,
John Billington, Connolly, James Billington, McGuire,
Hayes, Aldermen Coffey and Tobin----- 12.

Against: Councillors Moran, Dunne, Crosbie, Aldermen Flusk and
the Mayor----- 5.

The motion was accordingly declared carried.

CORRESPONDENCE.

There was submitted to the meeting a letter from the Minister for Local Government and Public Health under date of the 18th ultimo, No. F.88356, forwarding copy of the Local Government (Application of Enactments) Order, 1898, Adaptation Order, 1936.

There was also submitted a letter from the same Minister under date of the 8th ultimo, No. P.H.89, forwarding copy of The Milk (Percentage of Milk-fat and Milk-solids) Regulations, 1936.

The contents of both Orders were noted.

ROAD IMPROVEMENT GRANT.

Under date of the 21st July, 1936, by letter No. S.G.P/201/36, the Minister for Local Government and Public Health forwarded copy of the Provisional Allocation of the Main Roads Grant for 1936/37, which included a sum of £1000 for the resurfacing of Distillery Road. This was considered satisfactory.

RELIEF GRANT.

Under date of the 4th instant, by letter No. RU/203, the Minister for Local Government and Public Health intimated that a sum of £1035 had been made available for road and footpath work in the Borough provided the Corporation agreed to supplement the Grant by a similar amount. The Minister asked that a scheme be submitted, therefore, for the expenditure of £2070.

It was unanimously agreed to accept the Grant on the condition laid down, and the Borough Surveyor was to be asked to prepare a scheme

for the expenditure of the amount. The re-surfacing of Spawell Road and St. Peter's Square were suggested. It was also agreed to raise the Corporation's contribution by way of loan.

ANALYST'S REPORT.

The Report of the Borough Analyst for the Quarter ended 30th June, 1936, which was submitted, showed that he had examined seven samples of milk, three of butter, two each of margarine, sugar, cocoa, and cheese, and one each of sherry, sausage, pudding, Port Wine, buttermilk and rice.

The total number of samples submitted was 24, all of which were found genuine.

It was further reported that four samples of butter had been taken on the 8th ultimo by an officer of the Department of Agriculture, and that on analysis two proved to be genuine and two contained an excessive amount of water.

Regarding the two defective samples, the Town Clerk intimated that he had instructed the Corporation Solicitor to institute proceedings against the vendors and the cases would come before the District Justice on the 19th instant.

This was considered satisfactory.

LOAN UNDER S.D.A. ACTS - LEONARD.

A recommendation from the Finance Committee that a Loan of £550 be made under the Small Dwellings Acquisition Acts to Mr. John Leonard of Bride Street, was adopted on the motion of the Mayor, seconded by Alderman Coffey.

TRIAL OF MICHAEL CONWAY.

A letter relative to the trial of the above was ruled out of order by the Mayor on the ground that it was political.

The Meeting then separated.

Richard Leonard J.D.
Mayor of Wexford
4-9-36

24th August, 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, William Cullimore, Michael Flusk, Robert Coffey, and Patrick Tobin.

Councillors: Nicholas Connolly, Robert Moran, Patrick Atkins, James McMahon, Phillip McGuire, James Billington, James Gaul, John Billington, James Crosbie, James Murphy, Thomas Dunne, Michael Martin, Thomas Doyle, and James Sinnott.

RENTS OF MAUDLINTOWN HOUSES.

The first business was to consider a recommendation from the Housing Committee that the rents of Maudlintown Houses be fixed at 3/6 each per week for three-room and 4/6 each per week for four-room.

The following statement showing how the rents had been arrived at were furnished to each member before the meeting:-

"Town Clerk's Estimate of the rents which might be charged for the Maudlintown Houses, based on the Engineer's Estimate at the Commencement of the Scheme, together with the Engineer's estimate of increases during its progress.

Total estimated cost of Scheme at beginning-----£50,600.

100 four-room houses: estimated building costs
£28,720: Average Cost £287 : 4 : 0

54 three6room houses: estimated building costs
£13,808: Average Cost 255 : 14 : 0

Development and overhead charges in respect of
154 houses: Estimated at £8,098: average per house 52 : 11 : 0

Four-room house - average building cost £287 : 4 : 0
Development, &c. 52 : 11 : 0

Total estimated cost-----£339 : 15 : 0

Say £340.

Three-room house - average building cost £255 : 14 : 0
Development, &c. 52 : 11 : 0

Total Estimated cost-----£308 : 5 : 0

Say £308.

Over and above the foregoing, Mr. Millar estimates that the cost of the scheme will be increased by approximately £3,000, due to increases in Wages, Insurance, Cement, Roads, use of concrete pipes, &c. This is an estimate of the cost of the scheme, and consequently a four-room house will cost £360 and a three-room £328, all-in.

The following shows how the rents are estimated:-

FOUR-ROOM HOUSE.

ESTIMATED ALL-IN COST £360.

Repayment of £360 @ £5 - 17 - 9½ per cent-----	£21	:	4	:	0			
Less 2/3rds subsidy on £300-----	11	:	15	:	6			
			9	:	8 : 6			
Rates on P.L.V. of £5 @ 18/- -----	4	:	10	:	0			
Administration expenses at 1% on building costs-----	2	:	17	:	6			
Annual Charge-----	£16	:	16	:	0			
Weekly economic rent 6/5½								
If let at 5/- per week the Corporation would								
have to bear an annual charge of				£3	:	16	:	0
If let at 4/6	"	"	"	5	:	2	:	0
If let at 4/-	"	"	"	6	:	8	:	0

THREE-ROOM HOUSE.

ESTIMATED ALL-IN COST £328.

Repayment of £328 @ £5 - 17 - 9½%	£19	:	6	:	3			
Less 2/3rds subsidy on £300	11	:	15	:	6			
			7	:	10 : 9			
Rates on P.L.V. of £4 - 10 - 0 at 18/- -----	4	:	1	:	0			
Administration expenses at 1% on building costs-----	2	:	11	:	2			
Annual Charge-----	£14	:	2	:	11			
Weekly economic rent 5/5.								
If let at 4/- per week, the Corporation would								
have to bear an annual charge of				£3	:	14	:	11
If let at 3/6	Do.		Do.	5	:	0	:	11
if let at 3/-	Do.		Do.	6	:	6	:	11

Councillor Gaul moved the adoption of the Committee's recommendation and Alderman Flusk seconded.

Councillor James Billington referred to the administration expenses at one per cent. included in the annual charges, and asked if this was considered sufficient to cover all the expenses such as rent collection, insurance, and repairs, and it was pointed out to the Councillor that the figure was put in by direction of the Minister for Local Government and Public Health. Some years ago it had been the practice of the Corporation to charge one per cent. depreciation in addition to the actual cost of rent collection and insurance, but the Minister had intimated that in his opinion one per cent. was sufficient to cover the entire cost of depreciation, insurance, and rent collection.

Councillor Connolly maintained that the rents of those houses should be the same as at Whitemill, namely 3/- and 4/- per week, and as a reason pointed out that the land for the Maudlintown Houses had been acquired at a much cheaper rate than for the Whitemill Scheme.

It was explained, however, that the cost of the land was infinitesimal when spread over 154 houses, and the Chairman said that the Corporation had to pay the cost of the land in the form of development charges.

at Maudlintown had been much heavier than at Whitemill. As well, the rate of wages had increased by approximately 13%, and the Conditions of Employment Act, 1936, added a further increase to labour costs of approximately 4%. In addition the price of cement had increased by 15%.

His Worship the Mayor pointed out that the Regulation, whereby the Corporation was only paid subsidy up to £300 on the cost of a house, meant an increase of practically 1/- per week, and, as well, he considered that the valuation placed on this type of house was far too high. He recalled that as far back as 1923 the then President of the Executive Council had given an assurance that new houses erected would not be valued at a higher figure than existing houses of a similar type, but this promise, he stated, had not been kept.

He (Mayor) had placed this matter before the present Minister for Local Government and Public Health, who was giving it his earnest consideration.

During the discussion on the fixing of these rents, Councillor Connolly referred to the houses erected by the Corporation prior to the War with money borrowed from the Commissioners of Public Works, and complained that as the Government was withholding the payment of sinking fund and interest on these Loans from the British Government, an allowance of at least 50 per cent. of this amount should be made to Local Authorities who could make a corresponding reduction in the rents charged for such houses. Eventually a poll was taken on the Housing Committee's recommendation when there voted:-

For: Councillors Sinnott, Doyle, Martin, Dunne, Murphy, Crosbie, Gaul, John Billington, McGuire, James Billington, McMahon, Atkins, Moran, Aldermen Tobin, Coffey, Flusk, Cullimore, Walsh and the Mayor----- 19.

Against: Councillor Connolly----- 1.

The motion was accordingly declared carried and the rents fixed at 3/6 and 4/6 each per week, subject to the approval of the Minister for Local Government and Public Health.

LETTING OF MAUDLINTOWN HOUSES.

The Housing Committee further recommended that the 54 three-room houses be allocated as follows:-

To be reserved for persons living in the Wexford (Batt Street) Clearance area----- 4.
To be reserved for persons in the Wexford (Keyser's Lane) Clearance Area----- 3.
To be reserved for persons in the Wexford (Waterloo Road) Clearance Area----- 3.
To be reserved for persons in individual houses, the subject of Demolition Orders----- 13.

The remaining 31 to be allocated to the following persons residing in rooms in overcrowded houses:-

Thomas Doyle, Well Lane; E. Busher, Abbey Street; Michael Cosgrove, Trinity Place; J. Daly, Faythe; N. Kirwan, William Street; Phillip Morris, Talbot Street; Matthew Morris, Wygram Place; Thomas McGrath, Nth. Main Street; Daniel Nolan, Faythe; Thomas Nolan, Monck Street; John O'Neill, Parnell Street; Patrick Sinnott, Abbey Street; J. Swan, 132 Faythe; J. J. Tottenham, Duke Street; Michael Hayes, Sth. Main Street; John Sinnott, Faythe; Thomas Swaine, William Street; John Mernagh, Barrack Street; Frank Tennant, Barrack Street; William O'Neill, Kevin Barry Street; T. Pitman, Cornmarket; Thomas Doyle, Maudlintown; Kathleen Cahill, Faythe; Michael Fenlon, Faythe; Michael Nolan, Clifford Street; Patrick Murphy, King Street; Thomas Browne, Distillery Road; Thomas Duffin, School Street; Thomas Edmonds, Distillery Road; Charles O'Neill, Castlehill Street; and Martin O'Connor, Monck Street.

The Mayor moved that the recommendation of the Committee be adopted, and Alderman Walsh seconded.

Councillor Connolly asked if a Mrs. O'Brien was included in the four houses reserved for people in the Batt Street Clearance Area, and on being informed in the affirmative, protested that this would strengthen the hands of the Corporation to have this woman's house condemned, although they had recently adopted a resolution excluding her house from the Clearance Order, and he therefore moved that a house be not reserved for Mrs. O'Brien.

Councillor McMahon seconded.

It was explained to the meeting that by the terms of a Clearance Order the Corporation were bound to supply accommodation to persons to be displaced if the Order was confirmed by the Minister for Local Government and Public Health, and on a poll being taken there voted:-

For the amendment: Councillors Doyle, John Billington, Connolly, McMahon, and Alderman Coffey-----5.

Against the amendment: Councillors Sinnott, Martin, Dunne, Murphy, Crosbie, McGuire, Atkins, Moran, Aldermen Tobin, Flusk, Cullimore, Walsh, and the Mayor-----13.

Declined to Vote: Councillors Gaul and James Billington---- 2.

The amendment was accordingly declared lost, and on a show of hands the Housing Committee's recommendation was adopted by 14 votes for to four against, with two members not voting.

HARBOUR STREETS.

The Agreement between the Corporation and the Harbour Commissioners was submitted for execution. This provided that the Corporation would take over, maintain, cleanse, and light the streets leading from the Quays, and the Harbour Commissioners would pay the Corporation the sum of £100 per annum towards the cost of this work, and on the motion of the Mayor, seconded by Councillor Crosbie, the Agreement was sealed and signed on behalf of the Corporation.

EMPLOYMENT OF MEN.

It was mentioned that at the last meeting, when men were nominated for employment, Aldermen Coffey and Cullimore were unavoidably absent, and it was agreed at the time that the two Aldermen should be allowed to nominate four men each at the first meeting at which they were both present.

Alderman Cullimore thereupon nominated:- James Crosbie, Swan View; William Duggan, Pearse Street; Michael Fenlon, Wolfe Tone Villas; and Matthew Kielty, Pearse Street.

Alderman Coffey nominated:- Thomas Doyle, Mary Street; Michael Sullivan, 9, Distillery Road; Robert Hanton, Wolfe Tone Villas; and Patrick Furlong, Back Street.

The Meeting then separated.

Richard Cullen J.D.
Mayor of Wexford
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7th September, 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, Robert Coffey, Michael Flusk, Thomas Walsh and Patrick Tobin.

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

MINUTES.

The Minutes of Meetings of Corporation on 10th and 24th ultimo, copies of which had been circulated to the members beforehand, were taken as having been read on the motion of Alderman Coffey, seconded by Councillor Gaul, and were signed. The following Minutes of Committee Meetings, copies of which had also been circulated, were submitted for ratification, namely, Finance and Works, Waterworks, and Public Health Committees on the 10th and 24th ultimo, and Housing Committee on 21st and 28th ultimo. Alderman Coffey moved the ratification of these Minutes and Councillor Gaul seconded.

With reference to the Minutes of Housing Committee on the 28th ultimo, when a letter was submitted from the Minister for Local Government and Public Health under date of the 21st idem, No. H.139906, on the subject of The Wexford (Keyser's Lane) and Waterloo Road Clearance Orders, and when it had been decided to forward a report from Dr. Aughney, Acting County Medical Officer of Health, on the houses in respect of which a difference of opinion arose between the Medical Officer and the Engineer, Councillor Connolly referred to an entry in this minute to the effect that the Town Clerk had made arrangements for the Acting County Medical Officer of Health to give evidence at the Inquiry which he had expected would be held into these two Orders. It had seemed to him (Councillor Connolly) that it was a deliberate attempt to bring pressure to bear in order to have the houses demolished on the owners. He held that the report of Dr. Aughney should have been submitted to the Corporation before being sent to the Minister, and gave notice that he would move at next Statutory Meeting that Dr. Aughney be directed not to give evidence in connection with these Clearance Orders.

It was pointed out to the Councillor, however, that Dr. Aughney could be called on to give evidence by the Minister or by the Inspector holding the Inquiry, and further, that under a recent Order the County Medical Officer of Health was the person to decide which houses in the town should be inspected by the Local Medical Officer of Health.

The Councillor eventually withdrew his notice of motion, and the Minutes of the Committee Meetings were ratified.

SYMPATHY.

The Mayor moved that the sympathy of the meeting be extended to the relatives of the late Mr. John Walsh, Bride Street, who for over twenty years had been a member of the Corporation. The motion was seconded by Councillor Connolly, supported by all the members present and adopted in respectful silence.

PAYMENTS.

Liabilities which had accrued due up to the end of last month, amounting, in the aggregate, to £593 : 3 : 2 were submitted, and having been examined were approved, and on advice. None was

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signed to enable them to be discharged.

NEW TOWN HALL.

Before the business on the Agenda proceeded, Alderman Coffey asked if the Corporation were committed to the site for the proposed new Town Hall. As the site was formerly a swamp, he would like to know what advice they had got on it.

It was pointed out to Alderman Coffey that the Architect and Borough Surveyor had made some soundings there, and with the permission of the Corporation proposed to sink trial piles, and, if necessary, the site would be piled so that there would be no danger of the building sinking.

RE LARGE FAMILIES IN SMALL HOUSES.

At the request of Councillor Cashman, a letter from the Department of Local Government and Public Health under date of the 24th ultimo, No. H.170572, was read. This was in reply to a communication sent by the Housing Committee asking if any provision could be made to re-house persons with very large families living in small houses, and the Minister stated there was no provision in the Acts which would entitle the Corporation to the payment of subsidy at the maximum rate in respect of new houses so allocated.

It was seen that nothing could be done to re-house these persons on new Housing Estates, and a suggestion was made that these persons should be kept in mind when old houses became vacant and were being let.

AUDITOR'S REPORT.

The following report of the Local Government Auditor, J.J. Flood, Esq., on his audit of the accounts of the Corporation for the year ending 31st March, 1936, was considered. A copy of the report and the Abstract of Accounts had been furnished to each member of the Corporation:-

"No. 148668/36.

Cedar's Hotel, Rosslare,
Co. Wexford.
7/7/"36.

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I beg to report that I have audited the accounts of the Wexford Corporation for the year ended 31st March, 1936. Certified copies of the abstracts of accounts and Clerk's statement are transmitted herewith.

The rates struck for the service of the undermentioned years were:-

	1933-34	1934-35	1935-36
Borough Rate ...	4/4	4/4	5/10
Special Rate ...	2/6	2/4	2/8
Water Rate ...	1/4	1/4	1/6
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Total Town Rate ..	8/2	8/-	10/-
Poor Rate ...	7/2	8/-	8/6

The increase in the Town and Poor Rates in 1935-36 was mainly due to increased loan repayments in respect of housing; the repayment of loans raised to provide grants to the Vocational Education Committee for building purposes, and an increased provision in respect of Irrecoverable Poor Rates.

There remains due to the Wexford County Council in respect of the 1935-36 Demand a sum of £4,833 : 19 : 8.

The following Table will indicate the state of the Rate Collection for the year under audit and the previous two years:-

	Struck Off.			Arrears carried forward.			Total.		
	£	s	d	£	s.	d.	£	s	d.
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	3	6	3119	16	2
Poor Rate ...	427	4	8	3777	0	1	4204	4	9
1935-36:-									
Town Rate ...	438	7	6	3505	5	2	3943	12	8
Poor Rate ...	367	11	1	4275	1	5	4642	12	6

The progressive increase in the arrears carried forward each year must be regarded as unsatisfactory. In 1935/36 they represented 28% of the Town Rate Warrant, and 35% of the Poor Rate Warrant.

The Forms 53 (Schedules of Uncollected Rates) were scrutinised in detail with the Collectors concerned, and I am of opinion that more energetic action is called for on the part of the Collectors if the outstanding arrears are to be reduced. Full advantage of the powers afforded them under their Warrants was not taken. In not a single instance during the year under review was a seizure made, nor was a defaulter proceeded against. In one case where the sum of £27. 15. 4d. was due in respect of Poor Rate, I was informed that the landlord, who was not liable, had been applied to, and that the tenant, who was the person rated, had never been asked to pay and was probably unaware of the fact that he was a debtor to the Corporation.

The sum of £76. 15. 2d. Poor Rate and £51. 3. 9d. Town Rate is due to the Corporation by a large educational establishment and should be collected without further delay.

The sum of £4. appears on the schedule of uncollected rates as being due from one of the largest trading concerns in the State. It represents the second moiety of the Poor Rate, and, apart from the original Demand Note, had not been applied for.

It was observed that a large proportion of the arrears of rates were of long standing and had been continuously carried forward from year to year. Included in this category was the sum of £98. 2. 0. Poor Rate and £76. 4. 4d. Town Rate, which represent the total of the yearly assessments since 1924-25 in the case of the Poor Rate and 1929-30 in the case of the Town Rate. The premises concerned are the property of a Religious Order and I am informed that arrangements will be made to settle this matter.

The arrears of rates include (1) cases in which a large number of different properties are in the hands of one agent, in which cases the provisions of Section 5 (2) of the Local Government (Rates on Small Dwellings) Act, 1928, have not been availed of by the Collectors, and (11) cases in which the rated parties dispute the amounts levied. An early effort should be made to have the amounts in dispute adjusted.

The Town Rate Collector died before the close of the 1934-35 collection. The position at the time of his death, on the evidence then available was as follows:-

Total Warrant for 1934-35-----	£10,417.	6.	3.
Amount collected, for which official receipts were issued-----	6,984.	6.	3.
	£3,433.	0.	0.
Discount allowed-----	84.	14.	3.
Balance Outstanding-----	£3,348.	5.	9.

The total amount lodged by the Collector was £7,000. 17. 10d.

Of the £3,348. 5. 9d. outstanding, the sum of £185. 2. 1d. was subsequently collected by the Poor Rate Collector, leaving a balance of £3,163. 3. 8d. to be accounted for. Evidence was produced by a number of ratepayers that sums totalling £43. 7. 6d. had been paid to the deceased Collector, thus the net balance outstanding appeared to be £3,119. 16. 2d. The Warrant was closed at this figure and the sum of £324. 12. 8d. was written off and £2795. 3. 6d. was carried forward as collectible arrears. The Town Clerk then instructed the new Collector to verify all outstanding amounts carried into his Warrant, and it was ascertained that a further sum of £55. 1. 1d. had been collected by the deceased Collector and had not been lodged.

The position at this stage was that it could be proved that £7,082. 14. 10d. had been collected, of which £7,000. 17. 10d. had been lodged, leaving £81. 17. 0d. to be accounted for. The commission due to the late Collector in respect of Rates and Water Charges collected by him amounted to £186. 7. 4d., of which £100 had been paid in advance, leaving a balance due of £86. 7. 4d. From this balance the sum of £81. 17. 0. was deducted and £4. 10. 4d. was paid to deceased's legal representative.

The Corporation would be well advised to issue Form 60 to all persons whose names appear on the Schedules of uncollected rates.

The Table set out hereunder shows the state of the rent collection in respect of Artizans' dwellings over a period of four years:-

Year to	Total Yearly Rental	Arrears	Average Number of weeks' rent due.	Maximum Number of weeks' rent due by any one tenant.
	£ s d	£ s d		
31st March '33	3549 12 4	214 3 5	3	66
31st March '34	3845 8 5	334 2 11	4	67
31st March '35	4525 15 8	427 16 9	5	73
31st March '36	5121 7 8	485 15 11	5.1	79

It will be observed that the rent arrears tend to increase; a serious effort should be made by the Collector to reduce the amount outstanding to reasonable proportions. Individual items of arrears amounting to less than £1, of which a large number appear in the Corporation's books, should be collected without delay.

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

I have charged twelve members of the Corporation, under Section 20 of the Local Government (I.) Act, 1902, with the loss of £50, due to their negligence and misconduct in voting for the leasing of a building plot at a figure which was £50 lower than the highest offer received. A Covenant in the Lease granted to the successful applicant provides that a shop shall be erected within twelve months of the date of the Lease. The Lease is dated 16th July, 1935.

Overpayments to three contractors in the year under audit amounted to £12. 16. 6d. The sum of 10/- was lodged, and credit notes for £12. 6. 6d. were obtained before the completion of the audit.

In connection with the supply of timber for a Corporation Housing Scheme at Maudlintown, quotations were invited from five selected firms. Three tenders were received. Two of these tenders were rejected by the Corporation on the grounds that they did not comply with the specification. With regard to this decision, a letter was received from the Minister for Local Govern-

ment and Public Health, who pointed out that, in ruling out of order two of the three tenders received, the Corporation was limited to the consideration of one tender only, thus losing the element of competition which the tender system was designed to secure, and expressed the opinion that the Corporation should advertise for fresh tenders by public advertisement on an amended specification. The Corporation refused to accept this advice, and the Minister decided to withhold the subsidy in respect of the scheme. This amounted to £275 in 1935/36.

Section 201 (4) of the Public Health Act, 1878, which is applied by section 56 of the Housing of the Working Classes Act, 1890, to contracts of this kind, directs that "before any contract of the value or amount of £100 or upwards, is entered into by a sanitary authority ten days' public notice by advertisement, or otherwise, at the least, shall be given, expressing the nature and purpose thereof, and inviting tenders for the execution of same;...." It would appear that the Corporation did not carry out the statutory obligation imposed upon them, by merely inviting quotations from selected firms, and should have, in the first instance, sought competitors in the widest field available-by means of a public advertisement.

A cover note is held in respect of a number of houses in course of construction, and all premiums for the insurance of the Corporation against losses were duly paid up to date.

The accounts were carefully kept and were well presented for audit.

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(Signed) J. J. FLOOD,
Auditor.

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

Alderman Coffey referred to an item in the report to the effect that a large sum was due by an Educational Establishment, and was informed that this amount had since been collected.

Regarding the arrears of rates, Alderman Coffey asked if a little more vigilance would want to be exercised, and the Mayor replied that one of the Collectors had been seriously ill during a portion of last year, and the other collector was a new man who did not start until August, but was doing very well up to the present. He (Mayor) was of opinion that this year would see a reduction in the arrears.

Alderman Coffey also referred to the growing arrears in regard to artizans' dwellings, and it was pointed out that the Collector was being regularly pressed to reduce these arrears.

The Alderman further referred to a paragraph in the report to the effect that the Corporation continued to ignore the provisions of Section 7 of the Local Government (Rates on Small Dwellings) Act, 1928, and asked how this happened.

The Town Clerk replied that under the Section referred to the Corporation were bound to adjust the rents of artizans' dwellings each year in accordance with the rise and fall in rates, but this had not been done.

Some members pointed out that a great many private landlords had not done this, and the Town Clerk replied he was aware that a number of them had done so last year.

Councillor Connolly asked if it was the Town Clerk's own opinion that the rents should be adjusted each year, but the Town Clerk replied that it was the law.

Alderman Coffey further referred to the question of advertising contracts, and gave notice that he would move at next Statutory Meeting that all goods to the value of £5. or over be obtained by

tender after being duly advertised in the press.

Reference was also made to a charge of £50 against twelve members under Section 20 of the Local Government (Ireland) Act, 1902, and to a paragraph in the report that a Covenant in the Lease provided that a shop should be erected within twelve months from the 16th July, 1935, and the Mayor explained that when the charge was made he had spoken to the Architect who was preparing the plans for Mrs. Cullimore, and the delay was due to the difficulty in procuring a contractor to carry out the work.

Councillor Connolly held, however, that this lease expired when the covenant above referred to had not been complied with, but the Town Clerk replied that in his opinion the non-compliance with the covenant did not automatically determine the lease. He felt that if the Corporation so desired they could determine it by going to law, or they could grant a reasonable extension of time for the erection of the building.

On the motion of the Mayor, seconded by Councillor Crosbie, the Report and Accounts were adopted.

DEMOLITION ORDERS - BROCKHOUSE PROPERTY.

The next business was to make Demolition Orders in respect of seven houses at Maudlintown and one in the Faythe, which were considered unfit for human habitation, the owners not having made any offer to make the houses so fit, and on the motion of Councillor Crosbie, seconded by Alderman Cullimore, the Corporate Seal was affixed to the Orders in question.

LICENSING OF SLAUGHTERHOUSES.

The next business was to consider the question of the licensing of Slaughterhouses for the current year.

The Town Clerk intimated that in October of last year, a very strong report was submitted from the County Medical Officer of Health, the Veterinary Surgeon, Dr. McCormack of the Local Government Department, and himself in connection with an inspection they had made of the slaughterhouses, and the erection of a Public Abbatoir was recommended. Subsequently, a Special Committee was appointed to examine this matter, and they had made a surprise inspection of the slaughterhouses. The members of the Committee who made the inspection were in agreement with the report made by the above officers on the condition of the slaughterhouses.

The Committee met on a few occasions and on 6th July last submitted a recommendation to the Corporation that the owners or occupiers of slaughterhouses should be required to put them into a suitable condition, and if they did not comply, that the Corporation should establish a Public Abbatoir.

The question then arose as to what type of building would be suitable as a slaughterhouse, and at the suggestion of the Minister for Local Government and Public Health a conference was arranged between the Acting County Medical Officer of Health, the Veterinary Surgeon and the Town Clerk, when they had examined the reports made by Dr. Bastible, County Medical Officer of Health, and Mr. Finucane, Meat Inspector. Dr. Aughney and Mr. Finucane came to the conclusion, and he (Town Clerk) agreed with them, that it was impossible to make any recommendation that would bring the present slaughterhouses up to even minimum requirements short of the complete reconstruction of the buildings, and in some cases reconstruction would have to take place on entirely new sites.

In this connection, a letter was read from Dr. Aughney to the effect that the latest report revealed that the majority of the slaughterhouses were so unfit, as to size, internal arrangements and sanitation, that no change short of demolition and rebuilding could bring them up to the ordinary standard required for such premises. She considered it unlikely that a formula could be arrived at by which the slaughterhouses would, by such improvements, be made to conform with even minimum standard requirements.

Councillor Sinnott intimated that he had suggested at a previous

meeting of the Public Health Committee that an invitation be sent to the Butchers to consult with the Corporation on the matter, and he now proposed that such an invitation be sent. Councillor McMahon seconded.

The Mayor intimated that nobody wanted to be harsh with the Butchers, but of course they had to take cognisance of the reports of their officials.

Councillor Sinnott's suggestion was unanimously agreed to, and it was further decided to request the attendance of the Butchers at a meeting to be held on the 21st instant.

EMPLOYMENT OF TYPIST.

With reference to Minutes of 9th March last, when it was agreed to continue the appointment of Miss Kathleen Lacey as typist up to the 30th instant, with remuneration at the rate of £2. per week, it was now decided to further extend the appointment until 31st March, 1937, at the same rate of remuneration.

RELIEF GRANT.

With reference to Minutes of 10th ultimo, when a Relief Grant of £1035 had been notified, provided the Corporation contributed a similar amount, for road works, the Borough Surveyor submitted the following suggestions for the expenditure of the Grant:-

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| 1. Resurfacing in concrete Spawell Road from Boundary to Hill Street----- | £1450 |
| 2. Resurfacing in concrete Westgate from Hill Street to Temperance Row----- | 1450 |
| 3. Resurfacing in concrete St. Peter's Square----- | 1250 |
| 4. Resurfacing Slaney Street----- | 280 |
| 5. Resurfacing dangerous portions of North Main Street (from Hadden's Chemist Shop to Georges Street corner - M. J. O'Connor's Offices)----- | 600. |

Regarding No. 3, the resurfacing of St. Peter's Square, it was pointed out that it was not the intention of the Corporation to resurface this in concrete but in macadam, and in reply to a query the Surveyor stated that it could be done in macadam for £300. Eventually, it was unanimously decided, on the motion of the Mayor seconded by Councillor Crosbie, to carry out the following works:-

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| Resurfacing in concrete Spawell Road from Hill Street to Temperance Row----- | £1450 |
| Resurfacing in concrete portion of Main Street from Georges Street to Hadden's Medical Hall-- | 600 |
| Resurfacing in macadam St. Peter's Square----- | 300. |

This meant an expenditure of approximately £300 more than was originally intended, and it was decided to ask the Department to increase the amount of the Relief Grant by £150, and the Corporation would increase their contribution by a similar amount.

In connection with these Relief works, Alderman Flusk referred to the matter of Public Lavatories in the town, but agreed that he should raise this matter at a meeting of the Finance and Works Committee for consideration.

With further reference to this Grant, the Minister for Local Government and Public Health, under date of the 26th ultimo by letter No. RU/203/131, intimated that the Loan proposed to be raised by the Corporation to finance their share of the works must be repaid within three years. This would mean a contribution of at least fivepence in the pound, which the members thought would be very high, and as the cost of the work was being done in concrete, they considered that the Loan should be for at least seven years, and the Minister for Local Government and Public Health was to be asked to agree to this term.

PUBLIC HOLIDAYS.

The Finance Committee recommended that the following Public Holidays be agreed to for Corporation Workmen under the Conditions of Employment Act, 1936, namely, 1st January, St. Patrick's Day, Ascension Thursday, Feast of Corpus Christi, 15th August and Christmas Day. These holidays had been agreed on at a Conference arranged between employers and employees, and on the motion of the Mayor seconded by Councillor Sinnott the recommendation was unanimously agreed to.

ALLOCATION OF FOUR-ROOM HOUSES.

The Housing Committee submitted the following recommendation regarding the allocation of 86 of the four-room houses at Maudlintown and the Mayor proposed the adoption of the recommendation, which was seconded by Alderman Coffey:-

For Persons in the Wexford (Batt Street) Clearance Area-----	14.
Do. Keyser's Lane Clearance Area-----	11.
Do. Waterloo Road Do. -----	15.
Individual Houses condemned-----	15.

