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Town Hall Wicklow
1st January 1900

The usual monthly meeting of the Wicklow Urban District Council and Town Commissioners was held this day in pursuance to notice :-

Members present Dr James P. Byrne, Chairman in the Chair
Messrs Mathew McDonald, Edward Kennedy, Edward M. Collins, William Darragh, Peter O'Brien, Frank MacNeill, Joseph McCarroll, Thomas Gregory, Peter Doolittle, Charles Davis & Nicholas H. Haskins

The minutes of the former meetings were read over and signed after which the usual monthly business was proceeded with :-

Town Hall Wicklow
29th December 1899

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	£	551 . 17. 9
" Francis W MacNeill	Town Clerk		5 . 14. 1
		£	557 . 11 . 10

Showing a Debit Balance of £ 135 . 6. 6

We recommend the following payments

Francis W MacNeill	One months Salary	£	9 . 3. 4
Same	Ordinary Petty Cash		4 . 18 . 0
John Pansing	One months Salary		4 . 3. 4
Michael Doyle	Do Do		4 . 11. 8
Edward Connor	Do Do		5 . 0. 0
Denis Brien	Under cleaning Streets		4 . 10. 0
W. D. Browne	One years Rent Town Hall		2 . 6. 2
		£	34 . 12. 6

Your Agent has supplied us with the usual yearly list of Tenants owing over one years rent and we refer the matter to the full Board to deal with :-

Signed Joseph McCarroll
Frank MacNeill
Thomas Gregory

Proposed by Edward Kennedy, Seconded by Mathew McDonald and resolved

"That the Report of the Finance Committee be "confirmed and adopted :-

Proposed by Charles Davis, Seconded by Nicholas H. Haskins and resolved

"That the Agent be directed to proceed against the "Tenants in Arrears, leaving him discretion with "consultation with Solicitor and that Mr Joseph H. "McCarroll Solicitor Church St be instructed by "the Agent to act as Same for this Council

Wicklow 1st Jan 1900

To the Chairman
& Urban District Councillors of Wicklow

Gentlemen,

I respectfully beg to report that during the past month I made usual Sanitary inspections visiting over fifty premises and served Your notices under the Public Health Acts for Sanitary requirements :

I had Your drains and water channels repaired and cleaned :- The public lighting of the Town during the month was well attended :- The Street-cleaner was attentive to his business : The Medical Officer of Health attention has been directed to Some Sanitary matters :-

I have the honour to be &c
Michael Doyle
Sub Sanitary Officer

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Waterworks Wicklow
1st January 1900

To the Chairman & Urban District Council

Gentlemen I furnish you with a report for the months of December, the reservoir is 3ft 6 in from overflow, I will not let it rise more than that until the filtering beds are finished:= I have got all the Excavation, Levelling, and place for Sand Finished, I will be at it all night on Tuesday, running off the clean water chamber to connect the inlet and outlet to supply the Town, which will leave seven chambers dry to work at:= As my Boat was employed to take weeds out of Pond I would be obliged if you would settle for it today!

Yours Gentlemen
Your Obt Servant
Edward O'Connor, Overseer

Proposed by Mathew McDonald, Seconded by Frank McPhail and resolved
"That Five Pounds bonus be paid to Mr. Edward
"O'Connor for Special services in superintending
"the improvements at the Waterworks Reservoir"

Read letter from Mr George Drury Stock Broker acknowledging receipt of Cheque £129.9.11 to be invested in Dublin Corporation Stock for Sinking Fund, and enclosing cheque value £300 proceeds of Sale of Dublin Corporation Stock

17 College Green
Dublin 22nd December 1899

Dear Sir
We beg to acknowledge receipt of your favour of the 21st Inst enclosing cheque for £161.12.0 being amount of underwriting commission on £8735.6.0 Stock allotted through us:=

We have had an interview yesterday with Mr Luscombe, and from what passed we think he and

his Co-trustees would be willing to accept interest on the Mortgage at the reduced rate of 4% for the present, or possibly if you offered them 3½% it might go through, but they would not agree to 3½:= Mr Luscombe mentioned that there was a considerable sum due to Messrs Collis & Ward for costs, and that the Trustees would expect same to be discharged by your Council:=

Yours Faithfully
Guinness Mahon & Co

To the Clerk, Wicklow,

Read letter from Local Government Board No 74.640 on the subject of Mr Denis Rooneys appointment and stating that so long as Mr Rooney continues to reside with Members of his family engaged in retail trade the Local Government Board cannot approve of his appointment

