

8/9

Recd 1 Jan 99

© Wicklow County Council Archives

26 Sept. 1899

A Lighting Committee meeting of the Arklow Town Commissioners was held at the Court House, Arklow on the 26th Sept. 1899 at 12 o'clock noon.

The following attended:—

Mr. W^m Cha^s Sealy

" Joseph Ammesley

" Thomas Birchistle.

Mr. Daniel Condren C.E.C. also attended the meeting.

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

It was directed that the lamp near Michael Redmond's house on Coolgreney Road be removed and placed in a position to throw light on the grounds in front of the new church.

Removed accordingly on 27th September, 99, and placed on a site fixed upon by Messrs. Ammesley, McCallagh & Birchistle members of the Lighting Committee.

The Clerk was directed to keep the street lamps in the vicinity of the works lighting all night during the progress of flagging of footpath.

Mr. Sealy brought under the notice of the meeting the desirability of having the town lighted with ^{gas} incandescent ^{burners} gas, instead of the present system of oil lighting and that a local gas company be formed for the purpose.

The Clerk was directed to place the

430

2

matter on the agenda paper for consideration at next monthly meeting on 2nd prox. and to place on each of the notices summoning the meeting, the following notice:—

"The Lighting Committee having considered a proposal for lighting the town with gas, the matter will be discussed at next monthly meeting."

W. Sealy, Chairman
8/11/99

Lighting Com-
mittee meeting
8 Nov 99.

A meeting of the Lighting Committee of the Arklow Town Commissioners was held at the Commissioners' Office, Court House, Arklow at 7 o'clock P.M. on Wednesday 8th November, 1899.

The following attended:—

- Messrs. C. Fogarty
- J. Armesly
- J. McCullagh
- J. Birchistle
- W. C. Sealy
- Hugh Byrne
- Richd Kearon J.P.

Mr. Sealy
appointed
Chairman

It was proposed by Mr. Birchistle, seconded by Mr. Kearon, and unanimously agreed to that Mr. Sealy be Chairman of the Lighting Committee.

Minutes read

The minutes of last Committee meeting of 26th September, 1899 were read and agreed to and signed by the Chairman.

Lamps to
be kept
lighting
all night
in Main St.
Do. up
do. hr.

It was proposed by Mr. Byrne, seconded by Mr. Fogarty & carried unanimously that the all night lighting be carried out same as on last year with four lamps in Upper Main street added; to commence after next moonlight & the lamps lighting during the night to be extinguished at 7 o'clock each morning.

Bridge
Lamps to
commence
on 28th inst.

The lamps to be kept lighting during the night as above ~~is~~ indicated, include the following:—

The lamp opposite the convent on Meerbow

Lighting com-
mittee meeting
8 Nov 99.

Terrace, four lamps in Upper Main street, all the lamps in Main street, Lower Main street and Tinahack to the saw-mills, North and South Quays, Bridge lamps, one lamp at Toodle's Open and one lamp in Chapel Ground.

Removal of
lamp post
postponed

The removal of lamp post on Coolgreney Road rendered necessary by the placing of a lamp in front of National school was adjourned until a proper site for it be fixed upon.

Instructions
for Lamp-
lighters.

The Clerk was directed to read the lamplighters' agreement for them and to draw their attention to the terms of it and that the penalties inserted therein would be strictly enforced for any serious neglect of their duties. Also to the necessity of focus the lamps on their return journey after lighting, and especially of keeping the lamps always clean, as complaints on this latter point have been ^{recently} made from all parts of the town.

Mr Sealy
makes
application
for 4
lamps at
Ferrybank

Mr. Sealy made application for four additional lamp posts on Ferrybank in the vicinity of cordite works for the accommodation of the Kynoch's employees especially the female portion of them and also for the use of the several families now residing in the locality.

After some consideration, it was decided that the whole of the members of the committee do visit the place at 8.30 o'clock P.M. on Thursday, 9th inst. to fix on sites for erecting lamp posts, &c., and the further considerations

8 Nov. 99 or 10 Nov 99

Lighting com.
Meeting 8 Nov 99Meeting ad-
journed.

of the matter was ~~adjourned~~ postponed to 7.30 o'clock P.M. on ~~Friday 10th inst.~~ ^{Thursday 9th} and the meeting was adjourned to the above date and hour for the purpose of such consideration, all the members to take notice of the adjournment.

The Commissioners were unable to visit the place on Ferrybank &c. at 8.30 P.M. on 9th inst. as agreed upon in consequence of the severity of the weather, and the following members attended at the cordite works, Ferrybank at 7.30 P.M. on Friday 10th inst. for same purpose.

Messrs. W^m Chas^r Sealy Ch. L. Com.

" Joseph Armesly

" Hugh Byrne

" Rich^d Kearon J.P.

The above members after examining the place, proposed to erect three additional lamp-posts on Ferrybank at places pointed out by Mr. Sealy and it was also proposed that an additional lamp post be erected on Coolgremy Road, ^{Sully's Hill} and another in Lower Main street, and that above proposals be submitted for approval to a special meeting of the Board to be held at 7.30 o'clock P.M. on Thursday, 16th Nov. 1899.

The Clerk was directed to take the necessary measures for convening a special meeting of the Board on above date, and meantime to write to Messrs. Mayne and Catchell, Dublin asking for

10 Nov 99

quotations as to price of lamps, lamp-posts, cradles, oil holders, &c.

W Sealy

Chairman

27/5/900

12 Feb 1900

7
Abortive
meeting
lighting
committee
12-2-1900

A meeting of the lighting committee of the Arklow Town Commissioners was summoned to be held at the Commissioners' Office, Court House Arklow at 7 o'clock P.M. on Monday the 12th February, 1900, but no members attended and no meeting was held.

The clock remained in the office until 8 P.M. on above date.

W. J. Leahy
Chairman
27/2/1900

8

Abortive
meeting
lighting
committee

24th April 1900

24th April, 1900

A meeting of the lighting committee of the Arklow Town Commissioners was summoned for 7 o'clock P.M. on Tuesday 24th ~~Sept~~ April, 1900.

Only two members, Messrs Birckhiste and Fogarty having attended the meeting fell through for want of a quorum.

The meeting was for the purpose of fixing the date for striking the lamps at end of lighting season and to decide as to painting of lamps & lamp posts.

W. J. Leahy
Chairman
27/2/1900

© Wicklow County Council

Committee meeting
27 Aug 1900

A committee meeting of the Arklow Town Commissioners was held at the Commissioners' Office, Courthouse, Arklow at 12 o'clock noon on Monday 27th August, 1900.

The following attended:—

Mr. Wm Charles Sealy

" Hugh Byrne

" Tho. Birchistle

Mr. Peter Kavanagh J.C. also attended but took no part in the proceedings

Chairman

Mr. H. Byrne proposed & Mr. Birchistle seconded that Mr. Sealy be Chairman of meeting.

Horse fair advts

The clerk produced a list of quotations from 17 different newspapers as advertising horse fair insertions in each paper, the aggregate cost amounting to £11. 8. 6.

adj'd

In consequence of the expense being so considerable the matter was adjourned and the clerk was directed to bring it before the ^{monthly} meeting on 3rd prox. to be dealt with.

Lighting of lamps to

Comm 13 Sep 1900.

In consequence of there being moonlight ~~on~~ during the early part of September, it was proposed by Mr Byrne, seconded by Mr. Birchistle and agreed to that the lamp-lighters be employed on 10th prox. to clean and put up the lamps and that the lighting commence on 13th prox.

The clerk informed the meeting that lamp-lighter Laurence Desmond had intimated his intention of not resuming work this year, and was directed to advertise for a lamp-lighter by preparing posters &

getting them posted through the Town stating terms and inviting personal attendance of candidates willing to accept employment as lamp-lighter.

County Council Archives

4 Oct. 1900

Comm
meeting
4 Oct. 1900
27
1901

A meeting of the Lighting Committee of the Arklow Town Commissioners was summoned for 7 o'clock P.M. on Thursday the 4th of October, 1900.

Messrs. J. Birchielle & J. W. Cullagh attended and remained half an hour.

As no other member attended, the meeting fell through for want of a quorum.

The clerk remained till 7.55 P.M.

Cha
D
fair
adj

Lig
Com
19

7 Feb. 1901

Committee
meeting 2 P.M.
Thursday 7th
Feb. 1901.

A meeting of the General purposes Committee of the Arklow Town Commissioners was held at the Commissioners' office, Court-house Arklow at 2 o'clock P.M. on Thursday 7th February, 1901.

The following attended:—

- Dr. Howard J.P.
- Mr. Peter Kavanagh
- Mr. Thos. Birchielle

The meeting was for the purpose of selecting a site for a new lamp-post at Tinahack and also to visit the place where the recent flooding took place on Tinahack Warrens and above members proceeded to visit the places mentioned and were joined en route by the following members of the General Purposes Committee:—

- Mr. Eugene Fogarty
- Mr. Hugh Byrne
- Mr. Richard Kearon J.P.

Lamp post
to be erected
on old road
at Tinahack

The site fixed upon for the erection of the lamp-post was the old road leading from Tinahack to the saw-mills on the side of the road nearest to the school-house recently built there and in line with the wall on the west side of the school-house yard.

Scene of
flooding
visited

The Committee next visited the scene of the flooding and examined minutely every part of it, measured a gap in the sand hills 30 feet wide through which the late floods seemed to have passed with a view to have it stopped up so as to turn the course of the water towards the sea in case of future flooding, and finally

7 Feb. 1901

Committee
Meeting Thursday
7 Feb. 1901. 2 P.M.2 Copy of
1 Ordnance
map entered

The Town Clerk was directed to write to Messrs Hodges, Figgis & Co., Grafton Street, Dublin for a copy of the Ordnance map relating to the place which is partly in Tinahask, Lower, and partly in Abbeylands and when the map is received to summon another meeting of the General Purposes Committee to further consider the matter.

The Clerk was also directed to get the spare lamp-post in store erected in the place indicated.

Thos. Birchistle
Mar 7/1901

Committee 7 March 1901

Committee
Meeting 7th
March 1901
3 P.M.

A meeting of the General Purposes Committee of the Arklow Town Commissioners was held at the Commissioners' office, Courthouse, Arklow at 3 o'clock P.M. on Thursday, 7th March, 1901.

The following attended:—

Dr. Howard J.P.

Mr. John McEulagh

Thos. Birchistle

Peter Kavanagh

It was proposed by Mr. Kavanagh, seconded by Mr. McEulagh and agreed to, that Mr. Birchistle be chairman of the Committee for the current year.

The minutes of Committee meeting of 4th ult., were read and agreed to and signed by the Chairman.

In reference to the flooding at Tinahask, the following resolution was proposed by Mr. McEulagh, seconded by Mr. Kavanagh & agreed to:—

Resolution
re flooding
at Tinahask

"That we recommend the Town Commissioners to write to the Rathdrum Board of Guardians stating that the lower end of the Town at Tinahask is being flooded by a stream of water from behind which formerly emptied into the Warrens Lough, and to respectfully ask them as Sanitary Authority to abate the nuisance which is most dangerous to the health of the locality."

Mr. Kavanagh's account for repair of foot-path on Leodgreeny Road leading to the New

7 March, 1901

Committee meeting 3 P.M.
7 March 1901

Church was laid before the meeting and the following resolution in reference to same was proposed by Mr. Kavanagh, seconded by Dr. Howard and agreed to:-

That we refer Mr. Kavanagh's bill for repairing footpath back to the general meeting for consideration.

Pioneer Lectures also referred to general meeting."

It was agreed that the Town Clerk be directed to have the all night lighting of the lamps be discontinued for the remainder of the season.

The all night lighting had ceased on the commencement of last moonlight on 23rd ult.

All night lighting discontinued.

3rd July, 1901.

Committee meeting 4 P.M.
3rd July, 1901

A meeting of the General Purposes Committee of the Wicklow Town Commissioners was held at the Store House at 4 P.M. on Wednesday the 3rd day of July, 1901.

The following attended:-

Messrs R. Howard, J.P.

" J. McCallagh

" P. Kavanagh

The meeting was for the purpose of inspecting the Township lamps and reporting on their condition.

Special meeting of the whole Board to be held for the 8th July 1901.

It was agreed that the Clerk should call a special meeting of the Town Commissioners to be held at the Commissioners' Office, on Monday the 8th day of July 1901, for the purpose of considering tenders for the painting of the Township lamps.

26th August, 1901.

A meeting of the General Purposes Committee of the Arklow Town Commissioners was held in the Commissioners Office, Courthouse Arklow, at 7 P.M. for on Monday the 26th August, 1901. The following attended:-

Messrs J. Birrhistle
J. McCallagh.
P. Kavanagh.

The meeting was for the purpose of appointing lamplighters &c.

appointing
of lamp-
lighters

Mrs J. Bracken & Mrs Redmond (for her husband) attended the meeting and agreed to light the lamps for the coming season at the usual terms.

cleaning
of lamps
and burners

The Committee agreed to give Mrs J. Bracken three days work in cleaning lamps and burners and at the usual rate of pay.

Clerk to
order 220
new wicks
& 6 round do.

The Clerk was directed to instruct lamplighters to put up lamps when cleaned, also to order 220 Stemps Patent Wicks & 6 round wicks from Mr J. Annesley, also to write the undermentioned asking for prices for burners:-

Messrs Edmundson & Co. Dublin.

26th August, 1901.

Messrs Norton & Co. Dublin.
Hampton Leadon & Co. "
Lambert Brien & Co. "
M. Guise & Gatchell "
Price & Co. "

Thos. Birrhistle.

Sept 2 / 1901

Wicklow County Council Archives

General Purposes Committee of the Arlow Town Commissioners was held at the Chemical works of Messrs Kynoch & Co. at 7 o'clock Pm. on 5 Feb 1902.

The following attended:-

- Dr. Howard J.P.
- Rtd Kearon J.P.
- Messrs J. Birchistle
- " Hugh Byrne
- " Peter Kavanagh
- " J. McCallagh

The meeting was held for the purpose of consulting with Mr Gold, L.C. Local Manager of the Kynoch Co as to laying a proposal before his company for lighting the town of Arlow by electricity.

After their consultation with Mr Gold it was agreed that a proposal be laid before the Kynoch Co to light the town of Arlow with 40 incandescant lamps.

The ~~declined~~ committee declined to include any arc lamps in their proposal for the present as they are considered too ~~dear~~ expensive.

Committee meeting, Monday 13 Oct 02.

A meeting of the General Purposes Committee of the Arlow Town Commissioners was held at the Commissioners' Office, Courthouse Arlow at 7 o'clock Pm. on Monday, the 13th October, 1902.

The following attended:-

- Messrs. Richard Kearon, J.P.
- " John McCallagh
- " P. Kavanagh
- " Hugh Byrne
- " Thos. Birchistle
- " Chas. Murray

It was proposed by Mr. McCallagh, seconded by Mr. Birchistle, and agreed to, that Mr. Kearon be Chairman of General Purposes Committee for remainder of year to 23 January, 1903.

The Clerk was directed to get notices written by the cyclostyle inviting Tenders for flooring with boards & joists the room in gas house nearest to Kinsella's Lane to be used as a store for carbide and the room at opposite end to be floored with concrete.

It was also directed that Mr Quirk be written to at once and asked to come to Arlow as soon as he can to make arrangements relative to supply of gas, and that the date for considering above Tenders for flooring should be fixed for the same day that Mr. Quirk would appoint to attend.

It was directed that Kinsella's Lane from Main street to the gas-house be gravelled.

Chairman appointed

Tenders invited for flooring of gas house

Gas Co. Manager asked to come to Arlow to meeting of Commissioners

Kinsella's Lane to be gravelled

Proposals for lighting Arlow by electricity

Genl Purposes
Committee meeting
water barrels
wanted

The clerk was directed to attend at any auctions which may occur in the town in the near future to purchase three or four water barrels for use at the gas house.

Lamp to
be removed
from Brook
to Bradshew's
Lane.

It was proposed by Mr. Birtistle, seconded by Mr. Kavanagh and agreed to, that the bracket lamp post and lamp at the corner of Brook being now unnecessary there in consequence of a gas lamp being placed directly in front of it in Lower Main street, be taken from its present site and erected in Bradshew's Lane.

Hugh Byrne Chairman of Meeting
20-10-02

Genl Purposes
Committee meeting
20 Oct 02.

A meeting of the General Purposes Committee of the Arklow Town Commissioners was held at the Commissioners' office, Court House, Arklow at 4 o'clock P.M. on Monday the 20th Oct. 1902.

The following attended:—

- Messrs. H Byrne
- P. Kavanagh
- G Murray

Chairman

It was proposed by Mr. Kavanagh, seconded by Mr. Murray and agreed to that Mr. Byrne be chairman of meeting.

Correspondence

A letter was read from Mr. Quirk stating he was about to supply gas to Arklow Railway station and asking if the Commissioners would be willing to incur the expense of making the connection. He added that the expense would be £95 and that it need not be taken into account until arranging for further extensions next year.

The clerk was directed to write to Mr. Quirk stating that in view of the present financial position of the Board, no further expense could be incurred.

The clerk stated he was asked to purchase two large water barrels at 10/- each.

The Committee considered the price too high and declined to buy.

Re
Excavations on
floor of gas
house

The clerk brought under the notice of the meeting that certain excavations were required on the floor of the gas house before

20 Oct 02

Genl Purposes
Committee
meeting
7 PM. 20
Oct 02

the new flooring could be made, and the contractor Mr. W. Cowan stated these excavations should be ~~made~~ made by the Commissioners.

The committee were of opinion the excavations were included in the contract and should be done by Mr. W. Cowan himself.

It was ultimately agreed that Messrs. Kearon, Kavanagh & Murray with the Town clerk met at the gas house at 10 o'clock am. on 21st inst and see the place before finally deciding and also to see whether there was sufficient gravel on Kinnella's Lane leading to the gas house. They considered enough gravel was on the lane.

21 Oct. 02.

In accordance with above, Messrs Kavanagh & Murray with the Town clerk arrived at the gas house at the hour named and were met there by Mr. W. Cowan, contractor.

They came to the conclusion that the portion of the floor where the gas purifiers were enclosed would be better done in concrete than boards and Mr. W. Cowan agreed to make the ~~the~~ change without any alterations in price and that the excavations were trifling and might be done by the Commissioners.

The clerk was directed to bring under the notice of the Commissioners at their next monthly meeting the desirability of placing a window at the West side

Window
& lamp
required
for gas house

20 Oct 02.

24

Genl Purposes
Committee
meeting
20 Oct 02

of the gas house and a lamp at the North end so fixed as to prevent the possibility of its coming in contact with the gas; this lamp being very necessary for the workmen when making gas at night.

It was agreed that no summonses for meetings of general Purposes Committee need be issued as all the members are aware of their being held on each Monday at the same hour.

L. Kearon Chairman
Oct 27th 02.

Genl Purposes
Committee
meeting
27 Oct 02

A weekly meeting of the General Purposes Committee ~~was held~~ of the Arklow Town Commissioners was held at the Commissioners' office, Court House Arklow at 7 o'clock P.M. on Monday the 27th Oct. 1902.

The following attended:—

Messrs. R. Kearon J.P. Chairman
" H. Byrne
" J. McCullagh
" P. Kavanagh
" J. Birchistle

Minutes

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

Re supply of
water to
gas house

The necessity of making arrangements for a supply of water to the gas house was brought before the committee but no action was taken on it pending the result of analysis of the Droca River water, a sample of which was taken to Dublin by Mr. Quirk on 16th inst.

Suspension
of floors
estimate for
cork to be asked
for

Messrs Kearon, Kavanagh & Murray were appointed to inspect the new floors in gas house when finished and that Mr. McGowan be asked to give an estimate for erecting tank to hold carbide refuse and to put two windows in gas house, &c.

Meeting
appointed

The clerk was directed to see Mr. Gilbert & request him to attend committee meeting on Thursday 30th inst. at 7 P.M. in reference to the gas supply

Rick Kearon Chairman
10th Nov 1902

Genl Purposes Com-
mittee meeting
Monday 10 Nov 02

A weekly meeting of the General Purposes Committee of the Arklow Town Commissioners was held at the Commissioners' office, Court House, Arklow at 7 o'clock P.M. on Monday 10th Nov. 1902.

The following attended:—

Messrs. R. Kearon J.P. Chairman
" H. Byrne
" J. McCullagh
" J. Birchistle

Withdrawal
of gas instrutor

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

A letter was read from Mr. Quirk stating his man Corcoran who was instructing the lamplighters to make gas would be withdrawn at once.

