

WEXFORD COUNTY COUNCIL

Report of General Purposes Committee Meeting
Held on Monday, 5th October, 1987 - 2.30 p.m.

In Council Chamber, County Hall, Wexford

ATTENDANCE:

In the Chair: Councillor M. Sinnott, Chairman.

Other Members

Councillors

L. Allen;

H. Byrne, T.D.;

S. Doyle;

Mrs. D. Bolger;

J. Curtis;

R. Murphy;

J. A. Browne, T.D.,

M. D'Arcy;

P. Reck.

An apology for inability to attend was received on behalf of Councillor Mrs. A. Doyle, T.D.

Messrs: M. N. Dillon, County Manager; J. A. Quinlivan, Assistant County Manager; W. P. Creedon, County Secretary; F. A. Doyle, Finance Officer; P. Callery, County Engineer; J. N. Casey, Senior Executive Engineer, attended.

Overdraft and Short-Term Loans:

The Committee noted the Council's financial position as set out in the report dated 5th October, 1987, from the Finance Officer.

On the proposal of Councillor Mrs. D. Bolger, seconded by Councillor H. Byrne, T.D., the Committee recommended that the Council authorise borrowing by overdraft or short-term loan up to a maximum of £2,000,000 for the quarter ending 31st December, 1987.

The County Secretary informed the Committee that the Valuation Office had indicated that the moneys available to pay the contribution in lieu of Rates on Government property would be approximately 10% short of the requirement this year and that consequently it was proposed to reduce the amount paid to the Council by this percentage.

The amount of the claim for 1986 was £128,381. The shortfall will therefore amount to £12,838.

The Committee recommended that the Council protest at this reduction and keep in mind that a further reduction was possible in respect of 1988. The Committee also recommended that the Council pursue this matter through the County Councils' General Council as other local authorities were, presumably, experiencing similar reductions.

Armorial Arms:

The County Secretary informed the Committee that following the approval by the Council of the design for the Shield to be incorporated in the Council's Coat of Arms. The Chief Herald of Ireland had suggested the motto "Exemplar Hiberniae", meaning The Model (County) of Ireland, as a motto or slogan to accompany the Arms.

On the proposal of Councillor H. Byrne, T.D., seconded by Councillor Mrs. D. Bolger, the Committee recommended that the Council approve the motto "Exemplar Hiberniae" as the motto to accompany the Council's Coat of Arms.

Relationship with Staten Island, New York:

The Committee considered the report prepared by the County Manager of the delegation to Staten Island, New York 10th - 24th September, 1987, giving an account of the events attended and contacts made on the visit to the Borough of Staten Island, New York.

The County Manager expanded on some of the matters mentioned in the report and repeated his thanks to the Industrial Development Authority and the Bank of Ireland who had helped with establishing useful contacts.

On the proposal of Councillor L. Allen, seconded by Councillor R. Murphy, the Committee recommended that the Council resolve to form a Twinning Bond with the Borough of Staten Island, New York.

The Members of the Committee complimented the delegation on their work and achievements during the visit to the United States of America.

European Year of the Environment - Review:

The Council agreed in April, 1987, to review the list of proposals for the European Year of the Environment at their October meetings.

The County Secretary read the schedule of projects which have been undertaken or completed during the European Year of the Environment. These are:-

1. The Irish National Heritage Park.
2. Slaney Water Quality Management Plan.
3. Advance Warning Fish Tanks at Newtown Treatment Works.
4. Upgrading Public Conveniences and provision of Automatic Public Conveniences.
5. Planning of Coastal Path.
6. Preparation of 'Building Sensitively' Guidelines.
7. Tree Preservation Orders.

8. Project for Selskar/Medieval Walled Town Wexford.
9. Sports Complex on Reclaimed Land at Carcur.
10. Maritime Sculpture at Ferrybank.

S.E.R.D.O. - Matters Discussed at Recent Meetings:

The Committee noted the schedule of matters discussed at recent meetings and the minutes of the meetings of July and September, 1987.

As reported at the September meeting the Minister for the Environment has announced the Government's intention to abolish the Regional Development Organisations.

The County Manager referred to letters of 7th September, 1987, from the Department of the Environment, pointing out that the Government decision requires the termination of local authority funding of Regional Development Organisations, and 29th September, 1987, from the South Eastern Regional Development Organisation, enquiring whether the Council would continue to contribute to the Organisation either at the present or a reduced level. The County Manger pointed out that the terms of the Departmental letter would preclude the Council from continued funding of the Organisation.

It was proposed by Councillor P. Reck, seconded by Councillor M. D'Arcy, that the Committee recommend that the Council representatives on the South Eastern Regional Development Organisation be instructed to oppose the abolition of the Organisation at any further meetings called.

The proposal was put to the meeting and carried by 5 votes to 3.

