Town Hall Wicklow
5th April 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 Thomas D'arcy Joseph McCarroll, Mark Byrne, Alexander Flynn, Frank MacNhail, Nicholas A. Haskins, Robert Lees, Walter Roche, Patrick Padin, Thomas Kavanagh

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

No 1 — To consider Finance Committees Report.
2 — " " Sanitary Officers Report.
3 — " " Waterworks Caretakers Report.
4 — " " The advisability of obtaining Counsels opinion relative to paying the Expenses in connection with the working of the "Irish Education Act".
5 — " " Miscellaneous Correspondence.
6 — " " Application from Mr Edward Ryder, relative to transferring House (late Wisdom's) under Mall over to Mr Pim —
7 — " " Tender for cleaning the Streets and catch-pits

Town Hall Wicklow
2nd April 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 Deane	Agent	£	57 . 10 . 6
" Francis W. MacNhail	Town Clerk		13 . 6 . 2
" Michael Doyle	Water Rate		24 . 8 . 11
	Total	£	95 . 5 . 7

Giving a Cr Balance of £62 . 13 - 8

We recommend the following payments

Francis W. MacNhail	One months Salary	£	5 . 0 . 0
Same	Petty Cash Outlay		7 . 11 . 9
Michael Doyle	One months Salary		4 . 11 . 8
Edward OMnor	Ditto		5 . 0 . 0
Denis Brien	Tender for cleaning Streets &c		3 . 15 . 0
William Carroll	Mason Contract building wall &c		22 . 10 . 0
Thomas Jellettie	Insurance of Town Hall &c		1 . 0 . 0
Local Government Board	Audit Fee		7 . 11 . 0
John Flynn	Making & painting Murrough Seats	£	1 . 13 . 0
	Total	£	58 . 12 . 5

We have had an application from Mr Michael Clarke for payment of catch-pits, but these not having been completed before the last Sessions the payment have not been discharged at these Assizes and will have to wait until Summer Assizes

We have given your Town Clerk directions to order at once 8 Water Meters for the following premises

Messrs Haskins	Main Street	1
Mrs Ellen Kavanagh	Market Square	1
Wicklow Gas Co	Murrough	1
Artillery	ditto	3
Mrs Collins	Bottling House Abbey St	1
Mr Edward Kennedy	Main St	1
	Total	8

Signed Edward. N. Wynne Chairman
John Neill
Thomas D'arcy

Proposed by Mark Byrne Seconded by Robert Lees and resolved "That the Report of the Finance Committee be confirmed and adopted

Copyright Wicklow County Archives

Wicklow 5th April 1897

To the Chairman
& Town Commissioners of Wicklow

Gentlemen,

I respectfully beg to report that during the past month and acting under your directions I had two main drains repaired and put in working order namely one Bridge St and one in Castle St the latter I would suggest that it be flushed with water at least once a fortnight as there are no Storm water gratings for three parts of the way from where it begins to assist in clearing it — The Public Lighting of the Town was well attended to and the gas lamp that you ordered to be Erected in Dispensary Lane has been placed in its position and duly lighted since the 19th March — On the 1st Inst I took the index of the Water Meters two of which water and dirt has got in on the face or dial, there is a third one placed in such an awkward position that it is with great inconvenience that it can be reached — The Scavenger was attentive to his business. I would suggest to your Board that the promenade Murrough be cleaned up Sometime during the present month

As there are Some cases to come up for hearing at the next Petty Sessions I would respectfully ask your Board for legal assistance in the matter.

The fire grate in Board-room has got worn out I would ask you to have it replaced — I made usual inspections and served three notices under the "Public Health Act" for abatement of nuisance —

The Medical Officers attention I have directed to Some Sanitary matters

Signed &c Michael Doyle Sub San Officer

Proposed by Thomas D'arcy
Seconded by Alexander Flynn and resolved — That the Sub Sanitary Officers Report be referred to the Managing Committee and that the Town Sergeant be given the assistance of our Solicitor to prosecute the different parties reported by him in the two cases he has asked

Messrs McCarroll & Haskins dissented —

Read Waterworks Overseers Report Showing the Reservoir is half an inch overflow and Enumerating certain works done during the past month, he also laid two diagrams before the Board for their information

Proposed by Thomas Darcy, Seconded by Mark Byrne and resolved —
"That the question of the Railway Co Supplying water outside their premises be referred to the Managing Committee with power to take legal steps if necessary. ——

Wicklow 5th April 1897

Having given the Water Supply of the Town considerable attention for Some months I beg to report that in Consequence of extensive leaks in various parts of the Town which have been allowed to run for months and Even years without any attempt being made to stop them, as well as waste in Several Establishments Supplied with water the waste of the Water Supply has been enormous varying from 59.000 to 65.000 gallons per diem while the consumption by the inhabitants during the same period has been only 25,000 to 29000 gallons, Since the meters have been introduced this latter (the useful consumption) has been reduced to about 21000 gallons per diem —

Having at length in consequence of the strong letter from your Board to the Waterworks Caretaker, got the latter to carry out the orders I gave him in November last, four large leaks have been Stopped with the result that the waste which in the beginning of February last was 53.000 gallons per day has been now reduced to 21,000 gallons this is practically Equivalent to having increased your Water Supply by fifty per cent, and by attention I believe this latter waste can be further reduced. —

I would recommend that very serious notice Should be taken of the matter Should your Caretaker allow this waste ever again to be exceeded as nothing but gross neglect and inattention Should cause it. — I would further recommend —

1) That a charge in the form of an annual license of say 1/= or £ 1 be made for the use of a hose —

