Read letter from Local Government Board No 15214: 1900 acknowledging receipt of resolution re "Port Sanitary Authority"

No 13294: 1900
Wicklow Urban District

Local Government Board Dublin
6th March 1900

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The Board are of opinion that the Council should not invite fresh tenders for the Stock until this has been done: —

I am Sir &c
D. J. Mac Sheahan
Assistant Sec.

The Clerk of the Wicklow Urban Council

Resolved: That our Town Clerk be directed to supply the Local Government Board with a copy of Counsel's opinion and to request their sanction to the issue of Tenders for the Stock in question: —

Local Government Board Dublin
13th March 1900

No 15219: 1900
Wicklow Urban District

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I am directed by the Local Government Board for Ireland to acknowledge the receipt of your letter of the 9th Instant, transmitting a copy of a resolution adopted by the Urban District Council of Wicklow on the 5th Instant, requesting permission to strike the Town Rate annually instead of half yearly; and I am to draw attention to the terms of sub section 6 and 9a of section 57 of the Local Government

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9. Having carefully considered the matter I beg to recommend

I. That the water for supplying the town be taken direct from the Reservoir without passing through the filters until the latter are cleaned and purified.

II. That the filtering and clean water chambers be throughly cleaned out, washed with water and twice white-washed with hot lime. The filtering material to be removed, and a fresh supply of sand and gravel well washed to be laid down to the depth of two feet, which is the greatest depth available owing to the construction of the chambers. The water supplying the town to be then passed through the filters downwards instead of upwards as at present.

III. That the weeds and other vegetable matter be removed from the Reservoir and the two small streams leading thereto, and that a spit of earth along the sloping banks be removed between low water and one yard beyond high water line. It would be advisable to increase the area of the Reservoir at the same time. The vegetable organic matter is lessend by exposure to atmospheric oxidation in lakes

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and reservoirs, and the larger these are in proportion to the water drawn from them, the purer will the water become. The capacity of the Reservoir would of course be also increased. The consumption of water in the town is very moderate being only 36,000 gallons daily for a summer population of about 4,000.

IV. That the mains throughout be well flushed through the scour valves and hydrants when the supply is drawn from the Reservoir direct, taking care however to conserve the water for domestic use. And that a scour valve be placed on the main at Bachelors' walk, and another at the North end of the Militia Barracks.

V. That the leak in the embankment at the South end of the retaining wall be stopped.

VI. And I beg further to recommend in order to prevent as far as possible any such breakdown again occurring that new filter beds be constructed between the foot of the embankment and the Caretaker's Cottage. The site named will give the additional advantage of securing the greater part of

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the water from the springs near the foot of the slope, which at present runs to waste down the glen. In order to do this it will be necessary to lay down about 834 yards of 4-inch cast iron main along the Marlton Glen to join the existing main near the bridge on the Marlton Road, as the present main which goes round by Potash lane is at too high a level to suit the site of the new filter beds. About 1,800 yards of the present cast iron 8-inch main would be made void, and it might be taken up and disposed of towards defraying the cost of the works.

I shall be happy at any time to give any further information in my power that may be desired by the Council.

Yours faithfully.

P. T. Somber
M. Inst. C.E.

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Town Hall Wicklow
26th March 1900

A special meeting of the Wicklow Urban District Council and Town Commissioners was held this day in pursuance to notice, To transact the following business: =

No 1 To consider the advisability of making a payment on account to the Wicklow County Council, in respect of their annual Estimate and demand: =

2. To consider miscellaneous correspondence: =

3. To consider Auditors Report: =

Members present Mr. Peter O'Brien, Vice Chairman, in the Chair
Messrs Edward M. Collins, William Darragh, James J. McHail, Nicholas A. Haskins and Frank McHail: =

The Town Clerk stated that he attended before the County Council and obtained permission to examine into the books of the County Council of which the Demand made on this Urban Council forms part; The Secretary of the County Council admitted having charged both Wicklow and Bray with the cost of Elections in the Rural Districts, but that we would be allowed for it in the next Demand Note: =

(Estimate of Expenditure)
County at Large

				£	s	d
First Half Year: =				6978	2	3
Second Ditto:- Salaries and Superannuation	965	16	4			
" County Infirmary	345	19	8			
" Rest of County at Large	4776	11	4	6088	7	4
" Contingencies	300	"	"			
" Bringing Act into operation	350	"	"			
" Clerks	366	"	"			
" Printing	1000	"	"			
" Court House Repairs	150	"	"			
" Election Expenses	965	3	10	3131	3	10
				16197	13	5
(Deduct)						
Casual Receipts (in the benefits of which Urban Districts participate)				324	2	6
				£15873	10	11

Proportion:	Wicklow Urban	£358	6	0
"	Bray Urban	1461	8	6
"	Rural Districts	14053	16	5
		£15873	10	11

Election Expenses	£965	3	10
Returned	260	5	1
	£704	18	9

(Union Charges)