Persons residing in rooms as under:-

William Roche, Well Lane; John Rutledge, Well Lane; William Layne, Well Lane; Patrick Brien, Barrack Street; Walter Haughton, Cornmarket; Stephen White, Bride Street; Nicholas Hynes, Byrne's Lane; M. Meyler, King Street; James Carty, Abbey Street; John English, Common Quay Street; John Layne, Bride Street; Peter White, King Street; James Cousins, Monck Street; Thomas Farrell, St. Peter's Square; Thomas Browne, Bride Street; Patrick Doyle, John Street; Michael Grace, Mary Street; James Moore, Common Quay Street; Joseph Browne, Paul Quay; James Brennan, Temperance Row; Thomas Connolly, The Faythe; Thomas Potts, The Faythe; Thomas Brennan, John's Gate Street; P. J. Nolan, Barrack Street; Peter Hanton, Emmet Place; Phillip Byrne, King Street; Daniel Hore, High Street; William Maher, School Street; John Doyle, Folly; Joseph Rutledge, William Street; James McGrath, Trinity Street; Laurence Browne, Faythe; and James Swan, Faythe----- 33

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In this connection, Councillor Connolly complained that members of the Housing Committee had the advantage of knowing the names of all the applicants, and the members of the Corporation at the present meeting had no knowledge as to whether or not those recommended for houses were really the most deserving cases. He pointed out that he had been informed at a previous meeting, when he mentioned the case of a man living in a garret, that he had been allocated a house, but he did not see his name on the list.

The Mayor replied that he was sorry if he had misled Councillor Connolly at the last meeting, but as all the houses had not yet been disposed of, the man referred to would receive consideration at the next meeting of the Housing Committee.

The recommendation of the Committee was unanimously adopted. At the request of Councillor McMahon, the names of the members of the Housing Committee were given to the representatives of the Press, for publication.

SMALL DWELLINGS ACQUISITION ACTS.

Applications were submitted as follows for Loans under the Small

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Dwellings Acquisition Acts, 1899 to 1931:- Mr. Thomas J. Millar, £740; Mr. Patrick K. McNally, £800; Mr. John J. Byrne, £740; Mr. Matthew Boggan, £900; Mr. Edward J. Howlin, £790; Mrs. C. McGill, £760; Miss Ellen Stone, £740; and Mrs. Mary Bolger, £500. On the motion of the Mayor, seconded by Alderman Coffey, all the applications were granted provided each of the persons liable for the payment of rates to the Corporation had discharged their obligations.

It was reported that up to date loans amounting to £2,605 had been granted, which, together with the Loans now granted of £5970, made a total of £8575, of which the Corporation had only raised £2,000, so it was further agreed on the motion of the Mayor, seconded by Alderman Coffey, to make application for a further Loan of £8,000 to finance advances under the Acts.

SPANISH SITUATION.

The following resolution submitted by the Clonmel Corporation was unanimously adopted on the motion of Councillor Moran, seconded by Councillor Murphy:-

"That we, the Wexford Corporation place on record our emphatic protest against the barbaric atrocities being perpetrated in Spain against Christians and Catholics, and we pledge our support to any movement which may be established to safeguard the interests of the Catholics of Spain."

POOR RATE.

In accordance with notice given, Councillor McMahon referred to the rate in the pound of the Poor Rate, and questioned whether the present rate of 8/2d. in the pound was going in the right direction. He thought the County Council should give them items to show where the rate was going, as to his mind 8/2d. in the pound was much too high.

The Town Clerk read the County Council Demand for the Councillor showing the various headings under which the Poor Rate was expended but this did not satisfy Councillor McMahon, and after some discussion the matter dropped.

VACANT HOUSE AT DAVITT ROAD, NORTH.

The next business was to select a tenant for a vacant house at Davitt Road, North, and only two applications were submitted. Much surprise was expressed when it was known that only two applications had been received by the Town Clerk for this house, and members were of the opinion that the public were not aware that it was being let at the present meeting as several persons who had been with them had not sent in applications, and it appeared to most of the members that there was a misunderstanding in regard to the matter.

The Town Clerk intimated to the meeting that he had advertised the house in the ordinary way by giving a notice to the Rent Collector to place in the window.

Councillor Simmott thereupon moved that a tenant be selected from the two applicants, and the Mayor seconded.

Councillor McGuire, however, proposed that it be adjourned for a week, and Councillor Connolly seconded.

On a show of hands fourteen voted for the amendment and four against. The amendment was accordingly declared carried and it was agreed to convene a Special Meeting to let the house on the 14th instant.

SEATS ON THE QUAYS.

Councillor Hayes asked the members of the Harbour Board who were present to request the Board at next meeting to provide seats on the Quay, which, he stated, would not cost very much.

EMPLOYMENT OF MEN.

Alderman Coffey substituted Joseph Doyle, Grogan's Road, in place of Thomas Doyle, Mary Street, whom he had nominated for employment

at a recent meeting and who had since obtained work elsewhere; and Alderman Cullimore changed a man named Fenlon whom he had nominated at a recent meeting to be the second man on his list instead of the third; and Councillor Hayes substituted Patrick Furlong, of Talbot Street, for James Roche of High Street.

ROOFS OF NOFRANGO HOUSES.

Councillor Connolly asked if there was any further information in regard to the re-roofing of the Nofrango houses, and he was informed that the Department had stipulated that they should be re-roofed with Irish Slates, but they found it impossible to procure them. The Town Clerk and Borough Surveyor had visited the Kilcavan Slate Quarries when they were informed that their order could not even be considered for at least six months, and as a result of this the Department had now agreed to their re-roofing with cement asbestos slates.

The Meeting then separated.

Richard Curran

Mayor

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14th September, 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, Thomas Walsh, Michael Flusk, and Patrick Tobin.

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

LETTING OF VACANT HOUSES AT DAVITT ROAD.

The Meeting had been convened to select tenants for a house vacant at Davitt Road, South, and a house vacant at Davitt Road, North. On a poll being taken on the applicants for the house at Davitt Road, South, there voted:-

For William White, Monck Street:	Councillors Moran, Dunne, and Alderman Flusk-----	3
For Matthew Lacey, Faythe:	Councillors Cashman, Murphy, Martin, Sinnott, Crosbie, Buckland, Atkins, and the Mayor-----	8
For Thomas Roche, Church Street:	Councillors Connolly, Billington, McMahon, Aldermen Tobin, Walsh, and Coffey-----	6
For John Busher, King Street:	Councillor McGuire-----	1.

Busher was then eliminated, and Councillor McGuire transferred his vote to Roche, giving him seven votes. White was then eliminated and Councillors Moran and Dunne transferred to Lacey, and Alderman Flusk to Roche.

The voting was then Lacey 10, Roche 8, and Lacey was declared the tenant.

On a poll being taken for the house at Davitt Road, North, there voted:-

For Thomas Walsh, Paradise Row:	Councillors Moran, Dunne, Murphy, Connolly, Aldermen Flusk, Walsh, and the Mayor-----	7
For Thomas Roche, Church Street:	Councillors Cashman, Martin, Sinnott, Crosbie, Billington, Buckland, McGuire, and Alderman Coffey-----	8
For John Busher, King Street:	Councillor McGuire-----	1
For William White, King Street:	Councillor Atkins, and Alderman Coffey-----	2.

5th October, 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: William Cullimore, Robert Coffey, Michael Flusk, Thomas Walsh, and Patrick Tobin.

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

MINUTES.

On the motion of Councillor Crosbie, seconded by Councillor McMahon, the Minutes of Meetings of the Corporation on 7th and 14th ultimo, copies of which had been circulated amongst the members beforehand, were taken as having been read and were accordingly signed. The following Committee Minutes were also submitted for ratification namely, Finance and Works, Waterworks, Etc. on the 7th, 21st, and 28th ultimo, and Housing Committee on 25th ultimo.

WAGES OF CARETAKER OF CEMETERY.

With reference to Minutes of Finance and Works Committee on 28th ultimo, when the question of wages of Caretaker of Cemetery and the Gravedigger's Assistant was under consideration, Councillor Gaul complained that a motion given by him at that meeting "That the Wages of the Caretaker be increased by Five Shillings per week" was not on the Agenda.

At the meeting referred to, two motions were handed in as follows:- Councillor Gaul:- "That the wages of the Caretaker be increased by Five Shillings per week".

Councillor Connolly:- "That the Gravedigger's Assistant should be placed on the same basis as the Gravedigger."

When these two motions had been under discussion for some time, it was agreed that the one relating to the Gravedigger's Assistant should be referred back to the Cemetery Committee for consideration, and Councillor Connolly had accordingly withdrawn his motion.

The Town Clerk explained to the present meeting that he was under the impression from the discussion that both motions had been withdrawn and the two cases referred to the Cemetery Committee.

Councillor Gaul held that he had not withdrawn his motion, and claimed the right to move it although it was not on the Agenda, but the Mayor ruled that the motion could not be moved until notice of it had been given to each member.

The foregoing Committee Minutes, which had also been circulated amongst the members, were ratified, on the motion of Councillor Crosbie, seconded by Councillor McMahon.

ACKNOWLEDGEMENT.

Mr. Hugh Walsh, of Bride Street, Wexford, returned thanks to the Corporation for the vote of sympathy passed with his family in their recent bereavement.

PAYMENTS.

Liabilities which had accrued due up to the end of last month, amounting, in the aggregate, to £5,698 : 3 : 5, were submitted, and having been examined were approved and an Advice Note was signed to enable them to be discharged.

REPAIRS TO MOTOR LORRIES.

Arising out of the accounts, reference was made to an item included therein for repairs to motor lorries and a Concrete Mixer, and at the request of several members the Borough Surveyor was instructed to distribute this repair work amongst the different Firms in the town.

MAINTENANCE OF LORRIES.

Arising out of this matter, Alderman Coffey asked the Town Clerk to prepare a Return showing what the Lorries cost in repair from 1st January last, together with the amount of petrol consumed.

The Town Clerk replied that he would prepare the Return, but he could give no guarantee as to when it would be ready in view of the very heavy pressure of work in his office and the inadequacy of the staff.

RE DISMISSAL OF P. SINNOTT.

Councillor Hayes referred to a query by Alderman Cullimore at a recent meeting as to whether a man named Sinnott, who had been put to work at Maudlintown, was eight months unemployed beforehand, and stated that he found out that the reason behind the question was that the man owed a sum of 5/4.

Alderman Cullimore warmly contradicted Councillor Hayes, and stated that there was no question of a debt in the matter at all, but the man was not eight months out of work in accordance with the Corporation Regulations.

After a few very warm remarks on both sides, the matter dropped.

TENDERS FOR GOODS.

In accordance with notice given, Alderman Coffey moved that all goods to the value of £5. or over be obtained by competitive tender after being advertised in the press. Councillor Connolly seconded. It was explained to the meeting that this was a Statutory Provision, which was carried out whenever possible, but if a hard and fast rule was to be laid down, it would very often mean the holding up of work and the dismissal of men whilst waiting to advertise for tenders and having them accepted at a meeting of the Corporation. In addition, it was stated, that the greater portion of goods required by the Corporation were obtained from the Official Contractors' List, and it was only items not included on this List which were procured locally. It was further pointed out that where contracts existed with local firms for the supply of timber, cement, etc. on housing schemes, small quantities of these goods required for purposes other than those for which the contracts were made, were obtained at the contract rates. After some further discussion, Alderman Coffey agreed with the suggestion of the Mayor to defer his motion pending consideration of it by the Finance and Works Committee.

TENDER FOR SLATES, ETC.

Only one tender was submitted for the supply of Cement Asbestos Slates, ridge tiles, and copper nails for the re-roofing of 28 houses at Hill Street and Davitt Road, North. This tender had been submitted by the Wexford Timber Company in response to an advertisement issued in the public press.

Alderman Walsh stated that the reason there was no tender from the other firm of Builders' Providers in the town was that money due to them on foot of contracts had not been paid, but it was explained to the meeting by the Town Clerk that until he got a certificate from the Borough Surveyor to the effect that the materials had been delivered; were found satisfactory; and that the firm in question was entitled to the money, it could not be paid.

He further stated that not more than 75 per cent. of the value of the materials delivered would be paid until the entire contract was completed.

In reply to a query by Alderman Flusk, the Town Clerk intimated to the meeting that a sum of £2,300 had already been paid to

Messrs. McCormack and Hegarty on foot of their contract to supply timber, and the total amount of the contract was only £3,700. All the timber had not yet been supplied, and the meeting agreed that the firm was being treated very fairly and that the money was not being unduly withheld. The tender of the Wexford Timber Company was thereupon opened, and they quoted for 24" x 12" Blue asbestos slates at £11 : 3 : 0 per thousand; blue concrete ridge tiles to suit £3 : 1 : 6 per hundred; and copper slate nails £5 : 12 : 0 per cwt. The Borough Surveyor intimated to the meeting that the prices quoted were much less than he estimated, and accordingly on the motion of Councillor Gaul, seconded by Councillor Hayes, the tender of the Company was accepted.

INSPECTION OF NOFRANGO HOUSES.

Arising out of this matter, Councillor Billington referred to a decision made some time ago that the walls of these Nofrango Houses should be inspected by a Government Inspector before they were re-roofed, and it was pointed out to him that this could not be done until some of the roofs were stripped, and as soon as the Borough Surveyor was ready to proceed the Minister for Local Government and Public Health would be asked to instruct one of his Inspectors to examine the walls and the timber therein.

DEMOLITION ORDERS.

The Housing Committee recommended that Demolition Orders be made in respect of two houses at William Street occupied by Mary Hanton and Nicholas Rossiter, and owned by a Mrs. Donohoe of King Street, for whom Mrs. McKnight acted as Agent; and two houses at Faythe occupied by Thomas Rossiter and James Duffin and owned by the Representatives of Simon Lambert and Mrs. E. Meyler, Temperance Row, respectively.

The Mayor proposed that the recommendation of the Housing Committee be adopted, and Councillor Crosbie seconded.

Complaint was made regarding the two houses at William Street that the owner was in very poor circumstances and that the loss of the income from them would be a very serious matter for her. As well, it was stated that she was not in a position to carry out extensive repairs.

It was explained to the meeting that in all cases the owner had been supplied with the requirements of the Corporation to make the houses fit for human habitation, but none of them had indicated their willingness to carry out the necessary repairs, and in any case it would not be possible to make the houses fit at a reasonable cost.

The motion to make Demolition Orders was declared carried, with Councillor Gaul dissenting, and the Orders were sealed and signed on behalf of the Corporation.

Arising out of this matter, Councillor James Billington complained of the hardship on landlords in having their property demolished without compensation, and gave notice that he would move at next Statutory Meeting that the Government be asked to pay compensation to the Landlords of houses considered unfit for human habitation. The Housing Committee further recommended that two three-room houses at Maudlintown be allocated to a Nicholas Doyle, of Duke Street, and James O'Brien of Cornmarket, who were living in rooms in overcrowded houses.

The adoption of this recommendation was moved by the Mayor, seconded by Alderman Coffey, and agreed to.

LOAN FOR HARBOUR STREETS.

There was submitted for execution on the part of the Corporation a Mortgage Deed to the National Bank to secure repayment of a Loan of £600 borrowed towards the cost of resurfacing the streets leading from the Quays. Some time ago the Corporation had agreed to take over these streets from the Harbour Commissioners and maintain them, and the Minister for Local Government and Public

Health had made a Grant of £600 towards the cost of the work, which was estimated at £1200. The Minister had further sanctioned the obtainment of this Loan by letter dated 12th September, 1936, No. S. The Mortgage Deed, . . . was found to be in order in every respect, and on the motion of Councillor Gaul, seconded by Alderman Coffey, the following Resolution was unanimously adopted:-

"At a meeting of the Corporation of the Borough of Wexford held on the 5th day of October, 1936, It was resolved that in pursuance of the consent of the Local Government Minister dated 12th September, 1936, the Corporation do borrow from the National Bank Limited the sum of £600, for the resurfacing of certain streets in the Borough to be repaid to the Bank by half-yearly instalments spread over the period of ten 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 Deed was thereupon sealed with the Corporate Seal and authenticated with the signatures of the Mayor and Town Clerk.

ALLOTMENTS FOR UNEMPLOYED.

Under date of the 1st instant, by letter No, H.104, the Minister for Local Government and Public Health asked that preparation should now be made for the provision of allotments for unemployed persons for the 1937 Season, and it was unanimously agreed to advertise for plot-holders.

LETTING OF HOUSE AT MAUBLINTOWN.

The next business was to select a tenant for vacant house at St. Magdalen's Terrace, Maudlintown. A number of applications were submitted, and on a poll being taken, there voted:-

For James Mansfield: Faythe.	Councillors Martin, Buckland, Murphy, Sinnott, Crosbie, Cashman, John Billington, Hayes, James Billington, Gaul, McGuire, McMahon, Aldermen Walsh, Coffey, and the Mayor-----	15.
For Peter Dempsey, Maudlintown:	Councillors Connolly, Atkins, Dunne, Aldermen Tobin, Flusk, and Cullimore----	6.
For Stephen Smith, King Street:	Councillor Moran-----	1.

As Mansfield had a clear majority of the members present, he was declared the tenant.

NEW TOWN HALL . INQUIRY.

A letter from the Minister for Local Government and Public Health under date of the 30th ultimo, No. S.155286, was submitted, intimating that he had instructed his inspector, Mr. D. J. Hickie, M.I.C.E., to hold a public inquiry in connection with the proposal of the Corporation to raise a loan for the purpose of defraying the expenses of erecting a new Town Hall. The Inquiry would be held at the Town Hall, Wexford, on the 8th October at 11. 0. a.m. The Town Clerk was directed to take the necessary steps to present the Corporation's case to the Inspector.

RETIREMENT OF STATIONMASTER.

The Mayor referred to the retirement of Mr. P. J. Hayes as Stationmaster at Wexford, and moved that the Corporation, on behalf of the citizens, extend their gratitude to Mr. Hayes for the services he had rendered to the people of Wexford during his long

term of office. In moving the motion, the Mayor referred to the very lengthy service of Mr. Hayes in Wexford in performing the onerous duties imposed on him. He trusted that Mr. Hayes would be spared many years to enjoy his well-earned rest. The motion was seconded by Alderman Coffey, supported by all the members present, and adopted. The Town Clerk was asked to send a copy of the resolution to the Traffic Manager of the Great Southern Railways Company.

WATER SUPPLY.

Reference was made to a report submitted to a meeting of the Public Health Committee held on the 28th ultimo, to the effect that a sample of water taken from one of the taps in the Town had been declared by the Analyst to be unfit for drinking.

At the meeting the Town Clerk intimated that in the opinion of the officials the contamination might be local, and he was making arrangements with the County Medical Officer of Health to have samples taken at different points in the town and at the Reservoir with a view to ascertaining the extent, if any, of the contamination. At the same meeting it had been agreed that everything possible was being done to deal with the matter, and that the report as submitted by the Town Clerk should not be divulged by any member outside of the meeting, and this had been agreed to.

Despite this "Gentlemen's Agreement" one of the local papers had a leading article on the subject, and Councillor Gaul asked how the information got out.

The Mayor, however, intimated that the least said about the matter the better until the results of the analyses of the samples taken by Dr. Bastible were to hand, and the matter dropped.

The Meeting then separated.

Richard Curran
Mayor

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19th October, 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, Thomas Walsh, Patrick Tobin, Michael Flusk, and William Cullimore.

Councillors: James Gaul, James McMahon, James Billington, Nicholas Connolly, Thomas Hayes, James Crosbie, John Billington, James Sinnott, Timothy Cashman, Thomas Dunne, Thomas Doyle, Phillip McGuire, Michael Martin, and Thomas Buckland.

The Meeting had been convened to select a tenant for vacant house at St. Enda's Terrace (Monument Place.)

SYMPATHY.

Before the business of the meeting commenced, the Mayor moved that the sympathy of the Corporation be extended to Mr. James J. Stafford, Cromwell's Fort, and his family, on the death of his wife. Mr. Stafford, he stated, had been identified with the Commercial Life of Wexford for a great number of years and was a large employer of labour. As well, he had given much time to various Public Bodies, and was for a period Mayor of the Town. The motion was seconded by Councillor Gaul, and Aldermen Coffey, Walsh, Flusk, Councillors McMahon, Connolly, and Dunne associated themselves with the remarks of the proposer and seconder. The Resolution was adopted in respectful silence.

LETTING OF HOUSE.

Thirteen applications were submitted for the vacant house, together with an application from a Michael Roice, the occupier of a Corporation house at Hill Street, for a transfer. With reference to the application for a transfer, attention was called to a Resolution adopted at a meeting of the Council on 20th April last declining to agree to the principle of transfer, and in accordance with this Resolution the Mayor ruled the application out of order.

A poll was then taken when there voted:-

For Patrick Ferris, of Selskar Street:	Councillors Martin, Doyle, Sinnott, Hayes, McMahon, Buckland, Aldermen Tobin and Coffey-----	8.
For Wm. McGrath, John Street:	Councillors McGuire, Dunne, Connolly, Alderman Flusk and the Mayor-----	5.
For Edward Murphy Monck Street:	Councillor Cashman-----	1.
For Thomas O'Leary, Hill Street:	Councillors John Billington, Crosbie, Aldermen Cullimore and Walsh-----	4.
For William Gaddren, South Main Street:	Councillor James Billington-----	1.
For William White, Monck Street:	Councillor Gaul-----	1.

It was seen that none of the applicants had a clear majority, and Councillor Gaul transferred his vote to O'Leary giving him five. Councillors James Billington and Cashman transferred to Ferris, so the position was that Ferris had ten votes and McGrath and O'Leary five each.

A poll was then taken to ascertain whether McGrath or O'Leary should be eliminated, when there voted:-

For McGrath: Councillors Martin, McGuire, Doyle, Dunne, Cashman, Connolly, James Billington, McMahon, Buckland, Aldermen Flusk, Coffey, and the Mayor----- 12.

For O'Leary: Councillors Sinnott, John Billington, Crosbie, Hayes, Gaul, Aldermen Cullimore, Tobin, and Walsh----- 8.

O'Leary was then eliminated, and the final poll was between Ferris and McGrath, which resulted as follows:-

For Ferris: Councillors Martin, Doyle, Cashman, Sinnott, Hayes, James Billington, McMahon, Gaul, Buckland, Aldermen Tobin, Walsh, and Coffey----- 12.

For McGrath: Councillors McGuire, Dunne, John Billington, Crosbie, Connolly, Aldermen Cullimore, Flusk, and the Mayor----- 8.

Ferris was thereupon declared tenant of the house.

The Meeting then separated.

Richard Connolly

Mayor

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26th October, 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: Michael Flusk, William Cullimore, Robert Coffey, Patrick Tobin, and Thomas Walsh.

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

The Meeting had been convened to select a tenant for vacant house at Davitt Road, South, and ten applications were submitted therefor.

On a poll being taken, there voted:-

For William Gaddren, South Main Street:	Councillors Buckland, Cashman, Sinnott, Hayes, McGuire, Connolly, McMahon, Alderman Walsh, and the Mayor-----	9.
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For William White, Monck Street:	Councillors Dunne, Gaul, Murphy, Doyle, Moran, Atkins, Aldermen Tobin, Coffey, Cullimore, and Flusk-----	10.
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For William McGrath, John Street:	Councillor Crosbie-----	1.
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For John Scanlon, John's Gate Street:	Councillor John Billington-----	1.
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On the elimination of McGrath and Scanlon, Councillors Crosbie and Billington transferred their votes to Gaddren, giving him eleven votes against ten for White.

Gaddren was declared the tenant.

The Meeting then separated.

Richard Corish

Mayor

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2nd November, 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: Michael Flusk, William Cullimore, Patrick Tobin, Thomas Walsh, and Robert Coffey.

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

MINUTES.

On the motion of Councillor Gaul, seconded by Alderman Walsh, the Minutes of meetings of the Corporation on the 5th, 19th, and 26th ultimo, copies of which ~~were~~ circulated amongst the members, were taken as having been read, and signed; and Minutes of Finance, Etc. Committees on the 5th, 19th, and 26th ultimo; and Housing Committee on 24th ultimo, copies of which had also been circulated, were approved.

With reference to the practice of furnishing copies of Minutes of the Corporation and Committees to each member prior to the Statutory Meeting, the Mayor moved that the practice be discontinued as from this date, and Councillor Crosbie seconded.

In moving this motion, the Mayor stated that the copies were circulated for the benefit of members of the Corporation, and last week, during an Inquiry, the Minutes were produced by outside persons. They did not care who read the Minutes, he said, but no one had a right to these copies except the members, and he thought it was most unfair to hand the Minutes to anybody outside the Corporation.

A number of members condemned the action of whoever had handed the Minutes to an outsider, and the Mayor's motion was unanimously

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adopted.

PAYMENTS.

Liabilities which had accrued due up to the end of last month, amounting, in the aggregate, to £9,431 : 1 : 1 were submitted, and having been examined were approved, and an Advice Note was signed to enable them to be discharged.

RE SUPPLY OF LIME.

Arising out of a payment to Messrs. McCormack and Hegarty for the supply of lime, Councillor Gaul protested against this material not being procured from the Baldwinstown Lime Works, but on the Town Clerk producing the tender of Messrs. McCormack and Hegarty, it was seen that it was Baldwinstown Lime they were supplying.

RE WEXFORD GAS CONSUMERS' COMPANY.

Councillor Connolly asked if there was any communication from the Gas Company with regard to the laying of gas pipes at Maudlintown, and the Town Clerk read a letter from the Wexford Trades Council protesting against the attitude of the Corporation and their officials in refusing to allow the Company to lay mains on the Maudlintown Estate. He also read copy of a letter addressed by the Gas Company to the Corporation Solicitor on this matter. This was as follows:-

"Dear Sirs,

Re - Laying of Gas Main.

With reference to your letter of the 6th inst., and the general complaint of the Borough Surveyor. We have laid no new mains within the Borough of Wexford to which the Sections of the Gas Works Clauses Act apply.

We have duly notified him of any opening we have had to make to relay mains or services, and naturally replacements do not require maps as they occupy the positions of the old. With regard to Maudlintown Estate, we were stopped first on the grounds that this was private property, now we are threatened with injunction because it is alleged to be a Public Road within the terms of the Gas Works Clauses Act, the latter we absolutely refuse to accept. The fact is that we were laying a service main to a number of houses, not in a road but in virgin soil at the back this necessitated crossing concrete road at one point, but we even obviated this by driving the pipe underneath, a method already adopted on the estate by other people without comment.

We must have leave to lay our pipes where we can get the necessary levels otherwise the position would be

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impossible.

As you are aware there is no Ordnance Map showing this Estate, and the cost of having such a map prepared would be prohibitive, so we have reluctantly had to withdraw our men, and we have no intention of proceeding further until such time as more amicable counsels prevail.

Yours truly,

(Signed) H. W. Saville,

Secretary."

As the Borough Surveyor was absent from the meeting through illness, the Town Clerk explained the position to the meeting in so far as he was aware of it. He pointed out that the Gas Company had been asked to supply a map showing the position in which they proposed to lay the gas mains at Maudlintown. This they had refused to do. Instead, they had commenced the work at 8.0. a.m. one morning and the Borough Surveyor did not receive notice of their intention until 10.0. a.m., although they were bound by the Provisions of the Gas Works Clauses Act to give at least three days notice.

It appeared they were laying a second-hand gas main in close proximity to the Corporation watermain, and this the Borough Surveyor would not allow. He had consequently stopped the Gas Company's employees at Maudlintown, and would not allow them to proceed until the Company submitted a map showing where they proposed to lay the pipes, and at what depth. The Town Clerk further intimated that several notices had come from the Gas Company within the last fortnight notifying the Borough Surveyor of their intention to open streets at certain places in the town. They deliberately refused to tell the Surveyor the time or date on which they were going to make these openings, although they had been written to and asked for the information. The Gas Works Clauses Act very definitely ^{laid} ~~lays~~ it down that all street openings by the Company should be carried out under the superintendence of the Road Authority or their Officer, and if anyone could tell how the Surveyor was to superintend the opening of a street when he was not informed of when that opening would take place, it would solve the problem.

Several members complained that a number of workmen had been dismissed by the Gas Company owing to this dispute, and eventually the following were appointed as a Committee to go into the matter in conjunction with the Borough Surveyor, and see what could be done to arrive at an amicable settlement of the dispute, namely, Alderman Walsh, Councillors Connolly, Hayes and Crosbie.

WATER SUPPLY.

In reply to Alderman Coffey, the Town Clerk stated that the Caretaker of the Reservoir reported every week to the Borough Surveyor.

The Alderman said he was told that a couple of dead jennets had been in one of the streams for a long time, and complained that it was rather a serious state of affairs. He asked if any report had been received from the Caretaker on this matter, and the Town Clerk replied in the negative. Alderman Coffey further asked if the streams were being cleaned by the Caretaker.

The Town Clerk informed the meeting that on the evening of the 29th ultimo, he had been speaking to the Caretaker at the Reservoir, and asked him if he was continually walking the streams and cleaning away vegetation, and the Caretaker informed him that he walked the streams regularly.

Regarding the water supply, the Town Clerk intimated that a short time ago he submitted a report on a sample of water taken by Mr. John English to the Public Health Committee. This report showed the water to be contaminated, and he had informed the Committee that he was making arrangements with Dr. Bastible, County Medical Officer of Health to take samples at various parts of the town, as it was quite possible that the contamination then shown might be local. Samples were taken at the Reservoir, St. John's Road, Rowe Street, and Anne Street, and when the bacteriological report came along, Dr. Bastible was satisfied that steps would have to be taken to purify the water in the Reservoir. The result of the Chemical Analysis bore out this contention.

The County Medical Officer of Health immediately consulted with the Borough Surveyor and Town Clerk on the matter, and the Surveyor and

and Doctor agreed that the only thing to purify the water was the application of a solution of Sodium Hypo Chlorite. This to be applied at first at a strength of 1/10,000 being gradually diluted to 1/100,000 according to the bacteriological check on the supply. The matter being urgent, they had ordered the necessary Chlorite, which had just arrived, and steps would be taken immediately by the Surveyor to have it applied to the water.

The members were satisfied that everything possible was being done to purify the water, and unanimously approved of the steps taken by the officials so far.

The Mayor said it was only due to the public that a statement should be made on the water supply. On Thursday last, in consequence of an hysterical remark made by a Mr. Saville at the Town Hall Inquiry about the reservoir being a cess pool, he (Mayor) accompanied by the Town Clerk visited the Reservoir, and no matter how one would stretch their imagination, the reservoir was anything but a cess pool. He certainly thought that some cleaning should be done at the mouth of the streams, and he asked the Corporation to instruct the Surveyor to have this done immediately.

The necessary order to have the streams cleaned was thereupon made. Proceeding, the Mayor reviewed the position of the Wexford Water Supply from 1927, when it had been increased, and quoted figures to show that the present capacity of the Reservoir was 180 days supply allowing 20 gallons per head per day. At 25 gallons per head there was 144 days supply, and at 30 gallons per head, 100 days supply, but the consumption in Wexford was 38 gallons per head per day, which he considered altogether too high.

The Corporation, he intimated, had been considering the question of the water supply for some time back, and had received two schemes from Mr. Delap for its improvement. One would cost £27,000 and the other approximately £12,000. A Special Committee which had been considering the reports were not satisfied that it would be necessary to expend £27,000 to improve the Wexford Water Supply, as it would mean an entire duplication of the present system,

and the smaller scheme would not appear to give them sufficient extra water for the amount of money involved.

They had accordingly submitted both schemes to the Department of Local Government and Public Health asking for their advice on them. The Schemes were being examined by the Departments Engineers, and up to the present no decision had been arrived at.

Immediately a decision was received from the Department, the Corporation would take the necessary steps to give effect to their suggestions.

This matter dropped.

ACKNOWLEDGEMENT.

