From Mr Thomas Mostyn suggesting certain alterations in the Code of Bye laws for the Registration and regulation of Lodging Houses within the Township

ordered

Send the alterations prepared by Mr Jackson to Mr Mostyn for his approval

From the Clerk to the Commissioners resigning his Situation

ordered

Board to meet on Saturday next to consider the steps necessary to secure a proper person to act as his successor

adopted

Proposed by Mr Hudson
seconded by Mr Jackson
and Resolved

That the usual notice of the intention of the Commissioners to strike a Rate under the Bray Township act 1866, be published in accordance with the directions of the said act

adopted

Moved by Mr Jackson
seconded by Mr Hudson
and Resolved

That instructions be given to Messrs O'Brien and Keogh to take the necessary steps for the purpose of enabling the Commissioners to open up the road leading from Bray Commons to Bray Bridge

adopted

Moved by Mr Quinn
seconded by Mr Hudson
and Resolved

That Mr Cope having tendered his resignation, the Board unanimously express their sincere regret that he has found it necessary to resign and the more particularly as such necessity is occasioned by the state of his health.

The Board feel that it is due to Mr Cope to declare that during the time he held the appointment he carried out the business of his office to their perfect satisfaction, bringing to its execution a peculiar ability in making the estimates, keeping the accounts, and correctly recording the transactions of the Board

adopted unanimously.

Moved by Mr Breslin
seconded by Mr Kehoe
and Resolved,

That the Esplanade be cleared of all the gravel and top dressed with the manure on the Commons and sown with hay seeds promised by Mr Breslin, and that the Clerk be requested to write to the Secretary of the Dublin & Wicklow Railway Company for repairing the Esplanade

adopted

The additional clause prepared by Mr. Jackson for the regulation of Hackney Cars and Cabs plying for hire from Bray and its neighbourhood, was approved of

adopted

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The following accounts were examined and ordered to be paid,

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|---|---|
| G. R. Powell, for advertisements | £0 .. 13 .. 0 |
| Mary Lawless, cleaning pumps | 19 .. 6 |
| Thos Dockrell, stench trap | 16 .. 0 |
| Irish Times, advertisements | 3 .. 12 .. 0 |
| | 6 .. 0 .. 6 |

The Clerk was instructed to cause the usual advertisements to be published for Tenders from persons for watering the Several Streets and Roadways within the Township

At a Meeting of the Bray Town Commissioners held in the Court House Bray on Saturday the 20th April 1867,

Present in the Chair
The Right Honorable
The Earl of Meath
other Commissioners
P. Warburton Jackson
Edwd Breslin, Mathew O'Reilly Dease
Andrew Kehoe, Stephen Raverty George
Hudson & John Quinn Esqrs,

The Meeting having been convened to consider Bye Laws for the regulation of Fairs in Little Bray Ward, and to advertise for a person to act as Town Clerk
The Commissioners proceeded to consider those prepared by Mr Jackson, and after some few alterations they were adopted with the View of having them left on the Table for further consideration, and the Clerk was instructed to Mr Large of Rathsallagh, and Mr Graydon of Toomer for a list of the Fair Tolls collected by them respectively
adopted
The Clerk was instructed to issue the usual advertisement for a Competent person to act as Town Clerk at a Salary of £40 per Annum, the Election to take place on Monday the 6th May 1867,
adopted,
Clerk was instructed to forward to Messrs O'Brien and Keogh a letter received from Mr Edwd D'Alton Solicitor to Mr Peter Burrowes
Thanks

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Mr Peter Burrowes Sharkey, demanding a sum of £10 pursuant to an undertaking given on behalf of the Bray Commissioners by their Parliamentary Agents Messrs Manning and Walker, in consideration of Mr. Sharkey's withdrawing a Petition lodged at the instance of the Bray Pier Company against the Commissioners bill,

Read

The Meeting was adjourned to the 1st Monday in May next,

At a Meeting of the Bray Towns Commissioners held in the Court House Bray on Monday the 29th April 1867

Present in the Chair

The Right Honorable
The Earl of Meath

Other Commissioners

Edmd. Wm. O'Kelly, George Hudson James Thornton, P. Warburton Jackson, Andrew Kehoe, John Quinn, Matthew O'Reilly Dease and Stephen Raverty Esqrs.

The Board having been convened by requisition to meet to consider the Report of Mr Cotton on the plans submitted to him for the construction of the proposed Bray Harbour, also to consider the steps necessary to be taken to raise the sum of Money required to pay the expenses of obtaining the Bray Improvement Act 1866, as well as to decide on the measures which may be thought advisable for making the new Road from Bray Bridge to the Peoples Park, and Mr O'Brien acting as one of the Solicitors to the Board having informed the Meeting that in consequence of the provisions of the 45th Sec of the Act 10th Vic, Cap 16, not having been fully complied with, the Meeting was adjourned to Saturday the 4th ~~Instant~~ May 1867, and the Clerk having been served with a requisition signed by the requisite number of Commissioners to convene a Meeting for the 4th ~~Instant~~ May, he was instructed to act accordingly

adopted,

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At a Meeting of the Bray Town Commissioners held in the Court House Bray, on ~~Monday~~ Saturday the 4th May 1867

Present in the Chair
The Right Honorable
The Earl of Meath

Other Commissioners
John Quin, George Hudson P. Warburton Jackson, Edm^d Wm^m O'Kelly, Andrew Kehoe, & Mathew O'Reilly Dease Esqrs

The Clerk having read the requisition and notice issued to convene the Meeting of the Commissioners for this day, to consider an Estimate of the Amount required for payment of the Costs, charges and expenses of and incident to the preparing for, obtaining and passing of the Bray Improvement Act 1866, and generally to act for the purpose of carrying out said loan, and further to consider what are the proper steps to be adopted with regard to the contemplated Harbour for Bray in consequence of Mr. Cotton's report thereon proceeded to consider the Estimate in question and adopted the following Minute and Resolution,

The Town Clerk having laid before the Commissioners an Estimate of the amount required for payment of the Costs, charges and expenses of and incident to the preparing for obtaining and passing of the Bray Improvement Act 1866, amounting to £1900,