2) That any person using a hose to water the Streets or footways be prosecuted for wasting water

3) That a flushing box be attached to the Market Urinal

4) That the Caretaker be not allowed to take private work in connection with water connections except on giving notice to the Town Clerk and that payment for Such work be made to the Commissioners

Edward. N. Wynne Chairman

Proposed by Frank McPhail, Seconded by Robert Lees and resolved —
"That the Report of the Chairman on the Water Supply be referred to the Managing Committee —

Copyright Wicklow County Archives

Chemical Works Wicklow 22nd March 1897

Sir,

We are in receipt of your favour of the 20th Inst, and in reply, as stated in ours of the 18th Inst with the one slight alteration made, we were prepared to sign our portion as soon as the Commissioners had produced theirs, but until then we must decline, and cannot understand their reason for the delay

Yours truly

For Dublin & Wicklow Manure Co Johu Northing

No 9826 : 1897
Wicklow (Town)

Local Government Board
Dublin, 18th March 1897.

Sir,

I am directed by the Local Government Board for Ireland to acknowledge the receipt of your letter of the 9th Inst referring to previous correspondence on the subject of payment by the Wicklow Town Commissioners, of expenses incurred in carrying out the provisions of the Irish Education Act, 1892: and I am to state that the Local Government Board cannot express any opinion on the matter beyond that conveyed in their letter of the 26th November last.

I am Sir &c

Thomas A. Money Secretary

Chambers 4 Upper Ormond Quay
Dublin 22nd March 1897

Wicklow Town Commissioners
"Education Act" 1892

Dear Sir,

We are in receipt of yours of the 19th Inst — We must advise that Counsels opinion be taken on this matter —

The question involved is one of considerable difficulty and will require a good deal of research which it is no part of a Solicitors duty to perform — We should be glad to hear from the Commissioners authorising us to lay the matter before Counsel

Yours truly

Toomey & Toomey

Proposed by Patrick Padin seconded by Thomas D'arcy and resolved — "That our Solicitor be instructed to procure Eminent Counsels opinion as to payment of costs &c under the "Irish Education Act" and the application of the Rents

for general purposes, cost not to exceed £5 - 5/-

Chambers 4 Upper Ormond Quay Dublin
20th March 1897

Wicklow Town Commissioners
Re Coast Guard Station

Dear Sir,

We enclose you herewith License in duplicate for Signature by the Commissioners

Yours truly

Toomey & Toomey

Proposed by Thomas D'arcy seconded by Mark Byrne and resolved — "That the Deed with the authorities about the Sewer from the Coast Guard Station be now Signed by the Commissioners first altering the word at " to "below low water mark —

Read Memorial from Cross Roads Tenants and also letter from Mr Joseph Smyth on the same subject re Notice to Quit.

After a good deal of discussion Mr Nicholas H. Haskins handed in the following "Notice of Motion" "That the resolution be rescinded relative to the Cross Roads Eviction subject to their Agreement and Satisfactory Security being given that same will be carried out —

Read letter from Mr MacDonald re Wicklow Deb Stock and Telegram from Mr Clay stating the Memorial will be complete on Monday or Tuesday

Read Post Card from Mr John Flanagan acknowledging receipt of Sanitary Notices

Read two letters from Mr Newman relative to the gable end of her house

Read letter from Major Dennis R.A. seeking permission to allow his Regiment to practise foot ball on the Murrough —

Resolved — That Major Dennis be granted the permission asked on the usual conditions —

Read letter from War Office London acknowledging receipt of letters of the 8th & 26th Inst and stating that the matter is under investigation

Copyright Wicklow County Archives

and a further communication will be made in due course —

Read letter from Dublin Castle relative to Carbide of Calcium

March 21st 1897

Dear Sir,

On behalf of the Wicklow bicycle Club I beg to ask your Board for permission to make a cycle racing track on the inside Murrough above the Camp — Trusting the application will receive a favorable hearing

Yours truly
W. E. Hanan Sec Wicklow B. Club

Proposed by Nicholas. H. Haskins, Seconded by Robert Lees and resolved —
"That the Bicycle Club be granted the permission asked viz to make a cinder track above the camp on the Murrough of Wicklow

Read letter from Irish Cattle Traders and Stockowners Association Enclosing the following resolution "That this Committee once more protests against the Government's practice of supplying the Troops Stationed in Ireland with foreign meat to the detriment of all who are interested in the breeding, feeding, and distribution of home produce, that is to say, men who give employment, pay rates for local purposes and pay taxes for the support of the State; that we, therefore, call on Her Majesty's Government to discontinue a system so damaging to Irish interests, and that copies of this resolution be forwarded to the Secretary of War and the Secretary to the Treasury —

Proposed by Joseph McCarroll, Seconded by Patrick Kadin and resolved "That the resolution of the Cattle Traders Association be adopted"

Read letter from Major Cairnes. R. E. relative to the test of Water Supply

Read letter from Commissioner of Valuation stating no change can be made this year ~~can be made~~ relative to the valuation of Stores in North Quay —

Read circular letter relative to the Queens Commemoration concerning open spaces

26 Grosvenor-road Rathmines Dublin
3rd April 1897

Dear Sir,

Mr Michael Clarke has asked me to certify that his Contract with you for Six grates and catch pits presented for at last Summer Assizes has

been properly carried out and I have pleasure in doing so as he has carried out the work in a satisfactory manner — May I take this opportunity of pointing out the necessity of your Scavenger being instructed to clean out these catch pits at frequent intervals. On the 31st ult I found a considerable deposit in all of them, also that he should pay better attention to the cleaning up of side channels of refuse nuisance and litter, as of course such matters being carried to the Sewers tend to obstruct them — I observed several of them in a bad state notably Quarantine Hill, Market St, Castle St, Bond St and part of Main St