With reference to Minutes of last meeting, when reference was made to the retirement of Mr. P. J. Hayes as Stationmaster, Mr. Hayes, and Mr. Floyd, Traffice Manager, Great Southern Railways, returned thanks for the complimentary resolution adopted.

SMALL DWELLINGS ACQUISITION ACTS.

The Finance Committee recommended that a Loan of £230 be made under the Small Dwellings Acquisition Acts to Mr. Phillip Cullen, of Bride Place, Wexford, to enable him to purchase the house in which he resided; and a Loan of £100 to Mr. Michael Coghlan, High Street, for a similar purpose.

It was unanimously agreed to grant both Loans on the motion of Councillor Gaul, seconded by Councillor Connolly.

DEMOLITION ORDERS.

The Public Health Committee recommended that Demolition Orders be made in respect of a house at Faythe, occupied by Patrick O'Brien, and another house at Faythe occupied by William Reville; at Maudlintown, occupied by Thomas Lewis; and at John Street, occupied by James Kehoe; and that houses be allocated to the persons displaced on the Maudlintown Housing Estate.

In all these cases the necessary notices had been served under Section 23 of the Housing Act, 1931, intimating that the future user of the houses or any offer with respect to repairs would be considered on the 5th ultimo.

No representations had been made by any of the persons concerned, and accordingly the recommendation of the Committee was adopted on the motion of Alderman Walsh, seconded by Councillor Crosbie, and the Demolition Orders were sealed and signed on behalf of the Corporation.

The Housing Committee recommended that a Demolition Order be made in respect of a house at Faythe, occupied by Stephen Maloney.

In this case the owner had asked to be informed of what would be necessary to make the house fit for human habitation, and in the opinion of the Surveyor and Committee nothing short of total reconstruction would make the dwelling fit. The owner had been so informed, but had not intimated that she was prepared to reconstruct the house.

Accordingly, on the motion of Councillor Murphy, seconded by Councillor Cashman, the Housing Committee's recommendation in this case was unanimously agreed to, and a Demolition Order sealed and signed on behalf of the Corporation.

The Housing Committee further recommended that a house at Maudlintown be allocated to Patrick Roche, who was residing with his family in a room at Parnell Street, and this recommendation was unanimously adopted on the motion of Councillor Gaul, seconded by Councillor Connolly.

KEYSER'S LANE AND WATERLOO ROAD CLEARANCE ORDERS.

With reference to Minutes of 8th June last, when the Wexford (Keyser's Lane) and Waterloo Road Clearance Orders had been made by the Corporation, it was reported that having regard to the conflict of opinion disclosed in the reports of the Medical Officer of Health and Engineer on the houses comprised in the Orders, the Minister for Local Government and Public Health had intimated that he could not see his way to confirm them, and suggested that Demolition Orders should be made under Section 23 of the Act of 1931 in respect of houses considered to be unfit for human habitation.

This matter had engaged the attention of the Housing Committee for

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some time past, and they now recommended that steps be taken to make Demolition Orders in respect of all the houses which had been included in the Clearance Orders.

Regarding Keyser's Lane, the houses referred to were those occupied by Denis Delaney, William Berry, Patrick Browne, Mary Reville, Patrick English, Michael Fenlon, John Reville, Bridget Kelly, Patrick Kelly, Nicholas Berry, Mary Berry, Phillip Roche, and Catherine Codd.

Of the thirteen houses, the Medical Officer of Health only considered seven as being unfit for human habitation. They were the houses occupied by Denis Delaney, Patrick Browne, Mary Reville, Patrick English, Michael Fenlon, Bridget Kelly, and Patrick Kelly, and in his opinion the remaining six were fit.

In the opinion of the Borough Surveyor, the area was unfit for dwellinghouses, and none of the houses therein were fit for human habitation.

Reports had been received from the Acting County Medical Officer of Health on the houses in respect of which a difference of opinion had arisen between the Medical Officer and the Surveyor, and in her opinion these houses were unfit for human habitation.

In the Waterloo Road Clearance Order there had been included eleven houses at Paradise Row, six at Corry's Terrace, and two at Grogan's Road, occupied as follows:-

- Paradise Row: William Carty, Patrick O'Brien, James Walsh, Martin Comerford, James Tierney, John Edwards, Mary Whelan, Thomas Walsh, Anastatia Roche, and James Hynes----- 10.
- Corry's Terrace: John Underwood, Thomas Murphy, William Murphy, Mary E. Roche, Laurence Grace, and Randall McDonald----- 6.
- Grogan's Road: John King and John Byrne----- 2

Total Number of Houses----- 18.

In the opinion of the Medical Officer of Health only those houses occupied by Martin Comerford, James Walsh, and Patrick O'Brien at

at Paradise Row; Mary E. Roche, Laurence Grace, and Randall McDonald at Corry's Terrace; and John Byrne, at Grogan's Road were unfit for human habitation, but in the opinion of the Borough Surveyor the entire eighteen houses referred to were unfit.

Reports had also been received from the Acting County Medical Officer of Health on the houses in this area in respect of which a difference of opinion had arisen between the Borough Surveyor and the Medical Officer of Health, and in her opinion all these houses were unfit for human habitation.

Councillor Dunne moved that the recommendation of the Committee be adopted, and Alderman Cullimore seconded.

Councillor Connolly, however, proposed, as an amendment, that the four houses at Keyser's Lane occupied by Nicholas Berry, Mary Berry, Phillip Roche, and Catherine Codd, and owned by Mr. Edward Carroll, be excluded from the terms of the recommendation. Councillor Hayes seconded.

On a poll being taken, there voted:-

For the Amendment:	Councillors, Buckland, Martin, Hayes, Sinnott, Cashman, McGuire, John Billington, Murphy, Connolly, McMahon, Atkins, Gaul, Aldermen Coffey and Tobin-----	14.
Against the Amendment:	Councillors Dunne, Moran, Crosbie, Aldermen Walsh, Cullimore, Flusk, and the Mayor-----	7.

The Amendment was accordingly declared carried, and the original motion agreed to with these four houses excluded.

In this connection, the Town Clerk intimated that he might feel obliged to consult the Corporation Solicitor regarding the various steps to be taken to have these Demolition Orders made.

WHITEMILL SCHEME.

The Housing Committee recommended that twenty-four three-room houses and thirty-eight four-room houses be erected at Whitemill at an All-in cost of £22,800 and that a Loan of this amount be raised from the Local Loans Fund, subject to the approval of the Minister for Local Government and Public Health.

It was proposed to erect these houses on a field containing approximately $4\frac{1}{2}$ acres, which had been purchased from the Reps. of Mr. Thomas Cullimore for the sum of £350 plus the cost of redeeming an Annuity estimated at approximately £74, making the entire cost of the land £424, and this proposed purchase had been sanctioned by the Minister for Local Government and Public Health under date of the 24th September, by letter No. H.188887.

The Borough Surveyor's estimate for the scheme was as follows:-

Development, including Roads, Footpaths, Etc.-----	£2,100
24 three-room houses-----	6,924
38 four-room houses-----	12,586
Fences, Sewerage, and Watermains-----	714.
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Total-----	£22,324.

In addition, the land in fee simple would cost approximately £424, and the Law Costs would amount to about £52, making the All-in cost of the scheme £22,800.

In reply to a query the Town Clerk intimated that the estimate was higher than that for Maudlintown to allow for increased wages, the Conditions of Employment Act, and the increased price of materials. Councillor Connolly moved the adoption of the Committee's recommendation and Councillor McMahon seconded the motion, which was unanimously agreed to.

In this connection, it was agreed on the motion of the Mayor, seconded by Councillor Gaul, to request the Government (1) To make a Grant towards the cost of developing the site; and (2) to pay subsidy under the Housing (Financial and Miscellaneous Provisions) Act, 1932, on the entire cost of each house instead of, as at present, limiting the subsidy to £300.

TENDER FOR LATHS.

The acceptance of the tender of the Wexford Timber Company by the Housing Committee for Roofing Laths for the sum of £26 : 7 : 9 was ratified.

It was explained to the meeting that the laths were required in connection with the re-roofing of twenty-eight houses, and that the only other tender received was from Messrs. McCormack and Hegarty, who quoted £31 : 10 : 0.

CEMETERY CARETAKER'S WAGES.

In accordance with Notice given, Councillor Gaul moved that the wages of Patrick Sutton, Caretaker of Crosstown Cemetery, be increased by 5/- per week as from Thursday, October 8th, 1936. Councillor Crosbie seconded.

Alderman Walsh objected to the increase on the grounds that the Caretaker was maintaining graves for members of the public in contravention of the terms of his appointment, but was not able to quote any specific instance where the Caretaker had maintained such graves, and suggested that the Caretaker himself should be able to inform the Corporation of who was maintaining the graves if he was not doing so.

Eventually, Alderman Walsh withdrew his objection on condition that the Regulations regarding the maintenance of graves by the Caretaker be enforced, and Councillor Gaul's motion was unanimously agreed to.

COMPENSATION.

A notice in the name of Councillor James Billington, that the Government be asked to pay compensation to landlords whose houses were the subject of Clearance or Demolition Orders, was adjourned owing to the absence of the Councillor.

ROAD WORKS SCHEMES.

With reference to Minutes of 7th September last when schemes of Road Works, totalling £2,300, were passed, the Minister for Local Government and Public Health under date of the 20th ultimo, by letter No. RU/203/131, intimated that the provisional allocation of £1035 under the Unemployment Schemes Vote, 1936/7 had been increased to £1150 on the 50/50 basis already notified. The Minister also intimated that he would extend the period for the repayment of the Loan to finance the Council's share of the work from three to five years.

In connection with this Grant, the following Resolution was unanimously adopted: on the motion of Councillor Gaul, seconded by Councillor Connolly:-

"It is hereby resolved that the Corporation of Wexford make application to the Minister for Local Government and Public Health for a grant towards the cost of carrying out a scheme of road works which is being undertaken by the Corporation with a view to the provision of employment for unemployed persons, and it is further requested that the Minister in pursuance of Section 6 (1) of the Local Authorities (Financial Provisions) Act, 1921, as extended, will issue a certificate to that effect so that any money borrowed for the carrying out of the work shall not be reckoned as part of the debt of the Corporation for the purposes of any enactment limiting their powers of borrowing."

REDEMPTION OF HEAD RENT.

There was submitted for execution on the part of the Corporation a Form of Consent to the redemption of a Head Rent of £4 : 6 : 11 payable out of the Estate of the Reps. James R. Clarke. The land out of which this rent was payable was being redeemed under the Land Acts, and 20 years purchase had been allowed, which amounted to the sum of £97.

The Corporation Solicitor advised that in his opinion no better terms could be obtained, and accordingly on the motion of Councillor Moran, seconded by Councillor Connolly, the document was sealed and signed on the part of the Corporation.

LOAN FOR RE-ROOFING 28 HOUSES.

There was submitted for execution a Deed of Mortgage whereby security would be given to the National Bank for the repayment of a Loan of £600 proposed to be borrowed for the re-roofing of 28 houses at Davitt Road, North, and Hill Street.

The Deed was found to be in order in every respect, and on the motion of Councillor Gaul, seconded by Councillor Martin, the following resolution was unanimously adopted:-

"At a Meeting of the Corporation of the Borough of Wexford on the 2nd day of November, 1936, It Was Resolved that in pursuance of the consent of the Local Government Minister dated 12th October, 1936, the Corporation do borrow from the National Bank Limited the sum of £600. for the purpose of re-roofing twenty-eight houses in the Wexford Urban District to be repaid to the Bank by half-yearly instalments spread over the period of ten 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 Deed was thereupon sealed with the Corporate Seal and authenticated by the signatures of the Mayor and Town Clerk.

BOROUGH ANALYST'S REPORT.

The Report of the Borough Analyst for the Quarter ended 30th September last, which was submitted, showed that he had received from the Local Inspector under the Food and Drugs Acts 4 samples of milk, 2 of butter, 2 of rice, and one each of cheese, strawberry jam, Port Wine and margarine; and from the Inspector under the Department of Agriculture 4 samples of butter.

With the exception of one sample of milk, all those received from the Local Inspector proved to be genuine.

The sample of milk which was found to be defective, was deficient of 11.7 per cent. of its fats.

Regarding this matter, a consultation had taken place between the Inspector, the Corporation Solicitor, and the Town Clerk, when the Solicitor had advised that having regard to the terms of Section 2 (1) of the Sale of Food and Drugs (Milk) Act, 1935, he could not advise the Corporation to take proceedings as there should be a deficiency both in milk fats and milk solids.

As it would not be possible to secure a conviction, no proceedings had

been instituted, but it was further explained to the meeting that this Statute had been amended by more recent legislation so that proceedings could be taken for a deficiency of either fats or solids. Regarding the samples of butter submitted by the Inspector under the Department of Agriculture, only two of them were genuine. One of the defective samples contained 16.6 per cent. excessive moisture, and the other 17.1 per cent.

In these two cases proceedings had been instituted against the offenders in the District Court.

The report of the Analyst was considered satisfactory.

MILK AND DAIRIES ACT, 1935.

There was submitted to the meeting a copy of the Milk and Dairies Act, 1935, together with a circular letter from the Minister for Local Government and Public Health under date of the 21st ultimo, No. P.H.111, explaining the provisions of the Act.

The Town Clerk pointed out that steps should be taken forthwith to give notice to dairymen of the provisions of the Act, and that it would come into operation on 1st January, 1937.

The Meeting left the matter in the hands of the Town Clerk to take any steps he considered necessary to give effect to the provisions of the Statute.

VACANT HOUSE AT WOLFE TONE VILLAS.

Six applications were submitted for ^a ~~the~~ house vacant at Wolfe Tone Villas, and on a poll being taken there voted:-

For Nicholas Hatchell, who was living in one room in a house at

Duke Street: Councillors Buckland, Moran, Martin, Crosbie, Hayes, Sinnott, Cashman, McGuire, Murphy, Connolly, McMahon, Atkins, Aldermen Coffey, Tobin, Walsh, Flusk, and the Mayor----- 17.

For John Berry, who was residing in a room at Faythe:

Councillors Dunne, John Billington, Gaul, and Alderman Cullimore----- 4.

Hatchell was accordingly declared the tenant.

LICENCE FOR THEATRE ROYAL.

On the motion of the Mayor, seconded by Councillor McMahon, a Licence was issued under the Cinematograph Act, 1909, in respect of the Theatre Royal, High Street, for one year from this date.

BUILDING PLOTS AT MAUDLINTOWN.

The Finance Committee recommended that two building plots at Maudlintown be advertised for letting at a rent of 30/- per annum for a period of 100 years.

It was explained to the meeting that these two plots were ones on which it would not be an economic proposition for the Corporation to erect houses owing to the nature of the ground.

Councillor Connolly thereupon moved that the recommendation of the Committee be adopted. Alderman Walsh seconded.

Alderman Flusk, however, proposed as an amendment that the two plots be advertised for sale to the highest bidder. Councillor Gaul seconded.

On a show of hands five voted for the amendment and sixteen against. The amendment was accordingly declared lost, and Councillor Connolly's motion to approve of the Committee's recommendation was declared carried by sixteen votes for to five against.

PLOT AT ST. JOHN'S ROAD.

With reference to Minutes of the Corporation on 2nd December last, when a plot of ground at St. John's Road had been leased to a Mrs. S. M. Redmond, of Georges Street, Mrs. Redmond had intimated some time ago that owing to difficulties in connection with building she did not propose to proceed with the erection of a house, and the plot had accordingly been advertised for letting.

Four applications were submitted as follows:- From Mr. Thomas Redmond, St. John's Avenue; Mr. John White, Faythe; Mr. N. Murphy, St. John's Road; and Mr. Samuel Yates, South Main Street.

The first three applications, the Town Clerk explained, had been received within the time specified in the advertisement, but that Mr. Yates' application had not been received until the 31st ultimo,

which was three weeks after the date specified.

On a poll being taken on the applicants, there voted:-

For Redmond: Councillors Buckland, Martin, Crsobie, Cashman, McGuire,
John Billington, Connolly, McMahon, Gaul, Aldermen
Coffey, Tobin, and Walsh----- 12.

For White: Councillors Dunne, Moran, Hayes, Sinnott, Murphy,
Atkins, Aldermen Cullimore, Flusk, and the Mayor---- 9.

Mr. Redmond was accordingly declared the successful applicant.

The Meeting then separated.

Richard Corish Y.D.
Mayor of Wexford

7th December, 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, Thomas Walsh, Michael Flusk, and William Cullimore.

Councillors: James Sinnott, Patrick Atkins, James McMahon, Thomas Hayes, James Crosbie, Robert Moran, Thomas Dunne, Nicholas Connolly, James Murphy, and Thomas Buckland.

MINUTES.

On the motion of Councillor Crosbie, seconded by Councillor Hayes, the Minutes of Meeting of 2nd November last were taken as having been read and signed.

Arising out of this, Alderman Coffey made an objection to the Minutes not having been circulated. The Town Clerk accordingly explained that at last meeting a resolution was adopted directing him to discontinue the practice of furnishing copies of the Minutes to members, and he (Town Clerk) asked Alderman Coffey if he wished to have the Minutes read, but the Alderman replied in the negative, stating that

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he wished to have his objection recorded against them not being circulated.

On the motion of Alderman Walsh, seconded by Councillor Crosbie, the Minutes of the following Committee Meetings were approved:- Finance and Works, Waterworks, and Public Health Committee on the 2nd, 16th and 30th ultimo; Housing Committee on the 30th ultimo; and Special Committee re dispute with Gas Company on the 5th ultimo.

PAYMENTS.

Liabilities which had accrued due up to the end of last month amounting, in the aggregate, to £4,222 : 17 : 4 were submitted, and having been examined were approved and an Advice Note was signed to enable them to be discharged.

RE SURFACE OF OYSTER LANE, ETC.

Complaints were made by members regarding the condition of the surface of Oyster Lane, Church Lane, and the Folly, and the Borough Surveyor was instructed to take steps as soon as possible to remedy the matter complained of.

ACKNOWLEDGEMENT.

Mr. James J. Stafford, Cromwell's Fort, acknowledged receipt of the vote of sympathy recently passed with him on the death of his wife.

SYMPATHY.

On the motion of the Mayor, seconded by Alderman Coffey, the sympathy of the meeting was extended to Councillor Phillip McGuire on the death of his son.

Town Sergeant's Salary.

With reference to Minutes of 6th July last, when the Corporation had agreed to increase the salary of William Kehoe, Town Sergeant from £2 : 10 : 0 to £2 : 15 : 0 per week as from the 1st idem, and to £3 : 0 : 0 per week from the 1st April, 1937, the Minister for Local Government and Public Health under date of the 30th ultimo, by letter No. G.214477, intimated that he considered his present salary adequate having regard to the duties. In deference, however, to the Council's representations he would not withhold sanction to the salary being

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increased to £143 per annum as from 1st July last, but the second increase which the Council proposed could not be sanctioned. The Minister's decision in this matter was accepted.

HEALTH VISITOR'S SALARY.

With reference to Minutes of 9th March last, when the salary of the Health Visitor, Miss Francis M. Daly, was increased from £166 to £170 per annum as from the 1st April, 1936, and thence by annual increments of £5 to a maximum of £200 per annum, the Minister for Local Government and Public Health under date of the 2nd instant, by letter No. P.H.226050, intimated that subject to the proviso that Miss Daly would be prepared to carry out in the Borough of Wexford any additional work under any Public Health Scheme operating in the Borough which might be assigned to her with the consent of the Minister, he approved of the Salary Scale proposed by the Corporation. This letter was considered satisfactory.

SUBSIDY ON HOUSES.

Under date of the 28th ultimo, by letter No. H.231526, the Minister for Local Government and Public Health acknowledged receipt of a resolution passed by the Corporation on the 2nd ultimo, relative to an extension of the limits of the All-in cost of houses for the purpose of the payment of subsidy under the Housing Act, 1932.

VACCINATION.

No action was taken on a letter from the Minister for Local Government and Public Health under date of 24th ultimo, No. M.C.231324, forwarding an extract from the Returns showing the number of vaccination defaulters in the Borough.

LOCAL GOVERNMENT ACT, 1936.

A further letter was submitted from the Minister for Local Government and Public Health under date of the 30th ultimo, No.1118, forwarding copy of the Local Government Act, 1936, but it was pointed out in reply to a query that the provisions of the Act did not affect Wexford Corporation.

OFFICIAL GUIDE.

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the Irish Tourist Association for the sole rights to issue the Official Guide or Brochure to the Town for the years 1937 to 1940 inclusive, was granted.

COMPENSATION.

A motion in the name of Councillor James Billington, that the Government be asked to pay compensation to landlords whose houses were the subject of Clearance or Demolition Orders, was further adjourned owing to the absence of the Councillor.

RESERVOIR COMMITTEE.

A motion in the name of Councillor James Billington that a Reservoir Committee be appointed was moved by Alderman Coffey, seconded by Councillor Connolly, and agreed to. The Committee was composed of Councillor James Billington, Aldermen Coffey, Walsh and the Mayor.

RE CONDITION OF RESERVOIR.

With reference to meeting of the Council on 2nd instant, when a statement was made by Alderman Coffey to the effect that dead jennets had been found in the streams leading to the reservoir, the Secretary of the Transport Union, on behalf of the Caretaker, asked for a complete withdrawal of this statement in view of the fact that the allegation was unfounded and no proof had been submitted by Alderman Coffey. A letter was also read from the Caretaker to the effect that the statement by Alderman Coffey, as appeared in the press, had no foundation. It would appear to be a misstatement of an occasion when he had the Guards shoot an animal on the roadside, and not near the streams.

In this connection, Alderman Coffey said he only asked the question in the public interest, and the matter dropped.

REPORT ON RESERVOIR.

In connection with the Reservoir, a report was made of a conference held on the 4th instant between Mr. Courtenay, Chief Engineer of the Department of Local Government, Dr. McCormack, Medical Inspector, Dr. Bastible, County Medical Officer of Health, His Worship the Mayor, the Borough Surveyor, Mr. Millar, Clerk of Works, and the Town Clerk.

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The Conference discussed the two schemes submitted by Messrs. Delap and Waller, and were of the opinion that either of the two should only be contemplated as a last resort, when every other attempt to obtain water had failed. They discussed the amount of water available for consumption and the actual amount being consumed. From figures submitted by the Borough Surveyor, the Conference saw that forty gallons per head per day were being used in Wexford, which was altogether too high, and suggestions to reduce this consumption were made by the Chief Engineer to the Borough Surveyor, who proposed to carry them out immediately.

The principal one was an examination of all stop cocks in the town, and where any of them were defective, it should be insisted that they be renewed and placed outside the premises of the consumer instead of as at present being inside the hall door.

Mr. Courtenay also suggested that an outside Water Inspector should be brought in with the object of detecting wastage and reducing the consumption.

Regarding the quality of the water, it was stated that at a meeting of the Public Health Committee held on the 30th ultimo, it had been decided to purchase a Chlorinator, and this decision would come before the present meeting for formal ratification.

Regarding quantity, the Chief Engineer had suggested that a search should be made for springs which could be pumped into the reservoir at dry periods, and the Borough Surveyor and Mr. Millar proposed to make such a search as soon as possible with the approval of the Corporation.

The members saw that everything possible was being done to ensure that a pure and sufficient supply of water was given to the town, and permission was given to the Borough Surveyor and Mr. Millar to act in accordance with Mr. Courtenay's instructions in regard to finding extra water.

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On the motion of Councillor Crosbie, seconded by Alderman Walsh, the recommendation of the Public Health Committee that a Chlorinator be purchased and fitted to the water system at a cost of approximately £200 was unanimously adopted.

The Town Clerk explained that he had received the approval of the Minister for Local Government and Public Health this morning to the purchase of this plant, and in consultation with the Borough Surveyor had ordered it this evening from the representative of Messrs. Wallace and Tiernan, the manufacturers.

RE LOAN UNDER S.D.A. ACTS.

A motion in the name of Councillor Connolly that part of resolution of 7th December, 1936, which stipulated that before a Loan was made under the Small Dwellings Acquisition Acts, 1899 to 1931, all rates due by the person applying for the loan should be paid, be rescinded, was the next business.

In this connection it was explained that amongst the applicants for loans on 7th September last was a Mr. Matthew Boggan, who owed a considerable amount of rates most of which had accrued due during the time of a partnership with his brothers who were now deceased.

The Town Clerk had written to Mr. Boggan informing him that no money would be available under the Acts for him until the outstanding rates had been discharged.

Subsequently, Mr. Boggan had made an arrangement with the Rate Collectors whereby he agreed to pay a sum of £40 off the arrears together with the sum of £3. per month, as well as the current rates, until the arrears were cleared off.

This arrangement had been reported to the Finance Committee, and as a result Councillor Connolly had given notice of his intention to propose the rescission of the above resolution.

The members did not seem disposed to completely strike out this proviso in the resolution, and after a short discussion the matter was adjourned to enable a fresh application to be made by Mr. Boggan, which would be considered in the light of the efforts being made by him to discharge

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his present obligations to the Corporation.

DATE FOR JUNE FAIR.

The next business was the fixing of a date for the June (1937) Fair. It was explained to the meeting that the last Tuesday of the month, which was the fixed Fair Day, fell on the 29th, a Catholic Holyday, and it was unanimously agreed to leave it in the hands of the Town Clerk to fix a suitable day after consultation with the local butchers.

PURCHASE PRICE OF NO.6 ST. IBAR'S VILLAS.

A recommendation was submitted from the Finance Committee that the outstanding purchase price of No. 6, St. Ibar's Villas be redeemed. It was explained to the meeting that on 1st January next the balance so outstanding would be £268 : 5 : 0, and on the motion of Councillor Connolly, seconded by Alderman Coffey, it was unanimously agreed to accept this sum subject to the approval of the Minister for Local Government and Public Health.

MILK AND DAIRIES ACT, 1935.

There was submitted to the meeting copies of orders made by the Minister for Local Government and Public Health under the Milk and Dairies Act, 1935.

PUBLIC LIGHTING.

The Electricity Supply Board submitted quotations for the Public Lighting of the town in a letter under date of the 6th ultimo, addressed to the Town Clerk, as follows:-

"Dear Sir,

I beg to refer to my meeting with yourself and the Mayor at Wexford on the 6th ultimo concerning Public Lighting in WEXFORD and to forward for your Corporation's consideration some quotations in the matter.

I attach sketch plan showing the positions proposed for ten new lamps at Maudlintown Housing Scheme and one new lamp at Church Lane. A further lamp is proposed for Redmond Road one span from the last existing network pole on that road.

The existing number of public lamps in Wexford is 172 and the annual charge for lighting these together with two Traffic Signs is £555 (Five Hundred and Fifty-five Pounds).

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The Board is prepared to supply and erect the proposed twelve new lamps in the positions indicated, and to supply and erect all networks necessary in their connection, without initial charge to your Corporation, provided your Corporation enters into a contract with the Board for the lighting of the new total number of lamps (i.e., 172 plus 12 - 184) over a period of five years at an annual charge of £632. 8. 0. Alternatively, the Board will carry out the work described without initial charge if the Corporation enters into a seven year contract at an annual charge of £622. 8. 0.

If your Corporation does not wish to enter into a contract for the entire lighting of the town for the periods mentioned above, then the Board is prepared to supply and erect the new lamps, with their necessary extensions, at the following charges:-

- (a) 10 Class 11 200 watt lamps at Maudlintown Housing Scheme. Charge £162. 1. 4 payable on completion of the installation and £31. 2. 9 per annum for the lighting, maintenance, and operation of the lamps.
- (b) 1 Class 11 200 watt lamp at Church Lane charge 18/10d payable on completion of the installation and £3. per annum for the lighting, maintenance and operation of the lamp.
- (c) 1 Class 11 200 watt lamp at Redmond Road Charge £10. 16. 4 payable on completion of the installation and £3. per annum for the lighting, maintenance and operation of the lamp.

Please notify me of your Corporation's requirements in the matter at your convenience.

Yours faithfully,

(Signed) Frank Algar.

Consumers' Department, Public Lighting
Section."

This quotation arose out of the question of lighting the new Housing Estate at Maudlintown, and the Wexford Gas Company, who had also been asked to quote for the Maudlintown lighting, intimated that they had not got mains on the estate, but when they had they would be prepared to carry out the lighting there on the same terms as operated at Whitemill; these were Sunset to Midnight £3. per lamp; Sunset to Dawn £4. 5. 0. per lamp.

It was explained to the meeting that up to the present the Gas Company had not laid mains on this estate.

Councillor Connolly and Councillor McMahon thought that the lighting

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should be given to the local Gas Company, who would employ local labour; the Electricity Supply Board, they stated, would bring in outside men to erect the necessary poles, etc.

They also complained that no efforts were being made by the Corporation to settle the dispute between the Gas Company and the Corporation officials regarding the laying of mains etc. at Maudlintown, and the replacement of streets generally, and in this connection the following report of a Special Committee appointed at last meeting, and which met on the 5th ultimo, to go into this dispute, was read:-

"A Meeting of the Special Committee, appointed on the 2nd instant to consider the dispute between the Wexford Gas Consumers' Company and the officials of the Corporation regarding the laying and renewing of gas mains, and the opening and replacement of streets generally, was held this day at the Town Clerk's Office at Eleven o'clock a.m.

All the members of the Committee, namely, Alderman Walsh, Councillors Connolly, Hayes, and Crosbie, were present, together with the Borough Surveyor and Town Clerk.

At the outset the Town Clerk read the relevant Sections of the Gas Works Clauses Act, 1847, for the information of the members. He then read all the correspondence which had passed between the officials of the Corporation and the Manager of the Gas Company on the matter in dispute. A bundle of Notices received from the Gas Company from time to time of their intention to open streets were also produced, and the members saw for themselves that they were not Notices in the accepted sense of the word as in no case did they indicate the time and place when the opening would be made.

Having heard the law on the matter, and the correspondence and explanations made by the officials, the Committee were unanimously of the opinion that the Gas Company were doing their utmost to evade their Statutory Obligations, and consequently they could take no steps to terminate the dispute; rather they decided that the attitude taken up by the Corporation officials was a reasonable one, and should be endorsed by the Corporation."

Arising out of this report, the Borough Surveyor stated that he wrote to the Gas Company recently intimating that he proposed re-surfacing Spawell Road in concrete and would give every facility for the renewal of mains and services. He received a reply from Mr. Saville to the effect that it was the intention of the Gas Company to lay a new main there but would not attempt anything of this nature at this period of the year. They would renew any services that required attention.

The Corporation took a very serious view of this correspondence in view of the fact that the road was to be concreted, and the Gas

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Company proposed at some future date to break it up to renew a main which should, on their own admission, be renewed at the present time. Eventually, Councillor Hayes proposed that the tender of the Electricity Supply Board for the lighting of 184 lamps for a period of seven years at an annual charge of £622. 8. 0. be accepted, and Councillor Murphy seconded.

Councillor Connolly, however, proposed as an amendment that the Gas Company be asked to carry out their Statutory Obligations in regard to the laying of mains at Maudlintown, and their quotation for the lighting of this estate be accepted. Councillor McMahon seconded.

On a poll being taken, there voted:-

For the Amendment: Councillors Connolly, McMahon, Aldermen
Walsh and Coffey----- 4.

Against the Amendment: Councillors Buckland, Murphy, Dunne, Moran,
Crosbie, Hayes, Atkins, Sinnott, Aldermen
Cullimore, Flusk, and the Mayor----- 11.

The amendment was accordingly declared lost, and Councillor Hayes's motion declared carried by eleven votes for to four against.

LIGHTING OF HOUSES.

Further correspondence was read from the Electricity Supply Board relative to the installation of light in the new houses being erected by the Corporation, but on the motion of the Mayor, seconded by Councillor Connolly, it was unanimously agreed not to entertain the Board's suggestions, but to leave it to the tenants to instal themselves whatever form of light they considered desirable.

