

(3) of a breastwork or rubble stone and concrete extending for the same length of about 4,000 feet and forming a sloping sea wall. At the time of the Board of Works' inspection in August 1912 the action of the sea had caused very considerable erosion in the angle between the new groyne and the beach to the west of it. The large concrete blocks deposited there for protection purposes under the scheme had been torn down and sunk far below the original level through the cutting out of the shingle below them, so as to afford little protection to the beach or breast work behind them. The Commissioners of Public Works now report that the erosion which had taken place in August 1912 has made some further progress since that date, and that it is probable the work for which the Wicklow Harbour Commissioners estimated that £5,000 would be required in 1912 would now require a somewhat larger sum. They, however, consider it clear that no danger to the Harbour properly so called is to be anticipated from the erosion which is taking place, nor is any danger to life in the town to be apprehended. Should the erosion continue unchecked it is probable that the walls at the end of the gardens behind the houses in the Strand Street will be undermined, and the gardens themselves damaged, but the damage to property would probably not be very large. The Commissioners point out that coast erosion of a serious nature is occurring at the place which the works completed in 1903 were intended to protect, and that the Wicklow Harbour and Town Authorities would act prudently in taking measures to check it, but they do not consider that it is a case of sudden emergency requiring hasty action.

Yours faithfully,

J. P. Le Fanu

Captain Donelan

Read letter from Mr A. G. Reid Manager, D.S. & C. Railway Co acknowledging receipt of copy of Board of Works Report to Mr Binell -

Read letter from Captain Donelan dated 6<sup>th</sup> Inst acknowledging receipt of the Council's letter of 5<sup>th</sup> Inst enclosing copy of Mr Shannon's Report re state of foreshore and stating that he had seen Mr Binell relative to suggested visit to Wicklow and that he told him he would gladly pay a visit, but that it would not be possible before October

Resolution

Proposed by Joseph McCarroll, Seconded by Frank McShail & resolved  
 "That a strong communication be written to Captain Donelan expressing deep regret that Mr Binell cannot visit Wicklow before October, and urge on Mr Binell the necessity of giving a grant so that protection works may be begun before the storms ruin the town and property =

Old Bank Chambers  
 Keshley Aug<sup>25</sup> 5<sup>th</sup> 1913

The Clerk

Wicklow Urban District-Council.

Dear Sir,

Re J. J. Mc Vann & Co Ltd, Whiticastle Mills

The above Company have gone into voluntary liquidation and I have been appointed Liquidator to wind up the same.

I find that the Company have two Leases from the Wicklow Urban District-Council for 200 and 75 years respectively, the rents being £3 per year in the first case and £7.10 in the second case, a total of £10.10 per year, and my object in writing to you is to ask on what terms you are prepared to agree to a surrender of the Leases, as it is necessary for me to dispose of these Leases in order to wind up the

affairs of the Company. In going into voluntary liquidation the Company have taken the only possible course open to them, as their experience has proved without doubt that to continue to trade at a profit is impossible. The chief reason for the non-success of the venture is that being isolated from the centre of the Industry, they have to import their raw material from the wool combers in the Bradford district, and after spinning it they have to send it to Bradford or District to dye, and the loss of time and the expense involved make it impossible to compete against Spinners who have all these processes at hand. The only method of introducing spinning into Ireland with a prospect of success would be to put down a large modern factory where you could buy the wool in fleeces, sort it, wash it, card it, comb it, and spin it and if possible weave it, and to do this would require £40,000. Even then you would be at a disadvantage as there are no factories at hand who could take the coarser portions of the fleece and the waste and the wool for the manufacture of blankets, carpets, and other goods to whom these residuals are necessary. The McVann family have all given up excellent positions and prospects and put every penny of their life savings into this attempt to establish the spinning Industry in Wicklow, and while they have been there they have worked like men (who have their all at stake) only can work, and for small wages just sufficient for their maintenance. Mrs Clegg a friend of theirs a Widow with a small income, mortgaged her estate to help to produce capital (£1500) and now that the attempt has proved abortive the only course is to try and save as much from the wreck as possible.

The Creditors amounting to £3000 have been paid in full and the only losers will be the Shareholders and I shall be glad if you can see your way to treat us as leniently as possible in this unfortunate state of affairs.

My suggestion to you is as follows, "That I pay to you the sum of £262.10/- in consideration of which you would agree to a surrender of the Leases.

If you could see your way to fall in with my suggestion the result would be that the cash payment of £262.10.0

invested at 4% would produce you the rental of £10.10/- per year in perpetuity, and you would still have the sites which you could make use of or let when opportunity occurred. This from a financial point of view is more to your advantage than if you required us to carry out the provisions of the Leases, for in that event we should have to rebuild the premises then invest £262/10 to produce the rental or buy an annuity, and your Council would still only receive £10.10.0 per year and the rebuilt premises would still belong to the Company or its assigns to make whatever use of they thought fit so that such a course would be greatly to the disadvantage of the Shareholders and no benefit to the Council.

