

~~General Purposes Committee Meeting March 9th~~

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Commissioners was held in Comm^r. office Court House
Arlow on March 9th 1908.~~

~~The following were present. —~~

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Special Meeting March 19th 1908

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Commissioners was held in Commissioners
Office Court House Arklow on 19th March
1908 The following members attended:-

Messrs Hugh Byrne
R. Kearon
D. Kavanagh
M. Waldron
Peter Kavanagh
Wm. Merrigan

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Monthly Meeting April 6th 1908.

A Monthly Meeting of the Arklow Town Comm^{rs} was held in Comm^{rs} office, Court House Arklow on Monday April 6th 1908. The following members attended.

Mess^{rs}: Hugh Byrne J.P., Chairman.
 R. Kearon J.P.
 D. Kavanagh
 P. Kavanagh
 T. Birthistle
 L. O'Loole.
 F. Tyrrell
 M. Waldron
 J. Henderson
 W^m Merrigan
 C. Murray.

When the meeting had assembled Mr. John Fox, gas-man, entered Commissioners Room and placed some letters on the table and having been questioned by the Chairman as to the Town Clerk's whereabouts, said he did not know as he had not seen him since Saturday 4th April.

As the minute Book and Agenda Book were not forthcoming the chairman stated that the business of the meeting could not be legally proceeded with, the minutes of the previous meeting not having been read to enable them to know what had been done at the last meeting.

On the proposition of Mr. D. Kavanagh seconded by Mr. L. O'Loole, Mr. John Fox was appointed to act as temporary Town Clerk.

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A Requisition was drafted and signed empowering the Acting Clerk Mr. J. Fox to convene a special meeting for Thursday night the 9th April for the purpose of transacting the business of the Board, and paying any wages due to lamp-lighters and others.

Hugh Byrne Chairman
 4-5-08

Special Meeting April 9th 1908.

A special meeting of the Arklow Town Comm^{rs} was held in Comm^r office Court House Arklow on April 9th 1908.

The following were present

Messrs. Hugh Byrne.
Mr. Waldron
L. O'Keefe
C. Murray
D. Kavanagh
W^m. Merrigan
J. Henderson
F. Tyrell
P. Kavanagh
R. Kearon
F. A. S. King
L. Birtchick

Mr. John Fox acting Town Clerk having read the request concerning meeting and statement having been made by chairman. It was

Proposed by Mr. F. A. S. King, seconded by Mr. D. Kavanagh and passed unanimously.

"That owing to the unexplained absence from duty of Mr. G. J. Kavanagh Town Clerk of Arklow Mr. James Byrne be appointed temporarily as acting Town Clerk of Arklow till such time as a permanent clerk can be appointed, Mr. James Byrne's remuneration for such services to be at the same rate per quarter or portion thereof as the sanctioned salary of the position."

Payments were ordered for £13-19-0 including the lamp-lighter's wages and the Acting Clerk's.

was directed to present the paying Order at the Bank on the following day together with the resolution that had been passed relating him to the position of temporary clerk.

On the proposition of Mr. King seconded by Mr. D. Kavanagh a committee consisting of the Chairman Messrs. Birtchick, Henderson, D. Kavanagh and Waldron were appointed to assist the Acting Clerk in writing up the accounts, and in other ways.

On the suggestion of the Chairman Mr. King's name was added to the Committee.

The Commissioners gave Committee full power to act on their behalf.

The chairman having made a statement as to the position the Commissioners were placed in owing to the unexplained absence of the Town Clerk Mr. G. J. Kavanagh, the following Resolution was proposed by Mr. S. Henderson and seconded by Mr. D. Kavanagh and carried unanimously:-

"That Mr. F. A. S. King be deputed to call on the Local Government Board at the earliest possible moment and represent to them the serious difficulty the Arklow Town Comm^{rs} are placed in by the absence from duty of the Town Clerk Mr. G. J. Kavanagh whose whereabouts has not been known since Saturday 4th April and to ask them for instructions under these circumstances."

Mr. King was deputed to also call at Helys Ltd regarding the completion of the printing of the Rate Books.

On the proposition of Mr. P. Kavanagh seconded by Captain Murray, the following Resolution from Ballece Wood Whinstone Quarry Co. was unanimously adopted:—

"That it having come to our knowledge that a notice of dismissal has been served upon Mr. Edward Ellison (a member of our Board) by the Department of Agriculture, terminating his services on the 1st of July next without any cause or grounds for complaint, we desire to condemn their action in so doing from the public service, having regard to the statement of Mr. J. W. Russell in October last, that Mr. Ellison was not going to be dismissed. We consider the matter deserving of the fullest inquiry with a view to his re-instatement with as little delay as possible."

Messrs. G. H. Strey, and Owen Kavanagh tendered for Refuse fine at Gas House; the former at £1-6-0 and the latter at £1-10-6. The latter tender was accepted.

Thomas Smith tendered for 12 dozen empty Carbide Lins @ 2/6 per dozen. His tender was accepted.

The Committee of Six appointed to assist the acting Town Clerk arranged to meet on Monday April 13th 1908. at 7 p.m.

paid 7/15/0

The following Cheques were paid:—

No. 92.	John Fox Sweets wages	4-7-6
94.	Lawrence Kavanagh - do -	4-0-0
95.	Joseph Fitzgerald - do -	4-0-0
96.	James M. Donagh. (Cartage Water + Carbide)	4-6
	John Kempsonall (Lamp Repairs)	17-0
	Owen Walsh (Repairs to Gas appliances)	10-0

Total £ 13-19-0

Walter Byrne Chairman
4-5-08

Committee Meeting Monday April 13th 1908

A Meeting of the Committee of six Commissioners appointed to assist the Acting Town Clerk, was held in Comm^r's Office Court House Arklow on Monday April 13th 1908 at 7pm.

The following were present:—

Messrs. H. Byrne. C.T.C.
S. Henderson
F. S. King
J. Birtistle
M. Waldron
S. Kavanagh.

On the Proposition of Mr. H. Byrne seconded by Mr. M. Waldron, Mr. King was appointed Chairman of the Committee.

Mr. King Chairman who had been deputed to wait on the Local Government Board read a Report embodying the result of his interview with the Secretary L.G.B. and Mr. Leech also of the L.G.B.

The Acting Clerk was directed to write to the Local Gov^t. Board as follows:—

The Secretary
Local Government Board

Sir,
I am directed by the Chairman of the Arklow Town Commissioners to report for your information that the Town Clerk of Arklow Mr. Gerald J. Kavanagh has

been absent from Arklow since April 4th. In spite of the fact that the Statutory meeting of Town Com^r's should have been held on 6th inst., he did not attend on that date nor did he appear on 9th inst. on which date a temporary clerk was appointed; and all inquiries have failed to discover his whereabouts. Meantime an investigation of his books shows that a considerable sum in cash is missing from Gas collection, the exact amount of which has not yet been ascertained."

Your obedient servant
James Byrne
Acting Clerk

After discussion, the following Requisition was drafted:—
13th April 1908

You are hereby requested to convene a special meeting of the Arklow Town Commissioners to be held at their office Court House on Thursday 16th Inst., at 4.00 pm. for dismissal of the Town Clerk Mr. G. J. Kavanagh and declaration of the vacancy.

To James Byrne Acting Clerk.

(Signed) Denis Kavanagh
Michael Waldron
Thos. Birtistle
Samuel Henderson
F. S. King.

Mr. King was deputed to ask Mr. Fleming Solicitor to be present at the special meeting convened for 16th inst.,

James Byrne Chairman
4-5-08

Special Meeting April 16th 1908.

A Special Meeting of the Arklow Town Commⁿ was held in Commⁿ Office Court House Arklow on Thursday April 16th 1908. The following members attended:-

Messrs. H. Byrne. (Chairman)
 F. A. S. King.
 W^m Merrigan.
 J. Tyrrell.
 R. Kearon.
 P. Kavanagh.
 J. Borthwick.
 A. M. Gowan.
 M. Waldron.

M^r. G. Fleming was also present.

The Chairman having explained the object of the meeting and the position the Commissioners occupied owing to the disappearance of the Town Clerk, asked M^r. King to read the notes he had taken at the Local Government Board on last Friday.

M^r. King read as follows:-

Report re commission to call on the L.G.B. as per Resolution of the Arklow Town Commⁿ dated 9/4/08.

On 10th inst I called at the L.G.B. office in Dublin and had a lengthy interview with M^r. A. R. Barlas Secretary L.G.B. and M^r. Leech one of the principal officers.

I showed my credentials, was most kindly received and I explained the position

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of affairs re the absent Town Clerk in detail. I was asked whether the clerk had given any security and I replied that I believed he had not; I was further asked whether at any time the L.G.B. had written to the Town Commⁿ desiring that security should be arranged for and I replied that I had never heard mention of the subject at any meeting I had attended.

The action taken by the Town Commⁿ so far was fully approved of.

I was advised that we should now at once write to the L.G.B. officially and report the Town Clerk's desertion of his post and if we desire it we can in same letter ask for an audit to date to be made without delay.

A special meeting should be held at once and the Town Clerk summarily dismissed for absence from duty without leave or explanation and then arrangements to advertise the vacancy can be made.

We should see that the new Clerk obtain security from a Public Guarantee Company for a sufficient sum and we should not on any account accept any guarantee from a private individual.

On examination of the accounts, any defalcation is brought to light an information should at once be sworn by the Chairman and a Solicitor consulted.

The Secretary L.G.B. was much surprised to learn that the clerk had not informed the Town Commⁿ that he had been repeatedly asked to submit abstracts, and eventually the L.G.B.

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had to summon him to compel him to fulfil his duty in this respect, he should certainly have made all this known to the Town Comm^r instead of treating it as a personal private matter.

Mr. Barlas observed that we had apparently been far too much in our Clerk's hands Security bond must be deposited in the Bank with instructions to Bank agent not to give it to anyone except under a written order signed by the Chairman.

Acting on instructions received I have to day called at the Bank of Ireland Arklow and ascertained that the agent knows nothing of any bond re the absent Clerk.

Signed - F. A. S. King,
11th April 1908.

A letter was read from the Secretary L. G. B. acknowledging receipt of Acting Clerk's letter of 14th inst., and stating that Subject of same would be duly considered by L. G. B.

The Chairman drafted and proposed the following Resolution, which was seconded by Mr. R. Kearon and passed nem. con.:-

"That in compliance with the directions of the Local Government Board we now by Resolution at a special Meeting called for the purpose summarily dismiss the Town Clerk Mr. G. J. Kavanagh for desertion

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from duty without cause assigned or any explanation."

It was proposed by Mr. F. A. S. King and seconded by Mr. R. Kearon:-

"That the vacancy for a Town Clerk in Arklow be advertised without delay and that the matter of preparing the advertisement be put into the hands of the Committee appointed on 9th inst. to go into the accounts &c. of the Town Clerk."

Hugh Byrne Chairman
4-5-08

Committee Meeting April 16th 1908.

A meeting of the Committee of Six of the Comm^{rs} appointed to assist the Acting Clerk in writing up the Books and accounts of the late Town Clerk M. G. J. Lavanagh, was held on Thursday April 16th 1908 after Special Meeting of that date.

Present. -

Mess: H. S. King Chairman
 H. Byrne
 R. Kearon
 L. Birrhill
 M. Waldron.

M^r. G. F. Fleming was present to advise Committee as to what steps to take concerning any discrepancy which might be discovered in the accounts of the late Clerk M. G. J. Lavanagh.

M^r. P. Redmond was appointed by the Committee who had been given discretionary power in the matter by the Comm^{rs}. - to assist the acting clerk for one week; his employment to be continued for another week if Committee deemed his further services necessary.

The following advertisement was drafted and the Acting Clerk instructed to have it inserted in the four Local Papers viz. - Two insertions in the Arklow Reports, Wicklow Press and Wicklow People and one insertion in the Arklow News: -

"Applications for the post of Town Clerk, Arklow will be received by the

Committee Meeting April 16th 1908.

Chairman, Arklow Town Commissioners up till 12 o'clock noon Wednesday May 6th 1908.

The salary offered is £50 per annum exclusive of fees.

Candidates should not be under 24 years or over 45 years of age, must be fully qualified in book-keeping and preparation of abstracts of accounts, minutes of proceedings &c, and be prepared to carry out all the duties of the post to the satisfaction of the L. G. B.

The candidate appointed will serve for six months on probation; at the end of which time if his appointment be confirmed he will be required to obtain Security from a public guarantee Company to the amount of £100.

If at the end of six months probation his services are not approved of by the Town Commissioners, his engagement terminates without notice."

Date of election was fixed for Wednesday 6th May 1908 at Special Meeting to be convened for the purpose.

Hugh Byrne Chairman
 4-5 '08

Committee Meeting Thursday April 23rd '08

A meeting of the Committee of Six of the Commissioners appointed to assist the Acting Clerk was held in Commⁿ office Court House Arklow on Thursday April 23rd 1908. The following attended -

mess^{rs} L. A. S. King Chairman
H. Byrne J.P.

M. Waldron.

D. Kavanagh.

T. Birtistle.

S. Henderson.

The following letter was handed in by Mr. Byrne and read:-

Main Street
Arklow.
April 22nd '08

Hugh Byrne J.P.
Chairman Town Commissioners
Arklow.

Dear Sir,
I beg to state that on going through the effects of my son Gerald Kavanagh who was Town Clerk of Arklow I found a sum of forty five pounds tied up, evidently ready to go to the Bank. Having heard that some funds belonging to the Town Commⁿ had not been accounted for before his departure I think it probable that above amount may have been collected by him and put ready for lodgment, but some unforeseen circumstance prevented his being at the Bank before it closed on the Saturday he left Arklow. I have therefore lodged above sum to credit of Arklow Town Commⁿ account, and beg to enclose lodgment docket herewith. I would be glad

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to know as soon as possible whether above sum of forty five pounds belong to the Commissioners and if it is found to be in excess of the sum unaccounted for by my son the excess be refunded to me without delay.

Yours truly
Patrick Kavanagh.

The following letter was drafted and ordered to be sent by the Acting Clerk in reply:-

Mr. Patrick Kavanagh
16 main St. Arklow

Dear Sir,

I am directed by the Committee of Town Commissioners appointed to arrange the affairs of the Town Clerk's office Arklow to acknowledge with many thanks receipt of your letter of 22nd Inst, addressed to the Chairman, Town Commⁿ enclosing lodgment receipt for £45 to credit of the Commⁿ and to say that owing to the books not having been written up for some time past it is not possible as yet to state exactly how the accounts will work out. As soon as the Acting Clerk can ascertain all particulars any sum found due to you will be returned without delay.

Yours Faithfully
James Byrne
Acting Clerk.

The Acting Clerk was directed to write to the Head Constable R.D.C. for a Return of Fines since May 1906.

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The Committee unanimously decided to retain the services of M. P. Redmond until Saturday May 2nd '08.

The Committee directed the acting clerk to request Mr. John Fox gas-man to be present at the next Committee Meeting on the 30th Inst.

The acting clerk was also directed to notify the lamp-lighters that the lighting season would terminate on Sunday night the 3rd May, and that the lamps were to be taken down and stored during the two following days.

Committee adjourned until Thursday 30th Inst. at 7 o'clock p.m.

Hugh Byrne
Chairman of Meeting
30-4-08

Committee Meeting April 30th 1908.

A meeting of the Committee of six Commissioners appointed to assist the acting clerk was held in Commissioners office Court House Arklow on Thursday April 30th 1908. The following members attended:-

- Men: H. Byrne J.P. (presiding)
- M. Waldron.
- S. Henderson.
- S. Kavanagh.

The acting clerk submitted statement of late clerks accounts as made out by M. P. Redmond & him to date.

The acting clerk was directed to write to the Valuation Office for copy of Valuation List of Arklow No 1+2 Urban for year beginning April 1908.

The Committee gave instructions to John Fox ^{who was present} gas-man, relative to taking down and storing street lamps on Monday and Tuesday the 4th & 5th of May 1908. He was also requested to state his terms for the coming summer months for consideration at monthly meeting.

The Committee then adjourned.
Hugh Byrne Chairman
4-5-08

Monthly Meeting Monday 4th May 1908.

A monthly meeting of the Arklow Town Comm^{rs} was held in Comm^r Office Court House Arklow on Monday May 4th 1908.

The following were present:—

Mess^{rs} H. Byrne J.P. (Chairman)
 W. Waldron
 J. Tyrrell
 J. A. King
 C. Murray
 S. Savanagh
 J. Henderson
 R. Keon J.P.
 P. Savanagh
 J. Birtistle
 A. McEwan

An application was read from John Fox Gasman intimating his willingness to do all the work in connection with gasworks, to glare repair and keep everything in order during the summer months, for the sum of 17/6 per week.

On the motion of Mr King seconded by Mr P. Savanagh, his services were unanimously accepted.

A letter was received from W. B. Manning Clerk of Rathdun District Council enclosing a Report from D. Hamilton M.O.H. requesting the District Council to procure a watering cart for Arklow for the purpose of keeping down dust.

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The Doctor's Report was referred by the District Council to the Arklow Town Comm^{rs}.

On the suggestion of the Chairman the Comm^{rs} decided to return the Doctor's report to the District Council for further consideration, as they (the Comm^{rs}) have no power in the matter, not being the sanitary authority.

Captain Murray ~~was~~ undertook to bring forward a motion at the next quarterly meeting of the District Council to have a road maintained which leads from Lower Inchar Street to the Quay, but which is not at present on the County.

The following Resolution proposed by Mr J. A. King and seconded by Mr A. McEwan was passed unanimously. —

"That the Town Comm^{rs} who are members of the Rathdun Rural District Council be requested to apply to the District Council for a gravitation water supply for the Town of Arklow to be installed as soon as circumstances may permit."

The following letter from the Local Gov^t Board was read:—

Sir,
 I am directed by the Local Gov^t Board.

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for Ireland to acknowledge the receipt of your letter of the 23rd inst transmitting a copy of the advertisement proposed to be published by the Arklow Town Comm^{rs} in connection with the appointment of Clerk to the Comm^{rs}; and I am to state that the Local Govt. Board consider that the Clerk temporarily appointed on probation should be required to give security for the faithful discharge of his duties while employed.

I am,
Sir
&c.

The following Resolution was proposed by Mr King and seconded by Mr De Lavanagh:-

"That the Resolution already passed regarding election of a Town Clerk be amended and that a fresh advertisement be drawn up embracing the necessity of security from the commencement of probation and allowing a greater latitude of age ~~and~~ than specified in last advertisement."

Mr. Henderson moved and Mr. Mc Gowan seconded:-

"That the election be proceeded with at the time and on the conditions embodied in the original advertisement"

After considerable discussion the amendment was put

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to the meeting - Mess^{rs} Mc Gowan, Henderson & F. Lyrell voting for it,

The following further amendment was proposed by Mr. R. Keaton and seconded by Mr. Mc Gowan and passed rem. con. -

"That the election of Town Clerk be adjourned from Wednesday evening the 6th May till Thursday 27th May for the purpose of inserting in the advertisement the instruction lately received from the Local Govt. Board."

The following Accounts were passed for payment:-

	L s d
John Fox. (4 weeks + 2 days making Gas)	3-15-6
Joe Fitzgerald. (- do - Lamplighting)	3-8-6
Laur. Kavanagh. (- do - - do -)	3-8-6
P. Redmond. (2 weeks + 3 days ^{writing up} Accts.)	2-10-0
Joe Byrne A. C. (1 months Salary)	4- 4 -4
A. Nicholson (6 months Salary attendance & Fuel)	1-5-0
G. Wilson (Sundries)	4-3
Wm Greene - do -	1-5-1
D. & S. E. Railway Co. (Carriage or Carbid)	5-5-5
Joe Byrne (Incidentals)	4-1
Richard Knott. (serving two summonses)	2-0
J. M. Donagh (Drawing water to Gas House)	4-4

Wm. Byrne Chairman
1-6-08

Committee Meeting Monday May 11th 1908.

A meeting of the Committee of six of the Commⁿ appointed to assist the acting clerk, was held in Commⁿ office Court House Arklow on Monday May 11th 1908.

The following were present:—

- Mess^{rs}: J. Bithistle. (Presiding.)
- J. Lavanagh.
- H. Byrne J.P.
- J. Henderson.
- M. Waldron.

In the absence of the regular Chairman M. King, on the proposition of M. H. Byrne seconded by M. Lavanagh, M. J. Bithistle was moved to the Chair.

The Committee arranged that the Visiting Committee which was appointed some time ago consisting of Mess^{rs}: Waldron, Bithistle and Lavanagh, should ~~be~~ act in the same capacity for the time being and visit Gas Works on Wednesday the 13th inst.

The acting clerk was directed to procure for John Fox, gasman, a book in which to record each day's work.

John Fox gasman furnished, as previously requested, a statement concerning the lamps &c.

