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MUNICIPAL MINUTE BOOK

From 24th January 1916
to 23rd December 1919

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Monday 24th January, 1916.

The Annual meeting of the New Ross Urban District Council was held this day at twelve o'clock noon, to elect a Chairman for the ensuing year and if deemed advisable a Vice-chairman.

Present Messrs John O'Sullivan J.P. Presiding
John Hand
John Fanning
and
Aidan Bolger.

The Chairman having read the notice convening the meeting, it was,
Proposed by Mr Hand and
Seconded by Mr Fanning
That the outgoing Chairman,
Mr John O'Sullivan J.P. be re-elected chairman for the ensuing year.

The proposer and Seconder of the resolution dwelt upon the admirable manner in which the outgoing Chairman had discharged the duties of the position. The proposition was ably supported by Mr Bolger.

The Chairman whilst thanking the members present for the confidence reposed in him by nominating him for a third year of office intimated his unwillingness to accept the position for another year.

The proposer and Seconder of the resolution, as also, Mr Bolger, however, urged upon him the desirability of him accepting the position, and after considerable persuasion he yielded to the wish of his brother members present And consented to act for another year.

The proposition was declared Passed Unanimously and the Chairman having Signed the Statutory Declaration,

The Meeting Adjourned

M. Sullivan

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Monday 24th January, 1916.

An adjourned Quarterly meeting of the New Ross Urban Council was to be held in the Urban Council Office this evening at 7. o'clock, to transact business pursuant to The Local Government (Ireland) Act 1898, consider Surveyor's Annual Estimate &c.

Present Mespo Patrick J. Dunne
John Hand
John Fanning

The Town Surveyor was also in attendance

A Quorum not having assembled up to 7.35

The ~~Meeting~~ Members Left.

Patrick J Dunne

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Tuesday 25th January, 1916.

A Meeting of the Newross Urban Council was held this evening at 7.30 o'clock to transact business pursuant to The Towns Improvement (Ireland) Act 1854; elect the various Committees for the ensuing year, and recommend to the Governors of Trinity Hospital a suitable person to fill a vacancy in the Hospital.

Present Mesrs John O'Sullivan J.P. Presiding
John Fanning
John Hand
Joseph Brewer
John Murphy.
Patrick J. Dunne.

The Minutes of previous Meeting were read & signed.

Treasurers Authority for making payments was signed by The Chairman & Mesrs Murphy & Hand and the following Paying Orders were directed to be issued viz:- No. 195 Mr J Smith Petty Cash £21:19:2, No 196 Mr T Kelly Camblin Hay £2:0:6.

A Dividend Warrant for £6:14:0 was received from the Great Southern & Western Railway Co and ordered to be lodged to the credit of the Council

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Correspondence

An application was received from Geo. W. Taylor for payment of £30:15:1 Income Tax on the Council's property, and it was referred to the Finance Committee.

Letter from the Dept of Agriculture acknowledging receipt of copy of Resolution passed by the Council respecting the withdrawal of Grants No Order Made.

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Letter from the Parnell Quarries (Arklow) Ltd notifying that in future metalling will only be sent out carriage foward, the price on rail being 4/8 per ton.

Ordered

That the consideration of this letter be referred to the next Quarterly meeting of the Council.

It was also agreed that the adjourned Quarterly meeting be held on the 8th Prox, at 7 o'clock.

A copy of the Report of the Directors of the Bank of Ireland for the half year ended 31st Dec last was received, as were also memorandums of the minimin rates of wages fixed for the Sugar Confectionery and Shirt making trade but there was No Order Made upon them.

An application was received from C. St. McCarthy, City Architect, Dublin for the loan of Plans of Housing Schemes executed by the Council during the past ten years, the object being to dis-play them as illustrations to a lecture entitled Irish Housing in the United Kingdom to be delivered early in February by him.

Ordered

That he give a loan of the Plans as requested.

An application was received from F.W. Taylor Esq U.S. Hon Secretary of the Dublin War Committee, dated 24th Inst, for the use of the Council Office for the purpose of holding the meetings of the Committee, which will always be held at such a time as not to interfere with the business of the Urban Council.

Proposed by Mr Hand And

Seconded by Mr Dunne

That the use of the Office be given to the Committee for the purpose of their meetings.

Passed Mr Fanning Dissenting

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A tender dated 21st Jany 1916 was received from Messrs H Harvey & Co Waterford for the supply of three Rate Books @ 20/- each, and on the proposal of The Chairman Seconded by ~~The Chairman~~ Mr Murphy it was unanimously accepted.

A letter was received from Mr Ashe, Globe Hotel, dated 24th inst, drawing attention to the bad state of Lady Lane adjoining his premises on wet days. It is almost impossible to walk to the door of his house. He asked to have the Quay end treated similarly to the South St end.

Mr Freaney also drew attention to the condition of it.

After a short discussion it was Ordered,

That about ten yards of that portion of the Lane adjoining the Quay be repaired similarly to the end of it adjoining South St.

A letter was received from the General Secretary of the Gaelic League dated 14th inst, thanking the Council for the resolution passed by them at last meeting respecting the threatened withdrawal of Grants by the Department.

Ord. Order Made

Letter from the Collector dated 25th inst, in reply to one addressed to him by the Council, in which he stated that to his knowledge he knew of no tenant sub-letting a house belonging to the Council.

Ordered

That the Collector be directed to attend next meeting in reference to this matter.

The Clerk reported that the Amount of Poor Rate collected is £256:12:3 outstanding £495:2:3; Town & Dr Rate collected is £380:14:1½, outstanding £749:16:6.

Ord. Order Made.

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Mr Fanning drew attention to some panes of glass which were broken in windows of houses occupied by Thos. Murphy Wm. Steel one of the Councils tenants, which he stated was due to the glass being loose in the putty, and it was consequently not the fault of the tenant that they were broken.

After some discussion it was

Proposed by Mr Murphy And
Seconded by Mr Fanning

That the Surveyor inspect the windows of this house, and, if he is of opinion that the glass was broken through no fault of the tenant, he is to have the glass put in again.

Passed Unanimously.

Ordered

That he also have a pane of glass fixed in one of the windows of house lately occupied by Laurence Harney.

Trinity Hospital Vacancy.

Proposed by Mr Hand And
Seconded by The Chairman

That Kate Keeffe Grass Lane New Ross be recommended to the Governing Body of Trinity Hospital as a fit and proper person to be admitted as an inmate.

Passed Unanimously

The Abstracts of Uncollectable Town & Poor Rate for half year ended 30th Sept. last, which had been examined in detail by the Finance Committee, were submitted and after some discussion the following resolutions were :-

Proposed by Mr John Murphy
Seconded by Mr John Hand And Resolved.

That Sums of Poor Rate shown on the Collector's Schedule of Uncollected Poor Rate for half year

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ended 30th September 1915 amounting to £22:5:7½ be cancelled, and sums amounting to £1:3:1 claimed by the Collector be dis-allowed him.

Passed Unanimously.

Proposed by Mr John Murphy
Seconded by Mr John Hand And Resolved

That sums of Town Rate shown on the Collector's Abstract amounting to £30:11:11½, be cancelled for half year ending 30th Sept 1915 and sums amounting to £1:13:9 be dis-allowed Collector.

Passed Unanimously.

Election of Committees

Proposed by Mr Brewer and
Seconded by Mr Hand

That Messrs P.J. Dunne, Peter Murphy, John Murphy & John Fanning be elected a Finance Committee for the ensuing year two members to form a Quorum and the Chairman to be an ex-officio member of it.

Passed Unanimously

Proposed by The Chairman and
Seconded by Mr Fanning

That the following persons constitute the Technical Instruction Committee of the Urban District of New Ross for the ensuing year viz:-

Members of the Council

Joseph Brewer, Peter Murphy, John Murphy, Adam Bolger Patrick J. Dunne and Peter A. O'Gorman.

Non-Members of the Council.

Revd. T. Quigley C.C, Revd. Bro. McNamara, Hugh C Hamilton J.P, Daniel Hanley and A.K French

Passed Unanimously.

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The Shops Act Inspector reported that he visited the different Trader's Shops where assistants are employed who do not close and found the latter were getting their half holiday.

The following report of the Foreman was read :-

January 25th. 1916.

I beg to report that since last meeting Thirty ashpits were cleaned. There are three heaps of manure ready for sale. Two heaps numbers 2 and 4 at Town Wall depot value for about £1:10:0 each and one heap in yard on the Quay Number 2 value about £1. Your temporary workman James Cleary who was engaged for a fortnight his time expires this evening, and I would ask the Council to retain his services for a few days longer in order that I may be able to keep your Streets as free as possible from mud. During the recent storm the back door of your Stable yard Wm. Street became damaged and wants some little repair also a few Slates are off roof of stable.

James Kelly Foreman.

No Order Made.

An application was received from Richd Power Mary Street, for the tenancy of the Councils house at Cockpit Lane, lately occupied by Laurence Harney, and offered Patk Carroll of Kaheen as Surety.

Proposed by Mr Dunne and
Seconded by Mr Murphy

That Richard Power be accepted as tenant of the house at Cockpit Lane lately occupied by Laurence Harney.

Passed Unanimously.

The following report of the Street Inspector on the public lighting of the town was read :-

Since ~~last meeting~~ my last report the glass protection of the greater number of the public

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lamps have had a much needed cleaning. The illuminating power of the lamps at Irishtown has been improved. The lights are not sufficiently protected in some cases, with the result that they are extinguished by strong winds. If this were remedied the lighting, on the whole, would be satisfactory.