Analysis of
Droca River
water.

The letter also enclosed a certificate of analysis of water from the Droca river stating the sample was practically free from both iron and sulphur and the minute traces found in it would have no effect whatever on the acetylene gas produced from the carbide by its action.

Re supply of
water.

In view of above analysis, it was agreed that Tho. Nicholson continue to supply water to the gas house at 3 per barrel as at present and that the matter be brought forward at next monthly meeting with a view to erecting a pump to supply the water.

Gas a/c book
to be ordered

A letter was read from Messrs Hely & Co stating a gas account book of 200 pages would be supplied for 14/6, and the clerk produced a draft form of account book which was approved and directions given that the book be ordered.

A letter was read from Mr. McGowan containing a proposal to build a tank & make other im-

Genl purposes Com
meeting 10 Nov 02

Tenders asked
for.

improvements at Gas house at a cost of £ 5. 18. 0
The clerk was directed to get notices written
and posted inviting Tenders for above to be con-
sidered at next weekly meeting.

An incidental ^{of} adjourned from last monthly
meeting was examined by the committee and one
item for excavations at the gas house and. It was
ordered to be struck out and that the remainder
of the account be produced for payment at
next monthly meeting

All night
lighting adj.

The question of all night lighting was ordered
to be brought forward at next weekly meeting
of committee.

Hugh Byrne Chairman of Meeting
17-11-02

Weekly meeting Genl
Purposes Committee
17 Nov. 02

A meeting of the General Purposes Committee
of the Arklow Town Commissioners was held at
the Commissioners' Office, Court house, Arklow
at 7 o'clock P.M. on Monday, 17th Nov. 1902.

The following attended:—

Messrs. Hugh Byrne
" Peter Kavanagh
" J. Birchistle

Chairman

It was proposed by Mr. Kavanagh, seconded
by Mr. Birchistle and agreed to that Mr.
Byrne be Chairman of meeting.

Minutes

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

Correspondence

A letter was read from Mr. Silbert of the
Sunlight gas Co. asking to have some of the
Commissioners meeting him on 18th inst to take
over the working of the Gas Plant.

The Committee took no action on above and
desired the clerk to see Mr. Silbert and remind
him that his les by their agreement were bound
to keep the ^{gas} plant in repair & good order during
the three years of their contract.

Tenders

A Tender was received from Mr. Denis
Kavanagh proposing to do certain specified works
at the gas house for £7. 10.

Above Tender was not accepted the price being
considered too high, and the clerk was
directed to see Mr. W. Cowan in reference to
his proposal received at last weekly meeting
to do the same work for £ 5. 18 and ask
him to reduce his proposal to £ 5, & if he
agreed he might go on with the work.

17 Nov. 02.

In reference to two pairs of India Rubber ^{and} gloves wanted for the lamp-lighters at the gas house the clerk was directed to see Mr. Gold on the matter and to get the gloves direct from the firm which supplies the chemical works with these articles.

Richard Pearson
24th Nov 1902

Genl Purposes
Committee meeting
24 Nov 1902.

24 Nov 02.

A weekly meeting of the General Purposes Committee of the Arklow Town Commissioners was held at the Commissioners' office, Court House, Arklow at 7 o'clock P.M. on Monday the 24th Nov. 1902.

The following attended:—

Messrs. Rich^d. Kearon J.P. Chairman
" J.M. Cullagh
" P. Kavanagh.

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

The clerk was directed to ask Mr. Quirk to furnish a detailed statement of the cost of connections from main gas pipe to private consumers, the statement to be in time for next monthly meeting on 1st prox.

The question of fixing date for all night lighting was adjourned to next monthly meeting.

By note received from the Chairman Genl purposes Committee, the all night lighting commenced on 25th Nov. 1902, the number of lamps to be kept lighting to be the same as those named at monthly meeting of the Commissioners 4th Nov. 1901, page 133—4. gas lamps being all lighted.

Thos Benthall

Dec 2/1902

Genl. purposes
committee
meeting 8 Dec 02.

A weekly meeting of the General Purposes Committee of the Arklow Town Commissioners was held at the Commissioners office, Court house, Arklow at 7 o'clock P.M. on Monday the 8th December, 1902.

The following attended:—

Messrs. J. Birchistle

" P. Kavanagh

" C. Murray

Chairman

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

Minutes

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

Correspondence

An application was read from the lamplighters for an increase of wages on the ground of increased working hours in the gas house.

The consideration of above was adjourned to next monthly meeting of the Board.

Re insurance

Papers were produced for the purpose of effecting an insurance on the lamplighters under the Employers Liability Act, and the clerk was directed to get them sent on to the office in Dublin to be dealt with.

Applications to
purchase bracket
lamp post.

The clerk stated that an application had been made to him for the purchase of one of the disused bracket lamp post.

The committee considered it premature to dispose of any of them at present.

The clerk was directed to ask Mr Wildridge, the present foreman of the Gas Co. in Arklow if he intended making a connection with the

Genl Purposes
committee meeting
8 Dec 02.

second lamp at the R.C. church as already agreed upon and if he (the foreman) had not been instructed to do so, to write to Mr. Quirk on the subject.

It was also directed that Mr W Cowan's attention be drawn to the necessity completing his contract at the Gas house.

John W. Cullagh

Chairman's Meeting
Feb. 3rd 1903

S.P.C. meeting
Tuesday 3 Feb 03

A meeting of the General purposes committee of the Arklow Town Commissioners was held at the Commissioners' office, Court house, Arklow at 7 o'clock P.M. on Tuesday 3rd Feb. 1903. The following attended:-

- Mr. Hugh Byrne
- Chas Murray
- John McCullagh
- Thos Birchistle

Chairman
of meeting

It was proposed by Mr. Byrne seconded by Mr. Birchistle and agreed to that Mr. McCullagh be chairman of meeting

Minutes

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

Gas Committee
exp

The ^{gas} accounts furnished by Mr Quirk for cost of connections from main pipe to private consumers was examined for a considerable time when the meeting adjourned to Thursday, 5th ~~January~~ ^{February} 1903 for the attendance of the absent members of the committee and the clerk was directed to give them notice of the adjournment

Meeting adj

Rick Kearon Sept 14th
1903

S.P.C. Committee
Thursday 5 Feb 03

An ^{adjourned} meeting of the General Purposes Committee of the Arklow Town Commissioners was held at the Commissioners' office, Court house, Arklow at 7 o'clock P.M. on Thursday 5th February 1903.

The following attended:-

- Messrs. R. Kearon J.P.
- J. Birchistle
- Chas Murray
- J. McCullagh
- P. Lavanagh
- H Byrne

Chairman
appointed

It was proposed by Mr. ~~McCullagh~~ ^{Byrne} seconded by Mr. McCullagh and agreed to, that Mr. Kearon be chairman of the General Purposes Committee for current year.

Meeting adj

The accounts re cost of connections for gas to private consumers were again taken into consideration and the matter was further adjourned to 7 P.M. on 10th Feb 03, the clerk in the meantime to measure the connections from main pipe to private consumers with a view to ascertain the exact quantity of road metalling and of casing of connecting pipes when the work was completed.

Measurements
to be taken

R Kearon
Sept 14th 1903

10 Feb 03

S.P.C. meeting
Tuesday 10 Feb 03

An ^{adjourned} meeting of the General Purposes Committee of the Arklow Town Commissioners was held at the Commissioners' office, Court House Arklow at 7 o'clock P.M. on Tuesday the 10th February 1903

The following attended:—

Messrs. Richd Kearon, Chairman

" J. McCullagh

" J. Murray

" J. Byrne

" Peter Lavanagh

measurements
produced

The clerk produced his measurements as ordered at last Committee meeting and on a comparison with Mr. Quirk's figures, the latter showed 63 feet more road metalling, the figures being, Mr. Quirk's 413 feet

Town clerk's 350 "

Difference 63 "

Meeting adjd
for attendance
of Mr. Quirk

The meeting was further adjourned to await the attendance of Mr. Quirk, and the clerk was directed to write and ask that when he would next be coming to Arklow, he would write a few days beforehand so that the Committee would be prepared to meet him with a view to finally settling above matter.

R. Kearon
14 Sept 1903

11 March 03

S.P. Committee
Meeting 2.30 P.M.

An adjourned General Purposes Committee meeting of the Arklow Town Commissioners was held at the Commissioners' office Court House Arklow at 2.30 P.M. on Wednesday 11th day of March, 1903. The following attended:—

Messrs. Richd Kearon J.P. Chairman

" Hugh Byrne

" John McCullagh

Thos. Birtwhistle

Chas Murray

Mr. Quirk, Manager, Sunlight Gas Co also attended the meeting.

The clerk produced a statement showing that more than a fair proportion of carbide &c., was charged against private lighting and also for railway carriage of same.

1/2 ton carbide
to be sent
free

Mr. Quirk on examining above admitted its correctness and agreed to send a half ton of carbide and two boxes of purifiers free and carriage paid to Arklow to balance the a/c.

The examination of cost of connections from main gas pipe to private consumers was gone into at considerable length and it was agreed by Mr. Quirk & the Committee that the matter could not be finally settled at this meeting and the matter was adjourned until after next monthly meeting.

R. Kearon
14 Sept 1903

Monday 13 April 03. 7 P.M.

S.P.C. meeting
7 P.M. 13 April 03

A meeting of the General Purposes Committee of the Arklow Town Commissioners was held at the Commissioners Office, Courthouse, Arklow at 7 o'clock P.M. on Monday the 13th April 1903.

The following attended:—

Messrs. Hugh Byrne

" J. Birchistle

" G. Murray.

Proposed by Mr Birchistle & seconded by Mr Murray that Mr Byrne be chairman of meeting

It was agreed that the lighting season end on Thursday the 30th April 1903 and that the lamplighters be instructed to collect & store the oil lamps, remove & empty oilholders &c in the usual way on 1st & 2nd prof & to receive a full week's wages for same. Gas lamps not to be interfered with.

In connection with the storing of the gas lamps, the clerk was directed to write to Mr. Quirk & say the Commissioners do not wish to have the gas lamps collected and stored by their lamplighters as they do not understand the business.

The inspection of Tank & gashouse premises was adjourned to 12.30 P.M. on Thursday the 16th April, 1903, and the clerk was directed to give notice to the two absent members, Messrs. Kearon & P. Kavanagh, the two members present Messrs Murray & Birchistle having consented to accept verbal notice.

Lighting season
closed 30 April
03.

Storage oil
lamps 1st & 2nd
May 03

Gas lamps
to be stored
by gas Co.

Inspection of
gas house
premises
adj'd to 16th
Apr 03. 12.30 P.M.

It was directed that lamplighters Bracken & Desmond be asked to give sealed tenders to the clerk stating the lowest ^{weekly} wages they would be willing to accept for making gas for private consumers during the non-lighting season.

A. Kearon

14 Sept 1903

Thursday 16 April 03

Inspection of
gas house
premises 16
Apr 03

The committee appointed to inspect gas house premises met on Thursday the 16th of April 1903. at 12.30 P.M. and reported as follows:—

We recommend that Mr. W Cowan be asked to ventilate lamp-box and put in lamp.

Also to ask the Town Clerk to buy a piece of netting and direct gas men to nail it on window and re-putty it, also to whitewash inside of gas house all round. brushes to be provided also to paint lamp box. The lamp-lighters to be allowed 2/6 for doing the whole job.

Signed, Peter Kavanagh
G. Murray
J. Birchistle
Apr 16-03.

R Kearon
14 Sept 1903

5 May 03

A General Purposes Committee meeting of the Arklow Town Commissioners was held at the Commissioners' oil stores, Abbey Lane at 10.30 Am. on Tuesday 5th May 1903.

The following attended:—

Messrs Peter Kavanagh
Glas Murray
J McLeulagh
J. Birchistle
Job. Hall

They reported as follows on inspecting stored lamps oil containers, &c:—

Found 16 panes of glass broken
Two doors want hinges
Two Bridge lamps require diffusers repaired
Eighteen Burners require bridges repaired
together with certain repairs to store to be printed out to Mr. Troy. including a lock.

They next proceeded to the gas house in reference to payment of cheque to Mr. W Cowan and reported as follows:—

Lamp-lighters to nail perforated tin on tops of lamp-box, to put second coat of whitewash on portion of gas-house already done, to whitewash generator house about five feet high on inside, to place baton about 10ft on lamp-box to make it firm for 2/6. the Commissioners to provide timber, nails, brushes, &c.

Also that cheque for £5 be paid Mr. W Cowan

R Kearon
14 Sept 1903

S.P.C. meeting
at oil stores

S.P.C. meeting
7pm. Thursday
20 July 1903.

A General Purposes Committee meeting of the Arklow Town Commissioners was held at the Commissioners' Office, Court-house, Arklow at 7pm. on Monday the 20th July, 1903.

The following attended:—

Messrs. Richd Kearon J.P. Chairman

" Job Hall

" J. Birthistle

" Hugh Byrne

Recommendations
as to amt to
be paid to
Sunlight Gas Co.
for cost of
connections
to private
consumers

The matter before the Committee was to consider and decide as to the amount they would recommend to be paid to the Sunlight Gas Co. for the cost of connections for private consumers of gas in Arklow.

After giving the above the most careful consideration and discussing it for a considerable length of time, they came to the conclusion that on the account furnished by the Gas Co., there were excessive charges amounting at the least to two pounds on each connection or a total of sixty six pounds on the whole thirty three connections. They subsequently agreed to reduce this amount to fifty pounds in order that the gas Co. would not have a shadow of ground for taking exception to their decision.

The Committee further came to the conclusion that the sum of £ 23 " 11 " 10 charged for two lamps and their connections at the R.C. Chapel gate be struck out for the following reasons:—

(1) That a sum of £ 2. 6. 6 charged for a brass pump & torch light left in the gas house be cancelled as the articles were not wanted & would be returned whenever the gas Co. desired.

(2) That the gas Co. having undertaken through their Manager, Mr. Quirk to supply 22 gas lamps for public lighting in the Town and having subsequently reduced that number to 19, the two chapel lamps and their connections should be included in the contract for public lighting as the total number of public lamps in the town at present including the chapel lamps is only 21 instead of 22.

The Clerk was directed to bring all these recommendations before the next monthly meeting of the Board and to give a detailed statement of same to Mr. Quirk, Manager of the Gas Co. and to draft a copy of such statement and lay it before the Chairman & Mr. Byrne before sending it.

R Kearon

14 Sept 1903

Gas Committee meeting 4 Aug 03

A Gas Committee ^{meeting} of the Arklow Town Commissioners was held at the gas house premises at 7 P.M. on Tuesday, 4th August, 1903.

The following attended:-

- Messrs. Richd Kearon J.P. Chairman
- " J. Birchistle
- " G. Murray.

It was ordered that all the lamps, oil holders, &c. be at once removed from the store in Abbeybere & placed on the lampposts for the coming lighting season gas-lamps excepted which were to be stored in the gas house pro. tem. as they seem to require painting.

It was agreed that a corrugated iron shed be erected on a wooden frame 30ft by 16ft for storage of lamps & lampoil, the outer wall to be the boundary fence & the remainder of the space enclosing the gas house premises to be fenced with corrugated iron 8ft high.

The open space facing Kinsella's Lane to be levelled off and fenced in same manner with a suitable gate on it.

R Kearon 14 Sep 1903

G.P.C. meeting Monday 14 Sep 03 7 P.M.

A General Purposes Committee meeting of the Arklow Town Commissioners' office, Court-house, Arklow, at 7 o'clock P.M. on Monday the 14th September, 1903.

The following attended:-

- Mr. Richd Kearon Chairman
- " Hugh Byrne
- " Peter Davanagh.

Minutes

The minutes of previous meetings up to 4th ult. were read and agreed to and signed by the Chairman.

Quotations for duplex burners were laid before the meeting, as follows:-

Quotations for burners etc?

- Messrs Maguire & Hatchell, 28/6 per dozen.
- " Edmundson & Co. sent two samples of duplex burner, No. 2 Hinks, 2/9 each, 33/- per doz.
- " " No. 3 1/9 each # 21/- per doz.

1 doz burners ordered & one single burner as sample.

After examining above, it was agreed that 1 dozen duplex burners be ordered from Messrs. Edmundson & Co at 2/9 each, and when sending same to enclose a sample single burner to take a wick 1 1/4 inches wide, the sample No. 3. burner to be returned to Messrs. Edmundson & Co.

Fencing n. of gas house premises

In reference to erecting a store on gas house premises, fencing and placing a gate on same, the Chairman with Mr. Davanagh undertook to procure a suitable tradesman to do the work on reasonable terms.

Deputation from Lancashire

By permission of Mr. Byrne, a letter ^{telegram} received by him from Mr Quirk, Manager, Sunlight gas Co. was read which showed that a deputation of English gentlemen from Lancashire would arrive

S.P.C. meeting 14 Sept 03.

S.P.C. meeting 7th
Monday 14 Sept 03.

at Arklow Railway station on 23rd Sept 1903, accompanied by Mr. Quirk to see the effect of the Acetylene gas in Arklow and to examine the plant & Machinery, &c., with a view to lighting the town of Formby in Lancashire. Mr. Quirk requested that a committee of the Arklow Town Commissioners would be kind enough to meet these gentlemen at the Railway station on their arrival from England.

The Clerk was directed to write at once to Mr. Quirk stating his request would be complied with and to give timely notice as to hour of arrival &c., and all the members of the General Purposes Committee to be summoned for the occasion.

Rich^d Kearon Chairman
20th 4th 03.

24 Sept 03

A meeting of the General Purposes Committee of the Arklow Town Commissioners assembled at the Arklow Railway station at 8 o'clock P.M. on Thursday 24 Sept 1903 where ~~they met~~ as arranged on 14th inst, they met a deputation consisting of the Chairman, Vice Chairman and engineer of Formby Rural District Council who came to Arklow to obtain information as to the acetylene gas in use in the town with a view to lighting the above named town of Formby in Lancashire with acetylene gas. The following members of the Arklow Committee attended: —

Mr. Rich^d Kearon Chairman
" Hugh Byrne J. McCullagh
" Peter Kavanagh J. Birchall
" Charles Murray

The above members accompanied the English deputation to the Court-house where they received all the information they required and afterwards walked through the town with them to see the effect of the gas light. They visited the gashouse & examined plant, &c. on following morning.

Rich^d Kearon Chairman
20th 4th 03.

S.P. Committee meeting 7 PM Wed. 4 Nov 03

A meeting of the General Purposes Committee of the Arklow Town Commissioners was held at the Commissioners' office, Court House, Arklow at 7 o'clock P.M. on Wednesday the 4th of Nov. 1903. The following attended:—

- Messrs. Richd Kearon S.P. Chairman
- " J Byrne
- J McEulough
- J Birchistle
- C. Murray
- Ed Hall

Minutes

The minutes of meetings of 14th and 24th Sept. 03 were read and agreed to & signed by the Chairman.

This meeting was summoned to inquire into alleged neglect on the part of the lamplighters whereby the private consumers of gas in the town were left without light for a considerable time, the supply of gas having become exhausted.

Mr. Garvey J.C. attended the meeting, having witnessed the occurrence which took place about 8 o'clock P.M. on night of 3 Nov. 03.

Lamplighters Braeken and Desmond were called before the meeting and examined separately as to above neglect when each admitted his share of the responsibility and promised that it would not occur again.

The Committee after fully considering the matter decided to recommend to the next monthly meeting that a sum of five shillings be stopped from the pay of each lamplighter as a guarantee against the

Stoppage from pay of lamplighters recommended

S.P. Committee meeting 7 PM Wed 4 Nov 03.

recurrence of a similar neglect in the future, the sum to be forfeited should any similar occurrence take place between the present date and the end of the lighting season; and, if no neglect takes place within the same period, the money to be returned to the lamplighters.

The following changes were made:—

Alteration in No. of lamps allotted to each lamplighter.

Thomas Braeken to light oil lamps from Buresford Terrace to and including Arklow Bridge, Back street, Abbey street and lanes adjoining, Leffin's Lane, Hall's Lane, Mahon's Lane, Reilly's Lane, Well Lane, Old Chapel Ground, Doyle's Lane, Lower Condren's Lane, Brook and Susselt Lane.

Lawrence Desmond to light all lamps from Tocher down, to include Tyndalls Lane, Tocher, Toole's Open, Harbour Road, Tinahack, Gregg's Hill, &c in addition to his present lighting.