It was unanimously decided that the acting clerk forward a statement of the Late Town Clerk's Accounts to his father. The acting clerk wrote as follows.—

Town Commⁿ office
Court House, Arklow
12th May '08

Dear Sir,

I am directed to forward for your information a statement of the accounts of the Arklow Town Commⁿ which I was instructed to make out for the period commencing April 1st '07 and ending 6th April '08.

= Receipts =		= Lodgments &c. =	
Gas Rents collected for above period	L 284-2-4	Lodgment from April 4 th 1907 to 10 th March '08	L 227-1-3
Lime & Lino &c. Sold	4-14-8	Lodged to Credit 22 April '08	45-0-0
Arrears of fine paid as per police returns	2-5-0	2 months Salary due 9 th April	8-6-8
Fines paid during financial year as per books	7-1-0	Incidentals based on 5 previous payments	1-5-0
Under lodgment at end of financial year '07	6		
	<hr/> <hr/> £ 298-3-9		<hr/> <hr/> £ 281-12-11

From the above statement of money received and lodgments made, Salary &c, it is evident that Mr. Lavanagh's Books show that he is still indebted to the Commⁿ to the amount of £ 16-10-10

Yours faithfully
James Byrne
Acting Clerk.

To Mr. Patrick Lavanagh
Main Street
Arklow

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A meeting of the Committee of six of the Comm^o appointed to assist the Acting Clerk, was held in Comm^o office Court House Arklow on Monday May 18th 1908. The following were present:—

Messrs. H. A. S. King. (Chairman)
H. Byrne J.P.
M. Waldron.
T. Birtchill.
S. Henderson.
S. Lavanagh.

The Acting Clerk having read copy of the letter which he had sent to Mr. Patrick Lavanagh on the 12th inst., after discussion the following letter drafted by Mr. King was ordered to be sent to Mr. Patrick Lavanagh:—

Town Commissioners' Office
Court House Arklow
19th May '08

Dear Sir,

With reference to my letter of the 12th inst. with statement of account of Mr. G. J. Lavanagh late Town Clerk, showing a debit of £16-10-10 to his account, I am directed by the Committee of Town Comm^o appointed to go into his accounts to request that this sum should forthwith be lodged to credit of the Town Comm^o. You are no doubt aware that the L.G.D. have

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advised the Comm^o that in case any cash which was in your sons custody remained unaccounted for an information should be sworn against him, this Committee has nearly completed its duty of investigating and rectifying the accounts and if the aforesaid sum of £16-10-10 is lodged to credit of the Town Comm^o it will be their pleasing duty to report to the Board that Mr. G. J. Lavanagh's accounts have come out straight and correct. Failing the lodgment, they have no option but to comply with the direction of the L.G.D. re information &c. The Committee will meet on May 25th, before which date I trust to be favoured with your reply.

Yours faithfully
James Byrne
Acting Clerk

Mr. Patrick Lavanagh
16 Main Street
Arklow

The Acting Clerk read for the Committee the foot-notes appended by the Auditor to the various books in the office, which have just been audited. Arising out of this he was directed to again write to the Sun Gas Co. for a detailed statement of their dealings with the Arklow Town Comm^o for the financial year beginning April 1st 1906.

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The surcharges made by the Auditor came under discussion but their further consideration was postponed, pending the receipt of the Auditor's formal Report.

The Visiting Committee gave a detailed statement of their visit to the Gas Works and expressed themselves entirely satisfied with the state of things which they had seen there, and with the condition in which they had found the Plant was being kept by the Gas-man John Fox

The ~~Com~~ Visiting Committee arranged with the Gas man that his hours of attendance as Gas Works should be as follows:

From 10 am. until 1 pm.
 " 2 pm " 6 "
 " 6.45 " 8 "

The Acting Clerk was directed to order for the renovation of the Gas plant, one Gallon of Harrington's Red Oxide Paint.

The Committee of Sec, having arranged to again meet on Monday the 25th inst at 7.30 pm, then adjourned.

Richard Pearson Chairman
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~~A meeting of the Committee of Six of the Commrs appointed to go into the late Clerk's accounts~~

Special Meeting May 21st 1908

A special Meeting of the Town Commissioners was held in their office, Court House, Arklow, on May 21st 1908.

The following were present,

Messrs H. Byrne J.P. (presiding)

F. King

F. Tyrrell

W. Merrigan

J. Tyrrell

C. Murray

A. W. Gowan

T. Birtistle

P. Kavanagh

S. Henderson

L. O'Toole

R. Kearon

D. Kavanagh

M. Waldron.

The Chairman having read the advertisement for the position of Town Clerk, which was then vacant, he next proceeded to read applications for the above post.

The following applied:-

Applicants for position of Town Clerk

Messrs D. O'Brien

T. Hall

J. Barrett

L. Donlon

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D. O'Brien Proposed by Mr. D. Kavanagh, seconded by Mr. F. King proposed that Mr. D. O'Brien be elected for the position.

T. Hall Mr. T. Hall - Proposed by Mr. R. Kearon and seconded proposed by Mr. C. Murray.

J. Barrett Mr. J. Barrett - Proposed by Mr. L. O'Toole and seconded proposed by Mr. A. W. Gowan.

L. Donlon Mr. L. Donlon - Proposed by Mr. M. Waldron received no seconded.

Mr. D. O'Brien being disqualified through the age limit, and Mr. L. Donlon through receiving no disqualified seconded, Messrs T. Hall and J. Barrett were put forward for election.

On a vote being taken the following resulted:-
 For J. Barrett :- Messrs F. King

" M. Waldron

" W. Merrigan

" L. O'Toole

" A. W. Gowan

" T. Birtistle

" D. Kavanagh

" P. Kavanagh - Eight

J. Barrett
 5 votes

T. Hall 5
 votes

For T. Hall :- Messrs F. Tyrrell

" J. do.

" C. Murray

" S. Henderson

" R. Kearon - Five

J. Barrett
 elected.

Mr. J. Barrett was then declared elected

All the Commissioners, with the exception of those on the Committee of Six then retired.

Hugh Byrne Chairman
 1-6-08

Committee
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Committee
 Meeting re
 surcharges
 held after
 Special Meeting

A short discussion, in committee, re Auditor's surcharges, then took place, and the following letter was ordered to be sent to J. A. Baker, Esq. Auditor. L. G. B.

Sir,

Letter of
 aggrieved
 person against
 surcharge

We the undersigned Town Commissioners of Athlow being aggrieved by your surcharges entered against us on the 15th May 1908 in the Expenditure Book of the Commissioners, hereby request that you will be so good as to state in writing your reasons for such surcharges and supply us a copy of your certificate in order that we may take such steps as appear necessary. Vide Public Bodies Order, 1904, Art. 39.

We are, Yours faithfully,

To be signed by five or six of the persons aggrieved.

The Meeting then ended.

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Committee Meeting of May 25th 1908

A meeting of the Committee of six of the Comm^{rs} appointed to go into the late Clerk's accounts was held in Comm^{rs} Office, Court House, on Monday May 25th 1908. The following were present:—

Messrs R. Heason (Chairman)
H. Byrne J. P.
T. Birrhistle.
F. A. S. King.

The following letter, re. Surcharge, was read.

Morpeth Lodge.
Kingstown.
23rd May 1908.

Sir,

In reply to a request received from members of the Comm^{rs} to state my reasons for making the surcharges, I beg to say that I have already done so at foot of the surcharges.

It will be necessary if they intend to appeal to the L. G. B. to apply for copies of Form 13, which should be signed by the Members surcharged & forwarded along with a statement of their reasons for making application for remission.

A copy of the surcharges as appearing in the book should also be sent with the appeal.

Yours faithfully.

J. A. Baker. Auditor.

Letter from
the Auditor
re Surcharge
advising
course applicants
should take.

Town Clerk, Arklow.

Committee Meeting of May 25th 1908. Con^{cl}.

1 ton Carbide
ordered.

Gas Receipt
Books to be

obtained &
Clerk to read

Meters for two
months Reading

Letter to Mr.

P. Kavanagh
requesting an

answer to
letter of 19th.

The Town Clerk was directed to order from Messrs. Tennant & Co. Belfast one ton of Carbide, and to obtain Gas Receipt Books from Mr. Wilson, Arklow. He was also instructed to read the Private Consumers' Gas meters on Monday 1st June for the two months' amt. April and May. It was also agreed to order copies of Form 13 from the Local Govt. Board re surcharge.

The Town Clerk was requested to call on Mr. P. Kavanagh, Main Street, Arklow, and to ascertain from him his reasons for not answering the letter of the Commissioners, dated May 19th 08. and to request an answer before their next meeting on Monday 1st June.

The Meeting ~~was~~ then adjourned.

Monthly Meeting June 1st 1908

The usual Monthly Meeting of the Arklow Town Commissioners was held in their Office, Court House Arklow on Monday June 1st 1908

The following members were present: -

Messrs: - Hugh Byrne J.P. (Chairman)

J. Birthistle

S. Henderson

D. Kavanagh

C. Murray.

Monthly +
Special
Minutes read
and signed

The Minutes of the last Monthly Meeting and of the Special Meeting on May 18th having been read, were signed by the Chairman.

Resolution of
Blackrock
Urban Council
re Assessment
and Valuation
in Ireland

The following Resolution was received from the Blackrock Urban Council for adoption
Moved by Councillor W^m Field M.P.
Seconded by Councillor P.J. Brady
And passed unanimously
That this Council considers the present system of assessment and Valuation in Ireland is most unsatisfactory, and call upon the Government to materially alter it, by having assessment Committees, to be appointed by Local Authorities, to co-operate with the Commissioner of Valuation and

That copies of this resolution be sent to every Borough and Urban Council in Ireland.

Note: - Copies of this resolution, if adopted, might be sent to the Prime Minister, and to the Chief Secretary for Ireland.

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Resolution adopted in full.

It was proposed by Mr. D. Kavanagh; seconded by Mr. S. Henderson and passed unanimously that this Resolution be adopted and copies sent as requested.

Tenders for Tins from Chris Byrne + Patk. Bradford, the latter's accepted.

The following sent in Tenders for empty Carlide Tins:- Messrs Christopher Byrne, Ballintombay at 6^d per doz. and Patrick Bradford, Ferrybank at 8^d per doz. The latter offer was accepted.

Cheque for £1-10-6 for lime + notification lodgment of £9-15-8 Surplus Dog Licences

A cheque was received from Owen Kavanagh per Mr. P. Kavanagh for £1-10-6 for refuse lime; and notification of lodgment with Treasurer, Bank of Ireland, of £9-15-8 Surplus Money re Sale of licences (Dogs Regulation, Ireland, Act, 1865) was received from the Registrar of Petty Sessions Office, Dublin Castle.

Discussion on the accounts of Tennant & Co. Belfast + Statement again requested.

The state of the Accounts of Messrs Tennant & Co. Belfast was entered into and after discussion their being no reply from the above to previous communications concerning the statement of their accounts, the clerk was requested to again ask them to be so good as to comply with the request of the Commissioners when money would be sent to them. At the same time the Chairman drew up a letter

Bank Manager notified of Town Clerk's appointment.

notifying the Manager of the Bank of Ireland of the appointment on probation of Mr. J. W. Barrett as clerk to the Commissioners.

Monthly Meeting June 1st 1908

Note of Condolence on death of Mr. P. Kavanagh's Mother

The following vote of condolence proposed & drafted by Mr. F. Birthistle and seconded by Mr. C. Murray and passed was ordered to be sent to Mr. P. Kavanagh.

That we tender to Mr. Peter Kavanagh and his family our very sincere sympathy - on the death of his Mother this being the first General Meeting since the occurrence.

Names of Gas Committee

The Gas Committee for the ensuing month was as follows:-

- Messrs H. Byrne C. F. C.
- C. Murray
- P. Kavanagh
- S. Henderson.

Above committee visit Gas Premises. Gas-man to inspect gas lamps to see there was no leakage + Town Clerk to visit all stop-works.

The above visited the Gas Works on the same day. At the suggestion of the Chairman the gas man was to go and inspect the gas lamps to see there was no leakage of gas whilst the lighting was off; and the clerk was ordered to take a view in company with the gas man, of all the stop cocks.

An overcharge against Mr. F. Tyrrell of 8/- for gas receipts, month ending 31st March, was ordered to be paid back to him.

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Rate Books signed and sealed

In the presence of the Chairman and members present, Mr. J. F. Evans also being in attendance, the Rate Book were duly signed and sealed, and the clerk was ordered to hand them over to the Rate collector as soon as possible.

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The following cheques were ordered to be paid:-

Cheques

John Fox (4 weeks gas-making)	3-10-0
James Byrne (A.T.C. 9 th to 21 st May)	1-12-0
do. Incidentals	3-0
P. Redmond (Friday 22 nd May to June 1 st inclusive)	1-10-0
R. Knott (Serving two summonses)	2-0
W. Neill (Drawing lamps & carbide)	6-0
Chas Tennant (20 Drums carbide)	12-15-4
Local Govt Board (Audit fees)	2-10-0
G. F. Fleming Solicitor	1-1-0
Joseph Annesley Sundries 9-3-2½	9-12-3½
do. do. 9-1	
A. O. Hood (Rent for gas works)	1-0-0

Hugh Byrne Chairman

6-7-08

Monthly Meeting July 6th 1908

The usual Monthly meeting of the Arklow Town Commissioners was held in their Office, Court House, Arklow, on Monday 6th July 1908.

The following members were present:-

Messrs H. Byrne J.P. (Chairman.)

J. Henderson

F. Tyrrell

C. Murray

R. Keaton J.P.

J. Tyrrell

W. Merrigan

Minutes read
and signed

The Minutes of the last Monthly Meeting were read, and signed by the Chairman

Resolution

from Blackrock
Council re
existing system
of Private Bill
Legislation

A Resolution was received from the Blackrock Urban Council in reference to the existing system of Private Bill legislation, and calling on His Majesty's Parliament to substitute local inquiries in place of those held before select committees sitting in London.

It was also suggested that copies of this resolution be sent to the Prime Minister, the Chief Secretary, and to all the Irish Members.

Adoption of
Resolution on
conditions

Mr. Henderson proposed and Mr. Merrigan seconded that the Resolution be adopted; with the exception of the sending of the above to those mentioned, and the motion as it stood was passed unanimously.

Monthly Meeting July 6th 1908 Contd.

Resolution
from the
National Teach-
ers Organization
re Compulsory
Attendance
Bill, adopted

Notes and suggestions re. the amending of the Compulsory Attendance Bill were also received from the National Teachers Organization. The above were favourably received by the Commissioners and the Town Clerk was directed to write to them to that effect and that any resolution for the furtherance of the same would be adopted by this Board.

Messrs F. Tyrrell
and C. Murray
delegated to
attend All
Ireland In-
dustrial
Association
Conference.

It was proposed by Mr. H. Byrne and seconded by Mr. Merrigan that Messrs F. Tyrrell and C. Murray attend as delegates of the Board, in answer to a request from the All Ireland Industrial Association Conference, to be held in Galway during the year. This proposition was carried by 5 votes to 2.

Request from
gas-man to
be paid week-
ly refused

A Request from the gas-man asking to be paid weekly was refused on the grounds that it would be impracticable, payments being made only at Monthly Meetings.

Applications
for gas
connections,
deferred on
expense
question, etc
to Committee
Meeting.

Applications for gas connection having been received from Messrs C. Kinsella and J. Clarke, a discussion arose.

The Chairman stated that a lot of money was expended putting in new connections and the amount of receipts did not yet justify them in going to more expense at present. A question of the amount of gas the Gasometer could supply also arose, so it was proposed to refer the

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matter to a committee meeting to be called for Monday 13th July, at which the gas-man was to present to answer questions.

Attention called to Meter Taps roughly used by Private Consumers
The chairman drew the attention of the clerk to the rough ^{usage} by private consumers of the meter taps and he was requested to draw their attention to this in future that the Commissioners will be no longer responsible for the same if they allow these taps to be thus handled.

Inconsistency in prices of Wicklow People for advertisements
The clerk was ordered to write to the Wicklow People Co. drawing their attention to the charge for advertisement and an inconsistency in their prices.

Vote of thanks to Harb. Commrs for refusal of Sir J. Esmonde's resignation
Mr. J. Tyrrell after eulogising the work of Sir J. Esmonde in connection with the Harbour, proposed a vote of thanks to the Harbour Commissioners for their sturdy refusal of Sir Thomas's resignation of the Harbour Chairmanship. Mr. C. Murray heartily seconded this; and Mr. Byrne on behalf of the Harbour Commissioners suitably thanked the Board for their appreciation of them.

Mr. G. Smith J. C. disqualified owing to non-attendance.
Special Meeting called for 21st. inst.
Mr. Smith failing to put in an attendance at the Board for more than six months consecutively his office was declared vacant, consequently it was proposed by Mr Henderson and seconded by Mr Kearon and passed unanimously that a Special Meeting

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be called for Tuesday 21st inst. for the purpose of filling the vacancy caused by Mr. Smith.

Stationery & keys to be obtained
The town clerk was given permission to get stationery printed with the heading of Town Commissioners and also to obtain for himself keys.

The meeting then terminated

Hugh Byrne Chairman
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Committee Meeting July 13th 1908

A Committee Meeting of the Arklow Town Commissioners was held in their Office, Court House, Arklow, Monday, July 13th for the purpose of dealing with applications from Messrs C. Kinsella, J. Clarke, and G. Moore for Gas connections.

The following Members were present:-
Messrs T. Birthistle (Chairman)
R. Kearon J.P.
F. A. King.
W. Merrigan
H. Byrne J.P.

Applications for gas refused on grounds of supply

The Gas-man John Fox being called in gave his opinion as to the capacity of the Gasometer for holding Gas, and it being found that it could supply no more than were at present being supplied, the following letter was drafted by Mr. King to be sent to the various applicants.

Town Commissioners' Office
Court House.
Arklow.

13-7-08

Letter to explain reason for refusing gas applications

Dear Sir,
In reply to your application for gas connector to your premises, I beg to say that at the present time the Arklow Gas Works cannot supply more customers than they already have been connected with.

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The Town Commissioners are now endeavouring to arrange for an improvement in the capacity of the gas-plant and as soon as all has been completed they will be pleased to comply with your requirement.

Yours faithfully,
Joseph W. Barrett.
Town Clerk.

Four stop-cocks of different pattern to the rest & they ordered to be got for same.

It being found by the gas-man that ~~and~~ in his rounds, and reported to the town clerk, that four stop-cocks were of different pattern to the others, the latter was ordered to give instructions to the former to obtain a special key for the above.

Committee Meeting called for arranging for Lamplighters & secondly for Surcharged Members.

It was agreed at the same Meeting that the clerk when giving notice of the Special Meeting to be called for the 21st Inst. also give intimation that a Committee Meeting of the whole Board be held immediately after the Special Meeting to arrange for lamplighters, and directly following, a Committee Meeting of the Members surcharged, for the consideration of Remission of Surcharges and Auditor's Report.

The Members then dispersed.



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Special Meeting July 21st 1908

A Special Meeting of the Town Commissioners was held in their Office, Court House, Arklow, on Tuesday 21st July 1908 for the purpose of filling the vacancy caused by Mr Smith being disqualified through non-attendance.

The clerk having read the requisition convening the meeting, the Chairman asked the members present whether they had anybody to propose.

Mr R. Kearon then proposed Mr John Mc. Cullagh, who was seconded by Mr D. Kavanagh.

Mr. W. Merrigan proposed Mr. Herman Hoyle, and Mr. F. Tyrrell seconded him.
As no other

Special Meeting July 21st 1908.

A special meeting of the Arklow Town Commissioners was held in their Office, Court House, Arklow, on Tuesday July 21st for the purpose of filling the vacancy caused by the disqualification of Mr Smith.

The following were present: -
Messrs H. Byrne J. P. (Chairman)

- S. Henderson
- R. Kearon J. P.
- F. Tyrrell
- L. O'Toole
- W. Merrigan
- U. Waldron
- J. Tyrrell
- D. Kavanagh
- P. Kavanagh
- T. Birthistle

Requisition Read.

The clerk having read the requisition convening the Meeting, the Chairman asked the members present whether they had any one to propose, upon which

Mr. J. Mc. Cullagh Proposed

Mr R. Kearon proposed Mr John Mc. Cullagh, who was seconded by Mr. D. Kavanagh.

Mr. Herman Hoyle Proposed

Mr. W. Merrigan proposed Mr. Herman Hoyle, and Mr. F. Tyrrell seconded him.

As no other persons were named a poll was taken on the above; there voting

Poll

- For Mr John Mc. Cullagh,
- Messrs R. Kearon
- S. Henderson
- T. Birthistle

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equal no. of votes.

- D. Kavanagh
- H. Byrne (Chairman) 5
- (Mr. U. Waldron did not vote.)
- For Mr. Herman Hoyle
- Messrs P. Kavanagh
- J. Tyrrell
- W. Merrigan
- F. Tyrrell
- L. O'Toole

Discussion on casting vote.