Main Street Wicklow
January 1st 1900

To the Chairman
& Members of the Wicklow Urban Council

Gentlemen,
I would be thankful for some information with reference to my appointment as Poor Rate Collector of the Wicklow Urban District:= Since my Fathers death I have taken furnished appartments in Main St, and consequently claim that there is no occasion of further objection to me by the Local Government Board as being a resident with any Members of my family engaged in the retail trade:=

Yours &c
Denis Rooney

Proposed by Thomas Freyne, Seconded by William Darragh & resolved
"That as Mr Rooney has met all the requirements of the
"Local Government Board we ask them to confirm his
"appointment, that a copy of Mr Rooneys letter be
"forwarded to the Local Government Board"

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Read an application from Mrs Margaret Quinn for the field lately in the possession of Mr Thomas Darcy, Deceased,

Referred to Managing Committee :=

Read letter from John Doyle complaining of the damp of his house No 18 Artisans Dwellings

Proposed by Frank McPhail, Seconded by Mathew McDonald and resolved :=

"That Mr Fanning Town Surveyor be directed to employ "at once a competent tradesman to cement Gable "end of Upper house of the Cross Roads Cottages at a "rate Equal to local current price and also that he "be empowered to have the necessary Slating done at "Same house :=

Read a letter from Mr Patrick Kevney asking the Council to level the old bounds ditch between the Councils property and Mr O'Carroll's

Referred to Managing Committee :=

Read an application from Mr Denis Byrne, Strand St Wicklow for a lease of house and premises :=

Referred to Managing Committee :=

Read letter from Rev T. Gibbings stating he will be happy to act on the Wicklow School Attendance Committee

Dublin & Wicklow Manure Co
January 1st 1900

Dear Sir

Will you please bring before the Board of the Urban District Council the fact, that the road along the Sea Murrough has been washed away by the Storm last week and that fully three feet in width has been carried away in several places

Its present condition is that in those places

two carts are unable to pass, and we would ask whether the Council would consent to move the posts back, giving a twenty foot road we paying the cost of putting on road material

Yours truly
For The Dublin & Wicklow Manure Co
John Northing
Manager

Proposed by Joseph McCarroll, Seconded by Frank McPhail and resolved

"That Mr Northing be asked to meet the Managing Committee "giving the Committee power to make arrangements with "him in reference to Chemical Road :=

Proposed by Mathew McDonald, Seconded by Edward Kennedy and resolved :=

"That Denis Briens Tender for cleaning Streets "Urinals, catch pits etc be accepted for the "months of January at £ H. 10.0 on the usual "Conditions :=

Patrick Rabbitte, Chairman,
5/2/1900

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Result of Elections
Urban District of Wicklow
Election of Urban District Councillors
For the several Wards in the above District in the Year 1900

Wards	Surnames	Others Names	Place of Abode	Number of Votes	Name of Candidates Elected
	Comerford	Owen J	Fercans Hill	5	
	Gleeson	Edward	Bolaney	21	
Abbey	McPhail	James George	Glen View	56	McPhail James G.
	Nolan	John	Marlton	20	
	Northing	John	Bolaney Murrough	51	Northing John
	Stevens	Silas	Abbey Street	44	Stevens Silas
	Byrne	Joseph	Main St	36	
Castle	McDonald	Matthew	Main St	40	McDonald Matthew
	McPhail	Frank	Main St	92	McPhail Frank
	Wall	Richard	Summer Hill	30	
	Davis	Charles	High St	76	Davis Charles
Kilmantin	Kinsella	John	Castle St	10	
	Lees	Robert	Main St	19	
	Murray	Christopher	Aspen Villa	83	Murray Christopher

I the undersigned being Returning Officer at the Election of Urban District Councillors for the several Wards in the Wicklow Urban District do hereby give notice that the Candidates at the Election whose names are Entered in Column 5 of the above Statement opposite to the numbers Entered in Column 4 have been declared duly Elected Urban District Councillors

Dated this 15th day of January 1900

Francis Wm MacPhail
Returning Officer

Town Hall Wicklow
23rd January 1900

The Annual Meeting and day of Election of Chairman & Vice Chairman of the Wicklow Urban District Council and Town Commissioners was held this 23rd day of January 1900 at the hour of twelve o'clock noon

Members present Dr James P. Byrne Chairman in the Chair
Messrs Frank McPhail, Christopher Murray, James George McPhail, Patrick Padin, Peter O'Brien, Joseph McCarroll, James Gernon, Thomas Freyne, Charles Davis, Garrett Byrne, Silas Stevens, Nicholas D. Haskins, David H. Haskins, Edward Kennedy, John Northing, Edmund M. Collins, Peter Doolette & William Darragh

The following duly elected Councillors took the Statutory declaration John Northing, Silas Stevens, James J McPhail, Frank McPhail, Christopher Murray and Charles Davis:

(Resolution)