Air Pollution Act, 1987:

The County Secretary informed the Committee that the Air Pollution Act, 1987, has been brought into force by Order of the Minister for the Environment. The County Council is the authority to which responsibilities under the Act are being entrusted. From the information received from the Department these responsibilities will not make substantial demands on the Council's resources initially, as Ireland has been fully observing the E.E.C. Air Quality Standards for sulphur dioxide, lead and nitrogen dioxide. Recent or prospective environmental improvements should ensure that this situation continues. For instance, the sulphur content of heating and diesel engine fuel is now less than half the previous level and the lead content of petrol has been reduced by approximately 60%. Unleaded petrol is now becoming available in Ireland. Furthermore, improved vehicle emission systems will soon become mandatory.

The Council is obliged to make the necessary arrangements to monitor the air. The Minister will shortly issue directions and detailed technical advice on this aspect of the Council's obligation.

The Committee discussed the proposals and noted the fact that these obligations have been assigned to the Council at a time of cut-backs in funding and reduction of staff numbers.

The Committee recommended that the Council should inform the Department that while the implementation of the Air Pollution Act, 1987, does not appear to create a large drain on resources it has been noted that the Water Pollution Act, the Control of Dogs Act and this Act have been introduced without specific provision for financing the operations and that other responsibilities, e.g., Building Regulations, are envisaged and that the Council is concerned that further responsibilities should not be assigned to the Council without ensuring that the necessary funds are made available.

Kilmore Quay:

The County Secretary informed the Committee that, following contacts with the Department of the Marine, tenders had been received for dredging the Harbour at Kilmore Quay. The Department is prepared to subsidise the works to the extent of 50% (Maximum £28,000) on certain conditions.

The County Manager informed the Committee that the Council undertook works last year at Courtown Harbour on the understanding of a 50% recoupment. These works cost approximately £90,000 and so far payment of the Department's share has not been received. He therefore suggested that the Council inform the Department that for financial reasons the Council cannot undertake the work at Kilmore Quay this year but that if the balance due in respect of the cost of the scheme at Courtown is received the Council would consider including the Kilmore Quay Scheme for the 1988 Programme.

On the proposal of Councillor L. Allen, seconded by Councillor S. Doyle, the Committee recommended that the Council write to the Department of the Marine on the lines suggested by the County Manager.

Water Charges - Caravan Park:

The County Manager informed the Committee that the Caravan Park operators in the County have been in contact with the Council about the introduction of water charges based on the number of sites. They have complained that notification of these charges was received too late for inclusion by them in their charges for this season. They have, however, suggested that if the charge were discounted by 50% for this year and 25% for next year, they would pay the accounts.

As the alternative would be to disconnect the caravan parks and possibly undertake numerous court actions, the County Manager informed the Committee he recommended the 50% discount for payments received before 30th November next and consideration be given to the arrangements for 1988.

On the proposal of Councillor R. Murphy, seconded by Councillor M. D'Arcy, the Committee recommended that the Council agree to a 50% discount in respect of water charges for caravan parks, for of 1987 only, provided payment is received on or before 30th November, 1987.

The County Manager pointed out that the reduced charge for 1987 was on a par with the effective charge for 1986.

WEXFORD COUNTY COUNCIL

Minutes of Special Meeting of Wexford County Council
Held on Monday, 12th October, 1987 - 11.00 a.m.
In Council Chamber, County Hall, Wexford

ATTENDANCE:

In the Chair: Councillor M. Sinnott, Chairman.

Other Members - Councillors -

L. Allen;	Mrs. D. Bolger;	J. Bolger;
J.A. Browne, T.D.;	J. T. Browne;	G. Byrne;
H. Byrne, T.D.;	L. Carthy;	J. Curtis;
M. D'Arcy;	S. Doyle;	B. Howlin, T.D.;
R. Lambert;	J. Murphy;	R. Murphy;
P. Reck;	J. Walsh;	S. Whelan;
I. Yates, T.D.;		

Messrs: M. N. Dillon, County Manager; J. A. Quinlivan, Assistant County Manager; W. P. Creedon, County Secretary; P. Callery, County Engineer; F. A. Doyle, Finance Officer; J. N. Casey, Senior Executive Engineer, attended.

PREPARATION OF ESTIMATE OF EXPENSES FOR 1988:

This was a special meeting of the Council held in Committee to consider the preparation of the Estimate of Expenses for 1988 and related matters.

Mr. M. N. Dillon, County Manager, circulated and read a report dated 12th October, 1987, showing how the Council's finances would be affected by the reduction in the Rate Related Grants.

The affect of these is to leave a gap to be bridged in the Council's finances of £1,285,000.

In his report, the County Manager enumerated a number of headings under which expenditure might be cut or income generated or increased. The suggestions included staffing reductions by way of natural wastage or voluntary redundancy.

