

Adj'd monthly
meeting 9 June
1897

9th June, 1897

An adjourned monthly meeting of the Arklow Town Commissioners was held at the Court House, Arklow at 7.30 o'clock P.M. on Wednesday, 9th June, 1897.

The following attended:—

Mr. Richd Pearson, J.P. Chairman

Mr. Samuel Marshall

Mr. R. F. C. Johnson, Solr.

Mr. Joseph Armesley

Mr. Job. Hall

Mr. Mickl. Clarke

Mr. Denis Kavanagh

Mr. William Kavanagh

The minutes of last monthly meeting were read and agreed to and signed by the Chairman.

£9.3.5 read
under Dogs Regulation
(Ireland) Act, 1865

A letter was read from the Registrar of Petty Sessions Clerks dated 10 May 97 that a sum of £9.3.5 had been lodged to their credit as proportion of surplus moneys arising out of the sale of dog licenses for the year 1896.

Letter from
Mr. Cocking
re attendance
at Harbour
Board meetings

A letter dated 11th May, 97 from Mr. Cocking Harbour Commissioner was read which stated in reply to a letter from this Board, that he much regretted his other duties did not permit him to attend at the meetings of the Arklow Harbour Commissioners as often as he should like, & suggesting that the Local Manager to Kynock & Co. should be appointed in his place & that if the Arklow Town Commissioners consented to this proposition, he (Mr Cocking) would resign in Mr. Sealy's favour.

The clerk was directed to write to

Mr. Cocking in reply to above stating, that, if he chose to tender his resignation, due consideration would be given to his proposition as to the appointment of Mr. Sealy to whom the commissioners had not the slightest objection, but that at present they could not bind themselves as to whom they may appoint.

A letter dated 21, Kildare Street, Dublin, 15th May, 1897, was read from ^{the} Technical Education Association for Ireland and requesting the Town Commissioners to adopt the following resolution & to forward copies to the Chief Secretary, &c.,
Copy, Resolution.

Letter & res-
olution re
Technical Edu-
cation, &c.

"We beg to express our earnest hope that the Government will proceed this session with a measure to endow a system of Agricultural and Technical Education under the control of an Irish Department, and that the sum provided in this year's Budget for Technical Education in Ireland may be applied towards this purpose."

Resolution passed
& copies to be
forwarded.

It was proposed by Mr. Armesley, seconded by Mr. Johnson & passed that above resolution be adopted, & the clerk was directed to forward copies, as requested.

Increase of
Town Clerk's
salary.

In connection with notice to increase the Town Clerk's salary, a statement was read by the clerk showing that since his appointment in 1891, his duties had been considerably increased by the establishment of a Town Court & by having to keep a separate Harbour Rate account, & that the commissioners were at present in a position to increase his salary

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without at all touching on the income they derived from rates levied.

It was proposed by Mr. Marshall, seconded by Mr. Johnson & passed unanimously that the Town Clerk's salary be increased £5 a year, viz: his salary as Town Clerk to be increased from twenty five pounds to twenty eight pounds a year, the increase to commence on 1st of August, 1897, & the allowance of three pounds a year for keeping the Harbour Rate account to be increased to five pounds a year, the increase to commence on the 21st of March 1897 & the payments ^{of the latter} to be made by quarterly instalments from this forward, & that the allowance hitherto given for ^{extra} duties in connection with Municipal Elections & the preparation of Register of voters be discontinued.

Cheque
for £1.6-9

A cheque for £1.6-9 was issued to the Town Clerk for incidental expenses as shown on account laid before the meeting.

Creating High-
Bridge adjd.

The question of creating a Highbridge in the Town was adjourned to next monthly meeting.

Lamps to
be repaired

An estimate for the repairs of broken lamps was laid before the Board from John Heary total amount £1.2-0.

The Clerk was directed to get the repairs done as the amount seemed reasonable.

Richard Pearson, Chairman
July 5th 1897

16th June, 1897

Lighting com-
mittee meeting
16 June 97

A meeting of the Lighting Committee of the Arklow Town Commissioners was held at the Court House Arklow at 7.30 o'clock P.M. on Wednesday, the 16th June, 1897.

The following attended:—

Mr. Hugh Byrne, Chairman

Mr. Richard Kearon, J.P.

Mr. Saml. Marshall

Dr. Cardiner

Mr. Denis Kavanagh

The Clerk read the following letter dated 14th June, 1897, from the Cos Surveyor:—

"Arklow Bridge."

"Dear Sir, There

Cos. Surveyor's
letter re lamp-
posts on Bridge

will be three pillars for lamp-posts in the parapet of new footpath, and the Contractors inform me that they are willing to complete these with lanterns, &c., for £9.1.6, so that if your Commissioners agree to pay them this sum, there will be three new lamps complete on the bridge and the present 3 lamp-posts will be handed over to you for erection in other parts of the town. kindly let me know if your Commissioners agree to this proposal or not."

"yours. &c. Carter Draper."

"The Town Clerk, Arklow."

Contractors' offer
to erect 3 new
lamp-posts com-
plete for £9.1.6
accepted

After careful consideration of the above, it was unanimously agreed that the offer of the contractors be accepted, it being clearly understood that the new lamp-posts be exactly same as that shown on tracing of Bridge produced, and that the lanterns, cradles, oil-holders, double burners,

re, be same as those already in use in the Town.

The Clerk was directed to write to the Contractor stating the contractors' offer to erect the lamp posts on above terms was accepted.

It was further directed that the clerk write & get posted up through the Town notices inviting tenders for painting all the Town Lamps to be considered at next monthly meeting & that, meantime, J. Leahy be requested to repair all the broken lamps.

Notices of Tenders to paint Lamps to be published

Catch traps at Laffin's & Abbey Lane.

Mr. D. Kavanagh brought under the notice of the meeting the necessity of having a catch trap placed at Laffin's Lane & a similar contrivance fixture at Abbey Lane to prevent with a covered sewer of about ten feet in each case, in order to prevent the nuisance from those lanes flowing over the flagged footway into the street.

The clerk was directed to write to the Rathdrum Guardians requesting that the attention of the sanitary officer be drawn to the matter.

erroneous rumours as to cost of footbridge

The Chairman drew the attention of the meeting to a rumour which was circulated in the town and very generally believed, to the effect that the increase of 8^d or 9^d in the £ on the county cess now being collected was entirely due to the building of the new footbridge between Arklow & Clerbank which, ^{it was said,} would ^{cost}

£1000, and that the town of Arklow had to pay the whole amount.

He asked the clerk to state what were the facts.

The clerk stated that ^{the} whole cost of erecting the footbridge was £840. 18. 6, that half this amount £420. 9. 3 was now being levied on the Barony of Arklow which amounted to 1³/₄ in the £ on the valuation which was £57. 338. That the remaining half was levied off the Co. at large and amounted to about ²/₄ ^{in the £} on the valuation ~~which was~~ ^{being} £276. 159. thus making a total of about 2 in the £ for the whole cost of the footbridge which was now being collected in one instalment, leaving nothing to be paid in the future.

Richard Kearon Chairman
5th July 97

Monthly meeting
5 July 97

A monthly meeting of the Arklow Town Commissioners was held at the Court House, Arklow at 12 o'clock noon on Monday, 5th July, 1897.

The following attended:—

- Mr. Richard Kearon, J.P. Chairman
- Mr. Hugh Byrne
- Mr. John Storey
- Mr. Samuel Marshall
- Mr. Joseph Annusley
- Dr. Gardiner
- Mr. Denis Kavanagh
- Mr. W^m Kavanagh.

The minutes of adjourned monthly meeting of 9th ult. and of Lighting Committee meeting of 16th ult. were read & agreed to & signed by the Chairman.

A letter dated Birmingham 19th June, 1897 was read from Mr. Cocking tendering his resignation as Arklow Harbour Commissioner, and expressing a hope that the Arklow Town Commissioners may see their to appoint Mr. Sealy as his successor.

Mr. Cocking resigns Har-
bour Commis-
sionship

Mr. Cocking's resignation was accepted by the Board, and the depute clerk was directed to convene a special meeting for 7.30 o'clock P.M. on Thursday, 8th inst. to elect a Harbour Commissioner in place of Mr. Cocking, resigned, and for other business.

Special
meeting ordered.

A letter dated 11th June 97 was read from the Chief Secretary's Office acknowledging receipt of resolution from this Board

Resolution
acknowledged

reference to Agriculture and Industries Bill.

Lamp-post
thrown down

The clerk informed the Board that a lamp-post had been thrown down at South end of Proby's Row and was removed to store on 26th ult. by direction of the Chairman of Lighting Committee. He also reported that a cradle of lamp-post was accidentally broken while being taken down & removed to store from Arklow Bridge on 11th ult. by the workmen employed in erecting the new Footbridge.

Lamp-cradle
broken

"Irish Industrial
League"

A communication was read from "The Irish Industrial League," 57 Dame street Dublin, giving details as to the working, &c., of same and inviting persons to become members.

Receivable
order

A Receivable order from the Board of Public Works was produced at meeting requesting that a sum of £85. 0. 5 be lodged to their credit as the instalment due on Arklow Harbour Loan on 1st July 1897.

Harbour Rate
cheques

Cheque issued accordingly for £85. 0. 5 chargeable to Harbour Rate a/c.

Cheque on Harbour Rate a/c for £2. 15. 0 was issued to the Town Clerk for keeping Harbour Rate accounts for nine months ending on 20th June, 1897, i.e. six months ending 20th March 1897, at the rate of £3 per annum, & three months ending 20th June, 1897 at the rate of £5 per annum.

cheque

A cheque was issued to John Leary for £1. 3. 9 for repairs of lamps as per a/c produced.

tenders

The following three tenders for painting lamps were produced & opened by the Chairman:—

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Tenders to paint lamps per lamp. Daniel Doyle, 21 Lower main street 1/6

John Leary, 15 Rully's Lane 1/4 per lamp.

And joint Tender from Lamplighters Thomas Braiken and Lawrence Desmond nine pence per lamp.

Tender at 9^o per lamps accepted.

It was proposed by Dr. Cardiner, seconded by Mr. Marshall and agreed to that the tender of Thomas Braiken and Lawrence Desmond be accepted and that they be directed to attend at meeting on 8th instant to sign an agreement for the due execution of the work.

Weightbridge adj?

The consideration of erecting a Weightbridge in the Town was adjourned to special meeting on 8th inst.

Town court books &c. ordered

It was directed that two ^{Town} Court books and an order book be procured the clerk having reported that such were wanted.

Richard Keaton Chairman
for August 2nd 97

8th July, 97.

Special meeting
8th July 97

A special meeting duly convened of the Arlow Town Commissioners was held at the Court House Arlow at 4.30 o'clock P.M. on Thursday, 8th July 1897, for the purpose of electing a Harbour Commissioner in place of Mr. A. J. Coeking resigned, and for general business.

The following attended:—

Mr. Richard Keaton, J.P. Chairman

Mr. James Tyrrell

Mr. R. E. Johnson Esq.

Mr. Samuel Marshall

Dr. Cardiner

Mr. C. Ellis

Mr. Hugh Byrne

Mr. Joseph Annisley

Mr. John W. Loughlin

Mr. William Kavanagh

Mr. John Storey

Mr. Denis Kavanagh

Mr. Mick Clarke

Two declarations made on 1st attendance.

This being the first attendance since their election of Messrs. J. Tyrrell & J. W. Loughlin they made the usual declaration before taking their seats at the meeting.

Mr. J. J. Troy proposed as Harbour Commissioner

It was proposed by Mr. Hugh Byrne & seconded by Dr. Cardiner that Mr. Tho. J. Troy be elected a Harbour Commissioner on the Arlow Harbour Board in place of Mr. A. J. Coeking, resigned.

It was proposed by as an amendment by Mr. Johnson & seconded by Mr. Marshall, that Mr. W. S. Sealy, local

Manager of ^{the} Kynock Co. he elected a Harbour Commissioner in place of Mr. Cocking, resigned.

even voting
On a show of hands being taken there were five votes for each candidate, the Chairman and two other Commissioners declining to vote.

Election of H.C. adjd
There was consequently no decision & the matter was adjourned to next monthly meeting, the clerk to give due notice of same within the required time, ~~before meeting~~

agreement to paint Lamps.
The clerk produced a written agreement binding the persons whose tender was accepted, to paint the lamps in a proper manner. The form of agreement was approved of, & the clerk was directed to get it signed in his presence by Tho. Braiken & Lawrence Desmond & to append his signature as witness.

Richard Kearon Chairman
August 2nd 97

Monthly meeting
2nd Augt 97

A monthly meeting of the Arklow Town Commissioners was held at the Court house Arklow at 12 o'clock noon on Monday the 2nd of August, 1897.

The following attended:—

Mr. Richard Kearon, J.P. Chairman

Mr. Hugh Byrne

Mr. W^m Kavanagh

Mr. Mick Clarke

Mr. John Storey

Mr. Charles Ellis

Mr. Patrick Condren

Mr. J. Whoughlin

Dr. Gardiner

Mr. Denis Kavanagh

Mr. R.E. Johnson, Solr.

Mr. Samuel Marshall

Mr. Joseph Annecley

Mr. P. Condren made the usual declaration before the Chairman on taking his seat for the first time on his election in ^{March 1897} place of

The minutes of last monthly meeting & of special meeting of 8th ult were read & agreed to and signed by the Chairman.

Financial Reform League

A letter was read from the Irish Financial Reform League asking the Commissioners to form a local branch of same.

The consideration of the matter was adjourned to next meeting.

Advertisements for oil

The clerk was directed to have advertisements inserted in the three local papers & General Advertiser, one insertion in each inviting tenders for lampoil to be considered at next monthly meeting same as was done last year.

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Monthly meeting
2 Aug 97 cont.

Lampost to
be erected.

It was directed that the lampost removed to store from South end of Robby's Row on 26th June last, be re-erected in same place & set in cement; also that the contractor for the footbridge be asked to pay for the repair of lampost accidentally broken whilst being removed from Arklow Bridge on 11th June last.

Cheque

A cheque was issued to Town Clerk for Quarter's salary due & ending on 31st July, 1897. £6. 5. 0

Revision notices

The clerk to have the usual notices published as to revision of lists of Municipal voters next month.

Election of
Harbour
Commissioner

It was proposed by Mr. Hugh Byrne & seconded by Dr. Gardiner that Mr. Tho. J. Troy be elected a Harbour Commissioner in place of Mr. Cocking resigned.

It was proposed as an amendment by Mr. Johnson & seconded by Mr. Marshall that Mr. Sealy local manager of the Arklow Cordite works be appointed a Harbour Commissioner in place of Mr. Cocking.

The Chairman put the amendment to the meeting & on a show of hands, there were four for the amendment & eight against, & the Chairman declared the amendment lost.

Mr. Troy
elected.

On the original proposal, a show of hands being taken there were eight for and four against & Mr. J. J. Troy was declared duly elected as Harbour Commissioner.

The Clerk was directed to notify above result to Mr. Troy & to the

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Monthly meeting
2 Aug 97. Cont.

Notice of Harbour
Rate.

Chairman & Secretary to the Harbour Board.

The following notice dated Arklow, 2nd August 1897, was handed in by Dr. Gardiner & read by the Chairman:—

"I hereby give notice that, at the next monthly meeting of the Arklow Town Commissioners, I shall propose that a Harbour Rate of one shilling in the pound be made on all buildings and one-fourth of that amount, or three pence in the pound, be made on lands, all within the limits of the Town of Arklow, for the purpose of repayment with interest thereon of loan of £3,500 granted by the Lords Commissioners of Her Majesty's Treasury for the improvement of Arklow Harbour. And in the event of my being absent from said meeting, I hereby authorize any Commissioner who may be present thereat to take action upon this notice."

Erection of
Weighbridge adj'd

The consideration of erecting a Weighbridge was adjourned to next monthly meeting.

Inspection
of lamps on
2nd Aug 97

It was arranged that the Lighting Committee meet at 7.30 o'clock, P.M. on 3rd inst. to inspect lamps before being painted.

The following members accordingly met at above hour on 3rd inst. at Commissioners' stores:—

Mr. Hugh Byrne, Chairman

Mr. Richd Kearon

Mr. Joseph Amnesley

Dr. Gardiner.

They found the lamps properly washed & fit for painting and directed the Town Clerk to ~~inform~~ get the work done with as little delay as possible, & to get John Heary to

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repair the several lamps which required glazing, &c.

Richard Kearon Chairman
Sept 6th 1897

11th Aug. 97.

Meeting on
Bridge of
Arklow 11th
Aug 1897.
Driving of
last Rivet.

At 12 o'clock noon on Wednesday 11th August, 1897, a meeting of the Commissioners was held on Arklow Bridge.

The following attended:—

Mr. Richard Kearon, I.C. Chairman
Mr. John Storey
Dr. Gardiner
Mr. Joseph Amesley
Mr. James Tyrrell
Mr. Hugh Byrne
Mr. Samuel Marshall
Mr. Charles Ellis
Mr. Mick Clarke
Mr. Denis Kavanagh
Mr. Patrick Condren

This meeting assembled at the request of Mr. Davidson of the Firm of Somerville & Co., Glasgow contractors for the new Footbridge for the purpose of witnessing the ceremony of driving the last Rivet.

A Temporary platform being placed on the Bridge & the Chairman Mr. Richd. Kearon being supplied with a hammer, assisted in driving the last rivet which completed the iron work portion of the Footbridge.

Mr. Davidson subsequently entertained the Commissioners at a sumptuous lunch.

The Footbridge was finally completed on 17th August, 1897.

Richard Kearon Chairman
Sept 6th 97,

Lighting Committee meeting
25 Aug 97

A meeting of the Lighting Committee of the Arklow Town Commissioners was held at the Commissioners' stables 87, Lower Main street, Arklow at 6.45 o'clock on Wednesday, 25th August, 1897.

The following attended:—

Mr. Hugh Byrne, Chairman

Mr. Richd Kearon

Mr. Joseph Ammesley.

Inspection
of newly painted
lamps

Ninety lamps recently painted inside & outside were inspected & found satisfactory.

Lamps to be
put up &
lighting to com-
mence 29th
Aug 97.

The clerk was directed to get all lamps except those for the Duays put up during present week, lamplighters to be allowed two days wages each for doing same.

The lighting of Town & Bridge lamps to commence on Sunday night, 29th inst.

New Lamp
cradle ordered

A new lamp cradle to be got for lamp post at corner of Abbey street to replace one so badly broken that the Commissioners did not consider it worth repairing.

New ladder
ordered.

A new lamplighter's ladder to be ordered at once for use at the Bridge lamps which require a ladder fourteen inches longer than the other street lamps.

Lamp post to
be taken down
& re-erected

The lamp post at corner of Coolgreaney Road to be taken down & re-erected in a better position.

Do. to be erected
at North end
of Bridge on
Ferrybank

The lamp post which had been taken down from North end of Bridge on Ferrybank & removed to store during the building of new Footbridge, to

be re-erected on former site & lighted with the other lamps on 29th inst.

The fixing of sites for remaining spare lamp posts was adjourned to next monthly meeting

Richard Kearon Chairman
Sept 6th 1897

Monthly meeting, Monday, 6th Sept. 1897.

Monthly meeting, 6th Sept. 97

A monthly meeting of the Arklow Town Commissioners was held at the Court House Arklow at 12 o'clock noon on Monday, 6th Sept. 1897.

The following attended:—

Mr. Richard Kearon, Chairman

Mr. Patrick Condren

Mr. Samuel Marshall

Mr. James Tyrrell

Mr. Joseph Annesley

Mr. Hugh Byrne

The minutes of monthly meetings of 2nd August, 11th August, & Lighting Committee meeting of 25th August 1897 were read and agreed to & signed by the Chairman.

Letter from Irish Financial Reform League

A letter was read from the Irish Secretary, Irish Financial Reform League enclosing copies of address & rules of the League with a request that it be brought before the Arklow Board at their next meeting with a view to form a local committee to promote its objects.

Local committee of above constituted.

It was proposed by Mr. Hugh Byrne seconded by Mr. Joseph Annesley and agreed to that the Arklow Town Commissioners be constituted a local committee of the Irish Financial Reform League & that all local taxpayers be requested to join it.

Letter from G.P.O. London

A letter was read from the Secretary General Postoffice, London, stating for the information of the Arklow Town Commissioners in reply to resolution passed by the

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Telephone Trunk System, Dublin to Waterford

at their meeting on 6th October, 1896, that the Lords Commissioners of the Treasury have now sanctioned the provision of a Trunk circuit of Telephone Communication from Dublin to Waterford, passing through Wicklow, Arklow & Wexford.

Letter from Irish Battle Dealers & Stockowners' Association

A letter was read from the Secretary, Irish Battle Dealers & Stockowners' Association containing the following resolution with a request that it be adopted & copies forwarded:—

"That this meeting strongly protests against the Government's decision to continue supplying the troops and troop-horses stationed in Ireland with imported produce, while produce of better quality can be obtained at home. We consider that as taxpayers, ratepayers and employers, the inhabitants of this country are entitled to Governmental custom.

We also declare that it is unfair that an Imperial system of accounts should debit Ireland with an expenditure which does not pass through the hands of Irishmen, but is exported to countries competing with Irish products, whereby the taxes paid by the Irish people are utilized to encourage foreign competition."

Resolution adopted

It was agreed that above resolution be adopted & copies sent to Chief Secretary & Secretary for War.

Applications for Hamp Lane

A letter was read from inhabitants of River Lane, requesting that a hampport be erected at end of lane near the river.

Waldron of Ferrybank

A similar application was read from Joseph Waldron of Ferrybank & both applications were referred to the Lighting Committee for consideration

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The following was proposed by Mr Joseph Amesley, seconded by Mr. P. Leonard & agreed to:—

In pursuance of notice given at last monthly meeting, I propose that a Harbour Rate of one shilling in the pound be now made on Buildings and one-fourth of that amount, or three pence in the pound be made on Lands, all within the municipal boundary of the Town of Arklow, for the purpose of repayment with interest thereon of loan of £3,500 granted by her Majesty's Treasury for the improvement of Arklow Harbour. Said Harbour Rate to become payable on 6th October 1897."

Rate book signed

The Harbour Rate book was produced by the clerk & signed by six Commissioners as required by law.

Tender for oil
5 1/2 per gal.
accepted.

The Tender of Mr. William Greene for Royal Daylight oil at 5 1/2 per gallon delivered into Commissioners' stows and casks taken away when empty was accepted, being proposed by Mr. ~~Amesley~~ ^{Joseph Amesley} & seconded by Mr. Patrick Leonard.

There was no other Tender received.

The clerk was directed to take 20 Barrels now, & to take more later on when house room would be available.

Overhanging
tree branches
to be cut down

The clerk reported that the branches of trees in old graveyard were overhanging the footpath in main street & were in danger of breaking the glass in one of the street lamps as well as obstructing the light

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He also stated he had got permission from the Sub-sanitary Officer to get these branches cut. The Board directed that the branches be cut down.

Cheques

Cheques were issued for the following:—
To Town Clerk sent for storage of oil, Lamps, &c. for half year ended 18th August, 1897. 2. 10. 0
To Thomas Bracken & Lawrence Desmond for painting 90 Lamps at 9^d each 3. 7. 6
To Town Clerk for Incidentals as per ac 1. 18. 5
" Tho Bracken 9 days Lamp lighting ended 4 Sept 97 at 2/1. 0. 18. 0
" Lawrence Desmond " ¹⁰⁰ 9. 2. 95 " " 0. 18. 0
" John Leary, Repairs of Lamps, Burners, &c. as per ac. 1. 8. 1

Lighting committee
meeting appointed

A meeting of the Lighting Committee was appointed for this evening at 7 o'clock P.M.