This change in the lighting is intended to relieve lamplighter Tho. Braeken of some of the work he has had to do in the past, and that he will be expected to give more satisfaction in doing his work in future.

Paragraph at page 4, 8th Nov. 99 were read for both lamplighters in reference to their duties as such.

Richard Kearon Chairman
29th Aug 04

7 Dec 03.

Gas Committee
meeting 12 noon
7 Dec 03.

A meeting of the Gas Committee of the Arklow Town Commissioners was held at the Gas house premises at 12 o'clock on Monday 7th Dec. 1903. The following attended:—

Messrs. Chas. Murray
" Peter Kavanagh
" Thos. Birchistle

Inspection
of gas house
store etc.
and further
improvements
recommended

The Committee inspected the new store, gate opening recently erected on the premises and considered the work was done in a satisfactory manner so far, and recommended the following additional improvements be made:—

A paved or concrete channel be made at inner side and end store, cave shoots be placed around same and barrels procured to hold the water, tank to be sunk in yard to catch refuse lime from gas house, doors & wood work to be painted, passage leading to Bin lane near old grave yard to be closed up, concrete floor required in new store, but could be deferred for the present, and consider what allowance be made for superintending & keeping accounts for above work.

The Clerk was directed to bring the whole of above before the monthly meeting to be held at 7 o'clock P.M. this evg. 7 Dec 03.

R. Kearon Chairman
Dec 29, 04

19-1-04.

Gas Committee
meeting 12.30 P.M.
Tuesday 19-1-04

A meeting of the Gas Committee of the Arklow Town Commissioners was held at the gas house premises at 12.30 P.M. on Tuesday the 19th January, 1904.

The following attended:—

Messrs Thos. Birchistle
Peter Kavanagh
Richd. Kearon.

The object of the meeting was to inspect the oil store and premises and report thereon.

The following report was drawn up by Mr. Birchistle and signed by him and the other two members present:—

Report as
to state of
gas house
& recommendations
as to further
improvements.

"We found the store in good order with the exception of a covering over sewer leading to door for the purpose of rolling in oil barrels which we recommend to be done.

The concrete floor is in our opinion well laid down.

The tank which is placed in the ground to catch the refuse lime is also very useful, as it prevents the overflow from running over the yard, thereby keeping it dry and clean.

We recommend that two additional water barrels be procured, that is two for each down pipe.

Also that a covering be put up over open passage between generator house and gas house the men having to continually use this passage during wet weather.

19-1-04

Gas committee
meeting 19-1-04

Two panes of glass to be put in
gas house window, and a stone post
to be placed for protecting gateway

Notices to be posted inviting tenders for
sale of lime and empty boxes."

(Signed) J. Birchistle

Peter Kavanagh

R. Kearon

P. Kearon Chairman

Aug 29, 04

3 March 04

Abortive
Meeting
3 March 04

A General Purposes Committee meeting of
the Arklow Town Commissioners was summoned
to meet at 11.15 o'clock Am. on Thursday the
3rd of March 1904, but a quorum not having
attended, no meeting was held.

Mr Samuel Marshall & Mr Charles
Murray being the only members who
attended.

P. Kearon Chairman
Aug 29, 04

© Wicklow County Council Archives

10 March 04

Gas Committee
meeting at
Gas House then
day 10-3-04
12 noon.

A meeting of the Gas Committee was held on the Gas House premises at 12 o'clock noon on Thursday 10th March, 1904.

The following attended:—

Messrs. Peter Kavanagh
Charles Murray
Thos Birchistle

Recent improve-
ments at Gas House
inspected and
approved

The above members inspected all the improvements recently made at the gas house and considered that the work was performed in a satisfactory manner. They also considered that no further improvements or fixtures were required on the premises for the present.

Question of
remuneration
for superintendence
deferred

In reference to the remuneration to be given for keeping accounts, superintendence, &c., for fencing, erecting shed, gate, tank, &c., on gas house premises they deferred coming to any decision pending a consultation with the other member of the Committee, Mr. Kearon, he being more conversant with the business than any of the members present.

A Kearon Chairman
Aug 29, 04

9 May 04.

Abolition
Committee
Meeting Monday
9 May 04 7 PM

A Committee meeting consisting of all the Aklon Town Commissioners was summoned to meet in the Commissioners' office, Court House Aklon at 7 o'clock P.M. to consider the question of Aklon becoming an Urban Sanitary District.

The following attended:—

Messrs. Wm. I. Gold, Chairman
Hugh Byrne
Thos. Birchistle
John Tyrrell

The above members, after waiting for more than an hour beyond the appointed ~~hour~~ ^{time} of meeting, had to leave without transacting any business, a quorum not being present; and the clerk was directed to send a most urgent appeal to all the members to attend at next Committee meeting on 16th inst.

A Kearon Chairman
Aug 29, 04

16 May 04

Committee meeting
7 PM Monday
16 May 04

A committee meeting to which all the members of the Board were summoned, was held at the Commissioners' office, Court House Arklow at 7 o'clock P.M. on Monday the 16th May, 1904.

The following attended:—

Messrs W^m J. Gold J.P. Chairman
S. Marshall
C. Murray
P. Kavanagh
D. Leorden
J. Birchistle

Re Arklow
becoming an
U.D.C.

The matter for which the committee was summoned was to consider the question of Arklow becoming an Urban Sanitary District.

Correspondence
Salary of
officials, &c.

A letter was read from Mr. Manning Clerk of Rathduin Union, stating that the medical officer of health at Arklow receives a salary of £15 a year, and the sub-sanitary officer £28 a year, and that half of both these salaries is refunded by the Government. The Poor rate for 1903-4 is $1\frac{1}{4}\%$. He referred the Board to Mr. Johnson, Relieving Officer to give accurate information as to out-door relief in Arklow.

Out-door
relief

Mr. Birchistle stated he had it from Mr. Johnson that the amount of out-door relief distributed in Arklow is from £15 to £18 weekly.

Road
maintenance

The clerk produced a statement from the Road contractor showing approximately

16 May 04.

Committee meeting
7 PM Monday
16 May 04.

the cost of repairs and maintenance of roads within the municipal limits of the Town of Arklow, cost of maintenance, £469. 16¹¹/₄, length of roads, about 7 miles, 22 perches.

After discussing the matter for a considerable time, it was unanimously decided to drop the question for the present.

C. Kearon Chairman
May 29, 04

S.P.C. Meeting
6 PM Thursday
9th June 04

A meeting of General Purposes Committee of the Arklow Town Commissioners was held at the Commissioners' Cashhouse at 6 o'clock P.M. on Thursday the 9th June, 1904.

The following attended:—

- Messrs Richard Kearon J.P. Chairman
- " Hugh Byrne
- " Saml Marshall
- Thos. Birchistle
- Job Hall
- John McCullagh
- Chas Murray

Inspection
of lamps

The purposes for which this meeting was held were to inspect lamps & oilholders stored at Cashhouse with a view to repairs, painting, &c where necessary; to inspect connection & fixtures for private consumers at Mr. Cherrick's and at the Messrs Burne & Stone, and to examine account for carbide between the Dublin Carbide Co and the Town Commissioners for carbide supplied to private consumers up to present date.

Lamp requiring
repairs

The Committee found eleven lamps out of repair after last season and four that had been out of repair since the previous year, and the clerk was directed to get John Heary to examine and see what amount of repairs were required for these lamps and to report the fact to next monthly meeting.

Inspection
of fixtures
for private
consumers

The Chairman, Messrs Job Hall & S. Marshall & Chas Murray then proceeded to Mr. Cherrick's & Messrs Burne & Stone and after examining fixtures, &c., gave directions that the few feet of lead piping

S.P.C. Meeting

erected inside their premises should not be charged to them, and that ^{as} a sum of £5.0.2 had been already ^{paid} for a connection to these premises the sum of £2.6 charged by the Sunlight Gas Co. to the Commissioners should be disputed.

Carbide a/c

In reference to the carbide account the clerk produced the following statement:—

On the 7th March 1904, an a/c for £64 was presented for payment to the Arklow Town Commissioners from the Dublin Carbide Co. and of this sum £32 was paid on a/c leaving a balance due of £32.

Since then a ton of carbide was received in March, 1 ton in April and 2 tons 1st June 04.

The a/c for carbide now stands as below:

Balance due 7 March 04,	£32	Balance due for Public Lighting	
Recd in March 04 1 ton	16	by carbide Co $7.5 \times 3 =$	20.12.0
" April " "	16	Carriage on above	1.3.1
" June " "	8	Proportion for Public Lighting April 4 " 4 " 6	
	72	Balance Railway charges	3.1.5
Paid 4th June 04	30	Due to Commissioners,	£29.1.0
Bal now due	£42		

The clerk pointed out that the Commissioners had the option of requiring above sum of £29.1 to be refunded to them or to be deducted from the balance of £42 against them instead of taking carbide ^{in lieu} ~~instead~~ as had been offered them, especially as he (the clerk) had a quotation from another firm offering carbide at £1 per ton less than the price charged by the Dublin Carbide Co.

The Committee after consideration came to the conclusion that it would be injudicious and

9 June 04

S. B.P. Meeting
60
90

perhaps, lead to confusion in the accounts to com-
mence taking carbide from another firm during
the contract for Public lighting which will terminate
on 31st Dec. ~~and next~~, but that the Dublin
Carbide Co. should be asked to reduce the
price of their carbide to £15 a ton in their future
consignments.

The Balance of £42 as shown above was ^{recommended} ~~directed~~
to be paid at next monthly meeting.

P. Keason Chairman
Aug 29, 04

26 Aug 04

Absentive meeting
B.P. Committee
Friday 26 Aug 04

A meeting of the General purposes Committee of
the Arklow Town Commissioners was summoned
to attend at the Commissioners' office Court house,
Arklow at 7 o'clock P.m. on Friday the 26th
August 1904:—

The following attended:—

Mr. Samuel Marshall, J.B.

The meeting was not held as a quorum
did not attend, and at 7.30 P.m. Mr Marshall
adjourned the meeting to 7 P.m. on Monday the
29th August, 1904, and directed the clerk to
give notice of the adjournment to all the
absent members of the Committee.

P. Keason Chairman
Aug 29, 04

meeting adj'd
no quorum.

absent members
to get notice

© Wicklow County Council

Genl Purposes
Committee
meeting 7 PM
Monday 29 Aug
04.

A meeting of the General Purposes Committee of the Arklow Town Commissioners' office was held at the Commissioners' Office, Court House Arklow at 7 o'clock P.M. on Monday the 29th August, 1904.

The following attended:-

Messrs. R. Kearon J.P. Chairman

" J. Birchistle

" S. Marshall

" H. Byrne

Minutes
read.

The minutes of General Purposes Committee meeting of 4th Nov. 03, of the Gas Committee meeting of 7th Dec. 03, held at gas house, of Gas Committee meeting of 19th January, 04, of abortive meeting of General Purposes Committee of 3rd March, 04, of Gas Committee meeting held at Gas house on 10th March, 04, a committee meeting of all the Town Commissioners of 9th May 04, a committee meeting of all the Town Commissioners of 16th May 04, a General Purposes Committee meeting of 9th June 04, and an abortive General Purposes Committee meeting of 26th August 1904 were read and agreed to and signed by the Chairman.

Lighting season
to commence
1st Sept 04

It was directed that the lighting season commence from 1st Sep 04 and that all the lamps be on the lamp posts by that date, the lamplighters to commence putting up the oil lamps on Tuesday 30th Aug 04 and their wages at 17/6 per week to begin on said date.

Mr Quirk
to be written
to.

The clerk was directed to write at once to Mr Quirk reminding him to have the gas lamps placed on the lamp posts not later than

G.P. Committee
meeting contd.

31st Aug 04.

Lamplighters'
agreement
signed.

A written agreement was drawn up by the clerk in the usual way binding the lamplighters to perform their duties under certain conditions therein stated, and was signed by the lamplighters and witnessed by the Chairman and Town Clerk, and it was directed to be sent to the Custom House to be stamped.

Lamps to be
repaired.

Instructions were given that all the duplex burners requiring new bridges be at once repaired by John Leary.

R. Kearon Chairman
Dec 15th 04

Committee meeting 7 PM
6th Oct 04

A Committee meeting of the Arklow Town Commissioners specially appointed, was held at the Commissioners' office at 4 o'clock P.M. on Thursday the 6th Oct. 1904.

The following attended:-

Wm. J. Gold J.P. Chairman

H. Byrne

J. Tyrrell

Capt. Murney

R. Kearon J.P.

This meeting was held for the purpose of drafting a statement in reference to the state of Arklow Harbour to be sent to the Chief Secretary for Ireland.

The Chairman produced a draft copy which he had prepared before coming to the meeting, and after it had been examined and approved by the other members of the Committee, it was handed over to the clerk with directions to copy it next day and submit said copy to Mr. Stoney, Mr. Byrne, Mr. Kearon & the Chairman for any alterations they might choose to make in it and ^{then} to re-write on official paper two copies, one to be sent to the Chief Secretary and the duplicate to Sir Thomas Lamonde Bart.

At this stage of the proceedings Mr. Quirk came into the Board room with a proposal for extending the public lighting in Bridge Street & Marlboro Terrace, having been written to on the subject by direction of the Board at last monthly meeting.

After hearing Mr. Quirk's statement, it was considered that the matter was too im-

Committee meeting
7 PM 6th Oct 04

portant to be dealt with at a Committee meeting, and the clerk was directed to summon a special meeting for 2 o'clock P.M. on Wednesday 12th Oct. 1904, Mr. Quirk undertaking to be present at same with an estimate of the cost of making these extensions.

R. Kearon Chairman
15th Dec 04

S.P.C. meeting
Thursday

A General Purposes Committee meeting of the Arklow Town Commissioners was held at the Commissioners' office, Courthouse, Arklow on Thursday the 15th Dec. 1904, at 7 o'clock P.M.

The following attended:—

- Messrs R. Kearon J.P. Chairman
- J. McCullagh
- H. Byrne
- P. Kavanagh

Purpose for which meeting was held

The purpose for which this meeting was held was to inquire as to why the lamps were not ^{lighted} kept lighting on the night of the 13th inst. which was an exceptionally dark one

minutes

The minutes of Committee meetings of 29th August, 1904 & of 6th October, 1904 were read and agreed to and signed by the Chairman.

Correspondence

A letter was read from Mr Byrne to the Town Clerk complaining of the lamps not being lighted on night of 13th inst. as above stated, and the clerk's reply thereto was also read by Mr. Byrne, and it was directed that both these letters be produced at the next monthly meeting of the Board.

Lamplighters' agreement read

The lamplighters' agreement of 5th Sept. 1904, was read for the information of the meeting.

Resolutions passed

As a result of above inquiry, the following resolutions were ~~passed~~ proposed by Proposed by Mr Byrne, seconded by

S.P.C. meeting

Mr. Peter Kavanagh and agreed to:—

(1) "That in pursuance of the Board's order, the all night lighting be resumed from tonight to Sunday night next 18th inst. both nights included, and in future, the all night lamps to be left lighting until four days after the first quarter of the moon."

(2) "The General Purposes Committee be to report to the Board that a serious breach of the Board's order relative to the lighting of the town was committed on Tuesday night the 13th inst.

We have to report that no lamps were lighted on that night although the moon had not reached the first quarter and we consider ^{this} act, in face of the fact that the night in question was one of the darkest and murkiest nights of the year requires the serious consideration of the Board.

We recommend the Board to ascertain responsibility and deal with this dangerous act."

The Clerk was directed to furnish a copy of the first resolution to the lamplighters for their information and guidance.

It was further directed that when the lamplighters have any doubt as to lighting or not lighting on any ^{particular} night, they are to consult the Chairman of the General Purposes Committee.

R. Kearon Chairman
Feb 9th 1905

Gas committee meeting

A gas committee meeting of the Arklow Town Commissioners was held at the gas house at 12 o'clock noon on Thursday the 29th Dec. 1904.

The following attended:—

Messrs. Thos. Birchistle

" Peter Kavanagh

" Chas. Murray

Gas house inspected.

The committee inspected the gas house premises inside & outside, saw a small charge of carbide being worked out in the generators and the refuse lime removed by the lamp-lighters in what they considered a satisfactory manner.

Water barrels to be procured

They recommended that two additional water barrels be procured & placed near the back door of the gas house for the convenience of the lamp-lighters, also a piece of lead piping to be used in drawing the water from the scrubbers; ~~also~~ and that a piece of lath some three inches ^{wide} be procured and painted & figured with a view to ascertain what quantity of gas would be consumed from the large gas holder within a given time.

Tenders for sale of lime recommended

They also suggested that posters inviting tenders for the ^{purchase} of the refuse lime be issued next month.

Rich. Kearon Chairman
24 Jan 05

G.P. Committee meeting 7 PM Thursday 9 Feb 05

A General Purposes Committee meeting of the Arklow Town Commissioners was held at the Commissioners office, Courthouse, Arklow at 7 o'clock P.M. on Thursday 9th February 1905.

The following attended:—

Messrs. R. Kearon J.P.

" H. Byrne

" P. Kavanagh

" T. Birchistle

Chairman for 1905-6 appointed

It was proposed by Mr. Kavanagh, seconded by Mr. Birchistle and agreed to that Mr. Kearon be Chairman ~~be~~ Chairman of the General Purposes Committee for the ensuing year.

Minutes read

The minutes of Committee meetings of 15th & 29th Dec 1904, were read and agreed to and signed by the Chairman.

This meeting was held for the purpose of examining the gas accounts and seeing how the the Commissioners stood as to the profits realized by the sale of gas to private consumers.

Gas accounts examined

The Clerk produced the gas ledger which showed a profit of £131. 2 realized by the sale of gas to private consumers from October, 1904 to end of January 1905 and a detailed statement of receipts & expenditure from 1st April 1904 to 31st January, 1905 showing that a profit of £38. 15. 7 was realized during this latter period being part of the £131. 2 mentioned above.

The Clerk stated he hoped to be able to give a more complete statement at next monthly meeting which would include the profits for current

G.P. Committee meeting

month of February 05.

A telegram was read from Mr. Quirk, giving an estimate for making a connection for Marlboro Hall, supplying meter &c., for £ 14.

The clerk was directed to advertise in "Free Press" for above and the other two connections applied for by Mr James Doyle & W. George Jordan & invite tenders for the work in accordance with resolution passed at last monthly meeting.

It was considered that after the above work was done there should be no further connections made for the present, and the following resolution was proposed by Mr. Byrne, seconded by Mr. Kavanagh & agreed to.

"That having gone minutely into the gas account, we recommend the Board to not incur the expense of further connections until the receipts from existing private consumers will have re-imbursed the commissioners to a fair amount for the outlay already gone to."

The clerk was directed to instruct the gas collector to get each private consumer to initial the block of his receipt at time of payment.

Richd Kearon Chairman
24 Feb 05

Tenders to be advertised for making gas connections

Resolution to have no more connections made for some time.

Blocks of gas receipts to be imprinted

G.P. Committee meeting 15 Mar 05 7 PM

A meeting of the General Purposes Committee of the Arklow Town Commissioners was held at the Commissioners' Office Court-house, Arklow at 7 o'clock P.M. on Wednesday the 15th March, 1905.

The following attended:—

Messrs. Richd Kearon J.P. Chairman
" Hugh Byrne
" D Kavanagh.

The clerk handed to the Chairman a sealed tender marked 'Tender for lime' which on being opened was from Mr. George Kearon offering 15/- for the refuse lime at present on the gas house premises.

It was proposed by Mr. Kavanagh, seconded by Mr. Byrne and agreed to that above tender be accepted.

On the question of making application to the Treasury to have the balance due on the Arklow Harbour Loan converted into a free grant, the clerk produced statistics showing that £2000-17-6 had already been paid on the loan of £3500 and that should the payments be continued for the stipulated period of 50 years, the town of Arklow will have paid a total of £8464-9-2, or £1464-9-2 more than double the amount of the Loan originally granted.

It was agreed that the question be brought forward at next monthly meeting and meantime that a statement be drafted for the approval of the meeting & embodying above figures to be laid before the Treasury

15/- tender for lime accepted

Application re Harbour Loan adj'd to next monthly meeting

15 March 05.

requesting the balance of loan amounting to £1497. 2-6 to be converted into a free grant

Report as
to lamps
broken

The clerk read a report from lamplighter Thos Brecken stating that three panes of glass were broken in the lamps within the past few days.