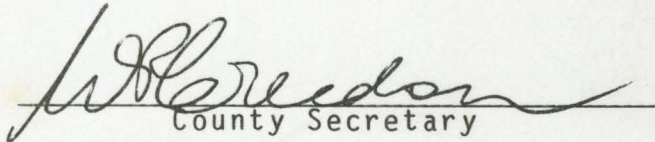
The Council discussed the report thoroughly but made no decisions about the matters covered pending further consideration of the Estimate of Expenses for 1988.

On the proposal of Councillor J. Curtis, seconded by Councillor J. T. Browne, it was resolved that the Council would consider all documents relating to the Estimates, including the County Manager's report of 12th October, 1987, to be confidential until such time as the Statutory Estimate of Expenses and County Manager's Report are published.

ESTIMATE OF EXPENSES, 1988 - NEXT MEETING:

It was agreed to hold the next meeting to discuss the Council's financial position and the Estimate of Expenses for 1988 at 10.00 a.m. on Friday, 23rd October, 1987.

The meeting then ended.


County Secretary

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Chairman

Subject SEALING OF DOCUMENTS

By virtue of the powers vested in me by the County Management Acts, 1940-1972,
IT IS HEREBY ORDERED that ...

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the Seal of Wexford County Council be affixed to the following documents at their Meeting held on Monday, 12th October, 1987:-

1. Mortgages under Section 39 of the Housing Act, 1966, and the Housing Regulations, 1980:

- Michael Grangel, 14, Mount Carmel Estate, New Ross
- Francis & Margaret Kenny, 37, Pearse Road, E'corthy.
- Robert J. & Barbara Moulds, 38, Pairc Mhuire, Ferns.
- Thomas Kelly, 14, St. Joseph's Park, Marshalstown, Enniscorthy (additional)
- David & Caroline Hendrick, Ballyrue, New Ross (additional)
- Dominic Hearne, "Brackendale", The Harrow, Curracloe.
- Elizabeth Fagan, 4, Scotch Quay, Waterford.
- Daniel Donohoe, Corduff, Bunclody.
- Eamonn Curtis, Wellingtonbridge, Co. Wexford.
- Patricia Cadogan, Carrowreigh, Taghmon.
- Laurence & Esther Sinnott, 8, Patrick Place, E'corthy.
- Desmond Dunbar, Seamount, Courtown.

Subject (2)

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ORDER: By virtue of the powers vested in me by the County Management Acts, 1940-1972, IT IS HEREBY ORDERED that . . .

Stephen O'Leary, 50, Weafer Street, Enniscorthy.
Eileen Grace & Gerard O'Brien, 50, Upr. Main St. Gorey
Nicholas Delaney & Louise Barron, "Old Gardens",
2, Clifford Street, Wexford.
Denis Murphy, 15, Monastery Avenue, Taghmon.
John Duffin, Drealistown, New Ross.

2. Mortgages Under Section 8 of the Housing (Miscellaneous) Provisions Act, 1979:-

Martin Ryan, Grove View, The Ballagh, Enniscorthy.
William Kavanagh, Coolishall, Gorey.
James Wilson, 22, Eire Street, Gorey.
Patrick Redmond, Scarke, New Ross.
Mary Quirke, 17, Patrick Street, Enniscorthy.
John O'Sullivan, Knockbine, Ballymitty.
Gerard O'Reilly, Rahard, Killurin.
Thomas & Mary Mahon, Rahale, Oylggate.
Michael Doyle, The Well, Courtnacuddy, Enniscorthy.
Owen & Marian Breslin, Ballydawmore, Enniscorthy.
Patrick Dixon, Donanore, Enniscorthy.

Subject (3)

ER:- By virtue of the powers vested in me by the County Management Acts, 1940-1972,
IT IS HEREBY ORDERED that . . .

3. Income-Related Loans:

Joseph & Mary O'Brien, 129, Belvedere Grove, Wexford.

4. Convertible Loans:

Angela & Simon Laffan, 13, Monck Street, Wexford.
Michael & Honorah Frayne, Shroughmore, Ballindaggin.

5. Discharges:

Thomas Kinsella, Ballyedmond, Gorey.
Nora Coleman, Oulartwickmore, Oulart.
Margaret Doyle, Tomcoole, Barntown.
Mary Kehoe (nee Power), 8, Hillview Tce., Enniscorthy.
Patrick McGee, Ardinagh, Taghmon.
John & Marion O'Brien, 9, Pearse Road, Enniscorthy.
Patrick Murphy, Rathnure Lower, Enniscorthy.
Alan Malone, Orristown, Killinick.
John P. Whelan, Ballymorris, Clonard.
Terence Martin, Crylough, Killinick.
William & Patricia Burrell, Seafield, Duncormick (plot
only)

Subject (4)

ER: By virtue of the powers vested in me by the County Management Acts, 1940-1972,
IT IS HEREBY ORDERED that . . .

