

A meeting of the Bray Township Commissioners was held at the Court House, Bray on Monday the 7<sup>th</sup> February 1876 at 12 o'clock noon.

Present

Joseph Bourke Esq (Chairman)  
James Doyle  
C. A. Dupresne.  
P. R. O'Connor  
Patrick Tierney &  
Robert Cuthbert Esq.

Henry Brett Esq C. C. attended

On the motion of Mr. Doyle, Mr. Bourke was unanimously moved to the Chair.

The minutes of former meeting were read & confirmed.

Mr. Byrne the Road-overseer was called before the Board & agreed to refund the rise paid to him of his wages. The matter not having been done legally.

Mr. P. R. O'Connor gave the following notice of motion which was read:

"I hereby give notice that I will on this day fortnight move that the order of the 17<sup>th</sup> January, raising the Road-overseer's wages to 25/- per week be rescinded."

Mr. Doyle gave the following notice of motion which was read: —

"I hereby give notice that I will move on this day fortnight that the Road overseer's wages be raised from 20/- to 25/- per week."

Mr. Richard Cuthbert's resignation as Chairman to the Board was read and accepted.

The following resolution was proposed by Mr. Robert Cuthbert seconded by Mr. P. R. O'Connor: —

"That having heard the resignation of Mr. Richard Cuthbert as Chairman of this Board read, we hereby require our Clerk to convene a special meeting of the Board for Thursday next at 12 o'clock noon for the purpose of electing a member of the Board as Chairman in his stead and for that purpose a requisition to this effect be now signed by the members present."

Passed.

A requisition in accordance with the foregoing was then signed.

The Clerk was ordered to write to the Gas Company relative to the bad quality of Gas supplied to the Township at present and to require their account for the last quarter.

The Clerk was ordered to call on Mr. Keogh Solicitor with respect to the Car Bye-

laws, the proposed laws, and request him to report to the Board on those matters.

Mr. Brett reported the want of a railing along the pathway at Bray Head, to cost about 20/- or 30/-. It was ordered that this railing be erected.

The water Inspector's report was read showing a daily consumption of 117000 Gals per Township meter & 122000 per Corporation meter for previous 21 days.

A letter from Mr. Scallan of the 5<sup>th</sup> February relative to the Railway Rates was read. The Clerk was ordered to call on Mr. Scallan relative to those Rates and to press on him to have the matter brought to a conclusion.

Mr. Brett reported that Mr. Pulland had some good road material which he would dispose of at four pence per ton. It was ordered that 200 Tons be taken at the price mentioned.

A Circular from the Board of Trade London dated 20<sup>th</sup> January, requiring the Board to make Bye-laws in accordance with the provisions of the Explosives Act 1875, was read. The Clerk was ordered to ascertain from the Board of Trade who is the Harbour Authority in Bray, inasmuch as this Board do not look upon themselves as such.

Letter from the local Gov<sup>rs</sup> Board of 2<sup>nd</sup> February, and also a letter from Mrs. Pennefather Cerig Brea complaining of certain nuisances near her premises were read. The Clerk was ordered to require Mr. Henry Rowley, as Consulting Sanitary Officer to inspect the premises complained of and report to the next Sanitary Board at which he is to attend, on the whole matter and also to inform the local Gov<sup>rs</sup> Board of what is being done.

Letter from Mr. Wade of Howdale applying for a Camp near his house in Kavarra was read. It was ordered that the Camp be erected as required, provided the Gas Company lays their main to it.

Letter from Capt. Caldwell New Grange asking the Board for liberty to make a deviation in the building of a wall near his premises. The Clerk was ordered to inform him that the Board have nothing to do in the matter.

Cheques were drawn for the following accounts:-

Sam Smith

Blacksmith

2. 4. 6

over

Sundries			
Geo Malone	}		
Hay		6. 14. 8	
Income Tax		1. 14. 10	
Sam. Neill	}		
Keys		0. 6. 0	
C. Critchley	}		
Hay		2. 11. 0	
Rich <sup>d</sup> Cullen	}		
oats		1. 16. 3	
James Murphy	}		
Hand Barrow		0. 7. 6	
		13. 0. 3	
Joseph Kelly			
Timber for Esplanade Embankment		8. 9. 6	
David Lawson			
Repairs of Carts &c		6. 14. 10	
Wages		20. 0. 0	
A. Geagan			
Salary to 31 <sup>st</sup> January as			
Inspector of Nuisance		3. 6. 8	
Edw Dempsey			
Town Clerk Salary to			
31 <sup>st</sup> January 1876		10. 0. 0	
Mess <sup>rs</sup> . Brown & Nolan			
Printing Stationery &c		32. 8. 5	
John Cullen			
For Sawing		2. 11. 3	

Read and Confirmed  
 Chas. A. Dupre  
 Chairman  
 21 Feb 1876

A special meeting of the Bray Township Commissioners was held at the Court House Bray on Thursday the 10<sup>th</sup> February 1876 at 12 o'clock noon for the purpose of electing a Chairman to the Board until the next Annual Election of Chairman.

Present

Andrew Kehoe Esq (Chairman)  
 Edward Breslin  
 James Smith  
 James Doyle  
 Henry Warburton  
 Alfred Lotheren  
 Robert Cuthbert  
 James Murphy  
 Chas. A. Dupre  
 Patrick Tierney  
 Pat<sup>r</sup>. R. O'Connor  
 Thomas Purcell  
 Richard Cuthbert &  
 Joseph Bourke Esq<sup>s</sup>.

On the motion of Mr. Breslin, seconded by Mr. Doyle, Mr. Kehoe was moved to the Chair Pro Tem

The summons and requisition concerning the meeting were read.

The following resolution was proposed by Mr. James Doyle, seconded by Mr. Edward

Breslin.

"That Mr. Alfred Sotherton be and he is hereby elected Chairman of this Board until the next Annual Election of Chairman in the room of Mr. Richard Cuttbert who has resigned."

Owing to an objection being made to Mr. Kehoe as Chairman, he left the Chair, but was immediately voted unanimously to the Chair.

Mr. Warburton moved, and Mr. Tierney seconded an Amendment:—

"That Mr. Charles Dupresne be appointed Chairman to this Board until the next Annual Election of Chairman."

Mr. Breslin protested against the election of Mr. Dupresne as Chairman owing to him being at present Vice-Chairman, as follows:—

"I Edward Breslin hereby lodge my protest against the election of C. A. Dupresne as Chairman of this Board inasmuch as he holds the office of Vice-Chairman to which he has been duly elected by resolutions of the Board."

Mr. Warburton's Amendment was then put to the Board, when the following gentlemen voted for it:— Messrs. Warburton, Tierney, Dupresne, Purcell, Robert Cuttbert, Richard Cuttbert, P. R. O'Connor, Bourke & Murphy (9). Against it Messrs. Doyle, Sotherton,

Smiths, & Breslin (4). The Chairman declared Mr. Dupresne duly elected Chairman of the Board until the next Annual Election of Chairman.

Read and Confirmed  
Chas. A. Dupresne  
Chairman  
21/ Feb 176

A Meeting of the Bray Townships  
Commissioners was held at the Court  
House Bray on Monday the 21<sup>st</sup> February  
1876 at 12 o'clock noon.

Present

Charles A. Aufresne Esq. (Chairman)  
James Doyle  
Robert Cuthbert  
Thomas Purcell  
Andrew Kehoe  
Joseph Bourke  
Patrick R. O'Connor  
Richard Cuthbert Esq.

Henry Brett Esq. C.E. attended

The minutes of former meetings were  
read & confirmed.

The Clerk informed the Board that  
he had not received any reply from the  
Gas Coy. to his letter complaining of the bad  
quality of gas supplied to the Townships.

Dr. Brett stated that he had seen Mr. Keogh  
Solicitor who told him that Mr. Monahan  
Counsel to the L. S. Board had informed  
him (Mr. Keogh) that all obstacles in the way  
of obtaining the loan had been removed.

The water Inspector's report was read  
showing a consumption of 1,695,000 Galls

per the Township and 1,711,000 Gallons per the  
Corporation meter for the previous fourteen  
days.

Mr. Brett was ordered to make a report  
on the difference arising between the meters  
to be laid before the Board on next day of  
meeting.

Letters from Mr. Scallan of Feb 11<sup>th</sup> 15<sup>th</sup> & 19<sup>th</sup>  
together with the case & opinion of Counsel  
(Mr. Macdonagh) also draft notice in relation  
to the Railway Company's Rates were read.  
The following resolution was proposed by  
Mr. Robert Cuthbert: Seconded by Mr. Tho<sup>s</sup>.  
Purcell: —

That having heard the opinion of Mr. Macdonagh  
Q.C. on the subject of the Rates due by the  
Railway Company, we hereby direct in  
accordance with his opinions that our  
Collector do demand the rates for 1874 &  
1875, and that the further consideration  
of this matter be deferred to the next  
monthly meeting.

Passed unanimously.