It was Resolved
That Six Weeks public

Notice be given that the Commissioners purpose to borrow the said sum of £1900 for the foregoing purpose, and intend to dispose of such proposal to borrow at the Meeting of the Commissioners to be held at the Court House Bray at 12 O'Clock on Monday the 24th day of June 1867, and that such notice be published in the Irish Times, as follows, ~~adopted~~,

The Bray Improvement Act 1866,

Notice is hereby given that "The Bray Township Commissioners" propose to borrow on Mortgage of the Bray Township Rate the sum of £1900, for the purpose of paying the costs, charges and expenses of and incident to the preparing for obtaining and passing of the "Bray Improvement Act 1866" and that the Commissioners intend to dispose of such Proposal to borrow at the Meeting of said Commissioners to be held at the Court House Bray at 12 O'Clock on Monday the 24th June 1867,

adopted,

Letter read from Mr. George Keogh acting as one of the Solicitors to the Board ~~stating~~ dated 20th April 1867, stating that it is impossible for him to make accurate Estimate the precise sum required for costs than he has already done especially in the absence of Mr. O'Brien who is absent and will not be home until the afternoon of the date of this letter, that the Commissioners have the figures of the items at the reduced sums, and that these sums were agreed to on conditions of the prompt payment

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payment, and that more than one of the parties have since intimated that so long an interval having elapsed they will not consider themselves bound thereto, and that therefore it would be more convenient to leave it at the £1900, at which the costs are furnished, and that anything he and Mr O'Brien are able to save out of the sums furnished can be handed back,

Read

Moved by Mr. Dease
Seconded by Mr. Hudson
and Resolved,

That our Chairman, the Earl of Meath be requested to see Mr. Cotton and to ascertain on what terms he would provide a plan for carrying out the intended works at Bray river according to his views as set out in his report, and such works not to exceed in the entire the sum of £10.000, and that his Lordship be requested to convene a meeting so soon as he obtains such information,

adopted,

At a Meeting of the Bray Town Commissioners held in the Court House Bray on Monday the 6th day of May 1867

Present in the Chair

John Quinn Esqrs.

other Commissioners

P. Warburton Jackson, George Hudson, Stephen Raverty, Edward Breslin John Quinn, Mathew O'Reilly Dease, Edm. Wm. O'Kelly Andrew Kehoe, John O'Neill, & Alfred Lothern Esqrs.

The Minutes of previous Meetings were read and compared,

Letter read from Sec; D.W.&W. Railway Company stating that Mr Waldron Chairman of the Co. will visit Bray and ascertain what is required to be done to the Esplande and what old timber is available for the purpose of repairing it

Read

From Thomas Mostyn Esq on the subject of the Bye Laws sent for the Confirmation of the Lord Lieutenant in relation to the Registration and Regulation of Lodging Houses within the Township, and directing the attention of the Commissioners to the Code of Regulations under the Common Lodging Houses Act, and stating that such Bye Laws & Regulations do not require any preliminary notice

ordered,

Clerk to procure copy of act

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From Octavius O'Brien Esq requesting ~~that he will~~ to be furnished with a Certificate in Duplicate of the Amount of the yearly Rates now struck on the Bray Township

ordered

To supplied by the Clerk

From John Large Esq Enclosing a list of Fair Tolls in use in Connexion with the Fairs held Annually at Rathsallagh in the Co of Wicklow

Read

From Henry Brett Esq C.E, applying to have his plans and Estimates of the proposed Harbour at Bray, returned to him

ordered

Plans and documents to be returned by the Clerk to Mr Brett,

From George Keogh Esq stating that Mr Dattons application on behalf of Mr Sharkey for £10 is quite correct and is included in the Schedule of Costs rendered by him & Mr O'Brien in the case of the passing of the Bray Improvement Act 1866,

Read

From Messrs Walpole Webb & Bewley requesting a settlement of their account for Tubes &c supplied on order of John Rice

ordered ~~Read~~

Clerk to write for particulars

From Octavius O'Brien Esq stating that he is of opinion the Bray Pier Company have abandoned the order they applied for to the Board of Trade

Read

From the Right Honorable The Earl of Meath Chairman of the Board, stating that he will be unable to attend the Meeting to day in consequence of a slight indisposition

Read

From the Public Works Loan Commissioners dated 17th Ult, Enclosing a set of Queries to be answered in connexion with the ~~Commissioners~~ Town Commissioners application for a Loan of Money to supply the Township with Water

ordered

Clerk to state in reply that the Board withdraw their application for the Loan of £300 for Water purposes for the present, in consequence of the Corporation of Dublin, with whom they have contracted, not being in a position to give a supply from the Vartry for some time

adopted

From the Office of Public Works Dublin dated 26th April 1867. Enclosing the Commissioners Memorial to the Public Works Loan Commrs for a Loan of £5544.12.0, together with the Plans, Specifications and Estimate, and also a letter to the Public Works Loan Commrs for this Board to transmit with their Memorial for the Loan in question for Sewage purposes

ordered

The several documents referred to to be forwarded as directed,

Moved by Mr Jackson, Seconded by Mr O'Kelly, and Unanimously Resolved

That the Stones be picked off the Esplanade, the Surface rolled and the paths dressed over with Soil, and that Mr Bustin be authorized to carry out the above & bring in his bill of expenses when finished

adopted

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The Board proceeded to consider the applications of Candidates for the office of Town Clerk, and having read the Testimonials of Messrs James Murphy and Joseph Wilkinson

It was moved by Mr O'Kelly
Seconded by Mr Keogh
That Mr James Murphy be elected to the office at a Salary of £40 per Annum, which on being put

The Motion on being put to the Meeting was declared carried by a Majority of one Vote the Chairman declined to Vote on the Question

adopted,

Moved by Mr Breslin
Seconded by Mr O'Kelly
and Unanimously Resolved
That Mr Cope be paid for his Services at the rate of £40 per Annum from the date of his Election under the "Bray Improvement Act 1866" Viz from 1st Sept 1866

adopted

Moved by Mr Sotheren
Seconded by Mr O'Kelly
and Unanimously Resolved,
That Peter Warburton Jackson & Edward Breslin Esqrs, be called upon to produce Parliamentary Summons or order from the Bray Town Commissioners for attending ~~in Parliament~~ to their interests in Parliament as a prove to establish their Claims to £40 & £20 respectively

adopted

The Board proceeded to the Signing of the Rate book for the Rates assessed to meet the Expenses of the Township for Current Year, and it was Unanimously Resolved,