Maintenance and Clothing	3058	10	6			
Out door Relief	1879	15	5			
Establishment	1678	16	6			
Workhouse Burials	4	14	3			
Maintenance in extra Institutions	16	10	8			
Law Expenses	45	19	"			
Medical Charities	1602	13	7			
Registration	60	9	9			
National Teachers	605	9	3			
Superannuation and retiring allowances	23	6	8			
Repayment Loans	25	6	"			
Other Expenditure	252	2	3	9353	13	10
Cr. from various sources				507	11	1
				£8746	2	9

Proposed by Frank McHail, seconded by William Darragh and resolved
"That a copy of the particulars contained in the County Council
"Demand as now submitted be forwarded to the Local Govern-
"-ment Board requesting them to define what are County at
"Large and Union Charges; and to state if the several Sums
"mentioned in the Demand are properly chargeable to Wicklow
"Urban District, Especially the item charged for temporary
"Clerks required by the County Council for making out
"Rate Books, Demand Notes etc for Rural Districts;
"this Urban Council having themselves to bear the Expense
"of preparing Rate Books and Demand Notes etc for the
"Urban District; The Board will kindly generally advise
"in the matter" =

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Proposed by Nicholas A Haskins, seconded by E. M. Collins and resolved
"That a cheque be drawn in favour of the Wicklow County
"Council for the Sum of £442 . 4 . 8 being first moiety
"of Demand by County Council for year ended 31st March 1900:=

To the Wicklow Urban District Council

23rd March 1900

The Community of the Dominican Convent, Wicklow
beg to tender grateful thanks for Kind sympathy on the
death of their beloved and much regretted Mother Ursula,
whose loss will long be felt by all who had the happiness
of Knowing her, especially her devoted and sorrowing Community:=

The Hibernian Bank, Wicklow
21st day of March 1900

Francis W MacNeill Esq
Town Clerk, Wicklow: =

Dear Sir

I have this day received orders with reference
to the Accounts of the Urban District Council that after the 31st
Instant no overdraft must be allowed without the consent of
the Local Government Board being obtained beforehand, such
Consent to include authorisation of payment of interest on
the overdraft so sanctioned: = Kindly bring this matter
under the immediate notice of the Commissioners with a view
to having the Accounts worked strictly in order and oblige

Yours faithfully
W. O'Shaughnessy

No 13093: 1900
Rathdrum Rural District

Local Government Board
Dublin 20th March 1900

Sir

I am directed by the Local Government Board for Ireland
to inform the Wicklow Urban District Council that they have
received the Report of their Inspector, Mr A. Bourke on the
Inquiry held on the 8th ultimo into the application of the
Rathdrum Rural District Council for a provisional
Order constituting an United District for the purpose of

providing a Burial Ground for the District of Wicklow, and I
am to state that the Board have directed their Solicitor to
instruct Counsel to prepare a Draft Provisional Order constituting
the Urban District of Wicklow and the Rural portion of the Wicklow
Electoral Division of the Rathdrum Rural District an United
District for the purpose of providing such Burial Grounds,
and making provision for the representation of the respective
Councils on the Joint Board in the manner suggested by Mr
Bourke and agreed upon at the Inquiry, viz: The Chairman
of Each Council and seven (7) Members from the Urban Council
and six (6) Members from the Rathdrum Rural District Council.

I am Sir &c
D. J. MacSheahan
asst Secretary: =

To
The Clerk, Urban District Council
Wicklow =

No 9509: 1900
Wicklow Urban District

Local Government Board
Dublin 21st March 1900

Sir

With reference to the minutes of the proceedings of the
Wicklow Urban District Council of the 5th February last
on the subject, I am directed by the Local Government
Board for Ireland to request that they may be informed
whether the notice of motion relative to the Salary of the
Town Clerk as Registrar of Stock has yet been considered by the
Urban District Council: =

I am Sir &c
D. J. MacSheahan
asst Secretary: =

To
The Clerk of the Wicklow Urban District Council: =

The Town Clerk stated that in answer to Local Government
Boards letter he had supplied them with an extract
of the proceedings in relation thereto from the Minute
Book: =

Read letter from Collis & Ward acknowledging on behalf of Mr
Luscombe cheque for £350 and asking when balance of interest

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and principal will be paid :=

No 17151 : 1900
Wicklow Urban District

Local Government Board
Dublin 22nd March 1900

Sir

I am directed by the Local Government Board for Ireland to forward herewith, for the information of the Council of the Wicklow Urban District, a copy of the Report of the Auditor, Mr C. Pelly, on his audit of the Accounts of the Town Commissioners of Wicklow for the period ended 31st March 1899, together with his Report on the Audit of their Accounts for the period ended 30th September 1899, with Abstracts of the Accounts showing the receipts and Expenditure under the several heads for the periods mentioned :=

I am Sir &c
D. J. MacSheahan
Assist Secretary

The Clerk of the Council
of the Wicklow Urban District

(Copy)