Moved by Mr. Doyle

Seconded by Mr. Robert Cuthbert.

That our collector be requested to  
prepare a book showing the names  
of persons owing rates with the amount  
in each case, and that our Clerk give  
him assistance in the preparation thereof.

Passed unanimously.

In accordance with his notice of motion Mr. O'Connor moved; and Mr. Rich<sup>d</sup>. Outhbert seconded the following:

"That the order of January 17<sup>th</sup> raising the Road-overseer's wages be, and is hereby, rescinded."

Passed unanimously.

In accordance with his notice of motion Mr. Doyle moved; and Mr. Tho<sup>s</sup>. Purcell seconded:

"That the Road-overseer's wages be raised from twenty shillings to twenty-five shillings per week."

Passed unanimously.

Mr. Brett was ordered to make a report on the Docks at Bray.

A telegram from Mr. Cotton stating that the Gas Co<sup>y</sup> will lay the main to Lonsdale house was read. The Clerk was ordered to provide the Camp, Cradle & from Mess<sup>rs</sup> Strong & Sons of Hammond Lane.

Letters of the 11<sup>th</sup> & 16<sup>th</sup> Feb from Mr. Keogh Solicitor applying for the old bill of Costs of Mess<sup>rs</sup>. Keogh & O'Brien amount (£174. 15. 0) in order to have a copy of it taken were read, and the Clerk ordered to send the bill to Mr. Keogh.

Letter from Mr. Brownrigg Solicitor, of the

7<sup>th</sup> Inst. and also his Bill of Costs were laid before the Board. The Clerk was ordered to call on Mr. Brownrigg for the purpose of getting him to endorse his bill, and also to supply particulars of the Parliament<sup>ary</sup> agents Costs, and to be laid before the Finance Committee at next meeting.

A sealed order from the Local Gov<sup>t</sup>. Board of the 11<sup>th</sup> Feb 1876 sanctioning the changing of the Fairs of the Township to the first Wednesday of each month was read.

The Clerk laid before the Board Statements of the Receipts & Expenditure for the year ended the 31<sup>st</sup> Dec. 1875, and also the Assets & Liabilities of the Township on the 1<sup>st</sup> of January 1876: both Statements were referred to the Finance Committee.

The Collector reported that he had Mr<sup>s</sup>. Dume of St. Kevin's summoned for her rates on last Saturday, and that the Magistrate refused to give Costs, and asked for the directions of the Board with respect to Mr. James Martin of Devery House on whom the Magistrate made an order for payment of Rates & Costs. In Mr<sup>s</sup>. Dume's case the Collector was ordered to sue for his Costs: in Mr Martin's to distrain for the amount ordered by the Magistrate.

A form of receipt from the L. G. Board.

for signature of the Chairman. two members  
to the Executive Sanitary officer. for half  
the salaries paid to June 30<sup>th</sup> was laid  
before the Board & signed for lodgement  
in Hibernian Bank.

Cheque for the following was signed.

Wages. to pay workmen	£20. 0. 0
Oats	2. 15. 6
	22. 15. 6

Read and Confirmed  
Chas A. Dupree  
Chairman  
6/3/76

A Meeting of the Bray Township  
Commissioners was held at the Court House  
Bray on Monday, the 6<sup>th</sup> March 1876 at 12  
o'clock noon.

Present

Charles A. Dupree Esq (Chairman)  
Andrew Kehoe  
James Doyle  
Thomas Purcell  
Patrick R. O'Connor &  
Patrick Tierney Esqs

Henry Brett Esq, C.E. attended

The minutes of former meeting were  
read & confirmed.

Mr. Columba Deane of Little Bray  
appeared before the Board relative to the  
cleansing & gravelling the Road in front of  
his houses near Ryan's Lane. The matter was  
referred to Mr. Brett and the Road-overseer.

Letter from the Gas Company of the 21<sup>st</sup>.  
Feb in answer to the letter of the Board complaining  
of the bad quality of the gas was read.

Memoandum from Mr. Keogh 28<sup>th</sup> Feb  
as also a letter of 6<sup>th</sup> March 1876 asking the Board  
whether he should apply for authority to borrow  
£3000 or the £10000. The Clerk was directed  
in answer thereto to refer Mr. Keogh to the Petition  
presented by him in December 1874 to the L. G.

Board for £10,000 & which Petition fully stated the purposes for which the money was required & to state that <sup>the</sup> Board have not since altered their views & will accordingly apply for the £10,000.

The Clerk laid before the Board a draft notice prepared by Mr. Keogh Solicitor, required to be advertised previous to the application for the Confirmation of the Car Bye-laws. And was ordered to insert same once in the Freeman and to procure 25 printed copies of the Bye-laws.

The water Inspector's report was read showing a Consumption of 1,689,000 Galls per the Township & 1,690,000 Galls per the Corporation Meter for the previous 14 days. Mr. Bretts report on the difference arising between the readings of the two meters was read.

The following resolution was proposed by Mr. Doyle: Seconded by Mr. Purcell.

That for the purpose of carrying out the resolution of August 17<sup>th</sup> 1875. respecting a Conference with the Water Works Committee relative to the water supply of the Township, the members of the Deputation then appointed be requested to carry out the views of the Board on that occasion, on whatever day may be appointed by the Waterworks Committee for the purposes named.

Passed unanimously.

The Clerk was ordered to write to Mr. Keogh and request that he will get the Waterworks Committee to appoint the day for the reception of the deputation.

Mr. Doyle gave the following notice of Motion which was read:—

"I hereby give notice that I will on this day fortnight move that the Road-overser's wages be increased from 25/- to 30/- per week.

Mr. Purcell gave the following notice of Motion which was read:—

"I give notice that I will on next day of meeting move that our water Inspector receive a pair of waterproof boots."

The Clerk reported that on Thursday the 25<sup>th</sup> <sup>Feb</sup> Mr. Boyle on behalf of the Railway Company, tendered him the quarter rates due by the Company but declined taking any, not having authority to receive rates.

The Collector reported that in accordance with the directions of the Board he had formally demanded <sup>from</sup> the Railway Company, through their Secretary, the entire rates due by them for 1874 & 1875 on the 25<sup>th</sup> Feb. when Mr. Mansell as Secretary refused payment unless the Quarter rate which he admitted they were liable for. And that a Mr. Boyle had on the 25<sup>th</sup> Feb.

tendered him the quarter rate for each year which he (the Collector) refused to receive - unless without prejudice to the case pending between the Board & the Railway Company, this proposition the Company's official refused to accept.

The Collector left before the Board an account of the Rates due by the Ratepayers of the Township which was referred to the Finance Committee.

The following resolution with respect to the Rates due by the Railway Company was then moved by Mr. Kehoe. Seconded by Mr. Doyle: -

"That in accordance with Mr. Macdonagh's opinion of Feb-19<sup>th</sup> 1876, our Clerk is hereby directed to forward to Mr. Mansell Secretary of the Railway Company, a copy of the draft notice prepared by Mr. Scallan Solicitor, that Mr. Scallan be apprised of the course adopted by the Board and be requested to see that the advice of Counsel in this matter be carried out in a legal and proper manner and that a copy of this resolution be forwarded to Mr. Scallan the Solicitor in the case."

Passed unanimously.

Proposed by Mr. Doyle.

Seconded by Mr. Purcell.

"That our Collector be requested to furnish his ac in full to 31<sup>st</sup> Dec. 1875 & that for

the future he shall furnish his account at the end of each quarter. Commencing from 1<sup>st</sup> January, 1876.

Passed unanimously.

Proposed by Mr. Doyle.

Seconded by Mr. Purcell.

"That our Collector do lodge the Cash in his hands in future on the Saturday previous to the Finance Meeting."

Passed unanimously.

Mr. Brett having reported the necessity of the Esplanade being put in proper order for the Season: the Road-Overseer was ordered to have the works required thereon carried out without delay.

A letter from Mr. Murphy, resigning his post as Commissioner of the Township was read. The Clerk was ordered to write to Mr. Murphy, requesting him to reconsider his determination and to request his attendance in future.

A report from Mr. Brett on the state of the dock was received & read. The matter being referred to next meeting.

Mr. Michael Doyle attended before the Board and handed in a tender for the tolls of the fair for one year. It was ordered that the Clerk do pleasure for

tenders for the Tolls of the Fairs for next  
12 Fairs.

The Finance Committee report was read and adopted the Board approving of the Statements submitted by the Clerk of the Receipts and Expenditure for the year ended 31<sup>st</sup> Dec. 1875 & also of the Assets & Liabilities of the Township on the 1<sup>st</sup> of Jan'y 1876. The Clerk received instructions to call on Mr. Scallan Solicitor with Mr. Brownrigg's Bill of Costs which with an application for Payment were before the Committee with a view to having it taxed.

An application from Patrick Murphy for a Drivers License was read. License granted.

The Road-overser reported that the Carts required repairs. It was ordered that the necessary repairs be executed.