Proposed by Dr J. P. Byrne, Seconded by Peter O'Brien and unanimously resolved: — That Mr Patrick Padin be elected Chairman of the Wicklow Urban District Council and Town Commissioners for the Ensuing Year" —

Mr Padin having taken the Statutory declaration Dr James P. Byrne vacated the Chair which was then occupied by Mr Padin: —

(Resolution)

Proposed by Frank McPhail, Seconded by Garrett Byrne
" That Mr Peter O'Brien be elected Vice Chairman
" of the Wicklow Urban District Council and Town
" Commissioners for the Ensuing Year

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Proposed by James Fernon, Seconded by Charles Davis
"That Mr. Christopher Murray be elected Vice Chairman
"for the Ensuing Year

A Vote was taken with the following result

For O'Brien: Messrs Padin, D. Byrne, Garrett Byrne, Stevens, Collins, James J. McPhail, William Darragh, Nicholas H. Haskins, Edward Kennedy, Northing, Frank McPhail, and O'Brien (12)

For Murray: Messrs Doolittle, Davis, Fernon, Gregory David Haskins, Murray and Mc Carroll (7)

The Chairman duly declared Mr. Peter O'Brien Elected Vice Chairman for the Ensuing Year, after which Mr O'Brien took the Statutory declaration

Proposed by Christopher Murray, Seconded by Charles Davis and unanimously resolved: —
"That the following Members of the Council
"constitute the Managing Committee Messrs Matthew
"McDonald, Frank McPhail, David Haskins
"William Darragh, James Fernon, Patrick Padin,
"Edward Kennedy, Peter O'Brien Garrett Byrne, Joseph McCarroll
"and Christopher Murray: —

Proposed by Nicholas H. Haskins, Seconded by Peter O'Brien and unanimously resolved: —
"That the following Councillors constitute the Finance
"Committee Messrs Nicholas Haskins, Thomas Gregory
"Joseph McCarroll, Charles Davis, Peter O'Brien, Frank
"McPhail, Christopher Murray, Patrick Padin, James
"Fernon & Matthew McDonald "

Proposed by Frank McPhail, Seconded by Nicholas H. Haskins and unanimously resolved: —
"That the following Councillors constitute the
"Waterworks Committee Messrs James Fernon
"Frank McPhail, Christopher Murray, Edward McCollins,

Peter O'Brien and Patrick Padin

Proposed by Frank McPhail, Seconded by Peter O'Brien and unanimously resolved: —
"That the following Councillors constitute the Redemable
"Stock Committee Messrs Peter O'Brien, Patrick Padin,
"James Fernon, Nicholas Haskins, Frank McPhail, John
"Northing, Christopher Murray, & Mathew McDonald

Proposed by Frank McPhail, Seconded by Joseph McCarroll and unanimously resolved:
"That Mr. John Northing be Elected as the representative
"of this Council on the Wicklow Harbour Board in the
"room of Mr. Hugh R. McCarroll retired: —

No 54·869 — Local Government Board
Wicklow Urban District — Dublin 5th January 1900

Sir

Adverting to previous correspondence relative to the Salary of Mr. McPhail, Town Clerk of Wicklow, in respect of increased duties under the Local Government (Ireland) Act, 1898, I am directed by the Local Government Board for Ireland to point out that the Act in question secures to every existing Officer the right to hold his office by the same tenure and subject to the same conditions as heretofore, and it further provides that in case of an "existing" Town Clerk, he shall receive such increase of Salary in proportion to his increased duties as the Local Government Board may determine.

The Local Government Board have therefore only to consider whether Mr. McPhail has any increased duties under the Act, and if so, what increased remuneration he is to receive in respect thereof, and after careful consideration of the subject they have under Section 116 of the Act, awarded him an increased Salary of Twenty five pounds per annum in respect of the additional duties in question, which is payable from the 1st of April last:

I am &c
H. Courteney, Assist Secretary

Chairman Urban District Council Wicklow

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(Resolution)

Proposed by James Gernon, seconded by Charles Davis ~~and unanimously resolved~~

"That the Order of the Local Government Board
"increasing the Salary of the Town Clerk by £35
"per year is altogether out of proportion to the services
"rendered by the Town Clerk ="

For Resolution: Messrs Davis, Gernon, Gregory, McCarroll, N. H. Haskins, D. H. Haskins & Darragh (7)

Against Resolution: Messrs Collins, Jarrett Byrne & O'Brien (3)

Declined to Vote: Messrs Kennedy, Northing, Stevens, Murray & McPhail (5)

The Chairman declared the resolution carried: =

Read letter from Local Government Board No 4240 and dated 8th January 1900 on the subject of the Receipts and Expenditure Book and stating that they consider it desirable that the Council should decide what portions of the moneys paid for lighting and watching are to be treated as Expenditure on lighting and on watching respectively: =