I think you will agree that an honest attempt has been made to establish the spinning business in your town and has failed through no fault of the Proprietors and now that the project has proved impracticable I trust you will treat the McVann family and Mrs Clegg with the greatest consideration for it is on their heads that the loss will fall and to whom the consequences will be most serious.

Awaiting an early reply

Yours faithfully  
Michael P. Cryer  
Liquidator

PS

If there is any other information you require I shall be pleased to come over and give you every particular on hearing from you.

Messrs J. J. McVann & Co  
Whitecastle Mills, Wicklow  
5<sup>th</sup> August 1913

To  
Mr. F. W. W. Phail

Dear Sir

With reference to the conversation we had re the Mill on the South Quay, I have talked the matter over with my brothers and we would be glad if the Urban Council would accept the terms offered by Mr. Cryer, the Mill with alterations

cost us practically £800. Trusting they will treat us in a fair manner.

Yours yours truly  
John T. Mc Vann

Resolution

Proposed by Frank W. Thail Sec'ded by Nicholas H. Hasling's resolution.  
"That the offer of the Liquidator of Messrs J. T. Mc Vann  
" who Limited to pay to the Urban Council the sum of  
" £262.10/- in lieu of Rents payable under their leases  
" of the Whitecastle Mills and Yard be accepted. The  
" above amount to be lodged in the name of the Liquidator  
" and the Urban Council in the Hibernian Bank, Wicklow,  
" pending the sanction of the Local Government Board to  
" the Council accepting a surrender of the leases on the  
" conditions named."

Resolution

Proposed by David H. Hasling, Sec'ded by James Dunne and reading  
"That a copy of the Liquidator's letter and the original  
" leases be forwarded to the Local Government Board  
" together with copy of resolution"

Auditors Report  
31<sup>st</sup> July 1913

I beg to report that I have audited the accounts of the Wicklow Urban District Council for the year ended 31<sup>st</sup> March last and to enclose duly certified abstracts thereof.

It is with regret that I have once more to call attention to the state of the rent collection. The arrears show an increase of some £69. Cases of individual arrears of from one to two years rent are common. Amongst others the Collector Brothers owed 2½ years rent at the close of the year and the collector himself two years while one weekly Tenant (Mitchel) was a year in arrear. The Council's attention has frequently been directed to the Collector neglect of duty and it is to be hoped that they will now take some steps, however,

lardy, to secure that the collection shall be less inefficiently carried out in future.

In the case of Bend and Strand, St. Stewes, there are old accumulated arrears amounting to £24.1.6, these seem to be irrecoverable and may be written off.

Notwithstanding repeated requests from the Council, their Solicitor has not furnished an Account for a number of years, this matter requires prompt attention.

The Rate Collections were well carried out and the Clerk performed his duties, in connection with the Audit with great care and accuracy.

Yours Sir  
Your Obedt-Servant  
William O'Ferrall, Auditor

The Secretary  
Local Government Board  
Dublin.

Order - That Auditor's Report be referred to the Finance Committee for consideration and Report. = "

Sub Sanitary Officers Report  
4<sup>th</sup> August 1913

I respectfully beg to report that during the past month I made my usual sanitary inspections visiting over 210 premises and served 10 Notices under the Public Health Acts for various sanitary purposes.

The usual disinfecting of the main drainages and washing down of Doctor steps was carried out satisfactorily and two premises disinfecting =

The Scavengers were attentive to their work and the Public Lighting of the Town commenced on 1<sup>st</sup> Instant.

During the month the lid on the overflow pipe which is erected under the Harbour Road and leading from the Blackcastle sewer has been maliciously broken, please give me authority to have it replaced.

During the month I had the Channel opposite the Convent Road Cottages cleaned, it was in

an insanitary condition from nuisances being thrown into it by the Tenants in these houses.

By directions of your Town Clerk I had six samples of water taken from public supply and forwarded to Sir Charles Cameron for analysis.

Patrick Doyle = San San Officer.

Order - "That lid on overflow pipe on Harbour Road be replaced  
" and that parties found throwing nuisance in the  
" channel opposite Adams Dwellings, Current-Road be  
" prosecuted =

Dairy Inspectors Report  
5 August 1913

I respectfully beg to report that I made my usual inspections of the Cow Sheds, Milkshops and Dairies in the Urban District and found them in good order - The handling and distribution of Milk by the licensed Cow Keepers was satisfactory.  
James Redmond - Dairy Inspector

Order - "That Dairy Inspectors Report be approved of -

Read Waterworks Overseer Report dated 4<sup>th</sup> Aug 1913 stating the water in Reservoir is 3 ft from old overflow. During the month testing mains, stained two bad leaks at Wentworth Place and one at back of Valve House - Cleaned No. 1 Filters finished work on 2<sup>nd</sup> Inst and following day let water in on clean chamber. Mr Pansy was supplied with a diagram on Saturday 3<sup>rd</sup> Inst - which showed a considerable reduction in the waste. =

Read letter from Prisoners of Conimacconvent complaining of deficient supply of water, and requesting to have more pressure put on -

Overseer examined Valve at Convent and also had the Council's stand pipe and gage put on outside of Convent - fete and found they had 56<sup>lbs</sup> pressure sufficient to give them an ample supply, the cause of the defects must be in the Convent-fittings =

Read correspondence from the Military with regard to Agreement for camping ground and water supply.