Rate collector &
Clerk of Union
to attend on 27th
inst.

The clerk was directed to request the attendance as usual of the town Rate collector & the clerk of the Union at the Revision of municipal voters' lists on 27th inst.

Richard Kearon Chairman
Oct 4th, 1897

Lighting Com-
mittee meeting
6 Sept 97

A meeting of the Lighting Committee of the Arklow Town Commissioners was held at the house of Mr. Joseph Armesley, 50, Main street, Arklow at 7 o'clock P.M. on 6th September, 1897.

The following attended. —

Mr. Hugh Byrne, Chairman
Mr. Richard Kearon,
Mr. Joseph Armesley
Mr. Samuel Marshall

The meeting took into consideration the two applications for lampposts which were ^{made} at Monthly meeting on this day. & proceeded to River Lane to fix on the most eligible sites for the lights asked for.

sites for
lampposts
selected

A site was selected for one Lamppost at end of lane near the river, so that the same ~~of~~ lamp would give light to the lane & also along the River side where the inhabitants have to get water, &c. often at late hours.

The most suitable site was chosen in another branch of the lane for the second lamppost. & the clerk was directed to have the two spare lampposts erected in the places pointed out.

Bracket lamps
to be removed

The Bracket Lamp at No. 5 River Lane to be removed & placed on No. 2. occupied by Mary Hayes.

The Bracket Lamp placed on wall near No. 33. to be taken down & removed to store.

Walls behind
Bracket lamps
to be whitewashed

The clerk was directed to get the walls ^{whitewashed} on which Bracket lamps were placed in order to increase by reflection the light from them, first getting permission to do so from the owners of premises.

The places which require to be whitewashed are: — (1) Coal yard, North Quay; (2) Salvage store, Do. (3) J. Doyle's coal yard, facing Brook; (4) Mahon's Lane; (5) Abbey Lane; (6) Condren's Lane; (7) Loomie; (8) R.R. Barrack wall, Upper main street; (9) South end of Arklow Bridge; & (10) South Quay.

Richard Kearon Chairman
Oct 4th 1897

Revision
of Municipal
voters' lists
1897

27 Sep. 1897.

Record of Proceedings.

On Monday 27th Sep. 1897, the annual revision of Municipal voters' lists for Arklow and Ferrybank wards was held in the Court house, Arklow at 12.30 o'clock P.M.

By direction of the Commissioners, the above revision was publicly announced by posters ~~etc~~ informing the general public they could be present thereat if they chose.

The Town Clerk revised the lists in the usual way, and was assisted by Mr. Manning Clerk of Rathdrum Union who attended at the request of the Commissioners with the Rate-books for 1895, 1896 & 1897.

Mr. John F. Evans, Town & Harbour Rate collector also attended at the request of the Commissioners & acted as Registrar during the proceedings, producing his Rate-books & supplying the necessary information as to the payment of local rates, &c. Mr. Samuel Marshall, T.C. Ferrybank was present during the proceedings

Richard Kearon Chairman
Oct 4th 1897

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Monthly meeting
Oct Oct. 97

A monthly meeting of the Arklow Town Commissioners was held at the Court house, Arklow at 12 o'clock noon on Monday 4th October, 1897. The following attended:—

Mr. Richard Kearon, J.P. Chairman
Mr. Gardiner
Mr. Hugh Byrne
Mr. Joseph Annusley
Mr. Samuel Marshall
Mr. Denis Kavanagh
Mr. Patrick Leonard.

The minutes of monthly meeting of 6th Sep. 1897, of Lighting Committee meeting of evening of same date, & record of proceedings at Revision of voters' lists on 27th Sep. 1897, were read & agreed to & signed by the Chairman.

Letters were read from the Chief Secretary's office & from the War Office, London acknowledging receipt of Resolution from Arklow Town Commissioners on the subject of supplies for troops & troop-houses in Ireland.

A letter was read from the Local Government Board informing the Commissioners of the rates of interest chargeable on Public Loans under the Public Works Loans Act, 1897, (60 & 61 Vict chap. 51).

A letter was read from the Special Committee formed for the purpose of securing a proper presentation of the case of the tenants before the Royal Commission on the administration of the Land Acts containing copy of resolution in favour of requesting the leader of the House of Commons to convene an immediate meeting of Parliament with a view of devising measures

of relief for the distress believed to be imminent in Ireland.

It was considered that the time had now passed when any action on above could be useful, & the letter was marked 'read'.

The clerk reported that three panes of glass had been broken in the street lamps in different parts of the Town during the past month, apparently as if stones had been thrown at them. He was directed to get notices posted offering one pound reward for information &c., so that it might be a deterrent against future damage of the same kind.

The Harbour Rate book as finally adjusted was presented for signature by the Chairman & two other Commissioners & countersigned by the clerk, to be handed over to the Rate Collector on 6th inst.

Total amount of Harbour Rate £187. 1. 3.

The meeting was formed into Committee for the purpose of considering the account of Town & Harbour Rates presented by the Rate collector.

An account of 10/9 irrecoverable Rates was shown on Harbour Rate made 2 Sep 1895 and a like amount on Town Rate made on February 3, 1896 were allowed & signed by the Chairman & Town clerk.

Mr. Evans reported that Patrick Kavanagh 16, Main street owed £11. 15 arrears of Town & Harbour Rates and asked for instructions as to what steps the Committee might direct him to take

glass broken in street lamps

Harbour Rate book signed.

amb. of rate £187-1-3

Committee to consider Rates

Irrecoverable Rates

Rate payer in default.

stating at same time that he believed the defaulter was scarcely able to pay.

After the matter was fully considered it was agreed that 50 per cent be allowed on the amount of arrears now due on condition that the remaining moiety be paid.

It was proposed by Mr. Hugh Byrne, seconded by Mr. Joseph Armesley & agreed to that two eight-gallon oil drums with appropriate feeders & two barrows or trucks, for the use of the lamp-lighters when conveying oil from store to the different lamps through the Town.

Cheques were issued for the following: -

- To Bernard Manning, Clerk of Rathdrum Union, £5.0 attendance at Revision of voters' lists 27 Sep 97 7. 0. 0
- " John F. Evans. " " " 1. 0. 0
- " " Poundage on £202. 10. 7 Town Rates 7. 11. 11
- " " " 186. 4. 10 Harbour. 6. 19. 8
- " Town clerk one quarter's salary ending 20th Sep. 1897 during Harbour Rate a/c 1. 5. 0
- " Do for Incidentals as per a/c 1. 5. 9
- " Tho. Bracken 4 weeks lamp-lighting ending 2 Oct 97 2. 16. 0
- " Lawrence Desmond " " " " 2. 16. 0
- " Genl. Advertiser, Advt. Tender for oil 0. 9. 0
- " William Greene, 31 casks best Royal daylights petroleum of 42 gals each at 5 1/2 per gal. 29. 16. 9
- " Richard Myers, posting Harbour Rate notices 0. 4. 0
- " Messrs. Somervail & Co., 3 lamps & lamp-posts on Arklow Footbridge 9. 7. 8

The clerk was directed to write to the Co. Surveyor asking why the presentment to pave with sets the entrances to lanes & gateways in Town of Arklow passed at Presentment Sessions, Wicklow in

50 percent to be allowed off arrears rates.

oil drums for lamp-lighters

Cheques

write to surveyor presentment

4th Oct. 97. contd

December last, was not yet commenced.

Officers appointed for municipal election

The Chairman to be Returning Officer at coming municipal election for Arklow ward, Mr. Annesley do. for Ferrybank ward & the Town Clerk to act as poll-clerk. Mr. Kearon agreed to take declarations of secrecy from 7 P.M. to 10 P.M. on 14th inst. at his own house from all those who may have ^{to} attend at the polling on 15th inst.

The following notice was given by Mr. P. Leonard:—

Notice given re. Fires

"I hereby give notice that, at the next ^{monthly} meeting of the Arklow Town Commissioners, I shall propose that steps be taken to procure a Fire Escape, Hand fire-engine, or such other means as may be considered advisable to deal with an outbreak of fire whenever such may happen to take place in the Town."

1st November 1897 Thomas J. Troy, Chairman

Annual Election

Annual Election of Town Commissioners, Friday, 15th October, 1897.

The annual election of Commissioners in place of those who retired by rotation took place on Friday 15 Oct. 1897, & was uncontested.

The following members retired by rotation:—

For Arklow Ward

Mr. Hugh Byrne, Mr. Charles Ellis, Mr. Gardiner & Mr. Richard Kearon.

& for Ferrybank Ward

Mr. Samuel Marshall.

The following nominations were received by the Town Clerk on 12th inst:—

For Arklow Ward

Mr. Hugh Byrne, nominated by Mr. John Storey.

Mr. C. Ellis nominated by George Stuart.

Mr. Richard Kearon nominated by Mr. Storey.

Mr. Tho. J. Troy, nominated by Mr. Storey.

For Ferrybank Ward

Mr. Samuel Marshall, nominated by R. B. Johnson by J. Pine & Mr. Hugh Byrne.

15 Oct. 97.

Annual
Election contd.

There being no nominations received in excess of the number of vacancies the foregoing candidates were declared elected; notices to that effect being posted through the Town not later than eleven o'clock in the morning of this date, 15th Oct. 1897.

Thomas J. Troy

1st November 1897

18 Oct. 97.

Annual
meeting 18 Oct 97.

The Annual meeting of the Arklow Town Commissioners was held at the Court House, Arklow at 12 o'clock noon on Monday 18th Oct. 1897.

The following attended:—

Mr. Richard Kearon, Chairman

Mr. Hugh Byrne

Mr. Denis Kavanagh

Mr. Samuel Marshall

Mr. William Kavanagh

Mr. Joseph Annisley

Mr. Thomas J. Troy

Mr. John Storey

Declarations
made

Mr. Richard Kearon, Mr. Byrne, Mr. Troy & Mr. Marshall made the usual declaration at this their first meeting since election.

Chairman
appointed

It was proposed by Mr. Denis Kavanagh seconded by Mr. John Storey & carried unanimously that Mr. Thos. J. Troy be chairman of the Board for the year now commenced.

Vote of thanks
to outgoing
Chairman

It was proposed by Mr. Hugh Byrne, seconded by Mr. John Storey and passed unanimously that the best thanks of this meeting be given to Mr. Richard Kearon for the efficient and impartial manner in which he discharged the duties of Chairman to this Board for the past year.

The following notice was handed in by Mr. Troy, Chairman, elect.

Notice of
Appointment

"I hereby give notice that at the next monthly meeting of this ^{Board} Arklow Town Commissioners I shall propose that application be made for flagging of footpaths in the town to the amount of £100, the Arklow Town

18 Oct. 97

Annual meeting
18 Oct 97

Commissioners to contribute half the contract sum. And should I be absent from said meeting, I authorize any member who may be present thereat to take action on this notice."

The following were appointed members of the Lighting Committee for ensuing year with power to add to their number if found necessary:—

Lighting Committee
appointed

Mr. Hugh Byrne, Chairman
Mr. Samuel Marshall
Mr. Richard Kearon
Mr. Joseph Annesley
Mr. Denis Kavanagh.

Quorum 3.

The Quorum of above Committee to be three.

A letter was laid before the Board from Mr. John W. Doughtlin, Ferrybank tendering his resignation as Town Commissioner owing to business engagements & indifferent health.

Mr. W. Doughtlin's resignation was accepted by the Board & the clerk was directed to convene a special meeting for 7 P.M. on 21st inst. to elect a Commissioner to fill the vacancy & for general business.

Thomas J. Troy

1st November 1897.

21 Oct 97

Special
meeting 21
Oct 97

A special meeting of the Aiklow Town Commissioners was held at the Court-house Aiklow at 7 o'clock P.M. on Thursday, 21st Oct. 1897.

The following attended:—

Mr. Tho. J. Troy, Chairman
Mr. Job Hall
Mr. James Tyrrell
Mr. Richard Kearon
Mr. W^m Kavanagh
Mr. Hugh Byrne
Mr. Mickl. Clarke
Mr. Patrick Condren
Mr. John Storey
Mr. R. E. Johnson, Solr.
Mr. Denis Kavanagh.

The clerk read the requisition convening the meeting which was for the purpose of electing a Commissioner for Ferrybank Ward in place of Mr. John W. Doughtlin, resigned.

It was proposed by Mr. R. Kearon, seconded by Mr. M. Clarke & carried unanimously that Doctor Cardener be elected to fill above vacancy.

Dr. Cardener
elected.

It was proposed by Mr. Byrne, seconded by Mr. Hall & passed unanimously that Mr. Richard Kearon having the entire confidence of this Board do continue to hold the office of Town Magistrate during his present term of office, he being recently re-elected without opposition on his retirement by Rotation.

Kearon

continue

Magistrate

And that the Town clerk be instructed to ~~lay before~~ submit the above for the consideration

21 Oct. 97 cont.

Special meeting of the Lord Chancellor with a respectful request that the unanimous wish of the Board may be acceded to by the re-appointment of Mr. Kearon.

Letter from Mr. Fogarty re Paving.

A letter was read by the Chairman from Mr. Fogarty asking to have Mr. Draper instructed not to pave the entrance to his yard.

The Clerk was directed to reply to Mr. Fogarty stating that the paving of entrance to his yard being part of a presentment passed at Road Sessions last December, the matter was entirely out of the hands of the Commissioners.

Two members added to lighting committee

Mr. Tho. J. Troy & Mr. James Tyrrell were appointed members of the lighting committee in addition to five members appointed at annual meeting on 18th inst.

The Clerk was requested to summon a meeting of the lighting committee for 7 o'clock P.M. on 26th inst., & meantime to write to some of the Dublin houses and ascertain what would be the price of a Living Water Barrel or Truck with suitable cistern to hold 15 to 20 gallons, for the use of the lamp-lighters.

Mr. Troy gave the following notice:-

"I hereby give notice that at the next meeting of this Board, I will propose that the necessary steps be taken to have this Board constituted an Urban Sanitary Authority."

Notice re Urban Sanitary Authority

Thomas J. Troy
1st November 1897.

1st Nov 97

Monthly meeting 1st Nov 97

A monthly meeting of the Arklow Town Commissioners was held at the Court House, Arklow at 12 o'clock noon on Monday the 1st day of November, 1897.

The following attended:-

Mr. Tho. J. Troy, Chairman
Mr. Richd Kearon
Mr. Hugh Byrne
Mr. Samuel Marshall
Mr. Joseph Amesley
Mr. William Kavanagh
Dr. Gardiner
Mr. Patrick Leonard
Mr. Denis Kavanagh

Declaration by Dr. Gardiner read in presence of Mr. W. Loughlin

Doctor Gardiner made the usual statutory declaration on his election in place of Mr. John W. Loughlin resigned.

The minutes of monthly meeting of 24th ult., Record of annual Election of 15th ult., annual meeting of 18th ult., & of special meeting of 21st ult were read & agreed to & signed by the Chairman.

Correspondence

£1-10 for each attendance to be allowed Mr. B. Manning

A letter was read from Mr. Manning Clerk of Rackrum Union asking the Commissioners to increase his allowance from £1 to £2 for attending at the Revision of Municipal Voters' lists each year. It was agreed that he be allowed £1-10 for each attendance in future.

A letter was read from the Leo. Surveyor stating he intended to prosecute the Contractor & his sureties for not having the entrances to lanes & gateways on Footpath paved within the prescribed time, 1st Oct. 97.

A letter was read from the Dublin Chamber

Monthly meeting of Commerce relative to the Agriculture and Industries Bill, & inviting the Arklow Town Commissioners to nominate one or more members to represent them upon a Deputation which the Irish Government will be asked to receive in reference to above Bill with a view to its re-introduction in the next session of Parliament.

Chairman & Mr. Kearon to attend Deputation. It was proposed by Mr. Hugh Byrne, seconded by Mr. W^m Kavanagh & carried, that the Chairman & Mr. Richard Kearon do attend as above requested.

Cheques. Cheques were issued for the following: -
 To Messrs Browne & Nolan for Court books &c. £ 2. 13. 6
 " F. W. Phail Printing, adts. &c. 5. 3. 6
 " " " Harbour Rate &c 2. 10. 0
 " Town Clerk, Quarter's salary to 31 Oct 97. 7. 0. 0

proposal re Fire escape adjd. Mr. P. Leonard's proposal to procure Fire escape & Fire Engine for Arklow was adjourned to next monthly meeting the Clerk meantime to endeavour to ascertain what would be the cost of ~~above~~ ^{these} articles

Proposal re Urban Sanitary Authority. In reference to proposal for Arklow Town Commissioners to become an Urban Sanitary Authority, it was proposed by the Chairman, seconded by Mr. Marshall & carried, that a Committee of six be appointed to consider the matter & that three be a quorum

Committee appointed. The following were appointed a Committee as above & to meeting on this evening at 7.30 P.M.

- Mr. Tho. J. Troy, Chairman
- Dr. Gardiner
- Mr. Storey
- Mr. Byrne
- Mr. Amesley
- Mr. Kearon

Monthly meeting. The Clerk was directed to write to Messrs. Hill & Smith, 47, Dawson street, Dublin asking them to send Swing Water Barrow with cistern to hold 12 gallons on approbation

Flagging of Footpaths. In pursuance of notice given at annual meeting it was agreed that application be made to next Presentation Sessions for flagging of footpaths in Arklow, expense not to exceed £100, the Town Commissioners to contribute half the contract sum. The Chairman & Town Clerk to be the applicants.

Resolution. The following resolution was proposed by Mr. Hugh Byrne, seconded by Mr. Tho. J. Troy & passed unanimously: -

Resolution. "That we, the Town Commissioners of Arklow unanimously and respectfully request the Right Hon, the Earl of Leynsford to recommend the appointment of Mr. Richard Kearon our ex-Chairman as Justice of the Peace for the County of Wicklow."

Resolution. "That we beg to assure his Lordship that Mr. Kearon's qualifications & fitness for the position have been amply proved by the impartial, painstaking & successful manner in which he discharged the duties of Town Magistrate during the past three years, and that we believe the public interests of the locality would be served and the peace and order, especially of the seafaring portion of the Community, be promoted by the knowledge, experience and sound judgment which Mr. Kearon's appointment would bring to the bench of magistrates."

Resolution Re appointment of Mr. Richard Kearon, J.P. for Co. Wicklow

Monthly
Meeting 1 Nov 97
The Clerk was directed to forward the foregoing resolution to the Right Hon. Earl of Cairnsfort which was accordingly done.
Thomas J. Troy Chairman

6th Dec 1897

Committee
meeting 1 Nov 97

Re Urban
Sanitary
Authority

A committee meeting of the Arklow Town Commissioners was held at the Court House Arklow at 7.30 o'clock P.M. ^{1st Nov 1897} to consider the question of becoming an Urban Sanitary Authority.

The following attended:—

Mr. Tho. J. Troy, Chairman

Mr. Richd Kearon

Mr. Joseph Annesley

Mr. Hugh Byrne

Mr. Denis Kavanagh

After discussing the matter for some time, it was agreed that the following petition be forwarded to the Local Govt. Board.

Public Health (Ireland) Act, 1878,
Section 7.

Petition
adopted.

The Petition of the Town Commissioners of the Town of Arklow as representing the Ratepayers of said Town,

Humbly Sheweth

That your Petitioners desire to be separated from the Rural Sanitary District of Rathdrum and be constituted an Urban Sanitary District, and the Population of Arklow being under 6000, they pray that the Local Government Board may be pleased to make the required change under the authority given them by above Act.

Signed on behalf of the Board,
Thomas J. Troy, Chairman
J. Bormley, Town Clerk

1st Nov 94 cont.

Committee
Meeting 1 Nov 94To The Secretary,
Local Government, Board,
Dublin.Petition sent
to Local Govt Board

The clerk was directed to forward
above Petition to the Local Govt. Board
& to write to the Town Clerk at Bray
for further information as to procedure,
cost, &c, of obtaining a Provisional Order.

Thomas J. Troy Chairman

6th Dec 94

9th Nov. 94

Committee
meeting re
Urban Sanitary
authority, also
Lighting Com-
mittee

A Committee meeting of the Arklow Town
Commissioners was held at the Courthouse
Arklow at 4.30 o'clock P.M. for the pur-
pose of further considering the matter of
becoming an Urban Sanitary Authority &
as to cost of obtaining a Provisional order,
Also as a Lighting Committee.

The following attended:—

Mr. Richard Kearon

Mr. Hugh Byrne

Dr. Sardinier

Mr. Joseph Armesley

Mr. Denis Kavanagh

The clerk read correspondence from Local
Govt Board & printed instructions as to
mode of procedure, also correspondence
from the Town Clerk, Bray, as to cost
of obtaining a Provisional Order, which
were fully considered by the Committee &
the following report was agreed upon to
lay before the Board at their next
monthly meeting:—

"That we, the members of Committee
appointed to inquire into the advisability
of Arklow Town Commissioners becoming an
Urban Sanitary Authority, having fully con-
sidered the matter, have come to the con-
clusion that the cost of obtaining a Pro-
visional Order which would have to be con-
firmed by Act of Parliament would make
it prohibitive on a small town with
such limited revenue as Arklow.

That in view of the measure of Local Govt.
legislation promised in the next Sess-

Committee
Meeting contd.

session of Parliament which may possibly give all the powers now proposed to be obtained by Provisional Order, we recommend that any further action in the matter be suspended for the present.

That in view of the unsatisfactory manner in which the Sanitary business of the Town is now conducted, your Committee regret to be compelled from financial reasons to adopt the above course; and we recommend that the attention of the Rural Sanitary Authority be called to the matter with a view to have the scavenging of streets & lanes, removal of refuse from Ashpits, &c. be effectively done at least twice in each week in Winter & ~~once~~ three times in each week in Summer & often if necessary."

Lighting Committee.

All night
lighting
commenced
21st Nov 97

It was agreed that the lamps commencing at Lamp near Convent & continuing down Main street, Lower Main street to the Quays, Lamps on Bridge, North & South Quays, Brook, Toodle's Apen, Doyle's Lane, Condren's Lane, & one lamp in Chapel Ground be kept lighting all night to day light on following morning, lighting to commence at the end of present moonlight & to continue until further instructions be given.

Lighting of
Quay lamps

The clerk was directed to inform the lamp-lighters of the above & direct them to have the Quay lamps put up & ready for lighting with the others.

A letter was read from Messrs. Hill & Smith, 47, Dawson St, Dublin, refusing to send Swing Barrow on approbation for use of lamp-lighters.

The further consideration of the matter was adjourned.

The clerk was directed to get branches of tree near Vale Road cut down, as they were in danger of breaking the lamps in the vicinity. Also to have some lamp-posts wedged which were loose in the ground.

Thomas J. Gray Chairman

6th Dec 97

18 Nov. 97.

Special
meeting 18 Nov
1897

A special meeting of the Arklow Town Commissioners duly convened was held at the Court House, Arklow, at 7 o'clock P.M. on Thursday, 18th Nov. 1897. The following attended:—

Mr. Thomas J. Troy, Chairman.
Mr. Samuel Marshall
Mr. Patrick Condren
Mr. Richard Keason
Mr. Hugh Byrne
Mr. William Kavanagh
Mr. Denis Kavanagh
Mr. Rich^d. J. G. Johnson

Requisition
read

The clerk read the requisition convening the meeting which was for the purpose of considering the advisability of making further applications for Townships improvements at the next Presentment sessions, & for general business.

