

Town Hall Wicklow
25th January 1897

A Special meeting of the Town Commissioners was held this day on the following requisition

The Public Health Acts (Amendment) Act 1890

Wicklow 14th day of December 1896

To the Town Clerk.
Wicklow.

Please convene a special meeting of Wicklow Town Commissioners to be held in the Town Hall Wicklow at 12 o'clock noon on 25th day of January 1897 for the purpose of considering and if deemed advisable adopting the following resolutions — viz — :

"That we the Commissioners of the Town of Wicklow being the Urban Sanitary Authority of the district hereby adopt parts 2, 3, 4 and 5 of the Public Health Acts (Amendment) Act 1890"

"That we the Wicklow Town Commissioners hereby resolve that Parts 2, 3, 4 and 5 of the Public Health Acts (Amendment) Act 1890 shall come into force in Wicklow Urban District on the 26th day of February 1897

Signed Edward N. Wynne Esq
Frank McPhail
John Neill
Alexander Flynn
John Phillipps
Thomas Darcy
Peter Doolittle

Members present Mr. Edward N. Wynne Chairman
Messrs Patrick Padiu, Thomas Darcy, Robert Lees, John Shaw
Nicholas H. Haskins, Walter Roche, Alexander Flynn & Peter Doolittle

Proposed by Thomas Darcy, seconded by Robert Lees and resolved —
Having heard with regret the death of our respected townsman
Mr. William McPhail at one time a member of this Board, we
hereby tender to his bereaved family our most sincere sympathy.

Proposed by Thomas Darcy, seconded by John Shaw and unanimously resolved
"That we, the Commissioners of the Town of Wicklow, being the Urban Sanitary Authority of the district, hereby adopt Parts 2, 3, 4 and 5 of the Public Health Acts (Amendment) Act, 1890"

Proposed by Walter Roche, seconded by Robert Lees and unanimously resolved —
"That we, the Wicklow Town Commissioners hereby resolve that Parts 2, 3, 4 and 5 of the Public Health Acts (Amendment) Act, 1890, shall come into force in Wicklow Urban District on the 26th day of February 1897 —

Resolved — That our Town Clerk be directed to have the necessary notices published as required by the Act and that notice of same be sent to the Local Government Board, Board of Trade and the Secretary of State

In pursuance of a further requisition a letter was read from
Mr. William Darragh re Boundary Wall —

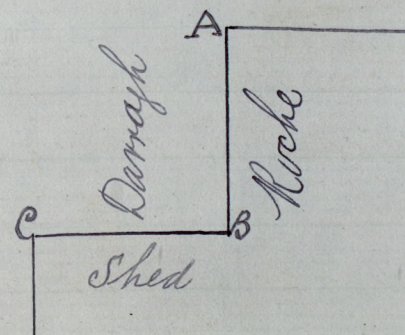
Wicklow January 22nd 1897

Frank McPhail
Town Clerk

Dear Sir,

In reply to yours of 21st Instant re the building of portion of the boundary wall between Mr. W. Roche and my premises I beg to say I require no wall to enclose my place as I shall pale in the yard to suit myself, any person that wants a wall let them build it, I want no wall and therefore will not subscribe to it —
Yours etc
William Darragh

It was resolved to send for Mr. Darragh. The Commissioners with Mr. Darragh viewed the wall, after which the following Agreement was arrived at and signed by all Parties —



Resolved - That Captain Darragh level, and rebuild his portion one half of the boundary wall, that the Commissioners clear away all debris in Mr Roche's Yard and rebuild their portion one half of said boundary wall and that Mr Roche repair, existing shed and remove debris of same (if any) and rebuild ^{of wall, (if any)} balance. The boundary wall A. B. C. being meant

Signed E. N. Wynne Chairman
25th January 1897

Walter Roche.
William Darragh.

E. N. Wynne
1st February 1897

TOWN OF WICKLOW.
9 Geo. IV., cap. 82, and Public Health (Ireland) Acts, &c.
THE PUBLIC HEALTH ACTS (AMENDMENT) ACT, 1890.
NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN, that the Town Commissioners of Wicklow—the Urban Sanitary Authority under the Public Health (Ireland) Acts—at a Special Meeting held in the Town Hall, Wicklow, at 12 o'clock, noon, on MONDAY, 25th JANUARY, 1897, adopted the following Resolutions, viz:—
"That we, the Town Commissioners of the Town of Wicklow, being the Urban Sanitary Authority of the District, hereby adopt Parts 2, 3, 4 and 5 of the Public Health Acts (Amendment) Act, 1890."
"That we, the Wicklow Town Commissioners, hereby resolve that Parts 2, 3, 4, and 5 of the Public Health Acts (Amendment) Act, 1890, shall come into force in Wicklow Urban District, on the 26th day of February, 1897."
By order,
F. W. MacPHAIL,
Town Clerk.
Dated this 25th January, 1897.

TO CONTRACTORS, MASONS AND BUILDERS.
THE Town Commissioners of Wicklow will, at their Monthly Meeting, to be held on MONDAY, 1st FEBRUARY, 1897, receive and consider Tenders for the following Works:—
No. 1—The taking down and removing of a portion of Boundary Wall, in a falling condition, between the rare of Mr Walter Roche and Captain William Darragh's Holdings in Market-square, Wicklow.
No. 2—To remove all debris of the Boundary Walls at same place.
No. 3—To rebuild said Boundary Wall to a height of five feet above level of Captain Darragh's Yard, at a price per perch.
The Works to be carried out in accordance with the specification to be seen with the undersigned.
Tenders (stating a price for each work, and a sum for the whole contract), to be lodged in the Town Hall not later than 11.30, a.m., on day of Meeting.
The lowest or any Tender not necessarily accepted.
By order,
FRANCIS W. MacPHAIL,
Town Clerk.
Town Hall, 27th January, 1897.