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 Commissioners of Public Works in Ireland for the repayment of Loan of £8,000 proposed to be advanced under the Small Dwellings Acquisition Acts. The Deed was found to be in order, and on the motion of Councillor Moran, seconded by Alderman Walsh, the following resolution was unanimously adopted:-

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"That our Corporate Seal be affixed to the Deed of Mortgage of this date now read, whereby security is given to the Commissioners of Public Works in Ireland for the repayment of the sum of Eight Thousand Pounds proposed to be advanced by them to us under the Small Dwellings Acquisition Acts, 1899 to 1931, etc."

The Deed was thereupon duly executed on the part of the Corporation, and the following further resolution was adopted on the motion of Alderman Walsh, seconded by Councillor Buckland:-

"That inasmuch as this Corporation does not immediately require from the Commissioners of Public Works in Ireland, the total amount of the sum mentioned in the Deed of Mortgage to them this day executed by this Corporation, but prefer to receive the same by instalments as occasion may require, IT IS RESOLVED that the requisition for each advance shall be intimated to the said Commissioners by the Chairman of this Corporation for 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."

LEASES FOR BUILDING PLOTS.

There was submitted for execution on the part of the Corporation eight leases in duplicate conveying building plots at St. John's Road to Messrs. Thomas J. Millar, Patrick K. McNally, Edward Howlin, Edward O'Brien, John Leonard, John J. Byrne, Miss Ellen Stone, and Mrs. C. McGill.

On the motion of Alderman Walsh, seconded by Councillor Connolly, the leases were sealed and signed on behalf of the Corporation.

DEEDS OF CHARGE.

Deeds of Charge to secure repayment of Loans under the Small Dwellings Acquisition Acts were submitted from Messrs. John Leonard, Edward Howlin, Thomas J. Millar, Patrick K. McNally, John J. Byrne, Mrs. C. McGill, Mrs. Mary Bolger, and Miss Ellen Stone for execution on the part of the Corporation, and on the motion of Alderman Coffey, seconded by Councillor Buckland, these Deeds were sealed and signed on behalf of the Council.

DEMOLITION ORDERS.

On the motion of Alderman Walsh, seconded by the Mayor, Demolition Orders were made in respect of six houses at Corry's Terrace in the occupation of John Underwood, Thomas Murphy, William Murphy, Mary E.

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Roche, Laurence Grace, and Randall McDonald; two houses at Grogan's Road in the occupation of John Byrne and John King; two houses at Cornmarket in the occupation of Thomas Murphy and Hannah Gorman; house at Commercial Quay in the occupation of Nicholas Walsh; and two houses at Faythe in the occupation of Frank Quinn and Thomas Dalton.

In all these cases Notice had been given under Section 23 of the Housing (Miscellaneous Provisions) Act, 1931, but no offer regarding the future user or the carrying out of repairs had been received.

DEMOLITION OF HOUSE AT SOUTH MAIN STREET.

The Town Clerk asked the Corporation to make an order to have a house at South Main Street, Wexford, demolished by the Corporation workmen and the owner proceeded against for the costs thereof.

The house in question, he explained, was the subject of a Demolition Order, and he had had a lot of correspondence with the owner's Solicitor on the matter of its demolition, but so far, without effect, and on the motion of Councillor Connolly, seconded by Councillor Crosbie, it was unanimously agreed that the house be demolished by the Corporation workmen under the direction of the Borough Surveyor.

SMALL DWELLINGS ACQUISITION ACTS.

The following resolution submitted by the Ennis Urban District Council was adopted on the motion of Councillor Connolly, seconded by Alderman Walsh:-

"That the Minister for Local Government and Public Health be asked to amend Section 9 (1) of the Housing (Financial Miscellaneous Provisions) Act, 1932 to permit an Urban Authority subject to prescribed regulations to make to any genuine artisan or labourer erecting a house for his own use and occupation in respect of which a grant would be made by the Minister, a grant of £70 together with a grant of land as a site for such house and that the Minister increase the present Government Grant to £70 in such cases; further that the Minister permit the Urban Authority to further borrow at a new rate of interest, under the Small Dwellings Acquisition Acts, to enable them to lend to such persons a sum not exceeding £150 to be repaid in 35 years by weekly instalments of Principal and Interest by way of rent. This would give a poor man who resides in an unfit house or a slum area to build his own house and help the Government to overcome to a great extent the Slum Problem that has caused so much comment and sympathy from the general public."

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TOWN TENANTS.

No action was taken on a resolution from the Carrickmacross Urban District Council, calling on the Government to introduce legislation to enable Town Tenants to become the owners of their homes, as the matter was at present the subject of Government enquiry.

QUOTA ON ALES.

The following resolution from the Rathdowney Industrial and Development Association was marked "Read":-

"That we, the Rathdowney Industrial and Development Association, call on the Deputies for this Constituency to convene a meeting in Leinster House, Dublin, at an early date, of Deputies from all Parties representing Constituencies where Breweries are situated for the purpose of calling on the Minister of Industry and Commerce to place a Quota Order on all imported ales in order to foster the brewing industry in this country and thereby create considerably more employment, and, in addition, provide a more remunerative market for the Barley Producing Farmers."

ALLOCATION OF HOUSE AT MAUDLINTOWN.

A recommendation from the Housing Committee that a house at Maudlintown be allocated to J. Berry, who was residing in rooms at Faythe, was unanimously adopted on the motion of Councillor Crosbie, seconded by Councillor Connolly.

LOAN FOR RESURFACING SPAWELL ROAD.

A Deed of Mortgage to secure repayment of a Loan of £1150 to be obtained from the National Bank to supplement an Unemployment Grant for the resurfacing of part of Spawell Road and Main Street in concrete and St. Peter's Square in macadam, was submitted for execution, and the following resolution, forwarded by the Solicitor to the Bank, was adopted on the motion of Councillor Sinnott, seconded by Councillor Hayes:-

"At a Meeting of the Corporation of the Borough of Wexford held on the 7th day of December, 1936, it was resolved that in pursuance of the consent of the Local Government Minister dated 19th November, 1936, the Corporation do borrow from the National Bank, Limited, the sum of £1150 for the purpose of resurfacing parts of Spawell Road, Main Street, and St. Peter's Square in the Wexford Urban District to be repaid to the Bank by half-yearly instalments spread over a period of five 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

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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.

UNEMPLOYMENT GRANT.

Under date of the 4th instant, by letter No. RU/203/201, the Minister for Local Government and Public Health intimated that a grant of £2,800 had been allocated for the provision of employment in the Wexford Urban District on condition that the Corporation would add one-third of this amount, namely, £930.

It was unanimously agreed to accept this grant on the conditions outlined by the Minister and to raise the Corporation's contribution of £930 by way of Loan spread over a period of five years with interest at the usual rate.

Regarding the works to be carried out under the Grant, it was unanimously decided to expend the sum of £3,000 on concreting portion of the Faythe, and the balance of £730 on the laying of a footpath on the South side of Green Street and the concreting of Slaney Street. In order that these works might be going if possible before Christmas, it was unanimously agreed that Mr. Millar, Clerk of Works at Maudlintown, ^{should} ~~to~~ assist Mr. McNally on the work of resurfacing the Faythe, and the Surveyor was directed to forward the necessary schemes to the Department for approval immediately.

ROTATION SYSTEM.

With reference to the Rotation System of employment on grant work, attention was called to the fact that Tuesday, 8th instant, was a Catholic Holiday, and consequently no work would be carried out in Wexford. Some of the men on the Rotation System would consequently only receive two days work instead of three, and it was agreed to allow them to work on Saturday, 12th instant, in lieu of the holiday on the 8th instant.

A deputation of men working on the Rotational System came before the meeting, and asked (1) what was to be done in connection with the

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Catholic Holiday on the 8th instant, when they were informed of the decision just arrived at; (2) they called attention to the fact that if three wet days occurred in the week and they were unable to work, they would be destitute as they would not be paid Unemployment Assistance, and the meeting requested the Town Clerk to take up this aspect of the situation with the Board of Works, and request them to arrange with the Department of Industry and Commerce to allow the men to sign on wet days.

EMPLOYMENT OF MEN.

Councillor Hayes substituted Patrick Kelly, of Keyser's Lane, for Daniel Kelly on the list of men nominated by him for employment some time ago.

The Meeting then separated.

Richard Corish 47
Mayor

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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, and Michael Flusk.

Councillors: Patrick Atkins, Thomas Dunne, James McMahon, Nicholas Connolly, James Billington, James Murphy, Thomas Hayes, James Sinnott, Robert Moran, Timothy Cashman, James Crosbie, and Michael Martin. At a later stage in the Meeting, Councillor Buckland attended.

MINUTES.

On the motion of Councillor Dunne, seconded by Alderman Cullimore, the Minutes of meeting of 7th ultimo were taken as having been read, and signed, and the Minutes of meetings of Finance and Works Committee on 7th and 21st ultimo were approved.

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PAYMENTS.

Liabilities which had accrued due up to the end of last month, amounting, in the aggregate, to £3,615. 1. 10 were submitted, and having been examined were approved, and an Advice Note signed to enable the Treasurer to discharge them.

SYMPATHY.

A letter was read from Councillor Phillip McGuire acknowledging a vote of sympathy passed with him at last meeting, and the Mayor intimated that it was his melancholy duty to again move that the sympathy of the Corporation be extended to Councillor McGuire on the occasion of a further bereavement in his family caused by the death of his son, John. Alderman Flusk seconded the motion, which was supported by all the members present, and adopted in respectful silence.

BATT STREET CLEARANCE.

Under date of the 9th ultimo, by letter No. H.230469, the Minister for Local Government and Public Health referred to the Wexford (Batt Street) Clearance Order, 1936, made and submitted by the Corporation, and stated that having considered the evidence given at the public local Inquiry in the matter, the report of the Inspector as to the condition of the area, and the Corporation's Resolution of the 20th July last asking for the exclusion of certain premises from the Order, he was not prepared to confirm the Order. He added, however, that the Corporation should proceed immediately to exercise their powers under Sections 19 and 23 of the Housing (Miscellaneous Provisions) Act, 1931, in order to secure the repair or demolition of the houses in the area.

In reply to a query it was stated that the houses which had been excluded from the terms of the Order by the resolution of the Corporation were those occupied by Patrick Fenlon, Michael Roche, Bridget Brien, and William Marsh. They were numbered 16, 19, 23, and 25 in the Schedule to the Order, and had been originally included therein as being unfit for human habitation, but by Resolutions

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dated 20th July and 10th August last, the Corporation had decided to exclude them from the Order.

After some discussion, it was moved by Councillor Murphy, and seconded by Councillor Crosbie, that the necessary steps be taken to have Demolition Orders made in respect of all the houses included in the Wexford (Batt Street) Clearance Order, 1936, with the exception of the four referred to above.

The houses in respect of which Demolition Orders were to be sought were those occupied by Bernard Smith, James Pitt, Joseph Thomas, Thomas Walsh, George Murphy, Edward Daly, William Newport, William Keelan, Patrick McCabe, Bridget Lane, Eliza Rossiter, and James Phillips.

The Resolution was unanimously adopted.

NEW TOWN HALL.

Under date of the 24th ultimo, the Minister for Local Government and Public Health stated that he had had under consideration the report of his Inspector on the Public Inquiry held in Wexford on the 28th and 29th October last into the application of the Corporation of Wexford to raise a Loan for the provision of a new Town Hall. The evidence tendered at the Inquiry established the need for a new Town Hall, but before coming to a final decision on the Corporation's proposal, the Minister would like to have a more definite expression of the Corporation's intentions for safeguarding the water supply, which was also raised during the course of the Inquiry. The preliminary report on the water supply made to the Corporation by Messrs. Delap and Waller, Consulting Engineers, which was furnished to the Minister on the 18th January last had been under discussion by the Department's Chief Engineering Advisors and the Consulting Engineers. It had been intimated to them that the method proposed was open to some objections, and that it would be desirable that the problem be further explored before any steps were taken to prepare final plans.

It was the feeling of the meeting that the Minister should be informed that the Corporation were unanimous in their efforts to secure that a

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sufficient and wholesome supply of water be provided for the town, and they were prepared to do all that was advised by their experts in consultation with the Chief Engineer of the Department. They all considered that the water supply was very important, and they had got the best Chlorinating Plant it was possible to procure, on expert advice, in order that a pure supply to the town would be provided. The Corporation were aware that more water was wanted as was evidenced by the fact that two schemes to augment the present supply had been prepared by their Consulting Engineers. The difficulty of the Corporation at the moment was that they were not enamoured with either of the two schemes submitted. One would cost approximately £27,000, and the other £15,000.

The first scheme would mean a complete duplication of the present system, and the members could not see why this should be necessary more especially as the water would be simply surface water. The second scheme would only give an extra few million gallons storage, and in the opinion of the Corporation its cost would be out of all proportion to the benefits to be received.

Eventually it was decided that the Minister should be informed of all the steps taken by the Corporation to date to deal with the problem of the water supply, and as well, it was to be intimated to him that immediately the Engineers produced a scheme which would solve the present difficulties in regard to the water supply, the Corporation would be prepared to carry it out without delay, subject, of course, to the approval of the Minister's advisors.

RE M. BOGGAN → RATES.

With reference to Minutes of last meeting, when the question of a proviso to a Resolution of 7th September, 1936, regarding Loans under the Small Dwellings Acquisition Acts, was under consideration, an application was submitted from Mr. Matthew Boggan for a Loan of £900 under the Acts.

The position in this case was that Mr. Boggan's application had been granted by the Corporation on the 7th September last, but it had been subsequently discovered that Mr. Boggan was responsible for the

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payment of ^a~~the~~ large amount of rates outstanding to the Corporation. He had been informed that unless the arrears of rates were discharged, no money would be made available on foot of the Loan. Mr. Boggan had subsequently come to an arrangement with the Rate Collectors whereby he paid a sum of £40 on foot of the arrears and gave an undertaking to pay a sum of £5. per month until they were cleared off, together with the current year's rates.

Some members held that Mr. Boggan was doing everything possible to discharge his liabilities to the Corporation, and pointed out that the debt had accrued during a partnership with two of his brothers, who were now dead. They further held that Mr. Boggan's application was made in his private capacity, and that his business debts should not be held against him.

In reply to a query, the Town Clerk held that in his opinion the proviso to the Resolution of 7th September last should be rescinded before money could be made available to Mr. Boggan, and after some further discussion the matter was adjourned to a Special Meeting to be held on the 18th instant, when Councillor McMahon intimated he would move the rescission of the proviso to the Resolution.

BUNGALOWS ETC. AT DAVITT ROAD.

There was submitted to the meeting an estimate for the provision of XX eight bungalows and a Fire Station at Davitt Road, North. It had been prepared by the Borough Surveyor, and showed that the All-in cost of the Scheme would be £3,009. This was made up of:-

Development Costs-----	£255	:	0	:	0
8 bungalows at £308 each-----	2464	:	0	:	0
Fire Station-----	290	:	0	:	0
Total-----	£3009	:	0	:	0

Councillor Connolly intimated that he thought they should have time to consider the particulars, and moved that consideration of the estimate be adjourned for a fortnight. Councillor McMahon seconded. Alderman Flusk, however, proposed that they adopt the estimate and go ahead with the work.

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On a show of hands being taken, two members voted for Councillor Connolly's proposal, and 13 for Alderman Flusk's.

Alderman Flusk's proposal that the houses and fire station be erected was accordingly declared carried, and Councillor Connolly thereupon gave notice that he would move the rescission of the Resolution at next Statutory Meeting.

At a Meeting of the Finance and Works Committee, however, held subsequent to the present meeting, the Councillor intimated that he would withdraw the notice of motion.

In addition to the estimate of £3,009, it was intimated that it would be necessary to make provision for the cost of the Mortgage Deed, and so on the motion of Alderman Flusk, seconded by Councillor Dunne, it was further agreed that application be made to the Minister for Local Government and Public Health for sanction to the raising of a Loan of £3,020 from the Local Loans Fund to finance the scheme. Councillor Buckland attended at this stage of the proceedings.

COMPENSATION.

In accordance with notice given, Councillor James Billington moved that the Government be asked to pay compensation to landlords whose houses were the subject of Clearance or Demolition Orders.

In moving the motion, the Councillor said his object was to try to facilitate the Corporation in procuring Clearance Orders, and thought that the Government or possibly the Ratepayers of Wexford ought to pay something in the way of compensation. Councillor McMahon seconded. During the course of the discussion which followed, it was pointed out that the resolution was a very dangerous one. If a landlord, who was not in the habit of keeping his property as it should be kept, visualised getting compensation for a dwelling, it would be a sort of incentive to him to permit of his house falling into dilapidation. Eventually a suggestion by the Mayor, that the Town Clerk write to the Minister for Local Government and Public Health pointing out that attention had been drawn to the hardship involved on certain landlords through the making of Clearance and Demolition Orders, and ask him to

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consider whether it would be possible to alleviate such hardship, was adopted, and Councillor Billington withdrew his motion. Following the discussion on the two preceding resolutions, Councillor Connolly asked that the members of the Corporation be supplied with copies of the Minutes of each meeting of the Housing Committee, and the Town Clerk intimated that he would furnish them.

WEEKLY MEETINGS.

On the motion of Councillor Billington, seconded by Councillor McMahon, it was decided to hold weekly instead of fortnightly Committee Meetings commencing on the 11th instant.

MILK AND DAIRIES ACT 1935.

There was submitted to the meeting copies of several Orders made by the Minister for Local Government and Public Health under the Milk and Dairies Act, 1935, together with a copy of the Sale of Food and Drugs (Milk) Act, 1936.

UNEMPLOYMENT GRANT.

With reference to Minutes of last meeting, when it had been decided to accept a Grant from the Minister for Local Government and Public Health for the relief of Unemployment, the following resolution was unanimously adopted on the motion of Alderman Walsh, seconded by Councillor Moran:-

"It is hereby resolved that the Corporation of Wexford make application to the Minister for Local Government and Public Health for a Grant towards the cost of carrying out a scheme of road and footpath works which is being undertaken by the Corporation with a view to the provision of employment for unemployed persons, and it is further requested that the Minister in pursuance of Section 6 (1) of the Local Authorities (Financial Provisions) Act, 1921, as extended, will issue a certificate to that effect so that any money borrowed for the carrying out of the work shall not be reckoned as part of the debt of the Corporation for the purposes of any enactment limiting their powers of borrowing."

RE WHITEMILL HOUSES.

Under date of the 10th ultimo, by letter No. H.232020, the Minister for Local Government and Public Health enquired as to the use for which the 62 houses proposed to be erected at Whitemill Road were intended, and it was unanimously decided to inform him that they were to be used

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for the re-housing of persons living in unfit houses, or in rooms in overcrowded houses.

Richard Curd 47
Mayor

11th January, 1937.

A Meeting of the Housing Committee was held this day at the Town Clerk's Office immediately after the close of a Meeting of the Finance and Works Committee which commenced at half-past seven o'clock p.m.

The members present were:-

The Mayor (in the Chair) with Aldermen Walsh, Cullimore, Flusk, Councillors Moran, Hayes, Billington, Crosbie, and Dunne.

HOUSE AT TALBOT STREET.

It was decided to ask Dr. Sinnott, Medical Officer of Health, to make a report on a house at Talbot Street, occupied by a man named Murphy.

ALLOCATION OF HOUSES.

Houses were allocated at Maudlintown to the tenants of condemned houses at Corry's Terrace, Commercial Quay, and Cornmarket.

EMPLOYMENT OF PAINTER.

At the request of members, the Borough Surveyor agreed to employ a painter at Maudlintown from the Unemployed List, if he could get one as competent as those who were at present there.

INSPECTION COMMITTEES.

It was decided to recommend the Finance Committee to appoint the following members on a Housing Inspection Committee for Maudlintown, namely, Councillor Billington, Atkins, Alderman Walsh, and the Mayor; and for the Whitmill Houses, Alderman Cullimore, Councillors Crosbie and Hayes, together with the Mayor.

PRIZES FOR GARDENS.

At the request of Councillor Billington, it was decided to ask the Minister for Local Government and Public Health to permit of prizes being awarded annually for the best kept gardens of Artisans Dwellings.

HOUSING FEES.

With reference to the applications of the Borough Surveyor and Town Clerk in June last for the payment of fees on houses, as follows:- (1) From the Borough Surveyor in respect of all houses the subject of Clearance and Demolition Orders under the Housing (Miscellaneous Provisions) Act, 1931; (2) From the Town Clerk in respect of extra work involved in the erection of houses by Direct Labour; (3) From the Town Clerk in respect of houses the subject of Clearance or Demolition Orders, the matter was again raised in connection with the inspection of houses included in the Keyser's Lane, Waterloo Road, and Batt Street Clearance Orders, which had been made by the Corporation last year, and which had not been confirmed. In the case of all the houses included in these three Orders, it was now necessary to start afresh, and make Demolition Orders under Section 23 of the Act, and attention was called to the extra work involved on the two officials concerned in dealing with these matters.

The Borough Surveyor would now have to make a further inspection of each of the houses in the areas, and set out in respect of each house what was necessary to make it fit for human habitation. This information was necessary to enable the owners to decide whether or not they were prepared to give an undertaking to make the house fit.

Regarding the Town Clerk's application, it was pointed out that the erection of houses by Direct Labour entailed a considerable amount of work not performed by any other Town Clerk in the State, and in the opinion of the Committee the Town Clerk should receive extra remuneration for it. As well, the preparation of Clearance

and Demolition Orders, which work was carried out by the Town Clerk, was normally the work of a Solicitor, and the Committee recognised that in the preparation of these Orders without legal assistance, the Town Clerk was saving the Corporation large sums of money in legal expenses each year.

It was further mentioned that the normal fee paid in each of the three cases quoted above was £1 per house, and members of the Committee were aware that officials in Wexford County and other Counties were being paid such fees. They, therefore, could not understand why the application of Wexford Corporation officials had not been approved by the Minister for Local Government and Public Health, and it was unanimously decided that application should again be made to the Minister to sanction the payment of £1 per house in each of the above three cases, and that the Corporation should be recommended to adopt this Scale.

Richard Coombs 41
mayor

18th January, 1937.

A Special Meeting of the Corporation was held this (pursuant to the Mayor's requisition) at the Town Clerk's Office at half-past seven o'clock p.m., to consider a motion in the name of Councillor McMahon to rescind part of a Resolution of 7th September, 1936, relating to the making of Loans under the Small Dwellings Acquisition Acts.

The members present were:-

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

Aldermen: William Cullimore and Michael Flusk.

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

SYMPATHY.

At the outset, the Mayor moved that the sympathy of the Corporation be extended to Mr. William Hanrahan on the tragic death of his son. Mr. Hanrahan and the boy had been employed on the Corporation Building Schemes since 1928; the father as foreman in charge, and the son as an apprentice and journeyman. The boy had met his death through an extraordinary accident with a gun, and the Mayor felt that the sympathy of the Corporation should be extended to his father, mother and relatives.

Councillor Crosbie seconded the motion, and all the members present associated themselves with it.

The Town Clerk, on behalf of the Corporation Staff, also associated himself with the vote of sympathy, which was adopted in respectful silence.

RESCISSION OF RESOLUTION.

Owing to the absence of Councillor McMahon through illness, the business for which the Special Meeting had been convened was adjourned until the 1st proximo.

The Meeting then separated.

Richard Corish 77
Mayor

18th January, 1937.

A Meeting of the Finance and Works Committee was held at the close of the above meeting.

The members present were:-

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

Aldermen: William Cullimore and Michael Flusk.

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

ALLOTMENTS.

It was reported that there were 33 applications for allotments for unemployed persons, but that there were only 28 available plots. Of the 33 applicants, 26 were those who held them last year, and it was unanimously agreed that they should be allocated the same plots as they held in the 1936 Season.

It was also decided to ascertain if Messrs. P. Pierce & Co. were willing to relet the plot for the 1937 Season, and pending a reply from them, the remaining two plots were not allocated.

It was further decided to ask Mr. James Boyle if he would be prepared to let a field at the rere of John Street for the purpose of providing further allotments.

RE LOAN TO PHILLIP CULLEN.

With reference to the letter from the Minister for Local Government and Public Health intimating that he was not prepared to approve of advances being made out of the Local Loans Fund to purchase old houses under the Small Dwellings Acquisition Acts, it was reported that Mr. Phillip Cullen, of Bride Street, would be prepared to pay the instalments and interest on a Loan from the Bank if the Corporation could obtain such, and it was decided to ask the Minister if he would be prepared to sanction the making of such an advance if the Corporation obtained the money from the Treasurer.

COMPLAINT RE YARDS AT DAVITT ROAD.

A complaint was read from six of the tenants at Davitt Road, South, regarding the condition of the yards of their houses, and refusing

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to pay rent until something was done about them.

It was decided to inform the tenants that as long as they withheld their rent, the Corporation would take no steps to remedy the complaint, but if the rent were paid steps would be taken to improve the condition of the yards with as little delay as possible.

FLOODING AT WHITEMILL, Etc.

The Borough Surveyor was asked to attend to flooding on the road at Whitemill, and to complaints regarding the condition of house at O'Connell Avenue, occupied by John Gethings, house at Carrigeen occupied by James Meyler, and what was thought to be a burst in sewer pipe at Rowe Street.

RENT OF BUILDING PLOTS, St. JOHN'S ROAD.

Councillor Hayes gave notice that he would move at next Statutory Meeting that the rent of £5. per year charged for ten building plots at St. John's Road, be reduced to £3.

The motion was accepted.

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A Meeting of the Finance and Works, Waterworks, and Public Health Committees was held this day at the Town Clerk's Office at half-past seven o'clock p.m.

The members present being:-

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

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

Councillors: Patrick Atkins, Nicholas Connolly, James Sinnott, Timothy Cashman, James Murphy, Thomas Hayes, Thomas Buckland, and Michael Martin.

FOREMAN ON RELIEF SCHEME.

Councillor Connolly called attention to the man who was acting as Foreman on the Relief Grant at Faythe. The man in question was Patrick Lacey, a member of the Corporation permanent staff, and Councillor Connolly held that a competent person could be obtained from amongst the unemployed for this work, but owing to the absence of the Borough Surveyor through illness, no decision could be

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arrived at, and the Town Clerk was asked to call his attention to the complaint as soon as he resumed duty.

ALLOTMENTS.

There was submitted a scheme for the provision of allotments at Green Street for the year 1937. The total estimated expenditure on 30 plots was £18 : 3 : 0, and the economic rent of each would be 12/1. However, as the plots were for unemployed persons, it was unanimously agreed that a nominal rent of 1/- only per plot be charged, and the Town Clerk was directed to submit the scheme to the Minister for Local Government and Public Health for approval as soon as possible.

PERMISSION FOR LECTURES.

A letter was read from the Wexford Cinema Palace asking for permission to give the use of their Cinema on the 14th and 21st February and 21st March for the exhibition of a Film in aid of the Foreign Missions. The permission of the Corporation was necessary in view of the fact that the three dates in question fell in Lent, and the exhibition of Cinematograph Films was not allowed on Sundays during Lent by the terms of the Licence, but as the Rev. Administrator raised no objection to the exhibitions on these three Sundays, it was unanimously agreed on the motion of the Mayor, seconded by Alderman Walsh, to grant the necessary permission.

HOUSING INSPECTION COMMITTEES.

The Housing Committee recommended that Councillor James Billington, Atkins, Alderman Walsh, and the Mayor be appointed a Housing Inspection Committee for the Maudlintown Housing Scheme; and Councillors Crosbie, Hayes, Alderman Cullimore, and the Mayor for the Whitemill Housing Scheme. On the motion of Councillor Sinnott, seconded by Alderman Walsh, the recommendation of the Housing Committee was unanimously adopted.

ARREARS AT MAUDLINTOWN.

The Town Clerk reported that the arrears on the Maudlintown Houses up to 31st December last was £6. 14. 6. As this was all composed of small amounts, it was not thought necessary to take any drastic action for the present.

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SUB-LETTING.

An application from Mrs. Peter Nolan, 8 Distillery Road, for permission to sublet part of her house to her daughter, Mrs. Gaul of Wolfe Tone Villas, was submitted.

The Town Clerk explained to the Meeting that on Friday last the Rent Collector had reported to him that the Gaul family from Wolfe Tone Villas had gone to reside at Distillery Road, and he had directed Notice to Quit to be served on the occupier for this subletting.

He reminded the members that a few years ago Gaul and his family had been removed from No. 8 Distillery Road owing to overcrowding and given a house at Wolfe Tone Villas.

It was unanimously decided that the permission asked for be refused, and that when the time indicated in the Notice expired, possession of No. 8 Distillery Road should be sought unless the sub-tenant, Gaul, was removed in the meantime.

EMPLOYMENT OF MEN.

The Town Clerk intimated that he had received a letter from Alderman Coffey, who was in Hospital, stating that he had nominated a Thomas Doyle in m stake for a Joseph Doyle at the last meeting, when men were being selected for employment, and it was unanimously agreed to change the name.

HOUSE FOR N. WALSH AT MAUDLINTOWN.

Mr. Nicholas Walsh, of Commercial Quay, who had been allocated a three-roomed house at Maudlintown asked to be given a four-roomed instead, and it was unanimously decided that he be given a four-roomed house as soon as there was one ready.

It was also decided that Thomas Sparrow of Barrack Street, who had been allocated a house by the Corporation some time ago, be given the first three-roomed house available at Maudlintown.

RE LOAN TO JOHN ROSSITER.

There was submitted for execution on the part of the Corporation a Deed of Charge from John Rossiter to the Corporation to secure repayment of Loan under the Small Dwellings Acquisition Acts, and

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on the motion of Councillor Connolly, seconded by Alderman Walsh, the Deed was executed on the part of the Corporation.

DEMOLITION ORDER.

There was submitted for execution on the part of the Corporation a Demolition Order in respect of a house at Talbot Street, occupied by William Murphy and owned by Mrs. C. McKnight. The usual Statutory Notice under Section 23 of the Act of 1931 had been served on Mrs. McKnight, but no offer had been received regarding the carrying out of works or the future user of the house, so on the motion of the Mayor, seconded by Alderman Cullimore, the Demolition Order was sealed and signed on the part of the Corporation, and as the house was actually falling and a danger to the occupier, it was further agreed that Murphy should be given a house at Maudlintown immediately.

BATT STREET CLEARANCE.

With reference to the decision of the Corporation at last Statutory Meeting to make Demolition Orders in respect of certain houses at Batt Street, Mr. John Lett, the owner of four houses occupied by Joseph Thomas, Thomas Walsh, George Murphy, and Edward Daly, intimated that he was prepared to assist the Corporation in having the tenants removed to new houses as he considered the present houses in a bad state. If the Corporation removed the tenants, he undertook not to re-set the houses, and to put them in such a way that they could not be re-occupied.

It was pointed out to the meeting that whilst the undertaking was genuine in itself, it would have no legal significance if Mr. Lett subsequently appealed against the Orders which could not be made until the 1st proximo, but on the motion of the Mayor, seconded by Councillor Connolly, it was agreed, with Alderman Flusk dissenting, to give these four people houses as soon as possible, especially George Murphy as the gable end facing the sea had already fallen out of his house.

HOUSE AT SOUTH MAIN STREET.

The Borough Surveyor was directed to proceed at once to take down

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a house at South Main Street, an order for which had been made at the December Statutory Meeting, and he was also to examine two houses at Cornmarket which had recently been condemned, and if they were a danger to passers-by, to have a hoarding placed around them.

CONDITION OF STREETS.

Very serious complaints were made by practically all the members present regarding the condition of the streets of the town. They stated that they were in a deplorable state, and in the absence of the Surveyor the Foreman of Works was called before the meeting and directed to proceed immediately to have all pot holes filled, and if necessary to purchase de-hydrated tar from the local Gas Works for the purpose of mixing chippings. He was further given to understand that it was a definite order from the Corporation that he should see that all pot holes were filled in the streets without delay.

The Foreman was also directed to complete the surfacing of the Folly and the place known as "Tom Brien's Hill", and the attention of the Borough Surveyor was to be called to a spring, which, it was stated, flowed across the road at the Folly cutting away the surface of the street.

TRAFFIC SIGNS.