Application
to be made
for Footpath
at Ferrybank

It was proposed by Mr. Tho. J. Troy, & seconded by Mr. Hugh Byrne that application be made to next Presentment sessions at Wicklow to make a portion of the footpath at East side of Ferrybank expense not to exceed £100. & that

It was proposed as an amendment by Mr. Denis Kavanagh & seconded by Mr. Marshall that the footpath to be applied for commence at the house said footpath commence at North end of Arklow Bridge.

It was proposed as an amendment by Mr. Denis Kavanagh & seconded by Mr. Marshall that the commence

the house No. 25 North end of Ferrybank instead of at the Bridge.

The amendment on being put to the meeting was lost, only the proposer & seconder having voted for it.

The original proposition was then put and carried. The Chairman & the Town Clerk to be the applicants.

It was proposed by Mr. W^m. Kavanagh seconded by Mr. Marshall & carried that the space between Mr. Hoynes Hotel & the end of Coomic Lane be included in the application for flagging proposed to be made at next Presentment sessions.

Flagging at
No 65 Main st.
to be done

Cheques

Cheque was issued to Thomas Braeken for four weeks wages lamp lighting commencing on 3rd ending on 30th Oct. 1897. £2..16..0

Do. To Lawrence Desmond £2..16..0

These cheques were omitted by mistake at monthly meeting on 1st inst.

Thomas J. Troy Chairman

6th Dec 97

Monthly meeting 6th Dec. 1897

A monthly meeting of the Arklow Town Commissioners was held at the Court House Arklow at 12 o'clock noon on Monday the 6th Dec. 1897.

The following attended:-

- Mr. Thomas J. Troy, Chairman
- Mr. Richard Kearon, J.P.
- Mr. Joseph Armesley
- Mr. Job Hall
- Mr. Patrick Condren
- Mr. Denis Kavanagh
- Mr. Mick Clarke

Minutes

The minutes of monthly meeting of 1st ult., of Committee meeting of 9th ult., & of special meeting of 18th ult., were read & agreed to & signed by the Chairman.

Correspondence

A letter was read from the Right Hon. the Earl of Learysfort in reply to a unanimous request from this Board asking his lordship to recommend Mr. Richd Kearon to be a Justice of the Peace for Co Wicklow. His lordship stated the matter would have his careful consideration.

Letter from Board of Works re boundary wall R.S.B. 13th.

A letter was read from the Office of Public Works in reply to a request to have the outer ^{boundary} wall of R.S.B. Barrack cleaned down & cemented & brightened so as to give better to the street lamps in the locality, stating they considered the process too expensive but that if the Town Commissioners could suggest a cheaper method of attaining the object in view, their proposal would receive due consideration.

The clerk was directed to write to the

Board of works thanking them for their letter & stating they would be quite satisfied to have the wall in question lime washed in two coats

Re purchase of fire engine

Correspondence was read from John Morris & sons, Manchester & from Shand, Mason & Co. London in reference to the purchase of a Manual fire Engine & Telescopic fire escape.

The matter was referred to the lighting committee for consideration & report.

Swing Barrow

The proposal to purchase a Swing Barrow for use of lamp lighters was also referred to the Lighting Committee for like purpose.

Cheques

- Cheques were issued for the following:-
- To Thos Braeken 5 weeks wages lamp lighting from 31st Oct. to 4th Dec. 97, both days included £ 3.. 10.- 0
 - To Lawrence Deemond Do Do £ 3.. 10.- 0
 - " Town clerk for incidentals as per ac 3.. 12.- 0

Attendance at Presentment Sessions

It was proposed by Mr. Job Hall, seconded by Mr. Armesley & agreed to that the Town Clerk & the Chairman attend Presentment Sessions on 21st inst in support of applications for flagging & making footpaths in Arklow & Ferrybank.

Re Ferrybank footpath

In reference to application for footpath at Ferrybank, it was agreed that the Chairman & Town Clerk be instructed to accept the presentment at either north or south end of Ferrybank as the Co. Surveyor may see fit, & the clerk was directed to write to the latter officer informing him of above.

Thomas J. Troy Chairman.

3 January, 1898

16 Dec. 97

Lighting Com.
mittee meeting
16 Dec. 97

A Lighting Committee meeting of the Arklow Town Commissioners was held at the Courthouse, Arklow at 7.30 o'clock P.M. on Thursday the 16th Dec. 1897.

The following attended:—

Mr. Tho. J. Troy, Chairman

Mr. Hugh Byrne

Mr. Denis Kavanagh

Mr. Richard Kearon

Lamp-lighter
L. Desmond
to be more
attentive to
business.

The meeting complained of the manner in which Lawrence Desmond discharged his duty as Lamp-lighter, the glass in lamps not being clean & the light not as good as it should be. The clerk was directed to warn him that if he did not improve & give more attention to his business, a fine would be imposed according to the conditions of his agreement.

All
lamps to
remain lighted
on Xmas eve
to next morning

It was agreed that all the lamps in the town remain lighting on night of 24th inst. to day light on following morning.

Kynock Co.
asked to place
lamp on Ferrybank
road.

The clerk was directed to write to Messrs. Kynock & Co. asking them to place a lamp on Ferrybank road near to Kynock lodge, so as to make the light continuous from the Town Lamps to the Cordite works where so many female employes have to pass to & from at night.

Purchase swing
barrow adj'd

The proposal to purchase Swing Barrow for Lamp-lighters was adjourned *sine die*.

Re Pur-
chase of
fire engine

The proposal to purchase Manual fire engine & fire escape ladder was adjourned to next monthly meeting, the clerk

16 Dec. 97 contd.

Lighting com.
meeting 16 Dec 97

Subscriptions to
be asked re
purchase of
fire engine

Request
for a lamp
from Mr. Hoynes

meantime to write to Messrs. Shand, Mason & Co. 75, Ground street, Blackfriars Road London E.C. asking if payment by instalments covering a period of three or five years would be accepted, & if so, what would be the price for fire engine & fire escape combined, the latter to be hooked on to & carried with the engine; also to write to Earl of Clarendon & Countess of Wicklow asking them to subscribe towards the above, & to the following insurance agents requesting them to ask their respective companies to subscribe for a like purpose:— Mr. John English, main st., Mr. J. F. Evans, up main st., Mr. Tailour, Lam- lerton; Mr. P. Martin, Marlboro Terrace; & Mr. H. B. Greene, Manager, Bank of Ireland, the latter gentleman to be ^{also} requested to act as Treasurer.

A request to ~~place a lamp~~ from Mr. Hoynes to place a lamp in front of his Hotel in Main street, was brought under the notice of the Committee by Mr. D. Kavanagh. & after fully considering the matter & visiting & examining the proposed site for lamp post, it was agreed that having regard to the requirements of other portions of the town, they could not consistently consent to have a lamp post erected in the place indicated; but, if Mr. Hoynes chose to erect a lamp post & place a lamp there at his own expense, the Commissioners would keep it supplied with oil & lighted by

16 Dec. 97. contd.

Lighting Com- their lamplighters in the same
 meeting 16 Dec 97 manner & subject to the same con-
 ditions as the Town lamps.

The Clerk was directed to inform Mr.
 Hoynes of the above.

Thomas J. Troy, Chairman

3rd January, 1898

3 Jan. 98

Monthly
 meeting 3-1-98

A monthly meeting of the Arklow Town
 Commissioners was held at the Court House,
 Arklow at 12 o'clock noon on Monday
 the 3rd January, 1898.

The following attended:—

Mr. Tho. J. Troy, Chairman.

Mr. Richard Kearon

Mr. Hugh Byrne

Mr. Joseph Annisley

Mr. Mick Clarke

Mr. Job. Hall

Mr. Patrick Condren

Mr. Samuel Marshall

The minutes of last monthly meeting
 & of Lighting Committee meeting of 16th ult.
 were read & agreed to & signed by the Chair-
 man.

Financial
 Reform League

A letter was read from the Financial Re-
 form League, Mansion House, Dublin, asking
 to be informed what action (if any) has been
 taken by Arklow Board on the question of the
 Financial Relations between Great Britain &
 Ireland, & submitting resolutions for
 adoption.

Resolutions
 adopted

It was proposed by Dr. Gardiner, seconded
 by Mr. R. Kearon & unanimously agreed to
 that the following two resolutions be
 adopted:—

(1.) "In the opinion of this meeting it is imper-
 ative on Irishmen of all political parties to
 join in the effort now being made by the
 Irish Financial Reform League to redress the
 undue burden of taxation which, after inves-
 tigation by the Royal Commission, has

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3-1-98

Resolution
adopted.

been found to press unduly on the resources of Ireland."

(2.) "That it is the opinion of this meeting that there is no justification for delay in dealing with the financial grievance of Ireland, as disclosed by the late Royal Commission, on the plea of appointing a further Commission, which, in our judgment, is entirely unnecessary."

The clerk was directed to inform the Irish Financial Reform League of above action & to send copy of resolutions to Chief Secretary for Ireland.

Letter from
Mountmellick
Guardians.

A letter was read from the Guardians of Mountmellick Union containing resolution in reference to the drainage of the River Barrow.

The letter was marked 'read'.

Letter from
Irish cattle
traders & stock-
owners' assoc-
iation

A letter was read from the Irish Cattle Traders & Stockowners Association, Prussia street, Dublin containing the following resolution submitted for adoption:-

Resolution "That we demand from the Government the appointment of an Irish Agricultural Department, to be worked by Irishmen who have a thorough knowledge of the agricultural necessities of their own Country, seeing that in England, where the agricultural interest is but 1/4 per cent of the industrial volume, there is an agricultural department with 8% salaries officials, while in Ireland, where the overwhelming majority of the population have to depend for income on the products of the soil, there is no agricultural department whatever."

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"That this association is strongly of opinion that the establishment of an Irish Board of Agriculture and of a Veterinary College in Dublin would be of incalculable benefit to the Irish Live-Stock trade."

It was proposed by Dr. Gardiner Mr. Annisley seconded by Mr. Clarke & agreed to that above resolution be adopted & that copies be sent to the Premier & the Irish Chief Secretary.

Correspondence
re Fire Engine

A letter was read from Messrs. Shand, Mason & Co. London relative to purchase of Manual Fire Engine & Fire Escape for Arklow. The clerk informed the Board that he had written to insurance agents & owners of property in the town inviting them to subscribe towards the purchase of above and no subscriptions were received.

Public meeting
to be convened
on 24th Jan. 98.

It was proposed by Dr. Gardiner, seconded by Mr. P. Leonard & agreed to, that the Chairman do call a public meeting of the Ratepayers of the town by posters & advertisements in local papers to be held at the Court house, Arklow at 11 o'clock a.m. on Monday 24th January, 1898, for the purpose of devising the best means to provide funds for the purchase of Manual Fire Engine & Fire escape for the Town of Arklow.

The clerk to write Shand, Mason & Co for further information re terms of purchase & to obtain the necessary permission from the Sheriff for use of Court-house on day named.

A letter was read from the Technical Education Association for Ireland, containing the fol-

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following resolutions which the Arklow Commission-
ers were asked to adopt:—

Resolution
for adoption

"That we consider the immediate establish-
ment of a central organisation to foster Agri-
culture and Industries with the aid of State
Funds as essential for the preservation of
Irish Agriculture and Industries, and that in
case the Government are unable to pass a Bill
this Session dealing with the subject, we call
upon His Excellency the Lord Lieutenant to
establish such an organization by Charter."

It was proposed by Mr. Hugh Byrne,
seconded by Mr. Joseph Annesley, & agreed
to, that above resolution be adopted & copies
sent to Lord Lieutenant, Local M.P. &c., as
requested.

The following notice of Town Rate was handed
in by Mr. Richard Keaton:—

Notice of
intended Town
Rate given

"I hereby give notice that, at the
next monthly meeting of the Arklow
Town Commissioners, I shall propose that
a Town Rate of one shilling in the £ be
made on all Buildings and one-fourth of
that amount, or three pence in the £ be
made on lands all within the boundary of
the Town of Arklow.

And, should I happen to be absent from
next monthly meeting, I authorise any
Commissioner who may be present thereof
to take action upon this notice."

The clerk in connection with above notice
produced an estimate of the probable re-
ceipts and expenditure in the Town for
current financial year which shows

Monthly meeting
3 Jan 98

Cheques.

Harbour Loan
cheque postponed

Write to
Manager Rock
Quarries re
gullet on
Cremway

Resolution re
fish in
river.

Total Receipts	£ 2,450.. 16.. 9
" Expenditure	2,310.. 0.. 0
Bal.	140.. 16.. 9

Cheques were issued for the following:—
To Town clerk for Quarter ended 20 Dec. 1897
salary for Keeping Harbour Rate account £ 1.. 5.. 0
To Thomas Braeken & wks wages lamplighting
ending Saturday 1st January 1898 2.. 16.. 0
" Laurence Desmond do do 2.. 16.. 0
" Town clerk for Incidentals as per a/c. 1.. 1.. 9
It was proposed by Mr. Byrne, seconded by
Mr. Annesley and agreed to that ^{issue of} cheque for
£85-0-5 instalment on Harbour Loan be postponed
to next monthly meeting as Receivable Order
in connection therewith had not been forwarded
from the Office of Public Works.

The clerk was directed to write to Mr.
Scott, Local Manager, Arklow Rock Quarries
asking him to cause a gullet to be made
under the Tramway leading from Quarries to
Arklow Harbour so as to turn off the
water caused by recent heavy rain which
is at present running down to & flooding
the lower part of the Town.

The following resolution was proposed
by Mr. Hugh Byrne, seconded by Mr.
Joseph Annesley and agreed to:—

"That this Board requests
the Inspectors of Irish Fisheries
to re-consider the application made
to them on the 2nd of December
last by the Chairman of this Board in
reference to the taking of fish in
Arklow river."

Monthly meeting
3 Jan. 98 The clerk was directed to send copy of foregoing resolution to Board of Irish Fisheries, Dublin Castle.

The following notice was given by Mr. P. Leonard:-

Notice re
Horse fairs "That at our next monthly meeting I shall propose a resolution to add two Horse fairs in the year as it will be a great benefit to both country & Town."

Accident to
Lamp post. The clerk reported an injury to lamp on North Quay, a horse, ^{having collided with it} belonging to Myles Byrne, Le Main St., cost of repairs for broken glass & lamp post displaced 1/8.

It was agreed that above sum be not charged to Mr. Byrne as his driver, Bryan O'Brien, admitted having caused the accident.

Thomas J. Troy, Chairman

February 4th 1898

Record of proceed-
ings at
Meeting of
Ratepayers,
Commissioners, &c.
24 Jan. 98.

A meeting of the Ratepayers, Commissioners & inhabitants of Arklow which had been publicly announced by posters & in the local press, & also notified by the bell-man was to have been held at the Court-house Arklow at 11 o'clock a.m. on Monday 24th January, 1898.

The following attended:-

Mr. Thos. J. Troy B.T.C.

Mr. Job Hall, T.C.

Mr. S. Marshall "

" D. Kavanagh "

" J. Annisley "

In consequence of the public Ratepayers, &c., not having attended, the meeting was adjourned to 7 o'clock P.M. on same evening & the Town clerk was directed to have the adjournment & hour of meeting again publicly notified by the Bell-man.

The adjourned meeting accordingly took place at 7 P.M. when the following amongst others attended:-

T. J. Troy, B.T.C.

S. Marshall T.C.

P. Leonard "

R. Kearon J.P. T.C.

James Tyrrell T.C.

Mr. Clarke "

Job Hall "

H. Byrne "

W^m. Kavanagh.

J. Annisley "

It was proposed by Mr. Kearon,

24 Jan 98. cont.

Meeting of
Ratepayers
Re fire engine
& fire escape.
Record of
proceedings

seconded by Mr. Marshall & agreed to, that Mr. Troy take the chair.

The Chairman explained the object for which the meeting was held, which was for the purpose of considering the advisability of providing the town with a suitable fire engine & fire escape the cost of which would be £60. He said that the commissioners after serious consideration had unanimously come to the conclusion that they would not be justified in expending so large a sum as the above on a fire engine & fire escape from the limited funds at their disposal and diverting it from the flagging of footpaths & other useful improvements in the town.

Besides, as this was a matter which concerned the landlords, Insurance Companies, & property owners in the town, who were asked to contribute towards the above, but declined to do so, the commissioners decided on calling the present ^{meeting} for the purpose of asking the ratepayers of the town to join with them ~~commissioners~~ in forming a committee to collect funds for the purchase ~~above~~ & that the Commissioners would give a fair contribution towards the cost from the Township funds.

As there was no response to above appeal from the ratepayers present, the Chairman declared the meeting at an end.

Thomas J. Troy Chairman
Feb 9th 1898.

7 Feb. 1898

Monthly meeting
7 Feb. 98.

A monthly meeting of the Arklow Town Commissioners was held at the Courthouse, Arklow at 12 o'clock noon on Monday the 7th February, 1898.

The following attended:—

Mr. Tho. J. Troy, Chairman

Mr. Rich^d Keaton, J.P.

Mr. Job Hall

Mr. W^m Kavanagh

Mr. Joseph Annesley

Dr. Gardiner

Mr. Denis Kavanagh

The minutes of last monthly meeting were read & agreed to and signed by the Chairman. Also, record of meeting of Ratepayers, Commissioners & inhabitants of Arklow held on 24th ult. re-purchase of fire engine &c was read & agreed to & signed by the Chairman.

Correspondence

Com. from Messrs
Rock Quarries

A letter was read from the manager, Arklow Rock Quarries in reply to a request from this Board to make a gullet under Prom-way leading to Quays to turn off water which was flooding lower part of the town, & stating the matter would be seen to at once.

Resolutions

re-acknowledged

A letter was read from office of Irish Fisheries, Dublin Castle acknowledging receipt of resolution re taking fish in Arklow river.

A letter was read from Chief Secretary's office acknowledging receipt of resolutions re Financial Relations & Department of Irish Agriculture.

A letter was read from Chief Secretary's office containing acknowledgment by the Lord Justice for his Excellency, the Lord Lieutenant of resolution re Agriculture & Industries

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Monthly meeting
7 Feb. 1898

A letter was read from Secretary, Foreign Office, acknowledging receipt of resolutions by Marguis of Salisbury from this Board in favour of an Irish Board of Agriculture & of a veterinary college in Dublin.

A letter was read from Chief Secretary's Office acknowledging receipt of resolution by his Excellency the Lord Lieutenant re establishment of a Department of Agriculture and Industries in Ireland.

Two lamps to
be erected on
St. bank road
by Kynock Co.

A letter was read from the Secretary Kynock Co., Stanford le Hope, Essex, stating that in compliance with the request of the commissioners, two lamp-posts ^{lamps} would be erected on the road leading to Cordite works from Ferrybank it being understood that the commissioners wd. get these lamps oiled & lighted by their own lamplighters.

Cheques.

Cheques were issued for the following:

To Thomas Bracken, 5 weeks wages lamplighting commencing on 2 ^d Jan. & ending 5 Feb. 98	£ 3. 10. 0
" Lawrence Desmond do. do	3. 10. 0
" Town clerk, salary for Quarter ended 31 Jan 98	7. 0. 0
" " for Incidentals as per a/c	1. 7. 2
" Bank of Ireland Instalment due on Harbour Loan 1st Jan. 98. (to Harbour Rate a/c)	85. 0. 5

The following resolution was proposed by Mr. Kearon, J.P. seconded by Mr. Armesley and agreed to:—

Town
Rate made

"In pursuance of notice given at last monthly meeting of this Board, I propose that a Town Rate of one shilling in the pound be now made on Buildings & one-fourth of that amount on three

7 Feb. 98 cont.

Monthly meeting
7 Feb. 98. cont.

pence in the pound be made on Lands, all within the municipal limits of the Town of Arklow, under the provisions of the Towns Improvement (Ireland) Act, 1854, said rate to become due on 7th day of March, 1898."

All night
lighting of lamps
discontinued

It was directed that the lamps ordered to be kept lighting all night from 21st Nov. 97, be for the remainder of lighting season extinguished with the other lamps at the usual hour 11 P.M., the all night lighting to be discontinued from this date.

Oil lamps to
be stored on Mrs.
Troy's premises

It was also directed that at the end of the lighting season, all the lamps be stored on Mrs. Troy's premises, she having already given storage for Commissioners lamp-oil since 15th Jan. 1898, and that a suitable wooden stand be got on which to place each oil-cask while the oil is being ~~then~~ drawn from it.

J. Hall

16/3/98

Monthly meeting 7 March 98

A ^{monthly} meeting of the Arklow Town Commissioners was held at the Court house, Arklow on Monday 7th August, 1898.

The following attended

- Mr. Tho. J. Troy, Chairman
- Mr. John Story
- Mr. Joseph Amesley
- Mr. Rich^d Kearon, J.P.
- Mr. Patk Condren
- Mr. Charles Ellis.

Declaration made

Mr. Ellis made the usual statutory declaration, this being his first attendance since election.

Warrant on Ratebook signed Rate £192-12-1/2

The Town Ratebook, as finally adjusted, was signed by the Chairman & two Commissioners & countersigned by the clerk to be handed over to the Rate collector, as prescribed by section 61 of the Towns' Improvement Act.

Cheques

- Cheques were issued for the following:
- To Tho. Bracken 4 weeks wages lamp-lighting from 6 Feb. to 5 March 98, £ 2-16-6
 - Lawrence Diamond " " " " " " 2-16-0
 - Town Clerk, rent, storage of oil lamps, &c 18 Sept 97 to 15th January, 1898. 4 months & 29 days 2-1-2
 - Town Clerk cheque for £5-15-6 to be drawn from Town Rate a/c. & lodged to Harbour Rate a/c. 5-15-6
 - The Star printing & Publishing Co. Ltd. Printing ads, &c. as per a/c 1-12-3

Resolution of sympathy

The following resolution was proposed by Mr. J. J. Troy, seconded by Mr. J. Story & unanimously agreed to. -
"That we now adjourn this meeting as a mark of respect to the memory of the late Mr. William Kavanagh, J.P."

& that the Town Clerk be instructed to convey the sympathy of this Board to his widow & the members of his family in their sad bereavement."

Meeting adj^d to 16 March 98

The remainder of the business on the agenda paper was accordingly adjourned to Wednesday 16th inst. at 7 o'clock P.M. & the clerk was directed to give notice of the adjournment in the usual way.

Richard Kearon Town Clerk
April 4th 1898

Adopted monthly
meeting 16 March 98.

An adjourned monthly meeting of the Arklow Town Commissioners was held at the Court House, Arklow at 7 o'clock P.M. on Wednesday 16th March, 1898.

The following attended:—

Mr. Job Hall
Mr. Samuel Marshall
Mr. R. L. Johnson Esq.
Mr. John Storey
Mr. James Tyrrell
Mr. Mick Clarke
Dr. Cardiner
Mr. D. Kavanagh
Mr. P. Leonard

Chairman of
meeting

It was proposed by Mr. Johnson, seconded by Mr. Marshall agreed to that Mr. Job Hall take the chair.

Correspondence
re audit of

A letter was read from Mr. Drury auditor in connection with audit of Town & Harbour Rate accounts for year ended 20th Sept 1897, & enclosing abstract of accounts which showed a balance in favour of the Commissioners of £277.17.7 on both accounts, i.e. £170.0.10 on Town Rate account & £107.16.9 on Harbour Rate account.