Captain Hickman wrote requesting to know what the Council are prepared to allow for water pipes and fittings =

Resolution

Proposed by David H. Haspin, Seconded by James Dunne & resolved  
" That the Military Authorities be allowed £5  
" (Five pounds) for water pipes and fittings =

Read letter from Town Tenants League requesting the Council to appoint Delegates to attend Conference during Horse Show week = (No action taken)

Resolution

Proposed by David H. Haspin, Seconded by James Dunne & resolved  
" That a Meeting of the Managing Committee be  
" convened for Monday next - 11<sup>th</sup> Inst at 7 pm

Francis Murphy  
2/9/13

Town Hall Wicklow  
2<sup>nd</sup> September 1913

The usual monthly meeting of the Wicklow Urban District Council was held this day in pursuance to notice to transact the following business: =

1. To consider Finance Business.
2. To consider Committees Reports.
3. To consider Town Surveyors Report.
4. To consider Sanitary Officers Report.
5. To consider Dairy Inspectors Report.
6. To consider Waterworks Overseers Report.
7. To consider official correspondence.
8. To elect by ballot two members on the Wicklow Harbour in the room of Messrs Francis Murphy and S. V. Delahunt who retire by rotation but are eligible for re-election

Councillors Present

Mr Francis Murphy, Chairman, in the Chair. Messrs Lawrence Byrne, James Hamilton, David H. Mackins, Matthew W. Donald, Michael John O'Brien, Francis Bland Greff, Thomas H. Willis, Frank W. Phail, James Drumm, James J. McPhail

The minutes of the previous meeting were read over and confirmed after which the business was proceeded with.

Finance Committee Report  
28<sup>th</sup> August 1913

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:

Francis W. W. Phail - All Government Hire of Camping (from)	50	"	"
Same	Balance hire of Bathing Boxes do	16	10
Arthur Boulton.	Corporate & Cottage Rents	75	5 8
Patrick Clarke.	Township Rates	118	16 8
Thomas W. Namee.	Water Supply to Court House	3	0 0
		<u>£</u>	<u>247. 19. 2</u>

giving a Cr Balance of £ 95. 8. 11

We recommend the following payments

Francis W. W. Phail - One months salary	£	11. 18. 4
Same	Workmens wages	30. 4. 0
Henry J. W. Phail	One months Salary.	2. 10. 0
John Pansing	do	4. 3. 4
Patrick Doyle	do less of Insurance	4. 10. 8
Edward Connor.	do	6. " "
James Redmond	do	1 " "
James Finlay.	Cantader of Grass Lands	" 10 "
Burial Board - 2 <sup>nd</sup> instalment of Demand		10 " 8 " 9
County Council	do do	217. 3. 0
Technical Committee 1 <sup>st</sup> Half of penny rate		13. 9. 7
Hibernian Bank - Transfer of funds from Poor Rate Acct to General Acct		1. 15. 0
Thomas Wilkinson.	Compensation for Land hired for Military purposes	3. 12. 10
Charlotte E. Moody	do do	12. 13. 8
Thomas Carroll	do do	18. 0. 0
S. V. Delahunt	do do	10. 0. 0
D. S. E. Railways	Haulage on wagons of Macadam	3. 10. 0
Collector of Income Tax - Income Tax for 4 years in respect of rent received from Railways for way leave of water pipes		2. 6. 8
James Finlay - Cutting thistles on grazing Land		" 15. 0
		<u>£</u> <u>354. 10. 10</u>

We have had before us an Account for Mr Cormac Income Tax Collector, claiming arrears of Income Tax from 1908-9 to 1911-12, and having fully investigated his claim, we cannot recommend

the Council to admit same - Assessment No 600 out of which the Council receive a head rent of £3. 8. 3, he claims for the year 1909-10 the modest sum of £1. 10. 8 Income Tax.

Signed -

Nicholas H. Haskins  
David H. Haskins  
Thomas H. Willis  
James Hamilton.