Read letter from Local Government Board No 1015 and dated 11th January 1900 on the subject of a petition from the Dublin Corporation praying for a provisional order to constitute them Port Sanitary Authority for the Custom Port of Dublin and stating that an inquiry will be held on 26th Instant at 11 o'clock in the City Hall Dublin before Dr Edgar Flinn

Resolved: That Local Government Board's letter be referred to the Managing Committee to deal with: =

Read letter from Local Government Board No 210 and dated 4th January 1900 on the subject of the appointment of Mr Denis Rooney as Poor Rate Collector for the Urban District of Wicklow, The Local Government Board

Express their Sanction to the appointment of Mr Rooney to the Office at a poundage rate of Six pence and also approve of the amount of Security given by Mr Rooney viz £200 =

Read letter from Local Government Board No 75643 acknowledging receipt of resolution relating to the division of the Town into Wards and stating they have no power to revoke their Order in this case: =

Read circular letter from County Council of Wexford on the subject of appointing Delegates to attend formation of a National Assembly in Dublin: =

Resolved: That the letter from Wexford County Council be referred to the Managing Committee: =

Read letter from Michael Byrne with regard to the removal of Soil from his Gardens which was referred to the Managing Committee: =

Correspondence with Collis & Ward & Guinness Mahon was referred to the Redeemable Stock Committee: =

Sam Hall Wicklow
22nd January 1900

Your Managing Committee met Mr Northing this Evening in reference to Chemical Road and recommend that he be given a clear road way of twenty feet, Mr Northing to make and metal the Road and also spread a coat of cinders along the narrow portion of the Murrough along the Railway wall: = We recommend that temporary provision be made to protect the Esplanade from car traffic: =

Nicholas. H. Haskins
Jarrett Byrne
Edward Kennedy
James Gernon

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(Resolution)

Proposed by Joseph McCarroll, Seconded by Patrick Padin and resolved:=

"That the Report of the Managing Committee be confirmed "and adopted:=

(Resolution)

Proposed by Frank McPhail, Seconded by William Darragh & resolved

"That a Cheque be drawn on General Account for "£30 to pay wages of men working at Reservoir "and also a cheque on Capital Acct for £5.16.6 "to pay labour at Artisans Dwellings, Convent Road

(Notice of Motion)

"That the appointment of Town Clerk as Registrar of Stock at a Salary of £50 per annum be rescinded and that he be appointed for same position at £25 per annum:=

Nicholas A. Haskins

(Notice of Motion)

I beg to give notice that I or some other Councillor for me will move the following resolution:=

"That we consent to have the application of Mr Thos "Gregory to fix a fair rent for his Farm of Dunbeg "remitted from the Land Commission to the County Court "and heard there, inasmuch as there has been a great "delay caused by having it originally transferred from "the County Court to the Land Commission:=

James Lennon

Annual Return of Attendances at Meetings 23rd Jan 99 to 1st Jan 1900

Name	Annual	Monthly	Adjourned	Special	Managing	Finance	Waterworks	Stock	Quarterly	Total
Peter O'Brien		9	8	9	9	10	5	3	3	56
Frank McPhail	1	10	11	11	7	5	5	3	3	56
James Lennon	1	10	12	11	7	3		1	3	48
Mathew McDonald	1	7	10	11	8			2	3	42
Charles Davis	1	10	12	8		7			3	41
Christopher Murray	1	9	11	8		6		1		36
David H. Haskins	1	6	9	9	3	1			2	31
N. H. Haskins	1	8	8	7		2			2	28
Thomas Gregory	1	4	10	5		4			1	25
William Darragh		8	4	6	4				1	23
Louis Carroll	1	5	7	7			2		1	23
Edward Kennedy	1	9	3	3	3				3	22
Hugh P. McCarroll	1	7	8	3		2				21
Joseph McCarroll	1	8	4	2	1	2				18
Peter Doolittle	1	9	9	2						21
Patrick Padin	1	7	2	2	3	1	½		2	18
Dr. Byrne	1	5	2	3			2			13
Gerald Byrne	1	7	3	2						13
Peter J. Byrne	1	4	2	1			3			11
Edward M. Collins	1	7		1			2			11
Garrett Byrne	0	3	2		2	1				8

Patrick Padin Chairman
5/2/1900

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Town Hall Wicklow
29th January 1900

A special meeting of the Wicklow Urban District Council and Town Commissioners was held this day in pursuance to a requisition signed by Messrs Peter O'Brien, Matthew McDonald, Christopher Murray, David H. Haskins, Frank McPhail, Garrett Byrne to transact the following business: —

No1. To consider Managing Committees Report on the Subject of the application by the Dublin Corporation to become Port Sanitary Authority for the Customs Port of Dublin.