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Patrick & Marie McNamee, Thornville Cottage, Ballycogley
John Parle, Tincone, Ferrybank, Wexford.

6. Conveyance:

Deed of Conveyance between Wexford County Council and
Coras Iompair Eireann for transfer of 34.5 acres of
former railway line for road improvement purposes.

7. Transfer of Land for Housing Development:

- Site No. 6144, Mountelliot - Peter Roche to Wexford
County Council
- Site No. 7400, Ballymitty - Patrick Codd to Wexford
County Council
- Sites at Glasganny & Castlebridge - Richard Doyle to
Wexford County Council

8. Right-of-Way:

Site No. 6452, Holmanhill, E.D. Duncormick -
Michael Keane to Wexford County Council.

Subject(5).....
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IR:- By virtue of the powers vested in me by the County Management Acts, 1940-1972,
IT IS HEREBY ORDERED that . . .

9. Letting Agreements:

- Cottage No. 4980 - 2, Killagoley Tce., Enniscorthy - Ann Connors
- Cottage No. 5676 - 3, Lakelands, Bridgetown - William & Susan Kehoe
- Cottage No. 5969 - 29, Lakelands, Bridgetown - Patricia Pinfold
- Cottage No. 6355 - 58, Lakelands, Bridgetown - Patricia Power
- Cottage No. 6489 - 19, Commodore Barry Park, Rosslare Strand - Jacqueline Taylor.
- Cottage No. 6485 - 15, Commodore Barry Park - Rosslare Strand - John & Rosaleen Sheils.

10. Transfer Orders:

- Cottage No. 5144 - Raheenavarren, Newbawn - James & Margaret McGee
- Cottage No. 5239 - Ballinavarry, Davidstown - John Murphy
- Cottage No. 5310 - 6, St. John's Tce., Caim - William & Ann Jordan

Order No. 522

Subject (7)

By virtue of the powers vested in me by the County Management Acts, 1940-1972,
IT IS HEREBY ORDERED that . . .

12. Apportionment (and Redemption of part) of Cottage Purchase Annuity:

Cottage No. 4173 - Enniscorthy E.D., Enniscorthy Rural
Patrick Franklin
Cottage No. 4429 - Tomanocle, E.D. Castledockrill -
John Kavanagh

13. Memorial

James Murphy - Wexford County Council.

Signed by me at the County Hall, Wexford, on this 16th day of OCTOBER, 1937

J.P.C. 16/10/37

[Signature]
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Wexford County Manager

W E X F O R D C O U N T Y C O U N C I L

Minutes of Meeting of Wexford County Council
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ATTENDANCE:

In the Chair: Councillor M. Sinnott, Chairman.

Other Members

Councillors

L. Allen;	Mrs. D. Bolger;	J. Bolger;
J.A. Browne, T.D.;	J.T. Browne;	H. Byrne, T.D.;
L. Carthy;	J. Curtis;	M. D'Arcy;
Mrs.A.Doyle, T.D.;	S. Doyle;	B. Howlin, T.D.;
R. Lambert;	J. Murphy;	R. Murphy;
P. Reck;	J. Walsh;	S. Whelan;
I. Yates, T.D.;		

Messrs: M. N. Dillon, County Manager; J. A. Quinlivan, Assistant County Manager; W. P. Creedon, County Secretary; P. Callery, County Engineer; F. A. Doyle, Finance Officer; J. N. Casey, Senior Executive Engineer, attended.

CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES:

On the proposal of Councillor J. T. Browne, seconded by Councillor S. Doyle, the Council approved the Minutes of the monthly meeting held on 14th September, 1987.

The minutes were signed by the Chairman.

SYMPATHY OF THE COUNCIL:

On the proposal of Councillor M. Sinnott, Chairman, seconded by Councillor R. Murphy, the following resolutions of sympathy were passed:-

With the Bishop and Clergy of the Diocese and Mr. Martin O'Neill and family, on the death of Father Tomas O'Neill.

With the Swaine Family on the death of Mr. & Mrs. Brian Swaine.

With Mr. James Bowe, Kiltaly, on the death of Dr. R. Bowe.

All the members present and the County Manager were associated with the resolutions of sympathy which were passed by the members standing in silence.

CONGRATULATIONS OF THE COUNCIL:

On the proposal of Councillor M. Sinnott, Chairman, seconded by Councillor S. Doyle, the Council congratulated the following on their achievements:-

The Irish Tug-of-War Teams which won gold medals in the 640 and 560 kg. classes and silver medals in the 720 kg. class;

Mr. Martin Kehoe who won the National Ploughing Championships in ley and stubble class, Mr. Frank Curtis who came 2nd in the under 21 class and Mr. J. O'Dowd who came 2nd in the Macra class;

The Rathnure G.A.A. Team on winning the County Senior Hurling Championship and the Rapparees Team on winning the Minor Championship.