Resolution

Proposed by Dr F. D. Frey, Seconded by David H. Haskins resolved  
"That the Report of the Finance Committee be hereby  
" confirmed and adopted and that Treasurers Advice  
" Note for making payments to the several parties named  
" therein be now signed by direction and on behalf of the  
" Council amounting in the aggregate to the sum of  
" £354. 10. 10

Resolution

Proposed by David H. Haskins, Seconded by Frank W. Thail resolved  
"That Certificates be signed and sealed for transfer of  
" £300 Wicklow (Tom) Stock to Mrs Mabel Elizabeth  
" Corvie being portion of £500 Stock held by Thomas  
" Campbell deceased, the balance £200 standing to  
" credit of said Account be transferred to the Executors  
" and Trustees of the Will of Thomas Campbell deceased  
" Mrs Margaret Campbell, Frederick Wm James Campbell  
" L. L. D., and George Stenbent Parkes =

Resolution

Proposed by David H. Haskins, Seconded by Th. H. Willis resolved  
"That the old accumulated arrears on Bond and  
" Strand St Homes £24. 1. 6 referred to in the  
" Auditors Report be struck off as irrecoverable

Minutes of Managing Committee Meeting  
11<sup>th</sup> August 1913

Councillors Present -

Mr Francis Murphy, Chairman, Messrs David H. Haskins,  
Nicholas H. Haskins, Peter Woollett, Laurence Byrne,  
Joseph McCarroll -

Your Committee have had before them letter from Local  
Government Board No 26865, dated 4<sup>th</sup> Ultime, enclosing  
extracts from the Medical Officer of Health's Return Form  
D, relating to the filter beds of Wicklow Reservoir, and we  
beg to report that the filters are working well at present,  
and an ample supply of water in the service Reservoir.  
The water according to the last analysis was good, however  
in order to allay any suspicion there might be about the  
water, we had six samples taken from the Town mains  
on the 18<sup>th</sup> Ultime, and forwarded to Sir Charles Cameron  
for analysis, the result of which we hope to receive in a  
few days. -

With regard to house accommodation in Wicklow we  
have directed your Town Clerk to inform the Local  
Government Board that there are a large number  
of vacant houses in the Bohan District, and that the  
Council have at present on hand six Missions Dwellings  
to let, so far the working classes have made no application.

We have had under consideration letter from Mr Kerr  
Solicitor for the estate of the late Colonel Welch, and  
recommend that our Solicitors be instructed to proceed  
for the recovery of the rent due to 31<sup>st</sup> March last. We  
have directed your Town Surveyor to inspect Bay View  
Cottage and report to the Council as to the state of the premises.

We have had before us Mr Peter Woollett's application  
dated 28<sup>th</sup> June 1913, for a new lease of 75 years of  
two holdings on the west side of Monkton Row, and  
having inspected the premises we recommend that his  
application be acceded to at the present rent in consideration  
of his recently having expended over £600 on improvements  
your Committee having visited Mr. Thomas

Gregory holding on Upper Monkton Row, recommend that he be granted a new lease of his Cottages and plot, stipulated in the Lease of the 4<sup>th</sup> June 1841, conditional that the Engineer inspect and report as to the boundaries and the amount required to be expended in providing sanitary accommodation and to put the premises in proper tenable repair, his rent to be increased 20% on the present rent, and to covenant to carry out the Engineer's recommendation.

The costs attending Messrs Broolittle's Gregory's Leases to be borne by the Tenants including duties under the Finance Act 1909-10.

We have directed your Town Surveyor to inspect the house lately in the possession of the late Mrs Lany Connor, and to report as to the cost of having the premises put in proper tenable repair.

Your Town Clerk laid before us Forms from the General Valuation Office, under the Finance Act 1909-10 and we have decided to leave the matter in abeyance.

Signed - Francis Murphy, Chairman.

Lawrence Byrne

N. H. Haskins

D. H. Haskins

Joseph M. Carroll.

#### Resolution

Proposed by Frank M. Shail, Seconded by Francis Murphy resolved  
 "That the Report of the Managing Committee dated  
 " 11<sup>th</sup> 26<sup>th</sup> August 1913 be hereby confirmed and adopted  
 " with the exceptions of paragraph to proceed for the  
 " recovery of rent due by the late Colonel Welch, the  
 " matter to remain over until our next meeting =

Read result of six samples of water forwarded to Sir Charles Cameron for analysis - Very few micro-organisms in any of these waters No I is a good water but somewhat hard for washing purposes II + III are soft waters free from pollution they are of peaty origin IV + V are soft waters and are fit for use and they are peaty waters -

### Minutes of Managing Committee Meeting 26<sup>th</sup> August 1913

#### Present

Mr Francis Murphy, Chairman in the Chair - Messrs  
 Matthew M. Donald, James de Courcy, James M. Shail  
 Lawrence Byrne, Thomas H. Willis, N. H. Haskins,  
 Peter Broolittle, D. H. Haskins, Joseph M. Carroll and  
 Frank M. Shail =

Your Committee have had before them reply from  
 Local Government Board on the subject of accepting  
 a surrender of the Leases from Messrs J. J. McVann & Co of  
 Mill premises and yard on South Quay.