Here a discussion arose as to whether the Chairman had a casting vote, and on reference to the Act of 1847, Cap. 16, paragraph 38, it was found he had.

The Chairman then cast his vote in favour of Mr. Mc. Cullagh, so that the result stood as follows

Mr. Mc. Cullagh elected on casting vote

- Mr. Mc. Cullagh 6.
- Mr. Hoyle 5.

Mr. Mc. Cullagh was then duly declared elected and the clerk was instructed to inform him of the fact.

Advertise - ments for Lamplighters ordered to be got ready

The whole Board then resolved themselves into Committee on the Lamplighters question for advertisements.

After some discussion as to whether they should decide this question at the present Meeting, or defer it to some other time, it was agreed they should advertise at once, and the clerk was ordered to get ready posters to that effect, stating that applications would be received by the Chairman up to 12 O'clock

Special Meeting July 21st 08 cont.

Special Meeting noon Monday Aug. 17th. The clerk was then called for consideration of Lamplighters' tenders. directed to call a Special Meeting for this date to consider the tenders received.

The Meeting then terminated

Hugh Byrne Chairman
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Abortive
Monthly
Meeting.

A Meeting of the Arklow Town Commissioners was to have been held in their Office, Court House, Arklow, on Monday, Aug. 3rd 1908, but as a quorum was not present the Meeting was postponed until Thursday the 6th inst.

The following members attended,

- Mr. D. Kavanagh
- Mr. J. Mc. Cullagh (a newly elected member)
- Mr. T. Birthistle

Mr. W. Merrigan

Mr Peter Kavanagh attended later, but the other members were gone.

Hugh Byrne Chairman
7-9-08

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Adjourned Monthly Meeting Aug 6th 1908

An adjourned Monthly Meeting of the Arklow Town Commissioners was held in their Office, Court House, Arklow, on Thursday 6th August 1908.

The following members were present:-

- Messrs H. Byrne J.P. (Chairman)
- R. Keason J.P.
- D. Kavanagh
- S. Henderson
- J. Mc. Cullagh
- F. Tyrrell
- T. Birtchistle

Monthly and Special Minutes signed.

The minutes of the last Monthly Meeting and Special Meeting of July 21st 1908 were read and signed by the Chairman. Mr J. Mc. Cullagh attending for the first time since his election on the 21st July, duly signed the Declaration Form.

Mr. Mc. Cullagh signs Declaration

Resolution from the Preservation of the Irish Language Society re Irish in proposed Universities adopted.

A Resolution was received from the Preservation of the Irish Language Society, respecting the position of Irish in the proposed Universities. They asked that Irish be placed upon the same footing as English. The Chairman having commended the above Resolution to the consideration of the Board, it was proposed by Mr. T. Birtchistle and seconded by Mr. D. Kavanagh, and passed unanimously that the above be adopted.

A Notice was also received from

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Notification from Sec. Dub. lin Castle re Shop Hours Act 1904. No action taken directly

the secretary, Dublin Castle, respecting a modification in the form for advertisement re the Shop Hours Act of 1904.

£50 refunded from No 1. to No. 2. Account.

It was decided to take no notice of the matter until grievances were sent in. The Chairman here drew the attention of the Board to the fact that the annual refund of £50 from No 1 to No 2 account had not yet been paid for this year, and he proposed doing so now. It was unanimously agreed to that it be done; and the clerk was ordered to notify the L.G.B. of the fact.

£50 paid to Tennant & Co. + rebate £4-9-3 asked.

As there was a balance due to Messrs Chas. Tennant & Co. Belfast of £54-9-3 for Carbide it was decided to pay them £50, and, in consideration, the clerk was requested to ask them to credit the remaining sum to the Commissioners; and also to get from them their terms for the coming year.

Lamps ordered to be lighted 23rd Aug.

A discussion here arose as to when the lamps were to be first lighted. Seeing that the last days of August are very dark, the Chairman proposed that the lamps should be lighted earlier than the 1st of September; and on the proposition of Mr. Henderson, Sunday the 23rd inst. was the day selected to commence lighting, giving from the previous Thursday to get out the lamps; wages commencing the 20th.

Tenders for Oil ordered to be quoted

Posters for oil were ordered to be got out and the Town Clerk was also directed to write to Messrs W. Greene, J. J. Kavanagh

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and written invitations to Principal Traders, to be considered at Special Meeting Monday 17th.

J. Annesley, P. Boland, The Arklow Stores and Mrs Atkinson inviting Tenders; all of which it was decided to consider at the Special Meeting called for on Monday the 17th inst. to consider lamp-lighters' tenders

Complaints re Ladies' Bathing Shove.

Mr. Birthistle here drew the attention of the Board to the fact that young men and boys were found trespassing on the ladies bathing portion of the Strand.

Sub-Committee formed to get Notices put up on Lady Bathing Shove warning young men and boys trespassing on above portion of Strand.

After considerable discussion as to the Commissioners' authority in such matters, the chairman suggested that Messrs R. Keason, T. Birthistle and F. Tyrrell form themselves into a sub-committee and get some one ^{to put up} on either side of the ladies' bathing boxes, notices to the effect that young men or boys found trespassing within these limits will be prosecuted. Mr Birthistle offered to take upon himself the work of getting the notices printed.

Bounty in Lieu of Rates

At this meeting the Form for the Bounty in lieu of Rates was signed by the Chairman and Town Clerk. The latter here also

Bond of Town Clerk lodged with Bank

produced his bond of security with the Ocean and Accident and Guarantee Corporation, Ltd. to the value of £100, binding him to the faithful discharge of his duties. He was ordered to have the above lodged with the Treasurer, Bank of Ireland, the following day, and get Receipt for same, to be given to

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Abstracts of Accounts for year ended 31st March 1907.

the Chairman of the Commissioners.

Auditor's Report for the above period

The Abstracts of Accounts of the Arklow Town Commissioners, for the year ended 31st March 1907 duly certified by the Auditor J. A. Baker Esq. together with his Report thereon, and all the correspondence leading up to the Remission of certain Surcharges mentioned in the Report were laid before the Board at this Meeting.

In his Report, the auditor, referring to the Rates, which were 1/- in the £ for both Town and Harbour account, a small balance on each being outstanding at the close of the year, stated that the Rate Books were not in full accord with the provisions of the Accounts Order but he believed the same would receive careful attention in the future; and advised the Commissioners to exercise greater oversight in matters hitherto left too much in the hands of their clerk.

He did not think it necessary to give his reasons for surcharging all the items on the Gas account, together with a few payments which had been improperly drawn from the Harbour account, previous to the appointment of Mr Kavanagh, having done so in a previous report; but he referred to the responsibility incurred by the Board in allowing one official only, to read meters, collect amounts due, and accounts for same without any check whatsoever.

The amount due to Harbour Rate account from Town Rate account on the 31st March 1907 was £308-17-9, including the small sum referred to above.

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Attention was drawn to the fact that though the late Town Clerk was not bound by the conditions laid down on his appointment to obtain security for himself, he had nevertheless at the audit of the last accounts promised to obtain a bond. This, however, he appeared to have overlooked getting done.

Whilst eulogising the manner in which under adverse conditions the late acting clerk Mr James Byrne, had performed his duties, the auditor drew attention to the lateness of the audit but said it was owing to the delay on the part of the late clerk in sending in the Abstracts.

Statement
of Commission-
ers re surcharge
Year ended
31st. March
1907

The following Statement of the Commissioners drafted by Mr. F. A. S. King, dated June 3rd was read: -

Surcharges on No. 1. account: - We would lay before the Local Government Board the following grounds for appealing against the surcharges on account of Gas Works.

The Arklow Town Commissioners having in misapprehension of their powers in the matter undertaken the construction and working of a gas-works for lighting the streets of the Town and private lighting some five years ago were, during the Audit held in May 1907 for the year ended 31st March 1906, surcharged in a large amount; on appeal to the Local Government Board and the facts of the case being stated by a

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deputation of the Commissioners, the Board was pleased to remit all the amounts so surcharged and to advise the deputation that the Commissioners should first obtain Counsel's opinion as to their powers for working the Gas Works, and in the event of that opinion being adverse they should prepare a project for Urbanization of the Town; and that pending the determination of the project of urbanization the gas-works could be carried on by the Commissioners as heretofore.

In accordance with the Local Government Board's Orders, Counsel's opinion was duly obtained and forwarded to the L. G. B. and the opinion being adverse, Mr Fleming, Solicitor, has collected statistics and a petition is now being signed for the Urbanization of the Town of Arklow. Seeing that we, the undersigned Commissioners, have carried out with the least possible delay all the instructions received from the Local Government Board in the matter of the gas-works, and that in carrying on the works we did so with the knowledge and approval of the L. G. B. as expressed to our deputation on the 16th of July 1904, we feel confident that the surcharges, now imposed and which we understand are merely formal, pending determination of the Urbanization petition, may be remitted.

Surcharges on No. 2. Account.

The amounts paid to Messrs Roche and Nicholson represented their wages as lamplighters for one month each. The amounts having

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been paid out of No 2 account through an error of the late clerk may now be refunded from No 1 Account.

The payment of ten shillings to Mr J. F. Evans was for expenses incurred by him in going to Dublin to get Rate Books rectified after the death of the former Town Clerk, Mr Gormly.

Mr Evans was paid a sum of £ 1 0 0 for his whole expenses to Dublin on that occasion; as his duty there was with reference to Rates Books for both Town account and Harbour account the expenditure was divided equally on both accounts and the Auditor has passed the item charged on Town account £ 0 10 0, but disallowed that charged on Harbour account although the work done by Mr Evans for each account was exactly alike.

Remission
of above
surcharges

On the 10th of July 1908 the L. G. B. Dublin wrote,

Sir,

The Local Government Board for Ireland have under consideration the applications to them from the persons aggrieved, against the surcharges made by the auditor at the Audit of the Accounts of the Arklow Town Commissioners for the year ended 31st March 1907, being partly in respect of payments for the manufacture and supply of Gas, and partly in

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respect of payments out of the Harbour Rate account for purposes not authorised by the Arklow Harbour Act 1882.

The Board have inquired into the lawfulness of the reasons stated by the Auditor for making the surcharges in question, and have found that the surcharges were lawfully made, but that the subject matters thereof were incurred under such circumstances as to make remission fair and equitable; and they have made an order accordingly, copies of which are enclosed for the information of the applicants and Town Commissioners.

Attention

drawn to last
paragraph
but one in
letter of 13th
August 07.

The Board would, however, direct the attention of the Commissioners to the terms of the last paragraph but one of their letter of the 13th August 1907 in connection with previous surcharges of a similar nature.

I am,

Sir

Your obedient servant

A. R. Barlas, Secretary

The Town Clerk,
Arklow.

Application
for copy of
above letter

The letter referred to in the last paragraph of the above not being in the office the clerk wrote on the 13th July to the Local Government Board for a copy of the same.

The Board, under date, the 17th July 1908 wrote forwarding a copy as desired.

It ran thus:-

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Letter of 13th
August 1907

Local Government Board, Dublin
13th August, 1907

Sir

The Local Government Board for Ireland, have had under consideration the application to them, from the persons aggrieved, against surcharges of several sums, amounting in all to £299-0-6, made by the Auditor at the audit of the accounts of the Arklow Town Commissioners for the year ended 31st March 1906, being partly in respect of payments for the manufacture and supply of gas, and partly in respect of payments out of the Harbour Rate account for purposes totally unconnected with that account.

The Board have inquired into the lawfulness of the reasons stated by the Auditor for making the surcharges in question, and have found that the surcharges were lawfully made, but that the subject matters thereof were incurred under such circumstances as to make remission fair and equitable; and they have made an Order accordingly, copies of which are enclosed for the information of the applicants and Town Commissioners.

2nd last Para-
graph referred
to above con-
taining matter
relating to Town

The Local Government Board, at the same time, desire to remind the Com-
missioners that in future they must keep their Town Rate and Harbour Rate as two separate and distinct accounts, and that

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+ Harbour
Rate A/c.
as two sep-
arate accounts,
indebtedness
of Town to
Harb. account
etc.

no payments are to be made out of the Harbour Fund for any purposes other than those to which that fund is properly applicable. The Com-
missioners should take all the necessary steps to maintain their Town Rate account in such a position as to enable it to discharge all its liabilities, and the Board trust that the indebtedness of this account to the Harbour account will be speedily cleared off.

I am to add that the Local Government Board will shortly address the Commissioners on the subject of the lighting of the Town, with a view to legalising their position in the matter.

I am, Sir,

Your obedient servant
H. Courtenay

To
the Clerk,
Arklow Town Commissioners
Assistant Secretary.

Surcharge
Correspondence
to be given
to the Press.

The Clerk was directed to give all the above Correspondence and Auditor's Report to the Press.

The following cheques were ordered to be issued: -

	£	s	d
Cheques: - Chas. Tennant & Co. Belfast on 1/4 carbide	50	0	0
Transfer from No 1 1/4 to No 2 1/4	50	0	0
J. Foxe (5 weeks wages gas making)	4	7	6
Browne & Nolan, 1/4 furnished	7	6	0
Carried Forward	£104	15	0

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	£	s	d
Brought Forward	104	15	0
"Wicklow People" Revised a/c	1	10	0
Helys Ltd To a/c Furnished	2	7	3
"Wicklow News Letter (3 advertisements)	1	11	0
Town Clerk's Incidentals as shown in statement		13	0
Wm Neill, drawing 10 barrels of water	1	8	
Joseph Kavanagh To a/c Furnished	5	6	
John Hempenstall To a/c Furnished	7	0	
Total	111	10	5

Hugh Byrne Chairman
 7-9-08

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Special Meeting August 17th 1908

A Special Meeting of the Arklow Town Commissioners was held in their Office, Court House, Arklow, on Monday the 17th August 1908 for the purpose of electing two lamplighters for the coming lighting season, and also to receive tenders for oil

- The following Members were present: -
 Messrs R. Kearon J.P. (in the chair)
 S. Henderson
 J. Mc. Cullagh
 J. Birthistle
 E. Murray
 W. Merrigan
 L. O'Toole
 M. Waldron
 D. Kavanagh

On the proposition of Mr J. Birthistle, seconded by Mr. R. Kearon and passed unanimously takes the chair Mr R. Kearon, in the absence of the regular chairman, Mr. Hugh Byrne J.P. took the chair.

The clerk read the requisitions covering Requisitions the Meeting, which were contained in the Minutes for Meeting of the Special Meeting of July 21st last, and the Adjourned Monthly Meeting of the 6th of August 1908 respectively.

Lamplighters' applications were received from the following: -
 Marks Reilly Boomey Lane
 Joseph Fitzgerald Wexford Road
 Lawrence Kavanagh Wexford Road
 and Edward Murray. Boomey Lane

Ed. Murray proposed It was proposed by Mr. W. Merrigan and seconded by Mr. M. Waldron that Edward Murray be elected

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Joseph Fitzgerald proposed for the position of lamplighter. It was proposed by Mr L. O'Toole and seconded by Mr M. Waldron that Joseph Fitzgerald be elected.

Laurence Kavanagh proposed It was proposed by Mr S. Henderson and seconded by Mr J. Mc. Cullagh that Laurence Kavanagh be elected.

Marks Reilly proposed It was proposed by Mr T. Birthistle and seconded by Mr J. Mc. Cullagh that Marks Reilly be elected.

Laurence Kavanagh & Ed. Murray elected. On a vote being taken, there resulted as follows:-

- Laurence Kavanagh five votes
Edward Murray five votes
Marks Reilly four
and Joseph Fitzgerald two.

Orders given to commence work on the 20th instant. Laurence Kavanagh and Edward Murray were therefore declared elected by the Chairman and the clerk was directed to notify them of the fact, and to give them general instructions. They were to commence work on Thursday the 20th inst.

Agreement ordered to be got ready An agreement was also ordered to be got ready for the next Monthly Meeting to be signed by the newly elected lamplighters.

Oil Tenders. The next business to be proceeded with was the consideration of oil tenders.

P. Boland & J. J. Kavanagh tendered for same, but as the latter's tender was sent in after the prescribed time (12 o'clock noon of same day) the question was raised as to whether

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Dispute as to legality of Kavanagh's tender it should be opened or not. The clerk was then requested to read the minutes ordering him to get out Tenders for above, but as he had not entered the time, it was contended by some of the members that Mr. Kavanagh's tender was legal.

Others went on the grounds that since the time was stated on the Notices, a copy of which the clerk produced, the tender was illegal.

Mr. Kavanagh's tender not accepted & Mr. P. Boland receives the tender. It was ultimately agreed not to open it. On the proposition of Mr L. O'Toole, seconded by Mr. S. Henderson, it was, therefore unanimously agreed to accept Mr. Boland's tender. As there were two classes of oil mentioned in his tender, Royal Daylight at 6 3/4 per gal and Brown Diamond at 6 1/2 per gal. it was decided to accept the Royal Daylight, to be delivered as the Commissioners required it.

The clerk was ordered to acquaint Messrs Boland of the fact.

Quotations for Burners Maguire & Gatchell Ltd. Dublin, wrote giving quotations for oil-burners, Hinks' Duplex without galleries at 28/6 per. doz. & 1 1/2" Paragon at 36/6 per. doz. Curtis & Sons, who had been previously requested to quote, also wrote, asking for particulars of burners. Particulars were sent but as an answer had not been received in time for the Meeting the matter was left in the hands of the clerk, with directions to accept the lowest tender.

The following letter was received from the Admiral in command of the Atlantic Fleet.

P. J. O.

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"Exmouth" at Portsmouth
13th August 1908

Visit of the
Atlantic Fleet.
Letter from
the Admiral

Sir,

I have the honour to inform you that a Division of the Atlantic Fleet, under my command, is under orders to visit Arklow, and is due to arrive there on the 22nd of August and leave again on the 24th of August.

2. Every possible facility will be given to visitors to see the ships,

I have the honour to be,

Sir

Your obedient Servant,

A. E. Cuzon-Howe.

Vice Admiral

Commander-in-Chief.

This Worship

The Mayor of Arklow.

No action
decided to be
taken in the
matter.

As a special Meeting had not been called for the purpose of dealing with the above, no action was decided to be taken in the matter; but out of courtesy the Town Clerk was directed to acknowledge the receipt of the letter.

The meeting then terminated.

Hugh Byrne Chairman
7. 9. 08

Monthly Meeting Sept. 7th 1908

The usual Monthly Meeting of the Arklow Town Commissioners was held in their Office Court House Arklow on Monday 7th September 1908.

The following were present:-

Messrs H. Byrne J. P. (Chairman)

R. Kearon J. P.

S. Henderson

D. Kavanagh

F. Tyrrell

W. Merrigan

The Minutes of the last Monthly Abortive Meeting, Adjourned Monthly Meeting, and Special Meeting of August 17th were read, but before being signed by the Chairman, Mr D. Kavanagh said his name was entered in the Special Meeting of August 17th as voting for the lamplighters, he not being present for that part of the Meeting; adding it was also announced in the papers.

Mr. Kavanagh states his name was entered in Minutes as voting for lamplighters

In recording the voting no names were entered by the clerk, but simply the number of votes obtained by each candidate, and which record corresponded with the original, which the clerk produced.

Probably Mr. Kavanagh seeing his name entered in the list of Members attending the Meeting, understood it to be coupled with those voting for the lamplighters.

The matter was allowed to drop.

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L.G. Backledge
letter on Re-
mission of Sur-
charges

An acknowledgment of the letter of the Commissioners, dated the 7th August last, in reference to the Remission of Sur-charges, was received from the Local Govt. Board.

Licences to
store for
sale Petrol

The following sent in applications for licences to store for sale the article Petrol: Messrs George H. D'Arcy; Thomas E. Greene and H. C. Rowe Ph. C. Mr. D'Arcy also applied for a licence for carbide of calcium.

The clerk wrote for instructions previous to the Meeting to the Local Govt. Board, and the following reply was received.

Local Government Board
Dublin
3rd Sept. 1908

Sir

Letter of L.G.B.
in reference
to licences

With reference to your letter of the 28th ultimo, relative to the storing of Petrol, &c. in Arklow Town, I am directed by the Local Government Board for Ireland to refer you to the provisions of the Petroleum Acts 1871 and 1879, with regard to the granting of licences for the purpose referred to, and also to the Home Secretary's Regulations, dated 31st July 1907 (copy of which is enclosed herewith) on the same subject.

As regards the storage of calcium

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carbide, the Board do not feel themselves in a position to advise you as to the course that should be adopted, but they would point out that this is a dangerous substance, which gives off a highly inflammable gas if brought into contact with damp air; and if it is proposed to keep this substance in the same premises as petroleum, it would appear that the Commissioners should consider the matter very carefully before issuing a licence under the Petroleum Acts.

Licences
Continued

I am, Sir,

Your obedient servant

H. Courtenay

Assistant Secretary

To

The Town Clerk

Arklow.

After considerable discussion the Chairman proposed that a small committee of three, with the Town Clerk, at the first opportunity, inspect the premises of the persons concerned, and that the Head Constable be also requested to attend.