Attention was called to the danger to school children from motor cars at the junction of John Street and Georges Street, where there were two schools, and the County Surveyor was to be asked to place warning signs for motorists on the Main Road in John Street. As well, the Town Clerk was authorised to purchase Warning Signs for erection near the Faythe and Presentation Convent Schools.

PUBLIC HEALTH BUSINESS.

The report of the Meat Inspector for the month of December showed that he had examined 154 cattle, one calf, 303 sheep, and 47 swine. Of the cattle, five heads and nine organs were destroyed for Tuberculosis, and fifteen organs for other diseases.

The one calf presented for inspection was found to be in order.

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Of the sheep, one organ was destroyed for a disease other than Tuberculosis.

Of the swine, three heads and two organs were destroyed for Tuberculosis.

Reports were submitted from the Medical Officer of Health on three houses at Ram Street occupied by Myles Phillips, James Gray, and James Byrne, recommending that the owners be required to provide proper privies and ashpits or Water Closets for each of the premises, and it was unanimously decided on the motion of the Mayor, seconded by Alderman Walsh, that Notice be served on the owners requiring Water Closets to be provided within one month.

A similar order was made in respect of two houses at Bride Street, occupied by James Carty and Stephen Mahony.

Richard Cusack 4D
Mayor

1st February, 1937.

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 and Michael Flusk.

Councillors: Robert Moran, Patrick Atkins, Nicholas Connolly, James Sinnott, James Crosbie, Thomas Dunne, Thomas Hayes, and James Murphy.

MINUTES.

On the motion of Councillor Moran, seconded by Councillor Atkins, the Minutes of Meetings of the Corporation on 4th and 18th ultimo were taken as having been read and signed; and Minutes of Meetings of Finance and Works Committee on 4th, 11th, 18th, and 25th, together with Minutes of Meeting of Housing Committee on the 11th, were approved.

PAYMENTS.

Liabilities which had accrued due up to the end of last month, amounting, in the aggregate, to £3,307. 2. 2 were submitted, and having been examined were approved, and an Advice Note was signed to enable them to be discharged.

ACKNOWLEDGEMENT.

Councillor McGuire acknowledged a vote of sympathy passed with him at last meeting.

GRANT FOR DEVELOPMENT.

Under date of the 21st ultimo, by letter No.231513, the Minister for Local Government and Public Health referred to the application of the Corporation for a grant to develop a Housing Site at Whitemill, and stated that Grants for such work were only allocated to works which were being undertaken in preparation for schemes which did not form part of the current programme of works. ~~As~~ the development work submitted by the Corporation formed part of a scheme which was being proceeded with at once, the Minister was unable to make a Grant

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towards the cost of the works.

It was explained to the meeting that a grant would not be made available in respect of the Whitemill Scheme, but if the Corporation had other schemes in mind to be carried out at a later date a grant might be procured for site development.

In this connection, reference was made to a scheme which the Housing Committee had in mind some time ago. This was the acquisition of a number of old houses at Hill Street; their demolition, and the erection of new houses on the site, and the Town Clerk was asked to again communicate with the owner on the matter.

TENDERS FOR WHITEMILL HOUSES.

Arising out of this discussion, the Town Clerk intimated that owing to delay in having the plans of the Whitemill houses copied, it was not possible to give them to intending contractors until a few days ago. Consequently, tenders were not available for the present meeting, but a Special Meeting would be convened on the 15th instant to consider such tenders as might be received.

RENT FOR BUILDING PLOTS.

In accordance with notice given, Councillor Hayes moved that the rent of £5. each per year charged for ten building plots at St. John's Road be reduced to £3. This rent was fixed on the 4th November, 1935, and had been sanctioned by the Minister for Local Government and Public Health under date of the 18th December, 1935, by letter No. H.211395.

Councillor Connolly seconded the motion.

In moving his motion Councillor Hayes stated that his reason for doing so was that other building plots on the road had been let by the Corporation at a rent of 1/- per foot frontage. In the case of these ten plots, the frontage was only approximately 39 feet, and the rent charged £5. per year, which he considered out of all proportion to the rent charged for adjoining plots.

It was explained to the meeting that the entire cost of the land, including a house which had been demolished to complete the road, was £338. This money had been borrowed for a period of ten years, and

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the annual charge was approximately £40. per annum.

All the members seemed in favour of the motion, and it was unanimously decided to reduce the rent from £5 to £3. subject to the approval of the Minister for Local Government and Public Health.

RE LOANS UNDER S.D.A. ACTS.

A motion in the name of Councillor McMahon that part of resolution of 7th September, 1936, relating to Loans under the Small Dwellings Acquisition Acts, be rescinded, was adjourned until the 15th instant owing to the absence of the Councillor through illness.

ANALYST'S REPORT.

The report of the Borough Analyst for the quarter ended on 31st December, 1936, which was submitted, showed that he had examined twelve samples of milk, five of buttermilk, two each of whiskey, butter, and cheese, and one each of margarine, sugar, sausage, pudding and jam. The total number of articles analysed during the Quarter was twenty-eight, all of which had been found genuine. This report was considered satisfactory.

DEMOLITION ORDERS - BATT STREET.

With reference to Minutes of the 4th ultimo, when it had been decided to proceed for Demolition Orders in respect of twelve houses at Batt Street, the Town Clerk intimated that he had served the notice required by Section 23 of the Act of 1931 on the owner of each of the houses, intimating that any offer with respect to the carrying out of works or the future user of the house would be considered by the Corporation on this day. Three of the owners had called on him during the day, and intimated that they were not prepared to make the houses fit for human habitation.

As no offers were received from the owners, he had prepared the necessary Demolition Orders for execution by the present meeting, and on the motion of the Mayor, seconded by Councillor Crosbie, it was unanimously resolved that Demolition Orders be made in respect of the houses at Batt Street occupied by Bridget Lane, James Phillips, James Pitt, Bernard Smith, William Newport, Eliza Rossiter, Patrick McCabe,

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William Keelan, Edward Daly, Thomas Walsh, George Murphy, and Joseph Thomas.

RELIEF GRANTS.

Alderman Flusk asked the Town Clerk if any Government Grants had been allocated during the year in respect of which work had not yet been commenced, and the Town Clerk replied that a grant of £1,000 had been made from the Road Fund for the resurfacing of Distillery Road, on which work had not yet commenced.

In reply to a query the Borough Surveyor intimated that he hoped to be in a position to commence the resurfacing of this road in the course of the next couple of weeks.

STANDING ORDERS.

On the suggestion of the Mayor, the Town Clerk was asked to draft a set of Standing Orders for the conduct of meetings of the Council.

R. Corish Mayor
1st February, 1937.

A Meeting of the Finance and Works Committee was held at the close of the above meeting.

The members present being:-

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

Aldermen: William Cullimore and Michael Flusk.

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

HOUSE AT GIBSON STREET.

The Borough Surveyor was directed to examine a house at Gibson Street occupied by Martin Stafford, which members complained was a danger to passers-by.

DUMPING.

A discussion arose over the dumping of rubbish in a disused Stone Depot at Distillery Road, and several suggestions were made for the abatement of the nuisance, but eventually it was decided to adjourn the matter to enable the Borough Surveyor to consult with the County

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Surveyor as the depot referred to was on a main road.

TIMEKEEPER ON RELIEF GRANT.

With reference to Minutes of last Meeting when a question arose as to the employment of a man named Patrick Lacey as Timekeeper on a Relief Grant at the Faythe, Councillor Connolly again raised this matter, but the Borough Surveyor intimated that in the course of a week he would be commencing the concreting of this road when the mason would be in charge, and the matter of Lacey's services or any other ganger would not arise.

SURFACE DRAINAGE AT WHITEMILL.

The Borough Surveyor was asked to examine the surface drainage on the road at Whitemill, which members complained had been flooded recently.

SUB-LETTING AT DISTILLERY ROAD.

With reference to minutes of last meeting, when the question of sub-letting a house on Distillery Road was under consideration, a further letter was read from Mrs. Nolan asking the Corporation to reconsider their decision in this matter, as owing to the recent death of her husband she was unable to carry on by herself.

In this connection it was pointed out that Gaul, who had gone to live with Mrs. Nolan, owed approximately £3. rent in Whitemill, and it was decided to adjourn the matter until next meeting, and to inform Mrs. Nolan that her application for permission to allow her daughter, Mrs. Gaul, to live with her would be reconsidered by the Corporation only when Gaul had discharged the arrears of rent due.

H. Cairns
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8th February, 1937.

A Meeting of the Finance and Works Committee was held this day at the Town Clerk's Office at half-past seven o'clock p.m.

The members present were:-

Alderman Michael Flusk (in the Chair) with Alderman Cullimore, Councillors Nicholas Connolly, Phillip McGuire, James Billington, Timothy Cashman, Robert Moran, Michael Martin, James Murphy, and Thomas Hayes.

PUBLIC LIGHTING.

Mr. F. M. O'Connor, Solicitor, attended to have the Agreement with the Electricity Supply Board for the Public Lighting of the town for the ensuing seven years completed on the part of the Corporation, and on the motion of Councillor Billington, seconded by Councillor Cashman, the Corporate Seal was affixed to the documents and authenticated by the signatures of the Chairman and Town Clerk.

SMALL DWELLINGS ACQUISITION ACTS.

Under date of the 2nd instant, by letter No. H.6039, the Minister for Local Government and Public Health intimated that with reference to the proposal of the Corporation to advance a sum of £230 to Mr.

Phillip Cullen, of Bride Street under the Small Dwellings Acquisition Acts, he would raise no objection to the borrowing of the amount of the advance from the Corporation's Treasurer provided the period of repayment was limited to fifteen years.

In this connection, attention was also called to the two outstanding applications of Mr. Michael Coghlan, High Street, and Mrs. Bridget Roche, Ram Street, and the Borough Surveyor was asked to make his inspection and report of these houses with as little delay as possible. The Town Clerk was instructed to negotiate the necessary loan with the Treasurer.

NEW TOWN HALL.

There was submitted a letter from the Minister for Local Government and Public Health under date of the 4th instant intimating that as the Corporation were prepared to adopt a suitable scheme with as little delay as possible for the provision of an ample and pure supply

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of water for the Borough, he would raise no further objection to the scheme proposed for the provision of a new Town Hall.

Satisfaction was expressed at the terms of this communication, and the Town Clerk was directed to take the necessary steps for submission to the Minister of the Bill of Quantities and full specification.

ALLOTMENTS.

With reference to the suggestion that a field at the rere of John Street, owned by Mr. James Boyle, should be acquired for the purpose of providing allotments for unemployed persons, Mr. Boyle intimated that he was prepared to let the field provided the terms were satisfactory, and it was decided to inform him that the rent would be at the rate of £3. per acre, he being responsible for all rates and taxes.

FIRE BRIGADE.

A report was read from the Captain^{of}/the Fire Brigade intimating that on the 3rd instant he had been called to a fire at Belvedere Furniture Factory, but the fire was out when the Brigade arrived and little damage was done.

As the premises in question were outside the Borough, the Town Clerk suggested that a fee of £5. should be charged for the attendance of the Fire Engine, and Alderman Cullimore proposed this which was seconded by Councillor Connolly. Councillor James Billington, however, proposed that a fee of £2. be charged, and Councillor Martin seconded.

On a show of hands four voted for £2. and six for £5.

DEMOLITION OF HOUSE, SOUTH MAIN STREET.

With reference to the decision at last meeting that a house at South Main Street, the subject of a Demolition Order, be demolished by the Corporation workmen, the Town Clerk reported that on the Corporation Staff attending to commence the work of demolition, they found a woman by the name of Kate Roche in the occupation of the upper storey. It appeared she was a sub-tenant of the former occupier, John Furlong, and when the Demolition Order was being made no intimation had been

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given to the Corporation officials that there was a sub-tenant in occupation.

It was decided to refer this matter to the Housing Committee for consideration.

REPAIRS TO HOUSES, ETC.

The attention of the Borough Surveyor was called to the condition of the surface of the Folly and the footpath at Wolfe Tone Villas, and a definite order was made that the repairs to a house at O'Connell Avenue, occupied by Councillor Phillip McGuire, be completed this week, and that the flat roof on the house at O'Connell Avenue, occupied by John Gethings, be repaired.

R. Lewis
Mayor

15th February, 1937.

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

The members present were:-

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

Aldermen: William Cullimore and Michael Flusk.

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

TENDERS FOR WHITEMILL HOUSES.

The first business was to consider tenders for the erection of (twenty-four 3-roomed and thirty-eight 4-roomed) Sixty-two houses at Whitemill.

Three sealed tenders were submitted, addressed to the Presiding Chairman.

Before the tenders were opened, the Mayor remarked that the erection of houses by contract was a departure from the usual procedure, which was to build by direct labour, but the Corporation had advertised in accordance with the directions of the Minister for Local Government and Public Health. He suggested, before the tenders were opened, that if they were too high they should ask to be allowed to proceed by direct labour as heretofore.

Many members expressed the opinion that they would prefer to see houses erected by direct labour if it could be done cheaper than by contract.

The three tenders were then opened, and they were from Messrs. H. & A. Hamilton, Waterford; Richard B. Nolan, Waterford; and Bernard McGuire, Enniscorthy.

Messrs. Hamilton's tender for the erection of sixty-two houses in massed concrete, with wooden sashes and tiled roofs, together with

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the necessary fencing, roads, footpaths, sewers and watermains, etc. amounted to £20,938.

As alternatives, their price would be the same if the houses were erected in concrete blocks; if they were erected in brick the price would be £17 per house extra; slated roofs would be £12 per house extra; and if steel sashes were used there would be a credit of £4. 10. 0. per house.

Mr. Nolan's tender for the work described above was £20,843. If concrete blocks were used the charge would be £4. per house extra; he did not quote for brick walls, slated roofs, nor steel sashes. Mr. McGuire's tender for similar work was £22,483. 15. 0. If concrete blocks were used an extra charge of £5. per house would be made; brick walls £15 per house extra; slated roofs £12 per house extra.

The Borough Surveyor's estimate for the houses built in concrete blocks, together with all the development mentioned, was £22,324. A lengthy discussion followed the opening of the tenders, and a number of members seemed to favour the erection of a brick house even at the extra cost, but after some time it was unanimously decided to refer the tenders to the Housing Committee so that the prices given in the tenders for the different types of houses could be analysed, the Committee to report to the next meeting of the Corporation.

RESCISSION OF RESOLUTION - S.D.A. ACTS.

In accordance with notice given, Councillor McMahon moved that part of a resolution of 7th September, 1936, relating to Loans under the Small Dwellings Acquisition Acts, be rescinded.

The portion of the resolution proposed to be rescinded was that which read "provided that each of the persons liable for the payment of rates to the Corporation had discharged their obligations.

Councillor Martin seconded the motion.

On a poll being taken, there voted:-

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For Rescission: Councillors Gaul, Crosbie, Martin, James Billington,
John Billington, McGuire, Connolly, and McMahon---3

Against Rescission: Councillors Buckland, Moran, Sinnott, Cashman,
Hayes, Murphy, Doyle, Dunne, Aldermen Flusk,
Cullimore, and the Mayor-----12.

The motion for the rescission of the Resolution was accordingly
declared lost.

LETTING OF VACANT HOUSES.

The next business was to consider applications and to select tenants
for two houses vacant at Davitt Road, North, and Wolfe Tone Villas.
The applications for the house at Davitt Road, North, were first
considered, and on a poll being taken there voted:-

For Thomas Walsh, Paradise Row:	Councillors Buckland, Sinnott, Martin, Cashman, and the Mayor----	5
For Martin Stafford, Gibson Street:	Councillors Gaul and Hayes-----	2
For John Busher, King Street:	Councillor Crosbie-----	1
For Edward Murphy, Cornmarket:	Councillor McGuire-----	1
For Maurice Horgan, Allen Street:	Councillors Moran, James Billington, Murphy, Doyle, Dunne, John Billington, Connolly, McMahon, Atkins, Aldermen Flusk and Cullimore-----	11.

As Mr. Horgan had a clear majority, he was accordingly declared the
tenant.

On a poll being taken for the house vacant at Wolfe Tone Villas,
there voted:-

For Patrick Roche, Duke Street:	Councillors Buckland, James Billington, and John Billington---	3
For Thomas Browne, Selskar Avenue:	Councillors Gaul, McGuire, and Connolly-----	3
For Francis McGuinness, Abbey Street:	Councillors Moran, Doyle, Dunne, Atkins, Aldermen Flusk and Cullimore-----	6

For Michael Whelan, Cornmarket: Councillors Sinnott, Crosbie,
McMahon, and the Mayor-----4

For Thomas Creane, High Street: Councillors Martin and Cashman----2

For Patrick Smith, Duke Street: Councillors Hayes and Murphy-----2.

As two of the applicants had two votes each, a poll was taken to
decide whether Smith or Creane would be eliminated, when there voted:-

For Smith: Councillors Buckland, Gaul, Moran, Crosbie, Hayes,
James Billington, Murphy, Doyle, Dunne, McGuire,
Connolly, McMahon, Atkins, and Alderman Cullimore-----14.

For Creane: Councillors Sinnott, Martin, Cashman, John Billington,
Alderman Flusk, and the Mayor----- 6.

Creane was thereupon eliminated, and Councillor Martin transferred
his vote to Whelan, giving him five, and Councillor Cashman to Browne
giving him four.

Smith was next eliminated, and Councillor Hayes transferred to Browne
giving him five, and Councillor Murphy to McGuinness giving him seven.

Roche was next eliminated, and Councillors Buckland, James Billington
and John Billington transferred their votes to Whelan, so that the
result of the poll at this stage was Browne 5, McGuinness 7, Whelan 8.

Browne was thereupon eliminated, and the final poll taken as between
McGuinness and Whelan, when there voted:-

For McGuinness: Councillors Moran, Hayes, Murphy, Doyle, Dunne,
Atkins, Aldermen Flusk and Cullimore-----8

For Whelan: Councillors Buckland, Gaul, Sinnott, Crosbie,
Martin, Cashman, James Billington, John
Billington, McGuire, Connolly, McMahon, and the
Mayor-----12.

Whelan was accordingly declared the tenant.

H. Cairns
Mayor

15th February, 1937.

A Meeting of the Finance and Works, Waterworks, and Public Health Committees was held at the close of the above meeting.

The members present being:-

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

Aldermen: Michael Flusk and William Cullimore.

Councillors: James Billington, John Billington, Buckland, McGuire, Murphy, Cashman, Hayes, Dunne, Sinnott, Crosbie, Gaul, Martin, and Moran.

FENCING AT MAUDLINTOWN.

The Mayor intimated that complaints had been made by some of the tenants of the new houses at Maudlintown that they could not till their gardens owing to the absence of fencing at the back, and the Borough Surveyor promised to have this matter attended to without delay.

5-ROOM HOUSES AT WILLIAM ST.

The Surveyor was also requested to prepare a lay-out plan for the erection of some five-roomed houses at William Street to complete the Maudlintown Housing Scheme.

DEFECTIVE EAVE SHOOTS.

The Surveyor was further directed to instruct the Turncock to have a list prepared against next meeting of all buildings with defective eave shoots.

PUBLIC LIGHTING AT MAUDLINTOWN.

Complaint was also made regarding the delay of the Electricity Supply Board in installing the public lighting at Maudlintown. The Town Clerk intimated to the meeting that he had already been in communication with the District Engineer of the Board in Waterford complaining of the delay in erecting the lamps at Maudlintown, but up to the present he had got no satisfaction beyond vague promises that the work would be carried out in the near future, and he proposed, with the consent of the Corporation, to 'phone the Secretary's Office on Tuesday morning with a view to having the work expedited.

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REPAIRS TO GROGAN'S ROAD.

Complaint was also made regarding the surface of Grogan's Road, and the Borough Surveyor was asked to attend to it.

RE LAYING OF GAS MAINS.

A letter was read from the Wexford Trade's Council asking the Corporation to receive a deputation regarding the difficulty between the Council and the Gas Company relative to the laying of gas mains on the Maudlintown Estate.

In this connection it was pointed out to the meeting that the only difficulty with the Gas Company was that they had refused to carry out certain Statutory Obligations laid down in the Gas Works Clauses Acts, and neither the Corporation nor its officials had any power to permit the ^{Company} ~~Corporation~~ to evade these obligations.

The meeting were of opinion that no useful purpose could be served by receiving the proposed deputation unless they first obtained the views of the Gas Company, and the Trade's Council was to be informed that in the opinion of the Corporation they should take up the matter with the Gas Consumers' Company first, and then communicate with the Corporation.

DEMOLITION ORDERS.

Demolition Orders were submitted for execution in respect of seven houses, and it was explained that the usual Statutory Notices under Section 23 of the Act of 1931 had been served, but that no satisfactory arrangement had been arrived at regarding the future user of the houses in question.

Accordingly, the Orders were sealed and signed as follows:-

House at Gibson Street occupied by Martin Stafford on the motion of Councillor Crosbie, seconded by Councillor Cashman. The following houses at Byrne's Lane occupied by Thomas O'Connor on the motion of Councillor Crosbie, seconded by Alderman Cullimore; William Duggan, Jr., on the motion of Councillor Crosbie, seconded by Councillor Murphy; William Duggan, Sr., on the motion of Councillor Crosbie, seconded by Councillor Dunne; William O'Neill, on the motion of Councillor Crosbie, seconded by Councillor Cashman; Mary Gaul, on.....

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the motion of Councillor Crosbie, seconded by Councillor Murphy; and John Crosbie, on the motion of Councillor Crosbie, seconded by Councillor Murphy.

QUANTITY SURVEYOR'S FEES.

Messrs. Cullen & O'Brien, Quantity Surveyors for new Town Hall, forwarded, through Mr. R. Donnelly, Architect, an account for fees in connection with the preparation of quantities amounting to £270, and suggested a payment of £200 on account, but it was decided to make a payment of £100 at the next Statutory Meeting.

GRANT FOR DEVELOPMENT.

Arising out of this matter the Mayor intimated that it was possible the Minister for Local Government and Public Health would make a grant available for development work in connection with the new Town Hall, and asked for permission for the Town Clerk to make application for such a grant, and this was unanimously agreed to.

ATTENDANCE OF FIRE BRIGADE.

With reference to Minutes of last meeting, when it had been decided to make a charge of £5. for the attendance of the Fire Brigade at Belvedere, the Town Clerk intimated that he had been in communication with Mr. Hadden on this matter, and from investigations he had made it appeared that the fire was extinguished when the Brigade arrived, and in the circumstances Mr. Hadden considered £5. a bit high, so it was unanimously agreed to reduce the charge to £2.

PRACTICE OF BRIGADE.

The Captain of the Fire Brigade intimated that he proposed to have a practice on Saturday, 20th instant, at 2. 0. o'clock at Spawell Road.

BLESSED OLIVER PLUNKETT.

Correspondence from the Archdeacon of Drogheda relative to the Canonisation of Blessed Oliver Plunkett was submitted, and it was decided to refer it to the Statutory Meeting.

L. Cullen
Mayor

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A Meeting of the Housing Committee was held this day at the close of a Special Meeting of the Corporation which commenced at halfpast seven o'clock p.m.

The members present being The Mayor (in the Chair) with Aldermen Cullimore and Flusk, and Councillors Hayes, Dunne, Moran, James Billington, Sinnott, John Billington, and Crosbie.

ALLOCATION OF HOUSES.

Houses were allocated by lot to the occupants of condemned houses at Commercial Quay, Batt Street, and South Main Street, and four persons who had been given houses, and were at present living in rooms.

FENCE AT MAUDLINTOWN.

It was decided to recommend the Corporation to enter into an Agreement with the Railway Company to take over a gripe adjoining the Maudlintown Housing Scheme, and to erect an unclimbable fence at a cost of approximately £420.

GROUND AT HILL STREET.

A letter was read from Mr. O'Leary, John Street, relative to the proposal to acquire property at Hill Street, intimating that he would dispose of it for the sum of £450, but as it was not in Fee Simple, the Town Clerk was directed to communicate further with Mr. O'Leary on the question of the price.

PURCHASE OF HOLDING AT WILLIAM STREET.

Regarding the acquisition of portion of a holding at William Street from Mr. John Molloy for the purpose of the making of a new road, the Town Clerk reported that up to the present he could not get Molloy to agree to the disposal of the entire holding, and he was directed to again communicate with him on the subject.

APPLICATION FOR TRANSFER.

An application was submitted from James Lane, 26 Croke Avenue, and Patrick O'Brien, 11 Hantoon Road for permission to exchange their houses, but before coming to a decision the Borough Surveyor was asked to examine both houses and make a report to the Corporation.

VACANT HOUSE AT MAUDLINTOWN.

The Town Clerk reported that one of the houses at Maudlintown had become vacant, and it was decided not to accept applications for it but to allocate it from amongst the applications already received.

SUB-LETTING.

Alderman Flusk asked the Town Clerk to prepare a list of houses in respect of which a subsidy was received, which were sub-let.

DEMOLITION OF HOUSES AT WILLIAM STREET.

It was decided to recommend the Corporation to take down two houses at William Street, the property of a Mrs. Donohoe, which had been condemned some time ago, and which she was unable to have demolished.

TENDERS FOR WHITEMILL HOUSES.

With reference to Minutes of the Corporation on this night, when tenders for the erection of 62 houses had been referred to the present meeting, the Borough Surveyor was asked to analyse them, and make a report to a meeting of the Committee to be held on the 22nd instant, and the Committee in turn would report to the Corporation at the March Statutory Meeting due to be held on the 1st proximo.

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22nd February, 1937.

A Meeting of the Finance and Works Committee 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 and William Cullimore.

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

RESURFACING MAIN STREET.

In reply to a query, the Borough Surveyor intimated that he proposed to commence the resurfacing of part of the Main Street as soon as he had one side of Slaney Street concreted.

EAVE SHOOTS.

There was submitted a list of defective eave shoots in the Town, and the Town Clerk was directed to serve the necessary Notices requiring their repair within the usual period.

FIRE BRIGADE PRACTICE.

The Captain of the Fire Brigade reported that he had had a practice with the Fire Engine on the 20th instant, when everything worked satisfactorily.

SUB-TENANT AT DISTILLERY ROAD.

An application was read from Mrs. Mary Nolan, 8, Distillery Road, for permission for her daughter, Mrs. Gaul, to reside with her. Mrs. Nolan's husband had recently died and she was practically alone in the house except for her son who was at work during the day. As Mrs. Nolan was an old woman and not in extra good health, it was agreed on the motion of Councillor Gaul, seconded by Councillor Crosbie, that permission be given for her daughter, Mrs. Gaul, and family to reside with her.

DUST BINS FOR MAUDLINTOWN.

It was agreed that dust bins should be supplied to any of the tenants

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at Maudlintown who agreed to pay the usual increase of twopence per week in their rents.

DUMPING OF RUBBISH-CROKE AVENUE.

A Committee composed of Councillors Connolly, Hayes, and Atkins were appointed to investigate a complaint regarding the dumping of rubbish from the houses at Croke Avenue into the garden of Mrs. Devereux, John Street.

HOUSE AT ST. JOHN'S ROAD-THOMAS DEVEREUX.

A complaint was made regarding the condition of a house at St. John's Road occupied by Thomas Devereux, and the Borough Surveyor intimated that he proposed to have the necessary repairs carried out in the near future.

DEMOLITION ORDERS - KEYSER'S LANE.

Regarding the proposal of the Corporation to make Demolition Orders in respect of a number of houses at Keyser's Lane, the Borough Surveyor intimated that he had gone into this subject of putting the houses into a condition fit for human habitation, and was of opinion that very little short of reconstruction would make these houses habitable.

The Town Clerk was asked to communicate with the owners on this matter as soon as possible.

PARADISE ROW HOUSES.

The Borough Surveyor was also asked to confer with the Town Clerk regarding what was necessary to make the houses at Paradise Row fit for human habitation so that the necessary intimation could be given to the owners without further delay.

APPLICATION TO OPEN SHOP.

An application from Nicholas Walsh, Commercial Quay, who had recently been allocated a house at Maudlintown, for permission to open a shop there, was refused.

MEAT INSPECTOR'S REPORT.

The report of the Meat Inspector for the month of January showed that he had examined 127 cattle, 304 sheep, and 31 swine.

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Of the cattle, eight heads and tongues, to the extent of 100 lbs. weight, and twelve organs were destroyed for Tuberculosis, and seven organs for other diseases. Of the sheep, one organ was destroyed for a disease other than Tuberculosis. The 31 swine presented for inspection were found to be in order.

REPAIRS TO CHANNEL WAY AT OYSTER LANE.

An order was made that the repairs to the channel-way outside Mrs. McTamney's house at Oyster Lane were to be carried out immediately, and a further order was made that the scavenger working on the Main Street should be instructed to clean Church Lane regularly.

MEETINGS OF COMMITTEE.

On the suggestion of the Mayor, it was unanimously agreed that once a fortnight was sufficient for the Committee to meet for the future.

R. B. B.
Mayor

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22nd February, 1937.

A Meeting of the Housing Committee was held at the close of a Meeting of the Finance and Works Committee which commenced at half-past seven o'clock p.m.

The Members present being:-

Richard Corish, Esq., Mayor (in the Chair) with Aldermen Flusk and Cullimore, and Councillors Dunne, Crosbie, Sinnott, James Billington, Hayes, and Buckland.

TENDERS FOR WHITEMILL HOUSES.

The Meeting had been convened to consider the tenders received by the Corporation on the 15th instant for the erection of 62 houses at Whitemill.

The tenders submitted and the estimate of the Borough Surveyor were carefully considered, when it was seen that two of the three tenders were lower than the estimate of the Surveyor. The members carefully considered which type of house it would be best to build, and eventually decided that a brick house would eventually prove the cheapest.

Councillor Hayes thereupon moved that the Corporation be recommended to accept the tender of Messrs. H & A. Hamilton of Waterford for the erection of 62 houses in brick at a cost of £21,992. Alderman Cullimore seconded, and the motion was agreed to.

The Town Clerk was thereupon asked to communicate forthwith with the Minister for Local Government and Public Health asking him to intimate against Monday next, when the Corporation would meet, if he would be prepared to sanction the acceptance of Messrs. Hamilton's tender.

LETTING OF VACANT HOUSES.

Councillor Billington intimated that he would move at the Statutory Meeting that a panel be established of persons qualified for occupancy of Artisans' Dwellings, who could be installed by the Town Clerk immediately the house became vacant.

The Meeting then separated.

R. Corish
Mayor

26th February, 1937.

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

The members present were:-
Mrs. McTaminey (in the Chair) with Miss Fennell, Mrs. O'Connor, and Mr. Myles Bergin.

The accounts for food supplied were submitted and approved, and tenders for the supply of Cocoa, Sugar, Golden Syrup, Bread and Buns for the ensuing twelve months were submitted.

The following Table shows the quotations:-

	Cocoa.	Sugar.	Syrup.
James A. Lambert	per lb. 9d.	per stone. 3/9	per lb. 5½d.
Nicholas Lambert	10d.	4/4½	6d.
	Bread.	Buns Plain	Buns Currant.
Mrs. Murphy	per 2lb. loaf 4¼d.	per doz. 8½d.	per doz. 9d.
Nicholas Lambert.	5d.	9d.	10d.

For the Cocoa, Syrup, and Sugar, Mr. James A. Lambert was the cheaper of the two tenders, and he was unanimously given the contract.

For the supply of bread and currant buns, the tender of Mrs. Annie Murphy Faythe, was the lower of the two, and she was unanimously given this contract.

The Meeting then separated.

R. Corish
Mayor

26th February, 1937.

A Meeting of the Special Rates Committee was held this day at the Town Clerk's Office at eight o'clock p.m.

The members present being:-
Richard Corish, Esq., Mayor (in the Chair) with Aldermen Flusk and Cullimore, and Councillor Buckland.

TOWN RATES.

A copy of the Town Clerk's Estimate of the Receipts and Expenditure

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for the Financial Year ending on 31st March, 1938, had been circulated amongst the members on the 13th instant, and they had had an opportunity of examining the various figures with the object of ascertaining if, in their opinion, any reduction could be made in the figures estimated by the Clerk.