The clerk was directed to draw the attention of the Police to the matter and to instruct the lamplighters to report matters of this sort to the Police immediately when discovered.

J. Kearon Chairman
24 April 05

24 April 05

L.P. Com-
mittee meeting

A General Purposes Committee meeting of the Arklow Town Commissioners was held at the Commissioners' office, Court House, Arklow at 4 o'clock P.M. on Monday the 24th of April 1905.

The following attended:—

Messrs. P. Kearon J.P. Chairman

" Hugh Byrne

" Denis Ravenagh

Minutes

The minutes of Gas Committee meeting of 29th Dec. 1904, of General Purposes Committee meeting 9th Feb. 1905 and of 15th March, 1905 were read and agreed to and signed by the Chairman.

Gas a/c
etc.

The clerk produced Private Consumers' gas accounts abstract for the past twelve months which showed a balance of profit of about £45. The accounts were considered satisfactory.

Storing of
lamps
ordered

It was directed that the lamps be collected and stored on Monday & Tuesday next the 1st & 2nd May 05 & that the lamplighters be allowed two days wages for same, the work to be carried out in the same manner as last year. Also that Mr. Quirk be written to asking him to send down a man on 1st prox to assist in taking down & storing the gas lamps, the lamplighters to convey them to store when taken down.

Recommended
that gas
plant be
inspected

It was recommended that a competent person be employed during the summer months to inspect the whole of the gas plant and to see that it be in perfectly good order.

before taking it over from the Gas Co. at the end of the contract which will terminate on the 7th of August 1905.

The Clerk was directed to bring the above recommendation before the Board at next monthly meeting.

Hugh Byrne Chairman of Meeting
17-7-05

S.P. Co. meeting
at Gas House
Thursday 8
June 05 10 am

Lamps
inspected

Broken
lamps to
be repaired
viz.

Lamps to be
painted.

A meeting of the General Purposes Committee of the Arklow Town Commissioners was held at the Gas House on Thursday the 8th June 1905, at 10 o'clock Am.

The following attended:—

Messrs Hugh Byrne & J. McCullagh.

The lamps in store, oil-holders, burners, &c., were inspected by the committee, assisted by the two lamp-lighters & John Leahy.

They found 12 lamps broken, requiring hinges or fasteners to doors, tops loose, &c. and 31 panes of glass required some of these panes were required for spare lamps that were in store and broken since last year.

The three Bridge lamps with round burners require repairs both to lamps and burners.

Of the burners that were in use for the past year, 20 were found worn out and useless & ten repairable; the latter were handed over to Leahy to be repaired.

Six oilholders with copper bottoms to be repaired & kept in store to be used when required.

All the lamps to be painted with one good of white paint.

All the above work was given to Leahy at his usual price and to have it done in good time for the coming lighting season.

Hugh Byrne Chairman of Meeting
17-7-05

S.P.C. meeting
Monday 17 July
1905

A General Purposes Committee meeting of the Arklow Town Commissioners was held at the Commissioners' office, Court house, Arklow on ^{Monday} 17th July, 1905, 7 P.M. The following attended:—

Mr. Hugh Byrne
" Thos. Birchistle
" Denis Kavanagh.

Chairman
appointed.

It was proposed by Mr. Birchistle, seconded by Mr. Kavanagh and agreed to, that Mr. Byrne be Chairman of meeting.

minutes
read

The minutes of General Purposes Committee meeting of 15th April, 1905, & of General Purposes Committee meeting of 8th June, 1905 were read and agreed to and signed by the Chairman.

Correspondence

A letter was read from the Wexford Borough '98 Association stating the Bull Ring Monument would be unveiled on Sunday the 6th of August, 1905 and inviting delegates from the Arklow Town Commissioners to attend.

The clerk was directed to write and say that probably delegates would attend and would notify their arrival later on.

Letter from
Town Tenants'
association

A letter was read from the Town Tenants' Association inviting delegates from the Arklow Town Commissioners to attend at a meeting of the association to be held at the Mansion house on 24th August, 1905.

The clerk was directed to bring above matter before the monthly meeting on 7th Aug 05.

carbide of
exp?

A statement of receipts and payments for carbide for year ended 31st March, 1905 and continued up to present date was laid before the com-

mittee for examination. The account showed a balance due by the Commissioners to the Carbide Company of £29. 14. 4 up to present date.

Complaint re
sea bathing

A complaint was brought before the meeting that there was no special place allotted at the sea shore for female bathers and asking that it should be remedied.

It was directed that two printed notices be got and posted up at the sea shore with as little delay as possible, that these notices should define the place set apart for female bathers, and that after the posting of said notices, any male person found on the female bathing space would be prosecuted.

A. Kearon Chairman
22nd Sept 1905

14 Aug 05

A committee meeting consisting of Messrs R. Kearon J.P. & Kavanagh and Murray was appointed to meet at the Seashore, South side on 14th Aug. 1905 for the purpose of examining the position of the Bathing notices and of making any alteration that might be deemed necessary.

Bathing notices at Seashore, their position to be altered.

Mr. Kearon and the Town Clerk attended at 5.15 o'clock P.m. on above date and, after examining the position of both Bathing notices, it was decided that the notice nearest to the South pier be removed and erected at the same distance from the sea shore and in line with the second seat from the South pier.

The Clerk was directed to get the alteration made without delay.

Rick Kearon Chairman
22nd Sept 1905

22 Sep 05.

A general Purposes Committee meeting of the Arklow Town Commissioners was held at the Commissioners' Office, Court-house Arklow, at 4 o'clock P.m. on Friday the 22nd Sep. 1905.

The following attended:—

Messrs R. Kearon J.P. Chairman

J. Byrne

Denis Kavanagh

Peter Kavanagh

J. McCullagh

J. Birchistle

The minutes of General Purposes Committee meeting of 17th July, 1905 and of Committee meeting of 14th August, 1905, at sea shore re bathing notices were read and agreed to and signed by the Chairman.

Minutes
Cheque for £5.15.1 issued

A cheque for £5. 15. 1 to J. Byrne Poor rate collector for poor rates on gas plant and gas house which was ordered to be paid at last monthly meeting, but, owing to the Clerk's mistake in not filling in the cheque, the amount was not paid.

It was agreed that a cheque for the amount be issued now.

Question re storing carbide in gas house

The Clerk was asked what quantity of Carbide Mr. Quirk had stored on the gas-house premises and why he allowed it to be stored without the leave of the Commissioners or without consulting some of the members of the Board.

bluk's statement re carbide being stored at the gas house.

The bluk stated that 15 tons of carbide were sent by Mr. Quirk on his own responsibility 10 tons invoiced to the Town Commissioners to be used by them and paid for monthly in the usual way, and 5 tons for his private customers, and that he expected the Commissioners would allow him to store the latter free of charge.

The bluk further stated that the Commissioners having no contract with the Dublin Carbide Co., they were under no obligation to take carbide from the Co. unless they chose to do so; and that he told Mr. Quirk he had no authority to allow him to use the gas house as a store, but, that if he sent it, he would lay the matter before the Board at their next meeting and that he (the bluk) felt sure they would not refuse him for so small a favour.

After some further consideration, the following resolution was proposed by Mr. J. Kavanagh, seconded by Mr. Peter Kavanagh and agreed to:—

Resolutions
storage re-
fused to
Mr Quirk

"That Mr. Gornly return the invoice of carbide to Mr. Quirk, stating that we do not require it as we can get carbide cheaper. Mr. Gornly stored it without the knowledge of the Commissioners, and the Commissioners instruct the bluk to write to Mr. Quirk and ascertain from him in what way he desires to have the carbide returned to him and when a reply is received from him, it is to be shown to Mr. Kearon Chairman of General Purposes Committee.

The bluk was further directed to inform Mr. Quirk ^{that} the carbide is lying in the Commissioners' store at his risk.

The bluk stated that about half a ton of carbide would be required to finish the present months lighting and asked if he would direct the lamplighters to use a half ton of the carbide now in store for that purpose.

bluk ordered to send for 1/2 ton carbide

He was ordered not to do so, but to write specially to the carbide Co. and order a half ton to finish up the present month.

gas meter in vacant house

The bluk brought under the notice of the meeting that Mr. Morrissey of main street had vacated the house he was living in and that said house had gas fittings and meter, the latter being the property of the Commissioners, and asked would he have the ~~meter~~ meter removed.

He was directed to wait until another tenant would occupy the house and if the next tenant did not become a private consumer, he could then have the meter removed.

Richd. Kearon Chairman
20th Sept 1905

26 Sep 05

A General Purposes Committee meeting of the Arklow Town Commissioners was held at the Commissioners' office, Court House Arklow at 7 o'clock P.M. on Monday the 26th of September, 1905.

The following attended:—

Messrs. Richd Kearn J.P. Chairman
 C Murray
 H Byrne
 Peter Kavanagh
 J Birchistle
 Denis Kavanagh

Minutes

The minutes of General Purposes Committee meeting of 22nd September, 1905, were read and agreed to and signed by the Chairman.

Mr Quirk

attends meeting

Mr. Quirk, Manager, Sunlight Gas Co., Dublin also attended this meeting.

Mr. Quirk refuses to have any further dealings with Board if they do not use the carbide in the store

Mr. Quirk stated to the meeting that he refuses to have any further dealings with their Board unless they use the ten tons of carbide he has already in their store, and, if any of the drums of these ten tons be found faulty or having any leakage, they (the Commissioners) may direct their workmen to turn over the objectionable drums to the five tons he had stored for his private customers and he would ^{place} good drums in their places. He further stated he sent these ten tons on his own responsibility and for the benefit of the Commissioners as the price of carbide was increasing in the market, and that, meantime, he was quite willing

26 Sep 05

Mr Quirk accepts responsibility & undertakes to remove the carbide at once.

to accept all risk and responsibility, if any damage or accident should result from the carbide being stored on the Commissioners' premises.

Also, that on his return to Dublin he would take immediate steps to have the 15 tons carbide at once removed from their premises since they refused to allow it to be stored there.

At this period Mr Quirk left the Board room to proceed by train to Dublin.

Mr. Byrne asked Mr. Quirk were the Commissioners at liberty to use ^{to} two or more of the 10 tons now in their store without prejudice to any action they (the Board) may take as to using or not using the remainder of the 10 tons? and Mr Quirk replied "Certainly, you may use any quantity you require."

The above question was necessary in consequence of Mr. Quirk having refused to send a half ton of carbide which was ordered by telegram on this morning.

oil barrel found leaking

One of the members of the Committee complained that of the five barrels of oil delivered at their store on this day one barrel appeared to have leaked very considerably & that one of the lamp-lights had to tilt ~~it~~ it over on the other side in order to prevent the leakage.

The Clerk was directed to see the manager of the Arklow stores and ask

26 Sep 05

him to remove the leaking band and re-
place it with a good one, and that he
should comply with the conditions of his
contract and to supply only two barrels at
one time.

John. W. Cullagh Chairman
4th October, 1905

4 Oct 05

84

A General Purposes Committee meeting
of the Arklow Town Commissioners was held at
the Commissioners' office, Court House, Arklow
at 7 o'clock P.M. on Wednesday, 4th Oct. 1905.

The following attended:—

Messrs. J. W. Cullagh, Chairman of meeting.
H. Byrne
C. Murray
Peter Kavanagh
J. Birthistle
D. Kavanagh

Chairman

It was proposed by Mr. Byrne, seconded
by Mr. P. Kavanagh and agreed to that
Mr. W. Cullagh be Chairman of meeting.

The minutes of committee meeting of 26th
Sep 05 were read and agreed to & signed by
the Chairman.

Mr. Quirk
offers carbide
at £13.10 a ton

The purpose for which this meeting was
summoned was to consider a telegram re-
ceived from Mr. Quirk, Manager, Sunlight Gas
Co. offering to give the ten tons of carbide now
in the Commissioners' stores at £13.10 per
ton instead of £14.

copy of tele-
gram.

The following is a copy of telegram above
referred to and ordered to be inserted on the
minutes of this meeting:—

"To (Reply, paid) Hugh Byrne, Tineahack,
Arklow. Offer you for immediate acceptance
the carbide in Arklow at thirteen pounds
ten shillings, wire reply. Acetylene."

carbide offer
at £13.10 a ton

The following is a copy of reply to

above telegram sent by Mr. Byrne C. J. B. :-
"Acetylene, Dublin. "Cannot personally decide, will consult colleagues and wire."
Hugh Byrne."

The following is a copy of reply to Mr. Quirk's telegram sent by Mr Byrne C. J. B. and containing the decision of this meeting.

Committee's Office, Arklow,
4th Oct. 1905 8 Pm

Mr. Quirk.

Dear Sir,

"On receipt of your telegram of this morning, I wired reply, "cannot personally decide, will consult colleagues & wire."

I had a meeting called to consider the terms of your telegram and am now instructed at the meeting to say that the committee having had the opinion of the gas makers as to the quality of the ^{consignment of} carbide you recently sent to Arklow and the other circumstances relative to the carbide under consideration, they do not feel justified in recommending the Board to rescind the resolution they passed unanimously at the Board meeting on Monday last."

H Byrne.

Thomas Bracken, Lamplighter, attended this meeting at the request of one of the members of the committee, Mr Murray.

The following questions were asked of lamplighter Tho Bracken by the chairman

Copy of letter sent to Mr Quirk above of meeting

Lamplighter attends meeting by request.

of meeting and the answers taken by him and ordered to be inserted on the minutes:-

Questions asked and answered by lamplighter re quality of carbide

"Questions asked of Tho Bracken, gas maker, Arklow. If the present carbide gives as much gas as previous carbide? Answer, No.

Asked if the carbide was as suitable as the previous carbide used? He states that it is not and does not give the percentage of gas as the carbide we have been getting. He states that some tins were damaged when received and that the carbide takes a long time to dissolve."

Type written copy of report of committee meetings produced by Mr Byrne, C. J. B.

Mr. Byrne, C. J. B. produced a type written statement signed by Mr. Kieron, chairman of the General Purposes Committee and which ~~was~~ purported to be a correct copy of the minutes of the General Purposes Committee meetings of 22nd and 26th September last.

Mr. Byrne asked for and obtained liberty from Mr McCallagh, chairman of meeting to read this report which ran as follows:-

"As chairman of the General Purposes Committee, I desire to submit the following report to the Board."

Copy of type written letter ordered to be inserted on the minutes.

"Some members of the Committee learned on Thursday, 21st ult. that a large quantity of carbide consigned to the Arklow Town Commissioners was being unloaded on the North Quay from the boat "Lame".

Typed written copy of minutes of S.B.C. com. mitted by Chairman continued

The committee held a meeting as early as possible, viz, on Friday, 22nd ult. to consider this extraordinary occurrence and to obtain information relative to it from the Town Clerk.

In reply to our enquiries, the Town Clerk stated that Mr. Quirk of the Sunlight Co. had written to him and enclosed an invoice stating that he (Mr. Quirk) was sending 15 tons of carbide to Arklow - 10 tons for the Commissioners and five tons for his other customers and requesting Mr. Somly to take delivery of the 15 tons and have the whole lot stored in the Commissioners' store at the gas works.

The Town Clerk told us he took delivery and complied with Mr. Quirk's request as to storage etc. of this large and costly quantity of carbide on his own responsibility and without consultation with any member of the Board.

The committee were surprised at this unusual transaction and considered that the Town Clerk had far outstepped the functions of his office by involving the rates in an expenditure of over £140 without an order or authority from the Board.

The committee advised the Town Clerk to send back the invoice and ascertain from the Sunlight Gas Co. how they wished this undesirable consignment to be returned to them. The Clerk was also directed to submit any further correspondence regarding this matter to the Chairman of the Committee.

Copy of typed written minutes of S.B.C. by Chairman of same com.

I have not seen any.

The committee inspected the carbide on Tuesday 26th ult and saw many of the tins which contain it battered and bruised and some actually broken with the carbide escaping. The committee also noticed a serious leakage of oil in the new store and they drew the attention of the men in charge to this dangerous and discreditable state of the house. The committee held another meeting on Tuesday evening at which Mr. Quirk was present who explained his action in sending such a large lot of carbide by saying that he wished to benefit the Commissioners as the price of carbide was rising, and that he thought the Board was made aware of his intention to forward.

The committee informed Mr. Quirk that they would order the lot to be returned if they had the power to do so, but, being only a committee, they would recommend the Board to repudiate a transaction carried out in their name without their knowledge or authority and to take such measures as would protect the Board from a repetition of similar acts by their officials.

Signed, Richard Kearon
Chairman of Committee.

Arklow, 2nd Oct, 1905

The above letter was ordered to be inserted on the minutes of this meeting.

4 Oct 05

Bluk's
explanation
as to Mr
Kearon's
report of
minutes of
Committee
meetings

The bluk stated that ^{he considered} Mr Kearon's report was a fairly accurate statement of what took place at the two meetings in question, but that there were two paragraphs in the report to the accuracy of which he (the Town bluk) took exception, namely, where he is reported to have said that he took delivery ^{and complied with} Mr. Quirk's request as to storage of this large and costly quantity of carbide on his own responsibility, whereas Mr Quirk took all the responsibility upon himself.

The second paragraph was where the Town bluk is reported to have far outstepped the functions of his office by ^{the rates} involving an expenditure of over £140, ~~whereas there was absolutely no involving of the rates but the very reverse as it was well known to the members of the Committee that the profits arising from the sale of acetylene ^{gas} to private consumers was something like £50 a year for the three years that the sale had been in existence. &c. &c.~~

The bluk asked that as the report of the two Committee meetings of 22nd & 26th ult was given for publication to the three representatives of the local papers, the copy of the report of these meetings which he (the bluk) had written on the minute book on 27th Ult, more than a week before he had seen Mr. Kearon's report, should also be given to the Press in the same manner.

This was agreed to so far as these

4 Oct 05

minutes dealt with the matter of storing the fifteen tons of carbide sent by Mr. Quirk.

Richd. Kearon Chairman
4 Oct 05

A General Purposes Committee meeting of the Arklow Town Commissioners was held at the Commissioners' office, Court House Arklow at 7 o'clock P.M. on Monday the 13th Nov. 1905.

The following attended:—

- Richd Kearon, Chairman
- Thos Birchistle
- P. Kavanagh
- H. Byrne
- D. Kavanagh
- E. Murray

Minutes read & affixed to.

The minutes of General Purposes Committee meeting of 4th Oct. 1905, were read by the clerk and Mr. ~~Richd~~ Byrne took exception to a paragraph which denied that the rates were involved.

Minutes altered, agreed to & signed by the Chairman

The meeting agreed with Mr. Byrne and the objectionable paragraph was struck out.

The minutes as altered were then ^{read &} agreed to and signed by the Chairman

Statement re reducing price of gas to private consumers

A statement was produced by the clerk giving the figures showing the profits arising from the sale of gas to private consumers during last month with a view to reducing the price of same.

adj^d

The consideration of the matter was adjourned to next monthly meeting.

Two tons of carbide ordered from London.

The clerk was directed to wire for two tons of carbide to the Acetylene Illuminating Co. London, to be used during present month pending the final settlement of the matter at next monthly meeting on notice given by Mr. Henderson at last monthly meeting.

Letter re price of carbide delivered free in Arklow

A letter was read from the Acetylene Illuminating Co. London in reply to note from this Board stating they had an offer for carbide at £13 a ton delivered free in Arklow.

The above Co. stated they could not supply at £13 a ton but would supply at £13.10 a ton delivered free in Arklow.

Spare lamp sold for 15/-

On the question of sale of spare lamp to Mr. Brennan of Leovigney referred to this Board from the monthly meeting, it was agreed that the lamp be sold to Mr. Brennan for 15/-

Tenders for empty carbide cases

Tenders for the purchase of twenty large empty carbide cases now lying at the gas-house store were received from the following:—

- Christopher Byrne, Knockman, 1/10 per dozen
- John Doran, Tinahark, 1/7 "
- Ratk. Londren Main street, 1/6 "

All night lighting agreed upon

It was proposed by Mr. Byrne, seconded by Mr. Birchistle and agreed to, that the tender of Christopher Byrne be agreed to as being the highest.

The matter of fixing the time for all night lighting referred to this Board from last monthly meeting came next for consideration and was decided as follows:—

The all night lighting to commence on the 20th Nov. 1905 & continue to the end of January 1906.