The Clerk stated that Mr Kirkham informed him he could not send a reply to the letter of the Council in time for this meeting but he hoped to do so by next meeting.

No Order Made.

The Street Inspector reported that a number of Traders were causing obstruction of the streets and footpaths, by placing boxes etc on them.

The Daily Scavenging was carried out as usual.

No Order Made.

The Meeting Adjourned to Tuesday 8th February 1916.

Patrick J Meaney

Monday 7th February 1916

A Monthly meeting of the Council was to be held this day at twelve o'clock noon to transact business pursuant to The Towns Improvement (Ireland) Act 1854.

No Member Attended

A Quorum not having assembled

The Meeting Adjourned

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Monday 7th Febnuary, 1916.

A Meeting of the Finance Committee was held this evening at 9 o'clock pm, to transact business for the Finance meeting of the Council, consider annual Demand of County Council and Bill of Fees received from Mr Bergin.

Present Messrs Patrick J. Dunne
John Murphy.
John Fanning.

The Clerk submitted a number of Bills which the Committee examined and recommended payment of those entered at the commencement of the Municipal minutes.

Mr Bergin's Bill of Fees was referred to the meeting of the Council, as was also an application from the Hon Secretaries of the Association of Municipal Authorities for payment of the Annual Subscription to the Association.

Mr Murphy drew attention to the increase in the price of metalling from the Parnell Quarries and suggested that some particulars should be ascertained as to the cost of the Traigue Metalling which was used by the Council some few years ago and which he considered excellent macadam.

Eventually the Committee directed that the Surveyor visit Traigue on the following day and ascertain all particulars respecting the metalling including cost of same delivered at Ben Ross and submit the information to the Quarterly meeting of the Council to be held the following evening at 7 o'clock. afterwhich,

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The Committee Adjourned

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A Quarterly meeting of the Bearhaven Urban Council was held this evening at 7 o'clock to transact business pursuant to The Local Government (Ireland) Act 1898, consider Surveyor's Annual Estimate, etc.

Present Messrs Patrick J. Dunne Presiding
Wm. Murphy
John Fanning
John Murphy
John Hand

The Surveyor was also present.

The consideration of the Surveyor's Annual Estimate adjourned from last Quarterly meeting was resumed.

The following is a copy of it viz:-

January 10th 1916

I beg to submit herewith my annual Estimate for the maintenance and repairs of your streets for the ensuing year:-

600 tons Macadam (Parnell Quarries)		262:10:0
250 "	(Glenbrittan)	68:15:0
Fine gravel & Sand		5:0:0
cost of maintenance, wages &c		200:0:0
Special Works	(£30)	60:0:0

These figures are practically the same as those of last years estimate, with the exception of the £60 for Special works which is £70 less than that of last year's figure. (Or an equivalent of about 2d in the £ to the rates).

During the past year the extension of the Cross Lane footpath was completed and the Reville St footpath was re-constructed by direct labour in tarred macadam.

As this material costs only about one fifth the price of concrete and is almost as serviceable. I would recommend

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that it be used more extensively in future for footpaths, crossings and lanenays &c.

The general condition of the Streets has been improved during the past year, due principally to improved surface drainage and quality of the macadam used, but during the winter months it was difficult to have the Scavenging properly Attended to, as there was no additional labour employed for this purpose as formerly.

James J. Shortall
Town Surveyor.

The Surveyor reported verbally that as directed by the Finance Committee he visited Graigue on that day, and ascertained that Gravel Similar to that used by the Council Sometime ago could be supplied from the Finahinch Quarry by Mr Murphy in boats at the Newross Quay at 3/9 per Ton.

He also saw Mr Whitty in reference to delivery of stones from Ballymacar Quarry, as directed at the adjourned Quarterly meeting and his price would be 6/- per ton for broken and 4/- per ton for unbroken stones delivered from this Quarry in some selected depots in the upper portion of the town.

After considerable discussion it was

Proposed by Mr Hand and
Seconded by Mr Wm Murphy

That the Surveyors Estimate as to Quantity be adopted.

In this the following Amendment was

Proposed by Mr John Murphy and
Seconded by Mr Fanning viz:-

That the Surveyors Estimate be reduced by 200 tons.

The Amendment was put to a vote when the proposer and seconder voted for it whilst Messrs Hand, Wm Murphy and The Chairman voted against it and it was accordingly declared "Lost". The original resolution was

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then put and passed by the same voting.

Mr John Murphy then proposed that 400 tons macadam be got from the Tinnahinch Quarry, and this was seconded by Mr Fanning.

Before the resolution was put to the meeting a discussion took place as to the respective merits of the metalling from the different Quarries, and after sometime it was.

Proposed by Mr John Murphy and
Seconded by Mr Hand

That 200 Tons be procured from the Farrell Quarries, 200 Tons from Tinnahinch Quarry, 200 Tons from Ballymacar and 250 tons from Glendinan.

Passed Unanimously.

Ordered

That advertisements be issued inviting Tenders for the supply of the aforementioned quantities of metalling, same to be considered at next Quarterly meeting of the Council, after which

The Meeting Adjourned to Monday 10th April, 1916.

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A Meeting of the Newbas Urban Council was held this evening at 7.30 o'clock to transact business pursuant to The Towns Improvement (Ireland) Act 1854.

Present Mesprs Patrick J. Dunne Presiding.
Wm. Murphy
John Murphy
John Fanning
John Hand

The Minutes of previous Meeting were read and signed.

The Treasurers Authority for making payments was signed by The Chairman and Mesprs Hand & Wm. Murphy and the following Paying Orders were directed to be issued viz:- No 197 Mrs Finn £20:9:3, No 198 D.S.E. Railway Co £3:0:10, No 199 Samell Quarries Ltd £49:14:11, No 200 James J. Shortall £7:1:8, No 201 Mrs Finn 10/6, No 202 Mrs Finn £11:5:0, No 203 Geo. W. Taylor £21:10:3, No 204 John J. Browne 7/6, No 205 £2:3:8, No 206 Francis Bergin B.E £90:4:7 (Loans a/c), No 207 Secretary School attendance Committee £8:2:6.

Correspondence

The following letter was read:-

Local Government Board, Dublin,
7th February, 1916.

No. 5,146:1916

Newbas Urban District.

Sir,

With reference to the lists of Arrears of rate in the Urban District of Newbas for the period ended the 30th of September 1915, recently forwarded by you to this Department, I am directed by the Local Government Board for Ireland to return the lists, herewith, and to request that they may be amended by the insertion in column 11 of the reasons in the cases where such are missing.

As regards the items which are proposed to be struck off as irrecoverable or

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account of the poverty of the persons rated, the Board desire me to draw attention to their letter of the 27th October 1914, No 55889/14, and I am to request that the lists may be amended in accordance with the terms of that letter.

As regards item 602, appearing on these lists, and referred to in your covering letter of the 27th Ultimo, the Board desire me to point out that it would appear to be the duty of the Council to pay the rates to the Collector in respect of the premises in question as they appear to be assessable to rates for all purposes.

The Board also desire me to point out that there has been undue delay in the transmission of these lists, and the Council should insist on the lists being completed and forwarded to this Department as soon as practicable after the close of each collection.

A. R. Barlas
Secretary.

The Clerk
Urban District Council,
New Ross.

Ordered

That the Abstracts of Uncollectable Rates and Letter from the L. G. Board respecting them be referred back to the Finance Committee for the Amendment of the former.

A circular letter was received from the L. G. Board, dated 26th Jany, enclosing copies of Army Order No. 367/15 prescribing amended regulations for the issue of Separation allowances.

No Order Made.

A circular letter was received from the Secretary of the Irish Employment Bureau drawing attention to the establishment of the latter, and asking to have a resolution passed pledging it support.

No Order Made.

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Letter from Mr F.W. Taylor Hon Secretary of the New Ross War Committee dated 6th February 1916 thanking the Council, on behalf of the Committee for the use of their Office for holding the meetings of the Committee in.
No Order Made.

An application was received from The British Petroleum Co Ltd, dated 1st February applying for a renewal of their licence to store motor spirit in their store in Mr James Lalor's field at Rosbercon.
Proposed by Mr John Murphy And
Seconded by The Chairman

That the British Petroleum Co Ltd be granted a renewal of their Licence to store Motor Spirit in their Store at Rosbercon for one year from this date.

Passed Unanimously

Letter from H. J. O'Rourke, City Architects Office, Dublin, dated 1st inst, acknowledging receipt of the Housing Plans lent by the Council.
No Order Made

Letter from the Secretary of the Wexford County Council, dated 3rd inst, enclosing statement showing Amount, which will be demanded from the Council for the ensuing financial year, also a letter dated 28th Ult enclosing copies of Forms 44, 45 & 46 giving particulars of rates for the financial year. The total amount demanded is £1479-0-2.

During the discussion which took place upon the consideration of the Demand, the question of the construction of new footpaths on the New Ross Bridge arose, and it was,
Proposed by Mr Hand and
Seconded by Mr Wm Murphy

That having regard to the fact that the Urban District of New Ross have to contribute a sum of about £570 per annum for the maintenance of County Public Works which are no benefit whatever to it, and as the footpaths on the New Ross Bridge are in an unsatisfactory condition, we

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request the Wexford County Council to replace the existing gravel footpaths on the Bridge with tarred macadam, as we consider that apart from the improvement which will be effected, it will ultimately prove to be more economical, as there will be practically Nothing required for surface maintenance.

Passed Mr Fanning dissenting.