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Town Hall Wicklow
1st February 1897

The usual monthly meeting of the Town Commissioners was held this day in pursuance to notice

Members present—Mr. Edward N. Wynne Chairman Messrs Patrick Padiw, Robert Lees, John Phillips, Thomas Darcy, Frank McPhail, Walter Roche, Alexander Flynn, Gerald Byrne, Joseph McCarroll, Mark Byrne and Thomas Ravanagh.

The minutes of the former meetings having been read over they were ordered by the Board to be signed, after which the usual monthly business was proceeded with—

1. To consider Finance Committee's Report
2. To consider School Attendance Committee's Report
3. To consider, Mr. Frank McPhail's "Notice of Motion" "That the resolution proposing to expend the Ratepayers money illegally in supplying the School Attendance Committee with funds, and passed on the 4th of January 1897, be rescinded, and propose that the matter be deferred until Parliament has defined how such expenses shall be raised."
4. To consider Sanitary Officers Reports.
5. To consider Waterworks Caretakers Report.
6. To consider Miscellaneous Correspondence.
7. To consider Tender for cleaning Streets.
8. To consider Tenders for building wall and removing debris —
9. To consider Mr. McCarroll's "Notice of Motion" "To have the resolution charging 6^d per thousand gallons (in addition to the regular water rate) be rescinded, and remain rescinded while there is a large overflow of water running to waste at Reservoir."

Town Hall Wicklow
29th January 1897

Your Finance Committee met this evening and checked over accounts, books and vouchers and found that during the past month there was lodged to your credit the following sums —

Mr. William Desaix	Agent	£ 109 " 18 " 11
" Frank McPhail	Town Clerk	5 " 12 " 6
" Michael Doyle	Water-Rate	2 " 0 " 0
		Total £ 117 " 11 " 5

Giving a Cr. Balance of £ 114 " 17 " 9

We recommend the following payments

Francis W. MacPhail	One months salary	£ 5 " 0 " 0
Same	Ketty Cash outlay	6 " 14 " 8
Michael Doyle	One months salary	4 " 11 " 8
Edward Connor	Witto	5 " 0 " 0
Denis Brien	Cleaning Streets & catch-pits	3 " 15 " 0
Thomas Douglas	County Cess	6 " 5 " 11
Edward Storey	Witto	" 9 " 1
		Total £ 31 " 16 " 4

Signed Edward M. Wynne Chrm
Thomas D'arcy and Robert Lees

Proposed by Thomas Karanagh, seconded by Mark Byrne and resolved
" That the Report of the Finance Committee be adopted —

Town Hall Wicklow
19th January 1897

To the Chairman &
Town Commissioners of Wicklow

Gentlemen,
In compliance with your request our School Attendance Committee met on Tuesday 5th January 1897 and appointed their Chairman, Rev Michael O'Shea P.P. Vice Chairman, Rev Canon Rooke, and Secretary Mr. Francis Wm MacPhail, the latter at a Salary of Twenty pounds per annum to be paid quarterly,

We directed our Secretary to advertise for a School Attendance Officer at Twenty five pounds per annum and on Tuesday January 12th 1897 we appointed by ballot Mr. Andrew Kirwan, School Attendance Officer at the above named Salary, to be paid in like manner as our Secretary, subject to the confirmation of the Local Authority, —

We also directed our Secretary to procure "A Guide to the Irish Education Act 1892 as amended by the Irish Education Act 1893 containing full instructions to Local Authorities, School Attendance Committees and their officers for the working of the Act, also Census Register and other minor matters required by our officers for the discharge of their duties:

We must say that since the Act was put into operation the attendance at our Schools has largely increased, thereby showing the great necessity for enforcing the Act in Wicklow.

We have determined to hold our meetings on the last Monday of every month.

The Local Authority by their resolution of the 4th January 1897 authorise the School Attendance Committee to make the necessary expenditure, we now ask for your confirmation of the same.

Michael O'Shea P.P. Chairman,
Henry Rooke Vice Chairman,
Irvine Johnston
Michael Clarke
Patrick Radin
William Desaix
Thomas D'arcy
John Neill

January 19th 1897

Proposed by Walter Roche, seconded by Joseph McCannoll and resolved — "That we the Town Commissioners of Wicklow adopt and confirm the Report of the School Attendance Committee and pay officers Salaries —

Mr. Frank McPhail dissented

Wicklow 1st February 1897

To the Chairman and Town Commissioners of Wicklow
Gentlemen,

I respectfully beg to report that during the past month the Scavenger was attentive to his duties. but, Gentlemen I have again to draw attention to the street scrapings and sweepings, as during the early portion of the past month the streets of the Town were kept in a filthy state owing to the Road Contractors not giving sufficient attention to them, in some instances where the streets were scraped it was left in heaps by the side of the water channels for several days before it was removed and some of the streets or roads were not swept or scraped at all -

The public lighting of the Town was fairly well attended to, however on different occasions during the month I found seven lamps not lighted this I attribute to them being either turned off by some mischievous persons or blown out by the wind. I think some notice should be taken of the illuminating power as it was very dull. The attention of the Gas Co. was drawn to the dirty state of the lamps which I am glad to say has been remedied - I have also to draw attention to a breach of the Laws relative to the removal of gravel from the Murrrough Beach and ask for directions with regard to same. - I made usual inspections during the month visiting fifty premises and served three notices under the Public Health Act for abatement of nuisance - The Medical Officer's attention I have directed to some Sanitary matters - I had one patient conveyed to Hospital in the Ambulance car.