None of the members could offer any suggestion for the reduction of the estimate, and so it was unanimously decided to recommend the Corporation to agree on the rates in the pound suggested by the Clerk, namely, a Borough Rate of 7/2 in the Pound; Rate in lieu of County Cess 2/4 in the pound; and Water Rates 1/6 in the pound, making a total Town Rate for the year 1937/38 of 11/- in the pound.

APPLICATION FROM IRISH TOURIST ASSOCIATION.

An application was submitted from the Irish Tourist Association for a Grant in aid of their funds for the year 1937/38, and it was unanimously agreed to pay them a sum of £10.

APPLICATION FROM CLERICAL ASSISTANT.

An application from Mr. Doyle, Clerical Assistant in the Town Clerk's Office, to have his salary of £160 increased to £180 as from 1st April, 1937, and to £200 on 1st April, 1938, was submitted.

It was intimated to the meeting that Mr. Doyle was appointed on 12th February, 1934, and took up duty on 7th March, 1934, at a salary of £130-£110-£200 per annum. His present salary was £150, and on 7th proximo he would be entitled to a further increase of £10, bringing his salary in the normal course to £160 per annum.

The members considered, however, that Mr. Doyle was earning a comparatively good salary for a young man, and unanimously decided to make no recommendation to the Corporation in the matter.

IRRECOVERABLE RATES AND RENTS.

It was unanimously decided to wipe off the following arrears of Water Meter Charges, which it had been found impossible to collect for some years past, most of the persons concerned having left the area of the Corporation:-

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L. McCarthy	£ : 14 : 0
Sarah Duff	1 : 8 : 2
J. Pettigrew	1 : 0
Wm. Doyle & Co.	3 : 8 : 1
Mr. Dwyer	3 : 4
W & B. Millar	3 : 10 : 0
Walker & Beary	10 : 10
George O'Connor	13 : 6
Hygienic Dairy	1 : 9 : 10

Total-----£11 : 18 : 9

It was also decided to strike off as irrecoverable £70 arrears of rent due by Mr. Patrick McCabe, Westgate. The position in this case was that the sum of £140 was due; the Corporation had taken proceedings for possession of the premises; and the National Bank, who were the Mortgagees, had exercised the right of redemption and applied to the Court for a writ of restitution; they had subsequently paid two years arrears of rent, which was all that could be legally recovered from them.

The following sums due on foot of Artisans' Dwellings were also written off as irrecoverable, the tenants in question having been either ejected or left the various houses, and it was impossible to recover the sums in arrear:-

O'Leary, Hill Street.	£ : 6 : 6 ✓
Pitham, Wolfe Tone Villas	4 : 13 : 0 ✓
Stafford do.	3 : 8 : 0 ✓
O'Brien do.	9 : 0 ✓
Carty, Menapia Avenue	6 : 8 ✓
Tierney, Davitt Road	6 : 8
McGuire, Davitt Road, North	11 : 19 : 0
Old Houses, Maudlintown.	2 : 5 : 6
Pitham, Maudlintown	1 : 19 : 0
Nolan, Davitt Road, Sth.	13 : 0
Cummins, Wolfe Tone Villas	4 : 18 : 10
Kirwan, Do.	3 : 0 : 4
Doyle, do.	2 : 1 : 6
Hayden, do.	12 : 0
John Lawlor, John Street	15 : 0.

£37 : 14 : 0.

BROCKHOUSE PROPERTY.

It was decided to ask Messrs. Brockhouse & Co. if they proposed to utilise the site on which seven houses had recently been demolished at William Street, and if not, if they would be prepared to re-sell

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it to the Corporation.

BY-LAWS RE STREETS ETC.

The Meeting was also asked to consider By-laws regarding streets, nuisances, waterworks, buildings, etc., copies of which had been furnished to the members last year, but they adjourned the matter until a future meeting.

The Meeting then separated.

L. Corish
Mayor

1st March, 1937.

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 and Michael Flusk.

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

MINUTES.

On the motion of Councillor Crosbie, seconded by Councillor Atkins, the Minutes of Meetings of the Corporation on 1st and 15th ultimo were taken as having been read, and were signed; and Minutes of Meetings of Finance and Works Committee on 1st, 8th, 15th and 22nd ultimo; Housing Committee on 15th and 22nd ultimo; and School Meals and Special Rates on 26th ultimo, were approved, and were also signed.

PAYMENTS.

Liabilities which had accrued due up to the end of last month, amounting, in the aggregate, to £6810. 2. 10. were submitted, and having been examined were approved, and an Advice Note was signed to enable them to be discharged.

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SYMPATHY.

Councillor McMahon moved that the sympathy of the Corporation be extended to the relatives of Dr. John V. Darcy who had died recently. Councillor Murphy seconded the motion, which was supported by all the members present and adopted in respectful silence.

COMPENSATION.

Under date of the 2nd ultimo, by letter No. H.5663, the Minister for Local Government and Public Health acknowledged receipt of the representations of the Corporation regarding the desirability of introducing legislation to provide for the payment of compensation to owners of property the subject of Clearance or Demolition Orders.

GARDEN PRIZES.

The Minister also acknowledged, under date of the 2nd ultimo by letter No. H.6043, the representations of the Corporation regarding the desirability of introducing legislation to permit the provision of money prizes for the best kept gardens of Artisans Dwellings.

NEW TOWN HALL.

The Minister for Local Government and Public Health, under date of the 4th ultimo by letter No.S, intimated that no further objection would be raised to the proposal of the Corporation to provide a new Town Hall, and requested that a Bill of Quantities and full Specification be submitted for approval as soon as possible.

In this connection, the Town Clerk informed the meeting that he had requested the Architect to forward him the necessary documents for submission to the Minister as soon as possible.

UNEMPLOYMENT.

On the motion of Councillor Connolly, seconded by Councillor McMahon, the following resolution, submitted by the League for Social Justice, was unanimously adopted:-

"That we request the Government to give careful consideration to the proposals to end unemployment put forward by the League for Social Justice."

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CANONISATION OF BLESSED OLIVER PLUNKETT.

A letter was submitted from the League of Prayer for the Canonisation of Blessed Oliver Plunkett, asking the Corporation to submit a formal resolution to His Holiness the Pope urging the merits of the case for early canonisation, and on the motion of the Mayor, seconded by Councillor Atkins, it was decided to submit a formal resolution under the Seal of the Corporation, with an expression of gratification that His Holiness was recovering from his recent illness.

ERECTION OF HOUSES - WHITEMILL.

With reference to Minutes of last meeting, when three tenders were submitted for the erection of 62 houses at Whitemill, and had been referred to the Housing Committee for a recommendation, it was reported that the Committee had met, and after considering all the tenders submitted, unanimously decided that, as the extra cost of a brick house was only £17, the Corporation should be recommended to erect them by this method.

They, therefore, recommended that the tender of Messrs. H. & A. Hamilton, Waterford, for the erection of 62 houses in brick, with the necessary development, for the sum of £21,992 be accepted.

The following Table shows the prices quoted by the different Contractors who tendered:-

Particulars of Type of House.	Name of the Contractor.		
	H.&A.Hamilton Waterford.	R.B. Nolan Waterford.	B.McGuire Enniscorthy.
Mass Concrete Walls, Wooden Sashes, and Tiled Roofs.	£20938	£20843	£22483. 15.0.
Concrete Block Walls, wooden sashes, Tiled Roofs.	£20938	£21091	£22793. 15.0.
Brick Walls, wooden sashes, Tiled Roofs.	£21992	No Quotation	£23413. 15.0.
Mass Concrete walls, wooden sashes and slate roof.	£21682	Do.	£23227. 15.0.
Concrete Block walls, wooden sashes, slate roof	£21682	Do.	£23537. 15.0.
Brick Walls, wooden sashes and slate roof.	£22736	Do.	£24137. 15.0.

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Note: If Steel sashes were used, the tender of Messrs. Hamilton could be reduced by £4. 10. 0. per house.

At the Meeting of the Housing Committee, when a decision was taken to make this recommendation, some members thought that the Minister for Local Government and Public Health would not be disposed to sanction the erection of the brick house, and the Committee directed the Town Clerk to communicate with the Minister forthwith on the matter, and ask to be informed by the present meeting if he was prepared to sanction the acceptance of Messrs. Hamilton's tender. The Town Clerk intimated to the meeting that he had received a letter this morning dated the 27th ultimo, No. H.15554, stating that the matter was receiving the Minister's attention.

He further intimated to the Meeting that a Public Local Inquiry would be held into the application of the Corporation for a Loan of £22,800 to erect these houses on the 16th instant, at 11.0. a.m.

In reply to a query, the Mayor stated that the Housing Committee were influenced in their decision to recommend the erection of a brick house by the fact that the Corporation had had numerous complaints about damp houses, and their erection in brick was the surest way of providing a dry dwelling.

Councillor Hayes thereupon moved that the recommendation of the Housing Committee be approved, and Messrs. Hamilton's tender accepted. Alderman Cullimore seconded.

After a short discussion on the comparative amount of labour which would be employed in the erection of brick and concrete houses, Councillor Hayes's proposal was unanimously adopted, subject to the approval of the Minister for Local Government and Public Health..

DEMOLITION OF HOUSES AT WILLIAM STREET.

On the motion of the Mayor, seconded by Councillor Moran, a further recommendation from the Housing Committee was unanimously adopted, that two houses at William Street, the subject of Demolition Orders, be demolished by the Corporation employees.

In this case, it was pointed out that the owner of the houses had

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made no attempt to demolish them, and had actually refused to do so, so in the opinion of the Committee there was no option but for the Corporation to take them down, and if possible recover the cost from the owner.

FENCE AT MAUDLINTOWN.

The Housing Committee further recommended that the Corporation enter into an Agreement with the Great Southern Railways to take over a gripe at Maudlintown between the Corporation's Housing Scheme and the Railway Company's property, for the sum of one shilling, and to erect an unclimbable fence between the two properties at a cost of approximately £420.

This gripe was on the Maudlintown side of the Railway Company's boundary, and was their property. It would be a source of danger, and as well, would eventually be turned into a refuse dump, so the proposal was to have it filled in and a promenade made of it. This would, of course, expose the Railway Company's property to trespass, and it was with the object of preventing this that the unclimbable fence was necessary.

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

VOCATIONAL EDUCATION COMMITTEE. AUDITOR'S REPORT.

There was submitted to the meeting a copy of the Auditor's report, together with the Abstract of Accounts, of the Town of Wexford Vocational Education Committee for the year ended 31st March, 1936. The report was as follows:-

"I beg to report that I have audited the Accounts of the Town of Wexford Vocational Education Committee for the year ended 31/3/1936. Certified copies of the Abstracts are forwarded herewith.

Interest on the Loan of £500 obtained from the Board of Public Works was calculated up to the 31st March and added to the principal outstanding as at that date. This interest along with additional interest accrued up to 30th April, was paid in the month of May following.

All Insurance renewal premiums have been paid to date.

(Signed) S. O hEaluighthe, Infiuchoir."

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Arising out of this report, Councillor Connolly asked if there were any members of any Public Body in the County employed by the Vocational Education Committee and paid out of the rates either now or at any other time during the present year or so.

The Mayor stated that he was a member of the Vocational Education Committee and could not remember ever having seen the name of a member of a Local Authority on the Pay Sheet.

Councillor Connolly thereupon stated that his information was different and proposed that the matter be brought under the notice of the Minister, and, if necessary, for him to hold an Inquiry into it. He stated that if such an Inquiry was held, he would give proof of his statements.

In reply to a query, the Town Clerk intimated that the Corporation appointed the Vocational Education Committee, but had no jurisdiction over their actions afterwards. They were a Statutory Body in themselves.

It was further pointed out to Councillor Connolly that before an Inquiry could be held, a definite charge would have to be made, but the Councillor refused to make any charge at the present time, beyond intimating that he would state his facts at the proper time and place. Some members suggested that a query should be sent to the Vocational Education Committee on the matter before any action was taken, when it would be on the Committee's Minutes, and the Town Clerk intimated that the discussion to-night would certainly appear on his Minutes, which would be forwarded to the Minister for Local Government and Public Health during the coming week.

After some further discussion, Councillor Dunne intimated that he was willing to raise the question at the next meeting of the Vocational Education Committee, and the matter dropped.

CHANNEL WAY AT OYSTER LANE.

In reply to a query by Councillor Connolly, the Borough Surveyor intimated that he proposed to commence the repairs to the channel way outside Mrs. McTaminey's house, Oyster Lane, during the coming week.

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The next business was to select a tenant for a house vacant at Wolfe Tone Villas, and on a poll being taken, there voted:-

For Thomas Creane, High Street:	Councillors Cashman, Hayes, Sinnott, Martin, and McGuire-----	5.
For Francis McGuinness, Abbey Street:	Councillors Dunne, Moran, Connolly, Atkins, Aldermen Flusk and Cullimore	6.
For Edward Grace, Distillery Road:	Councillors Buckland, Murphy, Crosbie, McMahon, and the Mayor-----	5.
For Patrick Roche, Thomas Clarke Street:	Councillor John Billington-----	1.

Roche was eliminated, and Councillor John Billington transferred his vote to Creane, with the result that Creane and McGuinness had six votes each, and Grace five. Grace was thereupon eliminated, and a poll taken as between Creane and McGuinness, when there voted:-

For Creane:	Councillors Cashman, Hayes, Sinnott, Buckland, Martin, Crosbie, McMahon, John Billington, McGuire, and the Mayor-----	10.
For McGuinness:	Councillors Dunne, Moran, Murphy, Connolly, Atkins, Aldermen Flusk and Cullimore-----	7.

Creane having a majority of the votes was declared the tenant.

Arising out of this matter, it was unanimously agreed on the motion of the Mayor, seconded by Councillor Murphy, that all applications for houses for the future should be accompanied by a letter from the applicant's landlord intimating if the applicant was clear with his or her rent, and if such a letter was not received the application would not be in order.

LETTING OF HOUSES.

A motion in the name of Councillor James Billington, that a panel of candidates for the occupancy of Artisans' Dwellings be established, was adjourned owing to the absence of the Councillor.

R. Curran
 Initial of Chairman.....

1st March, 1937.

A Meeting of the Finance and Works, and Waterworks Committees was held this day at the Town Clerk's Office at the close of a Statutory Meeting, which commenced at half-past seven o'clock p.m.

The members present were:-

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

Aldermen: William Cullimore and Michael Flusk.

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

TRANSFER OF NO.8, ST. ITA'S TERRACE.

An application was submitted on behalf of Mr. Aidan Foley, No. 8, St. Ita's Terrace, for permission to transfer his interest therein to Mr. Christopher Cleary, Leinster Terrace, Wexford, and on the motion of the Mayor seconded by Councillor Buckland, the necessary permission was granted.

TRANSFER OF NO. 7, ST. IBAR'S VILLAS.

An application was also submitted on behalf of Mr. Harry Wilson for permission to transfer his interest in No. 7, St. Ibar's Villas to Mr. William O'Dwyer, and on the motion of Councillor Connolly, seconded by Councillor Murphy, the necessary permission was granted.

PUBLIC TELEPHONE.

On the motion of Councillor Sinnott, seconded by Councillor Buckland, the Minister for Posts and Telegraphs was granted permission to erect a Telephone Kiosk in the Bullring, at a rent of one shilling per annum.

COMPLAINT RE WATER METER CHARGE.

A complaint from Mr. Laurence Kirwan, of Lorne Ville, regarding the charge for water supplied to his house for the past two years, was adjourned to enable the Town Clerk to make a report thereon to the next meeting.

APPLICATION FOR LOAN UNDER S.D.A. ACTS - MRS. BRIDGET ROCHE.

With reference to the application of Mrs. Bridget Roche, Ram Street,

1st March, 1937.

for a Loan of £160 under the Small Dwellings Acquisition Acts, to enable her to purchase and repair a house at Mary Street, the Borough Surveyor reported that he had examined the house externally only, as the premises were locked up. Judging from external appearances alone, he would say that the house was at least 100 years old and was not, in his opinion, in a sound condition. He was not, therefore, disposed to recommend the Corporation to make a Loan in respect of this house. ~~was the appointment of Mr. A. J. Pinnock as Surveyor in 1935.~~
It was decided to inform Mrs. Roche that the application could not be granted.

Committee APPLICATION FOR LOAN - MICHAEL COGHLAN.

An application from Mr. Michael Coghlan for a Loan under the Acts was adjourned until word had been received from the National Bank as to whether or not they were prepared to make a Loan to the Corporation for advances under the Acts.

Agreement BUILDING PLOT - ST. JOHN'S ROAD.

It was decided to advertise a building plot at St. John's Road for letting.

Change of CHANGING OF LIGHT, ETC.

It was further decided to change the light in the centre of Keyser's Lane, and the Borough Surveyor was asked to examine a dangerous tree in St. Patrick's Churchyard, and, if necessary, to have it taken down.

and the Public DUMPING OF RUBBISH, CROKE AVENUE.

Councillors Atkins and Hayes reported that, as requested, they had examined the field at the rere of the Croke Avenue Houses, but could find no evidence of the dumping of rubbish by the residents in the Avenue.

R. Connelley
 Initials of Chairman

15th March, 1937.

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 deal with the following business:-

- (1) To consider a statement of estimated income and expenditure for the coming Financial Year, together with an estimate of rates to be raised; and to agree on the rate in the Pound of such rates for the year ending on 31st March, 1938.
- (2) To renew the appointment of Mr. M. J. Finucane as Meat Inspector.
- (3) To renew the appointment of Miss K. Lacey as Typist, Etc.
- (4) To adopt, if thought well, a recommendation from a Special Committee that a sum of £10. be included in the rates as a contribution to the Irish Tourist Association for the year 1937/38.

The members present were:-

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

Aldermen: William Cullimore and Michael Flusk.

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

Accompanying the Notice to each member for this meeting was an explanatory statement by the Town Clerk, and a copy of this, together with the statement of estimated receipts and expenditure and the Rate Estimates, is attached to this Minute.

BOROUGH OF WEXFORD.

Town Clerk's Office,
Town Hall, Wexford.
13th February, 1937.

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I attach, herewith, copy of (A) Statement of Estimated Receipts and Expenditure, and (B) Estimate of Town Rates (other than Poor Rate) to be raised in the Financial Year ending on 31st March, 1938.

As the Estimate shows an increase of Fourteen Pence in the Pound over that adopted for the Current Year, I think it advisable to explain at this stage the cause of the increase.

The Following is a comparative Table of the rate in the Pound for the different Services in respect of the Current and ensuing years:-

SERVICE.	RATE FOR 1936/37 Pence in the £.	RATE FOR 1937/38 Pence in the £.
1. Housing	2.38	12.44
2. Graveyards	1.40	1.55
3. Markots, Etc.	1.87	1.79
4. Vocational Education	7.36	7.28
5. Scavenging	18.42	18.06
6. Streets, Etc.	23.59	28.15
7. Public Health, Etc.	23.65	23.24
8. Fire Brigade	3.20.	3.02
9. Waterworks	18.00	18.00
10. General Administration	17.72	18.14
11. Miscellaneous	.41	.33
Totals	118.00	132.00

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Taking the Services as set out above, Housing of the Working Classes shows a sharp increase over the Current Year of Tenpence in the Pound. The net estimated loss on Housing for 1937/38 is £1119, as against £213 in the Current Year.

Loan Charges are increased by-----	£1537.
It is necessary to increase the provision	
for maintenance by-----	100.
The Collector's Commission by-----	30.
The Fire Insurance by-----	40.
and the Rates by-----	845.

£2552.

As against these increases in expenditure, the Receipts are up by an amount of----- £1646.

Leaving the net increase at----- £ 906.

The increase in Loan Charges is due to the fact that full provision has to be made for the Maudlintown Housing Scheme, and this alone is higher by £1500. As well, provision has had to be made for the Hill Street and Davitt Road Supplementary Loans.

There does not appear to be any necessity to explain the increased provision for repairs in view of the growing number of houses, the property of the Corporation; the increase in Collector's Commission; or Fire Insurance.

The increased provision for Rates is due to the Maudlintown Houses. This, of course, will come off the net figure to be raised, and is entered here to show the actual cost of Housing to the Corporation.

On the Receipts side there is an estimated increase of £1646 due entirely to the subsidy to be received under the Housing Act, 1932.

Strange as it appears, the Receipts from Rents show a slight decrease from the Current Year's Estimate. This is due to the fact that for 1936/7 an economic rent was estimated for Maudlintown Housing Scheme that was far in excess of the actual rents charged. There has been no actual loss, as the difference between the Economic and Actual Rents is covered by the subsidy payable under the Housing Act of 1932. As well, the tenant-purchase term of a number of houses at St. John's Avenue has been completed.

No. 2. Graveyards. Shows a slight increase of .15d. due to the increase in wages granted during 1936.

b The net result in No.3 - Markets and Corporate Property is practically nothing - a decrease of .08d. in the Pound. There is an increase of £10 in the Expenditure due to the increase granted the Town Sergeant, and to the increased poundage for the collection of Corporate Rents. Rents from Corporate Estate show an increase of £30, but Market Tolls are down from £100 to £80.

No. 4 - Vocational Education remains practically unchanged.

No. 5 - Scavenging shows a decrease of .36d. due entirely to the higher amount produced by 1d. in the Pound off Artizans' Dwellings.

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No. 6 - Streets and Footpaths is increased by 4.56d due entirely to provision being necessary for the repayment of Loans borrowed during the Current Year for the resurfacing of the streets leading from the Quays; and to supplement Relief Grants, Etc.

No. 7 - Public Health and Social Services on the whole shows a slight decrease of .41d. in the Pound due to various increases and deductions in the Estimate. The cost of repaying Loans for sewers is reduced by £62. The salaries of Medical Officers of Health is increased by £35 due to the appointment this year of a second Medical Officer. The salary of the Health Visitor is up by £9, and the portion of the Town Sergeant's wages applicable by £5. 4. 0. The cost of maintaining the Bathing Place has been increased by £20, and the Public Lighting by £120.

The Expenditure increases are, therefore, -----£189. 4. 0.
and the Expenditure Deductions----- 62. 0. 0.

leaving £127. 4. 0.

as the net increase in expenditure. The Receipts, however, are increased by £52 due to the contribution of the Harbour Board towards the cost of lighting the streets from the Quays, and to increased recoupment in respect of the Salary of the Health Visitor.

The net result is that the Service is costing £55 more than last year, and the slight decrease in the Rate in the £. is due entirely to the larger amount produced in rates by Artizans' Dwellings.

The Fire Brigade Service shows a slight decrease due to lesser interest on Loan.

The Waterworks remains the same as last year in so far as the net Rate is concerned. The expenditure is up, due almost entirely to Loan Charges, but corresponding increases in receipts enable the Rate in the Pound to be maintained at the same level.

The slight increase under the head of General Administration is due to salary increments; while No. 11 - Miscellaneous - remains practically unchanged.

It will be observed from the foregoing together with a perusal of the Estimates that the increase of Fourteen Pence in the Pound is due almost entirely to Housing of the Working Classes and the Maintenance of Streets.

The increase in Housing was expected owing to the size of Maudlintown Scheme, and to the fact that it had to be subsidised by the Corporation, and in the case of the streets the amount of money expended on them is far greater than the amount the Rate-payers are called on to pay for.

In conclusion, gentlemen, I would like to remind you that in the Statement I have prepared, Expenditure has been reduced to the minimum that will allow of the Municipal Services being efficiently administered during the ensuing twelve months.

I should also like to remind you at this period that only expenditure actually estimated for can be incurred during next year, and the various Services must be kept inside the

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figures estimated.

The Town Rates, as estimated, for 1937/38 are as follows:-

Borough Rate	7/2	in the Pound.
Rate in Lieu of County Coss	2/4	" " "
Water Rates	1/6	" " "
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The Total Town Rate for 1936/37 was 2/10.

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John J. Byrne,
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BOROUGH OF WEXFORD.

A

Statement of Estimated Receipts and Expenditure and

B

Estimate of Town Rates (Other than Poor Rate) to be raised in the Financial Year ending on 31st March, 1938.

A.

Statement of Estimated Receipts and Expenditure.

	<u>Receipts.</u>	<u>Expenditure.</u>
<u>No. 1. Housing of the Working Classes.</u>		
Repayment and Interest on Loans		£8006. 0. 0.
Maintenance and repair of Houses		550. 0. 0.
Ground Rents		18. 1. 0.
Rent Collector's Commission		230. 0. 0.
Fire Insurance		100. 0. 0.
Rates--Town £1138; Poor £877		2015. 0. 0.
Income Tax		100. 0. 0.
Rents (including Rates)	£6360. 0. 0.	
Grant under Housing Act, 1908	40. 0. 0.	
" " " " 1932	3500. 0. 0.	
	£9900. 0. 0.	£11019. 1. 0.

Rate Chargeable with - Borough.

No. 2. Graveyards.

Repayment and Interest on Loans	£32. 0. 0.
Wages of Caretaker	117. 0. 0.
" " Gravedigger	41. 12. 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. £339. 12. 0.

Rate Chargeable with - Borough.

No. 3. Markets and Other Corporate Property.

Loan for proposed New Town Hall	£200. 0. 0.
Fee for Performing Rights Society	5. 5. 0.
Toll Collector (part of Town Sergeant's Salary)	31. 4. 0.
Rent Collector (Corporate Estate)	15. 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 Buildings	70. 0. 0.

Forward. £404. 17. 6.

	Receipts.	Expenditure.
Forward.		£404. 17. 6.
Market Tolls and Stalls	£80. 0. 0.	
Fees from Town Hall	10. 0. 0.	
Rents from Corporate Estate	150. 0. 0.	
	£240. 0. 0.	£404. 17. 6.

Rate Chargeable with:-

	Receipts.	Expenditure.
Borough.	£240	£384. 17. 6
Co. Cess	-	20. 0. 0.

No. 4. Vocational Education.

Repayment of Loans for Extension Grants-----		£450. 0. 0.
Contribution in aid 1937/8		418. 0. 0.
Recoupment of part Loan Charges.	£210. 0. 0.	
	£210. 0. 0.	£868. 0. 0.

Rate Chargeable with - Borough.

No. 5. Scavenging - Domestic and Public.

Cleansing and Watering Streets		£1000. 0. 0.
Domestic Scavenging	£120. 0. 0.	550. 0. 0.
Petrol and Insurance Ford Lorry.		80. 0. 0.
Boots and Oilcoats for workmen		15. 0. 0.
Collector of Scavenging Fees (Part of Town Sergeant's Salary)		31. 4. 0.
Insurance of Workmen(Employer's Liability)-----		60. 0. 0.
Do. (National Health and Unemployment)---		12. 0. 0.
	£120. 0. 0.	£1748. 4. 0.

Rate Chargeable with - Borough.

No. 6. Maintenance of Streets, Roads and Footpaths, (exclusive of Main Roads Upkeep)

Repayment of Loans (Streets)		£1292. 0. 0.
Do. Do.(St. John's Road)		300. 0. 0.
Do. Do. (Lorry)		100. 0. 0.
Repairs to streets and footpaths		600. 0. 0.
Insurance (National Health and Unemployment)		60. 0. 0.
Do. (Employer's Liability)		40. 0. 0.
Rent of Stone Depot at Faythe		10. 0. 0.
Licence Duty, Insurance, and Petrol for "Morris" Lorry---		130. 0. 0.
Contribution from Harbour Board.	£ 52. 10. 0.	
	£52. 10. 0.	£2532. 0. 0.

Rate Chargeable with:-

	Receipts.	Expenditure.
Borough	-	£300
Co. Cess	£52. 10. 0.	£2232

o. 7. Public Health & Social Services.		Receipts.	Expenditure.
Repayment of Loans (Sewers)			£365. 0. 0.
Repairing and Cleansing Sewers			150. 0. 0.
Vaccination Acts Expenses			20. 0. 0.
Food and Drugs Act Expenses			45. 0. 0.
Salary of Sanitary Sub-Officer			143. 0. 0.
Do. Medical Officer of Health			75. 0. 0.
Do. Veterinary Inspector (Dairies and Cowsheds)			30. 0. 0.
Do. Veterinary Inspector (Meat)	£318. 13. 4.		478. 0. 0.
Do. Health Visitor	87. 10. 0.		175. 0. 0.
Do. Inspector of Milk Shops (Town Sergeant)			31. 4. 0.
Do. Executive Sanitary Officer			20. 0. 0.
Administration of National Free Milk Scheme-----			50. 0. 0.
Bathing Place			80. 0. 0.
Milk (Maternity & Child Welfare)	82. 10. 0.		165. 0. 0.
Feeding of Necessitous School Children	100. 0. 0.		200. 0. 0.
Immunisation against Diphtheria			40. 0. 0.
Public Lighting	47. 10. 0.		700. 0. 0.
Recoupment of part of Sanitary Officers' Salaries	35. 0. 0.		
	£671. 3. 4.		£2767. 4. 0.

Rate Chargeable with - Borough.

o. 8 Fire Brigade.

Repayment of Loan for Fire Engine			£190. 0. 0.
General Maintenance (Including Men's Stipend)-----			75. 0. 0.
Telephone Service			8. 0. 0.
			£273. 0. 0.

Rate Chargeable with - Borough.

o. 9. Waterworks.

Repayment and Interest on Loans			£1400. 0. 0.
Renewal of Mains 1936/37			25. 0. 0.
Income Tax and Rates			35. 0. 0.
Salary of Superintendent			170. 0. 0.
Wages of Turncock			200. 0. 0.
" " Caretaker			65. 0. 0.
" " P. Somers			15. 12. 0.
Collector's Commission			55. 0. 0.
Printing and Advertising			30. 0. 0.
Insurance (Employer's Liability)			10. 0. 0.
Do. (H. Health & Unemployment)			12. 0. 0.
Right of Way to John Street Reservoir			4. 0. 0.
Audit Fee			3. 10. 0.
Preparation of Rate Books			9. 10. 0.
General Maintenance			100. 0. 0.
Sale of Water by Meter	£475. 0. 0.		
Special Charges	50. 0. 0.		
Special Agreements	60. 0. 0.		
Government Rates	5. 0. 0.		
Sale of Water to Ships	50. 0. 0.		
Miscellaneous Receipts	25. 0. 0.		
	£665. 0. 0.		£2134. 12. 0.

Rate Chargeable with - Water Rate.

No. 10. General Administration.		Receipts.	Expenditure.	
Salaries:-	The Mayor		£100.	0. 0.
	Town Clerk		410.	0. 0.
	Clerical Assistant		170.	0. 0.
	Typist		104.	0. 0.
	Town Sergeant (part of)		62.	8. 0.
	Office Cleaner		13.	0. 0.
Printing and Advertising			150.	0. 0.
Telephone Rents			30.	0. 0.
Fuel and Light			60.	0. 0.
Law Costs			120.	0. 0.
Stationery and Office Equipment			40.	0. 0.
Preparation of Rate Books			19.	0. 0.
Delegates' Expenses			20.	0. 0.
Uniform and Boots Town Sergeant			10.	0. 0.
Reports & Association Municipal Authorities-----			5.	5. 0.
Audit Fee			7.	0. 0.
Town Surveyor's Salary (Part of)			170.	0. 0.
Rate Collector's Commission			230.	0. 0.
Fees returned by Town Clerk - Franchise		£70. 0. 0.		
Do. Old Age Pensions		18. 0. 0.		
		£88. 0. 0.	£1720. 13. 0.	

Rate Chargeable with:-		
	Receipts.	Expenditure.
Borough	£88.	£1502. 13. 0.
Co. Cess	-	218. 0. 0.

No. 11. Miscellaneous.		Receipts.	Expenditure.	
Small Dwellings Acquisition Acts		£350. 0. 0.	£340.	0. 0.
Insurance - Employer's Liability			35.	0. 0.
Do. N. Health & Unemployment			12.	0. 0.
Tithe Rent Charge			10.	0. 0.
Irish Tourist Association			10.	0. 0.
Miscellaneous Receipts		20. 0. 0.		
Government Rates		10. 10. 0.		
		£380. 10. 0.	£407. 0. 0.	