A letter was read from the Town & Harbour Commissioners of Youghal containing resolution in reference to ~~the~~ reformⁱⁿ of the constitution of the Salmon Fishery Boards in this country.

It was proposed by Mr. D. Kavanagh, seconded by Mr. Johnson agreed to that resolutions above referred to be adopted & copies sent as requested.

A letter was read from the Brandon Board of Guardians containing the following resolutions, requesting the active co-operation of this Board in the matter:—

Copy reso-
lution re
Implements
in cities &
Towns &c.

Copy "That we observe with much surprise and disappointment that ⁱⁿ the Local Govt. (Ireland) Bill now before Parliament, the Imperial Grant in aid of local Rates, is strictly limited in its operation to Agricultural Land."

"That as all Tenements in Cities, Towns and villages; all country mills & manufactories, and probably all country houses and out-offices, are thereby excluded from participation in the Grant, we believe a grave injustice will be done by this restriction to the owners & occupiers of such property if the Bill is allowed to pass in its present form."

"That this injustice will, in our opinion be greatly aggravated by the fact that the Estate duty Grant, amounting to more than £350,000 per annum, equivalent to an abatement of at least 3^d in the £ on county cess & poor rate, is to be withdrawn; and as all Buildings, Urban as well as Rural, shared alike in the benefit of this Grant, the owners & occupiers of property other than Agricultural Land, will be placed in a far worse position than hitherto by the arrangement proposed."

"That as there is no valid reason for the differential treatment of the Urban and Rural Ratepayers, we believe it to be an act of simplest justice to the former, that ministers should amend the Bill, so as to provide for the inclusion of all rateable property within the operation of the New Imperial grant, and that it is the duty

16 March, 98. contd.

of the Irish Representatives, without distinction of political party, to press vigorously for this end."

"That as the Agricultural Grant is estimated made by the Chief Secretary at £730,000 per annum, and as the further annual sum which would be required to provide for the inclusion of Urban Ratepayers would not probably exceed £300,000, the Total Contribution from the Consolidated Fund, viz: £1,030,000, would, we maintain, be really less than the £700,000 promised to the Irish People, absolutely, and with no suggestion of an intended withdrawal of any existing Grant in aid, by Mr. Arthur Balfour during the last session of Parliament, when added to the Estate Duty Grant which it is now, by an evident afterthought, decided to withhold."

Resolution
adopted

It was proposed by Dr. Gardiner, seconded by Mr. Marshall & agreed to that above resolution be adopted & copy sent to M.P. for West Wicklow.

Quay lamps
to be stored.

It was ordered that the fourteen lamps on Quays be taken down & removed to store on 22nd inst.

The following notice was given by Dr. Gardiner:-

Notice re
casual vacancy

"I hereby give notice that at the monthly meeting of this Board, I shall propose to elect a Commissioner in place of the late Mr. William Kavanagh J.B. deceased, and, in the event of my being absent from said meeting, I hereby authorise any Commissioner

who may be present threat to take action upon this notice."

Dated Arklow, 16th March, 1898.

(Signed,) B. R. Gardiner.

Richard Kearon Porter
April 4th 1898

4 Apr 98

Monthly
meeting 4 Apr 98

A monthly meeting of the Arklow Town Commissioners was held at the Court House, Arklow at 12 o'clock noon on Monday, 4th April, 1898.

Monthly meeting
made special

This meeting was made special under 10 Vit. chap. 16. Section 43 for the purpose of filling a casual vacancy.

The following attended:—

Mr. Richard Kearon, J.P.

Mr. Samuel Marshall

Mr. Patrick Leonard

Mr. Charles Ellis

Mr. Job Hall

Mr. R. H. Johnson

Mr. Mick Clarke

Chairman of
meeting.

It was proposed by Mr. Marshall, seconded by Mr. Johnson & carried that Mr. R. Kearon be chairman of meeting.

The minutes of monthly meeting of 7th ult. & of adjourned monthly meeting of 16th ult. were read and agreed to and signed by the chairman.

Correspondence

A letter was read from Chief Secretary's Office acknowledging receipt of resolution from last monthly meeting recommending certain amendments to Local Government Bill.

A similar acknowledgment from same Office was read in reference to Salmon Fishery Boards.

Letters were read from Carrickonsuir and Dundalk respectively containing resolutions for adoption, as to certain amendments in Local Government Bill.

As resolutions to the same effect have already been adopted by this Board, there

was no action taken on the above and the letters ^{in question} were marked 'read'.

A letter was read from the New Mutual Telephone Syndicate Limited, 75, Princess Street, Manchester, containing the following resolution with a request that it be adopted by this Board:—

Resolutions
re Telephone

"That in the interests of trade, industry, and social convenience it is essential that the fullest possible development of the Telephone Service in this country should be promoted.

That in order to effect such development the charge must be considerably reduced.

That the best and cheapest service can only be secured by competition.

That as the Treasury Minute dated 23rd May, 1892, provides, as a matter of general policy, that "competition will not be excluded," this Council earnestly requests the Postmaster General to grant licences to any Municipalities or Companies which comply with the requirements of the Treasury Minute.

That they desire particularly to support the claims for licences made by the Mutual Telephone Company Limited of Manchester."

Resolutions
adopted.

It was proposed by Mr. Hall, seconded by Mr. Clarke & agreed to, that above resolution be adopted & copy sent as requested.

casual vacancy

It was proposed by Mr. Marshall & seconded by Mr. Johnson that Mr. John McLaughlin of Ferrybank be elected a Commissioner in place of the late Mr. W^m Kavanagh, deceased.

It was proposed as an amendment by Mr. Leonard that Mr. Hoynes be elected

4 Apr. 1898

Monthly meeting
4 Apr 98. cont.

It was proposed by Mr. Ellis as a further amendment that no election take place.

There being no seconder for either of above amendments, they were not put from the chair & the original proposition was passed and Mr. W. Loughlin declared duly elected a Commissioner, for Arklow Ward in place of Mr. W. M. Kavanagh, deceased.

Mr. W. Loughlin
elected.

Cheques were issued for the following:—

Cheques.	To Tho. Bracken, 4 weeks wages from 5 March to 2 Apr. 98.	£ 2. 16. 0
	" Laurence Diamond " " " "	2. 16. 0
	" John M. Walsh, Printing, advs. &c. Town Rate ofc	2. 11. 9
	" " " " " Harbour Rate .	0. 18. 0
	" Town Clerk Quert's salary to 20 March 98 " " "	1. 5. 0
	" " " " " for Incidentals as per ofc.	1. 10. 8

Applications
for flagging.

It was proposed by Mr. Kearon, seconded by Mr. Hall & agreed to that application be made to next Presentment Sessions at Wicklow on 17th Prov. for flagging of footpath at North side of Gillain street in continuation of present flagging amount not to exceed £100. the Arklow Town Commissioners to pay half the contract sum.

Mr. Kearon, J.P. & the Town Clerk to be the applicants.

Lamps to be
stored 28, 29 &
30 Apr. 98

The Clerk was directed to have all the Town lamps taken down and stored on Mrs. Troy's premises during the last three days of present month, and to inform Mrs. Troy she would be allowed £5 a year for storage of oil, lamps, &c., same as had been allowed to the Town Clerk, a month's notice from either party to terminate agreement, rent to commence from 15th January, 1898.

Storage of oil,
lamps, &c. on
Mrs. Troy's
premises

4 Apr. 98 cont.

Monthly meeting

Bracket
lamp to be re-erected

It was directed that Bracket lamps in Mahon's lane which had been removed in consequence of wall falling, be now re-erected, the broken wall having been re-built.

Thomas J. Troy Chairman.

11 April 98.

Meeting on short notice

A special meeting convened upon short notice was held at the Court house, Arklow at 7.30 o'clock P.M. on Monday, 11th April 1898.

The following attended:—

Mr. J. Ammesley
 " R. Kieron J.P.
 " D. Kavanagh
 " S. Marshall
 " J. Storey
 " M. Clarke
 " C. Ellis
 " Job. Hall

The clerk read the requisition convening the meeting which was for the purpose of considering an important matter affecting the interests of the town, viz. endeavouring to obtain a continuation of the cordite contract for Kynoch Ltd., thereby securing continuous employment for their workpeople.

The meeting was also for other and general business.

It was proposed by Mr. Ammesley, seconded by Mr. Kavanagh & agreed to that Mr. Kieron be chairman of meeting.

The clerk read the requisition convening the meeting which was for the purpose of considering an important matter affecting the interests of the Town, viz. endeavouring to obtain a continuation of the cordite contract for Kynoch Ltd. thereby securing continuous employment for their workpeople.

The meeting was also for other business.

The following resolution was proposed

Chairman of meeting.

11 April 98

Mr. Storey, seconded by Mr. Job. Hall & passed, Mr. D. Kavanagh dissenting.

Resolution re contract for cordite to Kynoch Ltd. That we, the Town Commissioners of Arklow respectfully request that Her Majesty's Government may be pleased to grant a renewal of the contract for cordite — which we observe from the public press has now expired and is about to be ^{re-issued} renewed — to Messrs. Kynoch Ltd. of Birmingham and Arklow.

In making this request we desire to point out that the employment given by Kynoch Ltd. has been of incalculable benefit to Arklow, and as the withdrawal of above contract would necessarily mean a large reduction in the number of hands employed by the company at Arklow and consequent loss to the town and suffering amongst the working classes, we earnestly hope that the Government in the interests of Ireland, and particularly in the interests of this poor struggling town, will be able to comply with this request."

That copies of the foregoing be sent to the Secretary of State for War and the Chief Secretary for Ireland.

The following resolution was proposed by Mr. Marshall, seconded by Mr. Ammesley and agreed to:—

That we, the Arklow Town Commissioners, hereby endorse the protest made by the Rathdrum Guardians on 1st instant, in reference to the alteration of trains on the D. W. & Wexford Railway,

Monthly meeting
2. May 98

A letter was read from Mr. James Connor M.P. acknowledging receipt of resolution forwarded to him from this Board relative to Telephone Service.

Arklow Ward altered to Urban Electoral Division

A letter was read from the Local Government Board, stating that the portion of the electoral division of Arklow in Rathdrom Union comprised within the boundary of the Arklow Ward in the town of Arklow, be called the Arklow Urban electoral division under the Registration (Ireland) Act, 1898

Ferrybank Ward altered to Urban Electoral Division of Kilbride

A similar order under same Act was read altering Ferrybank Ward in the Town of Arklow to be the Urban electoral division of Kilbride.

A letter was read from the War office, London acknowledging receipt of resolution forwarded from meeting of 11th ult.

A similar acknowledgment was read from the Chief Secretary's Office, Dublin.

Resolutions acknowledged

A letter was read from the Traffic Manager, D.W. & N. Railway Co acknowledging receipt of resolution forwarded from this Board on 11th ult, & stating that same had been submitted to his Directors.

Cheques.

Cheques were issued for the following:—

To Tho. Braeken 4 weeks wages, 3rd to 30th April. 98, Samp. & pay.	£ 2-16-0
" Lawrence Desmond " " " " " "	2-16-0
" Town Clerk, Quarter's salary to 30th April. 98.	7-0-0
" Tho. Nicholson, Fuel, light & attendance year ended "	2-0-0
" Wm. Greene, Lamps necessaries, &c., as per a/c	6-17-3
" Local Government Board, Audit fee	2-10-0

Attendance at Presentment sessions

It was agreed that the Chairman, Mr. Richard Kearon, J.P. & the Town Clerk

attend the Presentment sessions at Wicklow on 17th inst., in support of application to lay footpath in town of Arklow.

The Clerk brought under the notice of the meeting that Mr. Drury on his last audit of the Arklow accounts had directed that the Rate collector & Town Clerk enter into security for the faithful discharge of their duties before the next audit.

The matter was adjourned to next meeting, the Clerk & rate collector to get Bail Bonds perfected meantime.

The following resolution was proposed by Mr. J. J. Troy, seconded by Mr. H. Byrne & agreed to, & copies directed to be sent to Messrs P. O'Brien & Wm. Field M.P.s.

"That this Board, deeply sensible of the efforts made, does hereby tender its best thanks to Messrs P. O'Brien and William Field, Members of Parliament for the energetic & successful manner in which they have succeeded in influencing the War Office officials & government to recognise the reasonable and just claims of the Arklow Cordite Works to a share in the government contracts about to be renewed."

Mr. Troy gave the following notice:—

"I hereby give notice that at the next meeting of this Board I will propose the following resolution:—

That this Board subsidizes the Arklow Band to the extent of £5 for this year.

Mr. Marshall left the Board room ^{a short time} after the minutes had been read.

Richard Kearon Chairman
13th June 1898

6 June, 1898.

Monthly
meeting 6 June
1898

A monthly meeting of the Arklow Town Commissioners was held at the Courthouse, Arklow at 12 o'clock noon on Monday 6th June, 1898.

The following attended:—

Mr. Thos. J. Gray, Chairman
Mr. Richard Kearon, J.P.
Mr. Patrick Leonard
Mr. Samuel Marshall
Mr. James Tyrrell
Mr. Charles Ellis

Town clerk
& Rate collector's
security

The Town clerk got Bill Bond perfected in presence of the Chairman giving security for the faithful discharge of his duty in £50.

He also informed the Board that Mr. Evans, Rate collector, had a similar Bond perfected giving security in £100.

Resolution of
adjournment
in death of
Mr. J. W. Doughtlin
died 8 May 98

It was proposed by Mr. Kearon, seconded by Mr. P. Leonard & unanimously agreed to:—That this Board do now adjourn as a mark of respect to the memory of the late Mr. John W. Doughtlin, J.P. & that a copy of this resolution be forwarded to Mrs. W. Doughtlin.

The meeting was accordingly adjourned to 7.30 o'clock P.M. on Thursday, 9th inst., & the clerk was directed to give written notice of the adjournment to all the absent members.

Wm. Byrne
Chairman of Meeting
7. 7. 98

9 June, 98.

Adjourned meeting
9 June 98

An adjourned monthly appointed to be held at Town Commissioners' office at 7.30 o'clock P.M. on Thursday, 9th June, 1898 was not attended by any Commissioners & was adjourned by the Town clerk to 7.30 o'clock P.M. on Monday, 13th June, 1898.

Wm. Byrne
Chairman of Meeting
7. 7. 98

Adj'd monthly
meeting 13th
June, 98

An adjourned monthly meeting of the Arklow Town Commissioners was held at the Court House Arklow at 7.30 o'clock P.M. on Monday, 13th June, 1898.

The following attended:—

Mr. Rich Deacon, J.P.

Mr. John Stoney

Mr. Samuel Marshall

Mr. James Tyrrell

Mr. Charles Ellis

The Clerk informed the Board that their application for flagging at Wicklow Parental Sessions on 17th prox. was unsuccessful.

~~The minutes of last monthly~~

It was proposed by Mr. Marshall, seconded by Mr. Stoney & agreed to that Mr. Rich Deacon be chairman of meeting.

The minutes of last monthly meeting were read and agreed to & signed by the chairman.

Letters were read from Messrs. P. O'Brien and William Field, M.P.'s acknowledging receipt of resolution from Arklow Board.

A letter was read from Mr. D. Kavanagh tendering his resignation.

It was proposed by Mr. Deacon.

seconded by Mr. Stoney and agreed to. That a deputation be appointed to wait on Mr. Kavanagh asking him to reconsider the matter & to withdraw his resignation as the Board could not afford to lose his valuable services.

Adj'd monthly
meeting 13 June
98.

Mr. Charles Ellis at this period of the meeting left the Board room & a quorum not being then present, the remainder of the business was adjourned to next monthly meeting on 4th prox.

Hugh Byrne

Chairman of Meeting

17-18-98

Absentive meeting 4 July 98.

A meeting of the Arklow Town Commissioners was held at the Court house, Arklow at 12 o'clock noon on Monday the 4th July 1898.

The following attended:—

- Mr. Tho. J. Troy, Chairman
- Mr. Richard Kearon, J.P.
- Mr. Patrick Condren
- Mr. Job Hall

A quorum not having attended the above members adjourned the meeting to 7.30 o'clock P.M. on Thursday, 7th inst. the clerk to give notice of adjournment to all the absent members.

Hugh Byrne

Chairman of Meeting
July 4-98

Adj'd monthly meeting 7 July 98.

An adjourned monthly meeting of the Arklow Town Commissioners was held at the Court house, Arklow at 7.30 o'clock P.M. on Thursday 7th July, 1898.

The following attended:—

- Mr. Hugh Byrne
- Mr. Job Hall
- Mr. Joseph Annesley
- Mr. Mick Clarke
- Mr. James Tyrrell

Chairman appointed

It was proposed by Mr. Annesley, seconded by Mr. Tyrrell & agreed to that Mr. Hugh Byrne be Chairman of meeting.

The minutes of last monthly meeting and of adjourned monthly meeting of 13th ult. were read and agreed to and signed by the Chairman.

Letter re school attendance

A letter was read from the Wicklow School Attendance Committee containing a resolution in favour of punishing children instead of fining parents or guardians for non-attendance of the former at school.

The Chairman stated that as the compulsory clauses of the Education Act, 1892, were not being enforced in Arklow, no action could be taken on the above at present.

£9-19-1 lodged for dog licences

A letter was read from the Registrar of Petty Sessions' clerks stating that the sum of £9-19-1 proportion of surplus moneys arising from the sale of dog licences had been lodged to the credit of the Arklow Town Commissioners for the year 1897.

Letter from Irish Tourist Association & resolution

A letter was read from the Irish Tourist Association containing the following copy of resolution with a request that it be adopted by the Arklow Board:—

"That the Irish Members of Parliament be

7 July 98.

Adopted monthly
meeting 7 July 98

requested to have inserted in the Local Government Bill now before Parliament a clause enabling County Councils to levy taxes and appropriate funds at their disposal for the purpose of advertising tourist resorts in their respective districts."

Resolution
adopted

It was proposed by Mr. Amesley, seconded by Mr. Clarke & agreed to that above resolution be adopted and that copies be sent to the County Members.

Cheques.

Cheques were issued for the following: -
To the Town ^{clerk} for Quarter's salary due and ending 20th June, 1898, Harbour Rate of £1.5.0
Do. for Incidentals as per a/c. 1.3.9

Letter from
Mrs. W. Loughlin

A letter was read from Mrs. W. Loughlin of Arrybank acknowledging receipt of resolutions of sympathy on the death of her husband, the late Mr. J. W. Loughlin, Esq.

P. Leonard's
Resignation

A letter was read from Mr. P. Leonard tendering his resignation as a Town Commissioner.

Above resignation
not accepted.

The Board declined to accept his resignation for the present, and directed the clerk to write to Mr. Leonard & ask him to reconsider the matter & withdraw his resignation.

Cheque for
Harbour Loan
Instalment
not issued

The clerk stated in reference to cheque on agenda paper for £85.0.5 instalment on Harbour loan, it could not be issued at this meeting as the "Receivable order" in connection therewith had not yet been sent on from the office, Board of Public Works.

Copying Press
to be ordered

It was directed that Cyclostyle, Copying Press and "Shannon" File be got for Town

Commissioners' Office.

Query as to
Urban Dist Council
New L.G. Bill.

The clerk was directed to write to the Local Government Board and ask whether Arklow would become an Urban District Council under the New Local Government Bill, or would it be necessary that any action should be taken in the matter by the Arklow Town Commissioners. Information on above to be procured ^{on} next monthly meeting.

Richard Kearon Chairman
5/8/98

Adjourned
monthly
meeting 1st
Sept. 1898.

1st August 98.

Monthly meeting Monday 1st August
1898.

No members having attended on
this date, the clerk in accordance with
the statute adjourned the meeting at
12.30 P.M. & sent written notice of the
adjournment to all the Commissioners.

The adjourned meeting was fixed
for 7 o'clock on the evening of Thursday
the 4th inst.

Richard Kearon Chairman
4/8/98

4th August 1898.

Adj'd monthly
meeting 4th Augt
98.

An adjourned monthly meeting of the
Arklow Town Commissioners was held at
the Court house, Arklow at 7 o'clock P.M. on
Thursday, 4th August, 1898.

The following attended:—

Mr. Hugh Byrne

Mr. John Storey

Mr. Richard Kearon, C.B.

Dr. Gardiner

Mr. Denis Kavanagh

Mr. Mick Clarke

Mr. Job Hall

Mr. Samuel Marshall

Mr. James Tyrrell

It was proposed by Mr. Hugh Byrne,
seconded by Mr. John Storey, ^{that} Mr.
Kearon be Chairman.

The minutes of last monthly meeting
were read & agreed to and signed by
the Chairman.

A letter was read from Mr. P. Condren
in reply to a request from this Board to
withdraw his resignation & declining to
do so & desired to be excused from accepting
office at the present time.

A letter was read from the Local
Government Board in ^{replying} reply to
inquiry made & stating that for the pur-
pose of making Arklow Town an urban
sanitary district under the Local Govt.
Bill now before Parliament, an order
of the Local Government Board in that
behalf will be necessary, and if
the order be petitioned against in the

Chairman of
meeting.

Mr P. Condren's
resignation re.

Letter from
Local Govt. Board
re. Local
Govt. Bill.

prescribed manner, it must be confirmed by Parliament; otherwise it takes effect without the authority of Parliament.

The Board advises the Commissioners to take no further action in the matter until the Bill becomes law.

Cyclist Touring Club. application

The ~~Tourist~~ Cyclist Touring Club applied to the Arklow Town Commissioners for permission to put up 'Danger Boards' & Caution Boards in certain parts of the town. The Commissioners agreed they had no objection to the proposal provided they were put up subject to the supervision of the Town Clerk, ~~and that the amount of the~~

Notice of Harbour Rate given

The following notice was given by Mr. James Tyrrell, dated 4th August 1898.
I hereby give notice that, at the next monthly meeting of the Arklow Town Commissioners, I shall propose that a Harbour Rate of one shilling in the £ be made on ~~lands~~ Buildings and one-fourth of that amount, or three pence in the £ be made on lands, all within the limits of the Town of Arklow for the purpose of repayment with interest thereon of loan of £3,500 granted by the Lords Commissioners of Her Majesty's Treasury for the improvement of Arklow Harbour.

And should I be absent from next monthly meeting, I authorise any Commissioner who may be present thereat to take action upon this notice."

It was arranged that the lamps be pre-

Lamps to be lighted 3 sep. 98

pared and put up on 1st & 2nd Prov. The lamp-lighters to receive two days wages each for doing so & the lighting to commence on 3rd Prov.

Cheques.

Cheques were issued for the following:
To Bank of Ireland, Instalment on Harbour loan £85.0.5
" Town Clerk Quarters salary to 31st July, 98. 7.0.0
" Mrs. Anne Troy, half year's rent to 14 July 98, storage of oil 2.10.0

Tenders for oil notices ordered

The Clerk was directed to have notices posted through the Town & to write to three Dublin oil merchants inviting tenders for supply of lamp-oil to be considered at next monthly meeting.

Cyclostyle &c. ordered.

Illustrated price list of Cyclostyle, Shannon file, & copying Press were laid before the Commissioners for consideration. It was agreed to take the Automatic cyclostyle, & that the selection be left to the Town Clerk for all the articles required.

Election of Harbour Commissioners

It was proposed by Mr. Kearon, seconded by Dr. Cardiner and unanimously agreed to that Mr. John Storey & Mr. Hugh Byrne be re-appointed Harbour Commissioners on Arklow Harbour Board. Messrs. Storey & Byrne's statutory term of five years as Harbour Commissioners expired on 9th ult.