We have directed your Town Clerk to notify the Local  
 Government Board that the Council do not require  
 the prayer in the Memorial dated 3<sup>rd</sup> March 1912,  
 to be acceded to, and therefore assume that the  
 proposed arrangement between the Council and Messrs  
 J. J. McVann & Co may be carried out.

We have before us an important letter from  
 Captain Currie on the subject of the proposed Military  
 training next year, and have directed your  
 Town Clerk to write to the Tenants of the Camping  
 ground asking them that in the event of the  
 Military coming to Wicklow next year are they  
 prepared to accept one half year rent, first  
 moiety of Poor Rate and Town Rates as compensation

Signed Francis Murphy, Chairman

Matthew M. Donald, James de Courcy,  
 James M. Shail, Lawrence Byrne.

Nicholas H. Haskins, Thomas H. Willis,

Peter Broolittle, Frank M. Shail,

David H. Haskins, Joseph M. Carroll

#### Resolution

Proposed by Dr. J. B. Frey, Seconded by M. M. Donald and resolved  
 "That the Report of the Managing Committee dated  
 " 26<sup>th</sup> August 1913 be hereby confirmed & adopted

Sub Sanitary Officers Report  
2<sup>nd</sup> September 1913

I respectfully beg to report that during the past month I made my usual Sanitary inspections visiting over 206 premises and served 8 notices under the Public Health Acts for various sanitary purposes.

The Medical Officer of Health's attention has been directed to some sanitary subjects.

The usual disinfecting of the main drainage and washing down of the Doctors steps was carried out satisfactorily, and one premises disinfecting. The scavengers were attentive to their work and the public lighting of the Town was well maintained.

During the month one of the public seats which was placed on the New Pier has been maliciously broken, same has been removed to storage -

Patrick B Doyle - San Sub Officer

Read an explanation from Sanitary Sub Officer Doyle why he made only five reports to the Medical Officer of Health during the half year ended 31<sup>st</sup> March last.

Order - That a copy of Mr Doyle's Report be forwarded to the Local Government Board stating that in opinion of the Council they consider his explanation satisfactory.

Dairy Inspectors Report  
2<sup>nd</sup> September 1913

I respectfully beg to Report that the Licensed Cow Keepers continue to keep their premises in good order and the Cows are kept clean and in a healthy condition.

James Redmond, Dairy Inspector.

Order - That Dairy Inspectors Report be approved of.

Read Waterworks Warden Report dated 31<sup>st</sup> August 1913 stating water in the Reservoir is 4' - 10 1/2" from old overflow. 401 filters will be working one month on the 3<sup>rd</sup> proximo, if an order is made to clean the other filters (as it is usual to do when the others are working) there will be a tremendous waste during the washing, as the filters are full in order to supply the Convent, and it will be almost impossible for men to work in them - I have had complaints from the Convent that the supply was insufficient, and at the time the water was 2'4" - 2" in clean water chamber and 12' - 7" over sand in filters - My opinion is that the pipes leading to the Convent and the tanks they have are not large enough to supply them, and I think they should have an independent pipe, having no connections off it, from the main to their tanks.

There was a leak at the Wooden Bridge and another at Mrs Clarke's, this caused a wastage of 700 gallons per hour which is now stopped -  
Edward Connor - Warden.

Read letter from the Convent complaining of <sup>insufficient</sup> supply of water and stating this cannot go on any longer

Resolution

Proposed by David St. Haskins, Seconded by J. B. Frey & resolved  
"That having considered letter from the Dominicans  
"Convent re deficient water supply, recommend that  
"they provide a larger main and have their water  
"fittings examined as we are of opinion this is the  
"cause of deficient supply - We direct our Town  
"Surveyor to attend at the Convent and make an  
"examination of the above and report to the Council.

Read letter from Mr J. H. Carroll enclosing Bill of Costs amounting to £329. 5. 2 and requisition to have same taxed -

Resolutions

Proposed by David St. Hawkins, seconded by Matthew McDonald and resolved  
 "That Mr. McCarroll's bill of costs be examined into by the  
 Town Clerk and Corporate Officers and to report to next  
 Finance Committee"

Read letters from Messrs Moody, Wilkinson and Carroll with  
 regard to hire of Camping ground for Military training  
 next year.

Order "That letters from Messrs Moody, Wilkinson and  
 McCarroll be referred to the Managing Committee  
 for consideration with power to act in the  
 matter"

Read letter from Manager of the Irishman Bank dated  
 12 Ultimo stating that he had received from Mr. M. J.  
 Croyer, Liquidator of Messrs J. T. W. Mann & Co. enclosing  
 cheque value £262.10/- to be lodged in the <sup>joint</sup> names of  
 the Liquidator and Wicklow Urban District Council

Read a letter from Mr. Croyer dated 11<sup>th</sup> Ultimo stating  
 that he had complied with the Council's letter of the 8<sup>th</sup>  
 Ultimo and that he hoped no obstacle will arise in the  
 completion of the Agreement.