PROPOSED DISPOSAL OF LAND - NOTICES UNDER SECTION 83 OF THE HOUSING ACT, 1966:

Notice dated 28th September, 1987, had been circulated under Section 83 of the Local Government Act, 1946 as amended by Section 90 of the Housing Act, 1966 of a proposal to sell 8 houses, including plots, in accordance with the particulars shown in the schedule attached to the Notice.

On the proposal of Councillor I. Yates, T.D., seconded by Councillor Mrs. D. Bolger, the Council approved of the sale of 8 houses and plots as set out in the notice and attached schedules dated 28th September, 1987.

URGENT CORRESPONDENCE:Conferences:

The County Secretary informed the meeting that the only nomination he had received for attendance at the Conference on "Lake, River, Coastal Pollution - Can it be contained?" to be held on 5th and 6th November, 1987, at the Imperial Hotel, Cork, was Councillor Mrs. A. Doyle, T.D.

On the proposal of Councillor J. Curtis, seconded by Councillor J. T. Browne, it was resolved that Councillor M. Sinnott, Chairman, be nominated to attend this Conference.

It was proposed by Councillor S. Doyle, seconded by Councillor B. Howlin, that Councillor L. Carthy be nominated to attend the Conference.

It was proposed by Councillor H. Byrne, T.D., seconded by Councillor J. Walsh, that Councillor J. Murphy be nominated to attend this Conference.

A show of hands was taken on the nomination of either Councillor L. Carthy or Councillor J. Murphy, when 8 voted in favour of Councillor Carthy and 8 in favour of Councillor Murphy. The Chairman gave his casting vote in favour of Councillor Murphy and declared him nominated.

Aquaculture - Designation of Areas:

The County Secretary informed the Council of the letter dated 7th October, 1987, from the Department of the Marine stating that the Minister for the Marine now proposes to initiate the process of designating areas around the coast within which it shall be lawful to engage in aquaculture in accordance with Section 54 of the Fisheries Act, 1980. The Minister intends to include:-

1. Bannow Bay;
- 2 Ballyteigue Bay;

in the designated areas.

The Department invited the Council to confirm that they had no objection to the publication of the Minister's intention to make a designation order. Publication would enable interested parties to make their views known.

On the proposal of Councillor B. Howlin, seconded by Councillor J. Curtis, it was resolved that the Council raise no objection to the publication by the Department of the Marine of notice of the Minister's intention to make a Designation Order under Section 54 of the Fisheries Act, 1980, in respect of Bannow Bay and Ballyteigue Bay in County Wexford.

REPORT OF GENERAL PURPOSES COMMITTEE:

Overdraft and Short Term-Loans:

On the proposal of Councillor M. D'Arcy, seconded by Councillor R. Murphy, and on the recommendation of the General Purposes Committee, the Council authorised the borrowing up to a maximum of £2,000,000 by overdraft or short-term loan for the quarter ending 31st December, 1987.

On the proposal of Councillor M. D'Arcy, seconded by Councillor R. Murphy, and on the recommendation of the General Purposes Committee, it was resolved that the Council protest at the reduction in the payment of contribution in lieu of Rates on Government property as notified by the Valuation Office in their letter dated 24th September, 1987.

On the proposal of Councillor M. D'Arcy, seconded by Councillor I. Yates, T.D., the Committee also resolved that a copy of their resolution be sent to An Taoiseach as well as to the County Councils' General Council.

Armorial Arms:

On the proposal of Councillor R. Murphy, seconded by Councillor B. Howlin, and on the recommendation of the General Purposes Committee, the Council approved the motto "Exemplar Hiberniae" as the motto to accompany the Council's Coat of Arms.

It was agreed that the use by other organisations of the Council's Coat of Arms be regulated by resolution of the Council.

Relationship with Staten Island, New York:

On the proposal of Councillor R. Murphy, seconded by Councillor Mrs. D. Bolger and on the recommendation of the General Purposes Committee, it was resolved that the Council form a twinning bond with the Borough of Staten Island, New York.

European Year of the Environment - Review:

On the proposal of Councillor R. Murphy, seconded by Councillor J. A. Browne, T.D., the Council noted the report of the General Purposes Committee on the review of projects which had been undertaken or completed during the European Year of the Environment.

S.E.R.D.O. - Matters Discussed at Recent Meetings:

It was proposed by Councillor M. D'Arcy, seconded by Councillor J. T. Browne, that the Council representatives on the South Eastern Regional Development Organisation be instructed to oppose the abolition of the Organisation at any further meetings called.