That a Rate of Two Shillings and Three pence be assessed on all the Rateable property within the Bray Township from the 6th day of May 1867, for one year, as the Bray Township Rate, and that a Rate of Three pence in the £ be also assessed on the aforesaid Rateable property as a Rate for defraying the expenses incurred in obtaining the passing of the Bray Improvement Act 1866 which Rates amount in the aggregate to £178 3 10 " 2¼, exclusive of the arrears of Rates ~~herein~~ ~~here~~ inserted in the Bray Township Rate book, and that said arrears amounts to £ 5 " 8 " 1½ " 4 "

adopted

Moved by Mr O'Kelly
Seconded by Mr O'Neill
and Resolved,
That the Clerk be instructed to write to the D. W. & W. Railway Co's Secretary and state that when Mr B. McEntire left the employment of the Railway Co, he was under the impression he was about to be permanently employed by the Commissioners, whereas his employment with them depended on advances that the Comm'rs had applied for, for Sewage purposes, and that as the Commissioners have not yet obtained those advances, they desire to express a hope that under the foregoing Circumstances, the Railway Company will re Employ Mr McEntire

adopted

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The Tender of Denis Carr of Little Bray was accepted for Watering the Streets & Roadways of the Township at £28 per Month for the ensuing Six Months

adopted

The following accounts were examined and ordered to be paid

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|---|---|---|
| B. McEntire Workmens Wages | £ | 9 " 1 " 4 |
| Joseph Richards 2 Months Salary | " | 5 " 0 " 0 |
| do Incidental Expenses | " | 2 " 6 |
| | £ | 14 " 3 " 10 |

The Meeting was adjourned to Monday the 20th Inst,

At a Meeting of the Bray Town Commissioners held in the Court House Bray on Friday the 17th May 1867, In the Chair W. Jackson Esq, Other Comrs Geo Hudson, Stephen Raverty, E. O'Kelly & Mathew O'Reilly Dease Esqs

The Clerk having read the requisition and Notice issued to convene the Meeting of this day, to consider the answer received from Mr Cotton on Bray Harbour and after said letter was Read, the Commissioners came to the conclusion to adjourn the Meeting to Monday next, in the Mean time the Clerk is to forward a Copy of the following Resolution to Mr Cotton

Moved by Mr O'Kelly
Seconded by Mr Dease
and Resolved

That the Clerk be instructed to reply to Mr Cottons letter and state that the Commissioners are willing to pay him £60, provided that the plan he will prepare for the construction of a Harbour at Bray be approved of by the Board of Trade on the condition and also that the Commissioners are able to procure the Necessary Loan to carry out said Works on his plan, and request an answer by Monday next when the Commissioners will Meet to consider it,

adopted

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At a meeting of the Bray Town Commissioners held in the Court House Bray on Monday May 20th inst.—

M. O'Reilly Deas-Eay. Chairman

Other Commissioners: Geo. [illegible]
James Thornton
Stephen Raverty
Alfred Sotheran Esqrs

The minutes of meetings of May 6th & 17th were read and confirmed.

Letters were read from Messrs Joseph Butler and James Lacy drawing attention to the dangerous nature of the roadway at Fontenoy Terrace—

Proposed by Dr Raverty
Seconded by Mr Sotheran.

And resolved: That our Inspector be desired to have the sewer complained of in Mr Butler's letter repaired, and that Mr Thornton be kind enough to superintend same; the expense of said work not to exceed £5.

Letter read
From Mr Jackson, requesting that his demand for expenses incurred during his visits to London in connection with the Bray Improvement Bill be referred back to the Finance Committee—
The request was agreed to.

Letter read from Mr Cotton stating that he declines to draw up plans of Harbour for Bray, subject to the conditions of resolution passed at last meeting of Commissioners.

Letter read from Mr Brett, requesting settlement of his a/c. — Ordered: That the Clerk be directed to write to him stating that the a/c has been referred to the Finance Committee.

Letter read from the Board of Works Loan Office, stating that they cannot, from want of funds, entertain the Commissioners application for a loan for sewage purposes, but that they will ~~notify~~ communicate with the Commissioners when they will be able to do so.

Warrants were produced from the County Treasurer containing statement of amounts due by Township of Bray to his Office. — Referred to Finance Committee.

Read
Report of Inspector of Nuisances — With reference to the charge made therein of cattle trespassing
Thos proposed by Mr Sotheran
Seconded by Dr Raverty,
And passed — That a printed notice warning all persons allowing horses &c. to stray or trespass that such animals will be seized by the Inspector of Nuisances, and lodged in a yard or stable for one week after which, if not released, they will be sold to defray expenses.

Ordered that the gates of the People's Park at Bray be thrown up to the Public during the day.

The Clerk was directed to give a list of the lamps which are to be kept lighting from 1st May to 1st of August, to the Inspector.

The Clerk was also instructed to summon a meeting of the Harbor Committee for Monday next May 26th inst. at 12 o'c Noon.

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The Inspector was directed, under the Superintendence of Mr Thornton, to have the seats belonging to the Esplanade repaired and placed in their respective positions.

The Clerk was also instructed to summon a Meeting of the Harbor Committee, for Monday next, May 26th Inst. at 12 o'c. noon.

A special meeting of the Bray Township Commissioners was convened for Friday May 24th Inst at 12 o'c noon at the Court House Bray, ~~to take into consideration~~ for the purpose of affixing the seal to a petition to Parliament against the further progress of a bill for confirming certain provisional orders made by the Board of Trade under the General Pier & Harbor Act 1861 relating to Bray & Irvine and to do all necessary acts.

A sufficient number of Commissioners to form a quorum not having been present within the required time the meeting was adjourned to 5 o'c P.M.

— " —

At the adjourned meeting of the Commissioners

Present Mr. O'Reilly Deane Esq in the Chair

& the Commissioners present.

Edward Bustin
Andrew Kehoe
James Thornton &
John O'Neill Esqrs.

It was proposed by Mr Thornton
and seconded by Mr Bustin

and resolved:

That the seal of the Bray Township Commissioners be now affixed to the petition against this bill giving powers to the Bray Pier company, and that the Petition be signed by the members present and that Mr Attorney O'Brien be directed

to have it lodged in due form.