No2. To consider Town Clerks Report on the Inquiry held in the City Hall, Dublin and the Effect of the Provisional Order would have on the Urban Sanitary District of Wicklow.

Members present Mr Patrick Padin J.P. Chairman Messrs William Darragh, Frank McPhail, Edward McCollins, Peter Worthington, Nicholas H. Haskins, Charles Davis and Joseph McCarroll: —

Town Hall Wicklow
25th January 1900

Town Managing Committee met this evening to consider letter from Local Government Board on the Subject of a petition by the Dublin Corporation praying for a Provisional Order to Constitute them the Port Sanitary Authority for the Customs Port of Dublin: —

We have directed Town Town Clerk to attend the Inquiry and oppose the application and we further authorise him to State on our behalf that the Wicklow Urban District Council are prepared to become Port Sanitary Authority for their District and that an application for that purpose will be made in due course to the Local Government Board praying for a Provisional Order constituting this Council the Port Sanitary Authority of the District: —

Signed Peter O'Brien Vice Chairman, Joseph McCarroll

Frank McPhail, John Worthington: —

Proposed by Nicholas H. Haskins, Seconded by Charles Davis and unanimously resolved: —

"That the Report of the Managing Committee be confirmed and adopted": —

(Town Clerks Report.)

Town Hall Wicklow
29th January 1900

To the Chairman
& Members of Wicklow Urban District Council

Gentlemen

By direction of your Managing Committee I attended the Inquiry held in the City Hall, Dublin, on Friday last 26th Instant, to oppose the petition by the Dublin Corporation praying for a Provisional Order to constitute them Port Sanitary Authority for the Customs Port of Dublin: —

The application put forward by the Dublin Corporation was, briefly, the right to take and acquire land over an area from Delvin River to Courtown Harbour in the County Wexford, taking in all the Metropolitan Townships and District Councils within the points named including Bray, Greystones, Wicklow, Arklow, Jonesboro, together with Rathdown and Rathdrum Rural Districts.

Counsel on behalf of the Dublin Corporation, point-blank refused to define what specific powers they wanted, stating that under the Public Health Act powers were given to the Local Government Board to define same in their Order, further they would not state whether the Jurisdiction they required was only over the waters or whether they claimed Jurisdiction over the existing Sanitary Districts along the coast.

Sir Charles Cameron in giving his Evidence, stated he would prefer huts to a floating hospital, and suggested that the Murrough of Wicklow would be a suitable place for the Erection of same. He explained that the Corporation should have power to employ an Efficient Staff in each Sanitary District and probably the Medical Officer of Health in such Districts would

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be appointed for the purpose. It was obvious that the Dublin Corporation want the power to acquire lands and tax the inhabitants of this District for Hospital accomodation for the city of Dublin more than for infectious diseases in foreign ships entering their Port:=

In pursuance to your Managing Committees directions I gave evidence against the project; stating that my Council had received no copy of the Petition and therefore they did not know what case they had to meet, moreover I informed the Local Government Board Inspector that the Wicklow Urban District Council were promoting an Order to constitute them the Port Sanitary Authority for their District, and hence I would ask that no Order be given to the Dublin Corporation pending the application by my Council which would be made forthwith:= I further stated that we had in Wicklow a Fever Hospital, County Infirmary fully Equipped with a Surgeon over same, A Medical Officer of Health for the District, Executive Sanitary Officer, Sub Sanitary Officer ambulance and everything necessary to cope with any disease that might arise:= I informed the Local Government Board Inspector that I considered it an affront on the part of Sir Charles Cameron to suggest as a suitable site for erection of Hospital here the public promenade or Murrough of Wicklow, the only Health resort of the inhabitants Summer visitors and the training ground of the Artillery Regiment. Such would not be tolerated for one moment by the Council or the inhabitants of Wicklow and would meet with most strenuous opposition:= The Dublin Corporation seek powers of taxation but refuse Direct representation and would not consent to a Joint Board:=

I would recommend this Council to adopt the following resolutions:=

No 1 =That we the Wicklow Urban District Council having "considered the Report from our Town Clerk in reference "to the application of the Dublin Corporation to be made "Port Sanitary Authority for the Customs Port of "Dublin, and having regard to the fact that Wicklow "Urban Sanitary District forms a portion of the "taxable area and that such Order would confer

"powers on the Corporation of interference with the rights and "privileges of the Wicklow Urban Sanitary Authority: Now "we the Wicklow Urban District Council in pursuance to "Section 9., Sub Sec (1) of the Public Health (Ireland) Act, "1896, request the Local Government Board by Provisional "Order to permanently constitute the said Wicklow Urban "Sanitary Authority "Port Sanitary Authority" over the "Wicklow Urban Sanitary District and Rural District "of Rathdrum in the County of Wicklow.

