stock to pay off the Luscombe Mortgage in accordance with their written undertaking and for which the sum of £379 . 5/= is to cover their underwriting Commission: — Your Town Clerk called on Mr Drury Stock Broker with regard to the order given to purchase Dublin Corporation Stock, and was informed by him that at present it was difficult to get Dublin Stock and that he had purchased all he could get on the Market say about £250. We would recommend that he be not confined to Dublin Stock but that we give him instructions to purchase Bank of England or Bank of Ireland Stocks, Railway Debentures, or some other negotiable Statutory Security: — Your Registrar has sent out the first half yearly dividend warrants to Stock Holders payable on 1st Instant, and received from Registrars of Dublin Corporation Stock a dividend warrant amounting to £14 being interest on stock purchased which sum your Registrar has lodged to credit of our Redeemable Debenture Stock (Dividends) Fund:

Signed Thomas D'arcy Chairman
Frank McPhail.
John Neill.

Proposed by Patrick Padin, seconded by Edward Gleeson and unanimously resolved "That the Report of the Finance Committee be confirmed and adopted —"

Wicklow 4th July 1898

Mr Chairman & Gentlemen,

I respectfully beg to report that during the past month I made usual inspections visiting a number of premises and served four notices under the Public Health Act for Sanitary work. The Street cleaner was attentive to his business. As there are some premises about to be erected convenient to the Presbyterian Church, Fitzwilliam Road and as there is no drainage in that locality. I am requested to draw your Boards attention to the matter with a view of having drainage within reasonable distance. The nearest drain in this neighbourhood runs through Mortons Lane — The Medical Officers attention has been 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

Read Waterworks Overseers Report showing the reservoir is 2 inches from overflow and enamunerating certain works during the month: —

Read letters from Messrs Guinness Mahon & Co with regard to Luscombe Mortgage, underwriting Commission &c

Read letter from Messrs Collis & Ward enclosing tender signed by the Luscombe Trustees and stating that the application came before the Chief Clerk and was adjourned into the Lord Chancellors list for Saturday also a further letter stating that they had arranged with Messrs Guinness Mahon for expenses in connection with above.

Read a letter from the Sub Sheriff requesting the use of the Town Hall for Grand Jury Lunch — The Town Clerk stated that by direction of the Chairman his request was acceeded ~~with~~ to: —

Read letters from Chief Secretary, Mr James O'Connor and Omagh Commissioners with regard to the clause to be inserted in Local Government Bill and promising to give the matter their support:

Read an application from James Brien for one of the new houses at Cross Roads: The Town Clerk was directed to enter his name on a list for future consideration

14 Hobart Place
Eaton Square S.W.
June 25th 1898

Dear Sir,

With reference to your letter of the 20th Inst conveying to me an invitation from the Chairman and Town Commissioners of Wicklow to preside over a public meeting upon the question of Financial Relations I regret that I shall not be able to avail myself of the invitation as it will be necessary for me to remain in England for some time to come. I am afraid moreover that my position as a Member representing an English Constituency hardly entitles me to preside at the meeting which it is proposed to convene —

I would suggest that it might be better to procure some local Unionist not a Member of Parliament to preside, or at any rate to be present:

Yours faithfully
Milton

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Read letter from A.M.S. Northampton enclosing 15/6 for 7 tons of water supplied above ship at the rate of 1/= per hundred gallons:

Read Messrs Tormey & Tormeys opinion with regard to Board of Works claim of £53.6.8 under Wicklow Harbour Advances Act 1897—

Local Government Board
Dublin 24th June 1898

No 28,039 : 1898
(Wicklow Town)
Sir,

I am directed by the Local Government Board for Ireland to forward to be laid before the Wicklow Urban Sanitary Authority, the accompanying communications which they have received from Mr John Pansing relating to the application made to him for payment of "Waterworks Rate" in respect of premises in the Urban District and I am to request that the Board may be furnished with the observations of the Sanitary Authority on the Subject:

I am Sir &c
A.M. Swain
Assistant Secretary

To Francis. W. Mac Phail

Church St Wicklow 20th June 1898

Sir,

I have been served with the enclosed application for "Waterworks Rate" by the Wicklow Town Commissioners, and beg to enquire from your Board if I am bound to pay it without some further explanation as to how it is made up: A 1/6 rate on the valuation of Wicklow Town would raise, approximately £530 while the yearly instalment to pay interest and principal on Waterworks Loan is only about £370 and the working Expenses say £80 making a total of £450: Last year the Waterworks Rate was only 1/6 in the £ and I fail to see why it should be higher this year as no new works of a sufficient ecclent have been carried out now are any in contemplation to necessitate the raising of this rate 3d in the £.