In accordance with the request contained in a letter read from Mr P. Brien, the clerk was directed to forward the petition to him without delay and to call his office to see that it had been forwarded to him in the event of his being in London.

At a meeting of the Bray Township Commissioners held on Monday June 3rd Inst. at the Court-House Bray.

Present. E. Breslin Esq in the chair

Other Commissioners present Mr. O'Kelly Deane
Geo. Hudson
E.W. O'Kelly
Andrew Kehoe
Stephen Raverty
James Thornton
Alfred Sothern Esqrs.

The minutes of former meetings of May 20th & 24th Inst. were read and confirmed

Mr Thornton reported that the work ordered to be done on the strand opposite Fontenoy Terrace was performed satisfactorily

The Clerk was instructed to write to Mr Revell County Treasurer calling his attention to an error in the account furnished against the Bray Township from his office in which a charge is made for portion of the County Surveyor's salary in opposition to a ~~provision~~ section of the Bray Improvement Act 1866.

Mr Cope having reported that he had arranged the account of the late Collector,

It was proposed by Mr O'Kelly
seconded by Mr Thornton, and passed:

That the Clerk be instructed to write to the ~~Sureties~~ sureties of the late Collector of Rate, John Rice, for £14.7.4½ amount appearing upon the Books as rates collectable, and request that said amount be at once lodged with the Treasurer, and that

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the items representing the sums appearing in Lego on face of Borough rate account as uncollectable rate be accepted in settlement of said account.

With reference to the intended Harbor at Bray, the following resolution was proposed by Mr O'Kelly
seconded by Mr Hudson and passed:

That Mr Cotton's proposal of drawing up a plan for the proposed Harbor at Bray be adopted and that half of the expense of plan (by £20) be paid out of the Bray Township Rates, the other half out of the sums already subscribed towards the furtherance of the said proposed Harbor.

Also proposed by George Hudson Esq
seconded by Mr O'Kelly, Deane Esq
and passed:

That Messrs Thornton and O'Kelly having kindly consented to see Mr Cotton and confer with him on the most advisable method of at once cutting out the Mouth of the River so as to render it at once available for navigation before the time gets more advanced, and pending the decision on the larger plan for improving it—

The Board accepts this proposal with gratitude and authorizes them to proceed at once in the matter.

The Clerk was directed to write to Mr Cotton ~~of the~~ acquainting him of the above resolution.

The Clerk was also directed to write to the gentlemen whose plans for the above Harbor were still unreturned, that they would be returned on application being made for them.

Read Inspector's report complaining that some parties had not complied with the regulations in reference to making sewers.

Ordered: that all parties whose boundary wall is not outside one hundred feet of the main sewer be compelled to open sewers to it from their places.

Ordered: That the two broken seats be repaired and placed on Esplanade.

Ordered: in reference to complaint of the improper state in which Ludd's premises on the strand are kept, That the Inspector take steps to remove the dungheaps and other matters complained of, and in case of any obstruction on the part of Ludd, to have a summons issued immediately against him.

Read, Inspector's report complaining of defective sewer at Smith's little Bray; also of the position of the Bathing boxes on the strand.

Ordered: That one hundred ~~extra~~ copies of the Bye laws be printed, and that one be placed in each bathing box, and one on a board provided for the purpose on the strand, and that the Inspector be desired to see that the regulations therein contained are strictly complied with.

The Clerk was instructed to have the Borough rate collector's bond executed at once as amended, and that his warrant for collection be handed to him at its completion.

Mr Bothers reported that the County of Dublin Treasurer's ~~accounts~~ contract with the boundaries of the township of Bray had expired since June 1st 1867.

~~The meeting then adjourned~~

The following cheques for accounts previously certified by Finance Committee were then passed:

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|---|---|
| Saunders News Letter advertisements. | £ 0.13.6 |
| T. Gall. Cleaning streets. | 1.8 |
| Thos Millar Notice Board | 14.0 |
| Mr Eroy repairs upon Road at Bray Head | 5.0.0 |
| Irish Times advertisements | 1.10.0 |
| J. Critchley gate for Common | 1.0.0 |
| Gas Co. Lighting Lamps. | 177.19.11 |
| £ | 186.19.1 |

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| J. D. Cope Salary | 12.10.0 |
| do Incidental expenses. | 2.16.9 |
| do Mens wages. | 2.2.6 |
| Messrs Bourke & Waller for Books. | 6.15.6 |
| £ | 24.4.9 |
| E. Burke for repairs of Esplanade . --- | 15.1.4 |
| J. Richardson One Month Salary | 2.10.0 |
| do Incidental expenses | 5.0 |
| £ | 2.15.0 |

Denis Carr watering streets one month £ 28.0.0

The meeting then adjourned to Monday June 8th at R. I. C. Room.

A meeting of the Bray Township Commissioners was held at the Court House, Bray, on Monday June 10th Instant.

A sufficient number of Commissioners to constitute a quorum not having been present within the required time, the meeting was adjourned.

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At a meeting of the Bray Township Commissioners held at the Court House Bray, on Monday June 17th 1867

Present. John Lumley in the chair
Jno. Hudson
E.M. O'Kelly
Andrew Kehoe
James Thornton
Stephen Raverty
M. O'Reilly Dease &
John O'Neill Esqrs

Minutes of former meetings of June 3rd & 10th were read and confirmed.

Read letter from Mr Revell, in reference to charge of Surveyors' salary, in the County of Wicklow Treasurer's warrant

It was moved by Mr Kehoe
And Seconded by Mr O'Neill, and passed:

That the grand Jury questions be referred to Mr Clough, solicitor, for his consideration and advice –

Messrs Thornton & O'Kelly reported that they had seen Mr Cotton, at the mouth of the Bray River, as arranged, and that in consequence Mr Cotton had drawn up plans of the proposed improvements which were submitted for the consideration of the Board in reference thereto.

Proposed by Mr Hudson
Seconded by Mr O'Kelly

That contractors be invited by advertisement in the Freeman's Journal and Irish Times newspapers to tender for the execution of certain works required at the mouth of the Bray River, in accordance with the plans and specifications of Messrs Cotton & Flemming, and subject to the conditions therein contained

Read another letter from Mr Cotton requesting the name of his firm Messrs Cotton and Flemming to be substituted for his own in all future documents & correspondence. Agreed to. The Clerk reported that he had perfected the Borough Rate collectors bond and had handed him his warrant for collection.