The gas lamps on Marlboro Terrace opposite the Town Hall, the upper lamp at Vale Road & the lamp opposite the Toker to be left lighting all night and also every alternate lamp between

these plans, one oil lamp on Chapel Ground one at Charter school, ~~Place~~ and all the oil lamps on Linchask street, Harbour Road, on to the Quays all the oil lamp leading to the South Quay, and the remainder same as last year.

All the above instructions to be altered or modified by the General Purposes Committee should they deem it expedient or desirable to do so.

Bracket lamp for Seaview Avenue.

An application made by Mr. Henderson at last monthly meeting to have a Bracket lamp post erected at Seaview Avenue, Ferrybank for the accommodation of the residents was dealt with as follows:-

Messrs S. Henderson, G. Murray & J. Tyrrell with the Town Clerk were appointed to get the Bracket erected after the next moon light; to select the most suitable site for its erection and the Town Clerk to get it ready to have it put up there without delay, provided the occupier of the house selected agrees to have the erection made.

Three members appointed to inspect all night lighting

The following members of the General Purposes Committee were appointed to inspect the all-night lighting from time to time after the 20th inst, and to report to the monthly meeting any alterations they may deem necessary and to call a meeting of the General Purposes Committee should they think fit:- Messrs J. Birnithistle & ^{John Kavanagh} Kavanagh

The Clerk was directed to call on Mr. P. Boland for his account for Petroleum oil used by the Commissioners for the

Lamp oil for 1905 to be paid for

Messrs Byrne & Kavanagh & Murray to inspect all night lighting.

lighting of street lamps during the year 1905, to be produced at next monthly meeting with a view to its being paid.

The members of General Purposes Committee appointed to inspect the lamps kept lighting all night were Mr Byrne for Lower Main street, Chapel Ground, approaches to the Quays &c.; Mr. Murray for Ferrybank and Mr. Denis Kavanagh for Main street, Upper Main street and Marlboro Terrace.

Thos Birnithistle

Jan 11/06

A meeting of the General Purposes Committee of the Arklow Town Commissioners was held at the Commissioners' office, Court House, Arklow at 7 o'clock P.M. on Thursday the 14th December 1905. The following attended:—

Ricko Kearon J.P. Chairman

Thos. Birchistle

Peter Kenanagh

Application for gas connection at No 13, Main Street, Arklow.

A letter was read from Mr James Clarke asking for a gas connection to his house, No 13, Main Street, Arklow.

The consideration of the above was adjourned to next monthly meeting.

Tenders for the purchase of refuse lime at the gas house were received from the following:—

Mr. George Kearon, 24th Main St.,	£1. 8. 6
Mr. Christopher Byrne Ballintombay	1. 6. 6

The tender of Mr. Kearon was accepted as being the higher of the two.

Tenders for empty carbide cases at the gas house were received from the following:—

Thomas Byrne, 42 Main St., Arklow 1/- per dozen for two dozen cases.

Christopher Byrne, Ballintombay 9⁰ per dozen.

The tender of Mr. Thos Byrne was accepted as being the higher of the two.

The clerk was directed to let Mr Byrne of Ballintombay have the remainder of the empty

carbide cases now in the gas house store, provided he was willing to give 4/- per dozen for them.

Thos Birchistle

Jan 11/06

A General Purposes Committee meeting of the Arklow Town Commissioners was held at the Commissioners' Office Court House Arklow at 7 o'clock P.M. on Thursday the 11th January, 1906.

The following attended: -

- Messrs Tho Birchistle
- Peter Kavanagh
- Denis Kavanagh
- Charles Murray

Chairman of meeting appointed

It was proposed by Mr Peter Kavanagh, seconded by Mr. Denis Kavanagh and agreed to that Mr. Birchistle be Chairman of meeting.

Minutes

The minutes of General Purposes Committee meetings of 13th November and of 14th Dec. 1905 were read and agreed to and signed by the Chairman.

Lamplighters Resignation read & accepted

The Clerk read the Lamplighters' resignation which he received at 2. Woodcock P.M. on this date and which was to the effect that as they had failed to give satisfaction in their work, they gave a weeks notice to get more competent workmen; and was signed by both lamplighters, Tho Braeken & Lawrence Desmond

The Clerk also read the Lamplighters agreement which showed that they were bound to give a weeks notice of resignation or otherwise forfeit a weeks wages.

SP's meeting appointed

The resignation was accepted and the Clerk was directed to summon a meeting of the General Purposes Committee for 7 o'clock P.M. on Tuesday 16th Jan.

1906, to appoint competent persons in their places; and meantime to get notices posted inviting applications for the employment.

It was also suggested that in future, the lamplighters should give a month's notice when resigning.

Richard Pearson, Clerk
11th Jan 06

County Council Archives

16 Jan 06

A meeting of the General Purposes Committee of the Arklow Town Commissioners was held at the Commissioners' office, Court House, Arklow at 7 o'clock P.M. on Tuesday the 16th January, 1906.

The following attended:—

Messrs. Richd. Kearon J.P. Chairman
 Hugh Byrne
 J. McCullagh
 G. Murray
 J. Birchistle
 D. Kavanagh
 Peter Kavanagh

minutes

The minutes of last meeting of General Purposes Committee held on 11th January, 1906, were read and agreed to and signed by the Chairman.

Applications for the position of lamp-lighter were received, opened & read by the Chairman from the following:—
 John Keaney, Cooney Lane, Arklow
 John Roche, 22, London's Lane "
 & Park W. Donnell, 18 River Lane "

Applications for lamp-lighter
 two appointed
 temporary
 for a
 month

After spending a considerable time discussing the matter, it was agreed to appoint J. Keaney & J. Roche temporary on trial for a month at the same wages, viz:—
 17/6 a week—paid to their predecessors, and, if found satisfactory to confirm their appointment at next monthly meeting.

They were directed to attend at the gas-house at 10 o'clock a.m. on Wednesday

16 Jan 06

Gas committee
 appointed

morning to get some instructions as to the work they would have to do in making gas.
 The following members of the General Purposes Committee were appointed a gas committee & requested to attend at same hour to see the instructions given, P. Kavanagh, D. Kavanagh, G. Murray & J. Birchistle.

The Chairman undertook to ask Mr. Washbrook, sexton of the church to give instructions to the newly appointed lamp-lighters and to receive at the rate of 2/1 per week while so employed.

The existing lamp-lighters' agreement was read for the information of the men newly employed.

Hugh Byrne Chairman
 29-1-'06

17 Jan 06

Meeting of the Gas Committee of the Arklow Town Commissioners was held at the Commissioners' stores gas house on Wednesday the 17th January, 1906 at 10 o'clock a.m. as directed at meeting on 16th January 1906.

The following attended:-

Messrs. Tho Birchistle
" Peter Kavanagh
" Denis Kavanagh

Gas committee meeting
New lamp-lighters attend.
The new lamp-lighters J. Blaney & J. Roche also attended to receive instructions as to their duty from the outgoing lamp-lighters.

The gas committee asked the above to retire while the members were asking L. Desmond to give a week's instruction to the newly appointed lamp-lighters for which they offered him £1, which Desmond declined to accept.

Lamp-lighter
Blaney declines the appointment
Meantime J. Roche walked in and told the committee that Blaney walked away and said he declined to accept the employment to which he had been appointed on the previous evening.

Upon ^{above} being made known the meeting was closed, and Mr. D. Kavanagh said he would endeavour to get a man to accept the employment in place of Blaney.

Wm. Byrne Chairman
29-1-06

17 Jan 06

A General Purposes Committee meeting of the Arklow Town Commissioners was held at the Commissioners' office, Court house, Arklow at 7 o'clock P.M. on Wednesday the 17th January 1906. The following attended:-

Messrs. Richd. Keaton, J.P. Chairman
" W. Byrne
" J. Birchistle
" J. Kavanagh
" J. McCullagh
" B. Murray
" P. Kavanagh

Informal meeting to appoint a lamp-lighter pro. tem.

This was an informal meeting of the committee assembled without notice to appoint a lamp-lighter in place of John Blaney who refused to accept the appointment given him on the 16 Jan 1906.

There were two ^{such} applications for the appointment which were opened and read by the chairman.

They were from ^{Richd} Thomas Nicholson
8, Upper main st Arklow
and from Thomas Walsh 16 Chapel
Ground, Arklow.

R. Nicholson appointed

R. Nicholson was unanimously chosen for the work, the appointment to be conditional ^(early as that of J. Roche) to be confirmed after a month's trial if all went on satisfactorily and it was agreed they were to be at the gas house at 1 o'clock P.M. on Thursday 18th to get instructed in the duties of making gas.

Lamplighters J Roche and R Nicholson arrived at the Gas house, Kinsella's Lane at 1 o'clock P.M. on 18th January, 1906, and were instructed by Mr. Washbrook in the work of making gas in presence of the Town Clerk and the following members of the gas committee:—

Messrs R. Kavanagh

" B Murray

" + D Kavanagh

The Clerk was directed to wire to W Deink, Manager, Sunlight Gas Co. stating the Dublin Inspector written for on last evening was not required for the present.

Hugh Byrne Chairman
29-1-06

A General Purposes Committee of the Arklow Town Commissioners was held at the Commissioners' Office, Court House, Arklow at 7 o'clock P.M. on Monday the 29th Jan-1906. The following attended:—

Messrs. R. Kearon Chairman

Geo H Smith

Peter Kavanagh

Denis Kavanagh

Bhas Murray

Hugh Byrne

W. Hoynes

Chairman appointed
quorum fixed
minutes
It was proposed by Mr Peter Kavanagh, seconded by Mr. Murray and agreed to that Mr Byrne be Chairman of the General Purposes Committee for present year and that the quorum be three.

The minutes of meetings of General Purposes Committee of 16th & 17th January, 1906, were read and agreed to and signed by the Chairman

Lamp broken in River Lane
The Clerk read a report from Lamplighter Richd Nicholson stating that a lamp post in the lower end of River Lane was broken on 28th January, 1906 (Sunday) by a stone, the stone being found inside.

Posters ordered offering 10/- reward for breaking of lamps
The Clerk was directed to get about ^{twenty} posters from the local printer offering a reward of ten shillings ~~for~~ for such information as would lead to the discovery and prosecution to conviction of the person who broke this lamp; a poster with the latter two words to be posted on the post

29 Jan 06

of the broken lamp, the remainder of the posters to apply to lamp breakers in general.

Lamp-lighters
to examine oil
lamps after
lighting

The clerk was directed to instruct the new lamp-lighters to take a walk each in his ^{own} part of the town where the oil lamps are lighting and to focus the lamps wherever necessary so as to prevent them going on fire.

The following were appointed a gas committee and to meet at the gas house at 10 o'clock PM on tomorrow, Tuesday, 30th January, 1906 to see the new lamp-lighters get further instructions in making gas, the Town clerk having undertaken to have intimation ^{given} to Mr Washbrook & Mr Birchistle to attend at above named hour:—

Messrs R. D. Keaton Chairman

Peter Kavanagh

Wm. Hayne

J. Birchistle

J. Kavanagh

W. C. Murray

The two newly appointed lamp-lighters, Mr. Washbrook & the Town clerk attended this meeting.

Lamp-lighters
instructed in
making gas.

Mr Washbrook instructed the lamp-lighters in making gas in presence of above Committee and the latter were well pleased with the progress the lamp-lighters were making in learning their business.

Mr Washbrook was requested to finish the present week giving instruction which would make the whole time occupied at it two weeks and three days.

30 Jan 06

London
carbide found
correct?

The chairman stated he got several cases of the London carbide weighed at the Railway station as a test, and satisfied himself that the full weight of 112 lbs was in each case.

Hugh Byrne Chairman of Committee
30. 7. 06

July 30th 1906

A general purposes committee meeting of the Arklow Town Commissioners was held at commissioners Office Court House Arklow at 7 P.M. on Monday July 30th 1906. The following attended:-

Messrs Hugh Byrne Chairman
Denis Kavanagh
John W. Callagh
Richard Kearon
Peter Kavanagh

Re Mr
Waldrons
Meter

The Clerk read a letter from Mr Waldron stating that his gas meter was completely gone out of order and requesting that the Commissioners have it replaced or readjusted. After discussing the matter the board directed the Town Clerk to obtain the services of Mr. De Courcy Wicklow to adjust the meter.

Re Burns
& gas pipes

The Town Clerk apprised the board that there were a dozen burners required for the street lamps, and also half dozen pipes for connecting main pipes with burners. After some conversation regarding the prices being charged by the firms which were generally dealt with at present. The Clerk was instructed to get the burners and to call on some of the

July 30th 1906

houses in the trade in Dublin and bring sample of pipe required and compare their prices and ~~buy~~ order them from the one which was most suitable as regards quality and price.

Re loose
Cradles
on lamps

The Clerk was instructed to find out as soon as possible the number of cradles requiring repairs and to report same to the Board.

Re Painting
Gas works

A tender for painting Gas works for the sum of 5^{/-} was received from Mr Pat. Condon after some discussion it was decided to postpone the matter as the sum was considered excessive.

Auditors
Letter

The Clerk read a letter from Local Government Auditor requesting that the sums of 105^{/-} and 60^{/-} which had been transferred from No 2 or Harbour Acct and placed to the credit of No 1 Acct (Town Acct) in the years 1903 & 1904 be replaced to the credit of No 2 account. After considerable discussion it was proposed by Mr O. Kavanagh seconded by J. W. Callagh & passed unanimously "That the matter be adjourned and that a special committee meeting be held on Thursday evening and that the Town Clerk write to Mr Mac. Donnell Bray & request him to attend." The meeting forthwith adjourned.

Hugh Byrne Chairman
13. 8. 06

General Purposes Meeting August 2nd 1906

A General purposes meeting of the Arklow Town Commissioners was held at Commissioners Office Court House Arklow on August 2nd 1906 The following attended

Messrs Hugh Byrne

Denis Kavanagh

John W. Cullagh

William Horne

Peter Kavanagh

The Town Clerk of Bray Mr. P. W. Donnell also attended

After some discussion it was decided "That the Local Government Board be asked if it would be possible to obtain a loan for Gas works and Extensions. The meeting was then adjourned.

Hugh Byrne Chairman

13.8.06

General Purposes Committee August 13th 1906

A General Purposes Committee meeting of Arklow Town Commissioners was held at Commissioners Office Court House Arklow on Monday evening 13th August at 7 p.m. The following Commissioners attended:-

Messrs Hugh Byrne

John W. Cullagh

R. Kearon

Peter Kavanagh

Charles Murray.

Minutes

The minutes of the previous meetings were read and signed by the chairman.

Loose

Cradles

The Town Clerk was directed to have the loose Cradles on the street lamps repaired by John Leahy and to get all things in proper order by the time the public lighting commences.

The Town Clerk was also directed to go to Dublin and bring with him a meter which wanted repairs also to get gas connections and burners & any other accessories required.

Re Flagging

A letter re the question of Flagging was read from the Co Surveyor stating that the 50th contribution for flagging would require to be lodged before 27th inst.

No action was taken in the matter which was put back till a future meeting.

General Purposes Committee August 13th 1906

The Clerk was instructed to meet Mr Peter Kavanagh who was appointed to visit the Gas works the following day to inspect the plant and see if it wanted any repairs.

Hugh Byrne Chairman
20-8-06

General Purposes Committee Meeting August 20th 1906

A general Purposes Committee meeting of Arklow Town Commissioners was held at Commissioners Office Court House Arklow on August 20th 1906. The following Commissioners attended:-

- Messrs Hugh Byrne
- Richard Keaton
- Peter Kavanaugh
- John W. Cullagh
- Charles Murray
- Thomas Birtistle
- Denis Kavanaugh
- Tom Hague.

The minutes of the previous meetings were read by the clerk and agreed to by the board and duly signed by the Chairman.

Tenders for Oil.

The next business of the Board was to consider tenders for the supply of oil for the coming lighting season. The following tenders were received

Arklow Stones:-	{	Silver Spray	5 ⁷ / ₈ per gall
		Pure Oil	6 ³ / ₈ " "
Arklow	{	Royal Daylight	6 ⁵ / ₈ " "
J. Kavanaugh	{	Youngs Oil	5 1/2 " "
Arklow			
P. Boland	{	Royal Daylight	6 1/2 " "
		Crown Diamond	5 " "
Arklow	{		

General Purposes Meeting August 20th 1906

It was proposed by Mr Peter Kavanaugh and seconded by Mr P. Keaton, and passed unanimously that Mr P. Boland's tender be accepted viz:- Crown Diamond @ 5 per gall for 3 months.

The Board then proceeded to consider applications for the position of Lamplighter in the place of J. Roach recently resigned the following applied.

- Thomas Copeland - @ 17/6 weekly
- James Larkin - @ 17/6 "
- Laurence Desmond - @ 21/- "

After some discussion it was proposed by Mr J. W. Cullagh & seconded by Mr T. Birtistle & passed unanimously that Copeland be appointed. Copeland was then called before the board and was informed he was appointed & that his duties would commence on ^{September 1st} October 1st 1906.

The Town Clerk reports lamplighter Richard Nicholson for neglect of duties & insubordination. Nicholson was brought before the Board and was cautioned to pay more attention to instructions in future. The Town Clerk was instructed to have Town Lamps put up on Monday & Tuesday ^{18th & 19th} September & have all ready for public lighting by Wednesday 5th.

The Clerk was instructed to have Gas Ramp opposite Post Office lit at once.

General Purposes Committee Meeting August 22nd 1906

The following Committee was appointed to visit the Gas works to inspect the place on the following Wednesday August 22nd 06. :-

Mr Thos Birristle

Charles Murray

Denis Kavanagh

John M. Cullagh

William Byrne.

Peter Kavanagh.

The Clerk then read auditors reports for years 1902. 3. 4. 5, which drew attention to some transgressions in the accounts which were irregular.

Hugh Byrne Chairman

15-10-06

General Purposes Committee Meeting Tuesday Oct. 9th 1906

A meeting of the General Purposes Committee of Arklow Town Commissioners was summoned to attend at Court House Arklow at 7 P.m. on Tuesday October 9th 1906:-

The following members attended:-

Messrs Hugh Byrne

Peter Kavanagh

The meeting was not held a quorum did not attend and having waited to 8 P.m. the above mentioned members directed the Town Clerk to call a meeting for Monday October 15th 1906 at 7 P.m.

Hugh Byrne Chairman

15-10-06

General Purposes Committee Meeting October 15th 1906

A meeting of The General Purposes Committee of the Arklow Town Commissioners was held at the Commissioners Office Court House Arklow on the 15th day of October 1906 at 7 P.M. The following Commissioners Attended:-

Messrs Hugh Byrne
Peter Kavanagh
Richard Kearon
Denis Kavanagh
William Kearney
Thomas Birrthistle

Minutes

The Minutes of the Previous Meetings were read by Town Clerk and duly signed by the Chairman

Lamps on Chapel Gate

A letter was read from the Revd Father Dunphy stating the Lamps on Chapel Gate required to be repaired as some panes of glass were broken in them. The Town Clerk was instructed to get glass for same and have them repaired.

Mr Mackonnell's Account

A letter was read from Mr P. Mackonnell Town Clerk Bray, requesting payment of account 20/- for work done in rectifying the Accounts of the Township after the death of the late Town Clerk Mr John Gormley. The Town Clerk was instructed to write to Mr Mackonnell asking him to allow the matter stand till after the coming Audit.

General Purposes Committee Meeting October 15th 1906

Applications for belskins by Lamplighters

Applications from the two Lamplighters Richard Nicholson & Thomas Capeland were read requesting that they should be supplied with suits of belskins for the winter lighting. After some discussion it was proposed by Mr Denis Kavanagh & seconded by Mr Thomas Birrthistle & passed unanimously that the application be recommended by the General Purposes Committee to the favourable consideration of the General Board at the next monthly meeting & the Town Clerk was instructed to write to Messrs Elvery & Co. Dublin for quotations.

Resolutions re Marine Works Act

Resolutions ^{were} received regarding Marine Works Act and the Town Clerk was instructed to bring forward same at the General monthly meeting of the Board.

Lamps in Chapel Lane badly lighted

The Chairman instructed the Town Clerk to inform Richard Nicholson that the two oil Lamps in Chapel Lane on the previous night were very badly lighted & that the Board reprimanded him for same. The Board also cautioned both Lamplighters about lighting the Lamps too early. It was suggested that a committee should visit the Gas works at 10 A.M. the following day to inspect the place and the following were appointed

General Purposes Committee Meeting Oct. 15th 1906

Continued

Messrs Peter Kavanagh
Denis Kavanagh
Wm Hayne
Thomas Birthistle

It was also decided that Mr Peter Kavanagh & Mr Thomas Birthistle in company with the Town Clerk should walk round and inspect all the Lamps in the Township the following evening at 7.30 P.m and the Town Clerk was instructed to make a report of the visit and bring it before the Board at the next general Monthly Meeting.