Cheques were signed for the following accounts:

Public Works Loan Board  
6<sup>th</sup> Annual Instalment of  
Principal & Interest on  
Loan of £1800. 0. 0      144. 9. 0.  
Wages to pay workmen      20. 0. 0

Andrew Geagan.  
One month's Salary as Insp.  
of Truismances and Truism.  
29<sup>th</sup> Feb 1876      3. 6. 8

Edward Drumpsey,  
One month's Salary as Town  
Clerk due & ending 29<sup>th</sup> Feb 1876      10. 0. 0

Simon Doyle (Collector)  
Borough Rates on Fair Green  
offices & Water mains      29. 15. 0

Stephen Hutton  
Broken Stones for Roads      16. 5. 0

Simon Doyle.  
On account of Commission  
for Collection of Rates      50. 0. 0

James Drumpsey  
Drinker for Piling at Bray  
Head & Bloody Bank Roads 7/      16. 0. 0

Read and Confirmed  
Chas. A. Dupre  
Chairman  
20<sup>th</sup> 1876

A Meeting of the Bray Township Commissioners was held at the Court House, Bray on Monday, the 20<sup>th</sup> March 1876 at 12 o'clock noon.

Present

Chas. S. Dupresne Esq. (Chairman)  
Joseph Bourke.  
Patrick Tierney,  
James Doyle.  
Patrick R. O'Connor.  
James Smith &  
Robert Cuthbert Esq.

The Minutes of former meeting were read & confirmed.

The Finance Committee's report was read & adopted.

The lamp-lighters were called before the Board, relative to the gas not having been lighted in certain portions of the Township on the 10<sup>th</sup> Inst. Mr. O'Connor gave an explanation as to the cause of this. The following resolution was proposed by Mr. Breslin: seconded by Mr. O'Connor:—

"That in future the lamp-lighters shall be guided in the lighting of the Township by the advice of the Secretary."

Passed unanimously.

Proposed by Mr. Robert Cuthbert  
Seconded by Mr. Patrick Tierney  
"That the Collector is hereby required to summon the persons whose name first occurs alphabetically in the list of arrears until the whole is properly disposed of."  
Passed unanimously.

The Clerk reported that he had not received any reply to the letter written by him to Mr. Keogh Solicitor on the 4<sup>th</sup> Inst. relative to the subjects of the proposed loan & the Conference with the waterworks Committee & was ordered to write to Mr. Keogh and express in a strong manner the disapprobation of the Board at not receiving any answer to this letter.

The question of the water supply of the Township was before the notice of the Board but not having any communication from Mr. Keogh Solicitor on the subject the matter was referred to next meeting.

Mr. Doyle postponed his notice of motion relative to the rise in the wages of the Road-overseer until the meeting to be held on Monday, 17<sup>th</sup> April. an objection having been raised to the mode of increasing his wages less than one month's notice.

Mr. Pucell's notice of motion relative to the water inspectors' boots fell through he not being in attendance.

Mr. Breslin handed in the following notice of motion which was read:—  
"I give notice that I will on next day

"of Meeting of this Board move that the resolution of 21<sup>st</sup> Feb 1876, increasing the wages of the Road-overseer to 25/- per week be rescinded & that the Road-overseer refund the rise already paid to him."

The Clerk reported that in accordance with the directions of the Board he had personally served Mr. Mansell with a copy of the notice prepared by Mr. Scallan (Solicitor) and approved of by Mr. Macdonagh &c. on Friday 10<sup>th</sup> March 1876.

A letter from Mr. Scallan Solicitor dated 18<sup>th</sup> March & enclosing a form of warrant to be signed by the Commissioners authorising the Collector to distrain the property of the Railway Company, was read when the following resolution was proposed by Mr. O'Connell: Seconded Mr. Robt. Cuthbert.

"That having heard read the form of authority to our Collector to levy by distress and sale of the goods & chattels the property of the Railway Coy for the rates due we hereby approve of same."

Passed unanimously.

The form of warrant giving the Collector authority in accordance with the foregoing was then signed by the members present, as also a form of requisition to have the costs of Mr. W. N. Brownrigg taxed, was signed on behalf of the Board by the Chairman.

Mr. Robert Cuthbert gave the following notice of motion which was read: - "That I

"will at next meeting ask that a full statement of the expenses in connection with our water overseer's office be submitted for the satisfaction of the Board."

A question having been raised as to the mode of ordering goods required for the Township. The Secretary was empowered to provide between the meetings what he believed in his discretion may be required, without waiting to have the usual printed form of order signed by the Board.

It was ordered that the Collector shall furnish his account to January 1<sup>st</sup> 1876 by next Board-day.

It was ordered that the Road-overseer do bush-harrow the top-dressing on the Esplanade and Fore-hay-see thereon.

It was ordered that as regards Mr. Murphy's resignation, it be and is hereby accepted.

In consequence of the absence of Mr. Brett, the further discussion on his report relative to the clock, was postponed to next meeting.

Gladders were received from Michael

Doyle and Denis Carr for the Tolls of the Fairs of the Townships for one year. Mr. Doyle tender £25: Mr. Carr £28. 0. 0 Proposed by Mr. Breslin: Seconded by Mr. O'Connor:

"That the tender of Denis Carr for the Tolls of the Fairs of the Townships to 31<sup>st</sup> March 1877 amount to £28. 0. 0. be accepted: Subject to his signing the agreement and entering into Security to the amount of £150. 0. 0" Passed unanimously.

A letter from Mr. O. O'Brien as also a notice signed by Mr. Breslin dated 8<sup>th</sup> March 1876 were read, protesting against Mr. Richard Cullbert acting as a Commissioner owing to him as stated in the notice being concerned in a certain contract for papers supplied in the name of John Waldron.

A letter from Mr. Richard Cullbert was read resigning his seat as a Commissioner which was accepted.

Two notices from Messrs. Hamilton & Gray Solicitors to Messrs. John & Michael Butler of Fontenay Terrace were read in which certain legal proceedings are threatened against the Board, should the roadway opposite their house not be put in proper order within one month from the date thereof. After some discussion the further consideration of the matter was deferred to

Next meeting.

Mr. Bourke proposed and Mr. Doyle seconded: - "That the manure and other matters now on the fair-green in Little Bray be advertised and sold forthwith" Passed unanimously.

The Board sanctioned the granting of a drivers license to Patrick Murphy, Senior instead of his son, whom it was believed was the person applying on last day of meeting.

The consideration of W. Henry's application for a salary was deferred for a month. Notice to be sent to each member.

A letter from the Magistrates complaining of certain old drains, as also the nuisance, Inspector & Water Inspector reports with some minor matters were referred to next meeting.

Cheques were signed for the following accounts:

Mr. Geo. Millar  
Quit of clothes & hat for } 5. 4. 0  
Inspector of Nuisance  
Wages to pay workmen } 20. 0. 0  
Read & confirmed C. J. Dupont  
Chairman  
3/4/76

A Special Meeting of the Bray Township Commissioners was held at the Court House Bray on Thursday the 30<sup>th</sup> March 1876 at 12 o'clock noon for the purpose of considering the present position of the Board respecting the rates due by the Railway Company to elect fit & proper persons in the room of Messrs. James Murphy & Richard Cullbert who have resigned & to consider & dispose of the two notices of Messrs. Hamilton & Craig relative to the Roadway at Bray Head.

Present

Charles A. Dupresne Esq. (Chairman)

Andrew Kehoe

Edward Breslin

James Doyle

Henry Warburton

Patrick Tierney

Thomas Purcell

Patrick R. O'Connor

Joseph Bourke

Dr. Raverty &

Robert Cullbert Esq.

The requisition and notice convening the meeting were read.

Henry Brett Esq. C. C. attended.

A Telegram from Mr. Scallan Solicitor

stating that Mr. Macdonagh could not write on the papers relative to the rates due by the Railway Company until 4 o'clock & recommending the Board to postpone the consideration of this question to a future day was read; when it was unanimously agreed on that the further consideration of the question should stand adjourned until 11.30 on Monday the 3<sup>rd</sup> April.

The next subject before the Board being the election of two fit & proper persons to fill the vacancies caused by the resignations of Mr. James Murphy & Mr. Richard Cullbert; Mr. James Doyle proposed, and Dr. Andrew Kehoe seconded:

"That John Bruce of Crow Banks Bray be and is hereby elected a Commissioner for the East Ward of the Township to fill the vacancy caused by the resignation of James Murphy."

The resolution having been put to the Board the following members voted for it: - Messrs. James Doyle, Joseph Bourke, Dr. Raverty, Andrew Kehoe, & Edward Breslin (5); the following voted against it: - Messrs. Henry Warburton, Patrick Tierney, Thomas Purcell, Robert Cullbert & Patrick R. O'Connor (5). The

Chairman voted against the resolution which was accordingly declared lost. Mr. Warburton proposed; and Mr. Tierney seconded: -

"That Alexander E. Doran of No. 1 Goldsmith Terrace Bray be and is hereby elected a Commissioner for the East Ward of the Township to fill the vacancy caused by the resignation of Richard Cullbert."