Proposed by E.M. O'Kelly
Seconded by Andrew Kehoe, and passed.

That the Borough-rate collector and Borough Court Clerk submit their accounts to the Clerk at his office in the Court House every alternate Tuesday, for the purpose of being checked, and for the information of the Finance Committee

Read letter from Mr Birch requesting lamp to be placed at Turkish Baths. Referred to Lighting Committee.

Mr Bruce attended in reference to the Rate collectors account, and stated his intention of settling the account. Requested by the Board to do so as soon as possible

Mr Bruce having made a complaint of want of drain on the Old Dargle Road – ordered to send in his complaint in writing.

"Dogs Regulation (Ireland) act" amendment submitted to the Board. In reference thereto it was proposed by Dr Raverty
Seconded by Mr O'Kelly, and passed:–

That Secretary draw up petition in

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favor of the Bill and having got it properly signed forward same for presentation to Messrs Dutt & Turner.

Read letter from W Butler returning thanks for the repairs of the road outside his House at Fontenoy.

Read letter from the Board of Trade stating that they can now entertain the application of the Commissioners for a loan and enclosing various queries to be answered. Clerk was directed to consult W Butt on the answers to these queries and submit them to the Board, before filling up the document.

Letter read from Mr Cope stating that some names were erroneously entered in the rate book and requesting leave to alter it. Ordered: that the Board considers it injudicious to alter the rate-book when closed and signed, but that the necessary corrections may be made in the Borough Rate Collectors book.

The Clerk was directed to write to Messrs O'Rei & Green requesting them to pay over the Sum of £190.19.11, as mentioned in award, to the account of the Bray Township Commissioners at the Union Bank Bray.

Inspectors Report read. Ordered that Mr Byrne be directed to move his bathing boxes farther into the strand so as to leave more room on the pathway, and that a Board be provided and placed on the strand with a copy of the Bye Laws pasted on it, and that Inspector see that the Regulations therein contained are strictly complied with during the bathing season.

Secretary was allowed to take the minute books with him to the Court of Exchequer during the trial of Deane v. Whistler.

The meeting then adjourned till Monday, June 24th Inst. at 12 o'C

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At a Meeting of the Bray Township Commissioners held on Monday June 24th last at the Court House, Bray

Present. E.W. O'Kelly Esq in the Chair
Other Commissioners present.

Mr O'Reilly Dease
Stephen Raverty
James Thornton
John O'Neil and
Jas. Hudson Esqrs.

Minutes of last meeting were read and confirmed.

Read

Tender for preliminary operations of Bray Harbor from Mr Newton Williams, as follows:—

"I hereby ~~propose~~ agree to make and complete the works for the groynes No 1. 2. 4. 6 and the excavation for the new Cut, or any of these works, as divided below according to the Specifications and plans of Messrs Cotton & Flemming Engineers and to find all materials and labour for the sum of Six Hundred and seventy two pounds

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|---|---|---|
| £145. 0. 0 | For groyne | No. 1. |
| 120. 0. 0 | " | " No 2 |
| 88. 0. 0 | " | " No 3 |
| 75. 0. 0 | " | " No 4 |
| 244. 0. 0 | " | " New cut |
| 672. 0. 0 | | |

With reference to this tender, it was proposed by Mr Hudson, seconded by Mr. Raverty and passed—

That the Tender of Mr Newton Williams for the execution of the preliminary works of the river be accepted — subject to Mr Cottons approval of the intention of the Commissioners to proceed with Groyne No 1. and the new Cut in the first instance; — Mr Thornton having kindly undertaken to communicate with Mr Cotton on the subject.

Also — proposed by Mr Dease
Seconded by Mr Hudson,
and passed —

That the proposal of Mr Newton Williams having been accepted he be now requested to furnish the names of his sureties, and sign his tender. His hereby referred to Messrs E.W. O'Kelly and James Thornton to examine approve or reject such sureties, and in case of approval that the formal contract and the sureties bond be executed, and that the works of the No 1 groyne and the excavation of the new river channel be forthwith proceeded upon. The Commencement of the other works to be suspended until further orders from the Commissioners.

It was further agreed that the amount of the security required should be £300.

A letter was read from Mr Cotton on the amount of work, which he would wish the Commissioners to proceed with. Ordered that the Board follow the directions contained in his letter of June 15th.

Joint letter read from the Engineers who forwarded plans for the Harbor, protesting against their plans being declined — Ordered that a Copy of the following letter be sent to each of them

That the Conditions mentioned in the advertisement of the 7th day of June 1867 not

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having been complied with Messrs Brett, Price & Walker & Mr Alfred Gahan are hereby informed that the Town Commissioners of Bray declined the acceptance of the several plans tendered by the said Messrs Brett, Price & Walker, & Gahan and that accordingly said plans have been returned to Messrs Brett, and the plans of Messrs Price & Walker, and Gahan are lying with the Clerk to be delivered over to these gentlemen as stated in the Clerk's letter of the 14th June last addressed to Messrs Brett, Price & Walker, and Gahan.

Mr Octavius O'Brien attended the meeting with reference to the Mortgages on rates to pay off the expenses of the Improvement Act 1866 amounting to £1900. The Clerk having read the advertisement requesting tenders for Mortgages, which appeared in the Irish Times of May 7th, It was proposed by Mr Hudson, seconded by Mr O'Neill, and passed

That the notice dated the 4th day of May 1867 & published on the 7th day of May 1867 having been read, it is resolved that for the purpose of paying the Costs, damages and expenses of and incident to the preparing for, obtaining and passing of the Bray Improvement Act 1866 the sum of £1900 be borrowed upon Mortgage of the Township rate, each Mortgage to be for the sum of £100, and the interest thereon to be at the rate of 5 per cent per annum.

Ordered that the following advertisement be inserted in the Irish Times and Bray Gazette—

"Notice is hereby given that at the Meeting of the Bray Township Commissioners held on this day, It was resolved that for the purpose of paying the costs damages and expenses of and incident to the preparing for obtaining and passing of the Bray Improvement Act 1866 the sum of £1900 be borrowed upon Mortgage of the Township rate, each Mortgage to be for the sum of £100 and the interest thereon to be at the rate of 5 per cent per annum.