Hugh Byrne Chairman
22-11-06

General Purposes Committee Meeting ^{Noon} Oct. 26th 1906
23

A meeting of the General Purposes Committee of The Arklow Town Commissioners was held at Commissioners Office Court House Arklow on the 23rd of October 1906 at 7 O.C. P.m The following attended:-

Messrs Hugh Byrne.
Richard Kearon.
T Birthistle.
Wm Hayne.
Charles Murray.
Denis Kavanagh.
Peter Kavanagh.

Minutes

The minutes of Previous meeting was read by Town Clerk and duly signed by the Chairman.

A discussion took place regarding the conduct of the Lamplighters with regard to letting the supply of gas run down on the previous night, and after a long discussion it was proposed by Mr Peter Kavanagh & seconded by Mr Thos Birthistle and passed with one dissentient (Mr Denis Kavanagh) that the Clerk be instructed to have notices posted immediately inviting applications for position of Lamplighters & Gas meters.

It was then unanimously agreed to adjourn the meeting & instruct the Town Clerk to call a meeting of the Committee for Monday 26th Oct. 1906.

The meeting was continued on Monday evening 26th October at 7 P.m and the following members attended:-

Adjourned General Purposes Meeting ^{Nov} ~~Oct~~ 26th 1906

Continued

Messrs Hugh Byrne
Richard Kearon
J. M. Cullagh
Thos. Beechistie
C. Murray
Wm. Hayne
Denis Kavanagh.

The two Lamplighters R. Nicholson & Copeland were called before the Board to explain their conduct in allowing the gas to run short on 22nd November 1906. After having a thoroughly investigated the matter the Committee directed the Town Clerk to bring the following report of the matter before the general Board at their next monthly meeting:-

The members of the General Purposes Committee consider that it was through carelessness on the part of the Lamplighters the Gasometer was allowed to run short on Thursday 22nd November 1906 and they recommend the General Board in case of any further neglect of duty on the part of the Lamplighters to take immediate steps to remove them and place suitable persons in the position.

The Town Clerk was directed to write to different companies for quotations for carbide.

Hugh Byrne Chairman of Committee
10-12-'06

Meeting of General Purposes Committee December 10th 1906

A meeting of the General Purposes Committee of the Arklow Town Commissioners was held in Commissioners Office Court House Arklow on December 10th 1906. The following members attended:-

Messrs Hugh Byrne
J.M. Bullagh
Charles Murray
P. Kearon
W. Hayne
Denis Scavanagh.
~~Hugh Byrne~~

The Town Clerk read the minutes of the previous meeting which was agreed to and duly signed by the Chairman.

A tender ^{of 15/-} for the purchase of the refuse line at gas house was received from Mr. G. Kearon and as no other tender was received same was accepted.

The two Lamplighters Messrs Copeland & R. Nicholson sent in a written notification that they would discontinue Lamplighting after January 8th 1907. Same was accepted and the Town Clerk was instructed to advertise for 2 Lamplighters at 16/- per week to look after the Lamps only.

Continued

It was decided by the Committee to employ Wm. Sinnott in the Gas House to make the Gas at the sum of 15/- per week and that the present Lamplighters should have no further recourse in the Gas works.

The Town Clerk was directed to have John Leary do something with the Lamp opposite the Barracks as same was showing very bad light.

J. H. Kearon
11th Dec 1906

Meeting of the General Purposes Committee February 11th 1907

A General Purposes Committee meeting of the Arklow Town Commissioners was held in Commissioners Office Court House Arklow on Monday Feb. 11th 1907.
The following Commissioners attended:-

Messrs Richard Kearon
Hugh Byrne
William Hayne
J. H. Smyth
Denis Kavanagh
Peter Kavanagh

Chairman
Appoints
It was proposed by Mr Hugh Byrne and seconded by Mr J. H. Smyth and unanimously agreed to that Mr R. Kearon be Chairman for the coming year.

Mr Kearon having taken the chair the Clerk read the minutes of the previous meetings which were duly signed by the Chairman.

It was proposed by Mr P. Kavanagh and seconded by Mr H. Byrne that the following members be appointed visiting Gas Committee for the coming year.

Messrs J. H. Smyth
J. A. S. King
Peter Kavanagh

Meeting of the General Purposes Committee February 11th 1907

Richard Kearon
William Hayne
Hugh Byrne

It was also agreed that the Gas Committee should meet on the following Wednesday 13th inst at 11.30 a.m. to inspect the place

Mr William Hayne & Mr Denis Kavanagh were appointed to inspect the lighting during the coming month.

The Town Clerk was instructed to have the lamp at the back of Mr W. Gowans shed removed further over on Mr Duffles wall so as to avoid the danger of fire

The Town Clerk was also instructed that in case the ^{gas} lamp opposite Mr Byrne's should go wrong again to have the main pipe opened and cleared out if necessary.
Messrs J. H. Smyth & Peter Kavanagh visited the Gas works on Wednesday 13th inst at 11.30 & they found the place in a clean and satisfactory condition. They recommended the Town Clerk to invite tenders for the purchase of the empty carbide tins.

R. Kearon Chairman
11th March 1907

General Purposes Committee Meeting Monday 11th March 1907

A meeting of the General Purposes Committee of Arklow Town Commissioners was held in Commissioners Office Court House Arklow on Monday 11th March 1907 at 7 O.C P.M. The following members attended

Messrs Richard Kearon, Chairman
Hugh Byrne
Denis Kavanagh
William Hayne
Samuel Henderson
G.H. Smith
Lawrence Toole
Michael Waldron
T.A.S. King

The Chairman stated that a statement was made in one of the Local Papers on the previous week, to the effect that some ^{unauthorised} person or persons had examined the minute books of the Town Commissioners with reference to a resolution under discussion at the monthly meeting March 4th 1907.

The Town Clerk stated that he was prepared to make an affidavit that no person or persons had examined any of the Books of the Township in his keeping and that if a statement to that effect appeared or came under his notice he was prepared to contradict it.

General Purposes Committee Meeting Monday 11th March 1907

Christopher Byrne wrote offering 6^d per dozen for square empty carbide tins in gas house + 9^d Per Dozen for round ones. John Fox wrote offering 3/- for empty wooden boxes at gas House. As both Tenders were considered to be too low. On the motion of Mr King seconded by Mr Byrne it was decided to instruct Town Clerk to invite fresh Tenders.

A letter was read by Town Clerk from Mr Wake Secretary to Wicklow Technical Committee stating that he would be pleased to meet the Arklow Town Commissioners + Local Technical Committee + propound his scheme for erection of Technical schools in Arklow on the following Wednesday evening at 6.15. The Town Clerk was instructed to write to Mr Wake stating that Town Commissioners would attend to consider the scheme.

On the motion of Mr Hugh Byrne seconded by Mr Samuel Henderson, Mr Denis Kavanagh + Mr William Hayne were appointed visiting lighting Committee for Comignorth

Rich^d Kearon Chairman
8/4/07

General Purposes Committee Meeting 8th April 1907.

A meeting of the General Purposes Committee of Arklew Town Commissioners was held in Commissioners Office Court House Arklew on Monday April 8th 1907. The following members attended

Messrs Richard Kearon
Hugh Byrne
Frank Tyrrell
Mr Waldron
O Kavanagh.
G. H. Smith.

A tender was received for the empty carbide tins from Christopher Byrne who offered 9^d per doz for the whole lot (namely 23 doz + 4 tins)

Patrick Bradford wrote offering 1/- per doz for 3 doz of the Round tins

George Wilson wrote offering 10^d per doz for all the empty boxes at the gas works (namely 117)

It was decided to ~~not~~ accept Christopher Byrne's Tender as he was taking the whole lot.

It was also decided to accept George Wilson's Tender of 10^d per doz for the empty boxes.

The Town Clerk was instructed to get the lamplighters to take down and

General Purposes Committee Meeting 8th April 1907.

store all the Gas and Oil Lamps of the Town for the summer months.

The Lamplighters were summoned before the Board to explain their conduct in not having lit the lamps on Sunday the 31st March + Monday 1st April after the Lamplighters had stated that it was a mistake on their part, they were reprimanded by the Board for their action in the matter, and they were cautioned that in case anything of this nature occurred again, a part of their wages would be stopped.

Rich^d Kearon Chairman
13 May 07

General Purposes Committee Meeting May 13th 1907

A meeting of the General Purposes Committee of Arklow Town Commissioners was held in Commissioners Office Court House Arklow on May 13th 1907. The following attended

Messrs P Kearon
S Henderson
Wm Hoyme
D Kavanagh
Hugh Byrne
Michael Waldron

Mr Denis Kavanagh, W Hoyme & M Waldron were appointed visiting gas committee for the coming month.

It was decided to let the matter of the lamp posts being painted stand over till later on.

P. Kearon Chairman
11th June 1907

General Purposes Committee Meeting June 11th 1907.

A meeting of The General Purposes Committee of the Arklow Town Commissioners was held in Commissioners Office Court House Arklow on June 11th 1907. The following members attended.

Messrs Hugh Byrne
P Kearon
P Kavanagh
Wm Hoyme
D Kavanagh
M Waldron
S Henderson

The following members were appointed a committee to visit the gas works during the coming month

Messrs P Kearon
H Byrne
D Kavanagh

P. Kearon Chairman
8th July 1907

General Purposes Committee Meeting July 8th 1907.

A meeting of the General Purposes Committee of the Arklow Town Commissioners was held in Commissioner's Office Court House Arklow on the 8th July 1907.
The following members attended:-

Messrs. R. Kearon.
H. Byrne.
M. Waldron.
W. Doyle.
G. H. Smith.
J. Birtistle.
P. Kavanagh.
D. Kavanagh.
F. E. S. King.

The minutes of the previous meeting were read by the Town Clerk and duly signed by the Chairman.

A letter was read from Mr. Forde with reference to supplying a meter to his new house. The Town Clerk was authorized to get a meter for Mr. Forde, provided Mr. Forde paid for the meter.

The Town Clerk was directed to write to Lords Caryfort & Wicklow intimating to them that His Majesty's Atlantic Fleet would visit Arklow on the end of August from the 29th 30th & 31st.

The following were appointed Visiting Gas Committee for the coming month.

Messrs. Peter Kavanagh.
Thos Birtistle.
F. E. S. King.

The visiting Committee Messrs Hugh Byrne + R. Kearon reports that they had visited Gas works and had found the place in a most clean and orderly condition and in the most satisfactory way they had found the Gas works since the inauguration of same. They also expressed the wish that their appreciation of the very satisfactory work of the Gas Man John Don and of the Superintendance of the Town Clerk be recorded on the minutes.

Lick Kearon Chairman
12th Aug 07.

General Purposes Committee Meeting August 12th 1907.

A meeting of the General Purposes Committee of Arklow Down Commissioners was held in Commissioners Office Court House Arklow on Monday 12th August 1907. The following members attended :-

- Messrs R. Leeson
- Hugh Byrne
- A. Henderson
- D. Kavanagh
- D. Kavanagh
- D. A. A. King
- W. Stoyne
- J. Tyrrell
- J. Birrithle

The minutes of the previous meeting were read and duly signed by the Chairman.

Tenders were received from various applicants for the position of Lamplighter but as the Board did not consider any of the applicants suitable the town Clerk was directed to advertise for two lamplighters stating wages to be 16/- per week for cleaning lighting and looking after the lamps & inclusion of making gas.

The Town Clerk was directed to have two new ladders made for the use of the Lamplighters. Ladders to be made of Red pine.

General Purposes Committee Meeting August 12th 1907 contd

Tenders were received from the following for the supply of oil for the lighting season to the Commissioners :-

Mr J. J. Kavanagh
Arklow.

Youngs Finest Paraffin	1 st Quality	5 ³ / ₄ per Gall.
"	2 nd "	5 ¹ / ₂ "
Royal Daylight	"	7 "

Mr Wm. Luene

Arklow		
Royal Daylight	7	Per Gall
Crown Diamond	6 ¹ / ₂	"

Mr Eugene Fogarty
Arklow

Royal Daylight	6 ⁵ / ₈	Per Gall
Crown Diamond	6 ¹ / ₈	Per Gall

On the motion of Mr ^{Henderson} King seconded by Mr King Mr Fogarty's Tender for Royal Daylight at 6⁵/₈ Per Gall was unanimously accepted.

The following members were appointed sub-committee

- Mr J. A. King
- D. Kavanagh
- A. Henderson
- R. Leeson

Special Committee Meeting August 19th 1907.

A Special Committee Meeting of the Arklow Town Comm^o. was held in Comm^o. office, Court House Arklow on 19th August 1907.

The following members were present:-

Mess^{rs}. Hugh Byrne.
R. Kearon.
F. A. S. King.
W^m. Hoyle.
D. Kavanagh.
J. Tyrrell.
M. Waldron.
G. H. Smith.
J. Bishuttle.
C. Murray.
L. O. Leole.
P. Kavanagh.
Frank Tyrrell.

The meeting was called for the purpose of considering tenders for the position of Lamp-lighters.

Tenders were received from the following:-

James Doyle; Jas Dowdall; John Heary;
Laur Kavanagh, Jms Domelly, W. Merrigan, Jos Fitzgerald^{sr}
Jo. Fitzgerald Jun^r, William Kavanagh, Patrick Gaffney.

It was proposed by M^r. F. A. S. King and seconded by M^r. S. Henderson and unanimously agreed to.

Special Committee Meeting. August 19th 1907.

that James Dowdall be appointed.

It was proposed by M^r. Frank Tyrrell and seconded by M^r. Jms. Tyrrell that Joseph Fitzgerald Sen^r. be appointed.

It was proposed by M^r. Denis Kavanagh and seconded by M^r. Peter Kavanagh that Laurence Kavanagh be appointed.

It was proposed by M^r. Waldron and seconded by Capt. Murray that Jms. Domelly be appointed.

On a vote being taken, eight voted for Laur Kavanagh and five for Joseph Fitzgerald Sen^r, and three for John Domelly.

Laurence Kavanagh was therefore declared elected to the position of Lamp-lighter.

R. Kearon
9.9.07

General Purposes Committee Meeting September 9th 1907

A Meeting of the General Purposes Committee of the Arklow Town Commissioners was held in Commissioners' Office, Court House Arklow on the 9th day of September 1907.

The following members were present:-

mess^{rs}: R. Kearon.
Hugh Byrne J.P. Chairman
D. Kavanagh.
Frank Syrell.
John Syrell.
Peter Kavanagh.
M. Waldron.
S. Henderson.
L. O'Loole.
Chas. Murray.
R. Kearon.
Hugh Byrne
J. A. S. King.

The minutes of the previous meeting were read by the Town Clerk, approved of, and signed by the Chairman.

The Town Clerk was instructed to have a lamp put up in the Court House yard opposite the door.

The following members were appointed Visiting Gas Committee for the coming month:- mess^{rs}:
M. Waldron, Chas. Murray, and L. O'Loole.

R. Kearon Chairman

14th Oct 07

General Purposes Committee Meeting October 14th 1907.

A meeting of the General Purposes Committee of the Arlow Town Commissioners was held in Commissioners Office Court House Arlow on Monday October 14th 1907. The following members attended

Messrs Richard Kearon J.P. Chairman
Hugh Byrne
D. Kavanagh
Peter Kavanagh
William Boyne
Michael Waldron
Thomas Birtistle

The minutes of the previous meeting were read agreed to and signed by the Chairman. Correspondence was read from various firms giving quotations for Carbide.

The Town Clerk was directed to write to Charles Tennant and Co Belfast ordering a sample ton lot at 13 £ per ton as their quotation of 13 £ per ton was the lowest received.

A report relating to cost of Carbide and the manufacture of gas was submitted to the Committee by the Town Clerk and was approved of.

It was unanimously decided by the Committee to recommend the General Board

General Purposes Committee Meeting Oct 14. 1907.

to increase the price of gas from 3/4 to 4/- per 100 feet. The increase was to take effect from the 1st day of November 1907.

The Town Clerk was instructed to communicate with all the private consumers informing them of the proposed increase in the price of gas.

✓ A tender of £1.5 from Mr George Redmond was accepted for the refuse gas lines in the woods.

A report was submitted to the Committee regarding the General lighting and the lamp lights and the same was considered satisfactory by the Board.

R. J. Kearon Chairman
Nov 11th 1907

General Purposes Committee Meeting Nov 11. 07.

A meeting of the General Purposes Committee of the Arklow Town Commissioners was held in Commissioners Office Court House Arklow on Monday the 11th November 1907 the following members attended:-

- Messrs R. Kearon J.P.
- H. Byrne J.P.
- W. Boyne
- D. Kavanagh.
- Michael Waldron.
- J. H. Smyth
- John Tyrrell
- Thomas Birtistle

The minutes of the previous meeting were read and signed by the ~~Chairman~~ Chairman.

The matter of having some of the lamps lighted all night during the winter fishing season was discussed and it was decided to leave the matter in the hands of the visiting lighting Committee for the month coming month.

A statement of Election expenses for the years 1905 + 1907. was read by the Clerk and it was decided that the Clerk

General Purposes Committee Meeting 11/11/07.

should read the statement at the next monthly meeting so that the matter might go to the Public through the Press.

The following members were appointed visiting Committee for the coming month

- Messrs R. Kearon
- Hugh Byrne
- Thomas Birtistle
- Denis Kavanagh.

Rick Kearon Chairman
Dec 9th 07

General Purposes Committee Meeting 9th 12/07

A meeting of the General Purposes Committee of the Arklow Town Commissioners was held in Commissioners Office Court House Arklow on Monday 9th December 1907 at 7 O.C. P.M.

The following members attended:

Messrs R. Kearon J.P. Chairman
Hugh Byrne J.P.
Richard Waldron

The minutes of the previous meeting were read and signed by the Chairman.

The Clerk was directed to order two tons of Carbide from Messrs Charles Tennant & Co. at the contract price viz 13/- per ton

As the meeting was small, it was decided by those present that the ^{composition} committee be the same as last month

Messrs Kearon
H Byrne
D Langan
T Birtchle.

It was decided that the Committee should inspect the gas works and lamps during the week. And the Clerk was directed to call a General Purposes Committee meeting for 16th Dec 1907 to hear their report.

Richard Kearon Chairman
16th Dec 1907

General Purposes Committee Meeting Dec. 16th 1907.

A General Purposes Committee Meeting of the Mullow Town Commissioners was held in Commissioners Office Court House, Arklow on December 16th 1907.

The following members were present:-

Messrs. Hugh Byrne
Richard Keaton
Denis Kavanagh
Thomas Birtistle
Michael Waldron.

The minutes of the previous meeting were read by the Clerk and duly signed by the Chairman.

The matter of having the upper shed in the Gas Works repaired came under the notice of the Committee but it was decided to leave the matter stand over till the Summer months. The Clerk, in the meantime, was directed to have all the Carbide stored except a small quantity for use in the lower shed in Gas works, so that it would be dry.

The Clerk was directed to have the lamp at the upper end of Gussat Lane kept lighting during the all-night lighting, same as the lamps in the street.

The Lighting Committee for the month recommended the space outside the Gas works door should be flagged, and the Clerk was directed to have the

General Purposes Committee Meeting Dec. 16th 1907.

flagging done.

The Lighting Committee of the previous month Messrs. R. Keaton, Hugh Byrne, Denis Kavanagh and Thomas Birtistle were re-appointed to act as Lighting Committee for coming month.

Richd Keaton Chas.
13.1.08.

General Purposes Committee Meeting 13. Jan 1908

A meeting of the General Purposes Committee of the Arklow Town Commissioners was held in Commissioners Office Court House Arklow on Monday January 13th 1908 The following members attended:-

Messrs Richard Kearon
Denis Kavanagh
William Hayne
Samuel Henderson
Michael Waldron
Hugh Byrne
Thomas Birrithistle

The minutes of the Previous meeting were read by the Town Clerk and signed by the Chairman

The following were unanimously appointed to act as visiting lighting Committee for the coming month

Messrs Denis Kavanagh
Samuel Henderson
Michael Waldron
William Hayne

R Kearon 10th Feb 08

General Purposes Committee Meeting 10 February 1908

A meeting of the General Purposes Committee of the Arklow Town Commissioners was held in Commissioners Office Court House Arklow on Monday 10th February 1908 The following members attended:-

Messrs Hugh Byrne
Richard Kearon
Denis Kavanagh
William Merrigan
Charles Murray
Samuel Henderson

The minutes of the previous meeting were read & signed It was proposed by Mr Richard Kearon seconded by Mr Hugh and passed unanimously that Mr Thos Birrithistle be Chairman of General Purposes Committee for the coming year

The following were appointed visiting Committee for the coming month.