I am Sir
Your Obt Servant
John Pansing

The Secretary Local Government Board

Church St Wicklow
20th June 1898

Wicklow Waterworks Rate

Sir,

In a letter I have just written you I stated, erroneously that a 1/6 rate in Wicklow Town would raise £530 I find it would only raise £477 But still I see no reason for increasing the rate this year; as heretofore the working Expenses of the Waterworks were defrayed out of the Corporate funds:

Your Obt Servant
J. Pansing

Proposed by Peter O'Brien and seconded by John Neill and Resolved; That we direct our Town Clerk to reply to the Local Government Board letter giving them the required information

Portobello Barracks
24. 6. 98

Sir,

On the attached tracing you will see marked ×× in pencil the proposed site for mounting two 9" guns for drill purposes on the Murrough

It is very desirable to have them mounted in this position if possible as they should face the sea. I am directed to enquire if your Commission would have any objection to the guns being placed in the position indicated as it is on their land. An early reply will oblige. This is a separate Subject from the mounting of guns for practice at Blackcastle about which I have already had some correspondence with you

Please return the tracing

Your Obt Servant
W. A. Cairns Major

Sec. Town Commissioners:

R.E. Office Portobello Bks

Sir,

I am directed to enquire if, in the event of the War Department wishing to obtain a long lease from you of the field lying South East of the present Battery at Blackcastle you would be willing to let it. It is proposed to build a practice battery for the Militia on this site: I am also directed to enquire, in the event of the War Department obtaining a lease of this field, whether there would be any delay in their obtaining possession of the field i.e: could they enter into possession this year: or in what length of time:

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I would also be obliged if you would inform me approximately what your Commissioners terms for a lease of 21 years would be:

I have the honor to be &c

W. A. Cairns Major R.E.

Secretary: Town Commissioners

R.E. Office Dublin Castle
30th June 1898

1349

Sir,

I am directed by the Major General commanding the district to ask whether it would be possible for the War office to acquire the field; S.E. of the ground at present leased to the Secretary of State for War at the Black Castle Wicklow, either by purchase or by a lease and if so the terms. The field would be used for the construction of Implacements for guns for artillery practice at targets out at sea:— If a lease were given it would be a long one perhaps you could name a rental say for 21 years and for 50 and 99 years, right-of access along the road marked X X as placed mentioned no doubt Exists. How soon could possession be obtained: An early reply will oblige

Colonel C. H. Bajot
C.R.E. Dublin

The Town Clerk
Wicklow;

Proposed by Edward N. Wynne, seconded by Patrick Padin and resolved "That the War office application be referred to Managing Committee with "directions to meet said application so far as possible and with as little "delay as convenient the rights of way so far as they exist being preserved"

The Mall Wicklow
July 4th 1898.

Gentlemen,

Enclosed please find two patterns of cloths for Town Sergeants uniform— Prices: No 1 suit and cap £3 . 15/- No 2 £3 . 17 . 6

Respectfully yours
Thomas Quinn

Proposed by Patrick Padin, seconded by Edward Fleeson and unanimously resolved — "That we accept Mr Thomas Quinns Tender for Town Sergeants uniform and cap at £3 . 17 . 6 "—

Proposed by Patrick Padin, seconded by John Neill and resolved "That Denis Briens Tender for cleaning streets and catch "pits be accepted at the usual price £3 . 15/- and subject to "the usual Conditions "—

Proposed by Patrick Padin, seconded by Edward Fleeson and resolved "That the Bye Laws as submitted with regard to Bathing facilities "be confirmed and adopted "—

Proposed by Frank McPhail, seconded by Peter O'Brien and resolved "That a springboard be purchased for the use at the public "bathing boxes for Male persons;"—

Proposed by Peter O'Brien, seconded by Frank McPhail and resolved "That the question of erecting a urinal be referred to the "Managing Committee to report thereon "—

Proposed by Edward N. Wynne, seconded by Edward Fleeson and resolved — "That a list of the present Members of this Town Board with the number of attendances each member has given at the Board Meetings during the past year be posted on the Town Hall during the Election of Town Commissioners "—

Notice of Motion

I beg to give notice that I shall move at the first Special or ordinary meeting of this Board that the necessary legal steps be taken to strike a Harbour Rate on the Rateable valuation of the Township Equal to the annual Contribution guaranteed by the Town Commissioners on the Loan obtained under the Wicklow Harbour Advances act 1897, and also such amount as shall cover the collection of such rate

Signed Frank McPhail

4th July 1898

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Chambers 4 Upper Ormond Quay
Dublin 24th June 1898

Wicklow Town Commissioners
Wicklow Harbour Advances act 1897

Dear Sirs,

Referring to our interview of yesterday at which it was arranged that you should submit to us in writing a list of the points upon which our advice was required, we beg to acknowledge your favour of the 23rd Instant containing such list: The matters raised for consideration are not of a simple kind and have required from us a good deal of attention but we have arrived at a conclusion on all the questions and give you the result below: 1 Are the Town Commissioners bound to pay the amount of the Board of Works certificate £53. 6. 8

Answer. Yes: By sec. 2. Sub- sec 3 of the Wicklow Harbour Advances Act 1897, it is provided that the Consolidated debt with interest thereon shall by virtue of the Act be a charge on the Rates of the Town of Wicklow and on the Grand Jury Cess of each of the Contributing Baronies in such proportions as the Board of Works shall declare by Order and (sec 7 Sub sec 1) the Board of Works are bound twice in each year after the date of Consolidation (31st Oct 1897) to certify the amount due from the Town of Wicklow and transmit that certificate to the Town Commissioners and the certificates of the Board of Works is conclusive as to the matters certified (sec 7 sub sec 4)