And said Meeting was further adjourned to 1st day of July 1867 at 12 o'c.

And Notice is hereby given that a special meeting of said Commissioners will be held upon the said first day of July 1867 at 12 o'c at the Court House Bray, for the purpose of granting Mortgages pursuant to the above resolution."

The Clerk was directed to forward the plans lying in the Office belonging to Messrs Price & Walker and Gahan, to these gentlemen.

Answers were then drawn up to the Queries proposed by the Board of Public Works, in reference to the Sewerage Loan. The Clerk was directed to forward these answers, with the sewerage plans estimates and Specifications to the Board of Public Works.

The following resolution was proposed by Mr Deane, seconded by Mr Hudson.

And Resolved: That this meeting be further adjourned to the 1st day of July 1867 at 12 o'clock

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At a Meeting of the Bray Township Commissioners held at the Court House Bray on Monday the 1st day of July 1867

Present Peter W. Jackson Esq, in the chair.
E.W. O'Kelly
Charles Putland
M. O'Reilly Deane
John Lynn
Andrew Kehoe
Stephen Raverty
Alfred Sotheran
George Hudson &
John O'Neil Esqrs.

Minutes of last meeting read & confirmed.

Letter read from Mr Batt requesting certain portions of his plans, which were not yet returned to him, to be forwarded to his office. Clerk, having stated that these documents were not in the Office, was directed to write to Mr Batt and the Board of Trade to inquire whether they had been returned to the Commissioners.

Mr Bourke, Main st, having made application for a reduction in the rates levied on an unoccupied house it was ordered — That one-half of the rates levied on the premises belonging to Mr Bourke, No 146 in Rate-book, be allowed.

Mr Bruce having attended in reference to the late Collectors account it was ordered that a sum of £12.5.1 be accepted as the total amount due to the Board at foot of ~~late~~ said Collectors accounts payable by his sureties, and that the balance £2.2.3, which completes the deficit of £14.7.4 be accounted for by Mr Thornton.

Clerk was directed to call the attention of Mr Denis Carr to the proper discharge of his contract, as far as the Esplanade is concerned - more especially on days when the band attends.

Clerk was directed to see whether the number of seats on the stand correspond with the number purchased from time to time, and in case of any discrepancy to inquire what has become of those missing.

The proposal of Mr Newton Williams in reference to his contract for the Bray Harbor offering the to complete each portion of the work to the satisfaction of the Engineer, and within the provisions of the Specification, as signed by him, ~~was accepted~~ to be before receiving payment from the Commissioners, was accepted by the Board in lieu of personal security; it having been decided that that form of security was quite compatible with the Section of the Act of Parliament referring to contracts. Mr O'Brien was empowered to have the contract and tender signed by Mr Williams.

Clerk was directed to write to the Secretary of the Grand Jury acquainting him that the apportionment of the County Surveyor's salary, on Bray Township, will be paid this time on account of Mr Batt having discharged his duties in connection with the contracts within the Township up to the termination of these contracts but that the Commissioners will object to its payment for the future and act in accordance with the 28th Section

of the Bray Township Act. 1866

Wm O'Brien Solicitor attended in reference to the Mortgage on the Gates.

The Notice of the 24th June 1867 published in the Irish Times Newspaper on the 26th June 1867 and published in the Bray Gazette Newspaper on the 29th June 1867 having been read whereby the Meeting was Convened for the purpose of executing 19 Mortgage for £100 each to enable the Board to make the payments as in said Notice Mentioned, and

The Town Clerk having laid before the Commissioners the following Mortgages of £100 each for the purpose of raising £1.900 to pay the Costs of the Bray Township Act 1866 Numbered from One to Nineteen both inclusive, and made to Peter Warburton Jackson Esq

It was proposed by George Hyndman Esq
seconded by John Lunn Esq
and passed:

That said respective Mortgages be now granted and sealed with the Common Seal of the Commissioners

Cheques for the following account certified by the Finance Committee were then drawn:

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| 216 | Denis Carr - Watering streets to 6th July | 28. 0. 0 |
| | do. Watering streets two days in April | 1. 4. 0 |
| | | 29. 4. 0 |

| | | |
|---|---|---|
| 217 | Patrick Lawler repairing seats on Esplanade | £1. 12. 4 |
| | Mary Lawless. Mending Pump at Pound | 14. 0 |
| | M Richard one Month Salary | 2. 10. 0 |
| | do. Incidental expenses. | 6. 9 |
| | Richard Carroll Repairs of Watering Cart | 2. 13. 0 |
| | | 7. 16. 1 |

218. The Treasurer of the County Wicklow Grand Jury.
Amount of moiety of Charge on Bray Township (238. 10. 7)
Less Amount of Rebate to be refunded Bray Township by Grand Jury, as agreed on. £1 33. 17. 6 — £104. 13. 1

The Clerk stated that he had notified the Collector and Borough Court Clerk of the Minute of the 17th June in reference to their accounts, but that no accounts had as yet been submitted to him for the purpose of being checked.

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At a meeting of the Bray Township Commissioners held at the Court House Bray on Monday 15th July 1867

Present. P. W. Jackson Esq in the Chair
Mr O'Reilly Dease
Edward Breslin
Andrew Nelson and
Stephen Kennedy Esqrs

Minutes of former meeting read and confirmed.

Clerk was directed to see Mr Brett and acquaint him that the Specification returned by the Board of Trade was the only one in the office of the Commissioners belonging to him, and show him the answers of the Board of Trade and Mr Cotton on the subject.

Read letter from Messrs Cotton and Flemming requesting official information of the contract being let, and requesting directions for its superintendence. Clerk was directed to give them the necessary official information and directions.

Clerk was directed to ask Mr Cope for list of seats on the stand when it came into possession of the Bray Town Commissioners and to direct the Inspector Mr Richards to find out what had become of those missing. ~~Clerk~~ Also to provide a brand for the purpose of marking all the property of the Town Commissioners.

A statement in reference to the Grand Jury charge for apportionment of County Surveyor's salary on Bray Township ~~as~~ and to the repeal of Baron Deasy to fix the payment of the rebate as agreed upon between the Grand Jury and the Commissioners having been submitted to the Board for their consideration –

It was proposed by Mr O'Reilly Dease, seconded by Mr Breslin and passed:–

That Messrs Keogh and O'Brien be requested to prepare a case to be laid before Counsel relative to the rebate to be allowed by the Grand Jury of the Co. Wicklow the salary of County Surveyor and the state of the roads within the Township of Bray Counsel's opinion to be taken and the result communicated to the Board as soon as possible.