Read letter from A. St. Bourke, Ballyshemane, Rathdown,  
 requesting to know if the Council will agree to give a renewal  
 of the Leases re Revell Estate, Stones on South Quay.

Order "That Mr. Bourke's application be referred to the  
 Managing Committee for consideration and report."

Read letter from Captain R. S. Currie enclosing cheque value  
 £50 for hire of Camping ground and requesting a detailed  
 Account for water supply.

Town Clerk stated that he had lodged with the Council's  
 Treasurers Captain Currie's cheque for £50, and had

Supplied detailed Account asked for.

Read letter from Mr. Samuel Kerr, Solicitor for Colonel  
 Welch's Estate requesting to know definitely what the Council  
 propose doing with regard to accepting a surrender of the Lease  
 of Bay View Cottages and Land.

Order "That Mr. Kerr's letter be referred to the Managing  
 Committee"

Read letter from Captain Bonclaw M.P. acknowledging the  
 Council's letter of the 9<sup>th</sup> Ultimo - with reference to the  
 making of a grant previous to Mr. Binell's visit, it  
 would not be possible to obtain money from the Treasury  
 before his visit and that even then he had little hope  
 of securing anything beyond the sum required to prevent  
 serious injury pending the whole question of sea coast  
 erosion being taken up as a united Kingdom question.  
 Under the circumstances nothing more can be done for  
 the present.

Read letter from Inspector of Rates, Government Property,  
 Department of Landed Estates requesting a copy of the  
 covenant in the Lease of the Coast-guard  
 Station relating to payment of Rates.

Town Clerk stated that he had replied that the document  
 was mislaid, but that he could get a copy from the  
 Admiralty, in any case the Rates have always been  
 paid by the Treasury on the Coast-guard Station.

Read an application from P. Lavery, Market Square  
 to be registered as a Dairyman under the Regulations

Order "That Mr. Lavery's application be referred to  
 the Dairy Inspector for Report"

Read letter from Mr. Charles Davis, Dyth St., complaining  
 of a smell from an open sewer grating opposite  
 his premises.

Order - That the Town Surveyor report on gratings complained of by Mr. Davis with a view to have same remedied -

Read letter from Local Government Board No 46107 - 28 Aug-13 acknowledging receipt of the Council's letter of the 27<sup>th</sup> Instant re Mr. Vann's Leases which will be duly considered by the Board.

Read letter from Local Government Board No 42,931 - 29/8/13 enclosing copy of amended Regulations in pursuance of Cinematograph Act 1909. (Referred to Managing Committee for consideration)

Read letter from Inspector of Factories forwarding notice of occupation from Mrs. Emily Downes, New St. -

### Resolution

Proposed by Michael J. O'Brien, Seconded by James Dunne & unanimous, resolved  
 "That Messrs Francis Murphy and S. V. Delahunt be hereby  
 "elected to represent the Council on the Harbour Board  
 "same members having retired by rotation"

### Notice of Motion

They to give notice to move at next meeting a resolution appointing a special Committee to consider the question of constructing open air filters beds at the Reservoir and report generally on the best means to secure an efficient and pure supply of water at all times to the Township.

Signed - Frank W. Phail

Sept-2<sup>nd</sup> 1913

Francis Murphy 7/10/13  
 C.M.M.

Town Hall Wicklow  
 15<sup>th</sup> September 1913

A Special Meeting of the Wicklow Urban District Council was held this evening in pursuance to a requisition signed by Messrs Michael J. O'Brien, Lawrence Byrne, Matthew M. Donald, Francis Murphy, Joseph M. Carroll and William M. Byrne.

### Business

To consider Managing Committee's Report.  
 To consider Miscellaneous Correspondence.

### Councillors Present

Mr. Francis Murphy, Chairman, in the Chair  
 Messrs James Hamilton, Joseph M. Carroll, David H. Haskins, Nicholas H. Haskins, William J. Haskins.

Minutes of Managing Committee Meeting  
 9<sup>th</sup> September 1913

### Present

Mr. Francis Murphy, Chairman, Messrs Thomas H. Willis, James Hamilton, Joseph M. Carroll, D. H. Haskins, William J. Haskins =

Your Managing Committee have had before them letters from Local Government Board No 46107, dated 5<sup>th</sup> Inst., expressing their approval to the proposal to accept a surrender of the Leases of the White Castle Mills and yard on South Quay from the Liquidator of Messrs J. J. McVann & Co in accordance with his undertaking dated 5<sup>th</sup> August 1913.