No 17.157 : 1900
Wicklow Urban District

Rathdrum
18th March 1900

Gentlemen,

I beg leave to report that I have audited the Accounts of the Town Commissioners of Wicklow for the period ended 31st March 1899; and in continuation thereof I have also audited the Accounts of the Urban Council for the further period ended 30th September last and Abstracts thereof in the prescribed form, are herewith transmitted :=

The total Sum received since the previous audit, as shown in the Abstracts, was regularly accounted for and the disbursements under the various heads of service, were properly authorised and duly vouched :=

It is satisfactory to be able to say that the collection of the Corporate Rents, and also the Rates, continue to be satisfactorily maintained a state of things for which the Officers responsible therefor deserve favourable mention

The Accounts of the Urban Council and the several documents connected with them continue to be submitted for audit in a highly satisfactory way and in a manner too,

which affords me the greatest possible satisfaction :=

I have the honour to be
Gentlemen
Your Obedient Servant
C. Pelly.

The Local Government Board
&c &c

Proposed by Nicholas A Haskins, seconded by William Darragh and resolved
"That the Abstracts be published in the three local papers the
"cost not to Exceed £2 . 2/- each paper and that 25
"copies of the Abstracts be printed for the Council with the
"Auditor's Report thereon" =

Proposed by Frank McHail, seconded by Nicholas A Haskins and resolved
"That 500 copies of letter paper be ordered from the "Star
"Office" conditionally that their price is practically Equal
"to the price named in Tender of Brunne & Nolan and
"that we give authority to our Town Clerk to obtain 500
"copies Treasurers authority for making payments
"Special form and 500 paying Order Special form
"from Brunn & Nolan's at prices quoted" : =

Proposed by Frank McHail, seconded by William Darragh and resolved
"That the Town Clerk request the Local Government Board
"to inform the Urban Council whether a Member who failed
"through Sickness to take the statutory Declaration within
"the prescribed period, can be co-opted without fine, a
"Member of the Council; that at present there are no Bye
"Laws on the subject in Existence in the Urban District
"and that the Council propose to frame Bye Laws in due
"course."

Patrick Dalton, Chairman
2nd April 1900

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Town Hall Wicklow
2nd April 1900

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

Members present : Mr Patrick Padin, Chairman in the Chair
Messrs James J McGrail, Peter O'Brien, David H Hawkins,
William Darragh, Edward Kennedy, Thomas Gregory, Charles
Dario, Peter Doolittle, Joseph McCarroll, Nicholas H. Hawkins,

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 Committees Report : =
2 = To consider Town Surveyors Report : =
3 = To elect by ballot one Councillor to be an ex Officio Commissioner for carrying into Effect the Wicklow Harbour Act 1851, and the Acts incorporated therewith in the room of Mr Edward M. Collins resigned : =
4 = To Co-opt a Councillor in the room of Mr Mathew McDonald, provided a reply to resolution be received from Local Government Board : =
5 = To consider Sanitary Officers Report : =
6 = To consider Waterworks Overseers Report : =
7 = To consider Miscellaneous Correspondence : =
8 = To consider Agents Report : =
9 = To consider Tender for cleaning Streets : =

Town Hall Wicklow
30th March 1900

Your Finance Committee met this evening and checked over Accounts, Books and Vouchers and found that during the month there was lodged to your credit the following sums : =

Mr William Desaix	Agent	£ 115 . 16 . 2
" Francis H MacNeill	Town Clerk	5 . 10 . 1
" Michael Doyle	Local Rate	165 . 17 . 10
" Local Government Board :	Recoupment in aid of Sanitary Officers Salaries	16 . 5 . 0
" Same	Probate Estate Duty Grant	69 . 9 . 8
Her Majesty's Treasury	Bounty in lieu of Rates	47 . 10 . 5
	Total	£ 420 . 8 . 7

Giving a Cr Balance of £ 266 . 12 . 6

We recommend the following payments

Francis H MacNeill	One months Salary	£ 9 . 3 . 4
Same	Wages Account	6 . 2 . 1
William Desaix,	Agents Fees on £ 537 . 16 Rents collected & lodged receipt stamps &c	29 . 13 . 3
Mrs Fanning	One months Salary	4 . 3 . 4
Michael Doyle	Do Do	4 . 11 . 8
Edward O'Connor	Do Do	5 . 0 . 0
Denis Brien	Tender cleaning Streets &c	4 . 0 . 0
Same	Contract spreading and carting Manure on to Grass Lands	2 . 10 . 0
P. F. Comber,	Balance of Engineers Fees	1 . 1 . 0
Thos Pollettis	Insurance on Town Hall	1 . 0 . 0
Irish Land Commission	3rd Rent Charge	3 . 10 . 9
School Attendance	Committees Expenses to 31st March	11 . 11 . 0
William Carroll	Contract building wall at Bath's	3 . 5 . 0
Messrs A & D. Main	Account of wedges &c	" 9 . 8
William White	Smith Work	4 . 10 . 8
Glenfield Co	Amount of Account pipes Valves & filter plates &c	19 . 2 . 7
Edward O'Connor,	Erecting Shed, hire of Boat &c	5 . 0 . 0
		£ 118 . 14 . 4