The resolution having been put the following members voted for it: Messrs Warburton, Doyle, Tierney, Purcell, Cullbert, O'Connor, Kehoe, & Breslin. Mr. Bourke's vote (who declined to vote) being counted for the resolution making 9; Against it Mr. Raverty (1). The resolution was accordingly declared carried.

The following resolution was then proposed by Mr. Thomas Purcell: Seconded by Mr. P. R. O'Connor: -

"That Mr. Ed. Rooney is and hereby elected as <sup>member of this Board in</sup> Commissioner in the room of Mr. Murphy resigned."

Mr. Raverty proposed an amendment which was seconded by Mr. Bourke: -

"That Mr. John Bruce be elected a Commissioner in the room of (Mr. James Murphy) resigned, for the East Ward."

The Amendment having been put, the following Commissioners voted for it: Messrs Doyle, Bourke, Raverty, Kehoe &

Breslin (5). Against it Messrs Warburton, Tierney, Purcell, Cullbert, & O'Connor (5). The Chairman then voted against it which was accordingly lost. The original resolution was then put when the following Commissioners voted for it: Messrs Warburton, Purcell, Cullbert, & O'Connor. Mr. Tierney's vote (who declined to vote) being counted for the resolution making 5. Against the resolution Messrs Doyle, Bourke, Raverty, Kehoe & Breslin (5). The Chairman then voted for the resolution which was declared carried by the majority.

The two notices of Messrs Hamilton & Craig Solicitors to Messrs John & Michael Butler dated 13<sup>th</sup> March 1876 were read, as also Mr. Brett's report on the roadway opposite Fontenay Terrace dated 3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday 1876. Likewise the opinion of Mr. Fitzgibbon Q. C. dated 25<sup>th</sup> Dec. 1875, on the subject. When the following resolution was proposed by Mr. Breslin: Seconded by Mr. Doyle: -  
"That Hamilton & Craig letters be referred to Mr. G. Keogh to take immediate steps, and let the Board know at once what is to be done."

The Clerk was ordered to send Mr. Keogh copies of the notices above mentioned and request his prompt attention to the matter.

Read and confirmed  
W. J. Duignan Chairman  
3/4/76

A meeting of the Bray Township  
Commissioners, was held at the Court  
House Bray on Monday, the 16<sup>th</sup> <sup>April</sup> ~~March~~  
1876 at 12 o'clock noon.

Present

Charles A. Dufresne Esq. (Chairman)

James Doyle

Edward Breslin

Joseph Bourke

Thomas Purcell

Stephen Raverty

Robert Culbertson

Patrick R. O'Connor Esq.

Henry Brett Esq. C. B. attended

The minutes of former meetings were  
read and confirmed when Mr. Breslin  
handed in the following protest, which  
was read:—

"I Edward Breslin do hereby enter my  
protest against the election of Messrs.  
Edward Rooney and Alexander E. Doran  
as Commissioners of this Township which  
election took place at a Special Meeting  
of this Board held on Thursday the  
30<sup>th</sup> March 1876. the election of the  
said Edward Rooney & the said Alexander  
E. Doran being illegal"

Edward Breslin

Mr. Carr attended before the Board  
with his Sureties: Mr. Christopher Murray  
and Mr. James Coghlan who were  
accepted by the Board and the agreement  
signed for the Tolls of the fairs for one year.

Mr. Edward Rooney declined making  
his declaration as a Commissioner.

A notice from the Railway Company  
23<sup>rd</sup> March relative to the rates due by them  
in answer to the letter of the Board of the  
10<sup>th</sup> March was read also the following  
documents from Mr. Scallan Solicitor on  
the steps lately taken by him with respect  
to those rates viz:— his letter of the 24<sup>th</sup> March  
to the Clerk & telegram of the 25<sup>th</sup> March, his letter  
of the 1<sup>st</sup> Inst. reporting the proceedings between  
himself and Mr. Mansell. Copy of letter  
written by him to Mr. Mansell accepting  
£112. 6. 2 as offered by the Railway Company  
without prejudice to the Commissioner's right  
of recovering the residue. Copy of the receipt  
offered by him to Mr. Mansell for same  
which was refused by Mr. Keogh as also a  
Case and the opinion of Counsel (Mr. Macdonagh)  
on the foregoing with advice to Commissioners  
to summon the Railway Company before the  
Justice in Petty Sessions. The subject having  
received due consideration the following  
resolution was proposed by Mr. James Doyle  
and seconded by Mr. Thomas Purcell:—

"That having heard the letter of Mr. Scallan  
with copies of the several documents in  
relation to the steps lately taken

respecting the rates due by the Railway Company as also Mr. Macdonagh's opinion we now direct that in pursuance of said opinion Mr. Scallan shall proceed against the Railway Company for said rates before the Justices in Petty Sessions and that he shall attend himself and that he prepare the form of Summons.

Passed unanimously.

Three letters from Mr. Keogh (Solicitor) of the 1<sup>st</sup> April in answer to former communications of the Board on the water supply question the proposed loan - the arrears of rates - and the threatened proceedings by Messrs. Hamilton & Craig Solicitors with reference to the roadway at Bray Head were read, as also a letter from the L. G. Board of the 22<sup>nd</sup> March on the subject of the proposed loan. The Clerk was ordered to make out and forward to Mr. Keogh further returns relative to the water supply and to send him a copy of the letter from the L. G. Board and to request that he will press the matter of the loan forward to a conclusion as soon as possible. The Clerk was further ordered in answering their letter to acquaint the L. G. Board of what is being done in relation to the loan. No order was made respecting the roadway at Bray Head, Mr. Keogh referring the Board to Counsel's opinion already obtained.

Mr. Breslin in accordance with

his notice of motion moved and Mr. Bourke seconded:-

"That the resolution of 21<sup>st</sup> Feb 1876 increasing the wages of the Road-overseer to 25/- per week be and the same is hereby rescinded and the Road-overseer is hereby required to refund the rise paid to him since that date."

Passed unanimously.

The Clerk submitted a statement showing the different items of expenditure in connection with the office of the water Inspector for the year 1875. It was ordered to lie on the table.

It was ordered that the Collector furnish his account to the 1<sup>st</sup> of January 1876 as previously ordered.

Reports from Mr. Brett on the state of the Esplanade, the flagging and water-channels in main St. the unsafe state of the fence opposite the Pratts - the dangerous state of a ruin on Death Road lately occupied by Greene - and also a communication from the Magistrates relative to old ruins in various parts of the Townships were read. It was ordered that Mr. Brett submit an estimate for the cost of the repairs to the flagging and water channels, to have the repairs of the walks on the Esplanade finished without delay, to notice owners of the dangerous or ruinous buildings throughout

the Townships - and that the occupiers repair the rails 4% in front of the baths.

Mr. Robert Cullbert stated that he would submit a Statement of his views respecting the docks & river mouth to the Board on next day of meeting.

Letter from Mr. A. G. Doran of the 3<sup>rd</sup> April 1876. declining to act as a Commissioner was read. Mr. O'Connor wished that Mr. Doran be written to asking him to reconsider his determination and having pressed for a division the following members voted that Mr. Doran's resignation be accepted: - Messrs. Doyle, Purcell, Cullbert, Raverly, Bourke, & Breslin (6) against Mr. O'Connor (1). The resignation was accordingly accepted. It was ordered that this seat remain vacant until the general election in October next. Several rebates were allowed per Finance Book.

Cheques were signed for the following accounts: -  
Sundries: -

Michael Doyle  
Hay seed for Esplanade £0. 15. 0  
Patrick Cadell  
Wagner maker 0. 2. 3  
John Alpines  
Oats 3. 2. 0

3. 19. 3

Wages to pay workmen 20. 0. 0

Andrew Gagan

One month's salary as Insp.  
of Finance to 31<sup>st</sup> March 3. 6. 8

Edward Dempsey

Lower Clerk's salary for one  
month to 31<sup>st</sup> March 10. 0. 0

Read and Confirmed  
C. J. O'Connor  
Chairman  
17/4/76

A Meeting of the Bray Township Commissioners was held at the Court House Bray, on Monday, the 17<sup>th</sup>. April 1876 at 12 O'c Noon.

Present

Chas. J. Aufresne Esq. (Chairman)

James Doyle.

Thomas Purcell.

Andrew Kehoe

Joseph Bourke &

Alfred Sotheren Esq.

The Minutes of former meetings were read and confirmed.

Cheques were signed for several accounts as stated at conclusion of the business.

The Clerk stated that he had not received any communication from Mr. Keogh Solicitor since last meeting relative to the various matters in his hands.

Letter from the Local Government Board, of April 12<sup>th</sup>. with copy of a letter from Rev Mr. Scott relative to the nuisance at the rear of the Bridge Schools, and the want of main sewerage from the Rev Mr. Scott's house near the New Church was read, and was referred to next Sanitary Meeting.