We hereby direct your Town Clerk to communicate with Mr. Michael P. Bryer, Liquidator, requesting him to proceed with the Agreement entered into with the Council and to forward a cheque for Rent and Rates up to 29<sup>th</sup> Instant.

All costs of every nature attending the surrender

of the Leases or otherwise to be borne by the Liquidator. The Capital sum of £262.19. to be transferred to the Wicklow (Farm) Redemption Fund Account to be invested in accordance with the Local Government Board's requirements -

We have considered letters from the Tenants re Camping premises and have directed your Town Clerk to inform Mr O'Carroll that the Council cannot pay more than the half year next, the same as allowed to the other Tenants and to request an immediate reply.

We have had before us letters from Captain Currie enclosing Cheque value of £28 for water pipes, and have directed your Town Clerk to state, that; the Council have decided to cancel the Agreement to purchase the pipes and fittings and agree to stone same free of charge until next year's training -

Your Committee having considered Mr A. S. Burke's application for a new lease of 99 years of Revell's property on South Quay cannot see their way to grant same.

We have considered your Town Surveyors Report dated 9<sup>th</sup> Instant re state of Bay View Cottages and have directed your Town Clerk to forward a copy to the Solicitor of the Representatives of Colonel Welch deceased, and to Mr Thomas Gregory with regard to Cottages on Upper Monkton Row.

We agree with the Town Surveyor that old house in Castle St be levelled as unfit for human habitation. We have directed your Town Surveyor to obtain an estimate from Mr Sheave for iron fencing round Dunham Quarry.

With regard to the Water Supply to the Convent we recommend that our Town Surveyors suggestions be carried out -

Signed - Francis Murphy, Chairman.  
Joseph O'Carroll.  
Thomas H. Willis.  
W. J. Huskins  
James Hamilton  
D. H. Huskins.

Wicklow 9<sup>th</sup> September 1913

### Surveyors Report to Managing Committee Meeting

I beg to report as follows.

1. As regards the condition of Bay View Cottages, accompanied by Mr Welch I made a careful inspection of the whole premises, and they are in a very dilapidated state chiefly from age. I should think the house must be at least 80 years built. The floors rotten, damp crumbling walls, bad leaky roof etc. It would take over £200 to put it in order.
2. Mr Gregory's Cottages. The cottages are at present unfit for human habitation, but of course with an expenditure of about £150 they might be repaired and some sanitary arrangements made on the plot in front next the old Dunham Road. The boundary of the plot does not coincide with that on the old lease.
3. I recommend the Cottages in Castle St be thrown down it is not worth repairing -
4. The iron fencing at New Quay will cost about £6 to extend and repair. It should be done for the protection of Mr O'Carroll's cattle -
5. I recommend an additional stop valve and 60 or 70 ft of pipe be added to the Convent water main at the "Smoothing Iron". The cost will be about £20 owing to the increased demand on the other mains full pressure through this one valve cannot reach the Convent tanks except the filters are too heavily loaded. The Nuns have had a lot of trouble with the supply lately. This work should be done at once.
6. I also recommend a proper sluice scouring valve to be placed on extreme end of Convent main, and a stop cock on the front service pipe, to prevent rust etc, getting into the latter when the former is being scoured -  
John Pansing  
Town Surveyor -

Read letter from Local Government Board No 46107 dated 5<sup>th</sup> September 1913 viz with reference to your letter of the 27<sup>th</sup> ultimo I am directed by the Local Government Board for Ireland to state that they note that the Wicklow Urban District-Council do not now desire the prayer contained in the Memorial submitted on the 27<sup>th</sup> March last respecting a proposed grant of a Lease to Messrs J. J. W. Vann O'Le, Wicklow, to be acceded to.

The Board desire me to add that when the matter of the Surrender of the Leases referred to in your letter has been completed, the sum of £262.10/- proposed to be paid on behalf of Messrs W. Vann O'Le to the Council should be invested as an addition to the Sinking Fund Account of the Council =

Resolution

Proposed by David St. Haskins, Seconded by James Hamilton & resolved  
"That the Report of the Managing Committee dated  
" 9<sup>th</sup> September 1913, be hereby confirmed and adopted."