The Clerk was instructed to write to Mr Revell acquainting him that the Commissioners had deferred payment until Counsel's opinion was taken.

Attention having been drawn to the bad condition of the Dunsborough Road – It was ordered that the Contractor be written to on the subject, and desired to have the heaps of gravel and stuff at present lying in the channels and obstructing the passage of the water removed. and the road placed in good condition before transferring it to the Commissioners.

The solicitor to the Board having attended in reference to the Mortgages. It was proposed by Mr Breslin, seconded by Dr Rowty and passed:

That the £1.900 to raised in Mortgages be lodged with the Commissioners Treasurers – the Union Bank in Bray

whose receipt therefor shall be a sufficient discharge.

Also moved by Mr Bushe seconded by ~~Henry Mr Barton~~ Mr O'Reilly Deane and passed: That Henry Mr Barton Esq be appointed the Stock broker to the Town Commissioners of Bray.

In reference to the expenses of the Bray Township Act. 1866.

Hon. proposed by Mr O'Reilly Deane
Seconded by Edward Best

and passed: That a draft for eighteen hundred pounds be handed to Messrs Kogh and O'Brien to enable them to discharge the expenses of procuring the Act, and that they be requested to use their skill and influence to obtain any further deductions from the charges they may deem practicable.

A draft for the sum was accordingly drawn and handed solicitors.

Clerk stated that Mr Cummings lodgement docket corresponds with his receipts, but that Mr Kennedy's ayes had not as yet been submitted to him. Clerk also brought forward the answers to the queries of the Board of Trade drawn up by Mr Brett and to which objections had been taken by the Commissioners especially to the 9th query. Ordered that Mr Brett be written to requesting his attendance at the Commissioners meeting on Monday next.

The Meeting then adjourned to Monday July 22nd. 1867.

At a Meeting of the Bray Township Commissioners held on Monday July 22nd Inst. at the Court House, Bray

Present P. N. Jackson Esq chairman
Geo. Hudson
E. W. Verner
E. W. O'Kelly
Edward Bresli and
John Lennox Esqrs

Minutes of former meeting read and confirmed.

Mr Brett having attended the Board and explained the answers to the queries proposed by the Board of Trade – the document was approved of, with the following exception. Viz – that the following words be added to answer to 15th query "as under the Public health enactments in relation to Ireland".

Mr Brett made the necessary declaration with regard to these answers, and they were directed to be forwarded with plans, specifications and estimates to the Board of Trade.

On the question of the roads now out of contract within

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the Township the following Resolution was proposed by Mr Beesley seconded by Mr O'Kelly and passed —

That a practical working man be employed to carry out the Repairs of the Road and the Scavenging of them, and that the Board of Commissioners be empowered to purchase a horse and Cart, and employ men to keep the Roads and footpaths in proper order and that all weekly expenses be furnished to the Secretary once a week — And that a Road Committee be formed to meet once a week and examine the Accounts.

Clerk was directed to have posters printed and placed on the walls of the Township advertising for a man Capable of superintending and assisting in the execution of the Necessary works on the Roads of the Bray Township at a permanent weekly salary of fifteen shillings.

With reference to the accounts furnished by Mr Brett it was agreed that they be deferred for payment until the meeting of the Commissioners on first Monday November 1867.

The Clerk was directed to Convene a meeting of the Harbor Committee for Wednesday. July 24th Inst. at 11½ O'C.

With regard to the county of Wicklow Charge on the Township it was proposed by Mr Hudson Seconded by Mr Verner and passed:

That a cheque for the amount of moiety of County Wicklow charge be drawn and forwarded without delay to Mr Revell.

The meeting then adjourned to Monday July 29th Inst.

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At the adjourned meeting of Township Commissioners held at the Court House Bray on Monday July 29th at 12 o'clock—

A number of Commissioners sufficient to constitute a quorum not having been present within the required time the meeting was adjourned.

At a meeting of Bray Township Commissioners held at the Court House Bray on Monday, August 5th 1867

Present John Lynn Esq in the Chair
E.W. O'Kelly
M. O'Reilly Dease.
John O'Neill Esq
Andrew Kehoe
& E.W. Verner Esqrs.

Minutes of former meeting read and confirmed

Applications were read from parties replying to advertisement for Overseers &c of roads within the Township.

The following notice of motion was given by Mr Dease:

I hereby give notice that I will move at the next meeting of the Board of the Bray Town Commissioners—

That the resolution passed at the meeting of the 22nd of July 1867 be rescinded— and that the roads in the Town be repaired by contract.

In consequence of this notice of motion the Board did not proceed to elect any of the parties

Read letter from the Board of Trade calling the attention of the Commissioners to the works of the Harbor, already commenced, and requesting plans and specifications in duplicate to be forwarded to them.

The clerk was directed to forward

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reply to the Board of Trade - ~~Copy~~ said reply being entered on the letter-book.

Letter read from Mr Cotton stating that the works are progressing, and that his charges are 5 per cent on the outlay - deducting a sum of £60, charge for drawing up the plans.

Letter read from Mr O'Brien in reference to Mr Williams application and stating that the latter is bound by his Contract and cannot release himself from his ~~Contract~~ engagement.

Letter read from Mr Rusk requesting the erection of Lamps in front of the Assembly Rooms. Referred to Lighting Committee. Secretary ordered to reply to the letter.

Letter read from Mr Cotton, directing attention to an open sewer and cess-pool on the Old Dargle Road. Inspector ordered to report on the matter.

The Pump in Main-st having been reported defective - the Clerk was directed to have it repaired.

Clerk was directed to ~~fix~~ convene a special meeting of the Commissioners for Tuesday ~~August 13th~~, to consider the notice of motion proposed by Mr Dease.

A Special meeting of the Bray Township Commissioners was held on Tuesday Aug 13th 1867 at the Court House, Bray.

Present. P. N. Jackson Esq Chairman
E. P. O'Reilly
M. O'Reilly Dease
Stephen Roverty
Ed. Burlin
Richard Kehoe
E. M. Nunes &
John Lunn Esqrs.