2: If so, out of what funds are the Commissioners to pay the amount

Answer: The sums specified in the certificate shall be raised by the Town Commissioners by means of a special rate levied in addition to any rate which they are empowered to make under the Public Health Ireland Act 1878. (sec 7. sub sec 2) 3: Can the Commissioners claim to be re-imbursed by the Harbour Board for such payment and at what time?: Answer: Yes, but only in the manner provided by the Act that is to say that if in any year after the date of Consolidation there is any excess of Income over Expenditure in respect of the Wicklow Harbour that Excess shall be paid to the Board of Works and applied by them in reduction of payments for that year made by or due from the Town of Wicklow in respect of the proportions of the Consolidated debt charged upon the Rates of the Town (sec 5 sub. section 2)

The words "in any year after the date of Consolidation" must mean one year from the 31st of October 1897 which ~~as~~ we are informed is the date of the Consolidation and until that year is complete it will in our opinion be impossible to ascertain whether there is any excess of Income over Expenditure

4) How far does the resolution of the 7th February 1898. Effect the position of the Town Commissioners with respect to the Excess of Income over Expenditure in respect of the Wicklow Harbour previous to and after the date of consolidation (31st Oct 1897) of Harbour Debts: Answer: As we understand the facts the resolution can have very little effect upon the position of the Wicklow Town Commissioners inasmuch as the Harbour Commissioners cannot pay any income earned since the 31st Oct 1897 except to the Board of Works which Excess of income must be applied by the Board of Works first in reduction of payment for that year made by or due from the Town of Wicklow. As to any balance in the Harbour Commissioners hands being income earned previous to the 31st Oct 1897 we are informed by you that the Harbour Commissioners are within their powers as matters stood before the recent Act in paying that away in relief of the Baronies but the Harbour Commissioners must be just before they are generous and will have in our opinion to pay their debts incurred previous to 31st Oct 1897 out of the surplus income for the same period and we are informed that there are debts of the Harbour Commissioners outstanding sufficient to swamp any balance of what we may be allowed to call old income

Your Obd Servant
Tomey & Toomey

F. MacNeill
Town Clerk:

3rd augt 1898

Received Town

Town Hall Wicklow
27th July 1898

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

To Consider Mr Tofts application for use of portion of the Murrough and to rescind resolution of 4th April 1898 with regard to above letting;
To Consider Managing Committees Reports and correspondence with the War Office;
To Consider letter from Local Government Board with regard to enquiry re Cemetery and Correspondence of same Board with Mr John Pasing;
To Consider Miscellaneous Correspondence
To consider Mr Frank McPhails "Notice of Motion" I beg to give notice that I shall move, at the first Special or ordinary meeting of this Board, that the necessary legal steps be taken to Strike a Harbour Rate on the rateable valuation of the Township, Equal to the annual contribution guaranteed by the Town Commissioners on the Loan obtained under the Wicklow Harbour advances Act 1897 and also such amount as shall cover the collection of such rate" —

Members present Mr Thomas Darcy. Chairman: Messrs Patrick Padin, Walter Roche, Peter O'Brien, Peter Doolittle, John Shaw, Michael Byrne, Mark Doyle, John Neill, Alexander Flynn, David H. Haskins, Frank McPhail, Thomas Kavanagh, Andrew Finlayson, Robert Lees, Nicholas H. Haskins

Wicklow 25th July 1898

To the Chairman
& Town Commissioners of Wicklow

Gentlemen,

Adverting to my application for the use of the Murrough for my Steamround about during the Regatta week: I am prepared to pay the Sum of £30 for the use of portion of the Murrough from Saturday 30th day of July 1898 to Monday 8th day of August 1898, both days inclusive, no charge to be made for the days of Erection or the days of removal.

The sum of £30 to cover all my plant viz Steam round about; swings, Shooting Gallery, tumbling Show, and small stalls

Yours
Gentlemen
Yours truly
William Toft

P.S. Payments to be made the same as usual viz one half deposit balance on or before removal and sign usual Agreement;

Proposed by Walter Roche, seconded by Nicholas H. Haskins and resolved "That we hereby rescind the resolution of the 4th of April 1898 "and agree to let portion of the Murrough to Mr William Toft "for his Steam round about, swings, Shooting Gallery, tumbling "Show and small stalls his bona fide property from Saturday "30th day of July 1898 to Monday 8th Augst 1898 (both days inclusive) "for the sum of £30:— One pound per day to be paid for every "working day after Monday 8th augst 1898:— Mr Toft to Sign "the usual Agreement and to pay the Sum of £15 deposit balance "to be paid on or before the removal of his plant:— The "Commissioners to be at liberty to let the Murrough to any other "person requiring same, Save and except that no other "steamround about be taken thereon: The Commissioners to hold "the exclusive right over the said Murrough" —

Town Hall Wicklow
11th July 1898

Town Managing Committee met this Evening and having Considered the application of the War Office recommend that a letter be written requesting them to send down a representative to point out definitely what the War Office require:— With regard to your Sub Sanitary Officers Report we recommend that So Soon as the House referred to is built the Commissioners will Supply proper drainage:— We recommend that the question of urinals be deferred until the general drainage question is under Consideration"— We have considered a letter from Messrs Toomey with regard to the Luscombe Mortgage and have directed your Town Clerk to give Messrs Toomey authority to Employ Counsel to appear before the Lord Chancellor to have the matter definitely settled:
Signed Th: Darcy, Chrm: Frank McPhail, Nicholas H. Haskins, Patrick Padin,

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Peter O'Brien and John Neill :—

Read letter from Colonel Bayot R.E. informing the Commissioners that Major Cairns would visit Wicklow on Thursday 14th July 1858 for the purpose of pointing out the War Office requirements

Town Hall Wicklow
13th July 1858

Your Managing Committee met this Evening to consider letter from Col Bayot R.E. and have appointed Messrs Haskins, O'Brien, Neill Town Agent and Town Clerk to meet the Officer on tomorrow Thursday 14th Inst :— We recommend that the portion of the Murrough required by the War Office be let as a yearly letting at £5 per annum.