An application was received from the Hon Secretary of the Newbas Amateur Dancing Class for the use of the two rooms of the Tholsel for the purpose of a Dance on the night of the 12th inst, And on the proposal of Mr Hand Seconded by Mr John Murphy the application was granted, subject to them arranging with the present tenants for the Gas which may be consumed.

Letter from the Hon Secretaries of the Association of Municipal Authorities dated 1st Inst, forwarding four Copies of the Annual Report of the Association for year 1915, and asking that the Councils Annual Subscription of £2:2:0 be lodged with the Treasurer.

After a brief discussion it was decided Not to contribute to the Association for the present year.

Letter from Mrs Redmond South Street, dated 7th inst, drawing attention to the condition of Lady Lane opposite the entrance to her house which is at times in a filthy condition.

Ordered

That the concreting of the South End of it be continued below the premises referred to as soon as the weather is favourable for such work.

Letter from Mr H.R. Hamilton, Secretary, Trinity Hospital, dated 2nd inst, intimating that the Councils ~~Union~~ Nominee, Kate Keeffe had been elected to fill a vacancy in the Hospital.
Proposed by Mr John Murphy and Seconded by Mr Hand, "That

this Council assent to the election of Kate Keeffe to fill a vacancy in Trinity Hospital.

Passed Unanimously.

Letter from the Revd. Mother, carmelite Convent, dated 7th Inst, respecting the water meter which is out of repair, pointing out the great difficulty of having it repaired, and asking to have the water supplied in future on the average cost for the past five years.

Proposed by Mr John Murphy and
Seconded by Mr Wm Murphy

That in future the Carmelite Convent and Schools be supplied with water at an annual rent based on the average meter rent received annually for the past five years.

Passed Unanimously

A proposal to purchase two heaps of manure at Town Wall at £3:12:0, or one at £1:16:0, was received from Mr W. Rapper Reville, and a proposal of 21/- from Mr J. Kelly for No 2 heap in the yard on Quay, and on the proposal of Mr John Murphy, Seconded by Mr Hand both were unanimously accepted.

The Clerk Submitted a Number of Bills a list of which appears at the commencement of these minutes, and it was,

Proposed by Mr Hand and
Seconded by Mr Wm Murphy

That these Accounts be paid.

Passed Unanimously.

A tender of 20/- for the road Scrapings on the Waterford Road for the year ending 1st March 1917 was received from Maj Aselford Castlehyde, and on the proposal of Mr Hand Seconded by The Chairman it was accepted.

The Clerk Submitted the Agreement & Bond of Richard Power for the

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tenancy of a house at Cockpit Lane, to be sealed, and on the proposal of Mr Hand, seconded by Mr Fanning it was Ordered to be sealed.

The Street Inspector reported that a number of Traders are causing an obstruction of the Streets and footpaths by placing boxes and merchandise on them.

Mr Hand drew attention to the case of Messrs Sheehan & Curran who were monopolizing a considerable portion of north St, and on his suggestion it was,

Ordered

That they be written to again drawing their attention to the previous Order made by the Council respecting them.

Mr Browne attended at the commencement of the meeting and stated that Mr Butler had sub-let the house at Fair Gate which he held from the Council on a weekly tenancy.

Ordered

That Mr Butler furnish to next meeting an explanation as to why he has sub-let the Councils house of which he is tenant.

When the minutes were signed Mr Hand referred to an entry on them in the Foreman's report in which he asked that the temporary man be continued for two weeks longer.

He then questioned the Foreman as to whether he required an additional man temporarily And on the latter replying in the affirmative he proposed

That an additional man be employed temporarily.

This was Seconded by The Chairman and "Passed".

The Foreman reported that since last meeting twelve ashpits were cleaned. Three waggon loads of metalling have arrived and are spread. The hinge of door of weighbridge at Inishtown is broken.

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As Shop's Act Inspector he reported that he visited the different Trader's Shops where Assistants are employed and found they are getting half holidays.

Ordered

That a new hinge be fixed on Weighbridge door.

Town Surveyor's Report.

7th Feby. 916.

I beg to report that the necessary repairs have been carried out to the Street in Rosbercon as Ordered. The water service pipe to Mr Galavan's premises Rosbercon which had become injured has also been repaired. I served Notice on M. Aslford Rosbercon in reference to the dangerous chimney on house in occupation of D Murphy Mary St, And it has since been taken down and rebuilt. I drew Mr M. Sheehan's attention to the dangerous condition of Chimney of premises occupied by him in North Street And it has also been partially rebuilt.

Jas. J. Shortall
Town Surveyor.

No Order Made.

The Meeting Adjourned to Tuesday 22nd February 1916.

Patrick Morrissey

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Tuesday 15th Febuary 1916.

A meeting of the Finance Committee was held this evening at 8 o'clock, to deal with Abstract of Uncollectable Rates returned by Local Government Board.

Present Messrs Patrick J. Dunne
John Murphy.

The Collector was also present.

The Committee re-examined the list of Uncollectable rates, and having considered the letters received from the L. G. Board decided to recommend the Council to comply with the directions of the Board in respect of those items which the Council proposed to Cancel on account of the poverty of the tenants, and have these particular items transfered to column fourteen of the list, after which

The Committee Adjourned.

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Tuesday 22nd February 1916.

A Meeting of the New Ross Urban Council was held this evening at 7.30 o'clock to transact business pursuant to The Towns Improvement (Ireland) Act 1854, elect a member on the School attendance Committee in the room of the late Dean Kavanagh P.P. deceased.

Present Messrs Patrick J. Dunne Presiding
John Murphy
John Hand
Joseph Brewer.

The minutes of previous meeting were read & signed.

The Treasurers Authority for making payments was signed by The Chairman & Messrs Hand & Murphy and the following Paying Order was directed to be issued viz:- No 208 Mag^y Inv £23:1:9.

Correspondence

A Circular letter was received from the L.G. Board dated 14th Inst calling attention to the Parliament and Registration Act 1916, which suspend for the present proceedings which in the ordinary course would be taken for the registration of Voters. A copy of the Act was also received.
No Order Made.

Letter from the Secretary of the Wexford County Council, dated 10th Inst, acknowledging receipt of the resolution passed by this Council asking to have footpaths constructed on the New Ross Bridge, and stating that he will bring Same before next Meeting of the County Council.
No Order Made.

Letter from Thos O'Brien dated 14th Inst stating that he wishes to withdraw as Surety for John Houston for the house. Ordered
That John Houston be

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directed to provide another Surety in place of Thos. O'Brien.

A letter was also received from Mr O'Brien drawing attention to the obstruction in Stable Lane caused by empties being allowed to remain in it, which prevents him having access to his premises.
Ordered

That the Street Inspector ascertain who the owner of the empties is, And direct him to have them removed, so as not to obstruct the entrance to Mr O'Brien's premises.

John Murphy of Neville Street applied for six loads of manure and on the proposal of Mr Hand, Seconded by Mr Murphy it was Ordered that he get them, at whatever price per load, the foreman considers the value of each..

A circular letter, dated 5th inst, was received from the Hon. Secretary of The Ben Ros War Committee asking to be informed to what extent the Council is prepared to facilitate recruiting from amongst their employees by undertaking to keep their places open for Volunteers, until the termination of the war, and paying them such part of their Salary during active service, as may be necessary to secure them from pecuniary loss.

A discussion took place upon the reading of the letter but there was no action taken upon it.

Letter from the Manager of Kenny's advertising Agency, Middle Abbey Street, Dublin, asking that the Councils advertisements for insertion in Newspapers be sent to them as they are in a position to deal with them effectively And economically
No Order Made.

Letter from the Town Clerk of Athlone, forwarding copy of a resolution adopted by the Athlone Urban Council calling upon the Irish Party to take over the complete control And organization of

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Town Tenants movement.
Proposed by Mr Hand and
Seconded by Mr Brewer

That the communication be marked
Read.

Passed Unanimously

A letter was received from the Hon Secretary of the Gaelic Colleges thanking the Council for their spirited and effective resolution against the proposed suspension of the Department grants.
No Order Made.

The following was received from Mr Butler relative to the Sub-letting of his house at Fair Gate:-

New Ross
22nd Febry. 1916.

Gentlemen,

Being asked for an explanation re Sub-letting of house at Fair Gate, I give the following:-

In June 1895, I became a tenant of the Town Commissioners for above house, but did not get to reside there for three months afterwards, owing to the very bad state in which I found it. I reported same to the Commissioners who agreed to let me have the house for 1/3 per week. I to carry out all internal repairs which were at that time required. This I did. The repairs carried out by me were:- floors, partitions, doors, stairs, ceilings, etc. Nor as there is a dispute between the Urban Council and the County Council as to who is to keep in repair the premises in which I Nor reside, and as these premises are in a bad way for want of repairs, I may be compelled at any time to return to the house at Fair Gate. So, until it is definitely decided who is to carry out these repairs, I could not think of giving up possession of the Fair Gate house. In view of these facts, I thought it better to have someone living in this house. For had it been unoccupied during this

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past very wet winter, much damage would be done to it. I do not for one moment pretend to have any right or authority to sublet the house, but I think that mine is an exceptional case considering the amount of money I have expended in repairs. I wish to mention that, by the agreement with the present occupier, I Am to receive no profit rent.

Trusting that you may consider this explanation satis-factory.

Yours Obediently,
Thomas Butler.

A long discussion took place on the reading of the letter during which Mr Hand proposed that Mr Butler be asked possession of the house immediately. The proposition was not seconded, but it was eventually agreed to adjourn the consideration of the matter to next Meeting of the Council the Clerk to ascertain in the mean-time if there were any conditions as to repairs to house attached to the original letting of it.