Requies local Govt. (Ireland) Act, 98 ordered

The Clerk was directed to procure copies of new local Government (Ireland) Act, 1898, for the use of the Commissioners, &c.

The consideration of Mr. Condon's letter of resignation was adjourned.

Thomas J. Troy, Chairman
5/9/98

Monthly meeting
5th Sept. 1898

A monthly meeting of the Arklow Town Commissioners was held at the Court house, Arklow at 12 o'clock noon on Monday the 5th day of Sept. 1898. The following attended:—

- Mr. Tho. J. Troy, Chairman.
- Mr. Saml. Marshall
- Mr. James Tyrrell
- Mr. Mick Clarke
- Mr. Richd Kearon J.P.
- Dr. Gardiner
- Mr. Hugh Byrne
- Mr. Job Hall
- Mr. Joseph Annesley.

The minutes of last monthly meeting were read & agreed to & signed by the Chairman.

On the minutes being read, Dr. Gardiner stated that a communication in reference to the Wolfe Tone memorial, 98 centenary, received by the clerk was not produced at last monthly meeting. It was directed that the clerk in future produce all such communications at next monthly meeting.

The following was proposed by Mr James Tyrrell, seconded by Mr. Richd Kearon and agreed to:—

"In pursuance of notice given at last month's meeting of the Arklow Town Commissioners, I propose that a Harbour Rate of one shilling in the £ be now made on all Buildings and one-fourth of that amount, or three pence in the £ be made on lands all within the municipal limits of the Town of Arklow under the provisions of the Arklow Harbour Act, 1882, and the

Harbour Rate made.
amt. 192.12.2

Towns' Improvement (Ireland) Act, 1854, for the purpose of repayment with interest thereon of loan of £3,500 granted by Her Majesty's Treasury for the improvement of Arklow Harbour."

A letter was read from the Chief Secretary's Office containing copy of an order made by His Excellency and the Privy Council, dated 16th Aug 98, entitled The Local Government (Transitory Provisions) No. 1 Order, 1898, which gives the present Arklow Town Commissioners authority to remain in office until the 16th January, 1899 & that no election be held in the interim.

The Local Govt (Transitory Provisions) No. 1 order 1898.

Local Govt Board instructions re Arklow becoming an Urban Sanitary District under Local Govt. Act 1898.

A letter dated 31st August, 1898, was read from the Local Government Board in reply to inquiry made and stating that a formal application should be made to the Local Govt. Board by the Town Commissioners to separate the town of Arklow from the Rural district of Rathdrum & to constitute it an urban sanitary district.

That the application should state the grounds on which it is made, should be adopted by a resolution of the Town Commissioners passed at a special meeting, & that copies of the resolution, &c., be sent with the application.

On above being read the following requisition was signed and handed to the Town clerk:—

"We the undersigned, hereby require you to convene a special meeting of the Arklow Town Commissioners to be held at the Commissioners' Office, Court house, Arklow at 4.30 o'clock P.M. on Friday the 9th day of Sept. 1898 for the purpose of making application to the Local Government Board for an order to make the Town of Arklow an Urban Sanitary District under the Local Government (Ireland) Act, 1898.

Signed, Tho. J. Troy J.P. Richard Kearon J.P. J.P. Job Marshall J.P. James Tyrrell Esq. Joseph Annesley Esq.

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5 Sept. 1898

Cheques were issued for the following:—
 To John Leary, painting & repairs of lamps 3.11.6
 Messrs Browne & Nolan, bydstyle, &c. as per a/c 7.11.10
 " Town Clerk for incidentals as per a/c 0.15.1
 " Alex. Thom & Co. 17^{copies} Local Govt. Act. 1898 0.18.0

Cheques.

Tenders for
oil.

Tenders were received for supply of best Royal Daylight Petroleum oil from Messrs Boyleau & Boyd Ltd. 46 Mary Street, Dublin at 6 per gallon delivered free on Rail or Boat in Dublin; and from Mr. Wm Greene of Arklow at 6 per gallon delivered free at the Commissioners' stores, Arklow, empty barrels in each case to be the property of the vendor.

W. Greene's
Tender accepted.

It was proposed by Dr. Gardiner, seconded by Mr. Amresly and agreed to that the tender of Mr. Wm Greene be accepted as being the lowest.

Mr. Condon to
be asked to
withdraw his
resignation

Dr. Gardiner & Mr. Marshall were appointed a deputation to wait on Mr. P. Condon, T.B. Ask him to withdraw his resignation.

Unsanitary
condition of
Arklow
Railway station

The Clerk was directed to write to the manager, D.N. & N. Railway Co. drawing the attention of the latter to the unsanitary condition and want of accommodation at Arklow Railway station and requesting that a day would be appointed for an officer of the Company to receive a deputation from the Arklow Town Commissioners at Arklow Railway station on the subject.

Congratulatory
address to
Earl of
Wicklow

It was proposed by Mr. Troy, seconded by Mr. Marshall and unanimously agreed to that a congratulatory address be presented from this Board to the Right

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98.

Hon. the Earl of Wicklow on the attainment of his majority in December next. A copy of rules, &c. under Intermediate Education Act was produced at meeting on which no action was taken.

Thomas J. Troy Chairman.
3/10/98

Challen

14
12 98

9 Sept. 1898.

Special
meeting 9 Sep 98

A special meeting of the Arklow Town Commissioners duly convened was held at the Court house, Arklow at 7.30 o'clock P.M. on Friday the 9th September, 1898.

The following attended:—

Mr. Tho. J. Troy, Chairman

Mr. Richd Kieron, J.P.

Mr. Joseph Annesley

Mr. Hugh Byrne

Mr. Job. Hall

Mr. Mickl. Clarke

The Clerk read the requisition convening the meeting which was for the purpose of making application to the Local Government Board for an order to separate the Town of Arklow from the rural district of Rathdrum & to constitute it an Urban Sanitary District under the Local Government (Ireland) Act, 1898.

After the matter had been very fully considered, it was proposed by Mr. Richard Kieron, J.P., seconded by Mr Hugh Byrne & unanimously resolved:—

copy of
resolution
to become
a sanitary
authority.

"That we, the Arklow Town Commissioners, at our meeting specially convened for the purpose & held at our office, Court house, Arklow on 9th September, 1898, do make application to the Local Government Board for an order to separate the Town of Arklow from the Rural district of Rathdrum and to constitute it an Urban Sanitary District under the Local Government (Ireland) Act, 1898."

In compliance with instructions forwarded by the Local Government Board

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Special meeting
9 Sep 98 on 31st ult in reference to this matter, the following application was directed to be sent on:—

copy. Local Government (Ireland) Act, 1898.

Application to become an Urban Sanitary District.

Copy of application to become an Urban Sanitary District. Sir, We, the Arklow Town Commissioners, respectfully beg to apply to the Local Government Board for an order to separate the town of Arklow from the rural district of Rathdrum and to constitute it an Urban Sanitary District under above Act for the following reasons:—

(I.) That we consider by obtaining the powers which this order confers, the revenue of the town can be more economically expended and with greater advantage to the inhabitants; that the sanitary business, repairs and maintenance of roads, streets, lanes, footpaths, &c., can be more efficiently and more satisfactorily performed than it would otherwise be done, or has been done in the past.

(II.) That if this order were not applied for, the alternative, as we understand it, would seem to be the extinction of the Arklow Town Commissioners and the transference of the municipal business of the town to a rural district council holding its meetings at Rathdrum, twelve miles distant from Arklow and composed chiefly of country gentlemen who, in all likelihood would neither understand or sympathise with the wants or wishes of the people of Arklow.

(III.) That we think the increasing importance and population of Arklow furnish additional and conclusive reasons why the township business should be administered by local men thoroughly conversant with the requirements of the inhabitants. We

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We wish to point out that owing to the establishment of industries giving large employment, the population of Arklow is now considerably in excess of the figures shown by the last census, while the poor law valuation has also increased and is now over £5,000.

Under these circumstances, we feel confident that, beyond all controversy, we are studying the best interests of our town in making this application.

We are, Sir,
your obedt. servants,

(Signed) Tho. J. Troy, Chairman
Richard Kearon, J.P.

I. Kormly, Town Clerk.

The Secretary,
Local Government Board.

Thomas J. Troy Chairman
3/10/98.

23 Sept. 98.

Lighting Committee
Meeting 23 Sept 98

A meeting of the Lighting Committee of the Arklow Town Commissioners was held at the Court House, Arklow at 7.30 o'clock P.M. on Friday, 23rd Sept. 1898.

The following attended:—

Mr. Hugh Byrne, Chairman

Mr. Richard Kearon, J.P.

Mr. Samuel Marshall

Mr. Denis Kavanagh

Mr. Tho. J. Troy

It was ordered that the agreement signed by the Lamplighters on 25th August 1896, be altered and amended in certain particulars & again signed by the Lamplighters binding them to the conditions therein contained until further conditions or alterations be deemed necessary.

Lamplighters' agreement to be amended & re-signed

Application for bamboo cane ladders

An application from the lamplighters to get bamboo cane ladders as being much lighter & more durable than those already in use was considered, & the clerk was directed to write to Messrs. Edmondson & Co. & to Maguire & Hatchell asking if they could supply them & at what price, also to get a dozen sign plates from Maguire & Hatchell.

New lamp-post & lamp ordered

It was proposed by Mr. Marshall, seconded by Mr. Troy and unanimously agreed to that a new lamp & lamp-post be ordered for erection in lower end of Main Street.

Disposal of spare Bracket lamps adj.

The disposal of two spare Bracket lamp-posts & lamps was adjourned until a suitable site be selected for them after present moonlight. The clerk was directed to the local manager, Kynoch & Co. drawing his attention to the defective ventilation of the two new lamps recently erected by the Co. and suggesting

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Meeting 23 Sept 98

that they be ventilated on the same principle as the Commissioners' lamps.

Burner top
exp'd found
inferior

A duplex burner top was produced for the inspection of the Commissioners & was pronounced to be of very inferior description & high in price ($\frac{3}{6}$). The clerk was directed to write to J. C. H. Payer, Bingley works, Broad Street, Birmingham & to Messrs Newman & Field, 15 Mosley Street, Do, asking what would be the price per gross for full inch duplex burners.

Improve ventilation
on lamp at Bank

Lamp lighters
to clean burners
during moonlight

It was ordered that J. Deary be instructed to examine and improve the ventilation of the lamps opposite the Bank of Ireland; also that the lamp lighters be instructed to examine and clean the flues of the burners & the perforated plates with emery during present moonlight.

Thomas J. Croy.

Hugh Byrne
Chairman of Lighting Com.

3rd Oct. 98

Monthly meeting
3rd Oct 98

A monthly meeting of the Arklow Town Commissioners was held at the Court House, Arklow at 12 o'clock noon on Monday the 3rd October, 1898.

The following attended:—

Mr. Tho. J. Croy, Chairman

Mr. Richard Kearon

Dr. Cardiner

Mr. Joseph Armesley

Mr. James Tyrrell

Mr. Job Hall

Mr. Mick Clarke

Mr. Samuel Marshall

Mr. Hugh Byrne

Mr. Patrick Condren

Mr. Denis Kavanagh

The minutes of last monthly meeting, of special meeting of 9th ult., and of Lighting Committee meeting of 23rd ult., were read and agreed to & signed by the Chairman.

Letters from
Local Govt. Board
re Local
Govt (Ireland)
Act. 1898

A letter was read from the Local Government Board acknowledging receipt of application from Arklow Town Commissioners to have the town constituted an Urban Sanitary District under the Local Government (Ireland) Act. 1898, and the application would receive attention in due course. It further stated that the Commissioners as they now exist will not be affected by the Act, and will not cease to act if the town be not made an Urban Sanitary District.

A letter was read from the Local Government Board stating that the provisions of the Local Government (Ireland) Act. 1898, repealing section 27 of the Local Government (Ireland) Act 1871, shall come into operation on 30th Sept. 1898, the

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object being to render unnecessary the preparation of the list of voters mentioned in the section repeated.

Sewer stopped
on Wexford Road.

An application was read from the inhabitants of Wexford ^{road} complaining of sewer on road side being stopped and causing their houses to be flooded in wet weather.

Above referred
to Co. Surveyor

It was proposed by Mr. Hall, seconded by Mr. Hugh Byrne & agreed to, that the application be referred to the Co. Surveyor.

Letter from Co. Surveyor
re flagging

A letter was read from the Co. Surveyor stating he did not see any difficulty in the Commissioners flagging a portion of the footpaths in Arklow and defraying the whole cost out of the funds at their disposal, but that it should be done by skilled labour under specification & to his (the Co. Surveyor's) satisfaction.

On above letter being read, the following resolution was proposed by Mr. Richard Keaton, seconded by Dr. Gardiner and unanimously agreed to:-

Resolution
re flagging

"I hereby propose that we expend £100 from the Town funds on flagging of footpaths in Arklow in continuation of present flagging at Mr. James Tyrrell's house."

A considerable amount of correspondence was read in reference to purchase of new burners & sign plates and was referred to the lighting Committee for consideration.

A letter was read from Messrs Maguire and Satchell stating they would have to increase the price 10% on lamp & lamp post ordered on 26th ~~in~~ ⁱⁿ Sep. 98 above the price charged for similar goods in 1896.

The clerk was directed to confirm the order at the increased price.

Letters were read from the postmasters at

Wicklow, Lory & Enniscorthy stating that an evening delivery of letters existed at each place.

Application
for evg. delivery
of letters in
Arklow

It was proposed by Mr. Byrne, seconded by Mr. Keaton and agreed to that the clerk make application to the Secretary G. P. O. for a similar delivery of letters at Arklow & also to call attention to the present system of delivery at Arklow & Ferrybank by which the inhabitants of lower main street & the lower part of the town had the delivery of their letters delayed for nearly an hour each morning.

Harbour Rate
Book signed

The Harbour Rate book was produced by the clerk & signed in the usual way, to be delivered to the rate collector.

Cheques.

Cheques were issued for the following:-

To Mr. Greene, 31 casks Royal Daylight Petroleum oil of 4 1/2 gallons each, 130 1/2 gals. at 5 per gal.	£32 " 11 " 0
" John F. Evans, fees on collection of Town Rates	5 " 11 " 6
" " " " Harbour "	6 " 8 " 0
" Town Clerk's quarterly salary to 20 Sep. 98	1 " 5 " 0
" Richd Myers posting notices	0 " 4 " 0
" Tho. Braiken 4 weeks & three days lamp lighting commencing 1st Sep. & ending 1st Oct. 1898	3 " 2 " 0
" Lawrence Desmond do. do.	3 " 2 " 0

Irrecoverable
Town & Harbour
Rates.

Town rate 5-14-8 1/2

Harbour " 4-7-0

The Rate collector produced his return of irrecoverable rates on Harbour rate made 7th Sep. 1896 & on Town rate made 1st February, 1897. The collector remarked in reference to the large amount of irrecoverable rates opposite Mr. P. Kavanagh's name, that he knew from his personal knowledge that the house to which they referred had been vacant for the past seven years, owing, he believed, to a clause in his lease which prevented sub-letting. The Commissioners agreed that no rates could be charged on a vacant house, & the returns were duly signed by the Chairman & Town Clerk.

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The Clerk was directed to write again to the Traffic Manager D. W. & N. Railway Co. ^{at Arklow Railway Station} relative to unsanitary condition & want of accommodation ^{at Arklow Railway Station} asking for a reply to his last letter on the subject.

The Clerk was also directed to write to the Earl of Carysfort, drawing his Lordship's attention to resolution forwarded to him on 1st Nov. 97 relative to the appointment of Mr. R. Keenan as a J.P. for Co. Wicklow asking his Lordship if anything had since been done in the matter.

It was also ordered that the Co-surveyor be written to asking for specification for flagging & when received, that a special meeting be convened to consider the matter.

Thomas J. Troy Chairman.
7/11/1898.

10 Oct. 98.

Special meeting
10 Oct. 98.

A special meeting duly convened was held at the Court-house Arklow at 7.30 o'clock P.M. on Monday the 10th October, 1898.

The following attended:—

Mr. Thos J. Troy, Chairman
Mr. Hugh Byrne
Mr. Saml Marshall
Mr. Mickl Clarke
Mr. Joseph Annesley
Mr. Charles Ellis
Mr. Patrick Condren

The Clerk read the requisition convening the meeting which was for the purpose of taking the necessary steps to proceed with the flagging & curbing of footpath in Arklow as indicated in Co-surveyor's specification of 6th Oct. 1898.

The Co-surveyor's letter & specification having been read and considered by the meeting, the following resolution was proposed by Mr. Annesley, seconded by Mr. Byrne & carried unanimously:—

"That we advertise in the three local papers and General Advertiser for Tenders to flag & curb 250 yards of footpath in Arklow as indicated in Co-surveyor's specification of 6th Oct. 1898.

Several specimens of duplex burners, chimneys, &c. were then examined by the Commissioners, and it was agreed that no decision be come to at present, & that the Lighting Committee meet at No. 87. Lower Main Street on 12th inst at 7 o'clock P.M. & proceed through the town to select sites for additional lamps and that the selection of

Tenders for
flagging to
be advertised
for.

Duplex burners
&c. exp.

Lighting Committee
meeting ordered

13 Oct 98.

Lighting Committee meeting 13 Oct. 98. A Lighting Committee meeting of the Arklow Town Commissioners was held at the Courthouse, Arklow at 7.30 o'clock P.M. on Thursday the 13th October, 1898.

The following attended:—

Mr. Hugh Byrne, Chairman

Mr. Denis Kavanagh

Mr. R. Kearon, J.P.

Mr. S. Marshall

Mr. J. J. Troy.

Samples of duplex burners were examined by the Committee and disapproved of & the clerk was directed to order from Mr. Tho. Armesley, two dozen of burners fitted with

2 doz. burners with circular wicks ordered in Main street, Arklow Bridge & other prominent parts of the town as an experiment. The order to be given without delay.

Lamp lighter Desmond cautioned. Lamp lighter, Lawrence Desmond came before the Board & was told by the members present that when on their annual inspection on previous night, they found that the lamps in his care did not show at all as good light as those of the other lamp lighter & was cautioned to give more attention to his business, & to focus each lamp on his return after lighting so as to give the fullest amount of light.

Quay lamps & all night lighting after next moonlight. It was ordered that the Quay lamps be lighted immediately after the next moonlight, the all night lighting to commence at the same time & to include the Bridge lamps and all the Quay lamps.

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Lighting Committee meeting 13 Oct. 98.

Mr. Troy drew attention to the shaky state of the Bridge lamps in the present rough weather and suggested that some remedy should be applied, & that they should be supplied with reflectors so as to increase their lighting powers.

It was agreed that Mr. Troy & Mr. Marshall inspect the Bridge lamps at 10 o'clock A.M. on 14th inst & that the Town Clerk attend to receive any instructions that might be given him.

14th Oct. 1898.

Lamp cradles on Bridge to be removed & replaced by others

Loose lamp post to be re-set

Bridge lamps to be removed & replaced by larger ones.

Mr. Troy, Mr. Marshall & the Town Clerk met on Arklow Bridge at 10 a.m. on 14th Oct. 98. as above directed, and after a careful examination, the clerk was directed to have the three lamp cradles of the Bridge lamps removed & replaced with others better made & of heavier iron & so adjusted that the bottom of the lamp would rest on the bottom of the cradle so as to minimise vibration, the work to be done by Richard Kearon, Blacksmith.

It was also ~~agreed~~ ordered that the Bridge lamps be supplied with reflectors fitted on inside; and that the lamp post at Ferrybank end of Bridge be taken up and re-set in cement, it being found quite loose in the ground. It was subsequently ordered that the Bridge lamps be also taken down and replaced by three of a larger size previous to being fitted with reflectors.

28 Oct. 1898.

Special meeting
28 Oct. 1898

A special meeting of the Arklow Town Commissioners duly convened was held at the Court-house Arklow at 7 o'clock P.M. on Friday, 28th Oct. 1898.

The following attended:—

Mr. Tho. J. Troy, Chairman.

Dr. Gardiner

R. E. Johnson Esq.

Mr. Samuel Marshall

Mr. Joseph Annesley

Mr. Hugh Byrne

Mr. Denis Kavanagh

Mr. Richard Kearon, Esq.

Mr. Mick Clarke

Mr. Patrick Condren

The clerk read the requisition convening the meeting which was for the purpose of considering tenders for flagging and curbing 280 square yards of footpath in main street, Arklow, and for general business.

Two tenders were opened by the Chairman from George Dixon, 33, Hanover street, East, Dublin & from William Dunne of Glentague, Arklow respectively.

The latter tender being the cheaper, it was proposed by Dr. Gardiner, seconded by Mr. Kearon and unanimously agreed to:—

"That William Dunne's tender be accepted on condition that he attends with two solvent sureties here on Monday next 31st inst., at 8.15 o'clock P.M. and that this meeting be adjourned to that date and hour; and that the clerk be instructed to request Mr. Dunne to attend as above with his

Tender accepted conditionally meeting adj.

Flagging of footpath

sureties for the purpose of perpetuating a bond for the due performance of his contract."

It was ordered that a dozen of circular white burnus be got from Mr. J. Annesley, that two of the duplex burners & glasses sent as samples, be retained & remainder returned to their respective owners and that a dozen enamelled sign plates with "keep to the right" on both sides be ordered from Messrs. Edmondson & Co. with fixings to attach them to street lamps.

The clerk was directed to give notice of ^{the} adjournment to absent members.

Thomas J. Troy Chairman
9/11/98.

An adjourned special meeting of the Arklow Town Commissioners was held at the Court house, Arklow at 8.15 o'clock, P.M. on Monday 31st October, 1898.

- The following attended:—
- Mr. Tho. J. Troy, Chairman.
 - Mr. R. E. Johnson Solr.
 - Mr. Richard Kearon J.P.
 - Mr. Charles Ellis
 - Mr. Hugh Byrne
 - Mr. Patrick Condren
 - Mr. Denis Kavanagh
 - Mr. Samuel Marshall
 - Dr. Cardiner

Mr. Joseph Annesley

This meeting was held for the purpose of giving Wm Dunne of Blentagea an opportunity of completing contract for flagging &c. as tendered for on 28th inst. Mr. ^{Dunne} although made ^{fully} aware of the purpose of the meeting by the Town Clerk did not come up as requested, and after having waited a considerable time for Dunne's appearance the following resolution was proposed by Mr. Hugh Byrne, seconded by Mr. Marshall and passed unanimously:—

That as William Dunne who tendered for contract of flagging &c. on 28th inst, has not attended with his sureties at this meeting as requested, the Arklow Town Commissioners do get the work done themselves, and that a committee of the following members be appointed to see it carried out, viz:— Mr. Troy, Mr. Marshall

Town Commis- sioners to under- take the work of flagging foot- paths. no tender having been recd.

Mr. Kearon, Mr. Byrne, Mr. Annesley, Mr. Kavanagh, & Mr. Clarke & that three be a quorum of same. and that Mr. Kearon be chairman

It was proposed by Mr. Troy, seconded by Mr. Byrne and agreed to that Mr. Kearon be chairman of above committee, that it be called the Paving & Lighting Committee and that it hold a meeting at 7 o'clock P.M. on each Friday until the work be completed.