With regard to the Field at the Black Castle we recommend that a lease be given to the War Office for 75 years at the yearly rent of £10 per annum, reserving the right of way to and from the Strand ;

Signed Thomas D'arcy Chairman
Peter O'Brien
John Neill
Mark Byrne
Nicholas H. Haskins.

Proposed by Patrick Padin, Seconded by Walter Roche and resolved "That the Reports of the Managing Committee dated 11th and 13th Inst-s be confirmed and adopted"—

Dublin Castle
18th July 1858

1342

Sir,

I understand I am to hear from you about the field at the Black Castle — I have received a letter from your Tenant there asking for £140 compensation for disturbance — This I understand to be nearly 56 years purchase of a holding which I understand he has for only 12 months ! — In any case it is preposterous, and would stop the whole business. The man I refer to Signs himself John Doolittle. Possibly if he were allowed to Keep the grazing for the rest of his term receiving Say one year of the rent he now pays you as Compensation for the entry of War Office on to the land, it might be agreed to. — I am informed by Major Cairnes that you have the

land for 75 years only. We should of course require to know fully the terms and conditions and Extent of your rights over it. — I shall be obliged if you will let me have definite information as early as possible

I am Sir &c
C. H. Bayot Colonel R.E.

Chambers 4 Upper Ormond Quay
Dublin 9th July 1858

Luscombe Mortgage

Dear Sir,

We have heard from Messrs Collis & Ward that this case has been adjourned by the Lord Chancellor, in order to give the parties an opportunity of showing that the debentures is such a Security as the Trustees should invest in, and it is suggested that the Commissioners should appear by Counsel before the Lord Chancellor and place their views on the matter before him, and fully explain the position of the Security. — It appears from the Prospectus that the Stock shall be secured on the entire property of the Commissioners, and if this has not been done the Commissioners will be bound to see that it is done, and we think if necessary a charge on the Township property may be effected in the names of the Trustees of the Debenture Holders with much inconvenience to the Commissioners ; — We think you should at once get authority from the Commissioners to us to appear before the Lord Chancellor, and if it appears that the Township property is not already charged by virtue of Local Government Board Order that we should be in a position to give an undertaking that the property shall be charged for the benefit of the Debenture Holders :

Yours truly
Tarrey & Tarrey

F. W. MacNeill
Town Clerk

Chambers 4 Upper Ormond Quay Dublin
12th July 1858

Luscombe Mortgage

Dear Sir,

We are in receipt of yours of the 11th Inst directing us to employ Counsel to appear before the Lord Chancellor ! — We should be glad to know if it turns out in the argument of the case that the Township Property is not charged in favour of the Debenture Holders, whether we may give an undertaking on behalf of the Commissioners that the property will be so.

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charged:

Yours truly
Tormey & Tormey

Resolved:- That we hereby direct Messrs Tormey to give the undertaking should the Lord Chancellor require him to do so, as same was expressly promised in our Prospectus to the Debenture Holders:

Local Government Board
Dublin 25th July 1898

No 32,447: 1898
Wicklow Town

Sir,

I am directed by the Local Government Board for Ireland to forward to you the accompanying Copy of a further communication which they have received from Mr John Pansing relating to the "Waterworks Rate" struck by the Wicklow Town Commissioners in respect of the current year together with a copy of the Board's reply.

I am Sir
J. J. Dowling
Assistant Secretary:

Church St Wicklow
16th July 1898

No 31.164: 1898
Wicklow Town

Sir,

I beg to acknowledge the receipt of your letter of the 15th Inst with enclosed copy of letter from the Wicklow Town Clerk relative to an application made to me for "Waterworks Rate". From the information conveyed to me in the Town Clerks letter it would appear that the whole of the rate of 1/9 in the £ is required for Waterworks purposes; but as this statement is not consistent with the resolution passed at a meeting of the Wicklow Urban Sanitary Authority, on 6th December 1897, a copy of which I herewith enclose, I feel justified in again asking your Board if I am bound to pay the whole of this rate without a statement on the face of the application as to how it is made up; especially as the Legislature has not yet made provision for levying the Special rate Embodied in the latter part of the resolution:- In most Towns I know of, a detailed Statement of the rate when struck is published, in the daily papers, as instanced by the enclosed newspaper cutting:- I have to apologise to your Board for persisting in this matter, but although only a small Ratepayer I think I am entitled to the information I seek: I am &c: John Pansing

The Secretary Local Government Board: Dublin:

No 32.447: 1898
Wicklow Town

Copy

Local Government Board Dublin
25th July 1898

Sir,

The Local Government Board for Ireland acknowledge the receipt of your letter of the 16th Instant relating to the "Waterworks Rate" struck by the Wicklow Town Commissioners in respect of the current year, and, in reply the Board desire to state that, having regard to the explanation already given by the Town Clerk as to why the rate was increased from 1/6 in 1897 to 1/9 in 1898 they see no sufficient reason to interfere further.