I have the honor to be etc
Michael Doyle Sub. Saw. Officer

Resolved - That the Sub Sanitary Officers Report be referred to the Managing Committee.

Read Waterworks Overseers Report showing the Reservoir is 6 inches down from top of wood work, that is, two inches over the old overflow, he also asks for a gas stone for doing jobs in the valve house -

Resolved - That the Waterworks Overseers Report be referred to the Managing Committee -

The Town Clerk, Wicklow

Dear Sir,

Please convey my sincere thanks to the Town Commissioners for their kind expressions of sympathy with us in the loss we have sustained in the death of our beloved parent, who, during his lifetime always evinced a keen interest in the welfare of his native Town.

It is consoling to us to find that his efforts to assist in the progress of Wicklow have been appreciated by his townsmen

Yours truly
C. McPhail

Chambers & Upper Ormond Quay Dublin
30th January 1897

Wicklow Town Commissioners v. Foot ball players

Dear Sir,

We beg to report to your Board that the cases have terminated successfully -

His Honor Judge Kane gave Decree for the nominal damages of one shilling in two of the cases - In the third case, he gave the offender the benefit of a doubt, as to whether he was actually playing at foot ball or (as alleged) only casually kicked at a ball which came near him and struck out the case.

The effect of His Honors Decision, under his "Title Jurisdiction" is to establish for ever the right of the Commissioners to prevent any games on the Murrrough of Wicklow, unless by the express permission of your Board. - In point of fact we are of opinion that no one has any right to use the Murrrough except for the purpose of promenading, and perhaps for showing horses on Fair days.

In case of any future trespasses you may safely resort to the Petty Sessions Court as the production of the Decree will be conclusive evidence of your Title, and prevent an ouster of jurisdiction by pleading that Title is in dispute - We deem it our duty in order to prevent a recurrence of the recent state of things to advise your Board, to have printed books of permits, which could be issued by the Chairman for the time being or the Town Clerk to authorise persons to use the Murrrough for such purposes as the Board should sanction, and to make a rule of Summoning (before the Justices) every person using the Murrrough for any purpose other than walking or riding over it. -

Yours truly -
Toomey & Toomey

To F. W. MacPhail Town Clerk

Resolved — That Messrs Tormey's letter be referred to the Managing Committee
 Read second letter from Messrs Tormey & Tormey stating they will proceed to furnish costs to the Commissioners as requested.

Chambers 4 Upper Ormond Quay
 Dublin 7th January 1897

Wicklow Town Commissioners
 Re Cemetery

Dear Sir, The guardians of the Rathdrum Union have directed us to prepare an Agreement between your Commissioners and them. We would be glad as Solicitors for your Commissioners to have a detailed statement of the whole matter, and the heads of the Agreement as agreed on — In fact we think your personal attendance on us would be very proper and necessary to the due carrying out of this matter —

J. M. O'Shaughnessy, Town Clerk.

Yours truly
 Tormey & Tormey

Proposed by Patrick Nadin, seconded by Thomas Darcy and resolved —
 "That we authorise Mr. Tormey if he considers it necessary under Section 178 to put in one perch less than one half of the proposed Cemetery as the Commissioners portion of said ground —

Local Government Board Ireland
 12th January 1897

Sir,

In pursuance of the provisions of the Local Government, Ireland, Act 34 & 35 Vic cap 109, I hereby give notice that I shall attend at the Commissioners Office on Tuesday the 9th day of February 1897 at the hour of 12 o'clock noon, for the purpose of auditing the accounts of the Wicklow Town Commissioners for the year ended the 31st December last; and I hereby require you to cause notice of the time and place of Audit to be published in some one or more of the public newspapers circulated in such Town in accordance with the requirements of the 17th Section of the above mentioned Act — I have also to request that you will communicate this appointment to the Commissioners and to the Treasurer, Collector, and other accounting officers; and that you will forward to me at the above address, a copy of the Newspaper containing the printed notice of Audit.

James W. Drury Auditor

Chemical Works Wicklow Jan 23rd 1897

Dear Sir,

We are in receipt of your favour of the 21st Inst re water meter please inform us, the class of meter you have in view, price, and how you calculate rent of same

Yours truly
 John Northey —

Second letter dated January 30th 1897

We are obliged by your favour of the 26th Inst giving makers advertisement of the Meter you wish to use, and which we have found interesting, but as you ask us to pay rent for cost of same we fail to see the necessity of a meter costing nearly £30 when an equally good one can be had for less than half the amount — We have one in use at our Dublin Works (Siemens patent) which has been used by the Dublin Corporation for a considerable time and has given complete satisfaction, and it is almost universally used elsewhere, in measuring water for manufacturing purposes — This meter being used we agree to pay a rental of one pound per annum, but cannot agree to pay more in a foreign article at an extravagant price — If you will kindly refer to our letter of the 14th Inst you will find conditions of our Agreement —

John Northey — Manager —

Proposed by Mark Byrne, seconded by Joseph McCarroll and resolved —
 "That Mr. Northey's letter be referred to the Managing Committee giving them power to deal with same —

Read letter from Mr. George Wall seeking time to pay amount of Decree for Rent obtained at last Quarter Sessions —

Proposed by Joseph McCarroll, seconded by Patrick Nadin and resolved —
 "That the Decree against George Wall be held over provided he pays at the rate of one pound per month, first payment to be made on the 1st March 1897 —

Read an Application from Mr. Michael Byrne for contribution of making foot-path in New Street —

Resolved — That the matter be referred to the Managing Committee

Read resolutions adopted by the Irish Cattle Traders & Stockowners Association

Proposed by Patrick Nadin, seconded by Thomas Darcy and resolved —
"That we adopt the resolutions of the Irish Cattle Traders and Stock Owners Association"

Read copy of resolution adopted by the Athlone Union asking the Government to bring in a bill to extend the provisions of the Agricultural Rating Act of last Session to Ireland —

Proposed by Thomas Darcy seconded by Mark Byrne and resolved —
"That we adopt the resolution of the Athlone Union —"

Wicklow 26-1-97

The Town Clerk, Wicklow.