No 2 That we the Wicklow Urban District Council most "Earnestly and respectfully request the Local Government "Board to abstain from making any Order including "Wicklow Urban Sanitary District in the application of "the Dublin Corporation pending the promotion of a "Provisional Order by this Council, and we hereby further "point out that this Council, acting as a Port Sanitary "Authority, would be in a much better position to carry "the several Acts imposed by Statute for such purpose more "Economically, and to better advantage than the Dublin "Corporation, having within the Township a Fever Hospital, "County Infirmary, Medical Staff, Medical Officer of "Health for the District, Executive Sanitary Officer, Sub "Sanitary Officer, Ambulance and all requirements necessary "to cope with the spread of disease:= We by further to "inform the Local Government Board that there is no "Harbour suitable for Foreign Ships to Enter between "Kingstown and Wexford:=

I am
Gentlemen
Your Obt Servant
Francis W. Mac Phail
Town Clerk

Proposed by Edward M Collins, Seconded by William Darragh and unanimously resolved:= That we hereby adopt No 1 resolution referred to in Town Clerks Report:=

Proposed by Charles Davis, Seconded by Nicholas H. Haskins

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and unanimously resolved: "That we hereby adopt No2 Resolution referred to in the Town Clerks Report": =

Proposed by Edward M Collins, seconded by William Darragh and resolved: =

"That we hereby apply to the Rural District
"Council of Rathdrum requesting said Council
"to assist the Wicklow Urban District Council
"in the promotion of a Provisional Order to
"become "Port Sanitary Authority for Wicklow Urban
"District and Rural District of Rathdrum and
"further we ask the said Rathdrum Rural Council
"to join with this Council as a joint Board
"for the purpose": =

Directions were given to have copies of Town Clerks Report and resolutions typewritten and that copies be forwarded to Rathdrum Rural District Council, Arklow Town and Harbour Board seeking their co-operation in the matter

Patrick Rabbitt Chairman
5/2/1900

Town Hall Wicklow
5th February 1900

Urban District Council
~~School Attendance~~
~~Committee~~ was held this day in pursuance of notice

Members present Mr Patrick Rabbitt J.P. Chairman in the Chair
Messrs Charles Davis, Christopher Murray, Frank McPhail,
William Darragh, Joseph McCarroll, Nicholas H. Haskins,
David H Haskins, James Jervis McPhail & Peter Doolittle,

The minutes of the former meetings were read over and ordered by the Board to be Signed after which the following business was proceeded with: =

No 1 = To consider Finance Committee Report.
2 = To consider Town Surveyors Report.
3 = To consider Sanitary Officers Report's.
4 = To consider Waterworks Overseers Report.
5 = To consider miscellaneous correspondence.
6 = To consider Tender cleaning Streets: =
7 = To consider Mr. Nicholas H. Haskins "Notice of "Motion" That the appointment of Town Clerk as "Registrar of Stock, at a Salary of £50 per annum, "be rescinded and that he be appointed for same "position at £25 per annum: =
8 = To consider Mr. James Jervis's "Notice of Motion" I beg to "give notice that I, or some other Councillor for me, will "move the following resolution: = That we consent "to have the application of Mr Thomas Gregory to fix a "fair rent for his farm at Dunbur remitted from "the Land Commission to the County Court, and heard "there, inasmuch as there has been a great delay caused "by having it originally transferred from the County "Court to the Land Commission: =

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Town Hall Wicklow
2nd February 1900

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 Wesaire	Agent	£ 71 . 19 . 3
" Francis WMacNhail	Town Clerk	7 . 10 . 11
" Michael Dayle	Local Rate	261 . 1 . 1
	Total	£ 340 . 11 . 3