The following were deputed as members to form a committee

Messrs J. Birthistle

D. Kavanagh

J. Henderson

The Clerk was directed to write to the Local Government Board for copy of Licence for the inspection of premises and to the Under-

Secretary

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Secretary, Dublin Castle, to know who is the authority in the granting of such licences, the Town Commissioners or the Harbour Board.

A letter was received from the Superintendent Inland Revenue Office, Dublin, asking for a list of the Pension Committees and sub-committees for Arklow.

Pension Committee formed.

No Committee having been formed the Chairman proposed that a committee be at once formed, and he had great pleasure in proposing the Whole Board, which was seconded by Mr Henderson, and passed unanimously.

A Bill for £72.18.6 was received from Mr. P. Boland and after discussion as to the amount which should be paid now, it was agreed to submit £30 on account.

£30 paid to P. Boland on a/c

Mr Henderson brought before the notice of the Board that in the Report of the Special Meeting of the 17th August in the local Papers certain words were attributed to him which were not mentioned by him at all, and he had received great annoyance thereupon.

Mr Henderson mis-quoted in the local Papers.

The Chairman, while making the suggestion that Mr Henderson ~~he~~ might have written to the local papers himself to contradict the matter, took this opportunity of strongly condemning the manner in which of late the Meetings of the Commissioners were reported. He said it was once a pleasure to attend the Meetings, but now owing to the above mentioned cause it was

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absolutely distasteful to do so.

Promise being made by the "Wicklow People" Reporter, none other being present at this junction of the Meeting, to have the statement contradicted the discussion on the matter closed.

The Sun Gas Co. Dublin wrote soliciting orders for carbide, but as they did not quote prices the clerk was directed to write to them for same.

Quotations for carbide

Quotations were received from H. Dalton, Skelmanthorpe Nr. Huddersfield, but his prices were considered high; to which effect the clerk was requested to write.

Messrs Chas. Tennant & Co. Belfast wrote expressing surprise at being asked to give Town Clerk rebate of a small balance on £100 of £4.9.3, and said they would do so conditionally. The Town Clerk was ordered to answer the letter on its merits, and to call attention to a rise in their price of carbide from £12.15.4 to £13 of £4.9.3 per ton.

The lamplighters signed their agreement at this meeting, it first having been read to them. The Chairman endeavoured to disabuse them of the idea that directly the moonlights set in they were free from lighting such being the case only when the moon gave sufficient light.

The licence for the storing of carbide in the Gas-works not being renewed this year the clerk drew the attention of the Board to this fact, and he was ordered to have the same sent to the Harbour Board Commissioners for

Renewal of carbide licence in Gas-house

Monthly Meeting October 5th 1908 cont'd

Resolution re
Town Clerk's
letter Wicklow
on change in
service of
D. & S. Rly.

A letter was read from the clerk to the Urban Council, Wicklow, drawing attention to certain proposed changes in the service of the D. & S. Rly. and asking that strong measures be adopted to prevent same.

After considerable discussion as to the form the resolution should take the following proposed by Mr. D. Kavanagh and seconded by Mr. W. Merrigan was passed nem. con.

That a public Meeting be called for Monday 19th inst. at 10 o'clock and that delegates from the principal towns between Wicklow and Wexford be invited to attend.

The clerk was directed to do this and acknowledge the letter of the Town Clerk Wicklow.

Tenders for
lime and
tins received

*Lime and
tins received
paid 16/3/09*

Tenders for lime as advertised were received from Messrs G. H. Darcy and George Kearon the former at 23/- and the latter at 26/- which was accepted.

John Fox Wexford Road and Chris. Byrne Ballintombay tendered for tins at 7^d & 9^d respectively the latter being accepted.

*Paints
Oil coats
ordered from
Elvery 1-1-0*

The clerk was given permission to obtain oil-coats from Messrs Elvery for the lamplighters as before.

Mr. D. Kavanagh speaking for the committee appointed to inspect the premises of Messrs Darcy, Green & Rowe

Monthly Meeting October 5th 1908 cont'd

Petrol &
carbide
licences
granted.

applicants for Petrol and carbide licences, reported favourably thereon. Attention was drawn to the fact that Mr Rowe had no lock on his store but promised to get one. (Mr King left the Meeting about this period) The Board having agreed to grant Licences to the above the clerk was ordered to get ready same for the next Meeting and to have them signed.

The following letter in reference to the granting of Petrol & carbide Licences by the Commissioners was received from the Under Secretary, Dublin Castle.

23rd Sept. 1908

Sir,

Letter from
Under Sec.
Dublin Castle
re granting
of Petrol etc
licences by
Commissioners

In reply to your letter of the 8th instant, in which you inquire whether the Arklow Town Commissioners or the Harbour Board are the Local Authority under the Petroleum Acts 1871, &c., for the issue of licenses for the sale of petrol and carbide of calcium, I have to inform you that the Lords Justices are advised that their Excellencies cannot be called upon to advise a Local Body in the matter, and that such Local Body must act on the advise of their private adviser.

I am to add, however, that the Local Authorities under the Petroleum Acts are defined in section 8 of the Act of 1871, which appears to prescribe that the Harbour Board are the Local Authority within the area of

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their jurisdiction and the Town Commissioners the Local Authority in the portion of the town of Arklow outside that jurisdiction.

I am
Sir
Your obedient servant
J. B. Dougherty
The Town Clerk
Arklow.

Query Wicklow Press on price for insertion of Abstracts. Aug. 22.

A bill being received from the Wicklow Press in which their price for insertion of Abstracts of Aps was considerably higher than that charged by the Wicklow People the clerk was directed to call their attention to this.

The following Resolution proposed by Mr. D. Kavanagh and seconded by Mr. P. Kavanagh was carried, Mr. J. Tyrrell dissenting.

Resolved

That we desire to record our protest against the partisan and arbitrary action of the Prime Minister in preventing the Eucharistic Congress late assembled in London from carrying out the programme of their proceedings, especially as all the public arrangements were known to the Government for weeks before-hand and they gave no intimation until

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the last moment of interfering with the civil and religious liberties of Millions of Catholics who inhabit these countries.

Lights dim on Ferry. bank. Lamplighters attention called.
The Town Clerk reported Mr King's observation to him of the lamps on Ferrybank being dim on a couple of occasions. The clerk said he drew the attention of the lamplighters to this, and there not being much improvement the first night he again spoke of the matter when the lights were better.

The chairman asked him (the clerk) to keep a strict eye on the lamplighters to see they did their work properly.

The following cheques were passed for payment:-

	£	s	d
Chas. Tennant & Co. Belfast (Aug 5 th ton carbide)	12	15	4
Wicklow People, insertion of Abstracts,	1	4	0
D. & J. C. Pky. carriage on two parcels	1	2	
J. W. Barrett. Incidentals	11	4	
T. Hall, sundries	1	13	11
J. Fox 5 weeks' wages in gas-house	4	7	6
L. Kavanagh 4 weeks' lamplighting	3	4	0
Ed. Murray ditto	3	4	0
W ^m . Neill drawing water & carbide	4	4	0

Total £ 27-5-3

Hugh Byrne Chairman
2-11-08

Monthly Meeting Nov. 2nd 1908

The usual Monthly Meeting of the Arklow Town Commissioners was held in their Office, Court House, Arklow, on Monday 2nd November, 1908 at 7. p. m.

The following Members were present:-

- Messrs H. Byrne J. P. (Chairman)
- D. Kavanagh
- S. Henderson
- W. Merrigan
- P. Kavanagh
- T. Birthistle
- W. Waldron

The Minutes of the last Monthly Meeting were read, but before being signed by the Chairman, Mr P. Kavanagh asked whether the Resolution on the Eucharistic Congress was not ordered to be sent to the Archbishop of Dublin. It was the opinion of the Board and of the Clerk that such was not the case; the matter then dropped.

A letter was read for the Board's consideration from the Postmaster of Gorey relating to proposed changes in the attendance at sub-postoffices, the particular one in question being Ferrybank. The present attendance is from 7 a.m. to 8 p. m. and in the new arrangement

Discussion on Minutes re Eucharistic Congress before signing

Post-Office (Sub) changes. Re Ferrybank. Hours not agreed to

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the hours would be from 10 a. m. to 6. p. m. In the interests of the Public it was proposed by Mr. S. Henderson, seconded by Mr. W. Waldron and passed unanimously that no alterations take place.

Mr. Wake, Secretary to the County Wicklow Technical Instruction Committee wrote saying his committee intend erecting lamps outside the Technical School at Mr. L. O. Tooles and also outside the school at the convent, and, whether, in view of this the Commissioners would light them with acetylene gas, provided they (the committee) kept them in repair. It was agreed that the lights not being in any thoroughfare that the request could not be conceded to.

Letters were received from the Dublin & S. E. Rly, the Secretary Rly. Commission London, and Messrs John Muldoon, M. P. James O'Connor, M. P. and Thomas Sexton acknowledging the receipt of the Resolution of the Public Meeting of the 19th October.

The Clerk reported an interview on the 26th Oct. re train alterations, between Mr. Coghlan, Traffic Manager, Dublin & S. E. Rly. and some of the members present at the Meeting of the 19th Oct.

As a result of this interchange of views Mr Coghlan wrote on the 30th Oct. that his company would run full service

Letter from Mr. Wake, Sec. Co. Wicklow Technical committee re lighting of certain lamps with gas not agreed to.

Letters ackldg receipt of Resolution of Public Meeting re D. & S. Eastern train service

Interview re Rly changes

Result of Interview Xmas week

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train service of trains during Christmas Week, Xmas Day excepted

The Chairman, for Mr King, and Mr D. Kavanagh handed in letters of a similar nature.

Correspondence on above to be sent to Bunis-corthy + Wicklow Representatives at Public Meeting.

The Clerk was requested to send copies of all Official letters on the above subject to the Bunis-corthy Representatives present at the Public Meeting of 19th Oct. and also to Mr. J. Mc. Carroll of Wicklow.

Licence for storing Carbide received from D. + S. Rly.

An application was received from the Dublin + S. Rly. for a licence to store carbide. Before granting same the same routine was ordered to be gone through as was done with previous applicants.

Written Statement re Rebate £4-9-3 to be obtained from Tennant + Co. Belfast.

The representative of Messrs Tennant + Co. Belfast having stated in an interview with the Town Clerk that his company would grant a rebate of £4-9-3 outstanding, the Clerk was requested to write for a written statement to that effect.

Application from Dollard Dublin for orders for Paper of Irish Manufacture

Messrs Dollard, Dublin wrote soliciting orders for paper of Irish manufacture. The document was received with kindly consideration and the Clerk was ordered to get prices from the above company and if favourable to get his paper there henceforth.

Licences to store

Licences to store Petrol and in one

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Carbide + Petrol signed and sealed

instance Carbide granted at the last Meeting to Messrs Darcy, Greene + Rowe were signed and sealed at this Meeting.

Reynold's gas connection cut off

On account of the non-usage of the meter at Mrs Reynolds Lr. Main, St. the Clerk was ordered to turn off the cock in the street and to note reading of the meter every month as usual.

Investigation re Bad Lights, fault at Gas Premises.

Customers ordered to be acquainted of the fact.

Certain persons having reported bad lights in their shops instructions were given to the Gas Committee to visit the Gas House and try and ascertain the cause of this defect; and the Clerk was directed to tell the complaining parties of the above proceedings and the fault lay not in the cocks but at the Gas Premises.

Meeting called to consider all night lighting.

A lighting Committee was ordered to be called for Monday the 9th inst. to consider arrangements for all night lighting and the Clerk was directed to look up the minutes of last year in connection therewith.

Lar. Kavanagh to come before next Monthly Meeting to give reasons for neglecting to light two lamps. Town Clerk's

Laurence Kavanagh, lamplighter, having neglected to light two oil lamps near the Railway Station on the night of the 1st Nov. instructions were given to have him come before the next Monthly Meeting to give his reasons for not lighting the aforesaid lamps.

The Clerk reported his Probation would expire on the 21st inst. It was agreed to consider the matter at the next Meeting.

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appointment
(Permanent) to be
considered at next
Meeting.

John Fox, gas-man sent in a tender for tins, but as tenders had not been invited it was not accepted. The clerk was directed to invite tenders for the next Meeting.

Tin Tender not accepted, as no Notice was invited.

Return of fines to be got out + comparison of People + Press

A return of fines was ordered to be got out for the Board's information and the clerk was requested to compare the prices for advertisements between the Wicklow People and Press papers covering the period of the latter's last bill; all to be got ready for the next Monthly Meeting.

Bills to be got ready for next Meeting

Permission for Bolt for Door

The clerk was given permission to get a bolt for the door of the Comms. Room leading out on to the gallery.

Cheques:-

Cheques for the following were passed for payment:-

Chas. Tennant + Co. Belfast	£	s	d
1 ton of carbide Sept. 3 rd	12	15	4
Sun Gas Co, 2 tons carbide " 25 th	24	10	0
Wicklow Press, revised account	5	6	10
" Rev. Notice of Audit	6	0	0
Elvery + Co, Dublin 2 suits oil-skins	1	1	0
J. Fox. Four weeks' wages in gas-house	3	10	0
Lar. Kavanagh 4 week's wages lamplighting	3	4	0
Ed. Murray " "	3	4	0
Mrs Annie Nicholson 1/2 year's salary			
fuel + attendance	1	5	0
Maguire + Hatchell, Burners	3	5	0
Forward	58	7	2

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J. Kavanagh Printer 500 Monthly Notices	£	s	d
Wm Neill, drawing water + carbide	0	6	0
Owen Walsh, Repairs to Gas Plant	5	0	0
J.W. Barrett. Incidentals (as shown in statement)	14	11	0
	£	59	18-1

Asph Byrne Chairman
7-12-08.

Monthly Meeting Dec. 7th 1908

The usual Monthly Meeting of the Arklow Town Commissioners was held in their Office, Court House, Arklow, on Monday 7th. December 1908 at 7 o'clock, p. m.

The following Members were present:-

- Messrs H. Byrne J. P. (Chairman)
- J. Tyrrell.
- P. Kavanagh
- W. Waldron
- L. O'Toole
- W. Merrigan

Minutes signed

The Minutes of the last Monthly Meeting having been read and agreed to were duly signed by the Chairman

Further correspondence re Ferrybank Post-Office. Hours 9 a.m. - 7 p.m. agreed

The Postmaster, Gorey, wrote asking if the Board would agree to have the hours for Ferrybank Post-Office fixed at 9 a.m. to 7 p.m.

This was agreed to.

Letter from Recruiting Officer Wicklow "Read"

A memorandum was received from the Recruiting Officer Wicklow, in reference to the Special Reserve as a means of solving the unemployed problem.

The letter was mared Read.

Correspondence from Sun Gas Co re delay in sending Carbide

The Sun Gas Co. Dublin wrote expressing regret at delay in forwarding the last carbide, and said it was owing to the vessel carrying the cargo being detained

Reduction in price

Owing to a reduction in prices they

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of carbide

2 tons ordered

also quoted £ 11-10-0 F.O.B. for carbide.

The clerk was directed to order two tons immediately.

Audit fees.

An Order from the Local Government Board for Audit fees for the year ended 31st. March 08 was received at this Meeting.

Payment was ordered.

Tenders

for Lime

& Tins

O.Kavanagh

accepted

for Lime

Said

Tenders for Lime and Tins as advertised were received from the following:-

Owen Kavanagh, Proby's Row 15/- and George Kearon, King's Hill 10/6 for lime.

The former tender proposed by Mr. Waldron and seconded by Mr O'Toole was accepted.

John Fox, Wexford Road, tendered 1/3 per doz. for large drums and 7d per doz. for small.

John Lawlor, Blonwilliam, Woodenbridge, tendered 1/5 + 7d respectively.

J. Byrne's

Rockbog gets

tins.

Said

John Hempenstall, Wexford Rd. tendered 1/6 1/2 and 7d and James Byrne, Rockbog, 1/7 and 7^d respectively.

The last Tender proposed by Mr. W. Waldron and seconded by Mr. H. Byrne was accepted.

Re Doctor

Hamilton's

application

for more

light

After the above business was finished Mr. Peter Kavanagh asked if any communication was received from Dr. Hamilton.

There being no letter he requested to be allowed to ask the Board if they would grant permission for a lamp to be left lighting outside the Doctor's House as people frequently stumbled going in and out to

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the Dispensary at night

Nearest Lamp to be left lighting non-moonlights for Dec. 08 and Jan. 09.

It was unanimously agreed to that the lamp nearest Dr. Hamilton's be left lighting all night during the period of non-moonlights for the months of December and January.

The clerk received instructions to this effect.

The confirmation of the Town Clerk's appointment next came up for discussion.

Town Clerk's appointment confirmed

It was proposed by Mr. H. Byrne, Chairman, seconded by Mr. P. Kavanagh and passed unanimously that the Town Clerk be declared permanently appointed from this date.

Mr. Mahon's Gas Bill re J. Greene's House Bridge St.

The Clerk reported having written twice for a bill of 16/6 for gas for Oct. 08 to the late occupier, a photographer, of Mr Greene's House Bridge Street, and could not obtain it.

Letter to be written to Landlord & Tenant.

Directions were given to formally inform the Landlord and Tenant of the aforesaid house about the matter and to have it settled.

Lamps smashed on Bridge and Burner and Globes taken on Ferrybank

It was also brought before the Board that on Friday and Saturday nights last lamps were broken on the Bridge and a Burner and two globes taken out of two lamps on Ferrybank. The clerk stated he reported the matter to the police on Monday

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£1 Reward offered for apprehension of bulprits

It was considered very serious and to put a stop to this sort of practice it was ordered that posters be got out stating that £1 reward would be offered for information which would lead to the capture of the malefactors.

Having regard to a fall in the price of carbide the Chairman stated that he would bring before the Board at the next Monthly Meeting the following proposal:-

Price of carbide. Notice of Motion to reduce gas per 100 ft 4/- to 3/4.

That the price of Gas be lowered from 4/- to 3/4 per 100 ft. as before while the price of carbide remained at the present figure or thereabouts, and if this be passed that it take effect as from the 1st. Jan. 1909.

Lar. Kavanagh come before Board to give reasons for non lighting of lamps. Let off with Caution.

Lawrence Kavanagh, lamplighter, came before the Board to give his reasons for not lighting the two lamps as stated in the last Monthly Minutes.

His explanation was not considered satisfactory, but, however, as it was his first offence the Board were inclined to deal lightly with him, and let him off with the caution that if it occurred again he would receive severer punishment

Gas-man's Monthly Report.

The following Report was sent in by the gas-man:-

To the Town Clerk. There are 10 cwts of carbide in stock. I have worked out 2 cwts. of Sun-

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light carbide and 2 cuts. of Tennants. Each worked out alike.

The Cistern is completed. It is 8ft. by 10 and 3ft. 9 in. in depth.

The lamps that were broken on Ferrybank are repaired. You will have to give Murray the lamplighter a new burner as one of them was taken. The Plant is in fair working order.

Yours
John Fox. Gas-man.

Statement of comparison re "People" + "Press" Bills.

A statement of comparison of charges between the Press and People for advertising was read for the Board as requested at the last meeting.

"Press" Bill higher than "People's". Estimate to be obtained from "People", to have "Press" the same.

As it was found that the prices of the former paper were considerably above the latter's for the same work, the clerk was requested in future to get an estimate from the "People" and then to ask the "Press" if they would advertise for the same amount as their neighbour.

Return of fines £ 11-5-6 outstanding

The clerk also placed before the Board a Return of Fines in which it was stated that £ 11-5-6 was outstanding.

Police to be asked to have fines in as soon as possible

As this amount extended over a considerable period the clerk was requested to inform the police about it and to ask them to have the fines

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in as soon as possible. Cheques. Cheques for the following were passed for payment:-

	£	s	d
William Neill, Carting Old tins, Water, Carbide etc.	0	14	0
G. W. Wilson, Stationery	4	10	
Secretary L. G. B. Audit Fees	2	10	0
Sun Gas Co. 1 ton carbide + 4 Boxes Purifying Earth	13	13	0
Thos. Kavanagh, Barrow Requisites	13	8	
Arklow Brick Works, L. Goods	3	2	9
J. W. Barrett, Quarters Salary No 1. etc.	10	0	0
" " " " 2 " "	2	10	0
J. Fox # wages in Gas-house (4 weeks)	3	10	0
Lar. Kavanagh' wages for Lamplighting	4	0	0
Ed. Murray wages " (5 weeks)	4	0	0
Total.	£44	18	3

Hugh Byrne Chairman
4-1-09

Monthly Meeting 4th. Jan. 1909

The usual Monthly Meeting of the Arklow Town Commissioners was held in their office, Court House, Arklow on Monday 4th. January 1909 at 7 o'clock p.m.