With regard to Town Road Account we find a debit balance of £ 94 . 10 . 5 and we recommend that a cheque be drawn for same and lodged to credit of said Account : =

We have examined Town Rate Collectors weekly balance Sheet and found that the amount of Town Rate collected

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up to date to be £645.16.4 leaving the Sum of £264.1.4 uncollected:= We have also examined Local Rate Collectors Book and found that the sum of £701.10.9 has been collected and lodged leaving the Sum of £58.10.7 uncollected to date:=

In accordance with the Local Government Board's Order made in pursuance to Section 116 of the Local Government (Ireland) Act 1898 awarding your Town Clerk £25 per annum for increased duties, we recommend that same be paid:= We are pleased to report that the Government have increased their recompment towards Sanitary Officers Salaries from £9.15.10 to £32.10- per annum of which sum £16.5.0 has been lodged in Bank to your credit, we also observe that a new income has been created by the new Act under which we have received as Probate Estate Duty grant a sum of £69.9.1 and also an increase of about £32 Bounty in lieu of Rates making a total increase of £112.16.2:=

Signed Patrick Tadin Chairman
Peter O'Brien Vice Chairman
Frank McPhail Councillor

(Resolution)

Proposed by Peter O'Brien, seconded by Thomas Gregory and resolved:= "That the Report of the Finance Committee be "Confirmed and adopted"=

Fitzwilliam Square, Wicklow,
2nd April 1900

To the Chairman
& Members of Wicklow Urban District Council

Gentlemen

I beg to submit your report of my collection of Poor Rate in Wicklow Urban District:=

During the last nine weeks as will be seen by the Official report I have collected and lodged in Bank to the credit of Poor Rate Account the Sum of £731.15.11

Of the outstanding balance there is over £50 Rates on levelled and unoccupied houses:= I have been promised sums of money for the 1st and 2nd weeks of April, and I was obliged to refuse money which arrived after my last lodgement and my books being closed as it was illegal for me to receive same:= I did my utmost to have the full amount collected but in consequence of the very unsatisfactory and complicated State of the books and the shortness of time I previously reported, I was unable to accomplish my desire:=

I further beg to notify you that having another appointment I am unable to give the collection the necessary time it requires, and consequently have decided, on tendering you my resignation:= Thanking you for past favours in my behalf

I beg to remain Mr Chairman & Gentlemen
Your Obedient Servant
Denis Rooney:=

(Resolution)

Proposed by Peter O'Brien, seconded by William Darragh & resolved "That the instruction of the Local Government Board "be asked in the case of the Rate Collector":

(Resolution)

Proposed by Peter O'Brien, seconded by David H. Haskins and resolved:=
"That our Town Clerk be hereby directed to make applica-
"-tion to the County Council for the particulars of their
"Estimate and demand required for the ensuing twelve
"in order that the Poor Rate may be struck within the
"prescribed time, further, we beg to inform the County
"Council that owing to the late period (28th Nov 1899)
"on which we received their last demand we were
"unable to collect in all the Rate, hence we have £179.
"9/9 arrears, which cannot be collected until the new
"demand notes are issued, The County Council must
"therefore see the all importance of complying immediately
"with our request:=

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(Resolution)

Proposed by David H Haskins, seconded by Charles Davis and resolved:=

"That the Local Government Boards attention be drawn to "the resolution of the County Council authorising opposition "to a bill in Parliament to oppose a light railway in "Enniskerry, and apportioning the cost of same on the "County at Large without any notice whatever to this "Urban Council, who will ultimately have to bear a "portion of the cost, this Council should therefore have "had notice of their intention to make it a County at Large "charge":=

Local Government Board
Dublin 31st March 1900

No 18910 : 1900
Wicklow Urban District

Sir

With reference to your letter of the 26th Inst and enclosure on the subject of non-acceptance of Office by a Member of the Wicklow Urban District Council within the prescribed time, I am directed by the Local Government Board for Ireland to state that it is provided by article 9 (2) of the Schedule to the Local Government (Application of Enactments) Order 1898, that if there is no Bye Law determining fines, the fine for non acceptance of Office within the prescribed time in the case of an Urban District Councillor shall be £25, and article 9 (4) provides that a fine payable under this Article shall be recoverable on conviction before a Court of Summary jurisdiction. Nothing in the Article however, renders a person elected or chosen without his consent to his nomination being previously obtained liable to pay a fine on non acceptance of Office. The persons exempt under this section are:-(a) any person disabled by lunacy or imbecility of mind, or by deafness, blindness, or other permanent infirmity of body, and (B) any person who being above the age of 65 years, or having within five years before the day of his Election either served the Office or paid the fine for non acceptance thereof, claims exemption within five days after notice of his Election:

I am &c
Francis W. MacNeill:= A. M. Swaine = Sec =

It was decided not to co opt a Councillor in the room of Mr Matthew McDonald pending the adoption of a code of Bye Laws=

Dublin & Wicklow Manure Co
Wicklow April 2nd 1900

Dear Mr McNeill,

I regret business in Dublin prevents my attending the Urban District Council today, on the agenda I see that owing to Mr Collins resignation another member of the Harbour Board is required:- I should have liked to have had the pleasure of proposing Captain Darragh, who so kindly retired in my favour on the last occasion and hope he may be elected unanimously

Will you please express my regret and oblige

Yours truly
John Worthington =

(Resolution)

Proposed by Joseph McCarroll, seconded by Nicholas H. Haskins and unanimously resolved:=

"That Captain William Darragh be hereby elected a "Member of the Wicklow Harbour Board in the room of "Mr Edward M Collins resigned:=

Wicklow 2nd April 1900

To the Chairman and Council of the Wicklow Urban District assembled at their Monthly Meeting in April 1900

Gentlemen

I beg to report that I have inspected the front wall of the building on the Mall, forming part of an old Corn Stores, and I consider it to be in a ruinous state, and dangerous to passengers:= I would recommend that notice be served on the owner to take down the said wall, and so much of the building as shall be requisite, for the safety of the public: I would also suggest that similar steps be taken with regard to a wall in High Street, enclosing Mr Pitts ground, which overhangs the footpath and is in danger of falling:=

With reference to the state of the Murrough

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Sewer, it will be necessary for the Council to purchase a set of Sewer cleansing rods and Scrapers, to clean out the pipes - Some time ago a brush was supplied for this purpose, but owing to a stoppage in the Sewer it could not be used, as the pipes must first be freed from the obstruction : =

I am Gentlemen &c
John Pansing
Town Surveyor

(Resolution)

Proposed by David H Haskins, Seconded by Thomas Fegan and resolved
"That the Town Surveyors Report be referred to the Managing
"Committee, Mr Pansing to obtain Estimates for Sewer
"cleansing rods, Committee to have full power to deal with
"the matters contained in the Town Surveyors Report : =

(Resolution)

Proposed by Thomas Fegan, Seconded by William Darragh and resolved : =
"That our Town Surveyor be asked to inspect Castle
"Street and neighbourhood with a view to have
"some improvements made" =

Wicklow 2nd April 1900

Gentlemen

I respectfully beg to report that during the past month the public lighting of the Town was well maintained : Your Town bleed had the three gas lamps leading to the Roman Catholic Church lighted during the Exempted period in consequence of the large Congregation attending the Mission as the steps leading to and from the Church badly needed light : = The Street cleaner was careful and attentive to his business : = I made usual Sanitary inspections visiting over ninety premises and served six notices under the Public Health Act for Sanitary requirements : = I had repairs done to six drains and water Channels : = During this month it will be necessary to have the public seats and bathing

boxes painted and put in order, also the public promenade cleaned up for the approaching Summer, Kindly make an Order on those subjects : The Medical Officers attention has been directed to some Sanitary subjects : =

I am Gentlemen &c
Michael Doyle Sub San Officer

(Resolution)

Proposed by Peter O'Brien, seconded by Nicholas H Haskins & resolved
"That the Report of the Sub Sanitary Officer be referred to
"the Managing Committee giving them power to deal with it"

Read Waterworks Overseers Report Showing the reservoir is one inch below the top of woodwork and Examination works done during the month, he also recommends grass seeds to be Sown on the fresh Soil round the reservoir =

(Resolution)

Proposed by David H Haskins, Seconded by Peter O'Brien and resolved
"That the Waterworks Overseers Report be referred to the
"Managing Committee giving them power to deal with
"Same

(Resolution)

Proposed by Nicholas H Haskins, Seconded by Edward Kennedy and resolved : =
"That the Waterworks Inspector make an inspection
"at night during the months of April and report to
"the cases of waste of water, also that the Caretaker
"report in his book as heretofore" =

Local Government Board
Dublin 27th March 1900

No 50 M : 1900
Miscellaneous
Sir

I am directed by the Local Government Board for Ireland to forward to you the enclosed negotiable receipt for the recompense claimed in respect of Sanitary Salaries

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paid by the Wicklow Urban District Council during the half year Ended in September last, and at the same time to call your attention to the fact that you failed to make claim for recoupment in respect of a portion of the Salary of the Medical Officer of Health who acts in the Urban District:=

The full Salary of this Officer was formerly paid by the Board of Guardians, but under Section 85 (4) of the Local Government (Ireland) Act 1898, it is now payable partly by the Council of the Urban District, and partly by the Council of the Rural District:=

On the basis of Valuation the portion for which the former is liable since the 1st of April 1899 is £7= per annum; and a claim can be made in the next Statement for recoupment in respect of this sum provided it shall have been paid in the meantime