I shall also be obliged if you will ask your Commissioners to put a Sewer pipe from water main to Sewer at gate of Fever Hospital, so as to do away with the diagnal water cut across the road at that place, Complaints have also been made to me of the obstruction and danger caused by a hoarding the full width of path in the Lower Mall. I consider it is time that the rubbish inside this should be removed and the hoarding taken down

Yours Faithfully
Carter Draper

Proposed by Joseph McCarroll, Seconded by Nicholas. H. Haskins and resolved — That Mr Michael Clarke be paid his Account £20.4/6

Mall Wicklow
5th April 1897

To the Chairman
& Town Commissioners of Wicklow

Gentlemen,

Circumstances over which I had no control prevented me from carrying out my Agreement with the Town Commissioners of Wicklow relative to late Wisdoms holding which I held under an Agreement and promise of a lease from your Board. I have therefore disposed of my interest to Mr Samuel E. Pim, Bellvue House, Wicklow together with my deposit of Five pounds which was lodged to the credit of your Board — Mr Pim will be entitled when he carries out my Agreement to the said Sum of Five pounds — Hoping you will kindly acceed to my request in transferring the plot to Mr Pim

I am Gentlemen &c
Edward Ryder

Copyright Wicklow County Archives

Steam Saw Mills Wicklow
5th April 1897

To the Chairman
& Tom Commissioners of Wicklow

Gentlemen,

I Enclose Agreement between Edward Ryder and myself relative to Wisdoms late holding and shall feel obliged if you will ratify it by having the plot changed into my name and your consent to the lease being executed likewise. Rent to commence 29th Sept 1896 in accordance with Ryder's Agreement and to begin building operations forthwith

Hoping for your favorable consideration

I am Gentlemen &c
Samuel E. Pim

Proposed by Thomas D'arcy, seconded by Mark Byrne and resolved—
"That we hereby sanction the transfer of Mr Edward Ryder's interest to a house at the Mall to Mr Samuel E. Pim if he carries out all the arrangements in the Agreement formerly signed by Edward Ryder Rent to commence 29th September 1896 and lease to be taken out in Mr Pims name, work to commence within one month from this day and to proceed without undue delay"

Proposed by Joseph McCarroll, Seconded by Thomas Darcy and resolved—
"That Denis Briens Tender of £3. 15/- for cleaning Streets and Catch-pits be accepted on the usual conditions"

Proposed by Frank McNeil Seconded by Th. Kavanagh and resolved—
"That the petition re alteration of train service be adopted and that the Town Clerk forward it to the Railway Co"

William Carroll's Tender for erecting gate at Dunbur Quarry was referred to Special Meeting—

D. Wynne Chairman
7th May 1897

Town Hall Wicklow
15th April 1897

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

No 1 To consider Mr Haskins Notice of Motion — "That the resolution be rescinded relative to the Cross Road Eviction, subject to their agreement and satisfactory security being given that Same be carried out"
2 — To consider letter from Government for hire of Murrough. —
3 — To consider letter from War Office —
4 — To consider Managing Committee's Report.
5 — To Sign Leases

Members present Mr Edward. N. Wynne Chairman. Messrs Patrick Padin, Thomas Darcy, John Neill, Joseph McCarroll, Jerald Byrne, Alexander Flynn, Nicholas. H. Haskins, Robert Lees and Thomas Kavanagh

Mr Nicholas H Haskins Notice of Motion fell through in consequence of there not being a sufficient number of Members present to rescind former resolution, however, leave was given to bring it forward again at a Special Meeting on Tuesday next 20th Inst at 7. 30 o'clock pm.

South Dublin Division
Lower Castle Yard Dublin
5th April 1897

Sir,

With reference to your letter of the 19th Ultimo in regard to the additional camping ground for the Dublin City Artillery I am directed by the General Officer Commanding to ask that you will very Kindly represent to the Commissioners that the above Artillery will not this year be encamped en-masse at Wicklow, but merely a Company at a time, and Each three days at most. As but very little additional ground will therefore be required, the G. O. C. hopes that the Commissioners will see their way to reduce the charge of £5 which was paid last year

I am Sir Your Faithfully
J Edwards 1/C Barracks

Copyright: Wicklow County Archives

Proposed by Thomas D'arcy, Seconded by Patrick Padin and resolved
"That mr Town Clerk be directed to inform the War Office that having fully considered their letter, the Town Commissioners have fixed the charge for the training as low as they consider is right and do not see their way to alter it —

War Office London. S. W.
6th April 1897

Dublin 1 6208/97

Sir,

With reference to your letters of the 8th and 26th ultimo, respecting an alleged waste of water in the Wicklow Artillery Barracks, I am directed by the Secretary of State for War to acquaint you for the information of the Town Commissioners of Wicklow that, in consequence of your representations, the water mains in the above mentioned Barracks have been tested by the Royal Engineers in conjunction with the Town Commissioners Waterman, and no leak could be found —

The General Officer Commanding the Troops, Dublin District, reports that there has been no visible waste of water by leakage from any of the pipes or from the taps in the Barracks, and that no communication was made to the Officer Commanding the Wicklow Artillery at the time the waste was supposed to have been discovered.

I am to point out that it would have been more convenient and time would have been saved in investigating the matter if your letter of the 8th Inst had been addressed to the Officer Commanding the Troops, Wicklow Barracks, or to the General Officer Commanding the Troops, Dublin District, Dublin Castle.