giving a Cr Balance of £ 135 . 12 . 3

Mr Denis Rooney Poor Rate Collector lodged during the month £ 143 . 11 . 1

We recommend the following payment

Francis WMacNhail	One months Salary	£ 9 . 3 . 4
Same	Ordinary Petty Cash Outlay	13 . 12 . 3
John Dansing	One months Salary	4 . 3 . 4
Michael Dayle	Do	4 . 11 . 8
Edward Connor	Do	5 . 0 . 0
Denis Brien	Sender cleaning Streets &c	4 . 10 . 0
School Attendance	Committees Expenses	12 . 17 . 0
Wicklow Gas Co	One years public lighting 1st May 1899.	136 . 19 . 10
Wicklow People	Advertising	7 . 0 . 0
W Leckie	Court Book	3 . 6 . 6
P. F Comber	Engineers Fee for inspection and Report on Wicklow Water Supply	7 . 7 . 0
John McFerran.	Pipes for Murrough	" 7 . 6
James Carlyle	Advertising in "Irish Times"	1 . 1 . 8
Messrs Thom &Co	Amt of L.G.B. Orders & Regulations	1 . 8 . 3
William Carroll	Amt Contract paved Channels	8 . 0 . 0
North British Rubber Co	Amt of Acct less 2½ per cent	2 . 11 . 4
Ifyes Sanitary Compound Co	Disinfectants	3 . 0 . 0
Messrs Dollard	Amt of Account (Books)	" 11 . 6
Messrs J. Stone &Co	Amt of Acct Hose &c	15 . 10 . 10
Frederick Bird &Co	Bosley centrifugal brush	2 . 12 . 6
Messrs Ham & Baker	Water Meters	6 . 7 . 6
Daily Independent	Advertising	" 15 . 0
John Flynn	155 ft Larch timber & 3 Pcs 8"	1 " 18 " 9
Wicklow Star Co	Printing & Advertising	4 . 18 . 0
	Total	£ 257 . 13 . 9

Capital Account

Messrs Main &Co:	Supplying and Erecting iron paling Artisans Dwellings Convent Road	£ 32 . 2 . 10
James McCall :	Cementing Gable End Houses	5 . 0 . 0
		£ 37 . 2 . 10

With regard to your Road Account we find a Debit Balance of £ 159 . 7 . 3 and we recommend at our next monthly meeting that a cheque be drawn in favour of said Account for the above amount :—

We recommend that a cheque be drawn for £ 10 to pay wages of men working at Reservoir :—

Signed Nicholas M. Hasklis.
Frank McNhail.
Christopher Murray.

Proposed by Charles Davis, Seconded by David M. Hasklis & resolved "That the Report of the Finance Committee be confirmed "and adopted

Mr Michael Dayle, Rate Collector, wrote requesting the Finance Committee to Examine arrears of rate for the period Ending 30th September 1899 which was referred to next Finance Meeting :—

Proposed by Frank McNhail, Seconded by M. M. Hasklis and unanimously resolved :—
"That the Corporation Estate Agent is hereby authorised "to take such legal steps proceedings as he may think "necessary to recover rent from any Tenant owing a "years rent, and that he be at liberty to employ Mr "Joseph M'm-Carroll, Solicitor, to assist him to recover "such arrears of rent when necessary :—

Proposed by Frank McNhail, Seconded by William Darragh and resolved: "That the Town Surveyor prepare a specification for "the Erection of a protection wall at Body's Bank and "advertisements be issued for Contractors; also that the Town "Clerk communicate with Messrs Reid re their portion of the wall;

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Proposed by Christopher Murray, Seconded by Charles Davis and resolved:

"That the following members of this Board be appointed "to attend National Convention in Dublin Patrick Fadin, "Peter O'Brien, Joseph M'Carroll, Charles Davis, James "Fenton, Christopher Murray, Frank M'Neill:—

Church St-Wicklow
5th February 1900

To the Chairman
& Council of Wicklow Urban District-

Gentlemen

Since your last meeting the following works have been carried out at the Artisans Dwellings on the Convent Road

The iron railings, defining the gardens at the rere, have been erected by Messrs Main & Co. The gable at the upper house has been cemented:— The surface of the gardens re-formed and the main drain to carry off the subsoil water is nearly completed. The additional rain water pipes and connections, ordered by the Council, for which no one tendered have yet to be done, as well as the erection of a gate at the upper garden:—

On the Murrough the old post-and rail fence, adjoining the Chemical Road, for a length of about 300 yards, facing the Railway Wall has been taken down and re-erected, for the purpose of widening the roadway, which was narrowed by the sea, to 30 feet-as ordered by your Board:—

I made a careful inspection of the chambers in the embankment of the Reservoir on Friday last, and found the repairs and alterations progressing Satisfactorily:— The cementing of the clean water chambers is completed, and the full supply of new filtering Sand and gravel placed in position, in the Southern filter. The work at the Northern Filter will be commenced today, and I hope finished in about three weeks: This work also has turned out much more tedious than I anticipated, owing to the whole of the iron filter plates having to be taken up and re-set, in order to scrape the rust off them: and the old and new Sand has to be raised and lowered in buckets:— The work is being thoroughly well done under the constant superintendence of your Caretaker, who has, with my approval, made a few Small improvements in the lower chambers, which will make them easier of access in future, and also enable

the ~~centre~~ Centre Chambers to be run off without So much pumping as heretofore:— My attention has been called to the dangerous State of "Codys Bank", An order was made some time ago to have a protection wall built-by the adjoining owners, but it was not carried out:—