The following Members were present:-

Messrs H. Byrne J.P. (Chairman)
 D. Kavanagh
 R. Kearon J.P.
 M. Waldron
 L. O'Toole
 W. Merrigan
 S. Henderson
 P. Kavanagh
 F. Tyrrell

Minutes signed

The Minutes of the last Monthly Meeting having been read and agreed to were duly signed by the Chairman.

Letter from the D.I., R.I.C. in reference to broken lamps etc.

The District Inspector R.I.C. Arklow wrote stating that full inquiries had been made into the matter of the broken lamps, etc. mentioned in the last minutes, but that the offenders could not be discovered; also that every precaution would be taken to safeguard the Ratepayers' Property

Correspondence re manner in which Carbide was sent on

A communication acknowledging the Receipt of a letter complaining of the manner in which the last carbide was sent, and stating that the subject

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the 19th. Dec. - matter thereof was receiving immediate attention was sent by the Traffic Manager D. V.S.E. Ply.

In answer thereto the Clerk was directed to write stating that the subject was laid before the Board and that they required a full explanation of the matter.

The following Resolutions which were unanimously adopted were received from the Town Clerk, Glasgow.

Resolution from Glasgow Corporation on Taxation of Land Values adopted.

Corporation 19th. November 1908

"Looking to the fact that the Corporation of Glasgow have on several occasions approved of the principle of the Taxation of Land Values, and looking to what has occurred in Parliament, in connection with the matter, that the Corporation resolve to petition the Government to include in or in connection with, the next Budget the provision necessary to give effect to the principle of the Taxation of Land Values"

Corporation 17th December 1908.

"That a copy of the resolution adopted by the Corporation on the 19th. November 1908 on the subject of the Taxation of Land Values, be forwarded to all the local authorities who formerly co-operated with the Corporation in pressing the matter upon the attention of Parliament, with a request that these local authorities should also pass a similar resolution and forward it to the Government."

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Letter from the International Exhibition London "Read"

A document from the Commissioner General Imperial International Exhibition, London asking for co-operation was laid before the Board but no action was proposed to be taken in the matter.

Application for more light in Back Street granted.

Mr. John Kearon 12, Fair Green, Arklow wrote asking for an extra lamp in Back St. as the place was very dark

It was proposed by Mr. S. Henderson seconded by Mr. F. Tyrrell and passed unanimously that the application be granted. As it was not known where a lamp could be set up Messrs H. Byrne (Chairman) R. Kearon and L. O'Boole with the Town Clerk were deputed to inspect the locality in question after this moonlight and settle the matter.

Disqualification of Mr. A. Mc. Gowan for non-attendance declared special Meeting called for Monday 11th at 7 p.m. (see next page)

The disqualification of Mr. A. Mc. Gowan for non-attendance for six consecutive months came up for Discussion.

Mr. Mc. Gowan who appeared before the Board gave as his reasons for absence that he was in Liverpool at the November Meeting of the Commissioners and in Dublin at the December Meeting; he also stated that he was present at a Meeting since the time stated in the minutes viz. 21st. May last, but as there was no record by the clerk of any attendance by Mr. Mc. Gowan since the above date the latter agreed to abide by the minutes.

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His disqualification was therefore unanimously declared, notification thereof being given according to the Local Government (Ireland) Act 1898 Sec. 10. page 233 and handed to Mr. Mc. Gowan, and at the motion of Mr. S. Henderson seconded by Mr. F. Tyrrell & passed nem. con. the clerk was directed a call a special Meeting for Monday 11th inst. at 7 p.m. for the purpose of filling the vacancy on the Board caused by Mr. Mc. Gowan's disqualification for non-attendance.

Price of Gas lowered from 4/- to 3/4 per 100 ft.

Mr. H. Byrne, having given notice at the last Meeting, proposed that the price of gas be lowered from 4/- to 3/4 per 1000 ft. i.e. from 4/- to 3/4 per 100ft.

Gas-man's Report.

Mr. W. Waldron seconded, all the members agreeing. John Fox, gas man, reported that there was 1 ton 6 cwt. of Carbide in stock and that the plant was in good working order.

Quotations for Carbide from H. Dalton Skelmanthorpe 1 ton ordered on conditions

H. Dalton, Skelmanthorpe, having sent quotations £ 11/10 per ton, Carbide the clerk was directed to order 1 ton if the above price included carriage to Dublin; he was also requested to ask for quotations carriage free to Arklow.

Rly. account carriage on Carbide re requested monthly

A bill for £10-2-4 carriage on carbide April 1908 to Dec. 1908, was received from the D. & E. Rly. Arklow. The clerk being asked if he was ever served with a statement before replied in the negative.

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As this was considered a long period to let a bill of this sort run over it was suggested that it would be better if bills such as these were sent in monthly or after every consignment.

Cheques

Cheques for the following were passed for payment:-

	£	s	d
John Fox 4 weeks' wages in Gas House	3	10	0
Ed. Murray 4 " " Lamplighting	3	4	0
Lar. Kavanagh do. do.	3	4	0
D. S. E. Pely. Carriage on Carbide April 08. to Dec. 08.	10	2	4
Clas. Tennant Ho. 2 tons Carbide 5 Nov. 08	23	11	5
JW Barrett, Incidentals Nov. 7 December	1	16	8
W ^m Keill Cartage on Carbide, Sand Water	9	6	
Mrs. Kate Kavanagh 8 yds flags 17 Dec. 09	1	2	0
Total	46	19	11

Michael Waldron

Special Meeting 11th. Jan. 1909

A Special Meeting of the Arklow Town Commissioners was held in their Office, Court House, Arklow, on Monday 11th. January for the purpose of filling the vacancy on the Board caused by the disqualification of Mr. A. Mc. Gowan for non-attendance.

The following members were present:-

Messrs H. Byrne J.P. (Chairman)
 F. Tyrrell
 W. Merrigan
 R. Kearon J.P.
 L. O'Toole
 C. Murray
 D. Kavanagh

Requisition
read

The clerk having read the Requisition convening the Meeting, which was contained in the Minutes of the Monthly Meeting of the 4th. Jan. 1909, the Chairman asked if any member had anyone to propose, upon which:-

Mr. Birthistle
proposed and
seconded.

Mr. L. O'Toole
objects

Mr. Mc. Gowan
proposed but
no seconder

Mr. R. Kearon proposed Mr. F. Birthistle and Mr. C. Murray seconded.

At this point Mr. O'Toole asked if Mr Birthistle could be co-opted before January 16th. but the chairman said he would be responsible and asked if anyone had any other person to propose, when Mr. Tyrrell proposed Mr. A. Mc. Gowan but as there was no seconder and Mr. Birthistle

Special Meeting 11th Jan '09 cont'd

Mr. Birthistle being the only member duly proposed and seconded the Chairman declared the latter elected, and the Clerk was directed to notify him to this effect.

The Meeting then terminated and the members dispersed.

Mr. Birthistle disqualified owing to nomination Paper sent in late.

Messrs Peter Kavanagh and Thos. Birthistle were the only members who sought re-election but the latter was disqualified owing to his nomination paper being sent in after the legal hour of 5 o'clock p.m. on Jan. 5th. 1909.

No Poll taken

This left three vacancies to be filled viz. those of Messrs Thos. Birthistle, John Mc. Cullagh and John Tyrrell. Their places were filled by Messrs William Kavanagh, Patrick Tracey and Charles Toole all of whom were duly and validly nominated.

As there were no nominations in excess of the number of vacancies no poll was taken and the following were duly declared elected: -

Messrs William Kavanagh
Patrick Tracey
Charles Toole
Peter Kavanagh

Election Notice

All the notices in connection with

Arklow Municipal Elections 15th Jan '09

Record of Proceedings

The following Commissioners retired by rotation: -

Arklow No 1 Urban: -

Messrs Peter Kavanagh
John Tyrrell
Thomas Birthistle
John Mc. Cullagh

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Patrick Tracey
Charles Toole
Peter Kavanagh

Election Notice

All the notices in connection with

Arklow Municipal Elections 15th Jan. 09. con.

complied with the elections and ordered by the Statute as to Notices were posted throughout the district.

Record of proceedings
Arklow No 2 Urban. Mr. Henderson elected unopposed.

In Arklow No 2 Urban The retiring member was Mr. Samuel Henderson who sought re-election and being unopposed was duly declared elected for that ward, notices in accordance with the Statute aforesaid having been posted throughout the district.

by Waldron
18th July 09

Annual Meeting January 23rd 1909

The Annual Meeting of the Arklow Town Commissioners was held in Commissioners Office, Court House, Arklow on Saturday the 23rd January 1909.

The following Commissioners were present:-

- Messrs H. Byrne J. P. (Chairman)
- P. Kavanagh
- M. Waldron
- J. Tyrrell
- W. Merrigan
- William Kavanagh
- Patrick Tracey
- Chas. Toole
- S. Henderson
- L. O'Toole

Mr. H. Byrne the outgoing Chairman occupied the temporary chair and the following newly elected Commissioners

Declarations made by new Members made the usual declaration accepting office. { Peter Kavanagh, William Kavanagh, Patrick Tracey, Charles Toole, Samuel Henderson. }

The Town Clerk read the List of attendances for the past year which was as follows:-

List of attendances for year 1907-1908	Names	Annual Meeting	Monthly Meeting	Special Meeting	Committee Meeting	Abortive Meeting	Total
	H. Byrne (Chairman)	1	11	5	12	0	29
	D. Kavanagh	1	9	4	9	1	24
	J. Bristhistle	0	8	5	9	1	23
	M. Waldron	1	7	6	8	0	22
	S. Henderson	1	8	4	7	0	20

S. T. O.

Annual Meeting 23rd Jan '09 Contd

Names	Annual Meeting	Monthly Meeting	Special Meeting	Committee Meeting	Abortive Meeting	Total
W. Merrigan	1	8	6	3	1	19
R. Heason	1	6	6	5	0	18
P. Kavanagh	1	7	6	1	1	16
J. A. King	1	4	3	6	0	14
F. Tyrrell	1	7	3	0	0	11
L. O'Loole	1	4	4	1	0	10
G. Murray	0	5	3	2	0	10
J. Tyrrell	1	4	3	0	0	8
A. Mc. Gowan	1	2	2	0	0	5
J. Mc. Cullagh	0	1	1	0	1	3

The next business of the Board was the election of a chairman for the coming year.

Mr. Byrne asked to retain office but refuses.

Mr. F. Tyrrell proposed that the present chairman retain his seat, which proposal was supported by Mr. S. Henderson, but Mr. Byrne strenuously refused to accept the office for the 3rd year on principle.

Mr. Waldron elected chairman

Mr. L. O'Loole then proposed Mr. M. Waldron and Mr. P. Kavanagh, seconded and the proposition was passed unanimously; the chairman duly declaring Mr. Waldron elected.

Chairman makes Declaration

The chair was then taken by Mr. Waldron, who having made the Statutory Declaration, thanked the members for electing him to the chair and promised to do all in his power

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to carry out the duties imposed upon him. The late chairman then handed over the key of the seal and the Receipt for the Town Clerk's Bond lodged with the Treasurer, Bank of Ireland.

A vote of thanks to the outgoing chairman (Mr. Byrne) was proposed by Mr. S. Henderson seconded by Mr. F. Tyrrell and supported by Messrs P. Kavanagh, L. O'Loole and M. Waldron and passed unanimously.

Mr. Byrne in returning the vote of thanks took the opportunity of making a few remarks on the work of the past five or six years.

Remarks of late chairman on past work:- Gas Plant No 2 A/c etc.

Six years ago a plant for the manufacture of gas was erected with very little capital. It was worth £800 when finished and has since paid so well that in 1907 £60 clear profit was made so that the Harbour Rate was reduced by one-half or 6^d in the £. In addition to this they held over a rood of ground for 99 years at the rent of £1 a year. There was only one little debt of £40 still remaining on the shed at the Gas House.

Continuing Mr. Byrne made reference to the surcharges started two years ago, which were an impediment to the successful carrying on of the Gas Lighting, but he believed, although the surcharges

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had all been remitted except for the past year, they were harshly treated over the matter and quoted Edenderry which like Arklow has a Gas Plant under Town Commissioners but has never been surcharged.

He (Mr Byrne) advised the Board to retain the Gas Plant at all costs as he firmly believed that in time through extension and otherwise the rates would be entirely relieved by it. In conclusion he dwelt on the fact that a few years ago money had unintentionally been wrongfully drawn from No 2 a/c for No 1 a/c. They had already paid back £100 and he was sure they would return another £50 this year.

Mr. Waldron having again thanked the members declared the meeting over.

Spencer Waldron
Chairman
18th 09

Special Meeting 29th Jan. 1909

A Special Meeting of the Arklow Town Commissioners was held in their Office Court House, Arklow on Friday 29th Jan. 1909 at 7 p. m. for the purpose of co-opting a Commissioner to fill a vacancy on the Board.

The following Members were present:-

Messrs M. Waldron (Chairman)

L. O'Loole

S. Henderson

W. Merrigan

P. Tracey

C. Loole

Requisition read, also a Letter from Mr. Birthistle declining to take office

Mr. A. Mc. Gowan proposed and seconded Mr. Mc. Gowan unanimously elected.

The Requisition convening the Meeting was read by the Clerk, also a letter from Mr. Birthistle thanking the Commissioners for co-opting him but declining to take a seat on the Board for some time as he could not find the necessary time to attend.

The Chairman then asked if any member had any person to propose whereupon Mr. L. O'Loole proposed Mr. A. Mc. Gowan and Mr. P. Tracey seconded, Mr. W. Merrigan supporting.

No other member was proposed and Mr. Mc. Gowan was therefore unanimously declared elected by the Chairman and the Town Clerk was directed to notify Mr. Mc. Gowan of

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his election.

This finished the business of the Meeting.

Michael Waldron
18th July 09

Monthly Meeting 1st February 1909

The usual Monthly Meeting of the Arklow Town Commissioners was held in their Office, Court House, Arklow on Monday the 1st February 1909 at 7 p. m.

The following members were present:-

Messrs M. Waldron (Chairman)

P. Tracey

Wm Kavanagh

W. Merrigan

P. Kavanagh

A. Mc. Gowan

L. O'Toole

Minutes

The minutes of the last Monthly Meeting, the Special Meeting of Jan. 11th. Discussion the Record of Municipal Elections Jan. 15th. on those the Annual Meeting Jan. 23rd and the of Jan 11th Special Meeting of Jan. 29th. were all read, before but before being signed a discussion signed. arose consequent upon the Minutes of the Special Meeting of Jan. 11th. aforesaid.

clerk

Mr. L. O'Toole asked the clerk if questioned he had been authorised by the Commis- as to au- sioners to contradict a statement made thorisatation in the "Wicklow People" in reference to the of state- co- option of Mr. Birthistle, as he saw a ment by report in the above paper to that effect. him in The clerk said he had not been authorised by the Commissioners, but he thought a "Wicklow People" matter like this should be dealt with in the Press. After a good deal of debating

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Minutes signed with the exception of those of Jan. 11th.

the matter was allowed to drop and the Chairman duly signed the Minutes of all the aforesaid Meetings with the exception of that of Jan. 11th. as the proceedings therein were illegal. The Clerk was directed to take a note of the non-signing of these Minutes.

Mr. Mc. Gowan signs his Declaration

Mr. A. Mc. Gowan attending for the first time since his co-optation accordingly read and signed the Statutory Declaration accepting office.

Explanatory letter from D. & S. E. Rly re carbide loaded in an open waggon

A communication was received from the D. & S. E. Rly. setting out their reasons why carbide was loaded in an ^{open} ~~empty~~ truck on Dec. 17th last. Their explanation was considered satisfactory and nothing more was moved to be done in the matter.

Delegates appointed to attend U. I. League Convention

The United Irish League, Dublin, wrote inviting delegates to their National Convention on February 9th. It was proposed by Mr. W. Merrigan seconded by Mr. P. Kavanagh and passed unanimously that the Chairman and Mr. O'Loole attend. Finally Mr. P. Kavanagh said he himself might also attend.

A letter was read from Chas. Tennant & Co. Belfast, Carbide Merchants

Contract offered by Chas Tennant & Co.

offering contract from the present time till March 1910 at £11 per ton and further offering benefit of any reduction in price during contract. Before entering into the matter the Clerk was requested to write for a Contract Form.

Town & Harbour Rate Notices of Motion

The following Town and Harbour Rates Motion was handed in by Mr. M. Waldron (Chairman) :-
1st Feby. 1909

I beg to give notice that I or some commissioner for me will propose at the next Monthly Meeting that a Rate of "One Shilling" in the £ be struck for Town Rate and "Sixpence" in the £ for Harbour Rate.

Signed, M. Waldron.

Tenders for Lins and Lime.

John Fox, Weaford Road, tendered 1/3 for large and 7d for small drums as advertised. No other tender was received and it was proposed by Mr. W. Merrigan seconded by Mr. P. Kavanagh and passed that the above tender be received.

General Purposes Committee formed. Whole Board

One tank of lime was also advertised but no tenders were sent in.

The next business on the Agenda was the forming of a General Purposes Committee for the Year 1909.

It was proposed by Mr. W. Merrigan seconded by Mr. P. Tracey and passed nem. con. that the whole Board be formed

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into committee; the quorum thereof to be three, and the Meetings to be held the first Monday after the Monthly Meetings at 7 o'clock p. m.

Barbide Licence to be renewed The clerk was given instructions to have Barbide Licence for Gas House renewed.

Discussion on the forming of a cleansing committee. A considerable discussion pro. and con. arose in connection with a cleansing committee proposed by Mr. P. Tracey and seconded by Mr. Wm Kavanagh.

Arrangements to be left with L.P. committee The Board were in sympathy with the project but it was difficult to define the duties of such a committee as the powers of the Commissioners were very clear on such points. Finally it was left to the General Purposes Committee to appoint two members every month to look after the above matter and report thereon. Mr. Mc. Gowan said some remedy should be found to abolish mud heaps on the sides of the road as they were a source of danger.

Report by Mr. b. Toole adopted on sanitary condition of Back Lanes. The following Report proposed by Mr. b. Toole was handed in by Mr. P. Tracey:-

I propose

That we (order) ask of our Chairman to order the Town Clerk to forward this Resolution to the Rathdrum District Council.

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"That steps be at once taken to have the unsanitary state of the back streets, Lanes, and Squares of this town cleaned by adding other horses and carts and men to have this done.

As the abominable state of the above mentioned places are becoming unbearable owing to the accumulating nuisance that is left so long to remain through want of more horses, carts and men, to clean this filth away.

And we press on Our District Councillors to attend at the Meetings held by the Rathdrum District Council, and that they will press our case of insanitaryness as the health of our people are much depending on the state of cleanness.

Also owing to the growth of this town steps must and at once be taken to have this abominable state remedied.

b. Has. Toole.

The adoption of this report was seconded by Mr. Wm Kavanagh, Mr. W. Merrigan supporting, and passed unanimously; and at the proposition of Mr. P. Kavanagh it was also agreed to send a copy to Dr. Flinn L. G. B. Medical Inspector.

Mr. Mc. Gowan thanks and thanked the members for their

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members electing him on Friday the 29th inst.
 Notice of Motion by Mr. W. Merrigan handed in a Notice of Motion that wicks, lamps, etc. should be obtained locally, but withdrew his notice on explanation being given that such requisites were obtained mostly in the town.

Notice of Motion by above member to reduce Rate collector's poundage
 He also handed in a Notice of Motion to the following effect:-
 To Chairman, Arklow Town Commrs.
 Sir,
 I beg to give notice that at the next Meeting of Arklow Town Commissioners I or some member for me will move that the poundage of the Collector of Township Rates i. e. Mr. J. F. Evans be reduced to 3% in the pound.

Signed, W^m Merrigan
 Feb'y. 1st 1909.

Some doubt was expressed as to the powers of the Commissioners to reduce the salary of the above officer. Discussion, however, was put off till the next Monthly Meeting and the Town Clerk said he would look the matter up in the meantime.

John Fox received payment for repairing
 The Clerk was given permission to pay John Fox 1/6 for repairs done to Meter in the post-office while the

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meter regular plumber was ill.
 Rate Books Orders were also given that two of new rate books of the new order be obtained.
 pattern The Clerk brought before the ordered. notice of the Board that ^{no} one would allow him to put a Bracket on ~~their~~ his house in Back Street, for a new light and since Mr. Kearon got ill the matter Back St. was at a standstill.

Receipts for Docs & Vouchers signed.
 It was finally arranged that the Town Clerk go to Mr. Waldron and Mr. O'Toole and with them to visit the place in question the next dark night.

Cheques:-
 Receipts for the Documents and Vouchers in connection with Nos 1 & 2 accounts up to end of Dec. 31st. 08 were duly signed by the Chairman and two Commissioners and Town Clerk.