The Secretary of State for War wishes me to add that, in connection with any future tests of the water system of the Barracks, it is desirable that arrangements may be made with the Officer Commanding the Wicklow Artillery for a representative of the War Department to be present at such examination

I have the honor to be &c
R. H. Knox

Town Hall Wicklow
12th April 1897

We recommend that the Waterworks Caretaker be given directions to flush the Sewer in Castle Street at least once a week —

We recommend that Mr. De Courcey be directed to have the Meter in Mr Roche's, placed with the face outwards so that it can be read and

further that Mr Roche's premises be disconnected from the main on South Quay and that Mr Clarke be ordered to have the connection between his closet and Mr Sinclairs premises cut within twenty four hours or his supply will be cut off. — We recommend that so soon as the weather takes up directions be given to the Town Sergeant to have the promenade cleaned up —

We have given directions to mr Town Clerk to write to Mrs Collins and Mr John Wynne that they have allowed their meters to become injured through not draining their meter Spaces this must be done at once and the Meters will be repaired at their expense —

We recommend that William Carroll's Tender as amended be accepted at 26/= D

With regard to the Chairmans Report on the Water question we recommend that an annual charge of 15/= in the form of a license be made for the use of a hose conditional on the license being revoked in the event of undue use of such hose or in the event of excessive drought, we recommend that a flushing box be attached to the Market Urinal —

We recommend that the two inch pipe in connection with the west pier be uncovered and examined and the cost of connecting the mains with the Stores office be ascertained and if found feasible that the connection be made for the purpose of supplying the Shipping with water, also that a Syphon be fixed in the flushing tank at the end of Strand Street and that the buckets in the ventilating openings be perforated —

Signed Edward N. Wynne Chairman
Frank McHale, John Neill, Thomas Darcy, Robert Lees.

Proposed by Patrick Padin, Seconded by Nicholas H. Haskins and resolved
"That the Report of the Managing Committee be confirmed and adopted

Proposed by Patrick Padin Seconded by Thomas Darcy and resolved —
"That the Waterworks Caretaker be directed to see that the waste of water be not allowed to increase above the present amount 31.000 gallons per day but be reduced if possible —

Proposed by Robert Lees, Seconded by Thomas Darcy and resolved —
That the Leases granted to Messrs Murphy, Wall, Wynne, McCall Ryder, Darragh, and Mr Pim be now Signed and Executed. ——

Chairman
7th May 1897

Copyright: Wicklow County Archives

Town Hall Wicklow
20th April 1897

A Special meeting of the Town Commissioners was held this evening in pursuance to a requisition to transact the following business —

Mr Haskins Notice of Motion "That the resolution be rescinded relative to the Cross Road's Eviction, Subject to their Agreement and Satisfactory Security being given that Same will be carried out."

Members present Messrs Thomas D'arcy, John Neill, Robert Lees, Nicholas. A. Haskins, Frank McPhail, Walter Roche, Peter Doolittle, Andrew Finlayson, Mark Byrne, Joseph McCarroll, Thomas Kavanagh, John Phillips, Alexander Flynn, William Lyregg and Jerald Byrne.

On the motion of Mr Robert Lees, seconded by Andrew Finlayson Mr Thomas D'arcy took the chair

Proposed by Nicholas. A. Haskins, Seconded by Frank McPhail and resolved "That the resolution of the 1st March in reference of the Cross Roads Tenants reported by our Agent to be proceeded against for recovery of rent or possession be rescinded.
Mr Thomas D'arcy and Mr Andrew Finlayson dissenting

Proposed by Frank McPhail, seconded by Robert Lees and resolved — "That the Ejectment Notices against those of the Cross Roads Tenants who, within Seven days from this date, shall produce the Signature of a Satisfactory Security, that they will pay in addition to their ordinary rent a contribution at the rate of 2s per week towards the reduction of the arrears and also keep the houses in Sanitary Condition and repair, be withdrawn, the notices against those who fail to produce such security be proceeded with without further delay. —

Thomas D'arcy Chairman
7th May 1897

Town Hall Wicklow
7th May 1897

A Special meeting of the Town Commissioners was held this day in pursuance to a requisition To transact the monthly business
No1 — To consider Finance Committees Report.
2 — To consider Counsels Opinion
3. To consider Sanitary Officers Reports
4. To consider Waterworks Caretakers Report.
5. To consider Miscellaneous Correspondence.
6. To consider Tender for Cleaning Streets

Members present Mr Edward. N. Wynne Chairman Messrs Thomas D'arcy, John Neill, Alexander Flynn, Robert Lees, Walter Roche, Nicholas. A. Haskins and Mark Byrne —

It was resolved not to take up the Finance Committees Report nor Counsels Opinion until the other business was disposed of, when the Board would go into Committee on the Subject —

Medical Officer of Health's Report's dated 3rd May 1897

No1 — As Medical officer of Health for the Urban District of Wicklow I hereby report to you the drain from Charles Toole and Samuel Kavanagh's houses, Kilmantin Hill are in an unsanitary State and I recommend a piped Sewer —
2 — I hereby report to you that the Sewer running from Monkton Road through Castle St is stopped and I recommend it to be put in proper order —
3 — I hereby report to you the Sewer from Miss Grey's house and Simon Cullen's house Bath Street are stopped and I recommend them to be put in proper order
Signed
James. A. Halpin
Medical Officer of Health.