The Board desire to add that, no doubt, if you apply to the Town Clerk you as a ratepayer, will be afforded full information on the subject of your complaint.

I am Sir &c
J. J. Dowling
Assistant Secretary:

John Pansing Esq,
Church St, Wicklow:

Read letter from Local Government Board dated 12th July 1898 requesting the Town Commissioners to give them the use of their Office for an inquiry on Friday 29th Inst with regard to providing a Cemetry for Wicklow and District: — The Town Clerk stated that by direction of the Chairman he wrote to the Local Government Board stating they could have the use of the Town Hall with pleasure.

Read letter from the National Telephone Co asking the Commissioners to have an apparatus Erected in Town Hall so as to connect with the Town, England & Scotland:

Proposed by Frank McGrail, seconded by John Shaw and resolved "That the proposal to have a telephonic instrument Erected in the "Town Hall be adopted, subject to the Managing Committee making "an arrangement with the Harbour Board to pay half the cost"—

Read an Application from Mr William White to have the water laid on to his premises South Quay: —

Resolved: That Mr William White's application be granted

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Town Commissioners Wicklow

Bolarney, Wicklow
July 15th 1898

Gentlemen,

Yours to hand of the 14th Inst- and I would feel much obliged if your Managing Committee would point-out what I have to do as with regard to completion of my Contract- on the Murrough so as to save me from unnecessary work: I asked for this to be done long ago

Yours &c
Edward Rylands

The Town Clerk stated that- by direction of the Managing Committee he wrote to Mr Rylands requesting him to complete his Contract- on or before 1st August- proximo, and that- if he had not done so, the Commissioners would have it- done out- of the residue of the money due to him

Read a letter from Mr Samuel Nicholson asking if the Commissioners had any objection to a party of School Children picnicing on the outer Murrough; — The Town Clerk stated that- by direction of the Chairman he wired to Mr Nicholson that- he could have the use of the Murrough with pleasure; —

Chambers 4 Upper Ormond Quay
Dublin 26th July 1898

Wicklow Town Commissioners
Wicklow Harbour Advances Act. 1897.

Dear Sir,

We are in receipt- of yours of the 25th Inst-. — We think the Commissioners can pay the £53.6.8 to the Board of Works out- of the Corporate Funds which consist- of revenue derived from Township Property and rates under the Public Health Act-;

The Commissioners can apply the rents of the Township Property for the Lord of the Township, and they are authorised to strike a rate, to meet- the amount- mentioned, in the same manner as the rate is struck under the Public Health Act- So that- they are right- either way

Yours truly
Torney & Torney

F. W. McPhail. Esq:
Wicklow;

Proposed by Patrick Nadin, Seconded by Walter Roche and resolved: —
"That a cheque be drawn in favour of the Board of Public Works
"for the Sum of £53.6.8 one half years principal and interest
"on Loan obtained under the Wicklow Harbour Advances Act-1897,
"and that- no Special rate be struck thereon until after 31st Oct
"next, when it- can be ascertained if there is any Surplus Harbour
"Revenue to recoup the Corporate Funds the above amount-"—

Proposed by Patrick Nadin, Seconded by Mark Byrne and resolved
"That a cheque be drawn on our Capital Account- for the Sum
"of £500 to be lodged on deposit in the Hibernian Bank Wicklow
"until such time as we may require it- to pay the Contractor for
"Cross Roads Houses"—

Board of Public Works £53.6.8

3rd Augt 1898

Chairman

Town Hall Wicklow
1st August 1898

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

Members present Messrs Patrick Padin, Edward N. Wynne, John Shaw, Robert Lees, Edward Gleeson, Nicholas H. Haskins, David H. Haskins, James P. Byrne, Peter J. Byrne, Joseph McCarroll John Neill, Peter OBrien and Peter Doolittle

The Town Clerk read the Returning Officers Return after which on the motion of Mr Robert Lees, Mr Nicholas H. Haskins took the Chair who together with the several members alone referred to took the usual declaration

Proposed by Joseph McCarroll, seconded by John Neill ~~and~~
"That Mr Patrick Padin be Elected Chairman of the Town
"Commissioners of Wicklow for the Ensuing year"—

Proposed by Robert Lees, seconded by John Shaw "That Mr Edward N Wynne be Elected Chairman for the ensuing year"—

On a vote being taken it was found that Mr Wynne had a majority of one vote over Mr Padin therefore the Chairman declared Mr Wynne Elected for the Ensuing year"

Mr Joseph Smyth sent in his resignation which was accepted by the Board

3rd augt 1898
E.N. Wynne

Town Hall Wicklow
3rd August 1898

A special meeting of the Town Commissioners was held this evening in pursuance to a requisition!