Sir,

I understand from your letter re letting Town Hall that any reply that I gave was required by the then following Wednesday. I replied that your letter arrived too late to reply by that date, and that I had never refused the ~~Hall~~ Farmers Association the use of the Hall; nor have they asked me for it: as you now ask if I will let them permanently use it for their meetings I must reply in the negative

Yours faithfully
Edward N. Wynne

Read letter from Secretary Gas Co seeking directions where to erect the two bracket-lamps in Back High Street —

Resolved — That the matter concerning the lamps be referred to the Managing Committee —

Elton Hall Peterborough
Jan 7. 1897

Dear Sir,

In reply to your letter of Jan 5th enclosing a resolution passed at a meeting of the Town Commissioners of Wicklow requesting me to convene a Public Meeting to consider the Financial Relations between Great Britain and Ireland as set forth in the Report of the Royal Commission, I have to inform you that the subject is under my consideration and that the resolution

of the Commissioners shall have my best attention at the same time it appears to me that there are certain parts of the Commissioners Report on which it is desirable that more light should be thrown before it is dealt with at a Public Meeting

I am dear Sir

J. MacPhail

Yours faithfully
Carysfort

Proposed by Patrick Nadin, seconded by Frank McPhail and resolved —
"That the Town Clerk write to the High Sheriff of the County, Sir Henry Cochrane B.S. and request him to kindly convene at an early date a County Meeting, at Wicklow, to discuss the Financial Relations Committee's Report."

Proposed by Patrick Nadin, seconded by Joseph McCarroll and resolved —
That a Deputation from the Wicklow Town Commissioners be appointed to attend the Mansion House Meeting on the subject of the Financial Relations Committee's Report on 9th Inst. The Deputation to consist of E. N. Wynne, Frank McPhail, P. Nadin, Joseph McCarroll, John Passant and Robert Lees. —

Read letters from the Chief Secretary for Ireland, John Dillon M.P. and Thomas Baker for John Redmond M.P. on the subject of the resolutions passed at last monthly meeting re Financial Commission

Read letters from Secretary Local Government Board, Chief Secretary for Ireland and Board of Trade acknowledging receipt of resolutions adopting Parts 2, 3, 4 and 5 of the Public Health Acts (Amendment) Act-1890. —

Read a further letter from Local Government Board enclosing copy of an order made by them on the 6th Instant, rescinding their order of the 15th January 1893 and also rescinding their order of the 18th September 1893 — relative to the importation to Ireland of bedding or clothing from certain foreign ports. —

Proposed by Thomas Darcy seconded by Mark Byrne and resolved —
That Denis Brien's Tender for £3. 15/- cleaning streets and catchpits month of February be accepted on the usual conditions —

Read letter from War Office acknowledging receipt of letter enclosing Memorial of the Town Commissioners. 101. - The advisability of contracting for live cattle instead of dead meat for supply to Troops in Ireland (2) and suggesting a change in the present system of purchase of Canteen Supplies. The question of ration meat is under careful investigation and an officer of the Department will shortly visit Ireland specially deputed to inquire into the matter -

Five Tenders were received for removing debris and taking down portion of boundary wall in the rear of Mr Roche and Captain Darragh's holdings

Patrick Waldron and Michael Byrne £ 5 each Tender
Robert Richardson £ 4 - Thomas Doyle £ 3 & R. White £ 2 - 10/-

Two Tenders were received for building boundary wall and removing debris - Charles Karanagh 13/6 per perch & £ 4. 10/- for removing debris and William Carroll 11/- per perch & £ 2 - 10/- for removing debris -

Proposed by Thomas Karanagh seconded by Thomas Darcy and resolved "That Mr. William Carroll's Tender for taking down the loose wall between Messrs Darragh and Roche's premises and removing the debris for Two pounds ten Shillings and rebuilding the boundary wall according to Specification at 11/- per perch be accepted -

Agreement

I agree to pay the Commissioners of Wicklow half the cost of rebuilding the boundary wall between me and Mr Roche (that is between our holdings as already agreed on) if they have the work carried out by Contract per perch and also to pay for taking down the piece of wall -

Signed William Darragh
Edward. N. Wynne

1st February 1897

Edward N. Wynne
Chm.

1st March 1897

Town Hall Wicklow
8th February 1897

A special meeting of the Town Commissioners was held ^{this day} on requisition to consider letter from Rathdrum Board of Guardians enclosing letter and Agreement from Messrs Toomey & Toomey re Cemetery

Members present Mr Edward. N. Wynne Chairman Messrs Patrick Padin, Colonel Welch, Robert Lees, Frank McPhail, Thomas Darcy, Nicholas H. Haskins, Peter Doolittle, John Keill, Mark Byrne and Andrew Finlayson

Boardroom Workhouse
Rathdrum 1st Feb 1897

Dear Sir,

I am directed by the Board of Guardians to forward the accompanying documents for the consideration of the Town Commissioners of Wicklow

I am Sir etc

Bernard Manning
Clerk of Union

Chambers & Upper Ormond Quay
Dublin 28th January 1897

Dear Sir,

Rathdrum Union. Re Cemetery

We are in receipt of yours of the 25th Instant, with a copy of the minute of the Guardians.