The Clerk submitted the Abstracts of Uncollected rates which had been returned by the L. G. Board with a request that certain items in it which the Council proposed to cancel would be carried forward to next half year for collection. The Finance Committee meeting held on the 15th inst, decided to recommend the Council to comply with the directors of the L. G. Board and carry forward the items referred to.

In connection with this matter the following letter received from Dr. Hearn, Solicitor, was read:-

Ben Ross
17th Febry, 1916.

Dear Sir,

Mr John J. Browne, Rate Collector, has drawn my attention to the number of disallowances in his rates made by the Local Govern-ment Board. These allowances are altogether absurd. I collected

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and proceeded against every defaulter in respect of these rates, and it is humanly impossible to collect any of the rates that are on the claim Sheet, and now the view of the Local Government Board is: first lodge the amount of the Warrant, then claim a refund, and they themselves will regulate the amount they will refund or the amount they will not, which in other words means, that my client's position is at present, he is to guar-antee the rates, and pay all irrecoverable rates which is most unfair.

Please bring the matter before your Council, and oblige,

Yours faithfully,

W. P. Hearn.

After a brief discussion the Meeting decided to carry out the recommend-ation of the Finance Committee, but at the same time to request the L. G. Board to re-consider their ruling and permit the Council to pay the amounts referred to as they are satisfied they are irre-coverable. Accordingly the following resolution was:-

Proposed by Mr Hand and

Seconded by The Chairman

That the L. G. Board be respectfully asked to re-consider their ruling and allow the Council to pay to the Collector the Sums of Uncollectable rates for the half year ended 30th September last which, in accordance with the Boards letters of the 27th October 1914 and 7th February 1916, they have transferred from column 12 to 14 in the Schedule of Uncollected rates, as the Collector is not in a position to afford to lodge these Amounts and not have them refunded until after the close of the second half year.

Passed Unanimously.

The Foreman reported that there are two heaps of manure ready for sale. He also applied for a tar brush.

Ordered

That the tar brush be purchased.

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The Clerk reported that Edwd Broaders was sick for four days from 30th Janry to 2nd Febry, and Edwd Murphy one day - 3rd inst, for which he did not pay either of the men, as he did not wish to do so without the authority of the Council, as the latter passed a resolution on the 5th Febry 1915 directing that none of the men be paid during illness for any time they could obtain sickness benefit under the Act. E Murphy was only sick for one day and not having been previously in receipt of benefits or being ill within the previous Year he was not entitled to any benefit for the one day. Edwd Broaders was ill for four days but did not apply for benefits or notify his Society of his illness, so that, should he get ill again during twelve months he will not be paid for the first three days. In addition to this he could have got paid for one day on the occasion of his illness had he notified his Society, and taken the necessary steps to obtain the benefits.

After a short discussion, it was,

Proposed by Mr Dunne and

Seconded by Mr Hand

That Edwd Broaders be paid his full wages for the four days he was ill And Edwd Murphy for the one day.

Passed Unanimously.

Ordered

That the Clerk furnish to next Meeting the amount paid by the Council in contributions under the Act and also the amount of benefits received by the employees.

The election of a member of the School Attendance Committee of the Urban District in the room of the late Dean Kavanagh P.P was next considered, And it was,

Proposed by Mr Hand And

Seconded by Mr Dunne

That the Very Revd Canon Rossiter P.P be elected a member of the Committee

Passed Unanimously.

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The Street Inspector reported that a Number of Traders still continue to place Obstructions on the Streets outside their premises. The daily Scavenging is carried out as usual.
After some discussion it was.
Proposed by Mr Murphy And
Seconded by Mr Dunne

That in future when any person causes obstruction of the footpaths by placing any goods, or articles on them, the Street Inspector is to require such person to remove them and if they fail to do so he is to report same to the Council when proceedings will be taken against such person.

Passed Unanimously.

A representative of the Minimax Fire Extinguisher Company, attended and urged upon the Council the advisability of purchasing two or three of the Extinguishers.

After some discussion it was
Proposed by Mr Murphy And
Seconded by Mr Hand

That the further consideration of this Matter be adjourned to Next Meeting, the members of the Council to be summoned to consider it.

Passed Unanimously.

The Meeting Adjourned to Tuesday 7th March, 1916.

Patrick Dunne

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Monday, 6th March 1916

A monthly meeting of the Council was to be held this day at 12 O'Clock, noon to transact business pursuant to The Towns Improvement (Ireland) Act 1854.

No member attended.

The meeting adjourned to Tuesday, 7th March 1916.

Patrick Dunne

Tuesday, 7th ~~January~~ March 1916.

A meeting of The New Ross Urban District Council was held this day at 7. 30. O'Clock to transact business pursuant to The Towns Improvement (Ireland) Act 1854, and consider advisability of purchasing a Minimax Fire Extinguisher.

Present Messrs Patrick J. Dunne. Presiding
Peter K. O'Gorman
John Hand
Joseph Brewer
William Murphy

The Minutes of last meeting were read and signed

The Treasurer's Authority was signed by The Chairman, and Mess's O'Gorman, and Brewer, and the following Paying Order directed to be issued Viz:
No 209 - M. J. Finn. Petty Cash. £2 3. 4. 8.

Letter from the Commissioner of Valuation, dated 29th February advising the despatch of the Valuation Lists. The Clerk reported that he had published the

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Notices as to their receipt, and this was approved of.

Letter from the Local Government Board No 10039/1916, dated 25th February 1916, relative to the list of Arrears of rate for the half-year ended 30th September last, in which the Board pointed out that rates uncollected on the alleged ground of the poverty of the occupiers cannot be considered irrecoverable until the close of the period in respect of which they have been assessed and these items should not therefore appear in the arrear lists for the September half year.

The Collector should therefore take immediate action with a view to the recovery of the items in Column 14 of the lists, and the corresponding amounts of the Second Moiety of the rates.

The Clerk stated that he furnished the Collector with a copy of this letter, and this was approved of.

Letter from James Steacy, one of the Council's tenants, asking to have the roof, and back door, of his house repaired as soon as possible.

Ordered

That the Surveyor have the necessary repairs carried out as soon as possible.

Letter from Very Revd. Canon Rossiter V.F. dated 27th February thanking the Council for having elected him on the School attendance Committee of the District, and stating that he will be pleased to act on it.

No Order Made

A Tender was received from Mrs Hennessey of 30/- for one heap of manure at Town Wall, and on the proposal of Mr Hand, seconded by Mr Brewer it was accepted.

The Street Inspector reported that with the exception of the lamp at Maryfield, and one at Maiden Lane, which are

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very poor in illuminating power, the public lighting is Satisfactory.
No Order Made.

The Foreman reported that there are two heaps of Manure ready for Sale at the Town Wall and yard on Quay, one at each. Four waggons of metalling have arrived and are being Spread
No Order Made.

The Clerk reported that there were no Special conditions attached to the letting of the house at Stair Gate to Mr Butler which he had Sub-let.

After considerable discussion on the matter, it was,
Proposed by Mr Hand and
Seconded by Mr Brewer
"That possession of the"
"house be taken up, and that it be advertised"
"to be let in the usual manner."
Passed Unanimously.

The Meeting, after a brief Consideration of the matter, decided, on the proposal of Mr O'Gorman, Seconded by The Chairman, Not to incur any expenditure in purchasing "The Minimax" or other fire Extinguishers.

The Clerk stated that some years ago, at the request of the Council, he took Charge of the old Fire Engine and hoses, and Subsequently of the new appliances, and took them to fires, but he now desired to be relieved of this responsibility, as he not prepared to continue to carry out this work in future.
Ordered
That the Town Surveyor be directed to take

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charge of all the fire appliances in the Fire Engine room and have them tested regularly so that in case of fire he may have them available for immediate use.

The Street Inspector reported that a number of Traders caused an obstruction of the Streets each day by placing articles upon them, also that the daily Scavenging was carried out in a Satisfactory manner.
No Order Made.

The Meeting Adjourned to Tuesday 14th March 1916.

Patrick J Dunne

Wednesday 8th March, 1916.

A meeting of the Finance Committee was held this evening at 5 O'clock to transact business, consider and adopt Estimate of Poor Rate for financial year ending 31st March 1917.

Present Mesprs Patrick J. Dunne
John Murphy

The Clerk submitted the estimate of Poor Rate for financial year ending 31st March 1917, amounting to 3/7 and having considered it the Committee unanimously adopted it.

The Committee Adjourned Patrick J Dunne

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Tuesday 14th March 1916

A meeting of the Council was to be held this evening at 7.30 o'clock to transact business pursuant to The Towns Improvement (Ireland) Act 1854.

Present Messrs John O'Sullivan J.P.
Talk. J. Dunne
John Hand

A Quorum not having assembled Patrick Dunne

The Meeting adjourned to Wednesday 15th March, 1916.

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Wednesday 15th March 1916

An adjourned meeting of the Council was held this evening at 4.30 oclock to transact business pursuant to The Towns Improvement (Ireland) Act 1854, consider, and if approved of, adopt clerks Estimate of Poor Rate for financial year ending 31st March 1917, also elect a representative on the Waterford & New Ross Port Sanitary Authority for year ending 31/3/17.

Present Mssrs Patrick J. Dunne Presiding
John Murphy
John Hand
Michael Sheehan.

The Minutes of previous meeting were read and Signed.