To transact the following business

To Elect Finance, Managing and Waterworks Committees:
To consider Finance Committees Report:
To consider Sanitary officers Report:
To consider Waterworks Overseers Report:
To consider Miscellaneous Correspondence:
To consider Tender for cleaning Streets etc!
To consider Tender from Wicklow Gas Co for Public Lighting

Signed Patrick Padin
James P. Byrne
John Shaw
Edward Gleeson
John Neill
Peter Doolittle
Peter OBrien 1st august 1898:

Members present Mr Edward N. Wynne Chairman Messrs Patrick Padin, John Neill, William Darragh, Frank McGhail, David Haskins, Peter OBrien, Joseph McCarroll, Peter Doolittle, Francis B. Gregg, James P. Byrne, Robert Lees, Edward Gleeson and Nicholas H. Haskins

Messrs Francis B. Gregg, Frank McGhail and William Darragh took the usual declaration after which the minutes of the former meetings were read over and signed

(Resolution)

Proposed by Peter OBrien, seconded by Joseph McCarroll
"That Messrs W. H. H. Kennedy, Captain Neill, Peter OBrien,
"Francis Bland Gregg, William Darragh, James P Byrne, Patrick
"Padin, Joseph McCarroll, Peter J. Byrne act as the Managing
"Committee"—

(Amendment)

Proposed by Robert Lees, seconded by David H. Haskins "That
"the following be Elected to act as the Managing Committee

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Messrs N. A. Haskins, Edward Gleeson, John Neill, Frank McPhail, Patrick Padin, Robert Lees, Peter O'Brien, Dr Byrne and F. Gregg

On a vote being taken Mr Peter O'Brien's resolution was carried by a majority of one vote

Proposed by Peter O'Brien, seconded by Joseph McCarroll and resolved That the following Members form the Finance Committee W. H. H. Kennedy, John Neill, Peter O'Brien, Francis Bland Gregg, Patrick Padin, Joseph McCarroll, Janet Byrne and Frank McPhail

Proposed by Peter O'Brien, seconded by Joseph McCarroll and resolved That the following Members form the Waterworks Committee Dr Byrne, Capt. John Neill, Peter O'Brien, Patrick Padin, Joseph McCarroll:—

Town Hall Wicklow
29th July 1898

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	£	35 . 19 . 10
Francis MacPhail	Town Clerk		13 . 15 . 5
Michael Doyle	Water Rate		26 . 17 . 4
	Total	£	76 . 12 . 7

Showing a Debit Balance against the Commissioners of £ 24 . 16 . 11

We recommend the following payments

Francis W. MacPhail	One months Salary	£	9 . 3 . 4
Same	Petty Cash Outlay		16 . 14 . 4
Same	Poll Clerk &c at Elections		5 . 0 . 0
William Desaix	Poll Clerk & Assistant at Elections		2 . 2 . 0
J. J. Naylor	Official Counter and typewriting directions &c to Voters		2 . 6 . 0
Michael Doyle	One months Salary		4 . 11 . 8
Edward O'Connor	Do Do		5 . 0 . 0
Denis Brien	Tender cleaning Streets, catch pits & Urinal on Quay		4 . 0 . 0
Edward Kane	Making and Supplying Bathing Board		2 . 2 . 6
		£	50 . 19 . 10

With regard to your Stock Capital Account we find a Cr balance of £ 233 . 10 . 8 and as same will be required shortly to meet the Contract for Cross Roads houses we do not see our way to recommend its being invested: Your Registrar has lodged temporary on deposit £ 500 the receipt for which he produced to your Committee and also a certificate for £ 1093 . 3 . 1 being the consideration for £ 970 . 8 . 4 Dublin Corporation Stock:—

With regard to your Redeemable Debenture Stock Dividends (Fund) Account we find a Cr Balance of £ 198 . 15 . 10 being £ 184 . 15 . 10 interest due to Mr Luscombe and £ 14 interest received on Stock purchased: Your Registrar cannot issue Dividend Warrant to Mr Luscombe until the case before the Lord Chancellor is definitely settled which we understand is set down for hearing this day:—

Signed Thomas Darcy Chairman
Robert Lees
Edward N. Wynne.

Proposed by Patrick Padin, seconded by Francis Bland Gregg and unanimously resolved "That the Report of the Finance Committee be confirmed and adopted:

Wicklow 1st August 1898

To the Chairman &
Town Commissioners of Wicklow

Gentlemen,

I respectfully beg to report that during the past month I made usual Sanitary inspections visiting a number of premises and served three notices under the Public Health Act for Sanitary purposes. The Scavenger was careful and attentive to his business. I have to draw attention to a breach of the Law relative to the removal of Sand from the foreshore Murrough, and await your instructions as to same. The Sanitary notice that I called attention to last month for the carrying out of Sanitary provisions has not been complied with this is the Second occasion I have drawn attention to this subject: By directions of your late Chairman I had all the approaches to the Murrough Beach cleaned up for the Regatta. The Medical Officers attention has been directed to some Sanitary matters

Michael Doyle. Sub Sanitary Officer:

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Proposed by Patrick Padin, seconded by Francis Bland Greg and resolved "That the Report of the Sub Sanitary Officer be referred to the Managing "Committee"—

Read Waterworks Overseers Report showing the reservoir is down 2ft 3 inches from overflow and enumerating certain works done during the month"—

Proposed by Patrick Padin, seconded by Peter O'Brien and resolved "That the Waterworks Overseers Report be referred to the Waterworks Committee"

Chambers 4 Upper Ormond Quay
Dublin 2nd August 1898

Wicklow Town Commissioners
Lascombe.