Mr. Brett submitted an Report and an Estimate of the cost of enclosing the piece of waste ground at the back of the Schools at Bray Bridge. The Clerk was ordered to

place a placard for tenders for same, to be before the Board at next meeting. Mr. Brett also handed in a report on Mr. Scovell's letter of 10<sup>th</sup>. April 1876. which suggested a pipe being laid to take the overflow from Mr. Scott's cess-pool. The Clerk was ordered to write in answer to Mr. Scovell and state that his proposition cannot be entertained by the Board, but that as soon as the loan is obtained the matter will receive prompt attention, and also to Mr. Scott requiring him to discontinue the discharging of the over-flow from his Cess-pool it being contrary to the Act.

Proposed by Mr. James Doyle.

Seconded by Mr. Tho. Purcell.

"That our Engineer (Mr. Brett) do prepare a full and satisfactory plan on a sufficiently large scale of the waterworks service of the Township, showing the position of hydrants, stop-cocks, valves, &c. &c. and that a copy of said plan be kept constantly in the Board Room for the information of the Commissioners."

Passed unanimously.

Proposed by Mr. Tho. Purcell.

Seconded by Mr. James Doyle.

"That Mr. Brett be requested to submit to the Board on next day of meeting an Estimate of the probable cost of

"Erecting a suitable workshop or store for the use of the water Inspector and that the out-offices be properly repaired and a man be procured to live in the house on the fair-green."

Passed unanimously.

The Clerk submitted statements of the water supply from July 1875 to April 1876. Copies of which had been forwarded to Mr. Keogh Solicitor.

Proposed by Mr. Dothoreu

Seconded by Mr. Purcell.

"That Mr. Keogh our Solicitor not having written to the Board on any of the important matters at present in his hands. The Clerk is required to write to him and ask for an explanation by next Board-day: and that he shall take the necessary steps to have the Car-Bay-haws confirmed by the Local Govt. Board in accordance with the advertisement relative to same."

Passed unanimously.

The Clerk was ordered to write to the Secretary of the C. Dublin Grand Jury, relative to the bad state of the road-way between the head of Bray Commons and the County-brook. and to request their prompt attention in the matter.

Pursuant to the recommendation of the Finance Committee the Collector is

required to prepare a list of all parties entitled to be allowed rebate of rates, and to have the necessary declarations signed by next day of meeting.

Mr. Brett submitted his report on the flagging and paving required to be done in the main street with an estimate of the probable cost of same. The Clerk was ordered to placard for tenders for same in conjunction with the tenders for the wall to be built at back of Bridge Schools.

Mr. Brett received directions to take steps to have the seats on the Esplanade properly repaired.

Mr. Brett reported that in compliance with the orders of the Board he had noticed the several persons who own the ruinous or dangerous buildings in the Township. as also Mr. Alex Boyle relative to the hedge & railings in front of the Turkish baths.

Pursuant to his notice of motion Mr. Doyle moved, and Mr. Thomas Purcell seconded:—

"That our Road-overser's wage be and is hereby increased to thirty shillings per week."

Passed unanimously.

The Clerk was ordered to write to the

L. G. Board and ask if they will sanction this Board allowing W. Henry a Salary of say £5. for his Services as Sanitary Officer in his portion of the Townships.

Letter from Mr. Maunsell Secretary of the Railway Co. of 6<sup>th</sup> April 1876 was read. Stating the intention of the Railway Co. to erect a foot bridge over the Level Crossing near Bray Station and to close the wickets used at present for foot passengers. The Clerk was ordered to write to Mr. Maunsell and request him to furnish a proper plan of what is proposed to be done to our Engineer (Mr. Pratt) when the matter will receive due consideration on next day of meeting.

An application from Patrick Murphy, Jr. for a Drivers Licence was read and referred to the Car Inspector to report on before granting.

An application from Edward Doyle for a Car Licence was read and granted.

An application from Patrick Murphy, Sr. for a Car Licence was granted.

A letter from the Carters complaining of not being paid full wages for holidays was read. The Expresses their belief that they should receive an additional Shilling per week for Sunday and referred the further consideration of the Subject to next meeting.

Letter from Mrs. Clara O'Neill applying for Kerbing opposite Mountbello Terrace was

read. The Clerk was directed to inform her that when the Board obtains the new loan, the matter will receive their attention.

Letter from Rev. Mr. Sherlock Complaining of the State of the Railings &c. in front of the Assembly Rooms was read.

An application from five ratepayers to have the lane opposite the Chapel kept in order by the Commissioners was read. The lane in question being private property, the Board would not consent to their request.

The Water Inspectors report showed the Consumption for the previous 14 days to be 1,747,000 Gals per the Township and 1,920,000 Gals per the Corporation Meter.

Obligues were signed for the following Accounts:—

Sundries:—

Mrs. Critchley	}	3. 6. 0
Oats		
Mr. Dempsey	}	6. 4. 8
Hay		
Gas. Parker	}	0. 19. 0
Harness Maker		
		10. 9. 8

Henry Raverty Esq. M.P.	}	15. 0. 0
one and half Year's Salary, as Consul <sup>ty</sup>		
Sanit. Officer due Arding Apl 5 <sup>th</sup> 1876		
Wages to pay workmen		20. 0. 0

Read and confirmed  
A. Dupuis Chairman

A Meeting of the Bray Township Commissioners was held at the Court House Bray on Monday 1<sup>st</sup> May 1876 at 12 o'clock noon.

Present.

Chas. A. Dupreux Esq. (Chairman)

Andrew Kehoe.

Joseph Bourke.

James Smith

Robert Cullbert

Patrick R. O'Connor Esq.

The Minutes of former meeting were read & confirmed.

It was ordered that in future there be no deduction from the Carters wages on account of holidays.

Cheques were signed for the several accounts stated at the conclusion of the business.

Two tenders for the flagging, paving & building of a wall at here of Bridge School were read & referred to the adjourned meeting on Monday next Mr. Brett being absent.

Two letters from Mr. Keogh Solicitor of 22<sup>nd</sup> April 1876. also a letter of the 29<sup>th</sup> April on the subjects of the Car Bye Laws, water question & proposed loan were read. Likewise a letter from the L. G. Board with copy of their

letter to Mr. Keogh on the Bye laws dated 28<sup>th</sup> Oct. The different subjects having been duly considered Mr. Joseph Bourke proposed: and Mr. Robert Cullbert seconded:

"That having heard the several letters from Mr. Keogh Solicitor on the subjects of the Loan & Car Bye laws. we hereby require Mr. Keogh to prepare a proper copy of the Bye laws for to receive the Seal of the Township and that he shall attend a meeting (adjourned) for the consideration of the several subjects on Monday the 8<sup>th</sup> Inst. and have such Bye laws with him"

Passed unanimously.

It was ordered that the Sanitary Sub officer shall report to the Sanitary Board on Monday next. as to whether the Rev. Dr. Scott has discontinued the running of the overflow from his cesspool into the open Channel.

The Clerk was ordered to call Mr. Brett's attention to supply the Board with an estimate for the workshop as already ordered.

The following letters from Mr. Brett were read: — April 18<sup>th</sup> with Mr. Ponnets reply relative to certain drains in L. Bray, — April 26<sup>th</sup> with two letters from Mr. Townshend Solicitor to Mr. Boyle, relative to the fence in front of the Turkish Baths — Letter requiring certain sheets for the map of the waterworks in the

Lounship, which the Board ordered that Mr. Brett should procure - also a letter of the 30<sup>th</sup> Inst. stating his inability to attend this meeting and calling attention to a water closet belong to John Cranley, and complained of by Mr. Brownrigg on the Strand this matter was referred to the Sanitary Board.

Letter from the Secretary of the Co. Dublin Grand Jury, acknowledging receipt of this Board's letter relative to the Road near the County-brook was read.

The Secretary was authorised to have the seats on the Esplanade repaired & painted without delay.

Letter from Mr. Mansell Secretary of the D. W. & W. Railway Coy dated 20<sup>th</sup> April 1876 stating that Mr. Brett could see the plan of the proposed foot bridge at Mr. Smith's office was read. The Clerk was ordered to inform Mr. Mansell that the Commissioners require the plan to be lodged in this Board rooms and to caution Mr. Brett against going to Mr. Smith's office.

Letter from Mr. Hopkins of Head-view complaining of Captain Colwill filling up the water channel near his place was read & referred to the Road-overseer to look after.

An application from John Redmond.

to be allowed to get the water supply into the proposed New Coast Guard Station was read and granted.

The Inspector of Nuisances report was read. who was ordered to summon parties for kicking foot ball in the People's Park on Sundays. It was ordered that Mr. Brett shall submit an Estimate of the cost of paving the Channel at the main Car Stand & supply it with a grate a driver's licence was granted to Patrick Murphy Junior.

A Telegram was received from Mr. Keogh Solicitor, as also a letter relative to the Byelaws which were read.

General rebates as stated in the Finance Book were allowed on unoccupied premises and ruins.