Messrs Denis Kavanagh
Samuel Henderson
Michael Waldron
Captain Murray

Lawrence Toole 9th March 1908

General Purposes Committee Meeting ^{24th Feb} ~~9th March~~ 1908

A special meeting of the General Purposes Committee of Arklow Town Commissioners was held in Commissioners Office Court House Arklow on 24th February 1908

The following members attended: -

Messrs Hugh Byrne
Thomas D. Disthistle
Peter Kavanagh
Denis Kavanagh
Lawrence Toole
Michael Waldron
Charles Murray
William Herrigan

Mr Fleming Solicitor read a report on the urbanization of the town and on the motion of Mr Denis Kavanagh seconded by Lawrence Toole the following resolution was adopted.

That Mr Fleming be asked to call a meeting of the ratepayers to consider the figures laid before the Committee relative to the urbanization of the ratepayers

Lawrence Toole 9th March 1908

General Purposes Committee Meeting ¹⁹⁰⁸ Mar. 9th

A general Purposes Committee meeting of the Arklow Town Commissioners was held in Comm^r's Office Court House Arklow on March 9th 1908.
The following were present.

Lighting Committee Meeting Nov. 9th 1908

A Lighting Committee Meeting of the Arklow Town Commissioners was held in their Office, Court House, Arklow on Monday the 9th Nov. 1908 at 7 p. m.

The following attended: -

Messrs Hugh Byrne J. P. C. T. C.

Thos. Birthistle

D. Kavanagh

Mr. Birthistle On the proposition of Mr. Hugh Byrne takes the chair. seconded by Mr. D. Kavanagh & agreed to, Mr Birthistle took the chair.

There being no minutes of a previous Meeting the principal business, the all-night lighting, was at once discussed. As there was little fishing doing at present, it was considered necessary necessary to abide by the existing arrangement till the fishing became heavy, when the clerk should wait on the chairman and get instructions from him what to do.

Permission was given to get a new barrow for the Gas-house as recommended by the Gas Committee in their visit of the 4th inst. The same Committee had also left instructions to have a larger tank built for receiving the residue of lime as it flowed from the plant; & directions were left with the Town Clerk to have the lamplighters help the gas-man in

All-night lighting postponed & the clerk to wait on the chairman when necessary to get instructions.

Progress of a new tank reported & a new barrow

Lighting Committee Meeting Nov. 9th 1908. cont.

ordered to be got for the Gas-house Tom Kavanagh gets contract in the construction of same. Progress of the above was reported at this Meeting & a recommendation was made that too much expense be not gone to in connection therewith.

Tom Kavanagh of Fair Green was given the contract for the barrow.

The Clerk was requested to have the gas-man send in his monthly report as before.

Mr. D. Kavanagh incidentally mentioned that the boys drawing the barbide should be insured, but the other members thought such steps were unnecessary as they were only casually employed.

A letter was read from the Sun Gas Co. in answer to a letter from the clerk complaining of bad lights which he thought was attributable to the barbide.

The Company defended their position by stating that the cause of the defect was more probably owing to the non-renewal of purifying earth which by their books had not been done since Feb. last.

Tennant & Co. Belfast also wrote granting a rebate of £ 4-9-3 outstanding on their account.

No other business was discussed and the Meeting then terminated.

J. J. Looke

Tennant & Co. grant Rebate of £ 4-9-3.

General Purposes Committee 8th. February '09

A General Purposes Committee Meeting of the Arklow Town Commissioners was held in their Office Court House, Arklow, on Monday the 8th. February 1909 at 7 o'clock p.m.

The following Members attended:-

Messrs M. Waldron C. P. C.

L. O'Toole

P. Tracey

Wm Kavanagh

P. Kavanagh

A. Mc. Gowan

C. Toole

Mr. M. Waldron occupied the temporary Chair.

The first business on the Agenda was the appointing of a Chairman for the year 1909-1910.

Mr. L. O'Toole appointed Chairman for year 1909-1910

Mr. L. O'Toole proposed Mr. P. Kavanagh but the latter said he could not give the necessary time for such an office.

Mr. P. Kavanagh then proposed Mr. L. O'Toole, himself take the chair which was seconded by Mr. C. Toole and passed unanimously. Mr. Waldron then vacated the chair in favour of Mr. O'Toole.

Minutes Read & signed

The Minutes of the previous Meeting were read and duly signed.

General Purposes Committee 8th. February 1909

Discussion on bleansing Committee

There was a lengthened discussion on the forming of a "bleansing Committee." Mr. P. Kavanagh said they had no jurisdiction over such matters, but only over the Lighting.

Lighting & visiting Committee combined, & persons appointed

The Clerk explained that it was arranged at the Monthly Meeting that two members be appointed at the General Purposes Committee for the purpose under consideration. The conclusion ultimately arrived at was to appoint two Members to see after the Lighting Matters and all they could do in the way of sanitation was to note any nuisances and report to the Rathdrum District Council. It was agreed that the persons hereinafter mentioned should also form the "visiting Committee."

The two members selected to form the Joint-Committee were Messrs P. Tracey

& A. Mc. Gowan.

On the proposition of Mr. L. O'Toole (Chairman) seconded by Mr. P. Kavanagh the above was carried unanimously.

Chas. Tennant's & Co's Contract accepted and signed by Clerk.

Messrs Chas. Tennant's Contract Form requested at the Monthly Meeting (which see) was read for the Board who signified their approval thereof

Mr. Waldron C. P. C. explained that he told the Clerk previous to the Meeting

General Purposes Committee 5th Feby. 09 cont.

that he might sign the Form for the Commissioners, which was sanctioned.

The Meeting then terminated.

Laurence Looke

Special General Purposes Committee 23rd Feby. 1909

A Special General Purposes Committee Meeting of the Arklow Town Commissioners was held in their Office, Court House, Arklow on Tuesday the 23rd Feby. 1909 at 7 O'clock p.m.

The following Members were present:-

Messrs M. Waldron (In the Chair)

L. O'Toole. (L.P. Chairman)

P. Tracey.

J. Tyrrell.

W. Kavanagh.

C. Murray.

The Requisition convening the Meeting was read; which was for the purpose of hearing a Report from Mr. G.F. Fleming with reference to the Urbanization of the Township of Arklow.

Mr. Fleming made a short resumé of all that had taken in reference to the Urbanization laying particular stress on the Inquiry held.

Draft

Order

from

the L.G.B.

He then read the Draft Order which he received from the local Government Board and the correspondence connected therewith. Continuing he went on to explain the different points of the Order and to answer any questions which were raised.

Discussion

There was a considerable discussion

(Contd.) Special General Purposes Committee 23rd Feb. 09

re salary of secretary & accountant on the proportionate payment of the salaries of the Secretary and Accountant of the County Council, but as Bray and Wicklow were not assessed Mr. Fleming said he would endeavour to obtain the same privilege for Arklow.

After considerable and thorough investigation into the whole matter of Urbanization it was the opinion of the Board that the Local Government Board were disposed to carry out their project and that they (the Board) should try and get all they could out of the business.

The Chairman then declared the Meeting over and the members dispersed.

Laurence Looke

General Purposes Committee March 8th 1908.

A General Purposes Committee Meeting of the Arklow Town Commissioners was held in their Office Court House Arklow on Monday the 8th. March 1909 at 7 p.m.

The following Members were present: -

L. O'Toole. (Chairman)

U. Waldron.

W. Merrigan.

P. Tracey.

The minutes of the General Purposes Committee of the 8th. February and of the Special Meeting of the 23rd of same month were read and signed by the Chairman

Vote of Condolence to Mr. Peter Havanagh and Mr. F. Tyrnell on death of child & grandchild respectively

Before any business was proceeded with Mr. W. Merrigan proposed a vote of condolence on the death of Mr. Peter Havanagh's child and also on the death of Mr. Frank Tyrnell's grandchild. Mr. U. Waldron seconded and it was passed unanimously

The only item on the agenda was the forming of a Lighting and Visiting Committee for the present month. It was proposed by Mr. L. O'Toole seconded by Mr. W. Merrigan and passed unanimously that as the members of the Committee for the last month were unable to give proper attention to the above matters the same

General Purposes Committee 8th Mar. 09 cont.

Re Greene's
Gas Bill
for Oct. 08
Further
steps
taken.

Committee be appointed for this month.
Before the Members dispersed the
Clerk brought the attention of the
Board to the item for Gas for October
1908 in Mr. Greene's House Bridge Street
which was still unpaid. Various suggestions
were put forward to settle the matter
but the conclusion ultimately arrived
at and suggested by Mr. Waldron was
that the Clerk see Mr. Greene and tell
him if the sum were not paid the
Commissioners would be surcharged

Laurence Look

Clerk di-
rected to
write to Mr.
Greene for
Gas Bill
(Oct.) of
Bridge St.
House.

Lighting
& Visiting
Committee
appointed

General Purposes Committee April 12th '09

A General Purposes Committee Meeting
of the Arklow Town Commissioners was held
in their Office, Court House, Arklow on
Monday the 12th. April 1909 at 7 o'clock p.m.

The following Members attended:-

Messrs L. O'Toole (Chairman)
C. Toole
J. Tyrrell
W. Merrigan
A. Mc. Gowan

The Minutes of the previous Meeting
were read and agreed to, and duly
signed by the Chairman.

Mr. W. Merrigan asked if anything had
been done about the Bill due since Oct.
1908 for gas used in Mr. Greene's house
Bridge St. The Clerk said he was speaking
to Mr. Greene about the matter but the latter
still held he was not responsible. After
much discussion the Board were of the
opinion that Mr. Greene was liable and
directed the Clerk to write to him for
the amount, 16/6.

The appointing of a Lighting and
Visiting Committee for the present month
then came on. The Chairman asked if
there was any report from the last

General Purposes Committee 12th April '09 contd

Committee. As the Lighting season was nearly finished much interest did not seem to be taken in the matter. Consequent upon this it was agreed to let the old Committee stand.

Lamps ordered to be taken down and stored. The Clerk was given instructions to have Lamplighters take down and store lamps upon the three last days of current month.

Report of certain houses not having stop-cocks. The Town Clerk reported certain houses not having stop-cocks. This was considered a very serious affair but as expense would be involved in having the matter adjusted it was recommended to be brought up at the next Monthly Meeting.

Applications for gas-connections referred to General Board. An application for gas-connection was received from Mr. Chas. Kinsella Main Street. Mr. Merrigan proposed, Mr. A. Mc. Gowan seconded and it was passed unanimously that the application be granted. The question of the other applicants for gas was then raised. But as this would be too much for the General Purposes Board to take upon themselves it was ultimately decided to recommend all previous applications for connections to be considered at the Monthly Meeting. This finished the business of the Board and the members dispersed.

Laurence Toole.

General Purposes Committee Monday 10th May 1909

The General Purposes Committee Meeting of the Arklow Town Commissioners was held in their office, Court House, Arklow on Monday the 10th May 1909 at 7 o'clock p. m.

The following were present:-

Messrs L. O'Toole (Chairman)

W. Waldron

Wm Kavanagh

P. Tracey

W. Merrigan

The Minutes of the last General Purposes Committee Meeting were duly read and agreed to and signed by the Chairman.

Report of Committee appointed to inspect lamps stored at Gas-House. A Special Committee consisting of Messrs W. Waldron, (Chairman Town Commissioners) L. O'Toole, (Chairman General Purposes Committee) Captain Tyrrell and the Town Clerk was appointed at the last Monthly Meeting to inspect the lamps stored at the Gas-House and see what was required to be done to them. Mr Waldron speaking on behalf of this Committee stated this had been done; and the Clerk reported in connection therewith that 30 panes of glass were wanted for the oil and 10 for the Gas lamps, and asked for instructions to obtain these.

These, however, were included in the General Order given to have whatever was necessary

General Purposes Committee Monday 10th May '09 Cont.

for the lamps etc. obtained

Visiting
Committee
appointed
for coming
month.

The next business on the Agenda was the appointing of a Visiting Committee for the coming month. Messrs M. Waldron and L. O'Toole members of the Lamp inspection Committee were appointed for this purpose.

Directions
given to
have re-
maining
lamp-posts
painted

The Clerk also placed on the Agenda the matter of the painting of the Lamp-posts. As last year all those in the back Streets were done, directions were this year given to have the remaining ones painted viz:- those in the Main Streets and across Ferrybank.

Discussion
on who would
take Gas-
man's place
if he got
sick.

Before the conclusion of the Meeting there was a considerable discussion on the question of who would take the place of the Gas-Man in case the latter got sick or was disabled; seeing that there was only one man employed at the Gas-Works.

The controversy ended, however, when Mr. Waldron explained that the Town Clerk would if necessary work the plant himself until a man was obtained to carry on the gas-making.

Laurence O'Toole

General Purposes Committee Monday 14th June 1909

The General Purposes Committee Meeting of the Arklow Town Commissioners was held in their Office, Court House Arklow on Monday the 14th day of June 1909 at 7 o'clock p.m.

The following Members were present:-

Messrs L. O'Toole (Chairman)

M. Waldron, C. J. B.

F. Tyrrell

W^m Kavanagh

W. Merrigan

J. Mc. Brudden

Minutes Read
agreed to and
signed

The Minutes of the last General Purposes Committee Meeting were read and agreed to and duly signed by the Chairman.

Visiting Com-
mittee of last
month to
stand

The only business on the Agenda was the appointing of a Visiting Committee for the coming month. The Chairman Mr O'Toole said that there was not much for such a Committee to do now except to visit the Gas-House and see how the Gas Man was getting on with the painting of Lamps etc.

It was proposed by Captain Tyrrell seconded by Mr W^m Kavanagh and agreed to that the old Committee be again appointed

Mr. Byrne

Railway Hotel

notified his

licence not

to be granted

till he carry

out their

instructions

clerk not to

go near him

till called

for.

Boys reported

jumping over

Gas House Wall

Notice to be

put up warning

trespassers.

clerk asks

directions about

Commissioners

ladders same

to be painted

shed under

shed at back

of Court House

The clerk being asked if he has seen Mr Byrne of the Railway Hotel about his Licence since the Monthly Meeting replied that he went to the above-named person and told him that the Commissioners could not grant his Licence till he carried out their instructions viz. to have a receptacle made for the Petrol and a lock put on same. Instructions were given to the clerk not to go near Mr. Byrne again till the latter sent for him.

The matter of boys jumping over the Gas House wall and doing mischief, reported to the Town clerk by the Gas-Man, was brought before the Board. Orders were given to have a painted Notice put up warning trespassers; the work to be done by Mr Patrick Redmond

The clerk sought for instructions about the ladders belonging to the Commissioners stating they never came under his notice and he did not know much about them except what he read in the old Minutes, and herein it said a shed was erected at the back of the Court House to receive them.

The Chairman and Captain Tyrrell suggested they should get a coat of paint; so the clerk was directed to have the Gas-

Man do this and put them in their old place behind the Court House.

Advice given to

Town clerk about

paying men

working in con-

nection with Gas

connections.

Mr. O. Walsh to be

paid by the hour

There was a considerable discussion on the arranging of matters financially and otherwise concerning the Gas connections to be supplied to Messrs James Clarke and Charles Hinsella. The Town clerk asked how he would pay the men and the amount to be given; advice on which and on several other points were given him. As there was some dispute as to the weekly wage it was decided not to tie the clerk's hand too much but he was not in any event to go below the current rate 15/- per week. Mr. Owen Walsh it was suggested should be paid by the hour.

New Minute Book

not granted at

this Meeting. Same

to be applied for

at Financial

Meeting.

A new Minute Book was applied for by the clerk but as this committee had not powers to grant this, directions were given to apply at the next Financial Meeting. This concluded the business of the Board.

A. McFowan

General Purposes Committee July 12th 1909.

The General Purposes Committee Meeting of The Arklow Town Commissioners was to have been held in their office Court House, Arklow, on Monday 12th July 1909 at 7 o'clock p.m. but only two Members, viz Mr. Charles Toole and Mr William Merrigan were present.

The Statutory half-hour having passed, Mr. Toole, Mr Merrigan having previously gone, directed the clerk to adjourn the Meeting.

A. Mc Gowan

Mr A. Mc Gowan
voted to the
chair.

Letter from Town
Clerk, Bantry,
promising to send
notes re Housing
of Working Classes

General Purposes Committee Aug. 9th 1909

The General Purposes Committee Meeting of the Arklow Town Commissioners was held in their Office, Court House, Arklow on Monday 9th August 1909 at 7 o'clock p.m.

The attendance was as follows:-

Messrs A. Mc. Gowan (Chairman)

C. Toole -

J. Mc. Brudden -

In the absence of the regular chairman (Mr. L. O'Toole) Mr. A. Mc. Gowan was voted to the chair; being proposed by Mr J. Mc. Brudden seconded by Mr. C. Toole and passed unanimously.

The Minutes of the General Purposes Committee Meeting of the 14th June 1909 and of the abortive General Purposes Committee Meeting of the 12th July last were read and agreed to and duly signed by the Chairman.

A letter dated 5th August 1909 was received from the Town Clerk of Bantry re Artizans' Dwellings, promising to send in a day or so the Notices &c. served by him to adopt the Housing of the Working Classes Acts. He also said he would send some further tips.

The communication was in an answer to a letter ordered by the Arklow Town Commissioners at their Monthly Meeting on

General Purposes Committee Aug 9th 1909 cont.

Monday 2nd August 1909 to be written; and which same was also read for the Board

Clerk reads a letter written to Mr Muldoon M.P. on above subject

The clerk also repeated the letter he had written to Mr Muldoon M.P. as directed at the Adjourned Monthly Meeting of August 5th 1909, on the above subject; but to which he had not yet received any reply.

There was a short discussion on the Housing Question. The chief difficulty, as Mr. Mc. Gowan pointed out was, that the Commissioners had no land. The Town Clerk said he particularly mentioned about the land case in Mr. Muldoon's letter to see what he would say under this heading.

Discussion on the Housing Question.

Mr Chas. Toole stated he thought the Commissioners could acquire land just the same as the Rural District Boards. But the Chairman raised the point as to whether the latter had not something to say in the matter. Further discussion here ended, and the last business on the Agenda viz, the appointing of a Visiting Committee for the coming month, was then proceeded with. The clerk said, that as there was not much for this Body to do in the Summer months, the old Committee were re-appointed at the last Meeting.

The Chairman (Mr Mc. Gowan) asked the clerk the names of the old Committee, and it being found that they were not present

General Purposes Committee Aug. 9th 09 contd.

Mr Mc. Gowan thought it would not be fair to elect anyone else in their absence.

The clerk misunderstood Mr Mc. Gowan's meaning, and said perhaps under the circumstances it might be better to appoint some of the gentlemen present.

Same Committee as last month appointed as Visiting Committee

The Chairman, however, having explained that this was not what he meant, proposed that his first suggestion be adopted; which was to the effect, that last month's Committee act again for the next period. This resolution was seconded by Mr. C. Toole and passed unanimously. The Members then dispersed.

Lawrence Toole

Housing Committee Meeting Thursday Aug. 12th 1909

A Housing Committee Meeting of the Arklow Town Commissioners was held in their Office, Court House, Arklow on Thursday, August 12th 1909 at 7 o'clock p.m.

The following Members attended:-

Messrs C. Toole (Chairman)

P. Kavanagh

J. Mc. Brudden

P. Tracey

Mr. C. Toole

takes the chair.

No minutes of a previous meeting

Correspondence

from Bantry

Town Clerk

on mode of

procedure in

adopting Part

III. of Act.

Copies of all

the Notices

Mr. P. Kavanagh proposed, Mr. J. Mc. Brudden seconded and it was passed unanimously that Mr Toole take the chair. Mr Toole accordingly took the chair.

As this was the first meeting of its kind there were no minutes and the first business on the Agenda was correspondence.

The clerk read through the whole of the correspondence received from the Town clerk of Bantry; which was very important and useful. The entire mode of procedure was given, from the handing in of the Notice of Motion to take into consideration the adoption of the Act Part III, to the final adoption thereof.