Dear Sir,

This case came before the Lord Chancellor on Saturday and there will be apparently no difficulty in the matter but we will have to see that the Township Property is charged in favour of the Debenture Holders.

Is there no form of Debenture or Debenture Deed signed by the Commissioners in favour of the Debenture Holders or do they simply only issue a certificate in the form contained in the Regulations of the Local Government Board

Yours truly
Tormey & Tormey

F. M. MacPhail
Town Clerk

Directions were given to the Town Clerk to supply Messrs Tormey with the information requested in their letter"—

To the Town Commissioners of Wicklow

Gentlemen,

Will you kindly consider my application: I offer you £2 per annum and will be quite willing to pay taxes also: I have Expended £56 already on the House and will be quite willing to leave out £25 more on it which it still wants or whatever your Board thinks it requires: I am only asking for £1 reduction in the year which Gentlemen I think I am justly entitled to: Hoping you will grant me my request

I am
Gentlemen &c
George Nichols

Proposed by William Darragh, seconded by Francis Bland Gregg and resolved "That Mr George Nichols be given a lease of 75 years at £2 per annum and taxes, Rent and lease to date from 29th September 1898: We give this lease in consequence of the large outlay by the Tenant and said letting to be no precedent to future lettings

Read letter from Richard White demanding £40 compensation for injury to field at Dunbur through a slip at the quarry:

The Board refused to entertain his application as he is not our Tenant of the Field in question"—

Read letter from the Executive of the '98 Centenary Committee" inviting the Chairman and Members of the Board to attend a Great demonstration in Dublin on August 15th 1898:

Proposed by Peter O'Brien seconded by Joseph McCarroll and resolved "That this Board attend the Monster procession on Monday "15th August 1898 together with Town Clerk, Agent and Mace"—

26 Grosvenor Road
Rathmines, Dublin 30th July 1898

Dear Sir,

I am enclosing plan, showing in red position of proposed new drain from Court House Wicklow which it is proposed shall empty into your Commissioners sewer as shown, Will you kindly let me have your Boards permission to make the junction required

Yours faithfully
Carlton Draper

The Town Clerk
Wicklow:

Resolved "That Mr Drapers application be referred to the Managing Committee"—

Proposed by Joseph McCarroll, seconded by John Neill and resolved "That Denis Briens Tender of £4 for cleaning Streets, catch "pits and urinal on South Quay be accepted on the usual "conditions"—

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Wicklow Gas Company (Limited)
30th July 1898

The Secretary
The Towns Commissioners
Wicklow

Dear Sir,

The Directors of this Company propose to light the Public Lamps of the Town on the same terms and conditions as last year viz:— for 8 months commencing 1st September 1898 Ending 1st May 1899 at the reduced rate of 31/7d per lamp accidents Excepted for which due allowance would be made, the lamps not to be lighted during 8 nights of moonlight in each month

Yours faithfully
W. H. H. Kennedy. Sec:

Resolved "That the Tender of the Wicklow Gas Company be referred to the Managing Committee"

The following "Notice of Motion" was withdrawn by Mr David Haskins
"That the resolution passed at the last meeting giving field at
"Black Castle property of Mr John Doolittle to War Office without
"proper compensation be rescinded

David H. Haskins
1st Augst 1898

Proposed by Frank McPhail, seconded by David Haskins and resolved
"That the Tenant of the field proposed to be let to the War
"Office be requested to Engage the services of a licensed valuer to
"value his interest in said field and that the Commissioners on
"receiving such valuation at once forward it to the War Office
"asking that it should receive their attention before this Board
"can complete their Agreement with that Department"

"Notice of Motion"

That Mr Haughton's original rent be reduced by Two pounds a year he paying the taxes etc formerly paid by the Commissioners

Joseph McCarroll

Notice of Motion

"That the resolution giving Mr William Haughton a lease of
"75 years at £5 be rescinded and that it now be given him
"at £4 " 10/= he to pay all taxes"—

Signed Patrick Padin
3rd August 1898

List of Commissioners on Managing Committee.

Mr Edward N. Wynne Chairman Messrs W. H. H. Kennedy, John Neill, Peter O'Brien, Francis B. Gregg, William Darragh, Patrick Padin, Dr. J. P. Byrne, Joseph McCarroll, P. J. Byrne

Finance Committee

Mr Edward N. Wynne, Chairman, Messrs W. H. H. Kennedy, John Neill, Peter O'Brien, Francis B. Gregg, Patrick Padin, Joseph McCarroll, Garret Byrne and Frank McPhail.—

Waterworks Committee

Mr Edward N. Wynne Chairman, Messrs James P. Byrne, John Neill, Peter O'Brien, Patrick Padin, Joseph McCarroll,

[signature]
5th Septr 98

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Returning Officers Report

Election of Town Commissioners of Wicklow held 7th day of July 1898

Ballot Boxes	Papers in each box	Ballot-papers rejected	
		Causes of rejection	Number
1	110	Uncertain	1
		Voting for more candidates than Entitled	2
		Total	3