We do not think we misunderstood the intention of the Guardians but we are of opinion that the Agreement as drafted by us is the best we can do to accomplish the Guardians object. - Both the Guardians and the Commissioners are the Burial Board for their respective districts and any joint Committee is only feasible by the formation of an united district and an united burial board for any of the purposes of the Public Health Act 1878. - The purpose for which such united Board could be formed would be the purpose of purchasing a Burial Ground and we are not aware of any other purpose in this particular case in which an united board could be formed - The Guardians have power under section 175 of the Act to purchase lands for the purpose of forming a burial ground but the Guardians have no power to sell the lands so purchased.

There is a power given under sec. 178 of the Act to sell the exclusive right

of burial either in perpetuity or for a limited period in any parts of any burial ground, provided that such exclusive right shall not extend in all to a space of one half of such burial ground and under sec 195 power is given with the sanction of the Local Government Board to let the lands purchased by them which have not been consecrated; but this apparently is only a letting for temporary purposes as the section goes on to say that the Guardians must reserve power to themselves to resume possession on giving six months notice - These are the powers of the guardians to purchase and sell and the Wicklow Town Commissioners as Sanitary Authority and Burial Board for their district have similar powers.

Several difficulties therefore arise namely: -

- (1) An united board or committee cannot be formed after the lands have been purchased as the purpose for which such a Board could have been formed would have been already accomplished.
- (2) The Guardians having purchased the land cannot sell the land itself but only a right of burial therein.
- (3) The Guardians cannot even sell the right of burial in one half as section 178 provided that the right of burial to be sold shall not extend to one half.
- (4) Assuming that the Guardians had a right to sell one half of the exclusive right of burial. The Wicklow Town Commissioners in our opinion have no power as a Burial Board to purchase a right of burial, their powers being as before stated similar to those of the guardians namely to purchase lands not a mere right of burial.

We return the draft agreement and shall be glad to hear from the guardians with any further instructions they may wish to give us

Toomey & Toomey

Proposed by Robert Lees seconded by Thomas Darcy and resolved "That Mr Toomeys letter and agreement be referred to the Managing Committee and that Mr. Nadiis name be added for this purpose. - The Committee to meet at 7.30 o'clock on Thursday next.

Edward Wynne
14th March 1897

Town Hall Wicklow
1st March 1897

The usual ^{monthly} meeting of the Town Commissioners was held this day in pursuance to notice

Members present Mr Edward N. Wynne Chairman Messrs Robert Lees, Mark Byrne, Thomas Darcy, Walter Roche, Nicholas H. Haskins Frank McPhail and Peter Doolittle -

The minutes of the former meetings having been read over they were ordered by the Board to be signed after which the usual monthly business was proceeded with -

- No 1 - To consider Finance Committee's Report.
- 2 - To consider Auditors Report.
- 3 - To consider Managing Committee's Report.
- 4 - To consider Sanitary Officers Report.
- 5 - To consider Waterworks Caretakers Report.
- 6 - To consider Miscellaneous Correspondence.
- 7 - To consider Tender for cleaning the Streets.

Town Hall Wicklow
26 February 1897

Your Finance Committee met this evening and checked over accounts books and vouchers and found that during the past month there was lodged to your Credit the following sums -

Mr William Desaix	Agent	£ 11	7	2	
" F.W.M. McPhail	Town Clerk	1	10	10	
" Michael Doyle	Water Rate	2	10	0	
" F.W.M. McPhail	Rate Refund (subscriptions)	5	0	0	
		Total	£ 20	8	0

Giving a Cr Balance of £ 103. 9. 5

We recommend the following payments

Francis W. MacPhail	one months salary	£ 5	"	"	
Same	Petty Cash putting	6	"	1	3
William Desaix	5 per cent on collection of £ 1244. 4/-	} 64	"	15	
	+ £ 1.0. 10 rec lodged in 1895 and receipt stamps				
Forward		£ 75	"	16	3

Brought Forward		£ 75	16	3
Michael Doyle	One months Salary	4	11	8
Edward Connor	ditto	5	0	0
Denis Brien	Tender cleaning streets	3	15	0
Michael Byrne	Amount to Supplement Footpaths in New St	7	0	0
Messrs Joyce & Joyant	Chair Sides	2	12	2
Wicklow Gas Co	Quarters Gas of Town Hall	2	0	5
Palatine Engineering Co	Diagrams, disc, disc wire & balance cords	"	4	11
Thomas Douglas	Income Tax	26	10	11
		£ 127	11	4

We have had an application from Mr Michael Clarke for payment of Contract catch-pits we recommend same to remain over pending Mr Kansinys certificate

Your Agent has brought under our notice the following report and numbers in Rental over one year in arrear and have been marked by Mr Drury for immediate collection

1011	£ 1	2	2	In the case of Michael Rooney, the Auditor directs that immediate action should be taken to establish your right —
36	3	2	0	
59	"	16	9	
77	16	15	10	
80	7	7	0	
81	2	5	0	
94	8	13	0	
114	1	0	0	
Other Tenants	6	1	4	
109, 10 & 11	}			
Grazing Tenants	9	15	6	And in the case of the Cross Roads Cottages he directs that as these Tenants are not paying rent it would be desirable that possession of the premises be taken up at once arrears due by above Tenants amount to £ 116 . 12 . 8
Total	£ 56	18	7	

Mr Drury has also directed the Commissioners to proceed against Mr William Shaw, Mall, for March half years Rent 1896.