Cheques for the following were ordered to be paid:-

	£	s	d
John Fox 5 weeks wages	4	7	6
Ed. Murray Lamplighter 4 weeks wages	3	4	0
Lav. Kavanagh " "	3	4	0
Sun Gas Co. Dublin	23	8	3
Chas. Tennant Leo Belfast	11	15	9
Joe Kavanagh Election Printing	1	17	9
John Hempenstall Repairs to Lamp	4	6	
W ^m Neill, Cartage Carbide & Water	11	6	
J. W. Barrett Incidentals as shown in Statement	17	3	

Total 49-10-6

Waldron Chairman 09

Monthly Meeting 1st March 1909

The usual Monthly Meeting of the Arklow Town Commissioners was held in their Office, Court House, Arklow on Monday 1st March 1909 at 7 O'clock p.m.

The following members attended:-

Messrs M. Waldron (Chairman)

W. Merrigan

D. Kavanagh

S. Henderson

C. Toole

A. Mc. Gowan

Wm. Kavanagh

The Minutes of the last Monthly Meeting were read and agreed to, and signed by the Chairman

Correspondence
re Hibernian
Fire & General
Insurance Co.

The Hibernian Fire & General Insurance Co. Ltd, Dame Street Dublin wrote asking for a Transfer of the Fire Insurances under the control of the Commissioners. The Clerk being questioned on the subject said he had not the particulars of the present company under which the Commissioners insured as he had no correspondence with the aforesaid company since he came into office. It was decided to defer discussion on the above letter till the next Monthly Meeting when more information would be obtainable.

A resolution was received from the

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Resolution of North Dublin Union on Deaf and Blind & Dumb passed North Dublin Union in reference to the education of the Blind and of the Deaf and Dumb in Ireland and requesting the Government to grant State aid to the upkeep of institutions for the above purpose. It was proposed by Mr. D. Kavanagh, seconded by Mr. W. Merrigan and passed unanimously that the above resolution be adopted.

Housing of Working classes Act 1908 The Town Clerk read a circular from the Local Government Board on the Housing of the Working Classes Act 1908. A short discussion arose on Sec. 13 by which Part II of the Act of 1890 was extended to Town Commissioners. Pending the result of the Urbanisation Scheme no action was taken in the matter.

Town & Harbour Rates struck

Following upon his Notice of Motion at the last Monthly Meeting, the Chairman Mr. Waldron proposed that a rate of One Shilling in the £ be struck for Town Rate and Sixpence in the £ for Harbour Rate. Mr. D. Kavanagh seconded and the proposition was passed unanimously.

Tenders for lime.

Mr. Darcy's 27/6 accepted

The following Tenders for Lime as advertised were received:-

George H. Darcy 27/6

George Stearon King's Hill 17/6

Owen Keogh Lamberton 13/-

Proposed by Mr. S. Henderson seconded by Mr. D. Kavanagh and passed nem. con. that Mr. Darcy's tender be accepted.

Mr. W. Merrigan proposed in accordance

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Mr. Merrigan's Notice of Motion re Mr. Evan's poundage withdrawn with his Notice of Motion at the last Monthly Meeting that the Poundage of the Town Rate collector be reduced from 5% to 3%. As no one seconded the motion Mr. Merrigan with the consent of the Board withdrew his resolution in view of Urbanization.

Mr. C. Toole's right to sit as a Commissioner questioned. The L.G.B. to settle the matter. At this point Mr. Henderson requested the Chairman to read the Declarations of the new members which were read and signed by each of the members aforesaid at the annual Meeting of Jan. 23rd. The Town Clerk produced the above documents and the Chairman reading the first stated that the rest were of like nature. Mr. Henderson then said he was asked by a member (Mr. C. Toole) present at the above meeting "who he (Mr. Henderson) was and where he came from." He (Mr. Henderson) now wanted to know if the name of the member in question was on the Register of Voters. The Clerk said he looked for it when Mr. C. Toole handed in his Nomination Paper but it was not recorded; he however took the paper on the grounds of residence; and Mr. C. Toole further stated he was a householder. Eventually it was proposed by Mr. S. Henderson seconded by Mr. D. Kavanagh, the Board agreeing, that the Clerk write to the Local Government Board

Monthly Meeting 1st March 1909 cont.

for their opinion on the above matter Amount outstanding to Harbour Account. Mr. D. Kavanagh, when the time came for passing cheques, asked if anything could be paid back from No I a/c to No. II a/c. The Clerk said £50 had been paid back for this year. Mr. Henderson asked if much remained outstanding, and on reference it was found that about £250 was still owing to No 2 a/c.

The following payments were ordered to be made:-

John Fox, Gas-man 4 weeks wages	3-10-0
Ed. Murray lamplighter do do.	3-4-0
Lar. Kavanagh " do do.	3-4-0
D & E. Railway, Carriage on Carbide	2-13-5
Joseph W. Barrett Incidentals	13-1
" " " Quarter's Salary No I a/c	10-0-0
" " " " " II "	2-10-0
Wm Neill, Cartage of Water	8-0
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	26-2-6

By Waldron
April 4th 09

Special Meeting Wednesday 24th March '09

A Special Meeting of the Arklow Town Commissioners was to have been held in their Office, Court House, Arklow on Wednesday the 24th inst. at 7 o'clock p.m. for the purpose of paying over the Harbour Instalment due 29th inst. But as only one member Mr. Peter Kavanagh attended the Meeting had to be abandoned.

M. Waldron
Apr 14th 1909

Monthly Meeting April 5th 1909

The usual Monthly Meetings of the Arklow Town Commissioners was held in their Office, Court House, Arklow on Monday 5th April 1909 at 7 o'clock p.m.

The following Members were present:-

Messrs M. Waldron (Chairman)
H. Byrne
F. Tyrrell
P. Kavanagh
P. Tracey
S. Henderson

The Minutes of the last Monthly Meeting and of the abortive Special Meeting of Wednesday 24th March 1909 were read and agreed to and signed by the Chairman.

Correspondence
in reference
to the eli-
gibility of
Mr. C. Toole
as a Town
Commis-
sioner.

A letter was read, being received from the L. G. B. in answer to an inquiry by the Clerk as directed at the last Monthly Meeting, in reference to the eligibility of one of the Town Commissioners Mr. C. Toole. The L. G. B. referred the Commissioners to Sec. 97 (3) of the Act 1908 which provides that "a person shall not be qualified to be elected or to be a commissioner of a town unless he is a local government elector for such town or has during the whole twelve months preceding the election resided and continues

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to reside in the town"

As Mr. Toole was a resident it was considered that no further action should be taken in the matter.

Communication
from D. & E. Rly.
re sewage being
discharged upon
the Railway

The Solicitor for the D. & E. Rly. wrote complaining about a sewage nuisance being discharged on to the Railway from the houses of Denis Kavanagh Patrick O'Brien and Michael Tracey and asked the Board to have the defect remedied. As the Commissioners had no jurisdiction in these matters the clerk was directed to refer them to the Rathdrum District Council.

Resolution from
Town Clerk
Drogheda on
Irish Transit
Question marked
"read"

A Resolution was received from the Town Clerk's office, Drogheda asking that no legislation should be proceeded with which would vary the position of the Irish Transit Question as it stood when recently investigated by the Vice-Regal Commission on Irish Rlys. As it was considered not to directly affect the Commissioners the communication was marked "Read"

Proposal for
Insurance from
Rly. Passengers
Assurance Co.
accepted

In reference to a proposal for Insurance brought up at the last Monthly Meeting and received from the Hibernian Fire & General Insurance Co. the Clerk wrote for particulars to the old company The Rly. Passengers Assurance, who replied that the Comms. allowed the Policy to lapse in 1907 and forwarded a proposal

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for a new Insurance. It was decided to accept the old firm's proposal and the Town Clerk was asked to see the Manager of the Bank of Ireland who was the Agent for the above Company and have himself and the others under the Commissioners employ insured.

The Treasurer, Gaelic League, Dublin wrote for a subscription but as the Rates might not be used for such a purpose the Board were unable to forward a donation

Mr. King
reported
for non-
attendance
for six
consecutive
months

The Clerk reported that Mr. King would be disqualified for non-attendance if he were not present at this Meeting. As Mr. King was not present and no explanation being forthcoming for his continued absence and further as he would not be legally disqualified till the following day it was agreed to take no action at present.

Lamplighters
reported
for not
lighting
on night
of 25 March

The next business on the Agenda was the reporting of Lamplighters Laurence Kavanagh and Edward Murray for not lighting for a considerable period on the night of the 25th ultimo. same being a very dark night and the close of a holiday. The lamplighters were not present but Mr. Byrne who reproved Kavanagh for not lighting on the night aforesaid said he went out about 8.30 p.m. and although the night was very dark the lamps were not lighted. He saw Kavanagh coming down shortly after and commencing to light but it had then been dark for a long time.

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After all their (the Commissioners) trouble in getting carbide having the Gas-Plant erected etc. etc. this state of affairs was very regrettable and seeing that the Lamplighters had little or nothing to do during the moonlights he (Mr Byrne) thought that something should be done to justify themselves in the eyes of the Public who paid rates for the purposes of lighting. It was decided in the end not to inflict a fine on the Lamplighters this time as the lighting-season was nearly over and that practically speaking it was their first grievous offence. They, therefore were let off with a severe reprimand.

Mr. Byrne also referred to the Saturday night after which was also very dark but as the moon was now nearly a quarter old it was not so bad as the 25th.; it was nevertheless no credit.

During the passing of the cheques there was a short discussion on the question of Urbanization; when the clerk stated no communication had been received on the subject.

All cheques brought forward for payment were ordered to be paid with the exception of a bill from H. Dalton Skelmanthorpe for carbide which the clerk said seemed a little inaccurate. He was directed to call the attention of the above to it.

H. Dalton's
cheque for
carbide ques-
tioned.

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Cheques:-	£	s	d
John Fosc. 4 weeks' wages in Gas-House	3	10	0
Ed. Murray 5 weeks' wages Lamplighting	4	0	0
Lav. Kavanagh ditto.	4	0	0
John F. Evans Poundage on £263-3-6			
Town Rate 31/3/08 to 31/3/09	13	3	2
J.W. Barrett Incidentals as shown in statement	7	11	
Chas. Tennant Dbr. 1 ton Carbide 27 Jan.	10	16	2
Wm. Neill Cartage Water and Carbide	6	6	
Joseph Kavanagh Town & Harb. Rate & balance election printing	11	0	
John Hempenstall Repairs to Lamp	4	0	
	<u>£ 36-18-9</u>		

No 2 Account.

Board of Works Instalment for half year ended Mar. 31 '09	£	s	d
	85	0	5
John F. Evans Poundage on £142-16-1			
Harb. Rate 31/3/08 to 31/3/09	7	2	10
	<u>£ 92-3-3</u>		

W. Waldron
May 2nd 09

Monthly Meeting Monday 3rd May 1909

The usual Monthly Meeting of the Arklow Town Commissioners was held in their Office, Court House, Arklow on Monday the 3rd May at 7 o'clock p.m.

The following were present:-

Messrs M. Waldron (Chairman)
L. O'Toole
W^m Kavanagh
F. Tyrrell
S. Henderson
W. Merrigan

Discussion on
action taken
with regard to
Lamp-lighters.
No reference
to Minutes.

Before the Minutes were signed Mr. Merrigan made reference to the action taken with regard to the Lamp-lighters. Mr Henderson asked if it was not the duty of every Member when they saw anything out of order to report the matter to the Board, and in this the latter concurred.

As the above had no reference to the Record of Proceedings of the last Meeting there was no further discussion and the Minutes were signed.

Order from
the L.G.B. mak-
ing the Town
Urban received.

The Clerk read a letter covering an Order from the Local Government Board making the Town an Urban Sanitary District and that same was published in the Dublin Gazette of the 27th ultimo. It was considered unnecessary to read the

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document as the contents were already well known.

Resolution

from Athlone

Urban Coun.

on Limi-

tation of

Rates "Read"

H. Dalton's

barbide bill

passed

Mr. King

declared

disqualified

Special

Meeting cal-

led to fill

vacancy

Applicants

for gas-

connections.

Final ar-

rangements

postponed

pending

The Urban District of Athlone sent a Resolution asking to have the Law limiting Rates amended, as the amounts allowed to be struck under a Special Act of theirs and under the Town's Improvement Act 1854 were not enough to meet their liabilities.

The communication was marked 'Read' as not affecting this Town.

H. Dalton, Kilmantorpe, wrote in reference to his bill, which, at the last Meeting, the Clerk said seemed incorrect. As the explanation was satisfactory the bill was allowed.

Mr King was formally declared disqualified at this Meeting, statutory notice thereof being directed to be sent to him, and the Clerk was instructed to call a Special Meeting for Monday the 10th day of May 1909 at 7 p.m to fill the vacancy caused by the disqualification of Mr. King for non-attendance for six consecutive months; the General Purposes Committee to be held immediately after.

The recommendation of the General Purposes Board to have all previous applications for gas considered at this Meeting was the next business on the agenda. Two of the later applicants Messrs Chas. Kinsella and James Clarke again applied.

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clerk's writing to older applicants.

After a period of long debating upon the propriety of granting these applications before seeing whether the supply of gas could meet the demand, and further that as these were applications of much longer standing than the above, and here Mr. Henderson incidentally remarked that Ferrybank which was the largest rate-paying portion of the Town could not get the gas although agitation was raised on the point a considerable time ago, final arrangements were postponed pending the clerk's writing to the old applicants to know if they were still desirous of having connections.

Matter of houses not having stop-cocks put off till next Meeting

The matter of certain houses not having stop-cocks also proposed by the General Purposes Board for consideration was left over to be considered with the preceding business at the next Monthly Meeting.

Application to store Petrol received from Mr. L. Byrne Railway Hotel

A request to have his Licence to store Petrol renewed was received from Mr. L. Byrne, Railway Hotel. He stated an order was granted him two years ago but the Board were of the opinion such was not the case. A Committee composed of the Chairman, Mr. L. O. Toole and the Town Clerk was deputed to inspect the premises of Mr. Byrne before granting Licence.

Discussion on charging fee for Licences.

In this matter also the question of charging Licencees a fee, 5/- being the annual limit, was discussed.

Board in favour of same.

Committee appointed to inspect Lamps in Gas-House

It was the unanimous opinion of the Board that a charge should be imposed. The clerk stated he mentioned the matter when the other Licences were being passed. No action, however, was taken. Mr. Henderson said he thought a nominal sum of 1/- was levied.

At this Meeting a Committee composed of the Gentlemen selected to visit Mr. Byrne's premises with the addition of Capt. Tyrrell and the Town Clerk was appointed to inspect the lamps stored in the Gas-House to see what was necessary to be done to them.

Insurance Policy received from Rly. Pass. Assurance Co.

The clerk notified the Board of the receipt of the Policy of the Railway Assurance Co. insuring himself, the Gas-man and the Lamplighters. The premium was 27/-

Cheques:-

The following cheques were passed for payment:-

	£	s	d
John Fox 4 weeks wages and bringing in and storing lamps	3	14	6
Edward Murray 4 weeks wages			
Lamplighting & bringing in Lamps.	3	4	0
Laurence Kavanagh do. do.	3	4	0
Wm Neill, Cartage carbide, water & lamps.			9
Joseph W. Barrett Incidentals as shown in Statement			11
D. H. E. Railway, Carriage on carbide	1	12	6
<u>Carried Forward</u>	<u>£12</u>	<u>15</u>	<u>1</u>

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	<u>Brought Forward</u>	£12-15-1
M. A. Corcoran Advertising Town &		
Harb. Rate Notices		12-8
H. Dalton Skelmanthorpe 2 ^{1/2}		
tons Carbide		25-19-11
Annie Nicholson 1/2 year's salary		
attendance light & fuel		1-0-0
Railway Passengers Assurance		
Co's premium on Policy		1-7-0
Earl of Barysfort Rent on Gas House		1-0-0
	<u>Total</u>	<u>£42-14-8</u>
	<u>No II Account</u>	
Annie Nicholson ditto No I Account		5-0

By Waldron
June 4th 1909

Special Meeting Monday May 10th 1909

A Special 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 Members attended:-

Messrs M. Waldron (Chairman)

M. Merrigan

P. Tracey

L. O'Toole

W^m Kavanagh

The Clerk read the Requisition convening the Meeting which was contained in the Minutes of the Monthly Meeting of the 3rd of May 1909 and which was for the purpose of filling Mr. King's vacancy on the Board caused by non-attendance for six consecutive months.

Letter from

Mr. King re his

disqualification

and cause thereof

Mr. Mc. Brudden

proposed and

seconded and

electd unan-

imously.

A letter was received from Mr. King regretting that owing to his approaching departure from Arklow he could not attend the Meetings again. The communication was cordially acknowledged by the Members present who expressed their approbation of Mr. King as a Member of the Board.

The Chairman then asked if any Gentleman had any one to propose. Mr. Patrick Tracey thereupon rose to propose Mr. James Mc. Brudden, who, he said would make a most useful Member, being a workingman, and he knew Mr. Mc. Brudden

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for this reason would take a great interest in the Workingman and promote his welfare.

This proposal was seconded by Mr. William Kavanagh, Mr William Merrigan supporting and passed unanimously.

No other person being proposed the Chairman duly declared Mr. Mc. Brudden elected and the clerk was directed to notify Mr. Mc. Brudden thereof.

There being no other business on the Agenda in this matter the Meeting terminated.

Waldron
June 11th 09

Monthly Meeting Monday 7th June 1909

The usual Monthly Meeting of the Arklow Town Commissioners was held in their Office Court House, Arklow on Monday the 7th June 1909 at 7.5'clock p.m.

The following Members attended:-

Messrs M. Waldron (Chairman)

J. Mc. Brudden

P. Kavanagh

W. Merrigan

P. Tracey

W^m Kavanagh

Mr. J. Mc. Brudden
reads & signs
Declaration.

Before any business was proceeded with Mr. James Mc. Brudden the newly elected member read and signed before the Chairman the usual Statutory Declaration accepting office.

Minutes
agreed to
and signed.

The Minutes of the last Monthly Meeting and of the Special Meeting of the 10th May ultimo were then read agreed to and duly signed by the Chairman

£11-12-1 received
from surplus
of Dog Licences.

A communication was received from the Registrar of Petty Sessions clerk's office, Dublin Castle notifying that £11-12-1 had been lodged to the credit of the Board.

"Daily Mail"
quotes advertising
holiday resorts.
Budget Document
received from

The "Daily Mail" submitted quotations for advertising the Town & surrounding districts as holiday resorts. "Read"
An important document upon the Budget Proposals under the heading of

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Mansion House
Committee for
adoption and
asking Delegates
to be sent without
delay. Above adopted
& Messrs P. Kavanagh
& P. Tracey selected
as Delegates.

"All Ireland Protest" and setting out the grievance of over-taxation was sent by the Mansion House "All Ireland Meeting for consideration. They asked that two delegates be appointed to act as members of a Central Committee to meet at an early date in Dublin

It was proposed by the Chairman, Mr. M. Waldron, seconded by Mr. P. Tracey and passed unanimously that same be adopted and also at the proposition of Mr Waldron seconded by Mr. J. Mc. Brudden and passed nem. con. Messrs P. Kavanagh & P. Tracey were deputed to attend the Meeting; and the Clerk was directed to send these names forward.

Town Tenants (Ireland)
Act Petition forward-
ed by Blackrock U.D.
C. requesting this
Board to draft
similar Petition &
present it to Parlia-
ment. Same agreed
to.

The Urban District of Blackrock forwarded a Petition, which was presented to Parliament, in reference to the Town Tenants (Ireland) Act 1906 asking that as the above Act did not in any way allow compensation to Leaseholders, at the expiration of their term of lease, for improvements made previous thereto, the law be amended in this respect. The Council desired that a similar Petition be drawn up by this Board

It was unanimously agreed to have drafts of a similar nature to the above prepared and forwarded to the Parliamentary Representatives for presentation

Valuation Appeal

The Dublin & South Eastern Railway Co.

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Notice sent by
D. H. L. Rly. Co.

wrote appealing against the present valuation of their Lands and other Hereditaments. The Clerk was directed to refer them to the Rathdrum Rural District Council as this Board have no powers in the matter.

Bookbinders' etc's
request to have
books requiring
binding sent
to one of their
"Fair Houses" -
acceded to.

A List of "Fair House" was received from the Bookbinders' & Machine Rulers Consolidated Union, Dublin Branch. This Body asked that in future contracts for books requiring binding a clause be inserted compelling the Contractors to sub-let their work, if they have to do so, to one of the given lists of Fair Houses. It was agreed to accede to their request

Discussion on
the building of
Houses for the
Working classes
proposed by Mr.
P. Kavanagh.
Clerk requested
to write to the
L. G. B. for
particulars.

After the correspondence was dealt with Mr. Peter Kavanagh asked if this Board had any powers to borrow money to build houses for the Working classes. It was stated he said they should wait to see if the Town urbanises, but he considered that if they (the Board) had powers they should use them at once instead of compelling workmen to go and get houses two and three miles away from the Town.

The Town Clerk was given instructions to write to the Local Government on the matter and to have an answer before the next Special Meeting hereafter mentioned.