	Candidates Names	Votes Obtained
1	Patrick Padin	81
2	Frank McPhail	75
3	Peter O'Brien	72
4	Nicholas H. Haskins	66
5	Walter Roche	61
6	Peter Doolittle	59
7	Francis B. Gregg	58
8	Garret Byrne	57
9	David Haskins	57
10	Edward N. Wynne	55
11	Joseph McCarroll	54
12	Peter J. Byrne	53
13	W. H. H. Kennedy	53
14	John Shaw	53
15	Edward Gleeson	52
16	James P. Byrne	50
17	Samuel M. Reed	49
18	John Neill	49
19	William Darragh	46
20	Robert Lees	46
21	Joseph Smyth	46

I certify that the above is a correct Statement the result of Election at-head hereof mentioned: Dated this 7th day of July 1898

Thomas Darcy Returning Officer"

Town Hall Wicklow
18th August 1898

An Extraordinary meeting of the Wicklow Town Commissioners was held this day in pursuance to a requisition

To Co-opt a Town Commissioner in the room of Mr Joseph Smyth resigned
To Consider Managing Committee's Report:
To Consider Miscellaneous Correspondence

Members present Messrs Patrick Padin, John Neill, Peter O'Brien, Walter Roche, Nicholas H. Haskins, David H. Haskins, John Shaw, William Darragh, Peter Doolittle

On the motion of Captain John Neill, seconded by Mr Peter O'Brien, Mr Patrick Padin take chair

Proposed by Walter Roche, Seconded by William Darragh and unanimously resolved:— That Mr Thomas Darcy be Co-opted a Town Commissioner in the room of Mr Joseph Smyth resigned":

Immediately after the Co-option of Mr Darcy, Mr Wynne entered the meeting when Mr Padin vacated the Chair to Mr Wynne,

Town Hall Wicklow
9th August 1898

Town Managing Committee met this evening and having considered Town Sub Sanitary Officers Report recommend with regard to the removal of gravel that the parties complained of be served with notice to discontinue this practice north of the Notice Board

We direct in the case of the unsanitary premises that our Solicitors advice be carried out forthwith: Town Committee having considered Mr Drapers application recommend that the required permission be granted, the drain to be carried out to the Satisfaction of the Sanitary authority, and that our Town Clerk communicate the information to Mr Draper and also with regard to the accumulation of Stones on the Murrough:—

After carefully considering the Tender of the Wicklow Gas Co for public lighting consider that the lamps in the Brickfield Lane

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Should be lighted for a less rate than the rest of the lamps in the Town as they are not required after the nine oclock train, we directed our Town Clerk to request the Gas Co to give us an Offer embodying a reduction in the price of these lamps: —

We have received valuation from Mr John Doolittle with regard to the field at 'Black Castle,' in its present form we as a Committee cannot send it forward to the War Office as the Valuation is clearly made on an erroneous basis and would await a reply to the very full letter the Town Clerk has written on the subject to the War Office" —

Signed Edward N. Wynne Chairman
Peter O'Brien
William Darragh
Peter J. Byrne
John Neill

Proposed by Patrick Padin, seconded by Nicholas A. Haskins and unanimously resolved: — "That the Managing Committees Report be confirmed and adopted" —

Wicklow Gas Company Limited
11th August 1898

The Secretary
Town Commissioners Wicklow

Dear Sir,

In reply to your letter of the 10th Instant would you please inform the Town Commissioners that the total saving in Gas by Extinguishing the lamps in the Brickfield Lane for the Contract period at 9 oclock each night would amount to about £2.9.6 and Extinguishing at 9.30 about £1.17.0 —: However as the Gas Company would have to Employ Special or additional Labour to Extinguish those lamps at an hour different from the other public lamps the Expense to the Gas Company would be greater than the amount Saved in the Consumption of the Gas under those circumstances I could not alter the Tender already Submitted

Yours &c
W. A. A. Kennedy; Secretary

P.S. I may mention that although the price of Coals has advanced we have made no corresponding increase in the Contract price for Gas: —

Copy of Tender for Public Lighting

Wicklow 30th July 1898

The Directors of the Wicklow Gas Company propose to light the public lamps of the Town on the Same terms and conditions as last year viz: — For 8 months commencing 1st September 1898 Ending 1st May 1899 at the reduced rate of 31/7 per lamp accidents excepted for which due allowance would be made, the lamps not to be lighted during 8 nights of moonlight in each month" —

Signed
W. A. A. Kennedy; Secretary —

Proposed by Peter O'Brien, seconded by Nicholas A. Haskins and resolved "That we accept the Tender of the Wicklow Gas Company for public lighting at the sum of 31/7 per lamp, the lamps to be kept clean and in a state of Efficiency as promised by the Gas Company" —

Dublin & Wicklow Railway Co
Chief Engineers Office No 1 Westland Row
Dublin 10th August 1898

Dear Sir,

If you can obtain permission for me from the proper authorities, to have the ground covering the C. I. Pipes which convey the water supply to Wicklow Old Station, opened up at both sides of the river, I shall be much obliged; it may be necessary also to open up part of "Bachelors Walk" and "Leitrim Place" — I would like to hear from you with as little delay as possible, as the matter is pressing: —

Yours truly
J. J. Shannon

Resolved "That we direct our Town Clerk to refer the Railway Co to our last letter regarding "Water Supply"

Read Contract Note from Mr George Drury for £200 Dublin Corporation Stock" purchased at 111£

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