It was resolved to refer No1 and 2 Reports to the Managing Committee and in No3 it was ordered that the usual notice be served on the owners of the unsanitary premises —

County Archives

Wicklow 3rd May 1897

To the Chairman & Tom Commissioners of Wicklow

Gentlemen,

I respectfully beg to report that the Public Lighting of the Town during the past month was well maintained, and according to Contract, the lighting Ended on the 30th ultimo. The Scavenger was careful and attentive to his business. Gentlemen I would direct your attention to the inside of the Tom Hall with a view of having it cleaned, it is now a considerable time since anything has been done in this direction. I made usual inspections during the month visiting Sixty houses and served five notices under the Public Health Act for abatement of nuisance and had one Patient conveyed to Hospital in the ambulance Car. The Medical Officers attention I have directed to some Sanitary matters—

I have the honour to be &c

Michael Doyle Sub San Officer—

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

Wicklow 3rd May 1897

Gentlemen,

I beg to state that this is the time of year that my uniform clothing is due— I will feel grateful for usual order—

Your Obd Servt

Michael Doyle S.S. Officer

Proposed by Thomas D'arcy Seconded by Walter Roche and resolved—
"That the uniform clothing be provided for the Town Sergeant—

Read Waterworks Overseers Report Showing the Reservoir is half an inch overflow and Enumerating certain works done during the months, also a list of those who have fittings for hose and hose and Stool taps

— Murrough and Wentworth Main —

Mr Charles Kerr	Tap for hose
Mr E. N. Wynne	ditto
Dr Halpins two houses	2 ditto
Col Herbert	1 ditto
Mr Royse	Has a hose & ditto
Dr Byrne	ditto ditto

Murrough & Wentworth Main Continued	
Mrs R. A. A. Kennedy	Tap for hose & hose
Dr Lindon	hose, no Screw on tap
Mr Rooney	Tap for hose
Mrs Haskins	Hose & 2 hose taps
Mr Darcy's (Lime Yard)	Tap for hose
Mr Pims (Coal Yard)	ditto
Mrs Captain Halpins	ditto
Mr Small	ditto
Miss Bell	ditto
Mr Shute	ditto
Miss Waters	ditto

Main Street Main	
Mr Passant	Tap for hose
Mrs Haskins	ditto
Dr Halpins House	ditto
Miss Lanagan	Stool tap
Mr Darcy	Tap for hose & hose
Mr Shaw	Tap for hose
Mrs Caldwell	ditto
Mr Kennedy	ditto
Mr Parker	ditto
Mr O'Brien	ditto & Stool tap
Mr Kirwan	Stool tap
Mrs Kavanagh	Tap for hose

Church Hill Main

Church School	tap for hose
Mrs H. MacPhail	ditto
Mr J. McPhail	ditto
Mr O'Flaherty	ditto
Canon Rooke	ditto

(Abbey St Main)

Hibernian Bank	tap for hose
Rev M. O'Shea P.P.	ditto
Mrs Hunt	ditto
Friars Hill House	hose & ditto
Mr Stevens	Tap for house

(High Street Main)

Mr P. J. Byrne	Tap for hose
Mr Haskins	ditto
Mr Hopkins	ditto
Mr Desaix	ditto
Mr P. J. Byrne (Hillside)	ditto
Mr Pim	2 Taps for hose & hose
Mr Armstrong	Stool tap
Mr Mathews	Tap for hose

Resolved— That the Waterworks Overseers Report be referred to the Managing Committee together with list of parties having Taps for hose, hose and Stool taps

Dublin, Wicklow & Wexford Railway Co
22nd April 1897

Dear Sir (Re Water Supply)

Referring to your letter of the 17th Inst would you kindly give me date and particulars of "the license" to which you refer in order that the Board may better understand your letter

Yours faithfully
E. M. Cowan
Secretary

F. MacPhail
Town Clerk

Copyright Wicklow County Archives

Proposed by Thomas D'arcy, seconded by Robert Lees and resolved—
"That the Railway Co letter be referred to Mr Tomey together with all information in our power and to obtain his advice in the above subject as to what steps we should take and that the Managing Committee be authorised to take such steps as he may advise"

Dublin & WicKlow Railway Co
Dublin 24th April 1897

Dear Sir,

Your letter of the 10th Inst with Memorial accompanying the same was laid before my Directors, and I am directed to inform you that, while they are desirous of meeting the wishes of the Town Commissioners of Wicklow, they regret they cannot at present, see their way to accede to the request contained in the Memorial inasmuch as it would necessitate the running of additional trains and my Directors are satisfied that at the present time the exigencies and extent of the traffic are not such as would warrant them putting on extra trains

Proposed by Edward N. Wynne, Seconded by Thomas D'arcy and resolved—
"That as the Directors of the Dublin and Wicklow Railway Company cannot see their way to acceed to our application to run an extra train from Wooden-bridge— We the Town Commissioners of Wicklow hereby point out to them that the arrangement whereby we are left for nearly five hours without any train during the busiest part of the day will cause serious injury to this Town during the Summer months, and deprive their line of a decided amount of traffic
We therefore most earnestly appeal to them to run the 12.15 train from Harcourt St Station (which now reaches Greystones at 1.7 pm) on to Wicklow arriving at the latter place at 1.30 Returning at 1.50 so as to reach Greystones again at 2.15 and join the 2.30 train from Bray to Harcourt Street— This 2.15 train would also we believe be more convenient to Greystones than the 1.15 train which at present runs so close on the 12.45 train.