An amendment was proposed by Councillor J. Walsh and seconded by Councillor J. A. Browne, T.D., that the Council accept the decision of the Government to abolish the Regional Development Organisations as conveyed in the letter dated 7th September, 1987, from the Department of the Environment.

The amendment was put to the meeting when 6 voted in favour and 11 against. The amendment was declared defeated.

The original proposal was put to the meeting and carried by 11 votes to 6.

Air Pollution Act, 1987:

On the proposal of Councillor R. Murphy, seconded by Councillor I. Yates, T.D., and on the recommendation of the General Purposes Committee, it was resolved that the Council inform the Department of the Environment that while the implementation of the Air Pollution Act, 1987, does not appear to create a large drain on resources it has been noted that the Water Pollution Act, the Control of Dogs Act and this Act have been introduced without specific provision for financing the operations and that other responsibilities, e.g., Building Regulations, are envisaged and that the Council is concerned that further responsibilities should not be assigned to the Council without ensuring that the necessary funds are made available.

Kilmore Quay and Courtown Harbour:

On the proposal of Councillor M. D'Arcy, seconded by Councillor Mrs. A. Doyle, T.D., it was resolved that the Council write to the Department of the Marine again asking them to pay the contribution towards the £90,000 expended by the Council on Courtown Harbour and pointing out that for financial reasons the Council cannot undertake the work at Kilmore Quay this year but that if the funding in respect of the scheme at Courtown is received the Council would consider including Kilmore Quay Scheme in the 1988 Programme.

Water Charges - Caravan Parks:

On the proposal of Councillor I. Yates, T.D., seconded by Councillor R. Murphy, and on the recommendation of the General Purposes Committee, the Council agreed to a 50% discount in respect of Water Charges for Caravan parks, for 1987 only, provided payment is received on or before 30th November, 1987.

TIMES AND DATES OF MEETINGS:

The following arrangements for meetings were fixed or confirmed:-

County Council - Statutory Estimates Meeting	9th November, 1987 - 10.00 a.m.
Wexford District Committee	27th October, 1987 - 10 a.m.
New Ross District Committee	6th November, 1987 - 3.00 p.m.
Enniscorthy District Committee	13th November, 1987 -

REPORTS OF COMMITTEES:

On the proposal of Councillor R. Murphy, seconded by Councillor J. T. Browne, the Council approved the recommendations of the various District Committees at the following meetings:-

- Enniscorthy - 4th September, 1987.
- New Ross - 4th September, 1987
- Wexford - 2nd and 28th September, 1987.

Library Committee:

Councillor B. Howlin, T.D., requested that the attendance at the meeting of the Library Committee of 22nd September, 1987, be amended to include his own name.

On the proposal of Councillor R. Murphy, seconded by Councillor J. T. Browne, the Council amended the report of the Library Committee Meeting of 22nd September, 1987, by including Councillor B. Howlin's name in the attendance and approved the recommendations of the Committee.

SEALING OF DOCUMENTS:

On the proposal of Councillor B. Howlin, T.D., seconded by Councillor R. Murphy, the Council approved the Sealing of Documents as submitted at the meeting.

CORRESPONDENCE AND COMMUNICATIONS:Request for Deputation:

The County Secretary read the letter dated 24th September, 1987, from the Private Secretary to the Minister for the Environment to Councillor M. Sinnott, Chairman, saying that because there was no question of additional Rate Support Grants in 1988 being available and also because of his heavy schedule of commitments, the Minister could not accede to the Council's request for the reception of a deputation by him but officials of the Department would be available to discuss any particular points should this be thought to be necessary.

After discussion the Chairman indicated that he would try to arrange for a deputation to be received by the Minister of State at the Department of the Environment.

PROGRESS AND OTHER REPORTS:(a) Rates:

The Council noted the monthly report on the state of the Rate Collection.

(b) Housing:

The Council noted the monthly Housing Report. In response to questions, the Council were informed that no further information had been received from the Department about the possibility of schemes in Killinick and Gorey progressing.

(c) Engineering:

The Council noted the monthly report on Engineering Services and the quarterly report on activities under the Water Pollution Act. Members questions were answered by the County Engineer.

NOTICE OF MOTION:Provision of Employment Schemes:

The following motion, of which notice had been given, was proposed by Councillor J. Murphy and seconded by Councillor J. Walsh:-

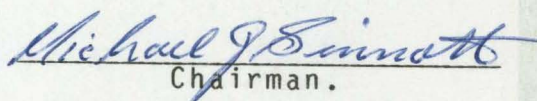
"That Wexford County Council calls on the Government to institute a scheme whereby those who find themselves unfortunately depending on unemployment welfare would be provided with the opportunity to work on suitable employment schemes with local authorities and receive an additional premium for this."