Town Sec'y &c
M. Keane
Secretary =

The Executive Sanitary Officer
Wicklow =

Resolved = That our Town Clerk be directed to write to the Local Government Board and fully explain the matter contained in their letter of the 27th Ultimo:=

Read letter from Local Government Board No 17962: 1900 and dated 27th March 1900 forwarding copy of a letter addressed to the Rathdrum Rural District Council relating to the proposed Provisional Order constituting a joint Board for the purpose of maintaining also the Cemetery at Wicklow

Read letter from General Valuation Office stating the time for appealing against the revised Valuation Lists has now Expired and requesting that such appeals (if any) may be forwarded without delay:=

The Town Clerk stated he had written to the Commissioners of Valuation stating that no appeals had been lodged:=

Read an Order in Council made in pursuance of article 45 (2) of Regulations as to the issue of stock, dated 27th March 1900

Read a letter from Mrs Samuel E. Finn requesting payment for work done at Convent Road:=

Resolved: That Mrs Finns Account be gone into at our next Finance Meeting and report to the Board:=

Read letter from Mr Charles Kavanagh requesting the Council to settle with regard to the lease of his premises:=

(Resolution)

Proposed by William Darragh, seconded by Thomas Gregory and resolved
"That our Town Clerk be hereby directed to write to Messrs
"Tormey &Co asking them to make a reduction in the cost
"of Messrs Kavanagh and Carroll's Leases owing to the
"circumstances in connection therewith"

Read an application from Miss Nannie Kehoe seeking a reduction in the rent of the Field lately held by her deceased Father owing to a large portion of same been taken off for building purposes:=

(Resolution)

Proposed by David H Haskins, seconded by Peter O'Brien and resolved:=
"That Miss Kehoe's application be referred to the Managing
"Committee with power to act in the matter"

Read a second letter from Miss Kehoe in relation to the demand for Poor Rate on said field same being always paid by the Council owing to the field being only a temporary letting:=

Resolved:= That Miss Kehoe's second application be considered by the Managing Committee in conjunction with

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the rent of her field :=

Wicklow 2nd April 1900

To the Chairman
& Urban District Council of Wicklow

Gentlemen

I respectfully beg to bring under your notice again the desirability of your body as the Landlord's purchasing the interest in the Farm at Dunbur lately held by Edward O'Connor Deceased :— As I fear the subject was not thoroughly understood, nor sufficiently debated at your last Board Meeting, I beg to tender my present report.

In the first place it is the duty of your Board as the representatives of the Ratepayers to guard their interest in every possible manner, and this purchase by the profit arising therefrom will reduce the present Rate by three half pence in the pound, and would therefore I conclude be almost imperative on you to do so :— In the second place the holding is at present an Agricultural Holding a small portion of it on Lease, I think for the general benefit of the Ratepayers requiring suitable sized portions of land as Town Parks at a fair rent, you would by that procedure be conferring a lasting benefit on persons of that class and do away with monopoly and also a farm under the meaning of the Land Act :— I will now endeavour, to make clear my former Statement that by your purchasing you could save three half pence in the Rates ! The present Farm consists of two parts one of 40 acres and the other of 5 acres let at £21 . 17 . 0 per annum, but as Town Parks most of the Land would be worth from three to four pounds per acre and should produce the following rent :

The Leased portion of 5 acres say £17 and of the remaining 40 acres, half of which is practically useless but could be made productive, I will say 20 acres could be let at £50 making together the yearly sum of £67 . 0 . 0 from which must be deducted £21 . 17 . 10 for rent and £4 . 18 . 5 taxes, leaving a net yearly profit of £40 . 4 . 9 ! =

As every £24 . 8 . 6 saved means one penny off the Rates, therefore by this scheme you could without debt be able to reduce the Rates by 1½d in the pound ! =

I beg to draw your particular attention to the fact

that you would not by this purchase hurt the feelings of the most susceptible person, as it is to administer the Estate of the Deceased where the next of Kin are beneficially concerned and whose interests as Landlords I feel sure you will uphold

I am informed by the Solicitor having carriage of the Sale, that the consent of the County Court Judge has been granted to receive private offers for this holding, proving conclusively that the public offer has not been accepted :=

I am Sir Chairman & Gentlemen
Your Obd Servant
William Desais

(Resolution)

Proposed by David A Haskins seconded by Peter Doolittle & resolved
"That Denis Briens Tender for L & A cleaning Streets,
"Catch pits and urinals be accepted on the usual Conditions

(Notice of Motion)

Take notice that I will bring forward at a special meeting the advisability of purchasing Edward Bunnors Farm by doing same you will save the rates 1½ d in the pound
2/4/1900 William Darragh =

(Notice of Motion)

That no charge be made for water which I will move at the May Meeting ! =
2/4/1900 Peter O'Brien =

(Notice of Motion)

That I will move or some other Member on my behalf at our next meeting to have a Bye Law Established in pursuance to application of Enactment Order sec 9 (1) and that the fine be fixed for same
2/4/1900 = Joseph McCarroll

Patrick Parks. Chairman
7. May 1900.