Read letter from the Treasury acknowledging receipt of resolution relative to Supply of Meat to Troops in Ireland —

Also a letter on the same subject from the War office —

Wicklow Gas Co. Secretary's Office
29th April 1897

Town Clerk Wicklow

Dear Sir,

As some of the walls at this Company's Works on the Town Commissioners property at the Murrough Wicklow are showing indications of subsidence I am instructed by the Directors to apply to the Town Commissioners for permission to erect three buttresses on the beach side of the Gas Company's outer wall in order to strengthen the structure. I Enclose a Sketch of the work it is proposed to Execute for the information of the Commissioners

Town Yours faithfully
W. H. H. Kennedy — Secretary —

Proposed by Robert Lees, Seconded by Mark Byrne and resolved—
"That we grant permission to the Gas Company to erect the buttresses required, subject to the approval of the Managing Committee who will first visit the place, notice to be given to Mr Kennedy"

Read letter from Captain William Darragh requiring his leases to be Executed at once

Resolved — "That Captain Darragh be informed that until he carries out his Agreement relative to the railings in front of his house the lease of those premises cannot be executed, but with regard to the other property his lease is in course of Signature and will be completed forthwith. —

Read an application from William Doyle for liberty to erect a small room at the rere of the premises Cross Roads lately in the possession of the late Mrs Clancy

Resolved — That William Doyle's Application be referred to the Managing Committee —

Read a letter from Richard White offering to pay amount of Decree obtained against him at the rate of 30/= per months —

Resolved — That the Commissioners do not interfere in the matter

Read an application from Mr Andrew Kehoe seeking that the portion of the field be depried between him and William Carroll and that he be

Copyright Wicklow County Archives

allowed a reduction in his rent accordingly —

Resolved — "That Mr. Rehae's application be referred to the Managing Committee"

Convent Road Wicklow
3rd May 1897

Sir,

As I have complied with your requirements I respectfully beg to apply to your Board for an assignment of the lease of my house built according to the maps and under the guidance of your Architect. I also beg to offer to give up into your Hands the old house on the corner, now in my possession and mapped on my lease as a yard, and to apply to you at the same time for an Equivalent Space at the upper end of my own house which is now a ruin —

I am &c
Charles Kavanagh

A letter was also read from Mr Padin pointing out the advisability of removing the mud walls of Charles Kavanagh's and to grant him the space at the west side of his house

Resolved — That both letters be referred to the Managing Committee

Grand Hotel Wicklow
May 3rd 1897

Dear Sir,

In reply to your letter of the 15th ultimo re Water Meter Since my Meter has become injured through being placed in a most unsuitable position, and as I have strongly objected to it being placed there, you cannot now reasonably expect me to bear cost of repairs, and I must decline to have any interference in the matter.

Yours faithfully
John Wynne

T. W. MacNail.

Resolved — That the matter be explained to Mr Wynne

Treasury Chambers
20th April 1897

6407/97

Sir,

With reference to the Memorial from the Town Commissioners of the Borough of Wicklow dated 10th April 1897, praying for the consent of the Lords Commissioners of Her Majesty's Treasury to the reborrowing at lower interest of a sum of £12.000, in part of a scheme for converting the whole Borough Debt of £20.000 which is now before the Local Government Board for Ireland, I am directed by My Lords to inquire whether the formalities regarding notice to Ratepayers prescribed by Section 141 of the act 3 and 4 vic, cap 108, have been fulfilled in regard to this Memorial — My Lords would also ask whether the Town Commissioners are prepared to take this opportunity of creating a Sinking Fund for the redemption of this Loan of £12.000 within a period not Exceeding Say, 30 years

I am &c
G. S. Ryder
Chairman Town Commissioners

Read a letter from Mr MacDonald Town Clerk of Bray acknowledging receipt of copy of Treasury letter from our Secretary and also requesting Mr MacNail to call on him with a view of having an interview with Mr Clay on the Subject — Our Secretary stated that he attended in accordance with his request and Mr Clay took upon himself to answer the Treasury's letter —

From
The Officer i/c Barracks
South Dublin Division Dublin Castle Yard

Sir,

In reply to your letter of the 19th ult, re hire of Camping Ground and Supply of Water for the Militia, I beg to state that the terms of the Town Commissioners are accepted viz £10 and £5 for the Camping Grounds, and for the Water Supply, at same rate as the General Consumers. Will you kindly complete and return the attached Agreement at your Earliest Convenience

"The War Department is Sufficient to insert in the Agreement, the General Officer Commanding Dublin District being responsible on behalf of that Department —

I am &c
L. Edwards — A. S. C.

Copyright Wicklow County Archives

From the Officer i/c Barracks South Dublin Division
Lower Castle Yard 30th April 1897

Sir,

In reply to your letter of the 27th Inst requesting that an individuals name may be submitted for insertion in the Agreement for the hire of the Camping Ground for the Wicklow and Dublin City Artillery, I beg to inform you that the name of the Officer who will sign the Agreement on behalf of the War Department is "Major General Viscount Frankfort de Montmorency Commanding the Troops Dublin District and I shall be obliged therefore if you will kindly insert that name in the Agreement and return it at Earliest Convenience

I am Sir &c
L Edwards Lt/c i/c Barracks

Read an Application from Officer in charge of Wicklow Artillery to have the water turned on to the camps immediately – The Secretary Stated that he gave directions to Mr O'Connor to turn on the water as requested

Read a letter from Messrs Tormey & Tormey Stating that Mr Edward Gleeson had appealed against the decision of the County Court Judge and that the case would come up at the next Assizes –

A Memorial to the Lord Lieutenant on the Sunday Closing and Saturday early closing was Signed and directed to be forwarded on to the Association for the Prevention of Intemperance

Convent Road May 3rd 1897

Gentlemen,

I propose to clean the Streets including catch-pits for the month of May for the Sum of £3. 15/=