The Treasurers Authority for making payments was signed by the Chairman & Mssrs Sheehan & Hand and the following Paying Orders were directed to be issued viz:- No 210 Hff Trim £10.18.6; No 211 Patk Carroll £5.2.6; No 212 Jas Connolly 9/6; No 213 New Ross Gas Co Ltd £99:16:9; No 214 Wm J. Hogan £4, No 215 Mrs J. Whitney 6/; No 216 P Tierney £19:14:9 No 217 Tarnell Quarries £36.9.3; No 218 Moran Bros £6.0.11, No 219 Weekes & Roche Osa £6, No 220 J. J. Shortall £7.1.8; No 221 Thos O'Neill £10, No 222 John J Browne £22.4.5; No 223 John J. Browne £17:6:8; No 224 Richd Murphy £8.12.10; No 225 Hff Trim £11.5.0; No 226 Wexford County Council £350.0.5; No 227 Thos Hennessy 7/6; No 228 John J. Browne £34.6.2; No 229 T. Hartnett £1:19:0; No 230 Mssrs Graves & Co 7/1; No 231 Hibernian Fire & General Insurance Co £1:13:11; No 232 John Doyle £9:8:7; No 233 Mssrs M Hutchinson & Son 22/5.

Correspondence

Letter from Mr Butler Fair Gate, dated 14th Inst stating that he wished to surrender the house at Fair Gate of which he is tenant, and asking the Council to allow the present occupier, Patrick Evoy to remain in it. He also stated that he was not at any time aware that there was an order of the Council prohibiting the subletting of houses by their tenants.

In conjunction with this letter an application, received for the tenancy of the house from Patrick Evoy, the present occupier, was considered.

It was the unanimous wish of the members that the house be given to Mr. Evoy and in order that the Council might be in a position at next meeting to do this;

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the following Notice of motion was served by Mr Hands viz:-

At next meeting I will propose that the portion of the resolution passed at last meeting directing that possession of the house at Fair Gate occupied by Mr Butler be taken up and advertised be rescinded in view of the Surrender by Mr Butler and the application for same by tenant in occupation.

Letter from Mr Dodd, dated 14th inst, expressing regret that he was unable to attend the meetings of the Council for the last six months as his health was not good. He had to go to England to a health resort. He hoped to give better attendance in future.

Proposed by Mr Murphy And
Seconded by The Chairman

That Mr Dodd's explanation as to the cause of his absence from the meetings of the Council for the past six months be considered Satisfactory.

Passed Unanimously.

The Council proceeded to consider the Clerk's Estimate of Poor Rate for financial year ending 31st March 1917 amounting to 3/7 in the £ which had been adopted by the Finance Committee, And after a very brief discussion the following resolution was

Proposed by Mr John Murphy And
Seconded by Mr Patrick Dunne

That the Clerks Estimate of Poor Rate for financial year ending 31st March 1917, now before us, amounting to three Shillings and Seven pence in the Pound, be adopted by the Council, and that he publish the necessary Notices, and take the necessary steps to have said rate made.

Passed Unanimously.

Foreman's Report

The Foreman reported that there are now two heaps of manure ready

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for sale. Since the 8th Inst there were no ashpits cleaned, both of the horses being engaged on street maintenence. He now asked for an extra man those for a few days. After considerable discussion it was,

Proposed by Mr Hand And
Seconded by Mr Dunne

That an extra man those be got for four days.

Passed Mr Murphy having expressed the opinion, previously, that the extra man those should not be got.

The Surveyor reported that he had the tree guards at Irishtown repaired as ordered.

Ordered

That the Surveyor get the roofs of the houses referred to in his report repaired. On the Suggestion of the Chairman it was decided that the Foreman have the trees at Irishtown manned.

The Street Inspector reported that a number of persons are causing an Obstruction of the Streets, And footpaths, by depositing articles of merchandise upon them. The daily Scavenging was carried out as usual.

No Order Made

The Clerk Submitted a number of bills for payment which had been examined by the Finance Committee, a list of which is entered at the commencement of the minutes, And on the proposal of Mr Sheehan Seconded by The Chairman they were Ordered to be paid.

On the proposal of Mr Sheehan Seconded by Mr Dunne, the Seal of the Council was affixed to the Contract & Bond of John Houston with the Council.

The Surveyor reported that he Surveyed the field at Wm Street, on which the twenty houses are built as directed at last meeting. The area of it is three roods, eighteen perches, and if a passage is left at South side there will still be three roods and eight perches to be divided amongst the tenants which would give six perches to each tenant.

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Mr Hand suggested that the feed be let to the tenants in plots at a nominal rent, they to fence it in. After a short discussion however, it was agreed to defer the further consideration of it to next meeting the members of the Council to be summoned to consider the matter and if desirable, deal with any applications for plots which may be received.

The Meeting Adjourned to Tuesday 28th March 1916.

John Sullivan

Friday 24th March, 1916.

A Meeting of the Finance Committee was held this evening at 8 o'clock to transact business, consider, and if approved of, adopt Clerk's Estimate of Town and Sanitary Rate for financial year ending 31st March 1917.

Present Messrs Patrick J. Dunne:
John Murphy

The Clerk submitted a draft estimate of Town Rate exclusive of the sum of £425, expenses in connection with the Sewerage Scheme which it is proposed to borrow, and the rate according to it for the financial year ending 31st March 1917 would be 4/9. He also submitted an alternative draft including the £425 and the rate according to it would be 7/9.

After careful and lengthened consideration, the Committee decided to defer the adoption of either Estimate until 27th inst in the hope that, in the meantime, a communication in reference to the loan might be received from the L.G. Board.

The Meeting accordingly adjourned to Monday 27th March 1916.

John Sullivan

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Monday 27th March 1916.

An adjourned meeting of the Finance Committee was held this evening at 5 o'clock to transact business, consider, and if approved of, adopt Clerks Estimate of Town & Sanitary Rate for financial year ending 31st March 1917.

Present Messrs John O'Sullivan J.P. Presiding
Patrick J. Dunne
John Murphy

When the meeting had adjourned but before the members left the Council Chamber, Mr Murphy attended.

The Committee considered the letter received from the L.G. Board, intimating that their Inspector would hold an Inquiry into the application of the Council for sanction to a loan of £425, on the 7th Inst.

In view of the probability of the sanction of the Board being obtained to the loan, when it may be possible to obtain the money from the Commissioners of Public Works, or in the open market, it was agreed to adopt the Estimate of Town Rate of 4/10 in the £ and for financial year ending 31st March 1917.

The Meeting Adjourned

J. P. Sullivan

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Tuesday 28th March 1916

A meeting of the New Ross Urban Council was held this evening at 7.30 o'clock to transact business pursuant to The Towns Improvement (Ireland) Act 1854, consider and if approved of, adopt Clerks estimate of Town & Sanitary Rate for financial year ending 31st March 1917 also following Notice of motion by Mr Hand viz:-

That the portion of the resolution passed at last meeting directing that possession of the house at Fair Gate, of which Mr Butler is tenant, be taken up, be rescinded; also to consider advisability of letting Councils field at Wm Street, in plots to the tenants at a nominal annual ~~rent~~ or weekly rent, and deal with applications for plots if any are received.

Present Messrs John O'Sullivan J.P. Presiding
Patrick J. Dunne
John Murphy
John Hand.

The Minutes of previous meetings were read and Signed.

The Treasurers Authority for making payments was Signed by The Chairman & Messrs Dunne & Hand and the following Paying Orders were directed to be issued viz:- No 234 M&E Pmin £21.19.3, No 235 John J. Browne £10.13.9.

Mr Hand drew attention to the fact that some of the public fountains were leaking, and it was Ordered

That the water Inspector have them put right.

Correspondence

A circular letter was received from the L.G. Board forwarding a Paying Order for £53.6.6 And the Clerk stated that he had lodged Same to the credit of the Council and this was approved of.

A circular letter dealing with Army Separation allowances to receipients in

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Rate-Aided Institutions was also received from the Board but as the Council was of opinion it did not effect them it was not dealt with.

A letter dated 11th March was received from the Town Clerk of Dublin forwarding copy of a resolution which was adopted by the Municipal Council of the City of Dublin protesting against the proposed enormous increase in Irish Taxation and on the proposal of Mr Dunne Seconded by Mr Hand it was Ordered to be marked "Read".

A similar communication was received from the Hon Secretaries of the Irish Financial Relations committee, but it was not dealt with.

Letter from Michael Saunders Irishtown, dated 27th inst stating that his house was badly in need of repairs, and he would be thankful if it was attended to.

Ordered

That the matter be referred to a committee consisting of the Chairman and Mr Murphy with a request that they inspect the house and report upon it.

A resolution of which the following is a copy was received from the Galway Urban Council, and it was.

Proposed by Mr Hand and

Seconded by Dunne

That the resolution be adopted viz:-

That we, the members of the Galway Urban District Council, protest against the practice by the Government of granting subsidies to Co-operative Societies, which run in competition against the Traders of the Country, and also against the unfair policy of exempting such Societies from Income Tax, which the ordinary Traders are compelled to pay. Experience has led us to the opinion that the trade of such Societies is being carried on in opposition to the town traders, who has to exist without any such subsidies, and in addition, to meet increased charges for Income Tax and the heavy rates prevailing in the Urban Districts

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and town areas in Ireland.

Passed Unanimously.