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Town Hall Wicklow
12th April 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 Frank McPhail, Peter Doolittle, David A Haskins, Nicholas A Haskins, Joseph McCarroll, Peter O'Brien and Edward Kennedy: =
To transact the following business: =

No 1. To consider urgent and important Correspondence: =
2. To consider the advisability of purchasing the late Edward Connors Farm at Dunbur: =
3. To consider Statement and Estimate of Poor Rate for half year ended 30th September 1900: =
4. To consider Statement and Estimate of Local Rate for same period: =
5. To establish a "Bye Law," in pursuance of Enactment Order, sec 9 (1) with regard to disqualification or resignation of Councillors and to fix a fine for same: =

Members present Wm Patrick Paddy Chairman in the Chair = Messrs Peter O'Brien, Joseph McCarroll, Garrett Byrne, Edward M. Collins & Thomas Greyney.

No 20.542: 1900

Local Government Board
Dublin 9th April 1900

Sir

I am directed by the Local Government Board for Ireland to acknowledge the receipt of your letter of the 3rd Instant, and, with reference thereto, I am to refer you to the terms of Section 28 of the Local Government (Ireland) Act 1898, and to state that the duty of determining the question of irrecoverable rates devolves on the Urban District Council: =

As regards your further inquiry, I am to draw attention to article 10 of the Urban (Poor Rate Collectors) Order, 1899, and to state that the Board are not aware of any reason why the resignation of Mr Rooney

as Poor Rate Collector in the Urban District of Wicklow should not be accepted by the Urban District Council, His Bond, however, should not be given up until he has satisfactorily accounted for the outstanding rates: =

I am &c
H. W. Swaine
Secretary

To
The Clerk
Wicklow Urban District Council

(Resolution)

Proposed by Joseph McCarroll, Seconded by Peter O'Brien and resolved
"That Mr Denis Rooney, be re-handed the Books for the
"purpose of collecting in the outstanding Rates, and to
"account for same, from time to time as heretofore, Mr
"Rooney to be given until 7th May proximo to close Poor
"Rate Account: =

(Resolution)

Proposed by Joseph McCarroll, Seconded by Peter O'Brien & resolved
"That this meeting stand adjourned to Monday
"Evening next 16th Instant at Seven o'clock pm" =

Patrick Paddy. Chairman
7 May 1900

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Town Hall Wicklow
18th April 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 Patrick Nadin, Peter O'Brien, Frank McGrail, Christopher Murray, Edward M. Collins and James J McGrail; To transact the following business: —

No 1 To consider important correspondence: —
2 To consider the advisability of purchasing the late Edward Connor's Farm at Dunbur: —
3 To consider Statement and Estimate of Poor Rate for half year Ending 30th September 1900: —
4 To consider Statement and Estimate of Local Rate for year Ending 31st March 1901: —
5 To Establish a "Bye Law" in pursuance to Local Government Enactment Order sec 9 (1) with regard to disqualification or resignation of Councillors and to fix a Fine for same

Members present Mr Peter O'Brien Vice Chairman in the Chair, Messrs Thomas Gregory, Frank McGrail, Nicholas H Haskins, Charles Davis, David H. Haskins, and John Northing: —

Fitzwilliam Square Wicklow
April 18th 1900

To the Chairman
& Members of Wicklow Urban Council

Gentlemen

I beg to inform you that I have duly considered my resignation as Poor Rate Collector of your district and have decided on confirming same. — Thanking you for the time given me for same:

I beg to remain &c
Denis Kearney

(Resolution)

Proposed by David H Haskins, seconded by Thomas Gregory and resolved "That we advertise for a collector of Poor Rate, security and "remuneration to be the same as late Collector, applications "to be considered at our next monthly meeting" —

Read Local Government Board letter No 14914: 1900 on the result of the Inquiry held in Dublin with regard to the application of the Dublin Corporation to become Port Sanitary Authority for the Customs Port of Dublin and in relation thereto the following has been the area fixed; "From the northern Extremity of the North Dublin Union proceeding along the Coast to the Baily Lighthouse and thence Straight across the Bay to the point in the Sea Coast where the Urban District of Kingstown terminates at its Southern Extremity" —

The Local Government Board have decided to form a joint-Board comprising of the following

Dublin County Borough	14	Members
North Dublin Rural District	2	"
Clontarf Urban District	1	"
Pembroke Urban District	2	"
Blackrock Urban District	1	"
Kingstown Urban District	2	"

The Board have accordingly given directions for the issue of a Provisional Order in pursuance of Section 9 sub sec 2 of the Act of 1896 constituting a joint-Board on the lines indicated, both as regards Contributions and representation: —

Read letter from Local Government Board No 20656: 1900 respecting the payment of the Salary of Dr Halpin who acts as Medical Officer of Health in the Urban District of Wicklow and to state that they have addressed the Rural District Council of Rathdrum on the Subject:

Read letter from Local Government Board No 20665 on the subject of the resolution with regard to the County Councils action in opposing the Bray and Enniskerry light Railway bill and apportioning the cost of same on the County at Large — The Board desire to state that County Councils are granted by Sec 17 of the Local Government (Ireland) Act 1898 powers of opposing bills in Parliament and no approval of the Urban Council is required: —

Read letter from Mr Daniel Byrne requesting to know if the Council intend to have the Excavations on the Marsh filled up in accordance with Councillor McCavorells promise to the Honorable Vereker R.V. Board of Trade:

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No 5226

Board of Trade (Harbour Department)
7 Whitehall Gardens London
9 April 1900

Sir

With reference to previous correspondence upon the subject of the removal of materials from certain beach at Wicklow and to Captain Vereker's visit to the site in February last, I am directed by the Board of Trade to state that they are advised that no materials should be removed from the beach within a distance of 75 feet from the house occupied by Mr Daniel Byrne: — The Board will be glad to learn that the Urban District Council will take steps to have this limit observed:

I am &c
P.H.W. Pelham

The Clerk
To the Urban District Council
Wicklow:

Resolved: That the Board of Trade letter together with Mr Daniel Byrne's on same subject be referred to the Managing Committee" —

No 18.927

Local Government Board
Dublin 2nd April 1900

Sir

I am directed by the Local Government Board for Ireland to acknowledge the receipt of your letter of the 26th ultimo transmitting a copy of a resolution adopted by the Urban District Council of Wicklow relative to the Demand made upon them by the County Council; and I am to state that the Subject referred to is Engaging the attention of the Board and that pending their decision the Urban Council should pay the amount demanded by the County Council and that any necessary rectifications can be made at a subsequent date:

By Order of the Board
R. W. Barlas

The Clerk to the
Urban District Council
Wicklow: —

The Clerk stated that he had informed the Local Government Board that a payment had been made to the County Council for half their Demand: —

Read letter from Local Government Board acknowledging receipt of letter re Stock —

Read letter from Messrs T. K. Toomey & Co requesting payment of their taxed bill of Costs amounting to £69. 18. 6 which was referred to next Finance Committee Meeting: —

Read a further letter from Messrs Toomey & Co stating that they will accept £2-2- and stamp duty for Kavanagh and Carroll Leases on account of the special circumstances stated: —

Read letter from Mr Frank Brooke on the subject of improvements in Church Street and stating that Mr Tansing has arranged with Mr William Spearce to let me have a tracing when he will write further in the matter: —

Read letter from deputation re the subject of Irish Railways and Canals and requesting the Council to adopt the following resolution which the Council acceded to —

(Resolution)

Proposed by John Northing, seconded by David H Haskins and resolved: —

"That we respectfully urge upon His Excellency the Lord
"Lieutenant the necessity for the appointment, with as
"little delay as possible, of a Vice Regal Commission, to
"inquire into and report upon the existing unsatisfactory
"condition of Railway and Canal communication in
"Ireland, and upon its injurious Effects upon the trade
"and agricultural interests in the Country. And that
"your Excellency may be pleased to appoint an early
"day for the reception of a Deputation upon the above
"subject": —

Read a letter from Inspector of Factories with regard to unsanitary premises" —

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Estimate of

Annual estimate and Demand by County Council
Ending 31st day

Revenue

In respect of:= Poor Rate at 1/8d in the £

First-half year Ending 30th September 1900

			£	s.	d.
County Charges	at 5·78 in	£	150	16	9
Union Charges	" 11·24	"	292	18	5
Separate Charges viz					
Wicklow Harbour Loan	" 1·82	"	47	8	9
Arklow Harbour Loan	" 1·16	"	16	10	3
		£	507	14	2

Balance to be collected Second half year 507. 14. 3

Total £ 1015. 8. 5

Poor Rate

on Wicklow Urban District Council for Ensuing Financial Year of March 1901

Expenditure

By Amount of Demand by County Council
In respect of:=

	£	s.	d.
County Charges	273	2	9
Union Charges	425	9	8
Local Government Board adjustment Order	116	14	2
Wicklow Harbour Loan	92	10	2
Arklow Harbour Loan	32	4	"
Irrecoverable Rates from last collection In respect of: County Charges £21 / Union Charges 29	50	"	"
Cost of collection of Rate	25	7	8
Total £	1015	8	5

(Resolution)

Proposed by David A Hoskins, Seconded by Frank McPhail and resolved
"That we the Wicklow Urban District Council having considered
"Estimate and Statement of Poor Rate as submitted for the
"period Ending 30th September 1900 viz County Charges 5·78,
"Union Charges 11·24 Separate Charges viz Wicklow Harbour
"Loan 1·82 Arklow Harbour Loan 1·16 making a total
"Rate of One Shilling and Eight-pence in the Pound,
"be hereby adopted, and that Notice of intention to
"make such Rate at our next monthly meeting
"7th day of May 1900 be published as required by Law"

Patrick Darby Chairman
7 May 1900

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