The water Inspector's report showed a Consumption of 1,711,000 Gallons per the Lounship & 1,690,000 Gallons per the Corp's meter for the previous 14 days.

Mr. Robert Culbert brought under the notice of the Board the propriety of presenting Mr. Brownrigg the Sub-Inspector with a suitable address on the occasion of his promotion and previous to his leaving Bray. It was unanimously agreed on that such an address be presented and for that purpose the Chairman was authorised to sign it on behalf of the Board.

Cheques for the following were signed

Simon Doyle.

Commission on Collection  
of Rates in full to 1<sup>st</sup> Jan 1876 43. 9. 7

Sundries

Mr. Putland for  
Broken Stones £0. 14. 8  
Incidental Expenses 3. 11. 3.  
Sam Smith Blacksmith 1. 5. 8  
5. 11. 7

Edward Hampsey

Salary as Town Clerk to  
30<sup>th</sup> April 1876. 10. 0. 0

Andrew Geagans

Salary as Insp<sup>r</sup> of Nuisances  
to 30<sup>th</sup> April 1876. 3. 6. 8.

Read and Confirmed  
A. M. A. Dupres  
Chairman  
1875/76

An adjourned meeting of the Bray  
Township Commission was held at  
the Court House Bray on Monday  
the 8<sup>th</sup> May 1876 at 4-30 P.M. etc.

Present

Chas. A. Dupres Esq (Chairman)

James Doyle.

Robert Cullbert

Joseph Bourke &

Patrick Tierney Esq.

Henry Brett Esq C. C. attended

Geo Keogh Esq Solicitor attended

The following resolution was  
proposed by Mr. James Doyle: Seconded  
by Mr. Robert Cullbert.

"That the Seal of the Township be  
now affixed to the Copy of the Cor-Bye  
Laws, as revised and approved of by  
this Board, and also to the printed  
Copy of same."

Passed unanimously.

The Seal was accordingly affixed to the  
manuscript and printed Copies of the Bye-  
Laws, which were then handed to Mr. Keogh  
Solicitor to have presented to the L. G. Board  
without delay for Confirmation.

The question of the proposed loan was next considered when after a lengthened discussion, the following resolution was proposed by Mr. James Doyle: seconded by Mr. Robert Cullbert:

"That we request Mr. Brett and Mr. Keogh to confer as to requirements of A. S. Board with reference to loan & we direct the Town Clerk to attend at such conference and to give all information required with the view to the result being reported to the Commissioners meeting on Monday the 15<sup>th</sup> Inst.

Passed unanimously."

The next subject under consideration being the water supply of the Township the following resolution was proposed by Mr. Tierney: seconded by Mr. Robt. Cullbert

"That Mr. Keogh Solicitor arrange with the waterworks Committee to receive the deputation already appointed relative to the water supply with a view of carrying out the resolution of the Board of August 17<sup>th</sup> 1875.

Passed unanimously."

Mr. Keogh Solicitor undertook to report to the Board by Monday next on the subject of the arrears of rates placed in his hands for collection and also promised to furnish his Bill of Costs within 3 months.

A report from Mr. Brett and his recommendation relative to the repairs of flagging in the Township was read when Mr. Doyle moved: and Mr. Robt. Cullbert seconded: -

"That Mr. Brett's recommendation to have a sufficient complement of the old flagging at the upper end of the town raised, to use those in repairing lower down the street that the spaces so raised be reflagged with Kirkcubbin flags to be provided by Mr. Brett and the Road-overser to provide a mason to execute said repairs at the cost set out in Mr. Brett's Estimate be adopted.

Passed unanimously."

A further report from Mr. Brett relative to the required repairs of paving and building of a wall at here of Bridge Schools having been read: - Mr. Doyle proposed: & Mr. Tierney seconded: -

"That Mr. Brett obtain a tender for a lower sum than that already tendered by next Board-day & that the Road-overser shall have the wall built at the here of the Schools.

Read and Confirmed  
Chas. A. Dupont  
Chairman  
1875/76

A Special Meeting of the Bray Township Commissioners was held at the Court House Bray, on Wednesday, the 10<sup>th</sup> May 1876 at 12 o'clock noon for the purpose of taking into consideration a writ served by Messrs. Hamilton & Craig Solicitors on behalf of Messrs. John and Michael Butler relative to the road near Bray Head.

Present

Charles N. Dufresne Esq. (Chairman)

Andrew Kehoe

Joseph Bourke

Patrick R. O'Connor

Patrick Tierney

Robert Cutbert

The requisition convening the meeting as also the notice were read.

Several members having drawn attention to the fact of a large map of the Township being missing from the Board room. The Clerk received directions to make inquiries from Mr. Brett, Mr. Dr. Murphy & Mr. Dr. O'Connell relative to same.

The writ served by Messrs. Hamilton & Craig Solicitors to Messrs. Butler relative to the road at Bray Head was read as also the case prepared by Mr. Keogh Solicitor

with Mr. Fitzgibbon's opinion thereon. The Clerk received instructions to write to Mr. Brett requiring him to produce to the Board on Monday next the information with tracings or maps supplied by him to Mr. Keogh Esq. on the occasion of his taking Counsel's opinion in this matter or true copies of same.

The Subject having received a lengthened consideration the following resolution was proposed by Mr. Tierney; seconded by Mr. Bourke "That further action in this matter be adjourned to 1 o'clock P.M. on Monday the 15<sup>th</sup> Inst. in order to have Mr. Brett Esq. Inquirer to the Township present with all information on the Subject tracings &c. and that a Solicitor be appointed to enter the necessary defence."

Passed unanimously.

The Clerk was ordered to insert a copy of the writ on the Clean Minutes and also to mention in the notices convening the meeting of Monday next that this subject will be disposed of at 1 o'clock P.M. and a Solicitor appointed to defend the writ.

An application from Mr. P. J. Byrne Post Master for Liberty to erect a Pillar Letter Box near Seaview was read and

Leave granted subject to Mr. Brett's approval.

The following is a copy of the writ served: —

"Court of Queen's Bench.

Michael Butler and John Butler both of Foutenoy Terrace Bray in the County of Wicklow Malsters and Merchants —

Plaintiffs

The Bray Township Commissioners having an office at Bray in the County of Wicklow —

Defendants

County of the City of Dublin

Victoria by the Grace of God of the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Ireland Queen Defender of the Faith and so forth

to the said Bray Township Commissioners Greeting

The Bray Township Commissioners the

Defendants are summoned to answer the Complaint of Michael Butler and John Butler the Plaintiffs who complain that the Defendants are the Bray Township Commissioners duly constituted under an Act passed in a Session of Parliament held in the 29<sup>th</sup> and 30<sup>th</sup> years of the reign of Her present Majesty, Chapter 261 and the several other Acts and parts of Acts incorporated therewith and that being such Commissioners it became and was the duty of the Defendants to maintain the roads within the Bray Township in reasonable and proper repair yet the Defendants did not maintain in reasonable and proper

repair a certain road within <sup>the</sup> said Township to wit a certain road opposite to certain houses and lands of the Plaintiffs within said Township to wit the houses and premises known as Foutenoy Terrace but on the contrary wrongfully suffered and permitted the said Road to be and remain out of reasonable and proper repair and the Plaintiffs say that the said road was the only means of access to the said houses and premises and to certain pleasure grounds of the Plaintiffs in front of same <sup>and</sup> by means of the grievance aforesaid the means of access to the said houses and premises were <sup>rendered and cut off</sup> and the said houses and premises were <sup>greatly</sup> injured and deteriorated in value and were rendered unsaleable and the Plaintiffs were unable to sell the same or to offer the same for sale as but for the grievance aforesaid they could and would have done to the Plaintiffs damage of Five thousand pounds

And the Plaintiffs further complaining repeat the several allegations in the first Count contained down to and including the words "to be and remain out of reasonable and proper repair" and the Plaintiffs say that they were and are personally interested in having the said Road maintained by the Defendants in reasonable and proper repair as aforesaid and that they sustain and may sustain damage by the nonperformance by the Defendants of their said duty to maintain the said road in reasonable and proper repair and performance of the said duty by the Defendants has been demanded by the

Plaintiffs of the Defendants and the Defendants have refused and neglected to perform the same and all conditions have been fulfilled and times have elapsed and all things have happened necessary to entitle the Plaintiffs to the performance of the said duty by the Defendants and to claim a writ of Mandamus in that behalf and the Plaintiffs claim a writ of Mandamus commanding the Defendants to repair the said Road and to maintain the same in reasonable and proper repair

And the Plaintiffs pray Judgement against the Defendants to recover the said sum of Five thousand pounds and their costs of suit and the Plaintiffs also pray for a writ of Mandamus to compel the Defendants to repair the said road and to maintain the same in reasonable and proper repair.