Clerk directed
at the suggestion
of Mr. P. Tracey
to write to the
L. G. B. as to

Mr. P. Tracey asked that the same Body be also applied to know if the Commissioners had powers to borrow money to build a hall for the Meetings of the Council and which would be large enough to admit outsiders

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powers of the
Commissioners to
build a Hall for
the Council's
meetings.

Mr. Merrigan raises
point of once being
excluded from a
Board Meeting.

Chairman explains.

Signing & Sealing
of Rate Books

& approval of
Irrecoverables

postponed owing
to illness of

Mr. Evans

Applications for
gas connections
considered.

No replies from
old applicants.

Messrs James
Clarke's and Chas.

Kinsella's granted
after discussion.

who were interested in the welfare of the Town. When writing to the L. G. B. the Clerk was ordered to obtain information on the above point also. Here Mr. Merrigan incidentally remarked that he was once shut out from a Meeting of the Commissioners, but the Chairman, Mr. Waldron explained that this was not a regular Meeting being composed only of six Members of the Board specially appointed at the time.

The Rate Books were to have been signed and the Warrants sealed at this Meeting but as Mr. Evans, Rate Collector, was unwell and unable to insert his arrears the matter had to stand over till such time as Mr. Evans is able to resume duties when a Special Meeting would be called for the above purpose. A similar action was taken with regard to Mr. Evans' list of Irrecoverables which the Clerk presented for approval.

The next business on the Agenda was the consideration of all previous applications for gas-connections. The Clerk said he had written to the old applicants, those being Mr. L. O'Toole J.C. Secretary, Catholic Young Men's Club and Captain Tyrrell of Marlborough Terrace, but had received no replies. Messrs James Clarke's and Charles Kinsella's postponed from last Monthly Meeting were then dealt with.

Mr. W. Merrigan proposed and Mr. P.

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Kavanagh seconded the proposition that the above gentlemen get the gas. Mr. P. Tracey raised the question of the propriety of giving gas-light to these people when lanes and off-thoroughfares had to go without it. There was a considerable discussion on the subject both financially and otherwise but eventually Mr. Tracey assented and the applications were granted without a dissentient.

Clerk states

about £50 per
annum made
on Private Con-
sumers.

Evening to be
arranged to
inspect Abstracts

of Accounts

Work of putting
in gas-connections

to be done by
Direct Labour.

Matter of stop-cocks

to be done at same
time as gas-con-

nections. Clerk to
see Gas-Committee.

Mr. P. Kavanagh asked how much profit the private-consumers brought in when the Clerk replied about £50 annually. Mr. Tracey said he would like to see the Abstracts of Accounts sometimes. The Town Clerk said he had copies of all the latest if Mr. Tracey would care to peruse them. But it was decided to arrange for an evening for that purpose.

It was unanimously resolved to have the work of putting in the gas-connections done by direct labour. The Clerk was directed to see Mr. Owen Walsh Gas-Plumber about the matter and have measurements taken so as to form an estimate of the cost of the work.

The Clerk's report about certain houses not having stop-cocks also came before the Board when orders were given to have Mr. Walsh do these at the same time as the connections. The Clerk was also advised to see the gas-committee when the above particulars were obtained.

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Signing & sealing of Mr. L. Byrne's licence for Petrol stands over as above had not carried out Comms' instructions.

The signing and sealing of Warrants on Mr Laurence Byrne's Petrol Licence was put off as the latter had not carried out the instructions of the Commissioners viz. to have a stove, and lock on same, made ready to receive the Petrol.

Clerk to inform Mr. Byrne & that same would be done next Monday if regulations complied with in meantime.

The clerk was requested to inform Mr. Byrne of this and also if he carried out the above regulations in time for the next Monday's General Purposes Meeting he could then have his Licence passed.

Mr. Chris. Byrne's tender for tins at 1/- per doz. accepted.

Tenders for Tins as advertised were received from Christopher Byrne Ballintombay and John Hempenstal Wexford Road both at 1/- per doz. On the motion of Mr. P. Tracey seconded by Mr. W^m Kavanagh and passed unanimously Mr Christopher Byrne's tender was accepted.

2/6 paid for 2 1/2 doz. by Mr. Kavanagh 14/10/09

Mr. W. Merrigan leaves room.

Mr. W. Merrigan left the room at this time 8 o'clock.

Mr. J. Mc. Crudden thanks Members for electing him to Commissionership whilst Town Clerk prepares cheque & forms.

Cheques were then dealt with and whilst the Town Clerk was filling in the necessary forms Mr. J. Mc. Crudden rose to thank the Members for electing him to the Commissionership which office he would endeavour to fulfil to the best of his ability, striving to work in harmony with those around him, and at the same time advancing as far as in his power lay the interests of the Workingman, the Chairman of whose association he had the honour to be.

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The following cheques were passed:-

Cheques:-

John Fox 5 weeks' wages in Gas-House	£ s d
	4 - 7 - 6
W ^m Neill drawing Water & Carbide	5 - 0
Joseph W. Barrett Quarter's Salary No I. Account	10 - 0 - 0
Dr. Incidentals as shown in Statement	10 - 5
Joseph Annesley Lamp Sundries and Gas Requisites	4 - 7 - 3
P. Boland On Account	20 - 0 - 0
Chas. Tennant & Co 1 ton carbide March 3 rd 1909	10 - 16 - 2
D. Gestetner Cyclostyle Outfit	15 - 0
Hely's Ltd. Town & Harb. Rate Books	2 - 10 - 6
John U. Walsh Town & Harbour Rate Notices	19 - 0
	54 - 10 - 10

No II Account	54 - 10 - 10
Joseph W. Barrett Quarter's Salary	2 - 10 - 0

By Mr. Halden
July 5th 09

Special Meeting Friday 2nd July 1909

A Special Meeting of the Arklow Town Commissioners was held in their Office, Court House, Arklow on Friday the 2nd July 1909 at 7 p. m. for the purpose of having an Address of Welcome presented on behalf of The Arklow Town Commissioners to Mr John Redmond M. P.

The following were present:-

Messrs M. Waldron (Chairman)
L. O'Toole
P. Tracey
J. Mc. Brudden
C. Toole
P. Kavanagh
W. Merrigan

Requisition read
& the Chairmans
states business of
Meeting.

Proposed, seconded, &
carried unanimously
that an Address be
presented to Mr.
John Redmond M. P.

The Requisition convening the Meeting having been read by the clerks the Chairman then stated the reason for which they were present and if some gentleman would propose a Resolution in accordance therewith. In response to which Mr. Charles Toole proposed, Mr. William Merrigan seconded and it was passed unanimously that An Address of Welcome be presented by the Arklow Town Commissioners to Mr. John Redmond M. P. on the occasion of his visit to Arklow on Sunday the 4th July 1909.

Clerks having drafted
form of Address

It was first agreed to have a Committee formed to help the clerks in

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considered
unnecessary
to form a
Committee.
Town Tenants'
clause added.

Discussion on
inserting clause
re Fishing etc.
same abandoned
owing to other
Bodies making
allusions
thereto.

drawing up an address, but as the latter had previously drafted one for the approval of the Board and same being considered suitable, except that there was no clause in reference to the Town Tenants, which was afterwards added, there was no reason to form the Committee.

There was considerable discussion on the matter of making fuller allusion to Local Industries notably that of the Fishing, but as all these were being touched upon by the various Bodies representing these Industries it was considered unnecessary for the Commissioners to make any particular reference to them.

This finished the business of the Board and the Members dispersed.

Myrtle Waldron
July 5th 09

Monthly Meeting Monday July 5th. 1909

The usual Monthly Meeting of the Arklow Town Commissioners was held in their Office, Court House, Arklow on Monday 5th. July 1909 at 7 o'clock p.m.

The following Members were present:-

Messrs M. Waldron (Chairman)

P. Tracey

C. Toole

F. Tyrrell

J. Mc. Crudden

W. Merrigan

P. Kavanagh

R. Keaton

Minutes of Monthly
and Special
Meeting signed

The Minutes of the last Monthly Meeting and of the Special Meeting of the 2nd July 1909 were read by the clerk and being agreed to were duly signed by the Chairman

Local Government
Reply to clerk's
letter re powers
of Comms. to borrow
money to build
Workers' Houses,
and also a
Town Hall.
Clerk requested
to write for more
information

In answer to a letter directed to be written at the last Monthly Meeting in reference to the powers of the Commissioners to borrow money to build houses for the Working classes and also for similar powers to build a Town Hall the Local Government Board wrote stating that the Commissioners had such powers subject to the sanction of the Board. The word lodging-house was inserted in their letter and as the meaning of this was not clear the clerk was directed to write to the Local Government Board for fuller information

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Copy Order of
Lord Lieutenant
& Privy Council
adapting Sec
6 of Labourers
Act '06 to Housing
of Working classes
Act '08 Sec 6.
Memo from Board
of Works on
Housing of Working
classes.
Discussion on
above.

Special Meeting
called to consider
Housing of Workers
Building of Town
Hall postponed
Letter from Mr
Muldoon M.P.
asking to have
Town Tenants'
Petition presented
by proxy

A copy Order made by the Lord Lieutenant & Privy Council of Ireland on 26th. June 1909 adapting Sec. 6 of the Labourers (Ireland) Act 1906 for the purposes of Section 6 of the Housing of the Working classes (Ireland) Act 1908 was also sent by the Local Government Board. The Board of Works forwarded a "Memo. for the information and guidance of Local Authorities desiring to borrow from the Board of Public Works for the purposes of the Housing of the Working classes (Ireland) Act 1908," which the clerk read. There was a considerable discussion on these matters especially on the Rate of Interest $3\frac{1}{2}\%$ and the mode of repayment of the Principal sum. To go into the subject more minutely, however, Mr. P. Kavanagh proposed that a Committee of the whole Board be appointed. But eventually it was agreed to call a Special Meeting for the purpose and the clerk was given instructions to have same called for Tuesday the 13th inst. Mr. P. Tracey asked what about the Town Hall, but in deference to the wishes of the other Commissioners he (Mr Tracey) did not press the matter as the Housing of the Working was more urgent at present. The clerk read a letter from Mr. John Muldoon M.P. asking that as he was not able to be present in Parliament for some time would the Commissioners object to having their Petition on the Town Tenants

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presented by a brother M. P. The clerk had already asked and carried out the instructions of the Chairman on the above matter, which was that Mr. Muldoon could present the Petition through a colleague if he wished, so the letter was marked "Read".

Letter from D. H. S. Rly. asking to have Rate Petition sent to Commissioner of Valuation. Sent and returned to be forwarded to Sec. Co. Council, as premises in Rural District

The Dublin & South Eastern Railway Company wrote saying the Appeal Notice against their present Valuations should be forwarded to the Commissioner of Valuation. The clerk said he had already done this but the Notice was returned to be sent to the County Council as the premises mentioned were within a Rural District. The letter was marked "Read".

Letter from Mr. John F. Evans re his illness & asking to have Committee appointed to go into arrears. Mr. Evans to come before the Board at Special Meeting on 13th inst.

Mr. John F. Evans wrote saying he was still under the Doctor's care and would not be fit for work till Monday 12th inst. and asked that a small Committee be appointed to go into the arrears of rates to see what amount should be struck off as irrecoverable and what amount carried forward to new Rate Books. It was decided to have Mr. Evans come before the Board at the Special Meeting on Tuesday 13th inst. and the clerk was ordered to have same inserted in the business thereof. The letter was read.

Petrol Licence of Mr. Byrne, Railway Hotel, signed & sealed.

The Licence to store Petrol of Mr. Byrne, Railway Hotel, was signed and sealed at this Meeting, the clerk having

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first stated that Mr. Byrne had complied with the request of the Commissioners to have store made and lock put on same.

Receipts for 30th. June 1909 were also signed at this Meeting.

Harbour Instalment due 1st July to be paid last week or so of payment by Special Meeting.

Receipts for Vouchers for period ending 30th. June 1909 were also signed at this Meeting. All the cheques were then passed with the exception of the Harbour Instalment due 1st. July '09 to be paid on or before the 31st July 1909. There was only £32-17-9 to credit of No II Account so the clerk suggested an overdraft, signed by three of the Commissioners as guarantee should be drawn. It was decided to wait, however, till the last week or so of payment, by which time the required sum would probably be lodged, and then to call a Special Meeting for the purpose of paying the money.

Discussion on orgl. amt of Harb. Loan. Clerk to get outstanding amount.

There was a discussion on the original amount of Harbour Loan. Mr. Kavanagh said he thought it was something like £4,000 but the clerk stated £2,500. The latter was requested to write to the Board of Public Works for the outstanding amount.

Mr. Charles Toole hands in Notice of Motion re erecting Gas Lamps on Harb. Road.

During the preparation of the Advice Notes Mr. Charles Toole asked to be allowed to refer to the state of the Harbour Road with regard to lights. There were he said 3 or 400 yds. from Mr. Hugh Byrne's corner to the Quay upon which there was constant

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traffic during the fishing season, and nevertheless it was one of the most badly lighted parts of the Town. He said this state of affairs ^{should} be remedied at once, but at the suggestion of the Chairman, (Mr Waldron) handed in a Notice of Motion to the following effect:-

Notice of Motion,

That I or someone for me at next Monthly Meeting will propose for the extension of the Gas Lights to be carried out between the Quay and the Infants' School, and onwards to Mr H. Byrne's corner. Three lights to be viz.

One at Mr. John Manifolds, one at Yoole's Open and one midway between the Infants' School and the Quay.

Signed

Chas. Yoole
5-7-09

Mr. James Mc. Brudden

refers to bad lights

on Ferrybank & over

flow of water on foot-

paths during rain.

R. D. C. Representatives

asked to bring before

R. D. C. Rathdrum,

state of foot-paths.

Permission to get

New Minute Book

Mr James Mc. Brudden also referred to the bad lights on Ferrybank and pointed out how on dark nights the footpath was impassable during heavy rains and he asked that their Rathdrum Rural District Council Representatives bring this under the notice of that Board. He (Mr Mc. Brudden) stated that if gas could not be supplied at present, the lamps should be improved.

The Clerk was given permission to get a New Minute Book and also

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and Letter Book a new Letter Book.

The following cheques were drawn:-

John Fox 4 weeks' wages	£	s	d
in Gas House	3	10	0
W ^m Neill, drawing water	3	0	
Joseph W. Barrett, Incidentals as shown in statement	1	0	1
D. H. & Rly. Company carriage on Carbide.		12	6
Total	£6	5	7

Laurence Toole

Special Meeting Tuesday 13th July 1909

A Special Meeting of The Arklow Town Commissioners was held in their Office, Court House, Arklow on Tuesday the 13th inst. at 7 o'clock p.m. for the purpose of considering the Matter of the Housing of the Working Classes and Other Business.

The following Members attended:-

Messrs M. Waldron (Chairman)

W. Merrigan

J. Mc. Crudden

W^m Kavanagh

F. Tyrrell

P. Tracey

L. O'Toole

C. Murray

P. Kavanagh *

Requisition Read,
being in 2 parts
of Monthly Minutes.

The Requisition convening the Meeting was read by the Clerk, being contained in two separate parts of the Minutes of the Monthly Meeting of the 5th July 1909.

Mr. Evans presents
Town & Harbour
Rate Irrecoverables.
Same signed by
Chairman and
Town Clerk.

Mr. John F. Evans, Rate Collector, came before the Board and presented his Lists of Irrecoverables for Town and Harbour Rates for the year ended 31st March 1909; which being correct were duly signed by the Chairman and Town Clerk.

Mr. Merrigan ejected
from the Meeting
by the Police.

During the progress of the above Mr. W. Merrigan was ejected from the Meeting by the Police for disturbing the proceedings.

Amount of Town &

The amount of Town Rate Irrecoverables

* This Member attended late, it being 25 min. to 8 o'clock.

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Harb. Irrecovs. was £5-7-11 and Harbour Rate 2-13-11½. It was not considered necessary for Mr. Evans to read his Harbour List of Irrecoverables as it was simply a repetition of the Town List, and the former being just half the former proved they were correct.

The Board expressed their approbation of the creditable way in which the Rate Collector did his work and Mr. L. O'Toole proposed a vote of thanks to Mr. Evans, which Capt. F. Tyrrell had pleasure in seconding, and the proposition was carried unanimously. Mr. Evans then retired having in turn thanked the Commissioners for their kindness.

The next business on the Agenda then, was the Housing of the Working Classes; and in connection therewith a communication dated the 12th July 1909 was received from the Local Government Board in answer to a letter, directed by the Town Commissioners Board to be written, at the last Monthly Meeting, asking for more information on the above subject.

The Local Government Board stated that Act 1908 has already been sent, & refers to Acts 1890-1896 which may be obtained at E. Ponsonby's 116 Grafton St.

The Housing of the Working Classes Act 1890
The Housing of the Working Classes Act 1893

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The Housing of the Working classes Act 1894 and The Housing of the Working classes (Ireland) Act 1896.

Advice as to adoption of Part III Act 1890, first Procedure

Continuing, they said "The procedure for the adoption of Part III of the Act of 1890 - which is the first step necessary in providing such houses - is set out in Section 99 so far as regards municipal towns not urban districts."

Explanation of term "Lodging Houses" in Act

"The term "Working class Lodging Houses" is the title of Part III of the Act referred to;" and alluding to the question whether the commissioners could not build houses

Answering question whether Commissioners etc have not same powers as Rural District Councils.

under similar conditions as the Rural District Councils build Labourers' Cottages the L. G. B. said: - "The conditions under which loans may be obtained for housing purposes are distinct from those under

Answer in negative. Reference to Section 14 of Act 1908.

which loans may be obtained under the Labourers Acts, and I am to refer you to Section 1 and 14 of the Act of 1908 above-

Present Rate of Interest 3 1/2 percent per annum.

mentioned: the present rate of interest for Housing loans being 3 1/2 percent per annum."

Mr. L. O'Toole states rate under Mr. Blancy's Bill 2 1/4. Same gentleman proposes Special Committee. Chairman refers to Mr. P. Kavanagh's Motion at Monthly Meeting, to form

Mr. L. O'Toole here remarked that under Mr. Blancy's Bill he thought the rate of interest was only 2 1/4. The same gentleman also proposed that a Special Committee should be formed to deal with this important subject. But the Chairman, Mr. M. Waldron, made reference to such a motion being proposed at the

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Whole Board Committee.

Monthly Meeting of the 5th inst. when Mr. P. Kavanagh suggested that the whole Board should be formed into committee.

Further discussion postponed

It was eventually arranged to postpone further discussion on the subject as the matter could not be gone into properly, without the Acts above mentioned; and the clerk was ordered to get copies of 1890-1896 when Special Meeting to be called if time, otherwise wait till Monthly Meeting.

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copies of Acts

1890-1896 when

Special Meeting

to be called if

time, otherwise

wait till

Monthly Meeting.

Laurence Toole

Monthly Meeting Monday 2nd August 1909

The usual Monthly Meeting of the Arklow Town Commissioners was held in their Office, Court House, Arklow on Monday the 2nd day of August 1909 at 7 o'clock p.m.

The following Members attended:-

Messrs L. O'Toole (Chairman)

C. Toole

J. Mc. Brudden

W^m Kavanagh

P. Tracey

P. Kavanagh

Mr. L. O'Toole elected to the chair.

In the absence of the regular Chairman Mr. W. Waldron, Mr. P. Tracey proposed, Mr. J. Mc. Brudden seconded and it was passed unanimously that Mr. L. O'Toole take the chair.

Mr O'Toole accordingly took the chair.

Last Monthly Minutes and of 13th July last read, agreed to, and signed by Chairman

The Minutes of the last Monthly Meeting and of the Special Meeting of the 13th of July inst. were read and agreed to and duly signed by the Chairman.

Adjournment of Meeting till the 5th inst, proposed by Mr. P. Tracey.

Mr. P. Tracey then proposed that, on account of the small number of Members present, and there being such important business on viz. the Matter of the Housing of the Working Classes and Mr Charles Toole's Motion for the extension of the Gas light, the Meeting be adjourned till

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Thursday the 5th inst. This proposition was seconded by Mr. Chas. Toole.

Chairman suggests paying Gas-Man as weeks too long to wait. Mr Tracey's Motion finally agreed to

The Chairman suggested paying the Gas-Man as it would be too long to wait another week. He (the Chairman) however agreed to Mr. Tracey's Motion to have the Meeting on Thursday and this day was settled on nem. con.

Mr. P. Kavanagh refers to apathy of Members and Town Clerk read Notice of Bantry Town Commissioners tenders for Building Working Houses.

Mr. P. Kavanagh speaking of the few present said, Members when elected ought to take more interest in the business of the Board, especially on such important matters as the Lighting and Housing Question; and in reference to the latter the Clerk read a cutting from the paper of a Notice of the Bantry Town Commissioners tendering for contracts for building Houses for Workers.

Clerk directed to write to Town Clerk Bantry for information on above subject.