Signed William Devaux. Agent.

Your Committee recommend that the instructions of Mr Drury in above cases be carried out with the exception of Mr William Shaws case, as, at the time of forgiving him the September rent, it was an oversight in not including all rent due, we now recommend that Mr Shaws arrears be struck out of your Agents Rental.

Signed Thomas Darcy, Robert Lees, John Neill

Proposed by Mark Byrne, seconded by Thomas Darcy and resolved — "That the Report of the Finance Committee be adopted"

Proposed by Thomas Darcy, seconded by Mark Byrne and resolved — "That the cases reported by our Agent be proceeded against for recovery of rent or possession"

Proposed by Robert Lees, seconded by Nicholas H. MacRius and resolved — "That the plot now vacant in Irish Town and lately held by Mr Thos Gregory be given to Mr Roche at the rate of one pound per year, he signing an Agreement to surrender same within one month if plot should be required for building purposes. Tenant to repair and keep fence —"

The Willows Terenure
12th February 1897

Gentlemen, I have the honor to report that I have audited the accounts of the Wicklow Town Commissioners for the year ended 31st December 1896, and I forward herewith the usual abstract duly certified.

The improvement referred to in previous reports as to the manner in which the business of the Town is conducted continues to manifest itself. — The accounts are now thoroughly well kept, the collection of rents from the Corporate Estate well looked after and the rate collection excellent.

I felt obliged to disallow a payment of £ 5 contributed from the Town funds towards the expenses of the Wicklow Regatta but the amount was at once refunded and so a surcharge became unnecessary —

I have the honor to be
Gentlemen
Your Obedient Servant
James W. Drury Auditor

To
The Local Government Board.

Proposed by Thomas Darcy, seconded by Mark Byrne and resolved — "That the Abstract of the Accounts of the Wicklow Town Commissioners be advertised in the usual way viz News Letter & Wicklow People"

Town Hall Wicklow
11th February 1897

Your Managing Committee met this evening and recommend that we adhere to our former proposal, giving the option of a two inch meter at £16 instead of the three inch £25. Having made inquiries we find a differential meter such as Mr. Northing suggests would not serve our purpose —

We have drawn out a form of permit for the use of the Murrugh which has been printed, and we recommend that any trespass without a permit be prosecuted forthwith and notice to that effect be placed on the Murrugh notice boards as advised by your Solicitor —

The matter of the Cemetery is still under our consideration.

With regard to the removal of gravel we recommend that the case be reported to the Board of Trade —

We have directed your Secretary to draw the attention of the Gas Co. to the defective illuminating power of the gas, we have also given directions to the Town Sergeant to point out the position of the bracket lamps in Dispensary Lane and recommend that only one in a central position be erected for the present —

With regard to Michael Byrne's application of the 3rd Instant we recommend that a cheque be drawn for the amount.

We have given directions to the Town Clerk to order the pipes for laying main to Mr. Delahunts new houses Bay View Terrace Road

Signed Edward N. Wynne Clerk

John Shaw

Thomas Darcy

John Neill

Mark Byrne

Frank McPhail

Proposed by Mark Byrne, Seconded by Thomas Darcy and resolved —
"That the Report of the Managing Committee be adopted —"

Chemical Works Wicklow
27 Feb 1897

J. Macphail
Town Clerk

Dear Sir,

In reply to yours of the 23rd Inst. my Directors regret being unable to agree to pay rent on an uselessly expensive meter, however if the Town Commissioners wish to use it we do not object they charging us only on value of a suitable one at Twelve pounds — This we believe they

will see is reasonable and we hope will settle the matter

Yours truly
For Dublin & Wicklow Managers Co
John Northing, Manager.

Resolved — That the Town Clerk be directed to inform Mr. Northing that our decision is final and that if he does not accept our terms on or before Monday next the water to be cut off —

Five Reports was received from the Medical Officer of Health

1 — I hereby report to you again for the third time the sewer which runs from Main St through the premises occupied by Mr. Janet Byrne and the Star — This is very dangerous to the health of the inhabitants of these premises and I recommend the course of drain to be changed to front of Mr. Janet Byrne's house and run into sewer in Bridge Street —

2 — I hereby report to you the filthy state of Strand Street, High St. Dispensary Lane, Castle St, Monkton Road, Ball-alley — This is a source of danger to the Public Health and I recommend the employment of an extra scavenger —

3 — I hereby report to you the house occupied by John Meredith also the one next it these houses have no closets or ash pits and I recommend them to be supplied —

4 — I hereby report to you the dangerous state of the house and forge occupied by Thomas James Mullin Road and I recommend it to be put in proper order. —

5 — I hereby report to you the drainage of the houses occupied by William Williams and Robert Dickenson and I recommend them to be put in proper order

Signed this 1st day of March 1897

James H. Halpin

Medical Officer of Health —

Resolved — "That the Medical Officer of Health Reports be referred to the Managing Committee"

Wicklow 1st March 1897

Gentlemen,

I respectfully beg to report that the public lighting of the Town during the past month was well maintained and the illuminating power which I referred to last month appears to have improved. I have again to draw your attention to the main drainage of Main St. I would suggest to your Board that it be opened from main drain in Bridge St. to where the defect occurs and cleaned out. The passages through the footpaths into the yards of the premises in Main St are in a dangerous state the proper authority should be called on to fill them up so as to put them on a level with the flagging - I have again to draw attention to a breach of the laws relative to the removal of gravel from the Murrone shore. I would suggest to your Board that the doors and windows of what is known as the Boat House Murrone be painted. I made usual inspections during the month - The Medical Officer's attention I have directed to some sanitary matters. The scavenger was careful and attentive to his duties.