The Clerk submitted the Estimate of Town Rate for financial year ending 31st March 1917 from which it appeared that a rate of 11/10 in the £ would be required for the service of the Year, and after a very brief discussion the following resolution was

Proposed by Mr John Murphy

Seconded by Mr Dunne and Resolved

That the Clerk's Estimate of Town Rate and Domestic Water Rate for year ending 31st March 1917, now before us, be adopted, and that he publish the necessary Notice of our intention to make a Town Rate of 11/10 in the £, and a Domestic Water Rate of 1/3 in the £ on the valuation of premises supplied with water, said last mentioned rate to be in relief of the portion of the Town Rate raised as Sanitary expenses, the rateable value of the property assessable being £8,315:8:9.

Passed Unanimously.

A card was received from Millars Picture Co. Town Hall, Athy, dated 22nd March Notifying that they would give a Cinematograph Entertainment in the Town Hall, Newbridge, and applying for a License, but as the Hall was already licensed by the Council there was no action taken upon it.

Two tenders were received for a heap of manure at Town Wall, one of 2/- from Mary Roe and one of 35/- from Mr Neville Bannmore, and it was

Ordered

That Mr Nevilles tender of 35/- be accepted.

The following resolution of which notice had been given was.

Proposed by Mr Hand And

Seconded by Mr Dunne

That the portion of the resolution passed at last meeting directing that possession of the house at Fair Gate occupied by Mr Butler be taken up and advertised be rescinded in view of the

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surrender by Mr Butler and the application for same by tenant in occupation.

Passed Unanimously.

An application was received from Patk Evoy for the tenancy of the house at Fair Gate formerly occupied by Mr Butler and which had been surrendered by him. He offered Mr Thos Butler as Surety.

Proposed by Mr Hand and

Seconded by Mr Dunne

That Patrick Evoy be accepted as tenant of the house.

Passed Unanimously.

Applications for plots in the field at Wm Street which the Council propose to let to the tenants were received from Messrs Jas Martin, John Fanning, Thos Dunne, Joseph Furlong, Martin Reilly, James Rochford and Annie Cullelon. After some discussion the following resolution was

Proposed by Mr Murphy

Seconded by Mr Dunne And Resolved

That the Council rent the field at Wm Street to the tenants at a yearly rent of three pence the plot to be evenly divided between the tenants who wish to take it, the plot to be paled in by the tenants at their expense, the necessary details to be arranged by the Finance Committee and the Council's Solicitor.

An amendment that a rent of one penny per year be charged, was proposed by Mr Hand, but was not seconded.

The resolution was put to a vote And passed, Mr Hand dissenting to the rent of three pence.

The following report of the Foreman was read:-

28th March 1916.

I beg to report that there were forty-four ashpits cleaned since last meeting. There is one heap of manure ready for sale at Town Wall depot value about £1.10.0. Thos Freeman resumed work to-day having been absent (sick)

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since the 18th Inst. I employed James Doyle Carter Dunneny Lane for four days and had him engaged carting metalling mud and ashpits. I visited the yard of Mrs Keane Main St. I estimate the cost of having same cleaned to be about 3/. I am now in a position to attend to the Subsoiling of the Irishtown trees immediately as Ordered.

James Kelly JM.

Ordered

That the ashpit in yard of Mrs Keane be cleaned by the Councils men at a charge of 3/-

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The Street Inspector reported that a Number of Traders were obstructing the Streets by placing boxes &c on them also that the daily Scavenging was carried out Satisfactorily.

No Order Made

The Meeting Adjourned to Tuesday 11th April 1916.

Patrick J Devine

Monday 3rd April 1916.

A Monthly meeting of the Council was to be held this day at twelve o'clock noon to transact business pursuant to The Towns Improvement (Ireland) Act 1854.

No member attended

A Quorum not having assembled the M.

The Meeting Adjourned

Patrick J Devine

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Thursday 6th April 1916.

A meeting of the Finance Committee was to be held at 8.15 o'clock this evening to make arrangements for letting of plot at Wm Street.

Mr Dunne was the only member who attended.

A Quorum not having assembled

The Meeting Adjourned to Friday 7th April 1916.

Patrick J Dunne

Friday 7th April 1916.

A meeting of the Finance Committee was held at 5.30 o'clock P.M. to make arrangements for letting of field at Wm Street.

Present Messrs P.J. Dunne
John Murphy

Applications were received from sixteen of the tenants for a plot and the Committee having considered them prepared a report of which the following is a copy viz:-

7-4-16

Your Finance Committee met this evening at 5.30 o'clock to make arrangements for the letting of the field at Wm Street to the tenants.

We direct that the Council's Solicitors be instructed to prepare the necessary legal agreement for the letting of the field at Wm Street in plots to the sixteen tenants who made application for them at a rent of 3£ per year, the tenant to surrender possession of the plot whenever a tenant ceases to occupy a house of the Council built on this field or upon a weeks notice whenever the Council may require possession of the plot; and have no lein on the Council for any expense they may incur in fencing in field. the Council to be protected against any liability. We further direct our Surveyor

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to devide the feeld into sixteen equal plots and prepare a map of same upon which each persons plot can be shown when possession is given to the tenants

John Murphy
Patrick J Dunne.

after which

The Committee Adjourned.

Patrick J Dunne

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Monday 10th April 1916.

A Quarterly meeting of the Council was to be held this evening at 7 o'clock to transact business pursuant to The Local Government (Ireland) Act 1898 consider tenders for the supply of stones.

Messrs John Fanning & John Hand were the only members who attended.

A Quorum not having assembled

The Meeting was not held.

Patrick Furlong

Tuesday 11th April 1916.

A meeting of the Newross Urban District Council was to be held this evening at 7.30 to transact business pursuant to The Towns Improvement (Ireland) Act 1854.

Messrs John Hand & John Fanning were the only members who attended

A Quorum not having assembled

The Meeting Adjourned to Wednesday 12th April 1916.

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Wednesday 12th April 1916.

An Adjourned meeting of the Dunkas Urban Council was held this evening at 7.30 oclock to transact business pursuant to The Towns Improvement (Ireland) Act 1854

Present Mesrs. Patrick J. Dunne Presiding
John Fanning
John Hand
Michael Sheehan

The Minutes of previous meeting were read and Signed.

The Treasurers Authority for making payments was signed by the Chair-man and Mesrs. Fanning & Hand and the following Paying Orders were directed to be issued Viz:- No 1. John J. Browne £25.1.2, No 2. John J. Browne £37.13.8, No 3. John J. Browne £6.1.5; No 4 Dr. O'Regan £8; No 5 Mss Fmin £1.17.6; No 6 Mss Fmin £6.5.0, No 7 Mss Fmin £11.5.0; No 8 Cashiers Bank of Ireland £29.0.3; No 9 Cashiers Bank of Ireland £38.18.6, No 10 Cashiers Bank of Ireland £440.0.4; No 11 Cashiers Bank of Ireland £34.9.7 No 12 Resp K. Dugent 4/1; No 13 Mesrs Harvey & Co £4.5.6; No 14 James Shortall £7.1.8; No 15 Mss Fmin £22.8.1 (Petty Cash).

A Dividend Warrant on consolidated Stock for £9.1.9 which had been received was Ordered to be lodged to the credit of the Council.

Correspondence

Letter from the Commissioner of Valuation dated 31st March drawing attention to the fact that the time for receiving appeals against the revised Valuation Lists has expired and asking to have any appeals that were received for-warded to him.

The Clerk Stated that he had informed the Commissioner that no appeals were received and there was No Order Made.

Letter from Patrick Higgins Esq. acting Town Clerk, Waterford dated 5th inst for-warding copy of a resolution passed by the Waterford Corporation relatives

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to the Salaries of Irish National Teachers and its adoption was
Proposed by Mr Hand And
Seconded by Mr Sheehan

That we the members of the Waterford Municipal Council, for the sake of the educational interests of our Country, Strongly appeal to the Lords of His Majestys Treasury to grant an increase in the Salaries of the Irish National Teachers, which were even in pre war days, meagre and insufficient but are now rendered totally inadequate owing to the highly increased cost of living.

Furthermore we urge that the present System of Quarterly payments which entail considerable hardship, be Speedily abolished and monthly payments substituted.

We appeal to the Parliamentary representatives of Ireland to use their best endeavours to have these reasonable concessions granted.

Passed Unanimously.

A tender dated 12th Inst was received from Thos Elmes Rochestown for heap of manure at Town Wall at 3/- And from Edwd Roe Begerin for same heap at 3/- and also for a heap in yard on Quay @ 1/9- and after a short discussion it was decided by lot that the two heaps be given to Mr Roe. It was,

Ordered

That the tender of Edwd Roe be accepted for the two heaps on condition that the manure be removed promptly from the Depots, if allowed to remain in them longer than ten days yardage will be charged at the rate of 2/- per heap per week.

A copy of a resolution which had been passed by the Kings County Council calling on the Board of Trade to have the Steam packet Service between Liverpool and Dublin restored to its normal State was received but there was no action taken upon it.

The following letter received from Messrs Wolfe & Son was read viz:-

Dear Sir

11th April, 1916.

We are in receipt of your letter of 8th Inst, instructing us to prepare the

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necessary legal Agreement for the letting of the field at Wm Street in plots to the sixteen tenants who applied for them at a rent of three pence per year &c; but before preparing these agreements we must point out to the Council that according to the Lease under which the field at Williams Street is held from Colonel Tottenham it is expressly provided that the field shall only be used for the purpose of Schemes under the Housing of the Working Classes Acts 1885 to 1896.

We are therefore of opinion that the letting of this field in plots as proposed would be a breach of the provisions of the lease and that Colonel Tottenham's consent in writing should be obtained before any letting such as is proposed is made.