After discussion the motion was put to the meeting and carried by 9 votes in favour with none against.

This concluded the business of the meeting.


County Secretary

Daingnithe ar an 9ú lá de Samhain 1987


Chairman.

WEXFORD COUNTY COUNCIL

:Gorey
:District
:Committee
:Meeting -
:13.10.87

Minutes of Meeting of Gorey District Committee,
Held on Tuesday, 13th October, 1987 at 2.00 p.m.,
In the Sunday School, Church Road, Bunclody.

ATTENDANCE:

Councillors: J. Murphy; R. Murphy; L. Allen;
Mrs. D. Bolger; and M. D'Arcy.

Messrs: D. Duggan, Senior Executive Engineer;
W. Rahilly, Senior Executive Architect; Mrs. R. Nixon,
Senior Executive, Planning; P. Ryan, Executive Engineer;
S. Mythen, Acting Administrative Officer, Housing, and
Niall McDonnell, Senior Staff Officer, attended.

MINUTES:

On the proposal of Councillor M. D'Arcy, seconded by
Councillor R. Murphy, the Minutes of the Meeting held on
24th July, 1987 were adopted and signed by the Chairman.

MATTERS ARISING FROM MINUTES:

Marine Proteins Limited:

The Committee again referred to an application for a
licence under the Water Pollution Act, made by Marine Proteins
Ltd., and in particular their recommendation that the pipeline
to be used by Marine Proteins Ltd. be independently assessed
from its origin to its exit into the sea, by a Consultant
approved by the County Council, before the licence be granted.
Following a lengthy discussion on the application made by Marine
Proteins Ltd., and having considered the potential for
employment in the development and the possible effects on
tourism revenue generated in the Gorey area, the Committee
requested that the recommendation at the meeting on 24th July,
1987 be implemented.

COUNTY ROAD STRENGTHENING GRANT:

The Committee were in agreement that consideration be
given to the carrying out of work on Kilrush Church Car Park
under the County Road Strengthening Grant works in 1988.

AMENITY GRANTS:

The District Committee were informed that each member had £345 to allocate under the Amenity and Art Act Grant Scheme for 1987. Those Committee members who had not yet submitted their allocations, agreed to do so before the next meeting of the District Committee.

ENGINEERS' REPORTS:

The Committee considered the reports of the Executive Engineers for the area on Roadworks, Water and Sewage Maintenance and Repairs, and House Repairs carried out since the last meeting of the Committee.

Having discussed the extent of pre-purchase repairs throughout the county, including the expenditure involved in carrying out such repairs, on the proposal of Councillor R. Murphy, seconded by Councillor L. Allen, the Committee recommended that an investigation of the economics of general house repairs be carried out, with a view to making the carrying out of such repairs the responsibility of intending house purchasers.

The Committee were informed that action would be taken against those persons responsible for the polluting of a stream with slurry and silage, at Ballyminaun, Gorey.

Mr. P. Ryan, Executive Engineer, undertook to examine a dangerous bend at Laburnum, Gorey, which it was claimed, was more hazardous in the absence of proper signposting, and a tree overhanging the bend.

The Committee discussed the operation of the Social Employment Schemes within the district, and recommended that the Social Employment Scheme be the subject of discussion at the next meeting of the Committee.

The Engineering staff present undertook to investigate a report of flooding at Ramsfort Avenue, and to report to the next meeting of the District Committee on this matter.

Arising from a discussion on the provision of "No Parking" signs at Church Road, Bunclody, on the proposal of Councillor R. Murphy, seconded by Councillor L. Allen, the Committee recommended that the question of limiting car parking between 8.00 a.m. and 9.00 a.m., and 3.30 p.m. and 4.30 p.m. each day at Church Road, Bunclody, be examined.

SEWERAGE SCHEME, COURTOWN HARBOUR:

Mr. Dan Duggan, Senior Executive Engineer, informed the Committee that Technical staff were presently working on the design of a sewerage scheme for Courtown Harbour.

On the proposal of Councillor M. D'Arcy, seconded by Councillor Mrs. D. Bolger, the Committee recommended that the footbridge at Courtown Harbour be closed immediately because of its dangerous condition, and that provision be made in the 1988 Estimates for a replacement footbridge there.

PLANNING REPORTS:

A list of the applications for Planning Permission which had been refused since the last meeting of the District Committee was circulated and discussed with Mrs. R. Nixon, Senior Executive, Planning. Arising from this discussion, and in particular, the refusal of Planning Permission in respect of Application No. 29,795 made by P. Merrigan, on the proposal of Councillor M. D'Arcy, seconded by Councillor R. Murphy, the Committee recommended that this Planning refusal be listed for discussion at the next meeting of the General Purposes Committee.