Copies of the Notice of Motion, the posters

Housing Committee Meeting August 12th 1909 contd.

sent.

Discussion on finances.

clerk directed

to ask what

is cost of one

of the Houses.

clerk also di-

rected to ac-

knowledge

above written

matter and to

ask L.G.B. for

printed copy

of instructions

dealing on land

Mr. P. Kavanagh

to hand in

Notice of Motion

at Monthly Meeting

controversy as to

advisability of

calling any

calling the Public Meeting, and of the Resolution were all sent by the above-named person.

The discussion which took place was chiefly of a financial character and in connection with this Mr. P. Kavanagh mentioned, through an oversight, the clerk did not ask what would be the expense of building a Working class house. The latter said he would be writing to Mr. O'Ballaghan again and he would get this information, as well as about valuation. The Board also directed the clerk to acknowledge the above written matter from Bantry, and to further write to the Local Government Board for a printed copy of their instructions dealing with compulsory acquisition of land.

Mr. P. Kavanagh said he had a Notice of Motion ready to hand in at the next Monthly Meeting. There was a considerable controversy as to whether there was any use in calling any more Meetings in this matter. Mr. P. Tracey said they could not do any more till the Notice of Motion was handed in, whilst Mr J. Mc. Brudden

Housing Committee Meeting August 12th 1909 contd

more meetings at present. was of the opinion that meetings would be useful to deal with correspondence.

clerk directed to call one meeting on the Thursday following. it was decided to let the clerk summon a committee for that day after the special meeting, if he received any more information.

Mr. Muldoon's letter read. He is at the service of the Commrs. considered not necessary to write to him till further advanced in the matter. The clerk also read for the Board an answer to the letter he was directed to write at the adjourned monthly meeting to Mr. Muldoon M.P. The latter gentleman said he was at present on holidays, but was nevertheless at the service of the Board whenever they required him. It was considered it would not be much use writing to Mr. Muldoon at present, as the matter of the Housing had not proceeded far enough yet to require his aid.

Further discussion was left over till next Thursday the 19th inst.

W. Waldron
Aug 19th 1909

Housing Committee Meeting August 19th 1909

The Housing Committee Meeting of the Arklow Town Commissioners was held in their Office, Court House, Arklow, on Thursday the 19th August 1909 at 7.35 p.m. immediately after the conclusion of the special meeting of that date.

The following members were present:-

Messrs W. Waldron C.T.C. (In the Chair)

L. O'Toole

W. Merrigan

C. Toole

J. Mc. Brudden

W^m Kavanagh

P. Tracey

P. Kavanagh

The Minutes of the Housing Committee Meeting of the 12th inst were read, agreed to and duly signed by the Chairman

Letter from Town Clerk of Bantry with further information re Housing of Working Classes. A further communication was received from the Town Clerk of Bantry in answer to a letter written by the Clerk asking what would be the expense of a house in this matter and also for Valuation particulars etc.

Mr O'Callaghan said the estimated cost of a single house when a block is built would be £100 subject however to local cir-

Housing Committee Meeting August 19th 1909 contd.

circumstances and the plan made out by the Engineer. The letter further stated we were entitled to borrow double our Valuation, less by the amount of any other loans borrowed by the Sanitary Authority, that is the Rathdrum Rural District Council. The portion only chargeable on our District should be deducted.

Procedure for acquiring of Land.

As to the procedure to get land this is fully set out in the Order of the Lord Lieutenant of the 26th May last (adopting section 6 of the Labourers Act 1906) and in the Order of the Local Government Board, setting out the procedure to be adopted, of the 6th inst. These Orders, it was advised, should be obtained.

During the reading of this letter Mr. P. Kavanagh attended the Meeting (7.40) and the Clerk at the direction of the Board recited the letter for the information of Mr. Kavanagh. Referring to the part wherein mention is made of the Borrowing powers of the Commissioners Mr. P. Kavanagh said the Clerk should find out from the Secretary of the Rathdrum Rural District Board whether there was any mortgage on the Town of Arklow by the Sanitary Authority. On Mr Kavanagh's suggestion also the Clerk was instructed to write to the Local Government Board to enquire if the Harbour Loan on

Housing Committee Meeting August 19th 1909 contd.

borrowing powers

the North Pier would affect our borrowing powers.

As some of the Members present were absent from the Meeting of the 12th inst. Mr. P. Kavanagh briefly went over again the manner in which they would have to adopt Part III of the Act. That is to say, by handing in the Notice of Motion at the Monthly Meeting, then by calling a Meeting of the Board at which the Public might be present, and finally by a Resolution adopting the said Part of the Act.

Copies of Orders from L.G.B. on Housing of the Working Classes acts.

The Local Government Board transmitted a copy of an Order made by the Board on the 6th inst. under sub-section (2) of Section 6 of the Labourers (Ireland) Act 1906 as adapted for the purposes of Section 6 of the Housing of the Working Classes (Ireland) Act 1908, by an Order of the Lord Lieutenant in Council dated the 26th. May last. The Memo. gave directions as to the serving of the Notices on the Owner or Lessee of Lands taken compulsorily after the Provisional Order is made.

The Clerk pointed out that this was the Order alluded to in the Bantry letter.

At this period of the Meeting the Members thinking everything was finished took up the case of Mr Wolohan of Ferrybanks.

Clerk directed to write to Sec. Rathdrum R. D. B. for partic. laws re mortgages on Town of Arklow; also to L.G.B. query effect of Harb. Loan on our

Housing Committee Meeting August 19th 1909 Contd.

Mr. Wolohan
of Ferrybank
comes before
the Board &
states his case

The latter was present during the greater portion of the Meeting having entered the room during the reading of the Minutes. Mr Merrigan stated Mr Wolohan was one of the evicted tenants, and it was he who told Mr Wolohan to come before the Board.

Mr Wolohan said he had been unable to get a house in the Town owing to some remarks which were passed by Mr. Henderson at the adjourned Monthly Meeting on Thursday 5th inst; and produced a letter from Dr O'Keefe safeguarding his (Mr Wolohan's) interests. Mr Ehas. Toole read this letter for the Board.

The Chairman (Mr Waldron) said though of course they were all in sympathy with Mr Wolohan they could not take any action in the matter but the proper way to do would be to leave it in the hands of the Press.

Mr. Kavanagh here remarked that this was a bad night for the Papers as the Reports had to be in before Friday. Mr Mc. Crudden said they should arrange for a more suitable night to have their Meeting. Mr Toole, however, undertook to settle about Mr Wolohan's affairs, when the incident closed, and the Board again turned their attention to the Housing Question.

The Clerk was directed by the Town Commissioners at their Meeting on the above subject on the 12th inst. to write to the

Housing Committee Meeting August 19th '09 Contd.

Copy Instructions
as to Provisional
Orders.

Local Government Board for a copy of their printed instructions dealing with compulsory acquisition of Land.

In reply thereto the L. G. B. forwarded under date the 17th Aug. 1909 a copy of their Memorandum of Instructions as to Provisional Orders; and stated that the preliminary proceedings and the documents which should accompany petitions for Orders under Part III of the Housing of the Working Classes Act 1890 are the same as in connection with applications for Orders under Sec. 203 of the Public Health (Ireland) Act 1878, indicated at pages 5-9 of the Memorandum except that:-
(1) the advertisements referred to may be published in three consecutive weeks in any month.

(II) notices are to be served on the owners etc. of the lands to be acquired in the month next following that in which the advertisements were published.

(III) compliance with the Standing Orders of Parliament is not necessary.

Warning by the
L. G. B. to adopt
Part III of the
Act 1890 before
putting same

It was also pointed out in the above letter that before the Town Commissioners could proceed to carry Part III of the Act of 1890 into execution, it was necessary for them to adopt that Part of the Act

Housing Committee Meeting 19th August '09 contd

into execution. in accordance with the provisions of Sec. 99 thereof, and formal proof of such adoption must be furnished to the Local Government Board.

The Chairman said the letter just referred to would have to be read again at the Monthly Meeting.

Arranging of
better night for
Meeting put off
to Monthly Meet-
ing. The Members then began to take their departure, but before doing so Mr Mc. Brudden again suggested the selection of a better night for the Meeting. This was considered unnecessary, however, as there would be no more Meetings till the General, when this matter could be finally settled.

Laurence Toole

General Purposes Committee 13th September 1909

The General Purposes Committee of the Arklow Town Commissioners was to have been held in their Office, Court House, Arklow, on Monday the 13th Sept. 1909 at 7 o'clock p.m., but only two Members, Mr. Chas. Toole, and Mr Laurence O'Toole attended.

The statutory half-hour having elapsed the above Commissioners directed the Clerk to adjourn the Meeting.

Laurence Toole

General Purposes Committee Meeting 8th November 1909

The General Purposes Committee Meeting of the Arklow Town Commissioners was held in their Office, Court House, Arklow on Monday the 8th. November 1909 at 7 p. m.

The following Members were present:-

Messrs L. O'Toole (Chairman)

F. Tyrrell

U. Waldron

J. Mc. Brudden

A. Mc. Gowan

P. Tracey

The Minutes of the General Purposes Committee Meeting of the 9th. August and the Abortive Meeting of the 13th. September last were read, agreed to and duly signed by the Chairman

Mr A. Mc. Gowan referred to the Lamp-lighters lighting too early. The Clerk was requested to speak to the above about the matter

The question of All-Night lighting came up for discussion. Mr. U. Waldron B. F. C. said Samplighter, Laurence Kavanagh was already leaving every second lamp lighting down about the Quays, the same as in former years. It was decided to let this be done while there was fishing.

Messrs L. O'Toole, Chairman of Committee, Capt. F. Tyrrell and James Mc. Brudden were appointed as Visiting Committee for the coming month;

General Purposes Committee Meeting 8th Nov. 1909 Contd.

being proposed by Mr. U. Waldron, seconded by Mr. P. Tracey and passed unanimously.

Second set of Posters
ordered to be put
up announcing
Public Meeting to
adopt Housing Act.

The Clerk read the General Outline of Procedure for the Public Meeting, in connection with the Housing, to be held on the 22nd inst.; and suggested that another dozen Posters should be put announcing the Meeting; which was agreed to

Laurence Toole

The General Purposes Committee of the Arklow Town Commissioners was held in their Office, Court House, Arklow on Monday the 13th. December 1909 at 7 O'clock p.m.

The following Members were present:-

- Messrs L. O'Toole (Chairman)
- P. Kavanagh
- F. Tyrrell
- W. Merrigan
- J. Mc. Brudden
- P. Tracey
- W. Waldron C.T.C.
- A. Mc. Gowan

The Minutes of the last General Purposes Meeting were read, agreed, and duly signed by the Chairman.

A reply was received from the Dublin & South Eastern Railway, in answer to a letter directed to be written at the last Monthly Meeting, saying additional up and down trains would be run during the Xmas holidays, the trains leaving Dublin and Wexford at 6.5 & 6.10 p.m. respectively.

It was proposed by Mr. P. Tracey and seconded by Mr. W. Merrigan that the same visiting Committee be appointed this month as last month. This was unanimously agreed to.

The next business on the Agenda was the report of the above Visiting Committee on their

inspection of the premises at Sea View Avenue for a proposed new lamp. Mr L. O'Toole (Chairman) said they visited the place on the Thursday previous and the only feasible plan outside putting up a post for the lamp, would be to fix a bracket on the corner of the end house, and the Clerk was directed to ask the people of the house mentioned for permission to put up the bracket. The Clerk said he called at the house as directed but was refused the necessary permission. The Board then came to the conclusion that as one of the inhabitants was unwilling to allow a lamp to be erected at the end of her house they (the Board) could do no more.

Decision not to erect a lamp in Sea View Avenue.

More light in Bondren's Lane, St. Back St. and Forrester's Lane. Three new lamps recommended to be ordered.

Discussion then turned upon other places which were considered to require light more so than Sea View Avenue. Mr P. Tracey mentioned Bondren's Lane, and Capt. Tyrrell spoke about Back Street, whilst the lane leading to the Forrester's Hall also badly wanted a light. In answer to a question the Clerk said there was one lamp in stock but no lamp-post. It was considered advisable to have at least one complete lamp in store. The Committee recommended that three new lamp-posts and two lamps, making three with the one in stock, be obtained, and the Clerk said he would write for quotations for the Monthly Meeting. It was then proposed by Capt. Tyrrell and

seconded by Mr. James Mc. Crudden and passed unanimously that the Visiting Committee inspect the places requiring new lamps on the next evening Tuesday the 14th at 7 p.m.

Order given to have all night lighting every night during fishing season.

Mr. P. Kavanagh asked the clerk was it not the order at the last Monthly Meeting that every second lamp should be lighted all night during the Fishing Season. The Clerk said yes. Mr. Kavanagh said there were no lights up the Marlborough Terrace by the Convent on Friday night the 17th. when there was very considerable traffic going all night to the Station. The Clerk said he told Larry Kavanagh, who has charge of those lamps to light up the Main Street up to the Cross Roads, and up the Convent Road when there was fishing, and perhaps Kavanagh might have thought there was no fishing that night. The Clerk was asked whether he told the lamplighters to light only when there was fishing and he (the Clerk) said yes. The Chairman (Mr L. O'Toole) then said the Town Clerk should read the order given at the last Meeting. The Clerk then produced his draft Minutes, which he said he had not entered in his Book yet, and read, as he had entered it, that Mr Kavanagh asked that the lamps be lighted during the fishing. Mr. Kavanagh said this was wrong, that he asked during the fishing season. The Clerk said he misunderstood his (Mr Kavanagh) meaning, as last year

clerk gives wrong directions.

the order given was that there was to be no lighting as there was no fishing. Mr O'Toole explained that there was absolutely no fishing last year. The Clerk then corrected the entry in his draft Minutes and said he would tell the lamplighters to light every night as Mr Kavanagh requested.

Burner & globe samples inspected.

The Board then took up the lamp burner samples etc of Messrs J. J. Kavanagh and J. Annesley which, at the last Monthly Meeting were ordered to be brought up. Amongst other things there were several samples of tools. On being asked the Clerk said there were tools in the Gas-House at present, so the only things inspected were the burners and globes. The burners were well tested and after a thorough over-hauling Capt. Tyrrell proposed Mr M. Waldron seconded and it was passed unanimously that the best burner be accepted, which turned out to be Mr. J. J. Kavanagh's. The same was done with the globes when M. A. Mc. Gowan proposed, Mr. P. Kavanagh seconded and it was passed unanimously that a certain globe be accepted, which was found to be Mr. J. Annesley's. The Clerk was then directed to get the burners & globes from whom the samples were selected.

This disposed of the business of the General Purposes Committee, when the Clerk

General Purposes Committee 13th Dec '09 Contd

announced there was a Housing Committee as well, and before proceeding with the latter the Chairman (Mr O'Toole) said it was a bad plan to have two Meetings on the same night.

Laurie Toob.

10-1-10

Housing Committee Meeting 13th Dec. 1909

A Housing Committee Meeting of the Arklow Town Commissioners was held in their Office, Court House, Arklow on Monday the 13th Dec. 1909, after the General Purposes Meeting of even date.

The following Members were present:-

Messrs L. O'Toole (Chairman)
P. Kavanagh
F. Tyrrell
W. Waldron C. J. B.
W. Merrigan
J. Mc. Brudden
P. Tracey
A. Mc. Gowan

Before proceeding with the business Mr W. Waldron proposed, Mr J. Mc. Brudden seconded and it was unanimously agreed to that Mr L. O'Toole take the Chair. Mr O'Toole said Mr Waldron was Chairman. After some discussion, however, Mr O'Toole took the Chair.

The Minutes of the last Housing Committee Aug. 19th were then read, agreed to and duly signed by the Chairman.

The Clerk read for the Board the procedure followed by the Bantry Town Commissioners after their adoption of the Act. This to enlighten the Board as to what

Housing Committee Meeting 13th Dec. 1909 contd

steps they (the Arklow Town Commissioners) should now take, as having also adopted the Act on the 22 Nov. last.

There was a considerable discussion on the mode of procedure, opinion being divided as to whether an Engineer should be appointed right away or not.

It was ultimately decided that the Clerk should first write to the Local Government Board for the necessary forms, and stating we had adopted the Act, before taking any further steps in the matter.

The next business was to fix the next day of Meeting. As there was a Special Meeting coming on for Wednesday 22nd it was finally agreed that if the Clerk had any communication re the above letter to the L. G. B. he could then lay it before the Board.

James Waldron
Dec 24 1909

General Purposes Committee Monday 10th Jan. 1910

The General Purposes Committee of the Arklow Town Commissioners was held in their Office, Court House, Arklow on Monday 10th. Jan. 1910 at 7 p.m.

The following were present:-

Messrs L. O'Toole (Chairman)

A. Mc Gowan

B. Toole

J. Mc Crudden

P. Kavanagh

The Minutes of the last Meeting were read and signed.

Mr Mc Crudden complained about the Main Street being in darkness for some time at the end of the previous week. Mr Toole said it was also brought before his notice by certain persons. Mr P. Kavanagh reported that on several occasions he looked out at his door about 12 o'clock at night and found no lights left lighting for the fishing people.

The Clerk said the lamplighters were waiting outside to sign an agreement and when they came in they should give an account of themselves.

Two fisherman came before the Board to ask that a light be erected

Reports of no
lights

General Purposes Committee Monday 10th Feby '10 Contd

Lamp to be
erected at
or near Toole's
Open.

in their neighbour in the vicinity of Toole's Open. Mr Toole described this place as the darkest spot in Arklow, and proposed that a lamp be recommended to be placed there. Mr P. Kavanagh seconded. Passed unanimously.

The appointing of a Visiting Committee being proceeded with, it was agreed that the old committee stand, as it was so near the end of year.

The lamplighters were then called in. The above indictments were brought against them, but as the excuses were considered insufficient, it being elicited from the clerk that they knew their orders, they (the lamplighters) were severely reprimanded, and it was even suggested that if they offended again, other men might be got to fill their places. The lamplighters giving guarantees as to their doing their work well in the future then signed their new agreements.

E. Walsh
13/2/1910

General Purposes Committee Monday 14th Feb. 1910.

The General Purposes Committee of the Arklow Town Commissioners was held in their Office, Court House, Arklow on Monday the 14th Feby. 1910 at 7 p.m. after the Special Meeting of even date.

The following Members were present:-

Messrs * E. C. Walsh (Chairman)

U. Waldron C. J. C.

J. O'Neill

W. Butler

W. Merrigan

J. Mc. Cradden

P. Tracey

A. Mc. Gowan

U. O'Brien

* E. C. Walsh

P. Kavanagh

Proposed by Mr P. Kavanagh and seconded by Mr A. Mc. Gowan that Mr E. C. Walsh occupies the Chair for year 1910-11. Passed unanimously.

The Minutes of the last Meeting were read and signed.

Mr Kavanagh brought before the Board that the Lamplighters were not putting out their lamps at the proper hour. The clerk said he thought eleven was the hour that the lamps should be out. Mr Kavanagh said he was of

Lamplighters
reported for
neglect of duty

General Purposes Committee Mon. 14th Feb. '10 Contd

the opinion eleven was the hour to commence putting out. Mr Kavanagh also referred to the lamps being out during the All Night Lighting Period.

The clerk reported two lamps left unlighted in the Main Street this evening.

Ruling:- The clerk to draw up fixed Lighting Guidance Laws for the approval of the Board.

Proposed by Mr Tracey, seconded by Mr Waldron that Messrs P. Kavanagh, J. Mc. Crudden and J. O'Neill from the Visiting Committee. Mr Butler's name was subsequently added to the above list.

J. Walsh
14/5/10

Housing Committee Thursday 24th February 1910

A Housing Committee of the Arklow Town Commissioners was held in their Office, Court House, Arklow on Thursday the 24th February 1910 at 7 p. m.

The following Members attended:-

Messrs M. Waldron (Chairman)

W. Merrigan

J. Mc. Crudden

C. O'Loole

M. O'Brien

E. C. Walsh

J. O'Neill

P. Tracey

W. Butler

P. Kavanagh

The Minutes of the last Meeting were read and signed

The selection of sites for the Cottages was entered upon. After considerable discussion the three places chosen by the Sub-Committee were received for approval viz. Mr. R. Kearon's field near Abbey St. Mr. W. Hall's on the Gorey Road and Father Dunphy's field opposite the National School.

The clerk was directed to write to Mr Movie to visit these sites along with