Yours very truly
Colfer & Son.

In conjunction with this letter the report of the Finance Committee which is entered on the minutes of this meeting was considered.

Proposed by Mr Hand and
Seconded by Mr Sheehan

That the Councils Solicitors be instructed to make application to Colonel Tottenham D.L or his agent for his consent to the letting of the field in plots as proposed.

Passed Unanimously.

Foreman's Report

11th April 1916.

I beg to report that fifty nine ashpits were cleaned since last meeting. There are five heaps of manure in your yard on The Quay ready for sale Nos 1, 4, 5, 9 & 10 Value about £1 each. also one heap at Town Wall depot value about £1.10.0. In regards to the heaps of manure at Town Wall depot. I wish to state that Messrs Reville and Kearney have not yet removed any of the manure purchased by them and the place is becoming filled up. Edwd Murphy was sick since the 3rd Inst. He resumed work to-day. Walter Duggan is sick since the 7th Inst and is in the Infirmary. Some sweeping brushes are required. I attended the public weighbridge at Irishtown this morning in the absence of

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Mr T Doran who is sick, also the cleaning and oiling of weighbridges.

James Kelly J.M.

Ordered

That Messrs Kearney & Neville be directed to have the manure purchased by them removed from the Councils depots, and they be informed that if it is not removed within six days yardage will be charged at the rate of 2/- per week.

That advertisements be issued inviting Tenders for the supply of one dozen of coarse and one doz of fine brushes.

The Clerk submitted a number of bills as entered at the commencement of the minutes and on the proposal of Mr Hand seconded by Mr Sheehan they were Ordered to be paid.

The Street Inspector reported that a number of traders placed boxes etc. on the streets causing an obstruction, also that the daily scavenging was carried out as usual.

On the Suggestion of Mr Hand it was decided that the Surveyor have the facing of the field at Wm Street adjoining Cross Lane, repaired where broken down.

The Meeting Adjourned to Tuesday 25th April 1916.

P D'Gorman

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Tuesday 25th April 1916.

A special Quarterly meeting of the Council was held this evening at 4 o'clock to transact business pursuant to The Local Government (Ireland) Act 1898, consider tenders for the supply of macadam for the present financial year, and fix date for holding of Quarterly meetings for the same period.

Present Messrs Peter H. Ó Gorman Presiding
John Murphy
Joseph Brewer
John Hand
John Fanning
Patrick J. Dunne

The Minutes of last Quarterly meeting were read and signed

Surveyor's Quarterly Report

25th April 1916

I beg to report that your Streets during the past Quarter have been fairly well maintained and in some instances considerably improved. It has been the custom during the winter months, to employ additional labour for Street maintenence and during the recent wet weather it was not always possible to promptly attend to the cleansing and removal of Street Sweepings but no great inconvenience was caused by this unavoidable delay. A Section of the road Surface at Roberton was raised and repaired as Ordered and has been a great improvement. Two new Surface traps are presently required in Neville St and Michael St. to prevent damage to the road Surface by flood water.

James J. Shorball S.S.

Proposed by Mr Murphy and
Seconded by Mr Fanning

That the report of the Surveyor be adopted except that portion of it referring to the construction of two new surface traps and that the consideration of this portion of it be adjourned to next meeting.

Mr Hand proposed as an Amendment that the two traps be constructed, but it was not seconded. The resolution was then put to a vote and

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Passed Unanimously

The following tenders for the supply of Macadam were received :-
Messrs John Murphy & Son Graigue-Na-Managh offered to supply 200 tons of Gravel from Tinahinch Quarry at 4/- per ton delivered in boats free alongside the Quay, the Council to supply the necessary men to discharge the Boats, the latter to be discharged on the first tide following the arrival except under exceptional circumstances, the boatmen to give the usual help in discharging.
Proposed by Mr Murphy and
Seconded by Mr Fanning

That the tender of Messrs John M. Murphy & Son be accepted for the supply of two hundred tons of Gravel from the Tinahinch Quarry.

Passed Unanimously

The Parnell Quarries (Arklow) Ltd offered to supply macadam, any class @ 4/8 per ton F.O.R. Arklow, and gravel chips at 3/6 per ton. The freight on it to Newross would be 3/10.

The meeting considered this price delivered in Newross very high, and after a short discussion it was
Proposed by Mr Murphy and
Seconded by Mr Fanning

That the consideration of the tender from the Parnell Quarries be adjourned to next Quarterly meeting the Clerk to ascertain in the meantime if additional metalling can be obtained from the other Quarries.

Mr Sands proposed as an amendment that two hundred tons be obtained from the Parnell Quarries and that the consideration of the other tenders be adjourned to next meeting but it was not seconded.

The original resolution was put to a vote and declared passed Unanimously.

A tender was received from Thos O'Neill Ballynock for the supply of 250 tons of unbroken stones from Glensinsan Quarry @ 2/11¾ per ton delivered in the Council's depots at Kilbercon and from Richard Malone Hoodsgrove at 2/10½

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delivered in Same depots.

On the proposal of the Chairman seconded by Mr Fanning the tender of Richard Malone was unanimously accepted.

Thos. O'Neill Ballynock proposed to supply 200 tons unbroken Stones from Inchoque Quarry, delivered at the Councils depot at Iron Wall and Mon-garett Lane or Bosheen-Na-Slaun depots.

Proposed by Mr Fanning and
Seconded by The Chairman

That the tender of Thos. O'Neill for the Supply of 200 tons of unbroken Stones from Inchoque Quarry at 4/- per ton be accepted the Stones to be delivered in the Council's depots as advertised.

Mr Dunne Suggested that the consideration of these tenders be adjourned to next Quarterly meeting with a view to ascertaining if Malone would Supply this quantity additional from Glensinsan but after a short discussion he withdrew his Suggestion, when the resolution was put to a vote and passed Unanimously.

Ordered

That the Councils Solicitors be directed to prepare Bonds and have same perfected with those whose tenders have been accepted.

Mr Hand Now proposed that all these tenders be adjourned to next Quarterly meeting and that in the meantime Malone be asked if he will supply the 600 tons from Glensinsan Quarry.

The proposition was not Seconded.

This concluded the business and

The Quarterly Meeting Terminated.

Sincerely

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A meeting of the Council was held this evening at 7.30 o'clock to transact business pursuant to The Towns Improvement (Ireland) Act 1854 make a Poor Rate Town Rate and Domestic Water Rate for the service of the financial year ending 31st march 1917.

Present Meprs Peter L. O'Gorman Presiding
John Murphy
John Hand
John Fanning
Joseph Brewer
Patrick J. Dunne
Michael Sheehan

The minutes of previous meeting were read and signed.

The Treasurers Authority for making payments was signed by the Chairman & Meprs Hand & Dunne and the following Paying Order was directed to be issued viz:- No 16 Half Year £19.5.6. (Petty cash).

Correspondence.

Mary A. Rowe Begerin Loftus offered 32/- for one heap of manure at Town Wall; and on the proposal of Mr Murphy seconded by Mr Fanning it was accepted.

Letter from Mr Fuzello Secretary Wexford County Council dated 20th Inst intimating that the following recommendation was adopted at yesterdays meeting of the Finance & Roads Committee viz:-

That the County Surveyor be instructed to report as to the cost of replacing present gravel footpaths Dew Ross Bridge by tar macadam.

No Order Made.

The following was received from Meprs Wolfe & Son viz:- (over.)

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25th April, 1916.

Re:- Letting of field at William Street.

Dear Sir,

Referring to your letter of 15th Inst, and our recent interview, we desire to say that the consent of the agent to use the field for the purpose mentioned, would not be sufficient; the consent of the landlord is absol-utely essential. We have written Mr Hamilton setting out fully the facts and requesting him to submit our application to Colonel Tottenham.

We have not yet had a reply, but we expect it will reach us in the course of the present week.

Yours very truly
Colfer & Son.

Proposed by Mr Murphy and
Seconded by Mr Hand

That as soon as the Councils Solicitors obtain the necessary permission from Colonel Tottenham to let the field, the Clerk consult Mr Colfer as to the legal steps to be taken so that he may give the tenants legal possession of each plot without waiting for the next meeting of the Council.

Passed Unanimously.

An application was ~~granted~~ received from Annie O'Neill Priory Place for permission to erect a "Standing" in Robert Street during the mission to be opened shortly, and it was

Ordered

That the desired permission be granted.

Applications were received from the following traders for a renewal of the registration of their respective premises for the sale of mixed explosives under the Explosives Act 1875 viz:-
Mrs P. Hunt The Quay, Messrs M Dearn & Son South St, Mrs Hennessy South St, Messrs M Hutchinson & Son North St and Mr John Doyle North St premises.

(over)

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Proposed by Mr Hand and
Seconded by Mr Fanning

That the premises set out in applications of the foregoing persons be registered for the sale of mixed explosives for one year from this date

Passed Unanimously.

Clerk's Report

25th April, 1916.

I beg to report that the weekly tenant's Rent Ledger has not yet been written up by the Collector, notwithstanding that an order was made by the Council on the 11th January last directing him to have it written up within three weeks from that date.

The tenant's Pass Books have not been checked, or compared with the Ledger for a very long time. It is very desirable that the Ledger should be written up at once, and balanced to the close of the financial year ending the 31st ultimo, and also the Pass Books balanced to the same date so that they may be compared with the Ledger, and also with the weekly Sheets.

The Abstracts of Uncollectable rates for half year ending 31st March last, has not yet been received from the Collector.