Rate Chargeable with:-		
	Receipts.	Expenditure.
Borough	£377. 0. 0.	£407.
Co. Cess	3.10. 0.	-

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B.

Estimate of Rates to be Raised

Borough Rate.

No.	Service.	Receipts.	Expenditure.
1.	Housing of the Working Classes	£9900. 0. 0.	£11019. 1. 0.
2.	Burial Grounds	200. 0. 0.	339. 12. 0.
3.	Market and Other Corporate Property	240. 0. 0.	584. 17. 6
4.	Vocational Education	210. 0. 0.	868. 0. 0.
5.	Scavenging - Domestic & Public	120. 0. 0.	1748. 4. 0.
6.	Maintenance of Streets, Roads, and Footpaths-----		300. 0. 0.
7.	Public Health and Social Services	671. 3. 4.	2767. 4. 0.
8.	Fire Brigade		273. 0. 0.
10.	General Administration	88. 0. 0.	1502. 13. 0.
11.	Miscellaneous	377. 0. 0.	407. 0. 0.
	Contingencies		150. 0. 0.
	Collectible Rates outstanding 31/3/37	300. 0. 0.	
	Excess of Estimated expenditure over receipts and amount to be raised by means of a Borough Rate.)	7653. 8. 2. X	

£19759.11. 6 £19759: 11: 6.

Amount to be raised by Borough Rate X	£7653. 8. 2	
Less Amounts raised in rents of Artisans Dwellings-----	780. 0. 0.	£6873. 8. 2.

A Borough Rate of 7/2 in the £ will produce

For General Town Purposes @ 1/- in the £.	960. 0. 0.	
" General Sanitary Purposes @ 6/2 "	5920. 0. 0.	£6880. 0. 0.

RATE IN LIEU OF COUNTY CESS.

3.	Markets and other Corporate Property		£20. 0. 0.
6.	Maintenance of Streets, Roads and Footpaths-----	£52.10. 0.	2232. 0. 0.
10.	General Administration		213. 0. 0.
11.	Miscellaneous	3.10. 0.	
	Contingencies		100. 0. 0.
	Collectible Rates outstanding at 31st March, 1937-----	120. 0. 0.	
	Excess of Expenditure over receipts) and amount to be raised by means of) a Rate in Lieu of Co. Cess.)	£2394. 0. 0.	
		£2570. 0. 0.	£2570. 0. 0.

Amount to be raised by Rate in Lieu of County Cess-----	£2394. 0. 0.	
Less amount collected in rents of Artisans Dwellings-----	250. 0. 0.	£2144. 0. 0.

A Rate of 2/4 in the £. will produce about-----£2184. 0. 0.

WATER RATES.

	Receipts.	Expenditure.
No. 9. Waterworks	£665. 0. 0.	£2134. 12. 0.
Collectible rates outstanding at 31st March, 1937-----	50. 0. 0.	
Excess of Estimated expenditure) over Receipts and amount to be raised by Water Rates.)	x£1419. 12. 0.	
	£2134. 12. 0.	£2134. 12. 0.
Amount to be raised by Water Rates	x£1419. 12. 0.	
Less amount collected in rents of Artisans' Dwellings-----	108. 0. 0.	£1311. 12. 0.
A Domestic Rate of 1/- will produce	£840. 0. 0.	
A Public Rate of 1/6 " "	474. 0. 0.	£1314. 0. 0.

WATER RATES.

No. 9.	Waterworks	Receipts.	Expenditure.
	Collectible rates outstanding at	£665. 0. 0.	£2134. 12. 0.
	31st March, 1937-----	50. 0. 0.	
	Excess of Estimated expenditure)		
	over Receipts and amount to be	x1419. 12. 0.	
	raised by Water Rates.)		
		£2134. 12. 0.	£2134. 12. 0.
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	Amount to be raised by Water Rates	x1419. 12. 0.	
	Less amount collected in rents of		
	Artisans' Dwellings-----	108. 0. 0.	£1311. 12. 0.
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	A Domestic Rate of 1/- will produce	£840. 0. 0.	
	A Public Rate of 1/6 " "	474. 0. 0.	£1314. 0. 0.

15th March, 1937.

The Mayor reviewed the estimates, and referred to the principal causes for the increase of 1/2 in the rate. The first was an increase of 10d. in the estimate for Housing. This was almost entirely due to the Maudlintown Housing Scheme, and to the fact that supplementary loans had had to be raised in respect of some previous Housing Schemes.

As a result of the amount of Grants given by the Government during the year, the Corporation had to raise certain sums to supplement these grants, so that the rate for the maintenance of streets, etc. was increased by fourpence in the pound.

There was no appreciable increase or decrease under any other heading, and the estimates, as presented by the Town Clerk, had been carefully examined by a Special Committee who could not see how they could be reduced by as much as one halfpenny.

Councillor Connolly asked if there were any savings during the present year, and the Town Clerk replied that he could not say at the moment as the accounts would not be completed until the 31st March, but if Councillor Connolly mentioned any particular Service he might be able to say if a saving was likely.

Councillor Connolly, however, intimated, that he meant the entire total, and the Town Clerk intimated that he could not answer a general question like that.

In reply to a further query he intimated that there was no big saving that he was aware of, which would, if brought into account, appreciably affect the estimate for the ensuing twelve months.

The Corporation examined the estimates in detail, but could not see any way in which they could be reduced.

In reply to Alderman Flusk, the Town Clerk intimated that all the Grants given by the Government had not yet been expended, nor would it be possible to expend them all before the 31st March owing to the very inclement weather experienced since the end of last year. After the estimates had been further discussed, the Mayor moved that Mr. M. J. Finucane be appointed as Meat Inspector for the Borough

15th March, 1937.

of Wexford, and for duties under the Agricultural Produce (Fresh Meat) Acts, 1930/31 until 31st March, 1938, 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.

Councillor Moran seconded the motion which was unanimously agreed to.

EMPLOYMENT OF TYPIST.

The next motion was the renewal of the appointment of Miss K. Lacey as Typist, Etc., and arising out of this Councillor Connolly asked what her position would be in the near future owing to the fact that houses were going to be built by contract.

The Town Clerk, in reply, said that if any more houses were to be built by Direct Labour he would be insisting on a further increased staff; the present staff had been working night and day for the past two years to keep the Maudlintown and each of the other schemes going. At present they were not able to cope with the work without working a large amount of overtime, and for some time past it had been necessary for him to either return to the office on Saturday afternoons or bring work home with him.

Councillor Connolly then suggested that the appointment should be made permanent, and not to be looking for sanction every year or half year. The Town Clerk intimated that that was entirely a matter for the Corporation.

On the motion of Alderman Flusk, seconded by Councillor Dunne, it was unanimously agreed that Miss Lacey be re-appointed until 30th September next, subject to the sanction of the Minister for Local Government and Public Health.

CONTRIBUTION TO IRISH TOURIST ASSOCIATION.

On the motion of Councillor Connolly, seconded by Councillor Atkins, it was unanimously decided to contribute a sum of £10. in the year 1937/38 to the funds of the Irish Tourist Association.

15th March, 1937.

A Meeting of the Finance Committee. RATE ESTIMATES.

The Rate Estimates for the year 1937/38 were then taken, and on the motion of Councillor Sinnott, seconded by Councillor Crosbie, a Borough Rate of 7/2 in the pound (being one shilling for general Town purposes and six shillings and twopence for general Sanitary purposes) was agreed to.

On the motion of Councillor Moran, seconded by Councillor Atkins, a rate in lieu of County Cess of Two Shillings and Fourpence in the Pound was agreed to; and on the motion of Councillor Cashman, seconded by Councillor Murphy a Domestic Water Rate of One Shilling and a Public Water Rate of Sixpence in the Pound was agreed to. This made the total of the three Town Rates Eleven Shillings in the Pound as compared with Nine Shillings and Tenpence in the Current Year.

GRANT FOR DEVELOPMENT OF SITE OF NEW TOWN HALL.

Under date of the 12th instant, by letter No.S.16752, the Minister for Local Government and Public Health intimated that he was prepared to make a maximum grant of £1750 towards the cost of developing the site for the proposed new Town Hall, on condition that the employment of labour on the scheme would be subject strictly to the stipulated conditions; and that all the Department requirements as regards details of the scheme, acceptance of tender, etc. would be complied with; and that a portion of the expenditure be incurred before the 31st March next.

In this connection it was decided to appoint a Committee, composed of Aldermen Flusk and Cullimore, Councillor Sinnott, and the Mayor, to see what was best to be done to have the work on the development of the site commenced before the 31st March.

The Meeting then separated.

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A Meeting of the Finance and Works Committee was held at the close of the Special Meeting.

The members present being:-

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

Aldermen: William Cullimore and Michael Flusk.

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

RESURFACING OF MAIN STREET.

It was intimated to the meeting that in connection with the Grant for the resurfacing of the Main Street, it would be necessary to close it to traffic for some six or eight weeks, and a notice had been inserted to this effect in the local papers.

The Town Clerk thereupon submitted a memorial from a number of the shopkeepers in the locality asking that this work be postponed until after Easter, as the closing of the Main Street at this period would interfere with the Easter trade.

In this connection it was pointed out that if the work was not proceeded with in accordance with the time schedule adopted, a number of unemployed at present engaged on this Grant work would have to be dismissed, and it was unanimously decided to inform the memorialists that their request could not be granted.

SHOP AT MAUDLINTOWN.

A complaint was made that a shop had been opened in one of the new houses at Maudlintown, and the Rent Collector was to be asked for a report thereon against next meeting.

ANNIVERSARY OF 1798.

The Mayor and Councillor Moran were appointed to represent the Corporation at a meeting to be held in Enniscorthy on the 29th instant under the auspices of the Hy Kinsella Historical Society to make arrangements for the celebration next year of the 140th anniversary of the Insurrection of 1798 in the County Wexford.

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Intimated that they had a POOR RATE.

The Town Clerk submitted his estimate of the Poor Rate which would require to be raised in the year ending 31st March, 1938.

The County Council Demade was increased by £550, but owing to the increased amount raised in rents from Artisans Dwellings, and to the saving made in the estimate for administration, he was in a position to keep the rate in the pound of the Poor Rate at the same level as last year, namely, 8/2 in the pound, and on the motion of the Mayor, seconded by Alderman Cullimore, it was unanimously agreed to recommend the Corporation to adopt a Poor Rate of 8/2 in the pound for the year ending 31st March, 1938.

SMALL DWELLINGS ACQUISITION ACTS.

The Manager of the National Bank intimated that his Directors were prepared to make a Loan of £500 for the purposes of the Small Dwellings Acquisition Acts for a period of fifteen years at a fixed rate of interest of Five per cent., and it was agreed to apply to the Minister for Local Government and Public Health for sanction to the raising of such a Loan.

Arising out of this, the Borough Surveyor reported that in the absence of a proper sanitary convenience in the house of Mr. Michael Coghlan, High Street, he could not recommend the Corporation to make a Loan, and it was agreed to forward a copy of the Borough Surveyor's report to Mr. Coghlan for his observations.

ALLOTMENTS.

Mr. James Boyle, John's Gate Street, Wexford, intimated that he was prepared to let the field at the rere of John Street for £3. per acre per year, but would not give a five year's option, and it was agreed to submit the letter to the Department of Local Government and Public Health to see if the proposal to acquire this field for the purpose of providing further allotments for unemployed persons would be sanctioned.

DEMOLITION OF HOUSE, STH. MAIN STREET.

Under date of the 1st instant, Messrs. Huggard, Brennan & Godfrey

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intimated that they had a letter from the agent for the owners of the house at South Main Street, which was the subject of a Demolition Order under the Housing Acts, and they asked if the Corporation would delay for a short time the demolition of the premises.

The Town Clerk replied to them that the letter would come before the present meeting, and to let him know by what date the owners would have the premises demolished. He had received no reply, and it was now agreed to inform Messrs. Huggard, Brennan & Godfrey that the premises should be demolished before the 1st April, otherwise the Corporation would demolish them without further delay and proceed against the owners for the costs.

DEMOLITION ORDERS FOR 7 HOUSES AT KEYSER'S LANE.

On the motion of the Mayor, seconded by Alderman Cullimore, it was agreed to recommend the Corporation to make Demolition Orders in respect of seven houses at Keyser's Lane occupied by Patrick Kelly, Michael Fenlon, Bridget Kelly, Denis Delaney, Patrick English, Mary Reville, and Patrick Browne.

HOUSE AT BYRNE'S LANE.

A letter was read from the owner of a house at Byrne's Lane, in respect of which a Demolition Order had been made at a recent meeting, complaining that there was a debt due thereon in respect of repairing the roof which she was unable to meet now that the house had been condemned, but she was to be informed that as the Demolition Order had been made, the Corporation could not revoke.

ALLOWANCE UNDER CONDITIONS OF EMPLOYMENT ACT - JOHN MCGRATH.

A John McGrath, Monument Place, applied for an allowance under Section 24 of the Conditions of Employment Act, 1936, having been employed, he stated, from July, 1935, to January, 1936.

The Town Clerk contended that as this man was not in the employment of the Corporation when the Act was passed by An Dail, he was not entitled to any allowance, and McGrath was to be so informed.

FIRE AT ALLEN STREET.

The Captain of the Fire Brigade, who had been called to

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a fire at Allen Street on the 13th instant, when he found a chimney on fire and was able to get the fire under control with the first aid tank attached to the fire engine.

In this connection, the Captain was to be asked to state in future from whom he received the report of the fire.

MEAT INSPECTOR'S REPORT.

The report of the Meat Inspector for the month of February showed that he had examined 122 cattle, 269 sheep, and 34 swine.

Of the cattle, 4 heads to the extent of four stone weight and eight organs were destroyed for Tuberculosis, and twelve organs for other diseases.

Of the sheep, one whole carcase, to the extent of 68 lbs in weight, was destroyed for a disease other than Tuberculosis; and of the swine one organ was destroyed for Tuberculosis.

BOROUGH SURVEYOR'S FEES.

With reference to the application made by the Borough Surveyor in September last for fees in connection with the resurfacing of streets taken over from the Harbour Commissioners, it was unanimously agreed to recommend the Corporation to pay Mr. McNally a fee of 5 per cent. on the estimated cost which was £1200, the fee therefore being £60.

R. Cunniff
Mayor

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A Meeting of the Special Committee, appointed to consider the letter from the Minister for Local Government and Public Health relative to a Grant for the development of the Town Hall Site, met at the close of the above meeting. The members present being The Mayor (in the Chair) with Aldermen Flusk and Cullimore, and Councillor Sinnott.

The Meeting unanimously decided that as the Architect was expected to be in Wexford on the 16th instant, he should be interviewed by the Mayor and Town Clerk to see what could be done to have some of

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the Grant expended before the 31st March.

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A Meeting of the Finance and Works Committee 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 and William Cullimore.

Councillors: Nicholas Connolly, Phillip McGuire, John Billington, James Murphy, Thomas Dunne, James Crosbie, Patrick Atkins, Timothy Cashman, James Billington, and Thomas Hayes.

FREE MILK SCHEME.

Four tenders were submitted for the supply of milk from Tubercle Free Herds under the National Free Milk Supply Scheme for the year 1937/38. They were as follows.

Name of Proposed Contractor.	Price per Gallon.		Quantity to be supplied daily.
	To a Depot	House to House.	
Mrs. K. Clare	1/-	1/-	4 Gallons
John Quirke	10d.	1/-	12 "
Mrs. E. Cullimore	10d.	1/-	20 "
Mrs. E. Cullen	1/4 T.B.Free) Herd. 1/- Non-test) -ed.	1/6 T.B.Free) Herd. 1/2 Non-test) -ed.	12 "

It was seen that the tenders of Mrs. Clare, Mr. Quirke, and Mrs. Cullimore were the lowest, and it was unanimously decided to accept them at 1/- per gallon for the ensuing twelve months, on the motion of Councillor Connolly, seconded by Councillor Crosbie.

It was also seen, however, that the amount of milk the three of them tendered to supply was only 36 gallons, and the Town Clerk intimated

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that he would require from 40 to 45, so it was decided that he should get in touch with the three Contractors and see if he could arrange for them to supply more than the stipulated amounts.

MATERNITY AND CHILD WELFARE.

Two tenders were submitted for the supply of milk under the Maternity and Child Welfare Scheme for the coming twelve months. They were from Mr. Francis Stafford, Cromwell's Fort, and Mr. J. B. Walker, Latimerstown. The former quoted tenpence per gallon, and the latter 9½d. for delivery in bulk to the Depot at Cornmarket, and on the motion of Councillor Connolly, seconded by Councillor Crosbie, the tender of Mr. Walker, being the lower of the two submitted, was accepted.

ALLOTMENTS.

The following persons were allocated allotments during the Season 1937/38:-

Edward Murphy.	Thomas Lawlor.
William Anderson.	Henry Coles.
Richard Codd.	John Breen.
Robert Cullen.	Patrick Brien.
William Clarke.	Daniel Clancy.
Michael Williams.	Gregory Browne.
Peter Fortune.	Michael Kearney.
Thomas Murphy.	Patrick Swords.
Patrick Goggins.	Richard Callaghan.
William Roche.	John Carroll.
Thomas Murphy.	Patrick Berry.
Joseph Bergin.	Patrick Harpur.

HEALTH VISITOR'S LEAVE.

The Health Visitor applied for, and was granted, the balance of her annual leave - seven days.

ASSISTANT TO BOROUGH SURVEYOR.

Alderman Flusk moved that the Corporation be recommended to appoint Mr. T. J. Millar, permanently, as Assistant to the Borough Surveyor at his present rate of remuneration, namely, £299 per annum.

Councillor Connolly seconded.

The reasons given for the proposed appointment were the large amount of extra work at present in progress and in contemplation; a number of Road Grants, which should have been expended by the 31st instant, and which was found impossible, and it was felt that if extra

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assistance had been provided for the Borough Surveyor this delay would not have occurred.

As well, there was in contemplation an extension of the Borough, and the Town Planning Scheme; extensions of the sewerage and watermains, together with the erection of houses, all of which would have to be superintended to some extent by the Borough Surveyor.

All the members seemed in favour of the recommendation with the exception of Councillor James Billington, who held that if Mr. Millar was permanently appointed as Assistant to the Borough Surveyor, he should devote his entire time to the work and relinquish his private practice.

Other members held that if Mr. Millar devoted the necessary hours during the day to the Corporation work, there could be no objection to him doing his private work after hours provided he did not use the Corporation offices for the purpose.

The entire matter was discussed at length, and eventually Alderman Flusk's proposal was adopted, but with Councillor James Billington dissenting on the ground that if Mr. Millar was appointed, he should not be allowed to do private practice.

EMPLOYMENT OF TYPIST.

There was also submitted to the meeting an application from Miss Kathleen Lacey, Typist, stating she observed from the Press Report of the last meeting that a suggestion had been made to the effect that she should be placed on the permanent staff of the Corporation, and she made a formal application for such permanency.

She pointed out that she had been employed in the Corporation Offices for the past seventeen years, between the Borough Surveyor and Town Clerk. She had been in the office of the latter since 1932, and stated that if, for any reason, her services were dispensed with, the knowledge she had acquired during her period of employment would be of little use to her in Commercial Life, as the work was of an entirely different nature.

In conclusion, she thanked the Corporation for the temporary work

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given her, and assured them that if appointed permanently she would do everything in her power to give satisfaction.

In reply to a query, the Town Clerk intimated that the services of Miss Lacey were permanently required in his office notwithstanding the fact that it was proposed to discontinue the system of Direct Labour on Housing. If further houses were to be erected by Direct Labour he (Town Clerk) would require a further increase in his staff. For the past two and half years, since the Maudlintown Housing Scheme commenced, he stated, it had been necessary for himself and his staff to work a considerable amount of overtime in order to keep everything going smoothly, and this working of overtime could not continue indefinitely.

Councillor Connolly moved that the application be adjourned for six months, and Councillor Murphy seconded.

In doing so, Councillor Connolly stated that his only reason for moving the adjournment was that he thought it would prejudice the application of the Corporation for the permanent appointment of Mr. Millar as Assistant Borough Surveyor.

A suggestion, however, was made that the matter should be only adjourned for a month, or until the May Statutory Meeting, when it was thought that the case of Mr. Millar would have been decided.

Councillor Cashman, however, proposed that the Corporation be recommended to appoint Miss Lacey on the permanent staff at her present rate of remuneration, namely £2. per week, and Councillor Crosbie seconded. After a short discussion, however, a suggestion by the Mayor to the effect that the Corporation be recommended at the May Statutory Meeting to appoint Miss Lacey to the permanent staff at her present rate of remuneration, was agreed to, but with Councillor James Billington dissenting.

COMPLAINT RE ROAD ETC.

A complaint was made regarding the condition of a road at the Folly, a lane at Stonebridge, and a dump at Distillery Road, and the Borough

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Surveyor was directed to attend to the matters complained of as soon as possible.

DUMPING OF RUBBISH - CROKE AVENUE.

It was decided to serve notice on the occupiers of houses at Croke Avenue warning them to discontinue the practice of dumping their house refuse on the street to be removed by the Corporation Scavengers, or proceedings would be instituted against them.

They were also to be informed that if they so desired the Corporation would extend the system of Domestic Scavenging employed by a number of other Corporate tenants, at the usual charge of twopence per week, the Corporation to supply the first dustbin, and renewals to be supplied by the tenants themselves.

NEW DUMPING GROUND.

As the dump at Summerhill Road was practically filled, it was decided to consult the County Medical Officer of Health regarding the acquisition of an old swamp at Farnogue for this purpose.

SEWER RODS.

The Borough Surveyor was authorised to purchase a set of Sewer Rods and a scraper.

CONDITION OF WOLFE TONE VILLAS.

Dr. Sinnott, County Medical Officer of Health, was to be asked for a report on the condition of houses at Wolfe Tone Villas.

SHOPS AT MAUDLINTOWN.

It was reported that Mrs. Murphy, of Harbour View, had opened a shop there, contrary to the Agreement signed by her, and it was unanimously decided that she should be written to and warned to discontinue the practice immediately.

It was intimated by a member that a second shop had been opened on the Maudlintown Estate, and the Town Clerk was directed to ascertain if this were true, and to also write to the offender.

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mayor

A Meeting of the Committee appointed, on the 15th instant, to consider

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the best way to expend part of the Town Hall Development Grant before the 31st March, was held at the close of the above meeting.

The members present being Aldermen Flusk and Cullimore, and the Mayor, together with the Town Clerk and Mr. T. J. Millar.

The Mayor and Town Clerk reported that they had had an interview with Mr. Donnelly, Architect, on Thursday morning last, when they had visited the site and agreed that in addition to having the site cleared of rubbish, the only other work which could be commenced immediately was the erection of a reinforced concrete wall between the Corporation's and the Railway Company's property.

Mr. Millar had undertaken to do this work under Mr. Donnelly's supervision, and had procured tenders for the reinforcing required. The Wexford Timber Company quoted £23. 15. 0. and Messrs. McCormack and Hegarty £21. 9. 8 for the quantity of iron needed, and it was unanimously agreed to accept the lower of the two tenders.

It was also agreed that Mr. Bernard McCormack, the carpenter in charge of the erection of the wall, should be paid at the rate of £4. per week whilst in charge.

RESURFACING OF MAIN STREET.

The meeting also discussed the question of the resurfacing of Main Street with the Borough Surveyor, who was called in specially for the purpose.

It was pointed out to the Surveyor that the County Feis would open inside of six weeks, and it was absolutely essential that the Main Street should be opened to traffic in time for it, so he agreed to put a second set of men on forthwith, and if necessary to use rapid hardening cement in order to have the work done in time.

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Mayor

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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: William Cullimore and Michael Flusk.

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

MINUTES.

On the motion of Councillor Crosbie, seconded by Councillor Sinnott, the Minutes of Meetings of Corporation held on the 1st and 15th ultimo were taken as having been read and signed; and Minutes of Meetings of Finance and Works, Etc. Committees on 1st, 15th, and 22nd ultimo; and of a Special Committee regarding Town Hall Grant on 15th and 22nd ultimo, were approved and signed.

Arising out of the Minutes, Councillor Connolly referred to a matter he had raised at the last Monthly Meeting in connection with payments made by the Vocational Education Committee, and he would like to refer to that matter again on the Minutes.

The Mayor intimated that he would hear Councillor Connolly when the business on the Agenda had been completed, but the Councillor insisted on raising the matter now, otherwise he would require the Minutes to be read.

The Mayor ruled, however, that the only question Councillor Connolly could raise on the Minutes was whether or not they were a true record of the proceedings of last meeting, and he would not allow him to refer to the published report of the Vocational Education Committee until the business on the Agenda had been disposed of.

PAYMENTS.

Liabilities which had accrued due up to the end of last month, amounting, in the aggregate, to £6,235. 16. 2, were submitted, and having

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been examined were approved, and an Advice Note was signed to enable them to be discharged.

SYMPATHY.

Councillor Murphy moved that the sympathy of the Corporation be extended to Councillor Buckland on the death of his child. The motion was seconded by Councillor Sinnott, supported by all the members present and adopted in respectful silence.

Mr. T. F. D'Arcy returned thanks to the Corporation for the vote of sympathy passed with him on the death of his brother, the late Dr. D'Arcy.

CANONISATION OF BLESSED OLIVER
PLUNKETT.

The Right Rev. Monsignor Curran, Rector of the Irish College, Rome, acknowledged receipt of the Resolution addressed to His Holiness the Pope regarding the canonisation of Blessed Oliver Plunkett, which he had transmitted to His holiness.

RENT OF BUILDING PLOTS, ST. JOHN'S ROAD.

With reference to Minutes of 1st February last, when it had been decided to reduce the rent of ten plots at St. John's Road from £5. to £3. each per annum, the Minister for Local Government and Public Health, under date of the 1st ultimo by letter No.H.9574, intimated that he was not prepared to agree to the proposed reduction.

On the motion of Councillor Connolly, seconded by Councillor Hayes, it was unanimously decided to ask the Minister to reconsider his decision in this matter.

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 1937/38, 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 amounted to £6876. 9. 5. In addition, provision had to be made for a contribution at the rate

URBAN DISTRICT OF WEXFORD.

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, 1938.

To County Council Demand :—	£	s	d	£	s	d
In respect of Roads	1162	17	0			
In respect of County Services	1878	14	0			
In respect of Library Service	61	0	0			
In respect of Poor Relief	3528	9	0			
In respect of Board of Health Charges	235	2	1			
In respect of Separate Charges	10	7	4			
				6876	9	5
To Rate Collector's Poundage	200	0	0			
Printing, Advertising, etc.	50	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	880	0	0			
Irrecoverable Rates from previous years (part of)	600	0	0			
				1801	0	0
Total amount to be raised by means of Poor Rate for the Financial Year ending on 31st March, 1938				8677	9	5
Less Amount collected in Rents of Artizans' Dwellings				845	0	0
				£7832	9	5
A Rate of Eight Shillings and Twopence (8/2) in the Pound will produce about	7840	0	0			
Total Valuation of Borough	23184	11	0			

On Monday, March 15th, 1937, 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 1937/38.

RICHARD CORISH,
Mayor.

JOHN J. BYRNE,
Town Clerk.

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of ninepence in the pound to the Minister for Industry and Commerce under the Unemployment Assistance Act, 1923, together with the cost of preparation and collection, and an allowance for irrecoverable rates.

The net result was, after making provision for all these items, and allowing for the amount to be repaid in the rents of Artisans' Dwellings, that a sum of £7,832. 9. 5. required to be raised by means of a Poor Rate in the year 1937/38, and a rate of Eight shillings and Twopence in the Pound would be necessary to produce this amount.

Arising out of this matter, the Mayor stated that for the past fortnight certain landlords had been serving Notices upon tenants in the town for what he considered to be a high increase in rent, and in presenting the demand for such increase, they were informing the tenants that it was due to the erection of the new Town Hall.

Everybody present knew that the rates this year were not largely affected by the erection of this building, and the increase in the current year's Town Rates was due entirely to the cost of Housing and the liberal Grants received from the Government, which the Corporation had to supplement.

Thereupon Councillor Moran proposed that the recommendation of the Finance Committee be adopted, and Councillor Crosbie seconded.

This was to the effect that a Poor Rate of Eight Shillings and Twopence in the Pound for the Financial Year ending on 31st March, 1938, be agreed to.

The motion was unanimously adopted.

DEMOLITION ORDERS - KEYSER'S LANE.

The next business was to make Demolition Orders, under the Housing (Miscellaneous Provisions) Act, 1931, in respect of houses at Keyser's Lane, Wexford, occupied by Patrick Kelly, Michael Fenlon, Bridget Kelly, Denis Delaney, Patrick English, Mary Reville, and Mary Browne.

The necessary Notices, under Section 23 of the Act, had been served on

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the owners, and no undertaking had been accepted regarding the carrying out of works or the future user of the houses, so on the motion of the Mayor, seconded by Councillor Crosbie, the Orders were sealed and signed on the part of the Corporation.

Arising out of these Orders, the attention of the Borough Surveyor was directed to the condition of the surface of Oyster Lane and Sinnott's Lane, and he was asked to carry out the necessary repairs thereto.

ASSISTANT TO BOROUGH SURVEYOR.

The Finance Committee recommended the appointment of Mr. Thomas J. Millar, at present Clerk of Works on the Maudlintown Housing Scheme, as permanent assistant to the Borough Surveyor at a salary of £299 per annum.

Councillor Connolly moved the adoption of the recommendation, and Councillor Atkins seconded.

Councillor Murphy, however, moved that the appointment be deferred until business increased. Councillor James Billington seconded.

A number of members pointed out that the Borough Surveyor was unable to cope with all the work at present being carried out by the Corporation, and considered that the appointment of an Assistant was absolutely essential if the Corporation work was to be efficiently supervised.

Councillor James Billington intimated that his only objection to the appointment was that Mr. Millar could carry on private work when he had finished his day's work for the Corporation.

It was also pointed out that some time ago the Corporation had adopted a resolution under the Town Planning Act, and that up to the present nothing had been done to give practical effect to the resolution.

As well, the members were aware, that the extension of the Borough was rapidly becoming an urgent necessity, and that there were a number of other matters which could be attended to if the Borough Surveyor had assistance.

In reply to a query as to whether or not he required assistance, the

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Borough Surveyor replied that with a reliable assistant, he could get the work done much more efficiently.

The one objection to the appointment seemed to centre around whether or not the new official would be allowed to carry on private practice, and after a lengthy discussion there was added to the recommendation of the Finance Committee, the condition that Mr. Millar should be available for duty by the Corporation between the hours of 8.30 a.m. and 5.30 p.m. each day, and that no private work be done in the Corporation offices.

The recommendation, as amended, was thereupon put to the meeting, and on a show of hands was carried by fifteen votes for to two against, subject to the approval of the Minister for Local Government and Public Health.

Arising out of this matter it was agreed that neither the Borough Surveyor nor his assistant should leave the town without first acquainting the Mayor, or in his absence, the Town Clerk.

BOROUGH SURVEYOR'S FEES.

The Finance Committee recommended that the Borough Surveyor be paid a sum of £60 for the work of resurfacing the Harbour Board Streets taken over by the Corporation last year.

The amount proposed was the equivalent of five per cent. on the estimated cost of the work, ^{which} ~~and~~ was not considered to be part of his normal duties at the time it was done.

Councillor Gaul moved the adoption of the Committee's recommendation, which was seconded by Councillor Connolly and unanimously agreed to, on the understanding that the future maintenance of these streets would be regarded as the normal work of the Surveyor.

EXECUTION OF MORTGAGE DEED - £930.

There was submitted for execution on the part of the Corporation a Deed of Mortgage to secure repayment of Loan of £930 borrowed by the Corporation to supplement a Relief Grant of £2,800 for the resurfacing of streets.

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The obtainment of the Loan had been sanctioned by the Minister for Local Government and Public Health under date of the 23rd February, 1937, by letter No. S, and would be repaid within a period of five years with interest at the usual rate of one-half per cent. below Irish Banks' Rate with a minimum of four per cent.