Your Obt Servant
Denis Brien

Proposed by Mark Byrne, Seconded by Thomas D'arcy and resolved –
"That Denis Briens Tender of £3. 15/= for cleaning Streets and catch pits, month of May, be accepted on the usual conditions

Proposed by Robert Lees, Seconded by Thomas D'arcy, and resolved –
"That we resolve ourselves into Committee on Counsels Opinion

Chambers 4 Upper Ormond Quay Dublin
5th May 1897

Dear Sir,

Wicklow Town Commissioners Re Education act

We send you the case with Mr Matheson's opinion thereon. Mr Matheson advises that the Commissioners have only power to strike one rate and that under 9 George IV cap 82. There is no power to strike a rate under the Public Health act 1878 but the latter act provides that the rate struck under 9 George IV c 82 may be applied for Sanitary purposes as well as the rents of the Corporate Property – as the Commissioners have only power to strike one rate that in Counsels opinion is the local rate out of which the expenses under the Education act 1892 are to be paid – The Commissioners have power only to strike a rate once a year and they should distinguish how much is for Sanitary purposes and how much for Education purposes

Yours truly
Tormey & Tormey

Please return case
Flm acRhail

Proposed by Thomas D'arcy, Seconded by John Neill and resolved –
"That our Town Clerk be directed to write to Mr Tormey a letter which he will first submit to Mr Haskins, Captain Neill and Dr Lee, and obtain his advice on the several points raised by the Commissioners

Town Hall Wicklow
30th April 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

			£	s	d
Mr William Dessire	Agent	£	4	5	3
" F. MacRhail	Town Clerk		2	15	6
" Michael Doyle	Water Rate		111	2	4
		£	118	3	1

giving a Cr Balance of £ 101 . 19 . 10

Copyright: Wicklow County Archives

We recommend the following payments

		£	S.	D.
Francis W. MacPhail	One months Salary	5	0	0
Same	Petty Cash Outlay	6	4	2
Michael Doyle	One months Salary	4	11	8
Edward Connor	Ditto	5	0	0
Denis Brien	Tender cleaning Streets	3	15	0
William White	Smiths Work	1	3	2
William Carroll	On Account Building Wall	10	0	0
School Attendance Committees Expenses		14	8	3
Wicklow Gas Co	On Acct Public Lighting	27	1	0
	Mal	£77	3	3

Signed Thomas Darcy.
John Neill.
Robert Lees.

Proposed by Nicholas H. Haskins, Seconded by Robert Lees and resolved—
"That the Finance Committees Report be adopted with the exception of the School attendance Committees Expenses.—

Patrick Padin. Chairman
9th June 1897

Town Hall Wicklow
9th June 1897

A special meeting of the Town Commissioners was held this day in pursuance to a requisition to transact the following business—

No 1 — To consider Finance Committee Report.
2 — To consider Managing Committees Report.
3 — To consider Sanitary officers Report.
4 — To consider Waterworks Overseers Report.
5 — To consider Miscellaneous Correspondence.
6 — To consider Tenders for Town Sergeants Uniform
7 — To consider Tender for cleaning Streets
8 — To consider Mr MacPhails Notice of Motion as follows— "I beg to give notice that I (or some member on my Board) shall move, at the next meeting of the Town Commissioners, a resolution appointing a Committee of three members to draft an Address congratulating Her Majesty the Queen upon her attaining the Sixteenth year of her reign—
9 — To consider Mr MacPhails Notice of Motion as follows:— "That this Board of the Wicklow Township Commissioners, having made application to the Local Government Board of Ireland for authority to Consolidate all their debts, and to allow of their doing so, the consent of the Lords of Her Majesty's Treasury is required to re-borrow the sum of £12,000 to pay off a Mortgage Debt of that amount due to the Luscombe Family. It is resolved that the necessary Memorial to the Lords of Her Majesty's Treasury be presented for leave to re-borrow the said Sum of £12,000 for the purpose of the aforesaid, and that the usual notice be affixed for the period of one month to the door of the outer-door of the Town Hall, and that a copy of said Memorial be Kept in the Town Clerk's Office for the period of one Calendar month and open to inspection to any Burgess, Elector, or Ratepayer of the Town

Members present—Messrs Patrick Padin, Thomas Darcy, Frank McPhail, Peter Doolittle, John Neill, William Greyg, Nicholas H. Haskins, Andrew Finlayson, and John Shaw—

On the motion of Mr Frank McPhail, Seconded by Mr Darcy, Mr Padin took the Chair

Copyright: Wicklow County Archives

Town Hall Wicklow
4th June 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	£ 200	3	2
" F. W. McPhail	Town Clerk	1	5	11
" Michael Doyle	Water Rate	99	12	5
" Register of Petty Sessions	Sale of Dog Licenses	9	15	2
" Treasury	In lieu of Rates	14	2	7
	Total	£ 324	19	3

Giving a Cr. Balance of £364 . 4 . 1

We recommend the following payments

Francis W. McPhail	One months Salary	£ 5	0	0
Same	Petty Cash outlay	14	15	10½
Michael Doyle	One months Salary	4	11	8
Edward O'Connor	ditto	5	0	0
Denis Brien	Tender cleaning streets	3	15	0
W. H. H. Kennedy	Contribution to County Infirmary	6	6	0
Thomas Douglas	County Cess	9	13	7½
Edward Storey	County Cess	"	12	5
William Carroll	Erecting iron gate on quarry	1	6	0
Messrs A & I. Main & Co	Iron gate for quarry	4	0	0
Wicklow Gas Co	Lighting Town Hall	1	14	9
Irish Land Commission	Tithe Rent Charge	4	1	9
Hibernian Banking Co	Cheque Books	2	10	0
Board of Works	Interest on Loan	186	6	1
James De Courcey	Amt of acct conditionally	1	15	0
	£	251	8	2