Quotations to be asked for a granite curbing

The Clerk was directed to ^{write to} ^{Wissam} Charles ^{of} Tinakilly & to Murtagh Scoghagan of St Hughrim for quotations as to price of granite curbing; and to John Seantou & Richard Broughem ^{of} ^{of} Shenkill, Kilkenny as to price of flags and laying of same & that any tenders or quotations received by the Town Clerk be submitted ^{for consideration} to Mr. Kearon & Mr. Kavanagh who are authorised to accept or reject them as they see fit.

Front of Old graveyard wall to have bracket lamp put

The Clerk was directed to get the ^{old} graveyard wall at corner of Kinella's lane built up with cement in order to place a bracket lamp post on it.

Thomas J. Troy, Chairman
7/11/98.

Meeting
Carey Committee
meeting 4th
Nov 1898

A meeting of the Paving & Lighting Committee was held at the Courthouse, Arklow at 7 o'clock P.M. on Friday 4th Nov. 1898.

The following attended:—

Mr. Hugh Byrne

Mr S. Marshall

Mr W. Clarke

Mr Denis Kavanagh

Mr. Thos. J. Troy.

It was proposed by Mr. Marshall, seconded by Mr. Clarke and agreed to that Mr. Hugh Byrne be Chairman of meeting.

An agreement entered into by Charles Coeson of Tinakilly Aughrim on 2nd inst. to supply 350 feet of granite curbing to the commissioners at one shilling & one penny per foot on rail at Aughrim & to supply the whole quantity within five weeks from date of agreement was read by the clerk for the information of the meeting.

The clerk was directed to write to Charles King of Barnisky asking if he would undertake to set 350 feet of curbing in Arklow & what would be his terms.

It was arranged that Mrs. Margaret Kavanagh send her horse and man with float to convey curbstones and flags from Railway station at Arklow to site at six shillings per day and that she be allowed 2/6 per day for a second man to assist in loading & unloading.

The curbing to be set as it comes as it can afterwards be inspected by the Co-Surveyor or his assistant, & on the arrival of first consignment of flags the deputy Surveyor be written to & asked to

inspect same before being laid, according to the terms of specification.

Sale of
old curbstones
ordered

The clerk was directed to write out notices for the sale of old curbstones & to have them posted through the town stating that sealed tenders for purchase of same would be considered at next meeting on 11th inst.

It was also directed that quotations for supply of flags & for laying of same be received they be submitted to the Chairman (Mr. Kearon) & Mr. ~~Kavanagh~~ ^{Kavanagh} for consideration, either to accept or reject as they may see fit.

Richard Kearon Chairman
11th Nov 1898

7th Nov. 1898.

Monthly meeting
7th Nov. 98

A monthly meeting of the Arklow Town Commissioners was held at the Court-house, Arklow at 12 o'clock noon on Monday the 7th Nov. 1898.

The following attended:—

Mr. Chas. Troy, Chairman
Mr. R. Kearon J.P.
Mr. S. Marshall
Mr. W. Clarke
Mr. P. Leonard
Mr. James Tyrrell
Mr. Joseph Annisley
Mr. Denis Kavanagh
Mr. Hugh Byrne

Minutes read.

The minutes of last monthly meeting, of special meeting of 10th Oct., of lighting committee meeting of 12th Oct., of lighting committee meeting of 13th Oct., of special meeting of 28th Oct. & of adjourned special meeting of 31st Oct. 98, were read and agreed to and signed by the chairman, except the committee meetings which were left over to be signed by chairman of same at next committee meeting.

Correspondence.
Sanitary Condition
of Arklow Railway
Station

A letter ^{dated 8th Oct. 98.} was read from the Traffic Manager, D.W. & W. Railway Co. stating that letter from this Board of 13th ult. re sanitary condition & want of accommodation at Arklow railway station was receiving attention & that he had arranged to visit Arklow at an early date on the subject.

Sewer on
Kilford Road

A letter dated 8th September, 1898, from the inhabitants of Kilford Road complaining of the defective state of sewer in that locality & which was read at monthly meeting on 3rd Oct. last & sent

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to be dealt with by the Surveyor, was again brought forward at this meeting with Surveyor's letter attached stating that in his opinion the complaint should be dealt with by the Sanitary Authority.

The Clerk was directed to send copies of complaint & Surveyor's letter to the Rathdrum guardians with a request that the matter be dealt with at once.

Letter from
Guardians
Dunmurry Union.

A letter was read from the Guardians of the Dunmurry Union containing a resolution in favour of unity among all sections of the Nationalist Parliamentary Representatives of Ireland with a request for its adoption by this Board.

It was agreed that ^{about} being a political subject, no action be taken on it.

Letter from
L. S. B. re
Urban Sanitary
District

A letter was read from the Local Government Board in reference to the application from this Board to become an Urban Sanitary District, and drawing their attention to sections 48 (4) & 49 (2) of the Local Government (Ireland) Act, 1898, and inquiring if they still wish to proceed with the present petition before the expiration of six months after the passing of the Act.

The Clerk was directed to write to the Local Government Board asking what would be the effect of the sections referred to.

Mr. C. Pelly
Auditor.

A further letter was read from the Local Government Board stating that the accounts will be audited by Mr. C. Pelly, Local Government Board Auditor.

Letter from Lord
Campfort re-
appointment of
Mr. Kearon J.P.

A letter was read from the Earl of Campfort in reference to the appointment of Mr. Richard Kearon J.P. as a magistrate for the county of Wicklow, & stating that he had considered the matter fully & had

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come to the conclusion that no additional magistrates are required at present on the Arklow Bench, but, if at a future date it is desirable to appoint another magistrate, he shall bear in mind the recommendation of this Board and the admirable manner in which Mr. Kearon has conducted the business of the Borough Court.

Cheques.

Cheques were issued for the following:—

To Town Clerk for Quarters salary ended 31st Oct 98.	£ 7-0-8.
" " " Incidentals as per a/c.	0-16-1
" J. Nicholson, fuel, attendance &c. half year ended 31 Oct 98	1-0-0
" J. H. Toomey Solr. attendance at Presentment Sessions	0-10-0
" J. M. Walsh, "W. People" publishing abstract of a/c Drains.	0-13-6
" F. W. Phail, Printing & binding one Harbour Rate book	0-14-6
" Tho. Bracken Swabs lamp-lighting ending 5th Nov 98	3-10-0
" Lawrence Desmond " " " "	3-10-0
" Thomas Annesley, Burners & chimneys for lamps	2-16-6

An account from Richard Kearon, Blacksmith for £1-5 for making and erecting two bracket lamp-posts was postponed till the work be inspected by the Lighting Committee, meantime the Clerk to advance him 15/- on account.

Cheque for £10 issued in advance to Town Clerk

A cheque for £10 was issued to the Town Clerk for petty cash ~~and~~ account to meet ^{extra} incidental expenses consequent on flagging and curbing of footpaths now about to take place.

Richard Kearon
Chairman

Paving & Lighting
Committee meeting
11th Nov. 98

A meeting of the paving & lighting Committee of the Arklow Town Commissioners was held at the Courthouse, Arklow at 7 o'clock P.M. on Friday 11th Nov. 1898.

The following attended:—

- Mr. Richard Kearon, J.P. Chairman
- Mr. Samuel Marshall
- Mr. Hugh Byrne
- Mr. Mick Clarke
- Mr. Denis Kavanagh
- Mr. Tho. J. Troy.

The minutes of last committee meeting of 4th inst. was read & agreed to & signed by the Chairman.

Proposal for supply of flags & laying of same

A letter was read from John Scanlan, Shankill, Whitehall, Co. Kilkenny proposing to supply flags of best description at 2/6 per square yard laid on rail at Bagnalstown.

A letter was read from Richard Brougham proposing to lay flags on footpath at 6 per square yard all material to be found by the Commissioners & train fare paid to & from Bagnalstown.

Above terms were accepted.

A letter was read from Charles Lession of Tinakelly Aughrim, stating he was sending on 10th inst. 148 feet of curbing 12 x 8.

The proposals for flagging & curbing were accepted subject to the inspection & approval of the Co. Surveyor or his assistant.

Tender for purchase of old curbstones accepted

A tender for the purchase ^{removal} of old curbstones was received from Mr. S. Marshall & opened by the Chairman offering £1-5-0 for the whole quantity. The Tender was accepted.

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The Chairman agreed to give ten tons of good sand free of charge for laying of flags.

It was proposed by Mr. Byrne, seconded by Mr. Clarke & agreed to that Mr. Marshall & Mr. Ravenagh wait on Mrs. Dammigan and ask her to allow sand, cement, implements, &c., to be stored in her yard & mortar to be mixed for laying of flags & curbstones.

Town clerk to
superintend, keep
accounts &c.

It was proposed by Mr. Marshall, seconded by Mr. Troy and agreed to that the Town Clerk be allowed 12/- per week for time-keeping superintending & keeping accounts during the flagging of foot-path.

Application re
commenced to
Presentment
sessions.

It was proposed by Mr. Byrne, seconded by Mr. Clarke and agreed to that cement for laying of flags & curbing be ordered from the Firm of Maron & Tyrrell; also that this Committee recommends to the next special meeting of the Commissioners that application be made to the next Presentment sessions at Wicklow, for flagging of footpaths in Arklow.

Implements
required

It was pointed out by Mr. Ravenagh that a wheelbarrow, two crossbars, two wooden tampers, two pick axes, three shovels & a truck would be required for the use of the workmen.

Joseph Amesley
Chairman of meeting
18th Nov. 1898.

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Paving & Lighting
Committee meeting
18th Nov. 98

A meeting of the paving & lighting Committee of the Arklow Town Commissioners was held at the Courthouse, Arklow at 7 o'clock P.M. on Friday the 18th Nov. 1898.

The following attended:—

Mr. Joseph Amesley
Mr. Samuel Marshall
Mr. Hugh Byrne
Mr. Thos. J. Troy
Mr. Denis Ravenagh

It was proposed by Mr. Byrne, seconded by Mr. Marshall & agreed to that Mr. Amesley be Chairman of meeting.

A letter was read from John Scanlan of Shankill, Co. Kilkenny stating that he had sent on two waggons of flags measuring 20 1/4 square yards at 2/6 per yard amounting to twenty five pounds ten shillings, (£25.10.)

A letter dated 17th inst. was read from Charles Wisson, Tinakilly, Ayrshire stating he was sending on a waggon of curbstones measuring 15 1/4 feet which would arrive in Arklow on 19th inst.

It was ordered that the mason laying the curbstones be provided with a 10 feet straight edge, & that the curbing opposite ~~the~~ house No. 51. be made lower so as to give sufficient fall to the channel.

The Clerk was directed to get the crossings to gateways measured so as to get suitable curbing for them, also to order a further supply of 66 1/2 yards of flagging from J. Scanlan ^{to request him} and to be more careful in the selection as three or four of his present supply were

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rejected by the Deputy Surveyor as being too light
One flag was found broken on the waggon before
being unloaded.

Richard Brougham of same address to be
written to at same time stating that his terms
for flagging at 5 per square yard as set forth in
his letter of 6th inst. were accepted by the Com-
missioners and requesting him to come to Arklow
on 21st inst. to commence work.

Proposal to
lay flags at
6 per square
yard, accepted

A special meeting was appointed for 12 o'clock
noon on 23rd inst. to issue cheques for payment
of expenses in connection with flagging & for gen-
eral business, & a requisition to that effect
was signed & handed to the Town Clerk.

Richard Kearon Chairman
Nov 25th 1898

23 Nov. 98

Special meeting
23 Nov. 98

A special meeting of the Arklow Town Commis-
sioners was appointed for 12 o'clock noon on above
date, but on account of Commissioners having to
attend a funeral, the meeting was adjourned by
the Town Clerk to 8 o'clock P.M. on same date
when the following attended:—

Mr. Tho. J. Troy, Chairman

Mr. Richd. Kearon, J.P.

Mr. Denis Davanagh

Mr. Joseph Armesley

Mr. Patrick Condren

Mr. Mick Clarke

The Clerk ~~was~~ read the requisition convening
the meeting which was for the purpose of issuing
cheques in payment of expenses in connection
with the flagging of foot path in Arklow &
for general business.

Letter from
L. G. Board
re becoming
Urban Sanitary
District.

A letter was read from the Local Government
Board relative to the Commissioners' application
to become an Urban Sanitary District, & stating in
effect that if such application be proceeded with
now, they (the Commissioners) would be deprived
of the benefit of the Agricultural Grant.

The Clerk was directed to write to the
Local Government Board, requesting them under
the circumstances to allow their application
to become an Urban Sanitary District to
remain in abeyance until after the expi-
ration of six months after the passing
of the Local Government (Ireland) Act. 1898.

Samples of
glass sent
for examination

A letter was read from Messrs. Maguire
& Hatchell in reference to samples of glass
for outdoor lamps which reflect the light.
The letter was referred to the Lighting Com-

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Committee for consideration.

A letter was read from G. Pelly Esq. Auditor stating he would audit the accounts of the Arklow Town Commissioners for the year ended 20th Sep. 1898, on 14th December next at the hour of 12 o'clock, noon.

It was proposed by Mr. Davanagh, seconded by Mr. Armesly & agreed to:—

Resolution
re audit
notice

"That the new Local Government Auditor Mr. Pelly be requested to give sufficient notice of proposed audit in future so that the advertisements announcing the fact may appear as hitherto in the local papers."

Letters were received from three Dublin newspapers asking to have notice of audit inserted in their papers.

The Clerk was directed to write asking what would be their terms for such insertions.

Orders were issued for the following:—

To John Keenan for 20 1/2 sq yds flagging at 2/6 per	25-10-0
, Charles Croison 305 ft. granite curbing at 1/4 per foot	16-10-5
, Town Clerk for sundries as per ac	8-14-10
, J. W. Phail, Printing, advt. &c. as per ac	2-15-6
, General Advertiser advt. 2 ins. re-flagging	0-14-0
, Town Clerk to pay R. Kearon & John Conroy as per ac	1-18-0

The Clerk was directed to make application to next Presentment Sessions at Wicklow to flag & curb 280 yards of footpath in Arklow, not to exceed £100, the Arklow Town Commissioners to contribute half the Contract sum.

The Chairman & the Town Clerk to be the applicants

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The Clerk was directed to write to the Earl of Wicklow in reference to presenting his lordship with a congratulatory address on the attainment of his majority.

Richard Kearon
Chairman of Meeting
Dec 5th 1898

Committee meeting 25 Nov 1898

A meeting of the Paving & Lighting Committee of the Arlow Town Commissioners was held at the Town Commissioners Office, Court-house Arlow at 7 o'clock P.M. on Friday the 25th Nov. 1898.

The following attended

Mr. Richard Kearon, J.P. Chairman

Mr. Hugh Byrne

Mr. Denis Kavanagh

Mr. Joseph Annisley

Mr. Thos. J. Troy.

The minutes of last committee meeting of 18th inst. were read & agreed to & signed by the Chairman.

The meeting had under consideration whether it would be better to use lime mortar instead of cement for setting of flags.

Cement to be used instead of lime mortar for flagging

After the matter had been fully considered it was decided to use cement as it was much better & was directed to be used by the contractor's specification & the expense would not be much in excess of the lime-mortar

3/- per work extra to be allowed to flagger

It was agreed that the flagger Richard Burroughs be allowed 3/- per work in addition to 6/- per square yard for the number of weeks he would spend at flagging.

It was ordered that ~~broken~~ ^{stones} be got from Arlow Rock Quarry for paving of channel to Leomie Lane.

specimens of glass for Bridge lamps etc.

The committee examined two specimens of glass that the white specimen be used as a reflector for the three Bridge lamps instead of those previously ordered, & that the clerk write immediately & order the lamps to be

sent on at once.

Bracket lamp to be removed & replaced by a new one on a different site

It was directed that the Bracket lamp on Mr. Doyle's coal-yard facing the Brook be taken down & a Bracket lamp suitable for a corner be erected instead of it on corner of same building nearest to the Gardens, also that a Bracket lamp be placed on the limekiln of Messrs. Kearon & Tyrrell for the use of the fishermen & that it be provided with two green panes & two clear ones.

The clerk brought under the notice of the meeting that an application had been made to him to ask the Commissioners for a lamp at Presteg's Pond in Tinahask.

Application for a lamp at Presteg's Pond, Tinahask, refused

It was decided that a lamp post was not necessary there & that the road intended to be lighted was in very bad repair & unfit to walk on, & that another road in same locality was good & sufficiently lighted & convenient enough for all purposes.

Richard Kearon Chairman
Deer Road 1898

2 Dec. 98

Paving & Lighting
Committee meeting
2 Dec. 1898

A meeting of the paving & lighting committee of the Arklow Town Commissioners was held at the Courthouse, Arklow at 7 o'clock P.M. on Friday the 2nd Dec. 1898.

The following attended:—

Mr. Richd Kearon J.P. Chairman

Mr. Saml Marshall

Mr. Hugh Byrne

Mr Thos J Troy

Mr Denis Kavanagh

The minutes of last Paving & Lighting Committee meeting were read & agreed to and signed by the Chairman.

Correspondence
re flagging
&
curbing

A letter was read from John Scantlan of Shankill, Whitehall, Co Kilkenny stating he had received cheque for £25.10 all right & was sending on remainder of order, 66 square yards at 2/6 per square yard, amount £8.5.0.

A letter was read from Charles Crisson in reply to telegram sent him stating he was compelled to delay sending the curbstones on account of the wet weather.

Letter to be
written to Local
Govt Board as
to retirement
by Rotation
at coming
election

The Clerk was directed to write to the Local Government Board & enclose a cutting from a newspaper purporting to state that the Sorey Town Commissioners had received instructions from the Local Government Board to the effect that said Commissioners would retire by rotation in the usual way at the coming election in January next, and asking if such rule would apply to Arklow Town Commissioners having regard to section 112 of the Local Government (Ireland) Act, 1898.

Telegram to be
sent

The Clerk was also directed to send a

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telegram to Messrs. Maguire & Hatchell on 3rd inst requesting them to send on lamps at once or order would be cancelled.

Richard Kearon Chairman.
January 2/1899

Monthly meeting
5 Dec. 98

A monthly meeting of the Arklow Town Commissioners was held at the Court House, Arklow at 12 o'clock noon on Monday 5th Dec. 1898. The following attended:-

- Mr. Richard Kearon, J.P.
- Mr. Joseph Armesley
- Mr. Denis Kavanagh
- Mr. Hugh Byrne
- Mr. Samuel Marshall
- Mr. Job Hall
- Mr. Patk Condren

It was proposed by Mr. Byrne, seconded by Mr. Armesley & agreed to that Mr. Rich. Kearon be Chairman of meeting.

The minutes of last monthly meeting & of special meeting of 23rd ult. were read & agreed to & signed by the Chairman.

A letter was read from the local Government Board giving instructions as to Transitory Arrangements under the Local Government (Ireland) Act, 1898. "The appointed day" means 1st Apr. 1899.

A further letter was read from the Local Government Board declaring that for the purposes of the first elections under the Local Government (Ireland) Act, 1898, and from and after the first day of April, 1899, for all other purposes, the portion of the Town of Arklow formerly known as Arklow ward shall be named the Arklow No. 1. Urban Electoral Division, & the portion of the Town of Arklow formerly known as Ferrybank Ward, shall be named the Arklow No. 2. Urban Electoral Division. Dated 25 Oct. 1898.

A letter was read from the Irish National Amnesty Association soliciting subscriptions ~~soliciting~~ ~~subscriptions~~ on behalf of the Political Prisoners.

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Arklow & Ferrybank wards to be named respectively Arklow No. 1. Urban Electoral Division & Arklow No. 2. Urban Electoral Divisions.

fund. The letter was marked 'read'.

Letter from Office of Public Works re Boundary wall of R.R. Connetabary

A letter was read from the office of Public Works stating in reply to a letter from the Commissioners relative to the Boundary wall of the R.R. Connetabary at Arklow that owing to pressure of business the Board were unable up to the present to have an inspection made, but that it is hoped the inspection will now soon be made & a reply forwarded to the Town Commissioners.

Letter from Earl of Wicklow re Deputation & address.

A letter was read from the Earl of Wicklow stating how pleased he shall be to receive the deputation & address which they intend to present to him, that he cannot at present fix a date, but will be able to do so later on.

Letters were read from the "Daily Express" & "Daily Nation" stating their ^{terms} for insertion of advertisements for the Commissioners would be 6 per line.

Letter from L.S.B. re withdrawal of appl. to become Urban Sanitary District

A letter dated 3 Dec. 98 ^{was read} from the Local Government Board in reply to letter from the Commissioners of 29th ult. & stating that as the Arklow Town Commissioners withdrew their petition to have the town constituted an Urban Sanitary District and as a new body of Commissioners will be elected in January next, the Board will require a fresh application to be made should it be desired before the appointed day to have the proposal carried into effect.

All the Commissioners to retire together Jan. 99.

A second letter of 3 Dec. 98 was read from the Local Government Board stating that all the Arklow Town Commissioners are to retire together next January.

Letter re Lamps

A letter was read from Messrs. Maguire and Gatchell stating in reply to wire sent on 3rd inst., stating that all the lamps ordered would be complete & ready to send on about 7th instant.

Letter from Mr. Troy

A letter was read from the Chairman, Mr. Troy stating that important business compelled him to be absent

from this days meeting and inviting the attention of the meeting to the great importance of the new Local Government (Ireland) Act, 1898, & suggesting that there should be an adjournment to the earliest convenient date during the week for a full discussion on the subject.

On Mr. Troy's letter being read it was agreed that when the cheques were issued the remaining business of the meeting be at Mr. Troy's suggestion adjourned to 7 o'clock P.M. on Friday 9th inst, the clerk to give notice of the adjournment to all the absent members.

Cheques were issued for the following:—

To Thomas Bracken 4 weeks lamp-lighting ending 3 Dec 98	£ 5 0
" Lawrence Desmond " " "	2 16 0
" Town clerk for incidental expenses	2 1 11
" " " flagging " "	10 15 2
" John Scanlan for 66 sq yards of flags at 2/6 per sq	8 5 0
" Charles Evisson " 100 feet curbstones at 1/4	5 8 4

The clerk was directed to send copies of all the correspondence in connection with complaint as to sanitary condition of sewer on Wexford Road to be dealt with by the Local Govt Board, the Rathdium Guardians having as the sanitary authority for the district declined to interfere in the matter.

Richard Keaton Chairman
2nd January 1899

Meeting adj'd to 9th inst.

Correspondence re sewer on Wexford Road to be sent to Local Govt Board

Adj'd monthly meeting 9 Dec 98

An adjourned monthly meeting of the Arklow Town Commissioners was held at the Town Commissioners' Office, Court House, Arklow at 7 o'clock P.M. on Friday the 9th Dec. 1898, the following attended.

- Mr. Tho. J. Troy, Chairman
- Mr. Hugh Byrne
- Mr. Joseph Annesley
- Mr. Patrick Condren
- Mr. Job Hall
- Mr. Saml. Marshall
- Mr. Richard Kearon
- Mr. Denis Kavanagh
- Mr. Mick Clarke.

Attendance at Presentment sessions ordered

It was agreed that the Chairman, Mr. Kearon & the Town clerk attend the Wicklow Presentment sessions on 20th inst in support of ~~Presentment~~ application for flagging of footpaths

Committee ordered to consider Local Govt Act

The new Local Government (Ireland) Act, 1898, came up for consideration & after the different clauses had been gone into at some length, it was proposed by Mr. Marshall, seconded by Mr. Hall and agreed to that a committee consisting of all the members present at meeting be appointed to fully consider the matter, that there be a quorum, & that they hold a meeting for above purpose on Tuesday next 13th inst at 7 o'clock P.M. all the members present agreeing to attend without further notice.