Mr O'Reilly Dease brought forward the motion notice of which had been given at last meeting.

The following resolution was proposed by Mr Dease, seconded by Mr Berner, and passed unanimously

That the resolution passed at the meeting of the 22nd July 1867 be rescinded, and that the Roads of the Town be repaired by Contract. And that advertisements for tenders from Contractors be inserted in the "Irish Times"

Clerk was directed to summon Harbor Committee for two o'Clock on Thursday, Aug 15th.

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At a Meeting of the Bray Township Commissioners held on Monday Aug 19th 1867 at the Court House, Bray.

Present. John Lynn Esq in the Chair
E M O'Kelly
E Wingfield Byrne
M O'Reilly Dease &
Andrew Kehoe Esqrs.

Minutes of former meeting read and confirmed.

Clerk was instructed to write to Mr Trevor to know if the Board of Trade will require any more papers other than those that have been already sent, before recommending the loan applied for Re Bray Harbor to the Loan Commissioners.

Clerk was also directed to write to Mr Brett, soliciting his attendance at the meeting of the Commissioners to be held on Monday next.

Read letter from Messrs Cotton & Flemming stating that they had, at the instance of the Harbor Committee forwarded plans &c of Bray Harbor to the Board of Trade. Case of Lord Meath.

Attention of the Board having been called to the necessity of Specification &c for repairs of Township roads being drawn up, previous to the selection of a tender - Ordered: that the Board decline to select any tender until the necessary Specification be drawn up and that arrangements be made with Engineer as to Salary. It was ordered that a letter be written to the trustees of the late Mr Dargan, respectfully drawing their attention to the dangerous nature of the Bridge over the river near the Railway Bridge and requesting them to take means for its repair.

Clerk was instructed to write to Mr Jas. Boyd requesting his attendance at the meeting of the Board on Monday Aug 26th and to have a statement drawn up of the points on which the Board are anxious to have his advice and opinion; also to write to Messrs Greene & O'Byrne requesting them to lodge the sum of £190.19.11, amount mentioned in Bray Commons Award as remaining in their hands, to the Credit of the Bray Township Commissioners at the Union Bank, Bray.

Ordered that Mr Williams be consulted as to the cost of placing an additional pile, some seven or eight feet longer than those already placed, at the extreme end of No 1 Groyne.

Proposed by Mr ~~Harden~~ O'Reilly
Seconded by Mr Dease and passed
That two lamps be placed on the Quinsboro Road, one at either end of pathway immediately in front of Assembly Rooms.

Moved by Mr Byrne
Seconded by Mr Dease.
And passed unanimously
That Mr Henry Kingsmill be appointed a Commissioner for West Ward in place of the late Mr George Hudson.

The meeting then adjourned to Aug. 26th 1867.

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At a Meeting of Bray Township Commissioners held at the Court House Bray, Aug 26th, 1867

Present. E. N. O'Kelly Esq in the chair
Henry King Snell
Andrew Kane
E. W. Berner &
M. O'Reilly Deane Esqrs.

Minutes of former meeting read and confirmed
Mr Berner stated that he had received a note from Lord Meath stating that he had seen Captain Bedford, with whom he had left plans and specifications of Bray Harbor, and that he had satisfied the Board of Trade as to the necessity for the works at present being carried out.

Mr Brett having attended the Board as requested the following Resolution was proposed by Mr Berner

Seconded by Mr Deane and passed

That having conferred with Mr Brett County Surveyor who has explained that if the Board place under his charge the additional roads and streets in the County of Wicklow and County of Dublin, not heretofore in his charge, he thinks a sum of Twenty pounds per annum, a fair sum for their supervision – and further that for laying and supervising the Sewerage of the Township a sum of £30 per annum be paid, so long as the execution of such sewerage continues,

We approve of the foregoing arrangement, namely, that a salary of £20 per annum be paid for the Supervision of the additional roads, and that the Separate salary for Sewerage is to commence when the Sewerage works are commenced, and to continue while the Sewerage works are being carried out. – and we direct that a specification of the road works be prepared and tenders received up to 2nd day of Sept. 1867.

Ordered that advertisement for tenders from Contractors for the repairing and cleansing of the roads of the Township be inserted in Irish Times, and posters for same purpose be placed on walls of Township.

Mr Brett was instructed to forward plans of new ~~Bridge~~ Commons Road to the Board before next day of meeting.

Clerk was instructed to bring the letter of Mr Geo Keogh of April 13th 67 relative to the means of changing the fair to its new position under the notice of the Board at next meeting; and to write to Mr Geo. Keogh requesting him to give his prompt attention to the mode in which the forthcoming election of Commissioners is to be carried out.

Clerk was instructed to write to Mr O'Canning requesting him to have the collection of the rate proceeded with as rapidly as possible, and to write to Collector of Bray Commons again requesting them to pay over the money in their hands

to the Bray Township Commissioners.

Letter read from Mr Rice soliciting certificate of character from the Board. Deferred for consideration of next meeting.

Letter read from Board of Loans Commissioners stating that they are now prepared to advance the money required for sewerage purposes on mortgage of the rates. Deferred for consideration of next meeting, and mention to be made of the matter in next circular.

The meeting then adjourned to Monday 2nd day of Sept. 1867

At a meeting of the Bray Township Commissioners held on Monday Sept 2nd 1867

John Quin Esq in the chair

Present E. N. O'Kelly Esq in
M O'Neill Dease
Andrew Kehoe
Stephen Kenny
Henry Kingsmill &
E. N. Byrne Esqrs.

Minutes of former meeting read and confirmed.

Tenders for contractors for the repairing and cleansing of the roads within the Township were received from Messrs Michael Byrne Denis Carr — Pluck and Greene.

It was finally resolved that they be referred to Mr Brett to report upon previous to next meeting.

Mr Bruce having attended in reference to an open sewer on the old Dargle Road, and a letter on the same subject having been received from Mr Cotton — Ordered that Mr Brett give his attention to the matter with the view of abating the nuisance.

Mr Brett brought forward plan of Bray Bridge Road — Ordered that when the necessary corrections pointed out in these plans, Mr Brett be directed to forward them to Mr Keogh.

Letter read from Mr Keogh of April 13th — relative to the opening

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