Signed Edward N. Wynne Chrm, John Neill, Thomas D'arcy

Proposed by Peter Doolittle, seconded by Frank McPhail and resolved — "That the Finance Committees Report be confirmed and adopted —

Town Hall Wicklow
4th June 1897

Your ~~Finance~~ Managing Committee met this evening and have given directions to your Sub Sanitary Officer with the assistance of your agent to run a six inch Earthenware pipe sewer with the necessary fittings from the back of Messrs Samuel Kavanagh and Charles Toole's premises to the main drain in the passage — We recommend in accordance with the Medical Officer of Healths Report that the sewer running from Monkton Road through Castle Street be opened up, cleaned out and put in proper Sanitary order, same to be done under the supervision of the Town Sergeant — We recommend that the walls and ceilings inside the Boardroom and Town Sergeants apartments be coloured and repaired — We have had notices served and posted calling attention to the necessity of taking out licenses for the use of hoses, up to this five licenses have been taken out. —

With regard to William Doyle's application the Managing Committee recommend that it be not entertained — Having visited Mr Charles Kavanagh's premises we cannot recommend his application being entertainted, Mr Kavanagh should be directed to have the mud walls lowered, as long since ordered without further delay, with regard to his lease we have directed that it be returned to him in order to have same properly drawn up.

Having considered Mr Andrew Kehoes application we recommend that he be allowed one farthing per week reduction in his rent and that he be given notice that unless he build on the corner plot within six months, his right to it as a building plot will lapse in accordance with the notice served on him on the 4th July 1891

Signed Edward N. Wynne Chairman
John Neill
Thomas Darcy
Frank McPhail

Proposed by Nicholas H. Haskins, seconded by Andrew Finlayson and resolved — "That the Managing Committees Report be confirmed and adopted" —

Read four Reports from the Medical Officer of Health as follows —

No 1 — I hereby report to you the filthy state of the Urinal

Copyright: Wicklow County Archives

on Quay it apparently has not been flushed for some weeks, the floor is concave instead of convex with the result that there is about a quarter of an inch of stinking urine which any person entering has to wade through There is also a direct communication from the water main which is contrary to Bye Laws of the Sanitary Authority, it is a source of danger to the Public Health and I recommend that the Harbour Board be ordered to abate the nuisance within 48 hours —

No 2 Report — I hereby report to you that the Measles have been very preralent during the past month there has been over a hundred cases also a case of Scarlatina which ended fatally

No 3 Report — I hereby report to you the catch pits recently built are not suitable as owing to leakage and evapouration the water is useless and I recommend that no more be constructed and I would suggest that large Earthenware gully traps be used instead —

No 4 Report — I hereby again draw your attention to the desirability of putting the Dairies Act in force in this Town, also that a new System of filtration be adopted at the Reservoir

Signed this 7th day of June 1897
James A. Halpin
Medical Officer of Health —

Proposed by Frank McPhail, seconded by Thomas Darcy and resolved —
"That the Medical Officer of Healths Reports be referred to the Managing Committee and that the Harbour Commissioners be served with notice to remedy the nuisance complained of

Wicklow 7th June 1897

No 6 Chairman & Gentlemen,

I respectfully beg to report that during the past month the Scavenger was attending to his business. The buckets in the Chambers in Strand St Sewer are worn out, they require to be renewed. The tires of the Ambulance Car appear to be getting loose they would require to be taken off and tightened. — There has been six patients conveyed to Hospital during the month in the Ambulance Car and I may add but for one Exception without any expense to your Board. — I made usual inspections serving three notices under the Public Health Act and

disinfected two premises — The Medical Officers attention I have directed to some Sanitary Subjects. I am requested to draw attention to the dangerous state of the wood work of the Wooden Bridge

I am &c
Michael Doyle Sub San Officer —

Proposed by Thomas Darcy, seconded by Frank McPhail and resolved —
"That the Sub Sanitary Officers Report be referred to the Managing Committee"

Read Waterworks Overseers Report shewing the Reservoir is 9½ inches from overflow and Enumerating certain works done during the month also that he pointed out that there was a ~~rod~~ valve wanted in the Lane, outside the gate, as the clean water chambers wants to be cleaned out and the hydrant outside the gate is not able to clean them — The last time I cleaned them it took a whole day to get the pressure up in the Town, as I think the pipes are full of Sand

Signed Edward O'Connor

Proposed by Frank McPhail Seconded by Thomas D'arcy and resolved
"That the Waterworks Overseers Report be referred to the Waterworks Committee"

Rathdrum 5 — 6 — 97

Dear Sir,

I have measured up the masonary in the wall between Mr Roche's and Captain Darragh's Yard and find it to contain 71 Perch (English) of Masonary which is Equivalent to 5 3/5 Perch Irish measure. I understand from reading the Tender that the Contractor should be paid for 71 perch, ~~of the work~~ The work has been carried out and finished in a most Satisfactory way

Faithfully Yours
Thomas Little

To W McPhail

Proposed by Thomas Darcy seconded by John Shaw and resolved —
"That the payment of the balance of Contract for building boundary wall between Messrs Darragh and Roche's premises be referred to the Managing Committee giving them power to sign a Cheque for Same provided they are Satisfied with the measurement"

Copyright Wicklow County Archives