It was subsequently agreed that all the other items on the agenda paper be adjourned for consideration at above meeting, and to take such further action as the Board may see fit in reference

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to letter from Earl of Carysfort relative to appointment of Mr Richard Kearon as a Magistrate for Co Wicklow.

Thomas J. Troy Chairman 2/1/99

Committee meeting 13 Dec 98

A Committee meeting of the Arklow Town Commissioners was held at the Court House Arklow at 7 o'clock P.M. on Tuesday the 13th Dec. 1898.

The following attended:-

- Mr. Tho. J. Troy, Chairman
- Mr. Samuel Marshall
- Mr. Richard Kearon
- Mr. Hugh Byrne
- Mr. Patrick Condren

Local Govt. Act Considered

The consideration of the Local Government (Ireland) Act, 1898, was again taken up for consideration at this meeting and after some discussion it was agreed that the Chairman & Town Clerk on some convenient day draft a statement to be submitted to the Local Government Board asking information as to the working of the Act, & the amount of representation that should be allowed to Arklow on the County Councils, Board of Guardians, &c.

re asking Lord Carysfort for old church

The desirability of asking the Earl of Carysfort for the old church to be used by the Town Commissioners as a Town Hall and Market place came next before the meeting and after some discussion it was considered premature to make the request at the present time & the matter was adjourned to next monthly meeting.

The matter of taking any steps to procure a manual Fire Engine was also adjourned to next monthly meeting.

Re appointment of Mr Kearon as Magistrate

The Clerk was directed to write ^{again} to the Earl of Carysfort in reference to the appointment of

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meeting 13 Dec
1898

Mr. Richard Keaton as a J.P. for Leo Wicklow & to remind his Lordship of his former letter on the subject & stating that a vacancy now exists on the Arklow bench in consequence of the removal of Dr. O'Connor, J.P. to Aughrim.

Special meeting
ordered.

A special meeting was appointed for 21st inst. to issue cheques in payment of expenses for flagging, &c.

graveyard wall
to be limewashed

The clerk was directed to get the front of the old graveyard wall limewashed in two coats in order to improve the appearance of the street.

Thomas J. Troy Chairman 2/1/99

Special 21st Dec 1898.

Special meeting
21st Dec. 98

A special meeting of the Arklow Town Commissioners duly convened was held at the Town Commissioners' Office, Court House, Arklow at 12 o'clock noon on Wednesday the 21st December, 1898.

The following attended:—

Mr. Tho. J. Troy, Chairman.

Mr. Hugh Byrne

Mr. Samuel Marshall

Mr. Denis Kavanagh

Mr. Patrick Leonard

Before the business of the meeting commenced, four of the persons who signed the statement of 8th September last relative to the state of the sewer on Newford^{road}, came before the Board and corroborated in the most emphatic manner the statement then made by them.

The clerk then read the requisition concerning the meeting which was for the purpose of issuing cheques in payment of expenses for flagging of footpaths and for general business.

Cheques were issued for the following:—

To Messrs. E. Keaton & Synnott for cement	£ 5-0-9
" Town Clerk for sundries	6-0-9
" Richard Broughan, Balance due for flagging	17-2-9
" Richard Broughan, Balance due for flagging	5-14-0
A cheque was also issued to Richard Keaton, blacksmith for making three large lamp cradles at 15/- each & one bracket lamp post 10/-	Total 2-15-0

Thomas J. Troy, Chairman 2/1/99

Statement
re sewer on
Newford Road

2 January, 1899.

Monthly meeting
2 January 1899

A monthly meeting of the Arklow Town Commissioners was held at the Commissioners Office, Courthouse, Arklow at 12 o'clock noon on Monday, 2nd January, 1899.

The following attended:—

Mr. Tho. J. Troy, Chairman
Mr. Richard Kearon, J.P.
Mr. Patrick Condren
Mr. Samuel Marshall
Mr. Charles Ellis
Mr. Hugh Byrne
Mr. Mick Clarke
Mr. Job Hall
Dr. Gardiner
Mr. Denis Kavanagh

minutes

The minutes of last monthly meeting, of adjourned meeting, 9th ult., of Committee meeting of 13th ult., & of special meeting of 21st ult., were read & agreed to & signed by their respective Chairmen.

Correspondence

A letter was read from the office of Public Works acknowledging receipt of communication from this Board in reference to lime-washing the Boundary wall of the R.I.B. Barracks at Arklow.

Board of Works

Earl of Clarendon

A letter was read from Earl of Clarendon in reference to the appointment of Mr. Richard Kearon as a J.P. for Co Wicklow & stating the matter would have his best consideration.

Local Govt

Board re

shown on

Keyford Road

A letter was read from the Local Government Board acknowledging receipt of papers relative to unsanitary state of sewer on Keyford Road & stating the matter would receive the attention of the Board.

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Monthly meeting
re election of
Harbour Commis?

A second letter was read from the Local Government Board, stating in reply to inquiry as to election of Harbour Commissioners that the matter would receive the attention of the Board.

Resolution
from Cookstown

A letter was read from the Town Commissioners of ~~Armagh~~ Cookstown, Co Tyrone, containing a copy of resolution urging upon the Local Govt. Board the desirability of directing that the sittings of County Councils be held in turn in the various Quarter Sessions in each county.

It was not considered necessary to take any action on above, as Arklow is not a Quarter Sessions town.

Abstract
of accounts for
1898 & auditors
report read
on audit
made 14 Dec
1898.

The Abstract of the accounts of the Commissioners for the year ended 20th Sept. 1898, was read for the information of the Board together with report of audit made on 14th Dec. 98.

In reference to two items of expenditure for attending a deputation to the Chief Secretary's Office on 30th Nov. 1897, in reference to agriculture and which were charged on an incidental ~~charge~~ account of 6th Dec. 97, the auditor stated as follows:—

Auditor's remarks
as to two items
of expenditure,
in Dec. 97

"Although I do not regard the expenses incurred in this way as properly payable out of the rates, still I refrain from disallowing it ~~out of the rates~~ on this occasion; but should any similar expenditure occur in future, it will become liable to disallowance."

Old church to
be asked for as
Town Hall, &c.

It was proposed by Mr. Marshall, seconded by Mr. Byrne & agreed to, that the Town Clerk be instructed to write to Earl of Clarendon asking for the old church to be used, as a Town Hall & Market place.

The Rate collector produced his return of

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Irrecoverable rates
Town & Harbour

irrecoverable rates amounting to £2.14.8^{1/2} on Harbour Rate made 6th Sept. 1897, & to £2.14.6 on Town Rate made 7th February, 1898. The account was examined by the Board & signed by the Chairman & Town Clerk.

The following notice of intended Town Rate was given by Mr. Richard Kearon, J.P.

Notice of intended Town Rate.

"This is to give notice that, at the next monthly meeting of the Aklow Town Commissioners, I shall propose that a Town Rate of one shilling in the £ be made on all buildings and one-fourth of that amount, or three pence in the £ be made on lands, all within the municipal limits of the Town of Aklow under the provisions of the Towns Improvement (Ireland) Act, 1854.

And should I be absent from next monthly meeting or any adjournment thereof, I authorise any Commissioner who may be present thereat to take action upon this notice."

Signed, Richard Kearon 2/1/99.

Note of thanks to Rate collector.

It was proposed by Mr. Amiesley, seconded by Mr. Clarke & unanimously agreed to, that a vote of thanks be accorded to Mr. J. F. Evans for the very efficient and satisfactory manner in which he discharged his duties as rate collector.

Mr. Evans who was present at the meeting, thanked the Board for their kind appreciation of his services & then withdrew.

Openings in foot paths to be paved with Setts.

It was proposed by Mr. Hall, seconded by Mr. Kavanagh and agreed to that the openings in the footpath at Hanagan's Lane, Mr. Amiesley's & Mr. Carvey's gate be paved with Setts similar to the openings at other side of street, and the clerk was

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Note of thanks to Chairman

directed to Mr. Draper asking specification for same. It was proposed by Mr. Lendren, seconded by Mr. Kearon, J.P. and unanimously agreed to that the best thanks of this meeting are due & are hereby tendered to Mr. Thomas J. Troy for the efficient, painstaking and impartial manner in which he conducted the business of the Board as their Chairman for 15 months.

Mr. Troy replied in suitable terms acknowledging the compliment paid him

Mr Martin C.P.S. to be Presiding Officer at Aklow

It was agreed that Mr. P. Martin, C.P.S. be Presiding Officer at municipal election for Aklow No. 2 Urban Electoral Division should there be a contest there, and that three presiding officers be appointed for Aklow.

Cheques

- Cheques were issued for the following:—
- To Town clerk 12/- omitted by mistake from last account of sundries for flagging of footpath £ 12. 0
 - To Charles Ericson, balance due for 20 feet curbing 1. 1. 8
 - To Town clerk, quart's salary to 20 Dec. 98, Harbour rate 1. 5. 0
 - To J.P. Bracken, 4 weeks wages lamp-lighting ended 31 Dec 98-2. 16. 0
 - To Lawrence Desmond " " " 2. 16. 0
 - To Town clerk for incidentals as per a/c 1. 2. 1
 - To Edmondson & Co for 12 sign plates & fixings 1. 7. 0
 - To "Irish Times" for one insertion credit notice 0. 12. 0
 - To Freeman's Journal " " " 0. 10. 0
 - To Local Govt Board, audit fee for 1898 2. 10. 0
 - To John Leary, repairs of lamps as per a/c 1. 8. 4

The clerk laid before the meeting a summary of the amount recently expended on flagging and curbing 280 yards of footpath on west side of Main street.

Receipt of flagging

The total expenditure amounted to £105. 14. 11 which after deducting £4. 10. 0 for spare flags, purchase of implements, &c. brought the net cost to £101. 4. 11

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Monthly meeting
Monday 2 Jan 99
Return of
attendances
year ended
31 Dec. 1898.

A return of the attendance of Commissioners at meetings for year ended 31st Dec. 1898, which was as follows:-

Mr. Tho J Troy Chairman,	9 ordinary	6 special,	9 Committee					
	None absent meeting,			Total	25			
Mr. J. Annemley,	10 ordinary,	6 special,	3 Committee	"	19			
" M. Clarke	10 "	5 "	2 "	"	17			
" B. Ellis	3 "	3 "	0 "	"	6			
" H. Byrne	9 "	6 "	8 "	"	23			
" J. Storey	4 "	2 "	0 "	"	6			
" Dr. Gardiner	6 "	2 "	0 "	"	8			
" Job Hall	11 "	2 "	0 "	1 absent	14			
" James Tyrrell	7 "	0 "	0 "	"	7			
" R. B. Johnson	2 "	2 "	0 "	"	4			
" S. Marshall	11 "	5 "	8 "	"	24			
" P. Condren	10 "	5 "	1 "	1 absent	17			
" Richd Kearon	12 "	5 "	6 "	1 "	24			
" J. Kavanagh	7 "	5 "	8 "	"	20			

D. W. Condren

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16 Jan 1899

Election of
Town Commissioners
16th January, 1899

Local Government (Ireland) Act 1898
First Election of Town Commissioners under
above Act.

This election was held on the 16th January 1899 and was carried out under the rules prescribed by the Urban District Councilors & Town Commissioners (Ireland) Election Order, 1898.

The following valid nominations were duly received by the Returning Officer within the prescribed time:-

Name of Candidate.	Residence	Proposed by.	Seconded by
1 Joseph Annemley	Arklow	Rev. J. Dunphy.	R. Kearon
2 Tho. Birchill	"	"	D. Condren
3 Hugh Byrne	"	"	J. Storey
4 Mickl Clarke	"	"	R. Kearon
5 Danl. Condren	"	"	Peter Carvey
6 Eugene Fogarty	"	George Stuart	John Tyrrell (Clerk)
7 Dr. Gardiner	"	Rev. J. Dunphy	J. Storey
8 Peter Carvey	"	"	D. Condren
9 Dr. Howard	"	"	Rev. J. Manning O.C.
10 Denis Kavanagh	"	"	J. Storey
11 Mickl Kavanagh	"	James Birmingham	E. Fogarty
12 Peter Kavanagh	"	Rev. J. Dunphy	D. Condren
13 Richard Kearon	"	"	J. Annemley
14 John McCallagh	"	E. Fogarty.	J. Tyrrell, (Clerk)
15 Tho J. Troy	"	Rev. J. Dunphy	Job Hall

Arklow No. 2.

W. J. Cold.	Ferrybank.	W. C. Sealy	Water Page
Job. Hall	Arklow	Mary A. Wroughton	S. Marshall
S. Marshall	Ferrybank.	Rev. J. Hoffe.	Edw Kearon
W. C. Sealy	"	J. Kilbride	Thos. Menadieu
Geo. H. Smith	"	R. B. Johnson	B. Collins
John Storey	Arklow	Tho J. Troy	Edw Kearon

16 January 1899

Election 16
Jan. 99

There was no withdrawal of candidates, or no invalid nomination papers received. A statement as to persons nominated & Notice of Poll were published within the prescribed time.

In consequence of the large number of candidates nominated for Arklow No. 2. Urban Electoral Division & consequent delay anticipated in taking the Poll, the Returning Officer by direction of the Commissioners established three Polling stations for said Division.

The polling took place at 8 o'clock am on Monday, 16th January, 1899 and closed at 8 P.M. on same date.

The following is the result of the Poll:—

Arklow No. 2. Urban Electoral Division

Joseph Amiesley	166	votes
Thos. Birchistte	190	"
Hugh Byrne	200	"
Michl. Clarke	138	"
Deml. Condren	276	"
Eugene Fogarty	220	"
Peter Carvey	178	"
Dr. Howard	133	"
Dr. Sardinier	131	"
Denis Kavanagh	149	"
Michl. Kavanagh	211	"
Peter Kavanagh	171	"
Richard Kearon	210	"
John McCullagh	201	"
Thos. J. Troy	184	"

The following having the majority of votes were declared duly elected by the Returning Officer:—

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Election, 16
Jan. 99

	votes
Daniel Condren	276
Eugene Fogarty	220
Michael Kavanagh	211
Richard Kearon	210
John McCullagh	201
Hugh Byrne	200
Thos. Birchistte	190
Thos. J. Troy	184
Peter Carvey	178
Peter Kavanagh	171
Joseph Amiesley	166
Denis Kavanagh	149

Arklow No. 2. Urban Electoral Division

William John Cold	39	votes
Job Hall	32	"
Samuel Marshall	31	"
Wm. C. Sealy	46	"
George Henry Smith	42	"
John Storey	29	"

The following having the majority of votes were declared duly elected by the Returning Officer:—

William Charles Sealy	46	votes
George Henry Smith	42	"
William John Cold	39	"
Daniel Condren		

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23 Jan 99

Annual
meeting 1899
Jan. 1899

The annual meeting of the Arklow Town Commissioners was held at the Commissioners' Office, Courthouse, Arklow at 12 o'clock noon on Monday 23rd January 1899.

The following attended:-

John W Leullagh
Peter Carvey
William Charles Sealy
Peter Kavanagh
~~Edward Eugene Fogarty~~
Thomas Birthington
Mick Kavanagh
George Henry Smith
William John Cold
Daniel Condren

Declarations
made

The above made the usual declaration on becoming Commissioners

It was proposed by Mr. Condren, seconded by Mr. Sealy and agreed to that Mr. Birthington be chairman of meeting.

Chairman
appointed

It was proposed by Mr. Fogarty, seconded by Mr. Peter ~~Fogarty~~ ^{Kavanagh} and unanimously agreed to that Mr. Condren be chairman of the Arklow Town Commissioners for the ensuing year.

Mr. Condren on taking the chair thanked the Commissioners in suitable terms for having unanimously elected him as their chairman, and trusted they would all work together harmoniously for the best interests of the town.

The Town Clerk was directed to forward

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Annual meeting
23 January, 1899

each member of the Board with an estimate of amount of revenue, receipts & expenditure of the town before next monthly meeting.

The appointment of a lighting Committee was adjourned.

Dan Condren

6th Feb 1898

6 Feb. 99.

Monthly meeting
6 Feb. 1899. A monthly meeting of the Arklow Town Commissioners was held at their office, Court-house, Arklow at 12 o'clock noon on Monday 6th February, 1899. The following attended:—

Mr. Daniel Gordon, Chairman
 " John McCullagh
 " George Henry Smith
 " W^m John Cold
 " W^m Charles Sealy
 " Peter Carvey
 " Tho. Birchietto
 " Mick Kavanagh
 " Eugene Fogarty
 " Joseph Ammesley
 " Peter Kavanagh

Mr. Ammesley made the usual declaration on taking his seat at the Board for the first time since his election.

The minutes of last monthly meeting, of record of proceedings at municipal election on 16th ult. & minutes of annual meeting of 23rd ult., were read & agreed to & signed by the Chairman.

Mr. Troy
tenders his
resignation
A letter was read from Mr. Tho. J. Troy dated 17th January, 1899, tendering his resignation as a Town Commissioner and also as a Harbour Commissioner on the Arklow Harbour Board.

It was proposed by Mr. Ammesley that Mr. Troy be asked to reconsider the matter & to withdraw his resignation.

The Chairman asked if any of the members ^{present} would second Mr. Ammesley's proposal and no response being given

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Monthly meeting
6 Feb 99 contd
Mr. Troy's resignation
accepted.
the proposal was not put to the meeting. It was proposed by Mr. McCullagh, seconded by Mr. E. Fogarty and carried, Mr Ammesley dissenting, that Mr. Troy's resignation be accepted.

Special meeting
ordered.

It was proposed by Mr. McCullagh, seconded by Mr. Cold and agreed to, that the clerk be instructed to take the necessary steps to convene a special meeting of the Town Commissioners for 7 o'clock P.M. on 20th inst., to elect a Commissioner in place of Mr. Troy, resigned, and for general business.

The following notice of making a Town Rate was proposed by Mr. Birchietto, seconded by Mr. Sealy, put from the chair and agreed to. —

Town Rate
made at 1/2
amt. 192-12-2

In pursuance of notice given at last monthly meeting of this Board I propose that a Town Rate of one shilling in the £ be now made on Buildings and one-fourth of that amount or three pence in the £ be made on lands, all within the municipal limits of the Town of Arklow under the provisions of the Towns' Improvement (Ireland) Act, 1854; said rate to become due on 1st day of April, 1899."

Rate book
signed

The Rate book was produced by the Clerk & statement ^{thereon} of rate having been duly made was signed by six Commissioners in compliance with the statute.

Quay lamps
to continue
lighting to end
of March, 1899.

It was proposed by Mr. Sealy, seconded by Mr. Birchietto, and agreed to that the lamps on North & South Quays be lighted & extinguished with the town lamps until the end of next month, the Quay lamps to be the last to be extinguished each night. The clerk was

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directed to give the necessary instructions to the lamplighters.

Cheques.

Cheques were issued for the following:—

To Bank of Ireland for Treasury, Instalment on Harbour Loan 1-1-99,	£ 5-1
" Town Clerk salary for Decemr ended 31 January, 1899	7-0-0
" Thos. Braeken, 5 weeks lamplighting incl 4 Feb.	3-10-0
" Lawrence Desmond "	3-10-0
" Messrs. Maguire & Ketchill, Lamps, Lampstands, & accessories 11 "	5-0
" " Browne & Nolan, Books, Stationery, &c.	1-16-6
" " " Election stationery	1-6-1
" Wicklow ^{Star} Election printing.	2-0-0

Election ex-
penses

" Town Clerk, cheque for £ 24-19 to pay the following election expenses.

To Patrick Martin, fee as presiding officer	3-3-0
" John F. Evans " " returning votes	3-13-0
" Frank Kormly " as presiding officer	3-3-0
" J Kormly, fee as Returning Officer	10-0-0
" Thomas & Evans fee as Poll clerk	1-0-0
" Patrick Fitzgannon " " "	1-0-0
" John English, fee as poll clerk returning votes	1-10-0
" Herbert P. Kormly " " "	1-10-0

Three more items of election expenses amounting to £4-18-11, £2-18-6 & 19/- respectively were ordered to be paid, but the clerk omitted by mistake to fill cheques for them.

A cheque was issued to the Town clerk for Incidentals £1-15-10

Lighting Com-
mittee ap-
pointed.

The following members were appointed a

Lighting Committee:—

Messrs Joseph Amesley

Eugene Eogarty

John McCullagh

Thos. Birchistle

William Charles Sealy.

The quorum of above committee, to be three, and to appoint their own chairman at first meeting.

The clerk was directed to write to the Traffic Manager Dublin, Wicklow & Wexford Railway asking to have the portion of road between the Dispensary & the Railway station lighted by lamps during dark nights to be kept lighting until after the latest passenger train had passed the station.

It was also directed that information be obtained by next monthly meeting as to estimated cost of repair & maintenance of roads & foot-paths within the Township.

Dan Condon

6/2/99

20 Feb^r 99.

Special meeting
20 Feb^r 1899
casual vacancy

A special meeting of the Arklow Town Commissioners duly convened was held at the Commissioners' office, Court-house, Arklow at 7 o'clock P.M. on Monday, the 20th February, 1899.

The following attended:—

Messrs. Daniel Condren, Chairman
" John McCullagh
" George Henry Smith
" Peter Kavanagh
" Tho. Birchistle
" W^m Chas. Sealy
" Peter Carvey
" Mick Kavanagh
" W^m John Cold
" Eugene Fogarty

The meeting was convened for the purpose of electing a Commissioner in place of Mr. J. J. Troy & for general business.

It was proposed by Mr. P. Kavanagh, & seconded by Mr. Birchistle that Dr. Richard Howard J.P. Main street, Arklow, be elected ^{a Commissioner} in place of Mr. J. J. Troy, resigned.

It was proposed as an amendment by Mr. McCullagh & seconded by Mr. Sealy that Mr. George Stuart, Main street, Arklow be elected a Commissioner in place of Mr. Troy.

On the amendment being put to the meeting it was supported by Messrs Smith and Cold in addition to the proposer & seconder, and on a poll being taken, there voted for the amendment Messrs Sealy, McCullagh, Smith & Cold (4.) against the amendment & for the election of Dr. Howard, Messrs P. Kavanagh, Birchistle, W. Kavanagh, Carvey and the

Election of
Commissioner
in
place of
Mr. J. J. Troy
resigned

20 Feb 99

Special meeting
Dr. Howard elected

Chairman (5). Dr. Howard was declared duly elected to be a Commissioner in place of Mr. Troy. At this stage of the proceedings Mr. Fogarty entered the Board room.

Road flooded
at Ferrybank

Mr. Sealy brought under the notice of the meeting the flooded state of the road opposite the Wesleyan church at Ferrybank to the great inconvenience of worshippers attending the church & the inhabitants of the adjacent houses.

Co. Surveyor to
be written to

The Clerk was directed to write to the Co. Surveyor directing his attention to the matter. Cheques were issued for the following, omitted from last monthly meeting:—

Cheques:

To Mrs Anne Troy, rent storage of oil, lamps, &c. for half year ended 14th January, 1899	£ 2. 10. 0
To Town Clerk for sundries as per a/c. (election expenses)	4. 18. 11
To John M. Walsh "Wicklow People" do	2. 18. 6
" J. W. Phail "News Letter" do	0. 19. 0
" Manager, "Wicklow Star" Harbour Rate a/c	3. 4. 6
" do do Town " "	0. 15. 9

Notice to
Clat a H. C.