The Committee were also advised of the current position in relation to a number of Planning applications presently with the Council, and awaiting determination. Arising from a discussion on these matters, and in particular an application for permission for the construction of a house at Tara Hill, Gorey, on the proposal of Councillor L. Allen, seconded by Councillor Mrs. D. Bolger, the Committee recommended that this application be given sympathetic consideration.

HOUSING:

The Housing Report was circulated and matters arising from it were discussed with Mr. Walter Rahilly, Senior Executive Architect, and Mr. Sean Mythen, Acting Administrative Officer, Housing.

On the proposal of Councillor Mrs. D. Bolger, seconded by Councillor M. D'Arcy, the Committee recommended that the construction of S.I. Cottage No. 7453 for Mr. P. Cousins of Barnadown Upper, Gorey Rural be given priority.

The Committee were advised of the unavailability of finance, and its implications for the house building programme in the District.

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The Committee noted that the Minister for the Environment had confirmed the Compulsory Purchase Order for Camolin, and on the proposal of Councillor L. Allen, seconded by Councillor Mrs. L. Bolger, the Committee recommended that the Council now serve Notice to Threat, and proceed with the Compulsory Purchase Order at Camolin.

On the proposal of Councillor L. Allen, seconded by Councillor J. Murphy, the Committee recommended that the Council carry out repairs to an old Council cottage at Dundrum, Ford.

The Committee discussed and agreed with the proposed letting recommendations for a one 3-bedroomed house at Borleigh Park, Kilanerin, and a one 3-bedroomed house in Coolgreany.

On the proposal of Councillor L. Allen, seconded by Councillor Mrs. D. Bolger, the Committee recommended that a family occupying a caravan at Willow Park, Gorey be asked to remove the caravan from the vicinity of the new housing schemes immediately.

WALL AT CHURCH ROAD, BUNCLODY:

On the proposal of Councillor R. Murphy, seconded by Councillor L. Allen, the Committee recommended that the wall at Church Road, Bunclody, partially built, be completed.

NEXT MEETING:

It was agreed to hold the next meeting of the Gorey District Committee on Tuesday, 3rd November, 1987 at 2.30 p.m. in the Market House, Gorey. The Committee also agreed to meet the Gorey Town Commissioners at this meeting.

This concluded the business of the meeting.

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Joe Murphy
Chairman

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Minutes of Special Meeting of Wexford County Council
(In Committee)

Held on Friday, 23rd October, 1987 - 10.00 a.m.
In the Council Chamber, County Hall, Wexford

ATTENDANCE:

In the Chair: Councillor M. Sinnott, Chairman.

Other Members

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Councillors

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L. Allen;	Mrs. D. Bolger;	J. Bolger;
J. T. Browne;	G. Byrne;	H. Byrne, T.D.;
J. Curtis;	M. D'Arcy;	Mrs. A. Doyle, T.D.;
S. Doyle;	B. Howlin, T.D.;	R. Lambert;
J. Murphy;	R. Murphy;	S. Whelan.

An apology for inability to attend was received from Councillor J. Walsh.

Messrs: M. N. Dillon, County Manager; J. Quinlivan, Assistant County Manager; W. P. Creedon, County Secretary; F. A. Doyle, Finance Officer; J. N. Casey, Acting County Engineer; Mrs. R. Nixon, Senior Executive (Planning); D.)'Sullivan, Senior Executive Engineer, attended.

PREPARATION OF ESTIMATE OF EXPENSES FOR 1988:

This was a special meeting of the Council held in Committee to continue consideration of the Estimate of Expenses for 1988 and related matters.

The County Manager summarised his report of 12th October, 1987, showing how the following additional expenses and reduced funding would be met:-

Reduction in Rate Support Grant	£910,000
Package for National Recovery (2½%)	£200,000
Design Overhead excess	£100,000
Loan Charges	<u>£75,000</u>
	<u>£1,285,000</u>

The Council continued discussing the detail of the report and the Estimates. In general the members felt that, while they could not avoid the Grant reductions and additional expenditure, the cutting of services should be avoided as far as possible.

Suggestions put forward included charges for domestic refuse collection, tolls on roads, use of contractors for house repairs.

The County Manager replied to these comments and suggestions.

The Council further suggested that the Council staff be asked if they would be prepared to forego salary increases under the Programme for National Development with a view to protecting employment and avoiding 15 to 20 redundancies. The County Manager undertook to take this up with the staff interests.

The Council had regard to the fact that redundancies being sought at present are voluntary and that before specific offers of redundancy are made, efforts would be made to re-deploy staff into other areas of work. The Council agreed that, where the work available for particular grades was less than the resources would justify and the holders of those grades refused offers of re-deployment, the Council would then consent to seeking the Minister's approval to the abolition of surplus offices.

The meeting then ended.


County Secretary

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