Seeing that this Body must have already gone through all the stages for the adoption of the above Acts the Board directed the Clerk to write to the Town Clerk of Bantry asking for information. In addition, Mr. P. Tracey supported by Mr. C. Toole said, they should also write to Mr. Muldoon M. P. who might be able to give some practical help.

Mr. Tracey suggests also writing to Mr Muldoon. Chairman says unnecessary.

Members present accept notice of Meeting on Thursday.

The Chairman considered this unnecessary as we could get all the knowledge required from the Bantry Town Clerk. The Members present accepted verbal notice of the adjourned Meeting on Thursday.

By Waldron

Adjourned Monthly Meeting Thursday Aug. 5th 1909

The adjourned Monthly Meeting of the Arklow Town Commissioners was held in their office, Court House, Arklow, on Thursday 5th August 1909 at 7 o'clock p.m.

The following were present:-

Messrs M. Waldron (Chairman)

J. Mc Brudden

C. Toole

W. Merrigan

P. Tracey

S. Henderson

P. Kavanagh

D. Kavanagh

Minutes of non adjourned part of Monthly Meeting read agreed to & signed

Clerk proposes to read again Minutes read at Monday previous. Not considered necessary.

Rating of Government Property Form (Bounty in Lieu of Rates) sent to be

The Minutes of the non-adjourned part of the Monthly Meeting of the 2nd August 1909 were read and being agreed to were duly signed by the Chairman

The Clerk said the Minutes of the Monthly Meeting of the 5th July 1909 & of the special Meeting of the 13th of same month were read and signed at the Meeting on the Monday previous but that if the Commissioners would like them read again for the sake of those who were not present at the above Meeting he would do so. This was however, considered unnecessary.

The Rating of Government Property Department sent the Bounty in Lieu of Rates Form for current year to filled in and signed; a printed copy of the Rate

Adjourned Monthly Meeting Aug. 5th '09 contd.

completed.

Letter from Mr. J.

O'Connor M.P. re

Petition in ref. to

Town Tenants recorded

in Parliament.

Petition received

by the L.G.B.

against Arklow

Urbanising Order

Statement of

Harbour Loan for

year 1908-1909.

* Query by Mr. P. Kavanagh

as to whether Harb.

Dues should not help

to pay off Debt.

Mr. P. Tracey asks

Notice to accompany the Form when returned Mr. James O'Connor M.P. wrote stating that he presented the amended Petition re the Town Tenants Act of 1906 & that same would be recorded in the journals of the House. The letter was marked "read".

A letter was forwarded from the Local Government Board for Ireland stating they had received a Petition from certain Local Government Electors in the Town of Arklow against the Arklow Urban District Order 1909. This was also marked "read".

The Clerk presented a Statement of the Arklow Harbour Loan from the Board of Works for the year 1908-1909. The Principals outstanding at the beginning and end of the year were £ 3076-1-9 and £ 3056-11-9 respectively. One instalment of £ 85-0-5 was paid during the year; £ 65-10-5 of this being interest and the remainder £ 19-10-0 principal. In answer to Mr. Henderson the Clerk stated that the original amount of Loan was £ 3,500 and he (the Clerk) further stated that only £ 463 had been paid off in 18 years. At this there was considerable astonishment and Mr. P. Kavanagh said he understood that it was the original intention that some of the Harbour dues should go towards paying up the debt.

Whilst on the Harbour Question Mr. P.

how long have Harb.
Board Reps. to do.
Clerk directed to get
particulars.

Tracey asked how long had the Harbour Representatives of this Board to do. The Clerk said five years was their term of office. He did not know how long the present representatives were in office but said he would make enquiries.

Mr. John F. Evans
formally thanks the
Commissioners for vote
of Thanks for manner
in which he did his
work.

Mr. John F. Evans, Rate Collector, wrote under date the 28th. July 1909 formally thanking the Commissioners for their kind appreciation of his work and for the hearty vote of thanks which was unanimously passed at the Special Meeting of the 13th. inst. There was no comment on the letter.

Discussion on Housing
Question. No reply from
Bantry yet received

The Housing of the Working Classes next came up for discussion. Mr. P. Kavanagh asked the Clerk if he wrote to the Bantry Town Clerk yet. The Clerk stated he did so after Monday night's Meeting but there was no time to get an answer yet.

Clerk reads for the
Board Sec. 99 Part
III of Act referred to
in letter of L. G. B.
dated 12 July 1909

The latter then referred the Commissioners to the paragraph in the Local Government Board's letter of the 12th. July 1909 wherein it stated the procedure for the adoption of Part III was set out in Section 99 so far as regards municipal towns not urban districts. He (the Clerk) afterwards read the part of the Act mentioned in Sec. 99 which lays down that not less than 28 days nor more than 42 days public

notice of their intention to take into consideration the adoption of the said part of the Act must be given, and of the time and place for holding the Meeting when they will take it into consideration.

The principal part of the above Sec. was that which related to financial affairs. This sub-section says that the local rate shall be any rate which the Commissioners have power to impose for the purpose of paving, lighting, cleansing or otherwise improving the town, and that such rate may, with the approval of the Treasury be increased for the purpose. The whole discussion then centred on this point; as to the increase of rates the people would object.

Clerk says he thinks
2^d out of the
General Rate
could be spared
for Housing Purposes,
so as to save extra
rates

Mr. P. Kavanagh said although they have nothing to do with cleansing the town the Act says any rate used for lighting may do for the purposes of the Housing. In answer to Mr. Kavanagh the Clerk said he thought a Ten-penny rate would be sufficient for general requirements. There was usually a balance of about £50 every year which represented 2^d in £, and this could be used to pay off the Housing Loan, thus saving any increase in the rates, which were at their maximum at present being 1/- in £.

Mr. P. Tracey proposes

Mr. P. Tracey ended further discussion

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Blerk write to Mr. Muldoon U. P. for information. Seconded by Mr. W. Merrigan, and Mr. P. Kavanagh proposed amendment to have Weekly Committees of whole Board. Mr. Kavanagh changes amendment into Proposition. Seconded by Mr. C. Toole. Both Resolutions passed unanimously.

Discussion on Mr. C. Toole's Notice of Motion to extend the Gas light along the Harbour Road to the Quay.

Mr. Toole states his reasons for extending the Gas light.

by proposing that the clerk write to Mr. Muldoon U. P. for information. This was seconded by Mr. W. Merrigan. Mr. P. Kavanagh proposed an amendment that a weekly Meeting of a Committee of the whole Board be called when information would be forthcoming from Bantry.

Mr. Kavanagh finally withdrew his amendment and let it stand in the form of a proposition; the first Meeting to be held next Thursday the 12th inst. and every succeeding Thursday after. This was seconded by Mr. C. Toole. Both propositions then stood being passed unanimously.

The next business on the agenda then dealt with was Mr. C. Toole's Notice of Motion handed in at the Monthly Meeting of July 5th to extend the Gas light along the Harbour Road to the Quay.

Mr Toole again spoke about the traffic in this part of the town and the necessity for good light, mentioning the sad case about a child been run over November 12 months ago owing to the darkness of the place. He (Mr Toole) also referred to the dangerous trenches going down to the quay, which reminded him of those at Sebastapool.

He did not wish to cause too much

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Slight alteration in Notice of Motion as to position of lamp-posts

Proposition seconded by Mr. J. McCrudden

Mr. Henderson opposes the undertaking on legal grounds and because Ferrybank should have Gas first

Further debating on the Question by Mr. C. Toole

expense; the old lamp-posts would do. But he desired to slightly alter the positions mentioned in his Notice of Motion; that is to say; - Instead of having the posts at Mr. John Manifolds, Toole's Open and Mid-way between the Infant's School and the Quay as formerly proposed he now asked to have the lights at Mr Newmans, Toole's Open, and below Kempenstal's Place. He would not say any more, but rested on the assurance that the Commissioners would treat him fairly on the matter.

The proposition was seconded by Mr. J. McCrudden

Mr. S. Henderson said what was proposed to be done was altogether illegal. If any place got gas Ferrybank should get it; and he said some of the Commissioners and the Clerk knew the agitation for Gas on Ferrybank was on the books long ago. He also said there were accidents on Ferrybank as well, through insufficient light. He remembered the time when there were no lights nor road to the Harbour.

Here Mr. Toole rejoined by saying that the Harbour Road was not necessary in those times as the water was deep up to the Bridge, where they used to land their fish. And in the Summer time they landed them at a place which went by the name of Coffey's House. Here Mr Toole related how once in rushing to man

the lifeboat on a very dark night he fell into one of the deep trenches he before referred to; and said good light was now absolutely necessary on the Harbour Road as it was the shortest route to the lifeboat House in case of accident at sea.

A very lengthened discussion was brought to a close by the Chairman stating that the whole crux was that they had not enough money to carry out the extensions even if they had power to do so.

In answer to the Board the Clerk said the Gasometer could not hold any more gas. Mr. P. Tracey said the Board could supply private consumers. But this, it was explained could be done without interfering with the Gasometer. Mr. P. Kavanagh then referred to what the Local Government Board Secretary said to the deputation who waited on him in reference to the surcharges; that the Commissioners had no powers to light the Town with Gas or to collect money from private consumers. The present lighting was allowed, provided there was no extension, till it was seen whether the town would urbanise or not; and if the town did not do this the Commissioners were to sell the plant.

The Chairman states
not enough money to
carry out extensions &
further debared by
want of powers

Private Consumers sup-
plied without inter-
fering with Gasometer.
Mr. P. Kavanagh relates
what Sec. L.G.B. said
with regard to the
Gas. Plant.

Mr. E. Toole agrees
to let Motion
stand over till
next Monthly
Meeting.

The Chairman said things would be one way or the other in six weeks or so. Mr. Toole then agreed to let his Notice of Motion stand over till the next Monthly Meeting when it could be seen which way the wind was blowing.

Mr. Mc. Brudden
asks what
action was
taken by the
R.D.C. re
regard to the
Ferrybanks
footpaths.

Mr. Mc. Brudden was about to enter upon the subject of the state of Ferrybanks footpaths, when the Chairman said he was out of order as the business was not on the agenda. The Clerk said this matter was mentioned in the Minutes of the Monthly Meeting in July, and it was for the sake of the information contained in those Minutes that he mentioned about reading them again.

Chairman says
above matter not
on Agenda,
but a question
was allowable.
No move taken
by the R.D.C.
representatives;
and gives
reasons, also
explains how
the affair
stands.

The Chairman said Mr. Mc. Brudden would be in order by putting it in the form of a question, viz Did the Rathdrum Representatives on this Board bring the matter before the Rathdrum Board at their last Meeting? Mr. P. Kavanagh said he was present at the Meeting but passed no remarks as perhaps it would injure someone behind his back. Mr. Kavanagh said the proper way would be for any person who was a ratepayer to drop a note to the County Surveyor, who would soon see to the matter and acquaint his Board; and then their (the Town's) representatives could take action. Mr. Mc. Brudden said he wished

Mr. Mc. Brudden

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does wish to criticize
representatives.

it to be understood that he did not mention the matter in the way of criticism of their representatives.

Mr. D. Kavanagh refers
to state of Back Street
footpaths.

Mr. D. Kavanagh said improvement in Ferrybank footpaths was far less wanted than in some of the back streets of Arklow. Mr. C. Toole endorsed these remarks.

Rate Books signed
& sealed.

The Rate Books for current year were duly signed and sealed at this Meeting, the Clerk having first filled in the blanks for dates. Mr.

Question on lateness
of above raised.

D. Kavanagh remarked about the lateness of signing the above books.

The Chairman states
the cause.

The Chairman said the Clerk got them as soon as he could. They were a new form of rate book and had to go through the inspection of the Local Government Board; all which and other formalities caused delay.

Clerk also refers to Mr.
Evans' illness.

The Clerk also said Mr. Evans was sick and could not get in his arrears before now.

Consideration of Oil &
Lamplighters' Tenders

The Question of Oil Tenders and Lamplighters tenders which were on the Agenda was left to the Clerk to deal with as was done last year, the wages to be the same 16/- per week.

Resolution passed to let
Clerk deal with the
above and Special
Meeting called to decide

The Chairman said the above should go in the form of a resolution. Mr. Henderson therefore proposed, Mr. C. Toole seconded, and it was passed

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as to selection of
Tenders.

unanimously that the above be adopted and the Clerk was authorised to call a Special Meeting for Thursday 19th inst "For the purpose of considering the above Tenders"

Time of putting
up & lighting
lamps put off
till Special
Meeting.

The time of putting up and lighting the lamps was also discussed. The Clerk said the Moon was favourable this year. The lamps were never lighted before the 23rd inst. about which period there would be 1st quarter of the Moon, and full on the 31st of August. So that there would be no necessity to light before the 1st of September.

The Clerk said it takes 3 days to put out the lamps. This could be done on the last three days of the month. Mr. Henderson said they always like to have them up before the Sunday. The Clerk said this would be so. It was finally agreed to settle the matter at the Special Meeting on the 19th.

Bounty in lieu of
Rates form signed.

The Bounty in lieu of Rates Form was then signed by the Chairman and Town Clerk; the amount of Bounty was £11-6-9.

Amount in Bank
Books

Cheques were then passed. The Chairman said the amount in Bank Book No I Account was £14-2-0 and the Clerk had £7-19-6 in hand. The amount in No II Bank Book

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was £32-17-9

Mr. D. Kavanagh asked if the Harbour Instalment was paid yet. The Chairman said it was not paid for July, and the Clerks in reply to Mr. Kavanagh said he had received the Receivable Order, but there were not enough rates in to pay it, and that it would be paid next month.

The following cheques were issued for payment:-

John Fox 5 weeks wages in Gas-House	£	s	d
	4	7	6
W ^m Veill drawing Water and one ton of carbide	3	6	
Joseph W. Barrett Incidentals as shown in Statement	16	0	
Owen Walsh repairing Gas-Supply Pipe at 10 Main St. with new Brass & Lead piping & fitting up New Meter, also repairs to the Gas-Plant	1	1	0
Thomas Kavanagh repairing two ladders	4	0	
John Hempenstall repairing 60 lamps	3	0	0
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	£	9	12
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M. Waldron
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9-12-0

Not enough rates in No 15 account to pay Harbour Instalment. Same to be paid next month.

Cheques:-

Special Meeting Thursday August 19th 1909

A Special Meeting of the Arklow Town Commissioners was held in their Office, Court House, Arklow, on Thursday 19th August 1909 at 7 o'clock p.m. to consider Oil Tenders and Lamplighters' Tenders for the coming Lighting Season; and other Business.

The Members that attended were:-

- Messrs M. Waldron (Chairman)
- L. O'Toole
- W. Merrigan
- C. Toole
- J. Mc. Crudden
- W^m Kavanagh
- P. Tracey

The Clerks having read the Requisition convening the Meeting, which was contained in the Minutes of the adjourned Monthly Meeting of the 5th. August 1909, the first business on the Agenda was taken up; viz The consideration of Oil Tenders.

- The following sent in quotations
- I Messrs P. Boland, Crown Diamond at 5³/₄ per gall. Royal Daylight at 6² per gall; to be delivered as required; or if taken in one delivery at present all that was required, Crown Diamond was offered at 5¹/₂ per gall. and Royal Daylight at 5³/₄ per gall.
 - II Messrs J. J. Kavanagh, Crown Diamond at 6 per gall. Royal Daylight at 6¹/₂ per gall. To be delivered as required. and
 - III Messrs J. J. Annesley Royal Daylight

Requisition read by the clerks

Persons tendering for Oil
P. Boland.
J. J. Kavanagh.
J. Annesley.

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at 6 5/8 per gall. tanks to be charged at 3/6 each but allowed for in full when returned.

P. Boland's the lowest tender

The Chairman (Mr. M. Waldron) announced that Messrs Boland's Tender was the lowest, and it was the usual and the proper course always to adopt the lowest Tender. After some discussion Mr. L. O'Toole proposed that Mr Boland get the tender at 6 per. gall. His (Mr O'Toole's) reason for accepting the above tender was, first and foremost, because it was the lowest. He also took into consideration the fact that Mr. Boland had been supplying the Board for a considerable number of years

Mr L. O'Toole proposes Messrs P. Boland and gives his reasons

Mr. W. Merrigan proposes Messrs J. J. Kavanagh and Mr P. Tracey seconds the

As an amendment Mr. W. Merrigan proposed that Messrs J. J. Kavanagh's Tender at 6 1/2 be received. Mr. P. Tracey seconded this.

Amendment

The Chairman fully explained to these Gentlemen the responsibility they were taking upon themselves in accepting a higher price, and that the Auditor would undoubtedly surcharge them, and he (the Chairman) instanced the case of the Rathdrum Board as an example. Mr P. Tracey stated the conditions were "The lowest or any Tender." But Mr L. O'Toole said this was only to guard the Commissioners against non-bona-fides. Mr Tracey said, however, he would support Mr Kavanagh because he upheld the Working-man's cause, being a member of their Association. The Chairman said this was not sufficient guarantee, adopting a dearest tender of a 1/2 per gall extra, which would mean a lot at the end

Chairman was no above Members about accepting higher tenders.

Mr. P. Tracey's defence

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of the year, and the latter said he would also support Mr Kavanagh if his tender was the lowest, and Members had no right to deal lightly with public money. Here Mr Waldron said he would absolutely refuse to sign the cheques for Oil when they came up for payment. Mr C. Toole said he would uphold the proposer and seconder of Mr. J. J. Kavanagh for the reasons Mr Tracey had put forward

Mr C. Toole supports Messrs J. J. Kavanagh

The Chairman seconds Mr L O'Toole's Proposition

Finally Mr Waldron said as no one had seconded Mr L O'Toole's proposition, he would so himself; and in the usual way put Mr Merrigan's amendment to the Board. There then voted for the amendment Mr. C. Toole, Mr. J. Mc. Brudden and Mr. Wm. Kavanagh. Mr W. Merrigan and Mr. P. Tracey had already voted being the proposer and seconder respectively. All the Members present had then recorded their vote so that the result stood:-

Messrs J. J. Kavanagh's Tender received by 5 votes to 2

Chairman & Mr L O'Toole dissenting

The latter directs note of same to be recorded on the Minutes.

For Messrs J. J. Kavanagh 5 Votes
" " P. Boland 2 "

The Amendment in favour of Mr J. J. Kavanagh was therefore declared carried, the Chairman and Mr L. O'Toole dissenting, a note of which Mr O'Toole requested the Clerk to enter on the Minutes.

Six Applications for position of Lamplighters

The Lamplighters' Tenders were then dealt with. Applications for the position were received from the following,

- I. Thomas Copeland, Arklow.
- II. J. Bracken, North Quay, Arklow.
- III. Laurence Kavanagh, Arklow.
- IV. John Connors, Vale Road, Arklow.
- V. John Walsh 4 Kinsella's Lane, Arklow.
- VI. Joseph Fitzgerald, Wexford Road, Arklow.

Thos. Copeland & Jas. Kavanagh elected (over page)

As there were no complaints against last year's men Mr Tracey said he did not see why they should not elect the same men again. The Clerk said one of

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the men Murray had since left the Town.

Mr. O'Toole's sug-
gestion

Mr. L. O'Toole, then, to save time suggested each Member should select any pair he thought most suitable and cast his vote for them. This plan was adopted; when Mr. C. Toole voted for:-

Voting of Members

{ Joseph Fitzgerald &
Laurence Kavanagh

Mr. J. Mc. Crudden voted for:-

{ Thomas Copeland &
Laurence Kavanagh

Mr. W^m Kavanagh for:-

{ Thomas Copeland &
Laurence Kavanagh

Mr. P. Tracey for:-

{ Thomas Copeland &
Laurence Kavanagh

Mr. W. Merrigan for:-

{ Thomas Copeland &
Laurence Kavanagh

Mr. L. O'Toole for:-

{ Thomas Copeland &
Laurence Kavanagh

Result of Voting

Laurence Kavanagh therefore received six out of six votes, Thomas Copeland five and Joseph Fitzgerald one. The two former were then declared elected and the Chairman directed the Town clerk to notify them of their appointment.

Increase of Lamp-
lighters' wages spoken
of by Mr Tracey

Mr. Tracey asked what about an increase of wages for the lamplighters but this was considered a matter for the men themselves

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to apply for at the Monthly Meeting.

Time of putting
up & lighting
Lamps left to
clerk

The Chairman said there was one more item on the Agenda and that was to arrange the time for lighting and putting up the lamps. The clerk had already when reading the Requisition for this part of the business explained the position of the Moon with regard to lighting, and went over part of his remarks, when it was decided to leave the settling of the above in his (the clerk's) hands.

clerk to have
agreement
ready for
Monthly Meet-
ing.

Before the conclusion of the Meeting Mr O'Toole said it was a general rule to have an agreement drawn up for the Lamp-lighters to sign. The clerk said he had a copy of last year's and would make out a similar one for the Monthly Meeting.

W. Waldron
Sept 6th 09

End of Book.