Read letter from Mr. Thomas Carroll Summer Hill, stating that he was prepared to accept £16 and Rates for use of his lands next year by the Military =

Resolution

Proposed by David St. Haskins, Seconded by James Hamilton & resolved  
"That the Council agree to the terms offered by the Tenants  
" for hire of their lands for next year's Military training  
" viz one half years rent, first moiety of Poor Rate and  
" Townships Rate and in the case of Mr. Thomas Carroll  
" £16 and Mr. J. V. DeLahunt £10 Rates in both <sup>the latter</sup> cases  
" to be allowed by the Council =

Read letter from National Health Insurance Commission 8/9/13 drawing the Council's attention to section 6 of the National Insurance Act, 1913,

Order "That letter from National Health Insurance Commission  
" be referred to Managing Committee for consideration and  
" Report =

Read letter from Mr. R. Finlay, Hon. Secy of the Association of Municipal Authorities in Ireland which was referred to the Managing Committee. =

Read letter from Mrs. C. Ellis, Manageress of the Stanley Picture Dome, Liverpool, asking the Council to let them have a suitable pitch for their Alfresco entertainment next summer =

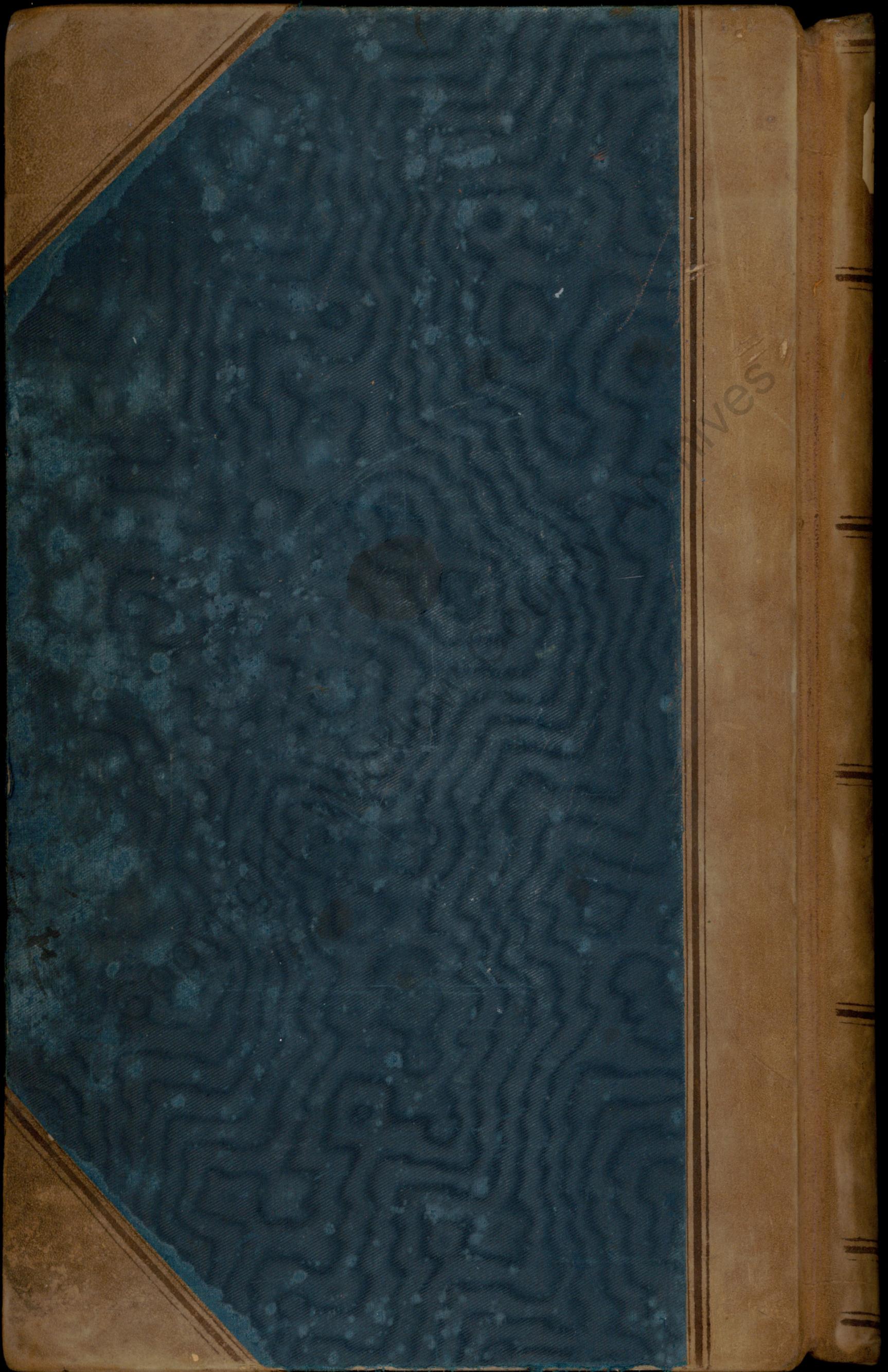
The Town Clerk stated that he had written for more information as to their entertainment, but that in any case the Council could not look the ground so far ahead.

Read letter dated 12/9/13 from Messrs Pearson & Co., acknowledging the Council's letter of 10<sup>th</sup> Inst., which shall receive attention when Mr. Coyer returns from his holidays on Monday next =

M. B. Byrne  
J. F. Murphy  
25-9-13

Francis Murphy 7/10/13  
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