Therefore the Defendants are hereby required to appear at the said Court within twelve days after the service hereof and to answer the said Complaint or in default thereof Judgement shall be given according to Law

Witness the Lord Chief Justice and other Justices of Her Majesty's Court of Queen's Bench at Dublin. Dated Friday the Fifth day of May One thousand Eight hundred and Seventy six

R. P. Barton

John Hamilton and Thomas Craig

Attorneys for the Plaintiffs

Number Thirty South Frederick Street  
Dublin

N. B. This writ is to be served within Six Calendar Months from the day of the date hereof including the day of such date and not afterwards.

Take Notice that the Plaintiffs intend to claim in this Action a writ of Mandamus to command the Defendants to repair and maintain in reasonable and proper repair the road in the Summons and Plaint mentioned

Hamilton and Craig

Plaintiffs Attorneys

Read & Confirmed  
Chas. N. Dupres  
Chairman  
157.5776

A Meeting of the Bray Township  
Commissioners was held at the Court House  
Bray, on Monday, the 15<sup>th</sup> May 1876 at 12 O'c  
noon

Present

Charles J. Dupresne Esq (Chairman)

Andrew Kehoe

Robert Cullbert

Thomas Purcell

Joseph Bourke

Patrick Tierney

James Smith &

Pat<sup>r</sup> R. O'Connor Esq<sup>r</sup>.

Henry Brett Esq C. E. attended.

The minutes of former meetings  
were read and confirmed.

Cheques were signed for the accounts  
named at conclusion of business.

The Finance Committee's report was  
read and adopted.

A letter from Mr. Keogh Solicitor  
was read, relative to arrears of rates in his  
hands for collection.

The Clerk was ordered to write to  
the L. G. Board & Mr. Finlay for information  
as to what should be done in the case of  
Mr. Byrne's rates for the Coast Guard Station.

The question of the writ served on the  
Board relative to the road at Bray-head  
having received mature consideration the  
following resolution was proposed by Mr. J.  
Bourke ~~Smith~~: Seconced by Mr. J. Smith, —

"Resolved that in reference to the writ  
served by Mess<sup>rs</sup>. Butler on this Board  
we direct the Town Clerk to proceed  
at once to Mr. Keogh's office and see  
whether his principal assistant is  
prepared to have defence taken under  
the advice of Counsel, and if so to at  
once have that defence entered so as to  
give time to this Board to adopt measures  
for the protection of the Township;  
and with that object in view to furnish  
such papers and information as may  
be necessary, to enable Counsel to prepare  
that defence.

And the Board further direct that  
if there be any difficulty in having the  
defence prepared in Mr. Keogh's office the  
Town Clerk be empowered to employ  
another Solicitor who will prepare the  
defence as we have directed above.

Passed unanimously."

The Clerk received instructions to  
write to Mr. Lalor Secretary, Waterworks  
Committee to see and have the time for  
receiving the deputation adjourned to 2  
or 2.30 O'c on Saturday or Monday next.  
in consequence of Mr. Brett and Mr. Keogh.

having signified by letter their not being able to attend on Friday, next.

Letter of the 13<sup>th</sup> May from Mr. Keogh <sup>read</sup> was, sending the Car Bye laws confirmed by the L. G. Board. The Clerk was ordered to procure five hundred copies nicely bound of those Bye laws, as also four large Boards with the Car fares painted thereon to be treated as follows: one on Railway Station, one on the main stand at Duncairn Terrace, one at the Court House stand & one on the Strand likewise to have bills posted requiring the Car men to provide themselves with the Books of fares and Bye laws as soon as they will be ready.

Two letters from Mr. Keogh Solicitor of the 13<sup>th</sup> & 14<sup>th</sup> May on the subject of the proposed loan as also a draft letter which he proposed to the Board might be written to the L. Gov<sup>t</sup>. Board on the same subject were read, and having received the consideration of the Board the following resolution was proposed by Mr. J. Doyle; seconded by Mr. Robt. Culbert:—

"That the Chairman and Clerk be requested to wait on the Secretary of the L. G. Board and produce the letter of his Board of the 9<sup>th</sup> July 1875. as also the draft letter sent by Mr. Keogh and ascertain does said draft letter meet his views and generally to get information in the matter."

Passed unanimously

Proposed by Mr. James Doyle; seconded by Mr. Thomas Purcell:—

"That it is the opinion of this Board that an assistant should be appointed to the Car Inspector during the summer months."

Passed unanimously

Mr. Brett submitted an estimate of the cost of providing the water inspectors workshops with the requisite tools &c. but was not considered for the present.

Mr. Tierney proposed; and Mr. Patrick R. O'Connor seconded:—

"That a workshop or store be erected at the fair-green for the use of the water inspectors."

Letter from L. G. Board 11<sup>th</sup> May 1876, in answer to the letter of the Board of the 19<sup>th</sup> April relative to Mr. Henry's application for a salary, was read, in which the Commissioners are referred to the correspondence which took place on the subject of salaries 1874. The Clerk was ordered to inform Mr. Henry, that owing to the nature of the reply given by the L. G. Board on the subject that they cannot comply with his request for a salary.

A letter from Sir R. Stewart complaining of the bad supply of water was read also a letter from Rev. Dr. Milnemet requiring the watering carts on Overbert Road.

A letter from Mr. Burton Invermount  
Villa applying for a footpath near his house  
was read.

An Application from Mr. Hamilton  
(Agent to Lord Meath) for 2 years rent of the  
Caslamade (24-) was read and ordered to  
be paid.

A report was received from Mr. Brett  
relative to the filthy State of the road under  
the Railway, Bridge near Mr. Breslin's  
Stables owing to the drip from the Railway,  
The Clerk was ordered to send Mr. Mansell  
a copy of this report & request his attention  
to it.

An Estimate of the Cost of paving the  
Main Car Stand from Mr. Brett was read.

A Tender from Andrew Byrne to execute  
the paving required within the Township  
at nine pence per square yard & finding all  
materials was read and accepted by the  
Board.

Mr. Brett was ordered to take the  
necessary steps to compel the several parties  
who are the owners of ruinous or dangerous  
buildings through the Township to remedy  
the nuisance.

The Clerk was ordered to write to Mr.  
Scallan Solicitor and request his attention  
in the matter of the Railway rates.

A Circular from the L. G. Board of  
the 6<sup>th</sup> May, requiring 2 returns to be filled  
up relative to Local Taxation.

An Application from Michael Traynor

for licence for a Car was read and granted.

Application from Richard Gahrin  
and John Dr. Arde for Car licences  
were read and not granted their applications  
being informal.

The Inspector of Nuisances report  
was read and several orders made  
thereon.

The Water Inspector's report showed  
a consumption of 1,746,000 Gals per  
Township meter and 174,900 Gals per  
the Corporation meter for the previous  
14 days. It was ordered that the Streets should  
be watered after 6 o'clock in the evening for a  
trial.

Cheques were drawn for the following  
Accounts:—

Wages . to pay workmen. 30 . 0 . 0

Simon Doyle.

Commission on Collection  
of rates to April 3<sup>rd</sup> 1876. 16 . 1 . 0

D. Whistler

1/2 Years Salary as Sanitary  
officer from Oct 5<sup>th</sup> 1874 to  
Apr 6<sup>th</sup> 1876. 15 . 0 . 0

(Cheques Continued)

Messrs. W. Curtis Sons.

Cocts. ferrets & for  
water-works.

2. 15. 4

Sundries

Dr. Dempsey for oats 1. 11. 0

J. Kerwin Hay Seed 0. 7. 6

18. 6

*Read and Confirmed  
Chairman  
5/6/76*

A meeting of the Bray Township  
Commissioners was held at the Court  
House Bray, on Monday the 5<sup>th</sup> June 1876  
at 12 o'clock noon.

Present

Charles A. Dufresne Esq (Chairman)

Joseph Bourke

James Doyle

Andrew Kehoe

James Smith

Robert Cullbert &

Edward Breslin Esq.

Henry Brett Esq. C. E. attended.

The minutes of former meetings were  
read & confirmed.

It was ordered that the Road-  
Overseer should have the Esplanade  
properly picked of broken glass, corks &  
other dirt.

The report of the Deputation who  
waited on the waterworks Committee was  
read and adopted.

Mr. Brett stated that Frank  
Murphy denies that waste of water takes  
place as alleged by Mr. Devill the City Engineer  
Letter from Mr. Keogh of June 5<sup>th</sup> 76  
enclosing a copy of a draft letter proposed  
to be written by him to the waterworks  
Committee as required by them was read

and adopted and sent to Mr. Keogh per  
the 12.55 Train. And also requiring a cheque  
for £13<sup>13</sup>/<sub>4</sub> Costs paid by him in Butler's Case  
which was referred to the next Finance Meeting.

A Memorial signed by a number of  
Car owners requesting the Board to not  
allow the Car stand at Martelle Terrace  
was read. The consideration of which  
was postponed to next day of meeting.  
The Memorialists to be in attendance.

Cheques were signed for the accounts  
stated at conclusion of business.

The Nuisance Inspector's report was  
read and orders made thereon.

Mr. Robert Cuthbert produced an  
illuminated address proposed being presented  
to Mr. L. J. Brownrigg S.J. which was approved of.