Accordingly, the following resolution was unanimously adopted on the motion of Councillor Moran, seconded by Councillor Dunne:-

"At a Meeting of the Corporation of the Borough of Wexford held on the 5th day of April, 1937, It was resolved that in pursuance of the consent of the Local Government Minister dated 23rd February, 1937, the Corporation do borrow from the National Bank, Ltd. the sum of £930 for the purpose of defraying expenditure on certain Road Works and the relief of Unemployment to be repaid to the Bank by half-yearly instalments spread over the period of five 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 Deed was thereupon sealed and signed on behalf of the Corporation.

GRANT FOR ROAD AND FOOTPATH WORK.

Under date of 25th ultimo, by letter No. RU.204/201, the Minister for Local Government and Public Health intimated that a Grant of £3140 had been provisionally allocated for 1937/38 for road and footpath works provided a contribution of £500 was raised in the current year's rates.

The Town Clerk said, as the members were aware, they had agreed to the Town Rates on the 15th ultimo, and as far as he knew the only way they could raise a supplementary rate was by calling a meeting of the ratepayers, but he was not absolutely certain on the matter and would like an opinion from the Minister's experts thereon.

It was agreed, however, on the motion of Councillor Gaul, seconded by Councillor Connolly, to point out to the Minister that it did not appear to be possible to raise the local contribution in the current year's rates, and to request him to be so good as to permit the Corporation to raise the amount on this occasion by way of Loan from their Treasurer.

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LEASING OF PLOT - ST. JOHN'S ROAD.

Two applications were submitted for a vacant building plot on St. John's Road from Mr. Samuel Yates, Selskar Street, and Mr. Nicholas Murphy, St. John's Road, and on the motion of the Mayor, seconded by Councillor Connolly, it was unanimously agreed to let the plot to Mr. Yates for a term of 100 years at a rent of £5. per annum; Mr. Yates to be responsible for the cost of preparing the necessary Lease. In addition, he was to erect, by recognised tradesmen, a house on the plot, to be approved of by the Corporation, and to build a wall in front to the satisfaction of the Borough Surveyor.

ANNUAL MEETING OF IRISH PUBLIC BODIES MUTUAL INSURANCES, LTD.

On the motion of Councillor Connolly, seconded by Councillor Murphy, Councillor Robert Moran was appointed to represent the Corporation at the Annual General Meeting of the Irish Public Bodies Mutual Insurances, Ltd.

LETTING OF VACANT HOUSES.

In accordance with notice given, Councillor James Billington moved that a panel of persons eligible for the occupancy of Artisans Dwellings be established.

In moving his motion, the Councillor explained that his idea was when the next house became vacant (not a house for the re-housing of Slum Dwellers) that a list be made in the order of the number of votes received by the applicants for that house, and that houses becoming vacant afterwards be allocated by the Town Clerk in accordance with the order of the names on that list.

Councillor Cashman seconded the motion, which was carried after a suggestion by Alderman Flusk, that a person must obtain at least six votes before his name be placed on the panel, had been embodied in the motion.

Councillor Gaul dissented, stating that he preferred the present system of allocating tenants as houses became vacant.

EXPORT OF GREYHOUNDS.

On the motion of Councillor Gaul, seconded by Councillor Murphy, the

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following resolution submitted by the Cobh Urban District Council was adopted:-

"Following the Trade Agreement with England re the removal of the Import Duty on live horses into that Country, this Council is unanimously of the opinion that a similar agreement should be negotiated to cover the export of grayhounds from the Free State into Great Britain, or in the alternative that the Free State Government should pay a Bounty, equal to the Horse Bounty, on all exports of Greyhounds, which must now be regarded as a National Livestock Industry. That copies of this Resolution be sent to the President of the Executive Council, all Public Boards in the Country, and to the Secretary of the Irish Coursing Club."

RECONSTRUCTION GRANTS.

On the motion of the Mayor, seconded by Councillor James Billington, the following resolution submitted by the Killarney Urban Council was also adopted:-

"That we request the Minister for Local Government and Public Health to make the Reconstruction Grants under the Housing Acts available for all Urban Houses which conform to certain conditions as to site, contain the required number of rooms and floor area and have sanitary accommodation, and thus assist in solving the Housing problem by facilitating the enlargement and improvement of large numbers of houses which otherwise would be left fall into bad repair, and that copies of Resolution be sent to the Minister for Local Government and Public Health; the Association of Municipal Authorities and all Municipal Authorities in the Country."

COMPENSATION FOR BUTCHERS.

A further resolution, submitted by the Corporation of Drogheda, was agreed to on the motion of Councillor Connolly, seconded by Councillor Sinnott, viz.:-

"That where a seemingly healthy beast is found to be tubercular after slaughter that the Government be requested to make reasonable compensation to the butcher in ratio to the cost of the beast."

DATE FOR QUARTERLY MEETING.

On the motion of Councillor Gaul, seconded by Councillor Cashman, it was decided that a Quarterly Meeting of the Corporation be held on Monday, June 28th, 1937, at 7.30. p.m.

ERECTION OF HOUSES AT WHITEMILL.

With reference to Minutes of 1st ultimo, when it was decided to accept the tender of Messrs. H. & A. Hamilton, Waterford, for the erection of 62 houses in brick, together with the necessary development works,

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for the sum of £21,992, the Minister for Local Government and Public Health, under date of the 31st ultimo by letter No. H.15554, pointed out that the building costs per house would amount to £355 approximately. When the cost of land, legal expenses, etc. was added, the total all-in cost would be, approximately, £367 per house.

As the scheme was intended to be used for slum Clearance purposes, the Corporation would appreciate the need for keeping the cost at the absolute minimum in order to enable themselves, at a minimum cost to the ratepayers, to ~~rent~~^{let} the houses at rents within the capacity of slum dwellers to pay. In the circumstances, he suggested that all the houses should be erected in concrete blocks.

In this connection, the Mayor intimated that he had been informed by the Housing Section on Friday last that this communication had been sent to the Town Clerk, and he had made a suggestion to the Department that the Corporation be permitted to build the twelve houses on the Main Road in brick if the contractors would agree to build them at the same price as quoted for the 62, and the Department were agreeable to this suggestion.

The Contractor had assured him that he would agree to this, and he believed the Corporation would get a better rent for the brick house. Alderman Flusk, however, moved that the tender of Messrs. Hamilton for the erection of 62 houses in concrete blocks at the price of £20,938 be accepted. Councillor Dunne seconded.

Councillor Hayes moved that 50 of the houses be erected in block and 12 in brick. Councillor Sinnott seconded.

After some discussion, Alderman Flusk's motion was put to the meeting, when twelve voted for and five against.

On a poll being taken, at the request of Councillor Hayes, there voted:-

For the erection of all the houses in Block:	Councillors Dunne, Gaul, Cashman, Murphy, Atkins, Moran, Connolly, McMahon, McGuire, Aldermen Flusk, Cullimore, and the Mayor--12.
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Against: Councillors Martin, Hayes, James Billington, Crosbie,
and Sinnott----- 5.

Alderman Flusk's motion that the 62 houses be erected in concrete blocks was accordingly declared carried.

SOLICITOR'S BILL OF COSTS.

There was submitted to the meeting a requisition to tax the Solicitor's Bill of Costs, and on the motion of Councillor Murphy, seconded by Councillor Cashman, the document was executed on the part of the Corporation, and Mr. James G. Byrne, L.L.B., Solicitor, of North Main Street, was appointed to represent the Corporation at the Taxation Proceedings.

VOCATIONAL EDUCATION PAYMENTS.

Councillor Connolly stated that according to the press reports, a debate had taken place at a meeting of the Vocational Education Committee on the remarks he had made in relation to illegal payments by the Committee at last meeting, and he thought he would be justified in referring to it.

Councillor Connolly stated that the payment he had referred to at last meeting was admitted by the Chief Executive Officer, who held that it was perfectly legal. He was not in a position to-night to say whether it was legal or otherwise, but it appeared very strange to him that the Chief Executive Officer did not tell the Committee about how many other payments were made for work done by members of Public Bodies for several years past.

The Councillor spoke at length on this question of work being done for the Vocational Education Committee by members of Public Bodies, and intimated that if one member of a Public Body was allowed to work for ~~the~~ Committee, there was no reason to debar another.

In reply to a query, the Town Clerk intimated that the proper time and place to object to ~~any~~ payments made by a public body was when the audit was being held. Notice of the time and place of the audit was always published beforehand, intimating when and where objections would be heard.

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FEVER HOSPITAL FOR WEXFORD.

Councillor James Billington referred to the question of Fever Hospital accommodation for the town, and proposed a resolution that the County Board of Health be asked to establish a Fever Hospital in Wexford for Wexford Town and District.

Councillor McMahon seconded the proposition, which was unanimously agreed to.

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Mayor.

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A Meeting of the Finance and Works Committee was held at the close of the above meeting.

The members present being:-

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

Aldermen: William Cullimore and Michael Flusk.

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

NAME PLATE FOR EMMET PLACE.

The Borough Surveyor was directed to have a Name Plate fixed on Emmet Place.

STONEBRIDGE AND PAUL QUAY LANES.

A question was raised regarding the condition of Stonebridge Lane and Paul Quay Lane, and it was pointed out that they were not under the jurisdiction of the Corporation, the former being private property, and the latter under the jurisdiction of the Harbour Commissioners.

DEMOLITION OF HOUSE AT SOUTH MAIN STREET.

With reference to Minutes of the 15th ultimo, when the period for the Demolition of a house at South Main Street had been extended to the 1st instant, the Town Clerk intimated that nothing had yet been done to demolish the house, which was dangerous, and he was directed

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to communicate with the Agents to ascertain if they had received any instructions to demolish it.

SHOP AT MAUDLINTOWN.

An application from a Mrs. Elizabeth Murphy, 7, Harbour View, Maudlintown, for permission to open a shop there, was adjourned to enable notice to be given to each member, and to ascertain why she signed the Agreement not to open a shop.

USE OF TOWN HALL FOR FEIS.

An application from the Feis Committee for the use of the Town Hall on the 9th, 16th and 17th May was granted free of charge on the motion of Councillor Gaul, seconded by Alderman Flusk.

RE WATER CHARGES FOR LORNEVILLE.

With reference to Minutes of last meeting, when a letter was submitted from Mr. Laurence Kirwan relative to the charge for water supplied to his premises at Lorneville, the Town Clerk submitted a report on the consumption of water for the July and October Quarters during the years 1933, 1934, and 1936. In this connection, it was decided to inform Mr. Kirwan that as the water had passed through the meter, the Corporation could make no alteration in the charge, and it would have to be paid for.

FIRE BRIGADE.

With reference to Minutes of last meeting, when a report was read from the Captain of the Fire Brigade, relative to a fire at Allen Street, he now reported, as requested, that the call had come from the Civic Guards.

LOAN UNDER S.D.A. ACTS - Michael Coghlan.

With reference to the application of Mr. Michael Coghlan for a loan under the Small Dwellings Acquisition Acts, Mr. Coghlan intimated that he was having a Water Closet erected, and the matter was again referred to the Borough Surveyor to see if he was now prepared to recommend the making of a Loan.

PURCHASE OF PLOT AT WILLIAM STREET.

Mr. John Molloy, Paythe, from whom the Corporation were trying to

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to purchase a small strip of ground at William Street, asked a sum of £70. therefor with a 50 per cent. reduction in the rent which he was paying to the landlords.

The price asked for was considered out of all proportion to the value of the land, and it was decided to offer Mr. Molloy a sum of £30, and if he would not accept this, to recommend the Corporation to make a Compulsory Purchase Order. As regards the rent, the Corporation could make no reduction as it was outside their jurisdiction.

R. Cairns 42
Mayor

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A Meeting of the Housing Committee 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 and William Cullimore.

Councillors: Robert Moran, John Billington, James Crosbie, James Billington, Thomas Dunne, and James Sinnott.

ALLOCATION OF HOUSES AT MAUDLINTOWN.

Houses were allocated by lot to persons residing in condemned houses at Keyser's Lane and Byrne's Lane; and a three-roomed house was allocated to a man named Doyle and a four-roomed house to a man named Potts, who were residing in two small houses at William Street recently acquired by the Corporation and which were considered unfit for human habitation.

HOUSES AT PARADISE ROW.

The Borough Surveyor was asked to expedite his report on what repairs were necessary to make the houses at Paradise Row fit for human habitation.

PROPOSED HOUSING SITE AT JOHN STREET.

The following were appointed to examine a field at the rere of John Street to see if it would be suitable for the erection of houses thereon, namely, Councillors James Billington, Sinnott, Alderman Flusk and the Mayor, with the Borough Surveyor.

TOWN CLERK'S SALARY.

With reference to Minutes of Committee held on 1st August last, which Minutes were approved by the Corporation on the 10th idem, when it was decided to request the Minister for Local Government and Public Health to sanction, in lieu of fees on the erection of houses and the preparation of Clearance and Demolition Orders, the salary scale of £400 per annum rising by annual increments of £10 to a maximum of £500, adopted by the Corporation in December, 1934, for the Town Clerk, it was reported that much correspondence had passed with the Minister for Local Government on this matter, as a result of which he sanctioned, under date of 23rd November, 1936, by letter No. G.171658, a salary scale of £400 per annum by increments of £10 to a maximum of £450, as from 10th August, 1936; and under date of 31st ultimo, by letter No. G.5277, the payment of a bonus of £50 to the Town Clerk in respect of his services in regard to housing.

In reply to a query, the Town Clerk intimated that, whilst the salary and bonus was not all that had been proposed by the Committee, he was satisfied with it, and so it was unanimously decided to recommend the Corporation to adopt the salary scale of £400 - £10 - £450 as from 10th August last, and the payment of a bonus of £50 in respect of Housing work at the meeting due to be held on May 3rd next.

FIVE-ROOMED HOUSES AT WILLIAM ST.

The Borough Surveyor submitted a plan for the erection of twelve 5-roomed houses at William Street to complete the Maudlinton Housing Scheme, and on the motion of Mr. Sinnott, resolved by

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Councillor Moran, it was unanimously decided to recommend the Corporation to erect these twelve houses by Direct Labour seeing that the Corporation had all their plant and machinery at Maudlin-town.

It was further agreed that as soon as the Borough Surveyor had the plan, specification, and estimate ready, the Town Clerk should submit them to the Minister for Local Government and Public Health to avoid delay.

PURCHASE OF GROUND AT WILLIAM STREET.

With reference to Minutes of last meeting of the Finance and Works Committee, when it was decided to offer Mr. John Molloy a sum of £30 for a plot of ground at William Street, the Town Clerk intimated to the meeting that he had had a conversation with Molloy and believed he would be able to persuade him to accept £35, and it was left in the hands of the Town Clerk to deal with this matter as he thought best.

TENDERS FOR NEW TOWN HALL.

It was reported that tenders had been invited for the erection of the new Town Hall, and that such tenders would be received by twelve o'clock, noon, on Monday 26th instant, and that it was intended to convene a Special Meeting of the Corporation for that night to consider these tenders.

It was thought advisable, however, that having regard to the amount of alternatives enquired for in the Specification and Bill of Quantities that a Special Committee should be appointed to open the tenders in the presence of the Architect and make a recommendation to the Corporation.

It was unanimously agreed that Councillors Dunne, John Billington, Crosbie, the Mayor, Borough Surveyor, and Mr. Millar should constitute such a Committee, with Mr. Donnelly, Architect.

FLOODING AT HANTOON ROAD.

The Borough Surveyor was asked to make a report on the allegation that certain houses at Hantoon Road were subject to flooding.

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Mayor.

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A meeting of the Finance and Works, Waterworks, and Public Health Committees 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 and William Cullimore.

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

ALLOCATION OF RELIEF GRANT.

With reference to Minutes of Meeting of the Corporation on the 5th instant, when a notification was received from the Minister for Local Government and Public Health that a Relief Grant of £3,140 would be available in the year 1937/38, provided a local contribution of £500 was made and raised in the current year's rates.

When this communication came before the Corporation, it was pointed out that the rates for the year 1937/38 had already been agreed to, and it was decided to request the Minister for Local Government and Public Health to sanction the raising of the £500 on this occasion by way of Loan.

In this connection, the Minister, under date of the 15th instant by letter No. RU/204/131, intimated that he was unable to agree to the proposal that the local contribution should be raised by way of loan or overdraft. The Town Clerk intimated to the meeting that in addition to this communication he had had a conversation with one of the officials of the Road Section by telephone, and as a result he submitted the following resolution for the consideration of the Committee, and if they thought it advisable they could recommend it to the Corporation for adoption, and in his (Town Clerk's) opinion it would be agreed to by the Minister for Local Government and Public Health:-

"As it is a condition that the Corporation should raise in in the Local Rates for 1937/38 a sum of £500 in order to qualify

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for a Grant of £3140 under the Employment Schemes Vote, 1937/38, and as the Corporation have agreed on and applopped the Town Rates for the year ending on 31st March, 1938, it is hereby resolved that the said contribution of £500 be made in the current year from the reserve held for the payment of the April Accounts, and that the said sum of £500 be raised in the rates for the Financial Year 1938/39, provided that savings to meet such amount are not made in the year 1937/38 without in any way reducing the amounts necessary to maintain other essential services."

The members of the Committee were satisfied with the resolution submitted by the Town Clerk, and unanimously agreed to recommend it to the Corporation at a meeting due to be held on the 3rd proximo; in the meantime the Town Clerk was to forward a copy of the proposed resolution to the Minister for Local Government and Public Health to see if he would approve of it.

OPENING OF SHOP AT MAUDLINTOWN.

With reference to Minutes of last meeting, when a request was submitted from Mrs. Eliza Murphy, of Harbour View, Maudlintown, for permission to open a shop and when the matter was adjourned to the present meeting to enable special notice to be given to each member, a lengthy discussion took place thereon.

Mrs. Murphy, in reply to a query as to why she signed an Agreement not to open a shop, intimated that she did not know her livelihood would be questioned when she decided to sell the house at Batt Street in which she had always carried on a little business. She further intimated that owing to not having glasses with her she was unable to read the Agreement the morning she took possession of the house, but it was pointed out to the meeting by the Town Clerk that the purport of the Agreement was always told to each person before they signed it.

Councillor Crosbie proposed that the necessary permission be given to Mrs. Murphy to open a shop in view of the fact that she was conducting a business at Batt Street before her removal to Maudlintown. Councillor James Billington seconded, and on a poll being taken there voted:-

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- For: Councillors Hayes, Cashman, Sinnott, Billington, Crosbie,
McGuire, Connolly, and the Mayor----- 8
- Against: Councillors Dunne, Gaul, Moran, Atkins, Aldermen
Cullimore and Flusk----- 6
- Declined
to Vote: Councillor Murphy----- 1.

The motion was accordingly declared carried, and permission given to Mrs. Murphy to open a shop.

ALLOTMENTS.

The Town Clerk explained that in connection with the provision of allotments for unemployed persons, he had invited tenders from a number of local traders for the supply of seed, etc., and had only received two. They were from the Loc Garmain Co-Operative Society and the Wexford Timber Company.

As the latter Firm did not quote for all the seeds required, it was not in order and he had accepted the tender of the Co-Operative Society in order that the provision of seed for the allotment holders would not be delayed.

The tender of the Timber Company for the supply of spades and shovels was the lower of the two submitted, and he had accepted this.

On the motion of Councillor Hayes, seconded by Councillor Crosbie, the acceptance of these two tenders by the Town Clerk was approved of.

With reference to the decision of the Committee on the 22nd ultimo to provide a supplemental allotments Scheme at Boyle's field, John Street, the Minister for Local Government and Public Health under date of the 14th instant, by letter No. H.24324, forwarded Form E. for details of the proposed scheme.

In this case it was considered rather late in the season to commence a Supplemental Scheme, and it was decided to adjourn it until the 1938 Season.

HOUSING SITE AT JOHN STREET.

With reference to Minutes of last meeting of the Housing Committee, when a Committee had been appointed to inspect a piece of ground at

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John Street to find out if it would be suitable for houses, the Mayor reported that Alderman Flusk, Councillor James Billington and himself had inspected the site, and were unanimously of the opinion that it would not be suitable.

PROVISION OF A POUND.

The County Registrar asked what had been done regarding the provision of a Pound, under the Pounds Act, 1935, and it was decided to inform the Registrar that so far the Corporation had been unable to secure suitable premises at a price within their resources, but that the matter had not been lost sight of.

SMALL DWELLINGS ACQUISITION ACTS.

An application from Mr. Samuel Yates for a Loan of £650 for the erection of a house, under the Small Dwellings Acquisition Acts, was submitted, and it was unanimously decided to recommend the Corporation to make the advance, and Mr. Yates was to be informed that the money would be paid only on condition that the house would be erected by recognised tradesmen.

A further application for a Loan under the Acts for the purchase of a house in which he resided at Rowe Street was referred to the Borough Surveyor for a report.

The Borough Surveyor was also asked to inspect the house at High Street proposed to be purchased by Mr. Michael Coghlan, as the necessary sanitary convenience had now been installed.

OVERDRAFT.

At the request of the Town Clerk, it was decided to apply for permission to overdraw the Ordinary Account by a sum not exceeding £5,500. The Clerk explained that this was necessary owing to the Loan Charges falling due on May 1st, which amounted to £5626, and it would be some time before the rates for the current year began to be collected.

TRANSFER OF STOCK.

On the motion of the Mayor, seconded by Councillor Moran, a request for the transmission of a Register Certificate in respect of a sum

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of £97 in $4\frac{1}{2}$ per cent. Land Bonds was sealed and signed on the part of the Corporation.

SALE OF HOUSES - ST. JOHN'S ROAD.

With reference to the sale of houses at St. John's Road and Davitt Road, the Deeds transferring these houses to the tenants and securing repayment of principal to the Corporation were submitted for execution, but as a number of tenants refused to sign until certain repairs were carried out, it was agreed to adjourn the execution of the Deeds by the Corporation until next meeting so as to enable the Borough Surveyor to make an inspection of the houses to see what was necessary to be done, it being the intention of the Committee to hand the houses over in a good state of repair.

SUPPLY OF WATER TO LORNEVILLE.

With reference to Minutes of last meeting regarding a supply of water to Mr. Laurence Kirwan, Lorneville, Mr. Kirwan, under date of the 9th instant, forwarded cheque for the amount due, which, he stated, was without prejudice to the proceedings which he was bringing against the Corporation for breach of their contract with him and for damage to his cylinder, tanks, etc.

No action was taken on the report.

EXCHANGE OF HOUSES.

An application was submitted from Mr. Laurence Grace, 20 Antelope Road, and Mr. William Keelan, Wolfe Tone Villas for permission to exchange houses, and on the motion of Councillor Gaul, seconded by Councillor Crosbie, the necessary permission was granted, but with Alderman Flusk dissenting.

EMPLOYMENT OF RD. KEANE.

Messrs. M. J. O'Connor & Co., Solicitors, on behalf of the Hibernian Insurance Company, who insured the Corporation workmen against accident, enquired if there was any possibility of Richard Keane, who was at present drawing compensation, being re-employed, as according to the report they had received from Dr. O'Brien, Keane had recovered and was fit for work.

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In this connection it was decided to inform the Solicitors that the Corporation had no work available at the moment, as the erection of houses at Maudlintown, on which he was first employed, was all but completed, and the men engaged on Road Works were supplied from the local Labour Exchange from amongst those in receipt of Unemployment Assistance.

PETROLEUM LICENCES.

Licences under the Petroleum Act, 1871, were signed in respect of premises of Messrs. Walker & Sons, Main Street, and Kavanagh Brothers, Bullring, together with a Licence to maintain a Petrol Pump for the latter firm.

SLATES ON OLD HOUSES AT WILLIAM ST.

An application for the purchase of slates on two old houses at William Street was submitted on behalf of Laurence O'Leary, Batt Street, but the Borough Surveyor intimated that if the slates were of any use, he would require them for Corporation work, and it was decided to leave the matter entirely in his hands, to dispose of if they were of no use to him.

ALLOCATION OF HOUSES.

With reference to Minutes of last meeting of the Housing Committee, when it was decided to allocate a man named Doyle, of William Street, a three-roomed house at Maudlintown, the Town Clerk intimated that it would be better to allocate this man a four-roomed house as he had a family, and to give the three-roomed house to a man named Browne, of Keyser's Lane, who had no one but himself. The suggestion of the Town Clerk was agreed to in this matter, and as well, it was decided to request the Rent Collector to ascertain from the people living in three-roomed houses at Maudlintown if any of them would be desirous of transferring to a four-roomed house.

HOUSE AT BATT STREET - MICHAEL ROCHE.

A complaint regarding a house at Batt Street, occupied by Michael Roche, was made, and it was decided to ask Dr. Sinnott for a report thereon.

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COMPLAINT RE GULLS - COOLREE RESERVOIR.

The Town Clerk reported that he had received a request from the Wexford Anglers' Society for the permission of the Corporation to allow the Caretaker of the Reservoir to keep a shot-gun for the purpose of scaring away gulls which were destroying the trout in the Reservoir, as well as fouling the water.

In this connection, it was decided to inform the Anglers' Society that the Corporation had no power to refuse this permission, and any arrangement made should be between the Caretaker and the Society themselves, the Corporation having no responsibility in the matter.

LAWLOR'S HOUSE, JOHN STREET, ETC.

The Borough Surveyor was asked to inspect a house at John Street occupied by a man named John Lawlor, and to have the Main Street end of Paul Quay Lane cleaned up. He was also asked to have repairs carried out to the roadway at the Folly, and to investigate a complaint from a man named John Rutledge, of Maudlintown, that there was no cover on the stopcock in his yard.

DANGEROUS TREES.

The Surveyor was further asked to take down dangerous trees in St. Patrick's Churchyard and St. John's Churchyard.

DUMP AT SUMMERHILL ROAD.

Complaint was also made regarding the removal of rubbish from the dump at Summerhill Road, and the Sub Sanitary Officer was directed to inform the Town Clerk if he found any person removing rubbish from the dump, and the Town Clerk was directed to take proceedings against such person or persons.

The Borough Surveyor was also directed to have a galvanized fence placed in front of this dump to prevent the entry of unauthorised persons.

PUBLIC HEALTH BUSINESS.

The report of the Meat Inspector for the month of March showed that he had examined 156 cattle, 308 sheep, and 54 swine.

Of the cattle, seven heads and tongues and sixteen organs were

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were destroyed for Tuberculosis, and fourteen organs for other diseases.

Of the sheep, one organ was destroyed for a disease other than Tuberculosis; and of the swine, one whole carcase was destroyed for Tuberculosis.

SUPERVISION OF MILK.

Under date of the 3rd instant, by letter No. P.H.60, the Minister for Local Government and Public Health forwarded copy of a circular issued to all Veterinary Inspectors regarding a short Refresher Course for officers who were concerned with the supervision of milk supplies, and requested that the Local Authorities would facilitate their Inspectors in attending the proposed course.

It was unanimously decided that if Mr. Staples, the Inspector, decided to attend the course, every facility would be given him by the Corporation.

COUNTY MEDICAL OFFICER'S REPORT.

According to an extract from the report of the County Medical Officer of Health for the month of March, three cases of Erysipelas had been reported during the month.

PIGS AND BACON ACT, 1935.

The Town Clerk reported that on the 20th March, he had had a telephone conversation with the Chief Veterinary Surgeon of the Department of Agriculture, during which the Surgeon intimated that the Pigs and Bacon Act, 1935, would come into operation on the 1st April, and in connection with its administration he required the attendance of Mr. Finucane, Veterinary Inspector to the Corporation, at a Conference to be held in the Department on the 22nd March.

Mr. Finucane had attended the Conference, at which the duties he would be required to perform had been explained to him, and he had informed the Chief Inspector that, in his opinion, it would be impossible for him to carry them out without assistance in addition to his work under the Agricultural Produce (Fresh Meat) Acts and the

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Public Health Acts.

The Inspector, however, had asked him to have a conference with the Town Clerk on his return to Wexford, and for the Town Clerk to communicate with the Chief Inspector.

Mr. Finucane had explained the matter in full, and the Town Clerk was of opinion that it would not be possible for Mr. Finucane to carry out these duties by himself, and he had explained this to the Department in a telephone conversation on the 23rd ultimo.

The Department had asked him, however, to give the matter a trial, so that the Act could be put in force at the premises of the Wexford Bacon Factory on the 1st instant, and Mr. Finucane and himself had agreed to this course.

Subsequently, he had received a communication from the Minister for Agriculture under date of the 31st ultimo, No. E.19/4341/35, requesting a confirmation that the Corporation's Veterinary Inspector would be in a position to carry out from the 1st instant the veterinary examination required, and he had replied to the effect that in the opinion of the Inspector and himself it would not be possible for him to carry out these duties, but that they had arranged to give the matter a trial, and the necessary inspection under the Pigs and Bacon Act had commenced on the 1st instant.

The following report was then submitted from Mr. Finucane on his duties under this Act since the 1st instant, and it was decided to forward a copy of it to the Minister for Agriculture for his observations:-

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"Gentlemen,

I beg to bring to your notice the increased duties and added responsibilities as it affects my position as Veterinary Inspector to the Wexford Corporation since the coming into operation of the Pigs and Bacon Act, 1935.

As I presume you are aware already, that this Act came into operation on 1st April last. Previous to this date I was summoned to Dublin by the Department for an interview, at which my duties were explained, and I was requested, so far as the Wexford Meat Factory was concerned, to put the scheme into operation.

Since that date, I have endeavoured to carry out my duties faithfully to both the Corporation and the Department, but I am convinced I shall be unable to carry on much longer owing to my laborious duties at the Factory without serious injury to my health, unless I am supplied with an Assistant.

Since April 1st, I have never been out of the Factory before 5.30 and some days 6.0. p.m.

For your information, the average weekly killings at the factory are approximately 500 pigs, which means a minute examination of the viscera of each - not to speak of a walk of approximately 40 yards in order to inspect the heads, which have meanwhile been switched on to another line while I am doing the preliminary inspections. This, I think you will agree, is pretty laborious, when you consider the atmosphere I am working in, and that for long periods. And, when all this inspection is complete, each pig is stamped in eighteen different places, the stamping on some occasions has to be done in the chill room, and must be done personally.

The foregoing is a brief outline of my duties at the factory, after which the butchers of the town have to be inspected, which average approximately eight calls and inspections per day.

I feel it necessary, if I am to discharge my duties faithfully to both the Corporation and the Department, that I should make my position clear, and I shall thank you, Gentlemen, for your kind consideration.

Yours faithfully,

M. J. Finucane."

R. Curran 47
mayor

1st May, 1937.

A Meeting of the Special Rates Committee 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) with Aldermen Walsh, Cullimore, Flusk, Councillors Buckland and Hayes.

TOWN RATES.

The Committee carefully examined the Schedule of uncollected rates presented by the Collector of Town Rates, Mr. Patrick Curran, and decided to recommend the Corporation to write off as irrecoverable £735. 11. 6 $\frac{1}{2}$, and to carry forward as collectible arrears £3423. 3. 4 $\frac{1}{2}$.

3rd May, 1937.

A Meeting of the Special Committee appointed to examine the tenders for the erection of a New Town Hall met this day at the Town Clerk's Office at half-past three o'clock p.m.

The members present being:-

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

Councillors: John Billington, James Crosbie, and Thomas Dunne, with Mr. Donnelly, Architect; the Borough Surveyor, Mr. T. J. Millar, and the Town Clerk.

It was reported that four tenders had been received, and on the suggestion of Mr. Donnelly they were numbered 1, 2, 3, and 4 before being opened.

No. 1 tender was £33,900; No. 2, £36,954; No. 3, £32,843; and No. 4, £31,833. 0. 4.

There were a number of alternative estimates, and after deducting these it was seen that No. 3 Tender at £24,469 was the lowest of the four, but even at this figure the price was much above the estimate for the building.

3rd May, 1937.

In view of the price quoted, the Committee did not feel justified in making any recommendation, and left the tenders to Mr. Donnelly and Mr. Millar to examine carefully with a view to possible reductions, against the meeting of the Corporation to be held this night.