I have the honor to be &c

Michael Wayh Sub San Officer

Proposed by Mark Byrne, Seconded by Thomas Darcy and resolved -
That the Sanitary Officers Reports be referred to the Managing Committee

Read Waterworks Caretakers Report showing the reservoir full and stating that there is 8 inches more water in the reservoir this spring than there ever was before -

The Chairman brought forward an extract written by the Waterworks Messrs in his report book and also his conduct in general -

It was unanimously resolved - That under no circumstances would the Commissioners permit Mr Connor to disobey and insult their Chairman. The Town Clerk was directed to convey to Mr Connor that the Commissioners feel very indignant at what they consider to be rank and uncalled for impertinence on his part and that they give him this final chance in the hope that he may see his way to do what they consider his duty -

The question of the last revision of valuation for the Wicklow Urban Sanitary area was discussed and referred to Managing Committee

No 3238: 1897

Kathdrum Union

Sir,

I am directed by the Local Government Board for Ireland to forward herewith, for the information of the Wicklow Town Commissioners a copy of a letter addressed to the Board of Guardians of Rathdrum Union relating to the area of charge for expenses incurred in connection with the new Cemetery at Wicklow

I am &c

Thomas A. Mooney, Sec.

No 3238.

Local Government Board Dublin 9 Feb 1897

Sir,

With reference to minutes of proceedings of the Board of Guardians of Rathdrum Union on the 22nd ultimo the Local Government Board for Ireland desire to state that they have given directions for the issue of an order declaring the Wicklow Electoral Division as the area of charge for expenses incurred in connection with the new Cemetery at Wicklow

I am &c

Thomas A. Mooney, Sec

No 6178

Kathdrum Union

Sir,

The Local Government Board for Ireland acknowledge the receipt of your letter of the 13th Inst, respecting the area of charge for expenses incurred in connection with the new Cemetery at Wicklow, and, in reply, the Board desire to state that it will not now be necessary to enter into an Agreement referred to in the Board's letter of the 17th March, 1896, as the Board of Guardians of Rathdrum Union will see that the money is levied on the poor rate of the Electoral Division declared the area of charge

I am &c

D. J. Mac Sheahan

Assistant Secretary.

Read letter from Secretary of Gas Co² stating that ^{he} had the public lamps of the Town examined and found them in good order, and also that the purity of the gas has been tested by the usual chemical process and ^{found} it as pure as ever was sent out from their works, ^{at} the same time should any cause for complaint arise it would have their immediate attention.

Read letter from Sir Henry Cochrane with reference to calling a Public Meeting to consider the Financial Relations Committee's Report, stating that having regard to the fact that the matter will come before the British House of Commons at a very early date for discussion, it would be waste of time at this late hour to call a meeting at Wicklow. —

Read letter from Captain Wm Barragh protesting against the blasting of stones and quarrying which is now going on at the rear of his premises —
On inquiry the Town Commissioners find he is under a misapprehension

Read letter from Miss Bell relative to her water connexion in houses No 3 & 4 Bath Street — also the condition of Bath & Strand St — The Town Clerk was directed to inform her that she could not put in connexion to her houses —

Read letter from George Wall South Quay asking to have his house put in repair — Referred to Managing Committee —

Read letter from Mrs Newman relative to the gable end of her house — The Town Clerk was directed to write Messrs Ryder & Pim requesting them to proceed with the building of their premises at once and thereby protect Mrs Newman's house from the weather —

Proposed by Mark Byrne, seconded by Thomas Darcy and resolved —
"That Denis Brien's Tender for cleaning streets and catch pits for the sum of £ 3. 15/- be accepted on the usual conditions —

Proposed by Thomas Darcy, seconded by Mark Byrne and resolved —
"That in view of the remarks passed by Mr. Drury at our last Audit relative to the expenses of the working of the Irish Education Act we now authorise the Town Clerk to obtain our Solicitor's opinion as to the payment of same, and that he also be directed to communicate with the Local Government Board to have the matter definitively settled —

Proposed by Robert Lees, seconded by Frank McPhail and resolved —
"That in future the Managing Committee be empowered to expend to the extent of £ 5 on works of an urgent nature, three members of said Committee to form a quorum for the purpose —

Proposed by Nicholas H. Haskins, seconded by Robert Lees and resolved —
"That all communications in connection with the business of this Board be made and received through the Town Clerk, further, that all documents of the Commissioners be left in his custody and be kept in the safe provided for that purpose, should any necessity arise for the use of any of the said documents outside the precincts of the Town Hall liberty can be given through the Managing Committee on a receipt being given by the person requiring any of the said documents —

Local Government Board
Dublin 26 Feb 1897

Sir,
I am directed by the Local Government Board for Ireland to call attention to the proceedings in connection with the application of the Wicklow Urban Sanitary Authority for a loan for the purpose of the Housing of the Working Classes Act and to request that a Cheque may be forwarded by the Sanitary Authority for the amount of the expenses incurred by the Board in relation to the matter, namely —

Advertising Local Inquiry	£ 2 " 9 " 0
Short hand Writers Account	1 " 11 " 0
	£ 4 " 0 " 0

The Board have now to recoup the Public funds advanced for this purpose

I am Sir etc
D. J. MacSheehan

Proposed by Mark Byrne, seconded by Thomas Darcy and resolved —
"That a Cheque be drawn in favour of the Local Government Board for £ 4 amount of costs of Inquiry under the Housing of the Working Classes Act —

Local Government Board £ 4 " 0 " 0

Emrys

Town Hall Wicklow
8th March 1897

A special meeting of the Town Commissioners of Wicklow was held this day in pursuance to a requisition

To consider application from the war office for training ground on Murrough and water supply to the Dublin City and Wicklow Artillery Militia Regiments

Members present Mr Edward N. Wynne Chairman Messrs Robert Lees, Frank McPhail, John Neill, Walter Roche, Samuel M. Kent and Peter Doolittle.