The following notice was given by Mr. McCullagh:—
"I ~~had~~ to give notice that at the next monthly meeting of this Board I shall propose to elect a Harbour Commissioner in place of Mr. Troy resigned."
(Signed) J. McCullagh.

Dan Condren
6/3/99

6 March 99

Monthly
meeting 6th
March 1899

A monthly meeting of the Arklow Town Commissioners was held at the Court-house Arklow at 12 o'clock noon on Monday the 6th March, 1899.

The following attended:—

Mr. Daniel Leonard, J.P. C.E.C.

" Wm. Chas. Sealy

" Eugene Fogarty

" Wm. John Cold

" George Henry Smith

" Peter Kavanagh

" Thos. Birchieste

" Joseph Amiesley

" Mick Kavanagh

" Peter Carvey

" John McCullagh

The minutes of last monthly meeting and of special meeting of 20th ult were read & agreed to and signed by the chairman.

Correspondence

A letter was read from the Traffic Manager D.W. & W. Railway Co. acknowledging communication from this Board re placing a lamp on road leading from Dispensary to Arklow Railway Station and stating the matter would be laid before the Directors at next meeting.

Letter from
L.S.B. re
existing officers

A letter was read from the Local Government Board stating that sections 115 to 119 inclusive of Local Government (Ireland) Act, 1898, have come into operation on 21st February, 1899, so far as they relate to all existing officers of Municipal Corporations, Urban District Councils and Town Commissioners.

A letter was read from the Gorey Town Commissioners containing a resolution in favour

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6th March 1899.

of holding municipal elections triennially instead of annually. The consideration of this resolution was adjourned to next monthly meeting.

A letter was read from the Longford Town Commissioners containing the following resolution:—

Resolution
re Tenants
in Towns

"That we request our County Members of Parliament to assist Mr. Field, M.P. in every possible manner in bringing forward his Bill to provide for tenants in Towns in Ireland— security in their holdings & improvements, and to enable them to have fair Judicial Rents determined. And, as this Bill is of vital importance to Town Tenants, we instruct our Town Clerk, Mr. H. P. Flood, to forward copies of this resolution to all Urban Districts and Town Commissioners, requesting them to adopt same or pass one similar in principle in order to strengthen Mr. Field in the passing of his Bill."

It was proposed by Mr. Birchieste, seconded by Mr. McCullagh & agreed to that above resolution be adopted and that copies be sent to the County Members and to Mr. Field, M.P.

A letter was read from the Omagh Town Commissioners containing a resolution in reference to Railway Reform & excessive rates and requesting that it be adopted and a copy sent to the Lord Mayor of Dublin.

The resolution was as follows:—

Resolution re
Railway Reform
& Excessive
Rates

"That we are of opinion that the time has now come for the Irish people to make a united effort to abolish Railway Monopoly in Ireland, which has for years past formed one of the greatest barriers to the commercial development and prosperity of the Country.

That we regard the freights now charged

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Railway Reform resolution That to the system of monopoly pursued by Irish Railways as compared with the competitive system on English and Scotch Railways may be attributed most of the grievances of which we complain, and whereas English Railways carry much more goods of higher rate per ton at lower rates, yet Irish Railways pay higher dividends than English or Scotch Railways, although the economic condition of Ireland demands cheap transit for the success of its manufacturing and agricultural industries.

That we regard with satisfaction the opposition that is being offered to the proposed monopoly that the Great Southern and Western Railway are endeavouring to establish, and we urge the merchants and traders in the districts affected to oppose it with all their might, as we ~~have~~ know from experience the result of the Great Northern Amalgamation has been an increase in rates of from 15 to 30 per cent.

That we consider the local Rates charged on many classes of goods by the Great Northern Railway are prohibitive, and we direct attention to the instances furnished in our Committee's Report.

That in pursuance of this policy of monopoly, the practice of giving Preferential Rates ~~is given~~ ^{to places} ~~at the expense of places~~ which have ~~no~~ other means of transit is a dishonest policy, and should be made illegal.

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Monthly meeting 6th March 1899. "these Preferential Rates are given at the expense of places which have no other means of transit; for instance, as pointed out in our Committee's Report, rate for porter - Dublin to Omagh 10. 8 per ton; Dublin to Derry, 30 miles longer distance, 12. 1/2 per ton.

Railway Reform resolution That considering the amount of capital invested in, and the Traffic Returns of Irish Railways, it would be quite possible under a proper system of State control to reduce the charges for live stock and merchandise 50 per cent., and have a sufficient surplus to pay a fair percentage on the capital invested.

That in our opinion the solution of the question will be found either in State purchase or in compulsory amalgamation under State control.

That, considering the financial relations between Ireland and England, the Irish people have a right to demand State assistance for the removal of this grievance, and further, that the money expended on the construction of light railways is of very little use for the purpose intended, unless a general reform and reduction of rates is enforced on lines connecting those light railways with seaport & inland towns.

That, with a view of forming an organisation to bring about railway reform, we would respectfully suggest to the Lord Mayor of Dublin the desirability of calling together a conference to which representatives from Chambers of Commerce, Corporations, Town Commissioners, Boards of Guardians, and other public bodies should be invited; also representative men of all shades of opinion, and members of Parliament."

Resolution adopted It was ^{passed} proposed by Mr. Smith, seconded by Mr. Peter Kavanagh ^{and} unanimously that above resolution be adopted & copy sent to Lord Mayor of Dublin as requested.

6 March, 1899.

Monthly meeting
6 March, 1899
Warrant on Ratebook
signed.

The warrant on Town Rate book was signed by the Chairman & two Commissioners and countersigned by the clerk to be handed to the rate-collector for collection on 1st prox.

Mr Sealy elected a Harbour Commis.
It was proposed by Mr. Fogarty, seconded by Mr. McCullagh and unanimously agreed to, that Mr. William Charles Sealy, T.C. be elected a Harbour Commissioner in place of on Arklow Harbour Board in place of Mr. J. J. Troy, resigned.

Cheques.

Cheques were issued for the following:—
To Tho. Bracken 4 weeks lamp-lighting ended 4 March 99 £ 2. 16. 0
" Lawrence Desmond do do 2. 16. 0
" Town Clerk for incidentals as per a/c. 1. 3. 8

The following resolution was proposed by Mr. Sealy, seconded by Mr. Amnesley and agreed to:—

Resolution re
additional Train
Service.

"That we beg to call the attention of the Manager of the D. W. & N. Railway Co. to the necessity existing for an earlier evening train to Dublin as the 5.40 o'clock P.M. train is very inconvenient for business people visiting the town, and would suggest a train to leave Arklow about 2.30 P.M. & this train to call at Avoca."

The clerk was directed to send a copy of above resolution to Mr. Boylan, Traffic Manager, D.W. & N. Railway Co.

Paul Condren Cllr
3/4/99

23 March, 1899

Committee
meeting 23 Mar.
1899

A Committee meeting of the Arklow Town Commissioners was held at the Court-house, Arklow at 7 o'clock P.M. on Thursday 23rd of March, 1899. The following attended:—

- Mr. Joseph Amnesley
- " Eugene Fogarty
- " Tho. Birchistle
- " Wm. Chas. Sealy
- " John McCullagh

Chairman of
Sub-committee ap-
pointed.

It was proposed by Mr. Amnesley, seconded by Mr. Birchistle and agreed to that Mr. E. Fogarty be Chairman of meeting.

The above met as a sub-committee to report for the information of the special meeting appointed for 24th inst as to the desirability or otherwise of the Arklow Town Commissioners making application to the local Government Board for an order to constitute them an Urban Sanitary District under the Local Government (Ireland) Act, 1898. and whether the application should be made before the appointed day (1st April 1899.)

Report as to
becoming an
Urban Sanitary
District

After giving the subject the fullest consideration especially in its financial aspect, the following was proposed by Mr. McCullagh, seconded by Mr. Amnesley and agreed to:—

"That we have not sufficient information before us to come to a definite conclusion on the matter of becoming an Urban Sanitary District, and that we prefer to wait until further statistics can be obtained especially as to what will be considered main roads."

Paul Condren Cllr
3/4/99

24 March, 1899

Special meeting
 24 March 1899. A special meeting of the Arklow Town Commissioners duly convened was held at the Court-house, Arklow at 7 o'clock P.M. on Friday the 24th March, 1899.

The following attended:—

Mr. Daniel Condren, Chairman
 " Peter Kavanagh
 " Peter Carvey
 " Joseph Annesley
 " W^m John Cold
 " George Henry Smith
 " Tho^s. Birchistle

The Clerk read the requisition concerning the meeting which was for the purpose of considering the application and, if agreed upon, of making application to the Local Government Board for Ireland for an order to become an urban Sanitary District to separate the town of Arklow from the rural district of Rathdrum and to constitute it an Urban Sanitary District under the Local Government (Ireland) Act, 1898.

After 1st April 1899, applicants to Board was also read in which it was stated will be local electors instead of Town Commissioners. A communication from the Local Government Board was also read in which it was stated in reply to a question asked, that after the 1st April next the persons to make the application to constitute the town of Arklow an Urban Sanitary District would be the local Government electors and not the Town Commissioners.

After the subject for which the meeting was convened had been carefully gone into, it was proposed by Mr. Smith, seconded by Mr. Carvey and agreed to Mr. P. Kavanagh dissenting that the resolution passed by subcommittee on

24 March 1899

Special meeting
 24 March 1899. 23rd instant relative to becoming an Urban Sanitary District be adopted by this meeting.
 Dan Condren Clerk
 3/4/99

3 Apr. 99

Monthly meeting
3 Apr. 99
A monthly meeting of the Arklow Town Commissioners was held at the Court House, Arklow at 12 o'clock noon on Monday the 3rd April, 1899. The following attended:—

Mr. Daniel Condren, Chairman
" Wm. W. Sealy
" George H. Smith
" Peter Kavanagh
" Peter Carney
" Eugene Fogarty
" Dr. Howard
" Hugh Byrne
" Richard Kearon.

Declarations
made.

Doctor Howard, Mr. Hugh Byrne & Mr. Richard Kearon made the usual declarations on taking their seats for the first time since election.

Minutes.

The minutes of last monthly meeting, of Committee meeting of 23rd ult., & of Special meeting of 24th ult. were read & agreed to & signed by the Chairman.

Correspondence

The following resolution adjourned from last monthly meeting was read from the Cory Town Commissioners:—

"That we, the Cory Town Commissioners of Cory, are strongly of opinion that in order to obviate the expense and turmoil consequent upon the holding of annual elections for Town Commissioners and Urban District Councillors in Towns & Cities under the Local Government, (Ireland) Act, 1898, elections in future for such bodies should be held triennially instead of annually, and that copies of this resolution be forwarded to the clerk of

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all Town Commissioners and Urban District Councillors in Ireland."

Resolution adopted.

It was proposed by Dr. Howard, seconded by Mr. Peter Kavanagh and agreed to that the above resolution be adopted and a copy be sent to the Local Government Board.

A letter was read from the manager D.N. & H. Railway Co. acknowledging receipt of resolution passed by the Arklow Town Commissioners and stating the matter would be laid before the Directors at their next meeting.

Re train service

A further letter dated 22nd ult. was also read from the Manager stating that above resolution was laid before the Directors & that he was directed to say that it is in contemplation to reconstruct the present train service as from the 1st May next, and that in doing so the resolution of the Commissioners will receive every consideration.

A letter was read from Mr. W. Eild M.P. acknowledging receipt of resolution forwarded to him from this Board in favour of giving to tenants in towns security in their holdings &c.

one-third of
Commissioners
to retire annu-
ally

A letter was read from the Local Government Board stating in reply to a query that one-third of the Arklow Town Commissioners will retire annually according to the terms of 15(2) of the Local Government (Transitory Provisions) (No. 2.) Order, 1898.

Sections 6 to 104
of 16 Commis-
sioners Act,
1857, repealed

A further communication was read from the Local Government Board which repeals so much of section 26 of the Towns' Improvement (Ireland) Act, 1857, as incorporates sections six to ten and twelve to sixteen of the Commissioners' Clauses Act, 1847.

A letter was read from the Local Government Board in reference to Chairman of Urban District

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Instructions
re chairman
becoming J.P.

Councils and Town Commissioners and suggesting that upon the chairman taking the oaths required by law to be taken by a Justice of the Peace, a return duly certified showing the name and occupation of the slated chairman who had made the required declaration of acceptance of office and was desirous of acting as a justice should be forwarded to the clerk of the Crown and Hanaper, Four Courts, Dublin, and his instructions obtained.

After 1 Apr 99
application to
become Urban San-
itary District to
be made by local
body electors, not
Town Commis-
sioners

A letter was read from the Local Government Board in reply to question asked and stating that after the 1st of April, 1899, the persons to make the application to constitute the Town of Arklow an Urban Sanitary District will be the local government electors and not the Town Commissioners.

Cheques

Cheques were issued for the following:—
To Thomas Brennan for week's lamplighting ended 1st Apr 99. £ 2-16-0
" Lawrence Desmond " " " 2-16-0
" Town clerk, quarter's salary to 20th March, 1899, Harbour Rate 1-5-0
" John M. Walsh printing, ads, &c., as per a/c 1-8-6

Lamps to be
stored 27th
28th & 29th
Apr. 1899.

The Town clerk was directed to get the lamplighters to collect and store the Town lamps on Mr. Troy's premises on 27th, 28th and 29th inst. at close of lighting season same as was done last year.

Crossing at
Mr. Hoynes's
to be re-
paired.

It was directed that the Town clerk ask the contractor for the repairs of streets & footpaths in the town if it would be his business to repair the crossing on footpath leading to Messrs Hoynes & Arncliffe's yard & if the contractor declined, the work to be

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Mr. Little,
Deputy Surveyor
written to.

done at the expense of the Commissioners as the place was in a very bad state at present.

It having been stated that a sum of £10 could be had from the County funds on application to the County authorities to assist in paving with setts the crossings on the recently flagged footpaths in Arklow, the clerk was directed to write to Mr. Little, Deputy Surveyor asking him if the statement was correct.

Dawson
1st May 99

17 April 99

Abortive
special
meeting
17 Apr 99

A special meeting duly convened was summoned to be held at 7.30 o'clock P.M. on Monday the 17th April 1899, to appoint delegates to attend a meeting at the Mansion House, Dublin at 8 o'clock on Wednesday the 19th April, 1899, to establish an Irish Railway Reform Association.

The following attended:—

Mr. Eugene Fogarty
Mr. Peter Carvey
Mr. W^m J. Cold.

A quorum not having attended, no business was transacted and the meeting was abortive.

The above members waited forty minutes for a quorum.

Dan Condren

1st May 99

1st May, 1899

Monthly
meeting 1st May
1899.

A monthly meeting of the Arklow Town Commissioners was held at their office, Court house, Arklow at 12 o'clock noon on Monday the 1st of May, 1899. The following attended:—

Mr. Daniel Condren, Chairman.

" Peter Kavanagh

" Tho^s Birchistle

" W^m Charles Sealy

" W^m J. Cold

" George H. Smith

" Peter Carvey.

The Minutes of last monthly meeting and note of abortive special meeting summoned to be held on 17th ult. were read and agreed to and signed by the Chairman.

A letter was read from the Local Government Board stating they had no power to order triennial elections in towns not Urban Sanitary Districts.

A letter was read 77A. Grove Lane, Denmark Hill London in favour of a reform of the Poor Laws.

The Board took no action on above as it was considered ~~it was~~ only fit to be dealt with by Poor Law Guardians.

The Clerk was directed to have a lamp placed on the lamp-post opposite the post-office & to have it supplied with oil so that it can be lighted by the postmaster on dark nights for the accommodation of the public.

The following resolution was proposed by Mr. Birchistle, seconded by Mr. Sealy and unanimously agreed to:—

Minutes

L. S. Board
have no power
to order triennial
elections in towns
not urban Districts

Lamp to
be placed
opposite post-
office.

Resolution
re. flagging

5 June, 99.

Monthly
meeting 5 June
1899.

of the Civil Service, with their salaries wholly paid by the Treasury, thus relieving the rates."

Resolution
adopted.

It was proposed by Dr. Howard, seconded by Mr. Birchette and agreed to that above resolution be adopted, and that the Town Clerk at Kells be informed as requested.

A letter was read from the All Ireland Pig Dealers' Association, North Star Hotel Dublin, containing the following resolution:—

All Ireland
Pig Dealers'
Association
Resolution.

"That we respectfully request the co-operation of Townspeople, Councillors & Poor Law Guardians in our endeavour to preserve Fairs and Markets for the sale of pigs, thereby insuring full Market value, and a large attendance of buyers.

Ranging and poaching of pigs are against the best interests of the trade, and ruinous to Farmers and Pig Dealers; and if such practices are continued in any district, we shall decide against any member of our organization attending the already abused Fairs in such district."

Resolution
adopted.

It was proposed by Mr. Byrne, seconded by Mr. Denis Kavanagh and unanimously agreed to that above resolution be adopted and ^{that} the Town Clerk inform the Secretary of the Association of the fact.

The Chairman spoke of the desirability of getting some seats erected at the

see show for the accommodation of the public during the present bathing season, and after some discussion the Clerk was directed to get notices posted inviting tenders for the erection of five seats 12 feet long, and the meeting was adjourned to 7.30 o'clock P.M. on Friday 9th inst., for the purpose of considering said tenders, the Clerk to give written notice of the adjournment to all the absent members.

A Howard
July 3rd 1899

9th June, 1899.

Adj'd monthly
meeting 9th
June, 1899.

An adjourned monthly meeting of the Arklow Town Commissioners was held at the Commissioners' Office, Court-house, Arklow at 7.30 o'clock P.M. on Friday 9th June, 1899.

The following attended:—

Mr. Daniel Condren, Chairman.

" W^m C. Sealy

" Peter Kavanagh

" George H. Smith

" John McCullagh

" Hugh Byrne

" Richard Kearon, J.P.

" Denis Kavanagh

" Joseph Annesley

" Thomas Birchielle

A letter was read from Mr. W^m Greene of Arklow claiming $\frac{7}{11}$ which was deducted from his apc on 5th inst. $\frac{7}{11}$ claimed & refused.

The Commissioners after considering the matter came to the conclusion that as a cheque was issued & receipt signed for the reduced amount, they could not now go back on it, and refused the claim.

A letter was read from Mr. Manning Clerk of Rathdrum Rural District Council stating he would send Notice of Motion Forms as soon as he gets them printed.

A letter was read from the Co Surveyor stating he does not intend to apply for having a sewer made at Ferrybank to take the surface water which lodges near the Methodist Church in wet weather.

The clerk was directed to write to the

9 June 99

Adj'd monthly
meeting cont.

Tenders for
erection of
five seats
on seashore

Tender accepted

Resolution re
footpaths
proposed
& passed

~~Co Surveyor informing him that the Rural District Councillors for Ferrybank Division declined to take any action in the matter.~~

The Commissioners proceeded to consider tenders for the erection of five seats 12 feet long at the sea shore for the accommodation of the people of the Town & the ^{general} public during the bathing season, one seat to be ~~erected~~ erected at North side of river & four at Southside.

There were two tenders, the first from Peter Farrell, ^{Northside} to make according to plan & deliver at seashore for 16/6 each, total £4. 2. 6 but would not fix them there.

The second from John Manning, Arklow, to make & erect for £4. 10. 0.

The tender of Peter Farrell was accepted on condition that he fixes the seats on sea shore for 5/- extra. It was subsequently agreed upon that should the contractor refuse to fix the seats for above amount the clerk be directed to offer a further sum of 5/- & to get the seats made with the least possible delay.

The following resolution was proposed by Mr. Hugh Byrne, seconded by Mr. J. McCullagh & agreed to, and the clerk was directed to send a copy of same to the ~~Urban~~ Clerk of the Rural District Council at Rathdrum.

"That the District Councillors for Arklow Urban No. 1, and Arklow Urban No. 2, be requested to make application for the making of a gravel footpath

Adj monthly meeting 9th June, 99. cont.

"to Arklow new cemetery, with granite curbing from Leopold's house to Colvins house, and the remainder of common road curbing; and for the making of a gravel footpath with granite curbing in Back street, Arklow from Meadow's Lane to the corner of the house occupied by Patrick Hagan; also for granite curbing to form a footpath which is to be made by Messrs Kynoch from the pump on Ferrybank to the entrance gate of the cordite factory - a portion of which is already made."

The Town Clerk was directed to take the necessary steps for giving notice of motion in connection with the works named in above resolution.

Paragraph of these minutes crossed in red ink has been cancelled as being incorrect.

R Howard
July 3rd 1899

Monthly meeting 3 July 1899.

monthly A meeting of the Arklow Town Commissioners was held at the Court House Arklow at 12 o'clock noon on Monday 3rd July, 1899.

The following attended: -

- Mr. Peter Kavanagh
- " Thos. Birchistle
- " Dr. Howard
- " J. McCullagh
- " Denis Kavanagh
- " Mick Kavanagh
- " Wm Chas. Sealy
- " Geo. H. Smith
- " Peter Sarvey

It was proposed by Mr. D Kavanagh, seconded by Mr. Birchistle and agreed to that Dr. Howard be chairman of meeting.

The minutes of last monthly meeting and adjournment thereof were read and agreed to (except one paragraph which was cancelled as being incorrect) and signed by the chairman.

A letter was read from Mrs. Edmondson & Co containing estimate of laying down plant, &c., for supply of acetylene gas to the town.

The letter was marked "read" & the ~~consideration~~ ^{consideration} of the matter adjourned.

A letter was read from Mr James Ryan of Southport, ^{Kenaghine,} drawing the attention of the Commissioners to the rough ^{unsympathetic} state of the foreshore for bathers owing, he alleges, to the deposits from the dredger, when recently used in deepening the mouth of the harbour, being thrown into the sea & rolled on to the strand.

The letter was marked "read."

Acetylene gas.

Complaint as to rough state of strand for bathers

3 July, 1899.

Monthly meeting
3rd July 99.Wicklow 98 monuments
Committee

A letter was read from the Wicklow 98 Monuments Committee asking the Arklow Town Commissioners to attend in state at the Demonstration to be held in Wicklow on 27th inst. re memorial to the Wicklow patriots of 98. The letter was marked "read".

Cheques

Cheques were issued for the following:-
To the Town Clerk for one quarter's salary to 20th June, 1899, Harbour Rate etc. £1.5.0
To Peter Farrell for erecting 5 seats at seaside. 10.0

Resolutions
re footpath in
Bridge street

The following resolution was proposed by Mr. Denis Kavanagh, seconded by Mr. Sealy & agreed to:- "That the Town Clerk be instructed to write to the Co. Surveyor, asking him to include footpath at east side of Bridge street in application for flagging footpaths in Arklow now pending."

Deputation
to Mr. F. Tyrrell
re footpaths.

It was agreed that Messrs. Denis Kavanagh, Peter Kavanagh and Mr. Sealy wait on Mr. Frank Tyrrell, Bridge street, and ask his consent to have a small portion of the outer wall of his yard removed inwards so as to allow the flagging of footpath to be continued up to Arklow Bridge.

Committee
meeting asked
to be summoned

It was agreed on & the clerk was directed to summon a committee meeting consisting of all the members for Monday 17th inst., at 12 o'clock noon to further consider the desirability of becoming an Urban Sanitary Authority.

Summoning notice
of meeting to be
given whether
business be
on the agenda
paper or not.

The clerk was further directed to issue circulars for all monthly meetings in future, whether business was on the agenda paper or not.

Thos. Birtwistle
Chairman