Plans, Specifications and Estimates and other documents have been prepared, and forwarded by the Town Clerk, together with an application, to the Local Government Board for Sanction to a Loan of £1300 to be appportioned as follows viz £570 for the Murrough Recreation Grounds; £400 for Water Works and £330 for new Sewers, Grates and Ventilators:—

I am Gentlemen
Your Obd Servant
John Parsons
Town Surveyor;

Directions were given to purchase an iron gate from W Keane and an order made for 10 tons of fine Sand for filtering beds:—

Wicklow 5th February 1900

To the Chairman
& Council of Wicklow Urban District-

Gentlemen

I respectfully beg to report that during the Earlier portion of the past month I made Sanitary inspections visiting thirty premises and served two notices under the Public Health Acts for Sanitary purposes. On the 7th January I had one patient conveyed to Fever Hospital in the ambulance car and the premises were disinfected:— I regret to inform you that owing to a very Severe attack of illness I have been laid up for Some time past, however, I expect to be able in the course of a few days to resume my duties:—

I have the honour to be Gentlemen
Your Obt Servant
~~Francis~~ M Michael Doyle

M Michael Merrigan was appointed temporarily during Mr Doyle illness:—

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Waterworks Wicklow
5th February 1900

To the Chairman
& Wicklow Urban Council

Gentlemen

I furnish you with a Report for the months of Jan
The reservoir is 2 ft 9 in from overflow : = 27th I got the Sand
all down to the filtering beds, there are about 55 tons of three
different kinds of gravel, I will want 10 tons of fine Sand
to finish the others, as the plasterer used a lot of it.
Mr O'Neil asked me would four men be sufficient, but
it cannot be done with less than Eight, three must be below
getting the gravel along and filling, one to steady it up, two
on the winch, and two wheelers. = Mr McCall the Plasterer
finished the clean water Chamber on Saturday evening
he gave it three coats of cement on the wall next to the
embankment and next to the filtering beds, in this one chamber
he also stopped some holes in the other Chambers. It will
be a great Saving to the water. I Expect to have filtering
beds finished in about three weeks, it will take 4 or 5
days to level the road from Waterworks gate up, as it is very
much cut up : =

Your Obd Servant
Edward O'Connor

Resolved : That the Waterworks Committee be summoned to meet
on Tuesday 6th Inst at 11 o'Clock to visit Waterworks and report thereon

Read letter from Local Government Board No 161 : (Rathdrum
Rural District) stating that their Inspector Mr Arthur Burke,
will hold an Inquiry into the petition of the Rathdrum Rural
District Council for a provisional order constituting the Rural
District of Rathdrum and the Urban District of Wicklow
into a united district for the purpose of providing a Burial
Ground for the District, and that Mr Burke will hold the
Inquiry at the Workhouse Rathdrum, on the 8th proxims at
12 o'Clock noon : =

Read letter from Messrs Feeney 860 on same subject stating
the Council should attend and produce all minute books,
letters and documents :

Proposed by Charles Davis, Seconded by William Carragh & resolved
"That Messrs Frank McNeil, Charles Davis, Patrick
"Padin accompanied by Mr John Fanning Town Surveyor
"and Mr Francis McNeil Town Clerk, attend on Thursday
"8th Instant : The Town Clerk to bring minutes of all
"correspondence relative thereto : =

(Poor Law Union of Rathdrum)

Read Local Government Board Order No 383 made under
the provisions of Articles 18 and 19 of the Local Government
(Transition Provisions) No 2 Order 1898, adjusting certain balances
shown in the final Account of the Guardians of the above
named Union as constituted before the Local Government
(Ireland) Act, 1898, came into operation.

Read Local Government Board circular letter No 4100 on
the subject of Rate of Interest on Local Loans : =

Read letters from Local Government Board No 5534 No 6296,
No 6327 acknowledging receipt of letters on various subjects
which will be duly considered by Local Government Board

Read letter from Local Government Board No 3676 Enclosing
a further communication which they have received from
Mr Daniel Byrne complaining of a nuisance in the vicinity
of his premises Strand Street : =

Resolved : That Mr Daniel Byrne's complaint be investigated
by the Managing Committee and report to the Board : =

Read letter from Local Government Board No 8 M. relating
to the Stock and Redemption Fund Accounts for the
Year Ended 31st December 1899 : =

The Town Clerk Stated that as requested he had forwarded
the abstract of Accounts to the Local Government Board
accompanied by a Statutory Declaration : =

Read letter from Mr Ellis formly Town Clerk Arklow
acknowledging receipt of Report and resolutions in
reference to "Port Sanitary Authority" =

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