A letter from the R. G. Board relative  
to the recovery of rates due on the Coast Guard  
Station was read referring the Board to their  
solicitor. It was ordered that Mr. Keogh Esq.  
take the necessary steps to recover same.

Letters from Mr. Keogh of the following  
dates relative to Butler's Case were read:-  
May 16<sup>th</sup>, 18<sup>th</sup>, 23<sup>rd</sup> & 26<sup>th</sup>. As also two telegrams of the  
17<sup>th</sup> & 26<sup>th</sup> May.

Mr. Breslin brought under the notice  
of the Board the fact of the road scraping

not being deposited on the old roadway,  
near the Carlisle grounds as heretofore.  
It was ordered that the road overseer shall  
deposit it there in future.

It was ordered that 100 printed  
copies of the Car fares be obtained 4 feet  
by 3 feet and proper frames, which Mr.  
Brett was ordered to see to.

A letter from the L. G. Board of the  
26<sup>th</sup> May 1876 relative to the proposed loan  
was read and referred to Mr. Keogh Esq.  
to take the necessary steps for their requirements  
complied with.

Mr. Breslin stated that he had been  
informed that the Board would loose  
the clock owing to the neglected state in  
which it is kept.

Proposed by Mr. Robert Cuthbert  
Seconded by Mr. Andrew Kehoe.

Resolved that the Clerk do advertise  
for an assistant to Geagan to supervise  
the Carriers at the wages of Twelve  
Shillings per week.

Passed unanimously.

Mr. Brett was ordered to prepare  
an Estimate of the Cost for the Completion  
of a Shed or Shop for the Water Inspector.  
Mr. Doyle, Mr. Kehoe & Mr. Brett was.

deputed to attend to this matter.

The Clerk was ordered to write to Mr. Mansell and request an answer to the letter of the Board dated 18<sup>th</sup> May relative to the state of the roadway under the <sup>Railway</sup> Bridge near Mr. Breslin's Stables.

Mr. Brett was ordered to report by next Board day on the ruinous buildings through the Township.

The Clerk was ordered to have Chas. Scully and Mr. McVittie summoned for the State in which their buildings are in. Mr. Brett to be in attendance to give evidence.

A letter from Mr. Scallan 30<sup>th</sup> June relative to the taking out of summonses against the Railway Co<sup>s</sup> for their rates was read & the Clerk ordered to give the necessary assistance and to proceed to Dublin on Wednesday as required.

A plan of a house from Ed. Mulligan near Bray Commons was submitted to the Board and approved of by them & Mr. Brett.

Letter of the 17<sup>th</sup> & 18<sup>th</sup> May from the Waterworks Committee relative to the proposed meeting of the deputation were read, as also one from Mr. Keogh 30<sup>th</sup> May on the same subject.

Licences were granted to Richard Gastin, Tenuistreny, to drive a hackney car as also one for his car, likewise to Bartholomew Fitzsimons for a car.

The Clerk reported that the Magistrates had awarded half the fines inflicted on last Court day to be paid to the police and Mr. Carthy the Railway policeman in cases in which they appeared as witnesses. And was ordered not to pay those half fines; and further reported that the Magistrates required a separate order from the Commissioners to prosecute, in each individual case before taking proceedings. It was ordered that the cases be brought into Court as heretofore.

It was ordered that the Car Committee be summoned for 12 o'clock on Friday the 16<sup>th</sup> Inst. for the purpose of issuing the Car Licences for the present year.

It was also ordered that the Car Inspector shall submit to the Board an account of all drivers and owners of cars with their respective numbers. Mr. Robert Cuttbert stated that he would bring forward at next meeting that any car driver's licence be cancelled who will be twice convicted.

It was ordered that the Public Lighting of the Township be discontinued on and after the 15<sup>th</sup> Inst.

The water Inspector's report showed a consumption of 2120000 Gals per the townships and 212000 Gals per the Corp. meter for the previous 18 days.

Cheques were drawn for the following accounts: -

Co. Wicklow Grand Jury			
Co. at large charge at Spring			
assizes 1875	339.	18.	3
Co. at large charge at			
Summer assizes 1875	268.	11.	0
	608.	9.	3
Wages. To pay workmen	20.	0.	0
Andrew Geagan			
Salary as Insp. of Muncials			
to 31 <sup>st</sup> May 1876.	3.	6.	8
Sundries			
Accidental Expenses for Road	1.	16.	10
Car. Sullivan. Granite flagging	1.	2.	8
	2.	19.	6
Daily Express			
Advertisements	2.	2.	0
Farmer's Gazette			
Advertisements	0.	10.	0

Irish Times			
Advertisements	3.	6.	6
Freeman's Journal			
Advertisements	3.	14.	6
Martin Haughton			
Drumonger, &c for roads			
& Esplanade	9.	14.	10
Nicholas Walker.			
Painting & Repairing seats			
on Esplanade	5.	1.	8
Edward Whempsey			
Salary as Town Clerk			
to 31 <sup>st</sup> May 1876.	10.	0.	0

Read and confirmed  
 W. J. J. J.  
 19 June 1876

A Meeting of the Bray Township Commissioners was held at the Corns House Bray on Monday the 19<sup>th</sup> June 1876 at 12 o'clock noon.

Present

Chas. T. Dupresue Esq. (Chairman)  
Edward Breslin  
James Doyle.  
Joseph Bourke  
P. R. O'Connor.  
Robert Cullibee  
D. Rowerty  
Patrick Tierney Esq.<sup>r</sup>

Henry Brett Esq. C. T. attended.

The Minutes of former meeting were read & confirmed.

The Finance Committee's report was read and adopted.

The Requisition concerning the Special Meeting which stood adjourned to 1 o'clock P.M. was read.

Letter from Mr. Keogh Sol<sup>r</sup> of the 18<sup>th</sup> June relative to the water supply, as also a letter from the manager of the International Hotel complaining of the want of water at his establishment, also from Mr. Seymour complaining of the road near Seapoint not being watered

were read.

Proposed by Mr. Breslin

Seconded by Mr. Bourke

That this Board request Mr. Keogh our Solicitor to take immediate steps against the Corporation of Dublin to compel them to give the Township the supply of water to which we are entitled under the Bray Township Act (1866).

Passed unanimously.

The Clerk was ordered to acquaint Mr. Keogh of the number of complaints and threats received from the ratepayers relative to the defective water supply.

The water Inspector was called before the Board relative to a complaint made by Mr. Breslin as to the defective water supply to his houses and gave an explanation relative to same, and was also ordered to caution the different parties who waste the water within the Township. It was further ordered to discontinue the watering of the streets after 6 o'clock and to water as usual.

Mr. Brett was ordered to report to the next meeting what the cost would be of procuring the necessary appliances to take water from the river or sea for the streets.

A letter from Mr. Seallan of the 19<sup>th</sup> June relative to the Railway rates and Mr. W. H. Brownrigg's costs was read.

Proposed by Mr. Tierney,  
Seconded by Mr. O'Connor.

Resolved - That Mr. Seallan adopt  
the course suggested by him in his  
letter of the 19<sup>th</sup> June 1876 relative  
to the rates due by the Railway  
Company - namely to take directions  
from Mr. Macdonagh in consultation  
with Mr. D. B. Sullivan as to the  
course to be pursued and that  
immediate action be taken.

Passed unanimously.

It was ordered that the Road-overseer  
provide plants near the Band Stand  
on the Embankment on the Esplanade  
and to repair same where necessary.  
Mr. Michael Doyle one of the memorialists  
who signed the memorial relative to the  
Martello Stand attended the Board  
with reference thereto. Mr. James  
Doyle gave the following notice of  
motion which was read:-

"I hereby give notice that on this day  
fortnight I will move that the  
Car Stand appointed by the late  
Bye laws to be established at  
Martello Terrace be abolished and  
that notice to that effect be placarded."

The Car Inspector was called before  
the Board relative to his not having  
summoned strange car owners who

were not licensed on Whit Monday,  
and was ordered to summon any  
persons so offending in future.

The Clerk stated that he had not  
received any communication from  
Mr. Keogh Solicitor relative to the  
road on St. Byrnis rates.

It was ordered that 100 copies  
of the Car fares as altered be procured.

Applications from Michael McCarthy,  
John Buckley and Joseph Kilkelly,  
for the post of Assistant to the Car  
Inspector were read which having  
been considered the following resolution  
was proposed by Mr. Breslin: Seconded  
by Mr. Doyle:-

"That Joseph Kilkelly be and he is  
hereby appointed as Assistant  
to the Car Inspector at the wages  
of Twelve shillings per week.

Passed unanimously.

A letter from Mr. Mansell relative  
to the state of the road under the  
Railway Bridge was read.

Mr. Brett submitted an Estimate  
for the cost of erecting a workshop  
for the Water Inspector amounting  
to £19. 15. 0: and tenders for same  
ordered to be procured.

A report from the Road-overseer