Militia Training 1897
Wicklow from 15th March to 12th June 1897

The Secretary
Town Commissioners
Wicklow.

Sir,

Will you kindly inform me if the Murrough at Wicklow will be available this year for the use of the Dublin City and Wicklow Artillery Militia as a camp and drill ground, and if so upon the usual terms and conditions. — In the event of it being available I have enclosed a form of Agreement which I would be obliged by your signing and returning at your earliest convenience

I am Sir etc

E. W. M. Scott

For officer in charge of Barracks

5. 3. 97

Proposed by Robert Lees, seconded by Samuel M. Kent and resolved that we the Wicklow Town Commissioners hereby agree to let to the Dublin City and Wicklow Artillery Militia portion of the Murrough for training and drill ground on the same terms as last year, namely £ 15 and on the same conditions. The water to be supplied by meter at 6^d per thousand gallons and meter rent as is charged to other consumers in the Town. The position of the Meter or Meters to be fixed by the Managing Committee.

The Town Clerk was directed to have a definite name with whom this Agreement was to be drawn up. —

Proposed by John Neill, seconded by Frank McPhail and resolved. That notice be served on the Secretary of State for War that from tests made on the night of 23rd February 1897 water from the Wicklow Town Commissioners supply was found to be wasting inside the premises of the Wicklow Artillery Barracks at the rate of 125 gallons per hour.

Edward N. Wynne Jun.
5th April 1897

Town Hall Wicklow
23rd March 1897

A Special meeting of the Town Commissioners was held this day in pursuance to a requisition

To consider Managing Committee's Report.

To consider letter from Artillery for hire of Murrrough.

Members present Mr Edward N Wynne Chairman Messrs Th^{os} Darcy, John Neill, Walter Roche, John Shaw, Nicholas H. Haskins, Thomas Kavanagh.

Wicklow 13th March 1897

Your Managing Committee recommend that your Sub Sanitary Officer's suggestion with regard to the sewer from Main Street through Mr Jarret Byrne's premises be carried out, we have directed him to employ men to have the work done with as little delay as possible. —

We have empowered the Town Sergeant to employ men at such times as it may be requisite for extra scavenging in the streets complained of. —

We have given directions that notice be served on the owners of unsanitary premises — In accordance with the recommendation given at our last monthly meeting we have empowered your Solicitor to appear before the Grand Jury and bring the condition of the streets and water channels in the Township under their notice with a view to having the clauses in the County Contractors specifications carried out. We recommend that applications be made at the next Presentment Sessions for a number of Street crossings and for raising the footway at the entrance to Mr Thomas Felleth's Yard — We have given directions to have the Boat House painted and a notice to post no bills placed on same.

We have drawn up and sent Mr Northey a Water Supply Agreement in accordance with his letter of the 9th March 1897 and have informed him that this is final and if not signed and returned within seven days the water will be cut off from the works in accordance with the Commissioners resolution — With regard to Militia Supply we have directed that a half inch meter be placed on each connection to Barracks or Camp from our main excepting the hydrants, the valves to the latter to be kept turned off.

Signed John Neill, Mark Byrne, Frank McPhail
Robert Lees and Edward N. Wynne. Chmn.

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Proposed by Walter Roche, seconded by John Neill and resolved — That a cheque be drawn in favour of the County Treasurer for the sum of Four pounds ten shillings to supplement road contract etc and that Mr Doyle be directed not to carry out the work contained in the Managing Committee's Report for the present

Signed Edward N. Wynne Chairman Messrs Robert Lees, John Neill, Walter Roche and Frank McPhail

The Town Clerk was directed to call a Special Meeting for this day to adopt the Managing Committee's Report of the 13th Instant and to confirm the payment of Four pounds ten shillings to the County Treasurer.

Proposed by Walter Roche, seconded by Thomas Darcy and resolved — "That the Report of the Managing Committee be confirmed and adopted"

Dublin 18th March 1897

Sir,

With reference to your letter dated 8th March re camping ground and Water Supply for the Wicklow and Dublin City Artillery, will you very kindly inform me the reasons the Town Commissioners have this year increased the rental of the camping ground, and propose making a charge of 6^d per 1000 gallons for the water, which was last year supplied free of charge.

I am directed by the G. O. C to ask that the Commissioners will kindly reconsider these additional charges with a view to their modification. The camping ground will probably be sufficient this year as only one Company of the Dublin City Artillery will be at Wicklow at one time. Six pence per 1000 gallons for the water seems excessive considering that you will require all necessary connections etc to be provided by the War Department — I shall be glad if you will kindly favour me with a reply as early as possible

I am etc

J Edwards

Lieu G. A. S. C.

The Agent replied to the above letter that the Commissioners have not increased the rental of the camping ground and with regard to the payment for water the charge is identically the same as every Trader in the Town —

Edward N. Wynne

5th April 1897