M. J. Flynn Clerk of Council.

Proposed by Mr. Hand and
Seconded by Mr Murphy

That the Weekly tenants Rent Ledger be written up at once and balanced to the close of the financial year ending 31st Ult, and also the pass books balanced to the same date so that they may be compared with And also with the weekly Sheets

That the Abstracts of Uncollectable Rates for half year ending 31st March last be furnished without delay.

Passed Unanimously.

The Clerk Submitted the Agreement between Patk Evoy And the Council for the letting of a house at Fair Gate And on the proposal of the Chairman, Seconded by Mr Murphy it was Ordered that the Bond be sealed with the Common Seal of the Council.

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Surveyor's Report.

25th April, 1916.

I beg to report that I met your Special committee on the 14th Inst and we visited and inspected the premises in Bullawn, Rookery And Barrack Lane as directed. I am having the water taps in your houses in Abbey View and Haughton Place repaired as directed. I have prepared maps of the garden plots proposed to be allotted to your William St tenants and I shall be glad to know if they may now be marked out accordingly. In order to complete the repairs to the fence of these plots at the Cross Lane side, as ordered at your last meeting, about 60 loads of building stones will be required. There is a leak in the water at Ballyfanne which I am having repaired on to-morrow. I am also having some slates replaced on the Tholsel roof.

James J Shorball T.S.

A long discussion took place relative to the procuring of stones for repairing the fence of the field at William Street the Surveyor having estimated the cost at £10.10.0 Of Obtaining them from the Glendinsan Quarry.

It was eventually decided that the Surveyor have the repairs carried out by the Council's men the Stones to be provided by Mr. Hand.

The meeting next proceeded to make a Poor Rate, Town Rate And Domestic water Rate for the financial year ending 31st March 1917, and the following resolutions were proposed viz:-

Proposed by Mr Dunne

Seconded by Mr Murphy And Resolved

That we raise the Sum of One Thousand Five Hundred and Eighty-two pounds, thirteen Shillings and one penny as and for Poor Rate and for the purpose aforesaid make a rate of three Shillings And Seven pence in the pound for the financial year ending the 31st day of March 1917, on the property situate within the Urban District of New Ross, pursuant to The Local Government (Ireland) Act 1898 And other Acts incorporated therewith, and that Same be collected in two moieties the first on or before the 30th September 1916 And the seconded on or before the 31st day of March 1917.

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That public notice be given of said rates having been made, by printed placards duly posted.

Passed Unanimously.

Proposed by Mr T. J. Dunne
Seconded by Mr Murphy And Resolved

That the Presiding Chairman and two members of the Council sign the Poor Rate Books, and the resolution making the Poor Rate endorsed thereon, And the Collector's Warrants, and affix the Common Seal of the Council to said Poor Rate Books & Documents.

Passed Unanimously.

Proposed by Mr Murphy
Seconded by Mr Dunne And Resolved

That we raise the Sum of Two Thousand and fifteen pounds, seven Shillings and one penny as and for Town Rate, and for that purpose we make a Town Rate of Four Shillings & Ten pence in the pound for the financial year commencing on the 1st day of April 1916 and ending on the 31st day of March 1917, on the property situate in the Urban District of Newross, rateable under the undermentioned Acts, for the purposes therein mentioned of which Town Rate of four Shillings and ten pence in the £, the Sum of one Shilling is for general purposes under the provisions of The Towns Improvement (Ireland) Act 1854, and the Sum of one Shilling and four pence half-penny is for Special purposes under The Local Government (Ireland) Act 1898, and the Sum of two Shillings And five pence half penny in the £ is for Sanitary purposes under the provisions of The Public Health (Ireland) Acts, which Sanitary rate includes one penny in the £ under The Technical Instruction Act 1889 and one penny in the £ under the provisions of The Agriculture & Technical Instruction (Ireland) Act 1899 for the purpose of Technical Instruction; and we hereby make a Domestic Water Rate under the provisions of The Public Health (Ireland) Acts of one Shilling and three pence in the £ on the valuation of premises supplied with water, for the financial year commencing on the 1st day of April 1916 and ending on the 31st day of March 1917, and we

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hereby fix that said rates shall be payable on the 1st day of June 1916, and shall be collected in two moieties, the first on or before the 30th day of September 1916 and the Second on or before the 31st day of March 1917.

Passed Unanimously.

Proposed by Mr Murphy And
Seconded by Mr Dunne And Resolved

That the Presiding Chairman and five other members of the Council sign the Books in which the Town Rate and Domestic Water Rate are made out, also the resolutions making the Town Rate & Domestic Water Rate and the adoption of the Town Rate endorsed on Said Books And affix the Common Seal of the Council to Said Rate Books and endosements, and the Collectors warrant affixed to Said Rate Books, be signed by the Presiding Chairman and five other members of the Council present, and countersigned by the Clerk, and Sealed with the Common Seal of the Council.

Passed Unanimously

In pursuance of the foregoing resolutions the Rate Books were duly signed And Sealed.

The Clerk reported that the contract with the County Council for the maintenence of the New Ross Budge will expire on the 30th June next and tenders for the maintenence of it for another year from that date will be received at a meeting of the County Council to be held on the 3rd May next.

He Submitted a Statement Showing that the total cost of the maintenence of it from the 1st July last to date was £24.19.1.

Proposed by Mr Dunne And
Seconded by Mr Brewer

That the Council tender again for the maintenence of the Budge for the year ending 30th June 1917

Passed Mr Fanning dissenting.

The Street Inspector reported that a number of traders caused obstruction on the Streets by placing boxes on them. The daily Scavenging was

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carried out Satisfactorily.
No Order Made.

The Surveyor Submitted a map of the fields at William Street Showing the proposed apportionment of it into sixteen plots, and it was unanimously approved of, and same endorsed upon it by the Presiding Chairman after which.

The Meeting Adjourned to Tuesday 9th May 1916.

P. J. Gorman.

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Tuesday 9th May 1916

A meeting of the Council was held this evening at 7.30 oclock to transact business pursuant to The Town Improvement (Ireland) Act '54.

Present Mesprs Peter V. O'Gorman Presiding
John Hand
Patrick J. Dunne
James G. Dooley.

The minutes of previous meeting were read and Signed.

The Treasurers Authority for making payments was Signed by The Chairman and Mesprs Hand & Dunne And the following Paying Orders were directed to be issued viz:- No 17 Mess Smiv (Petty cash) £19.17.1, No 18 Dublin & South Eastern Railway Co £5.16.4, No 19 Technical Instruction Committee £16.14.6, No 20 Collector of Customs & Excise Kilkenny 18/-, Mess Smiv £11.5.0, No 22 Mess Smiv £1.5.6, No 23 J.J. Shortall £7.1.8 No 24 John J. Browne £1.17.1, No 25 John J. Browne £1.6.4 No 26 School attendance Committee £8.3.6.

Mr John Doyle tendered to supply one dozen of coarse brushes @ 27/- and one doz of Fine at 26/6. This was the only tender received and on the proposal of Mr Dooley Seconded by Mr Hand it was accepted.

The following was read:-

24th April 1916.

Re:- Letting of feed at William Street.

Dear Sir,

We are in receipt of your letter of 26 Inst. and in reply we have to point out that it is impossible for the Council in accordance with their Statutory powers to give legal possession of the plots of land in question until legal tenancies in these plots have been created, and such tenancies cannot legally be created until the consent in writing of the landlord has been obtained.

We are further of opinion that the consent of the Local Government Board to the proposed lettings is also necessary, and it will be useless to apply to the Board for this consent unless and until the Council is in a position to state

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definitely that the Landlords consent in writing has been Obtained.

Yours very truly
Wolfe & Son.

Ordered

That the matter be adjourned to next meeting but if, in the mean-time all the necessary legal arrangements are perfected possession be given to the tenants.

The following resolution in reference to the recent outbreak was:-

Proposed by Mr Hand and
Seconded by Mr Dunne Resolved

That we the Ben-Koss Urban Council hereby in the Strongest possible manner condemn the action of the Sinn Fein organization and Citizen's Army in their outrag-eous disgraceful and blackguardly conduct at present carried on both in the rioting and looting in Dublin and elsewhere, and we as a National Board entirely disassociate ourselves with Such disgraceful and unworthy Scenes even more So at a time when our Empire and our allies are involved in one of the greatest Struggles for freedom the world has ever known, and we regard the present conduct as an insult to our brave and gallant Irishmen who have Sealed the common Bond between England and Ireland by Shedding their blood on the battlefields of Flanders And Other Scenes of action.

That we pass this resolution to Show that the respon-sible parties for the present crisis in Ireland are of the "Irresponsible class" and so that the action of the loyal subjects cannot be misin-terpreted by our Allies or our Empire.

It is also resolved that we place implicit faith and trust in our able and trust worthy leader Mr John E. Redmond and his party, and we unreservedly place ourselves in his hands as our leader knowing full well that with the assistance of the Irish Party he will carefully and Consistently watch the interest of the Irish people so that by reason of the acts of these "Worse than Hun parties" the whole Irish race will not be disgraced and

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branded as Traitors.

That copies of this resolution be forwarded to the Lord Lieutenant of Ireland, the Chief Secretary, Mr Redmond, and all the Irish Leaders.

Passed Mr Dooley dissenting to that portion of it referring to Mr Redmond and his party.

The following letter was read viz:-

3 Bridge St.
New Ross.
2nd May 1916

Dear Sir

There is a strong feeling, with which I am fully in accord, that the invaluable service rendered to the town by the Volunteers in at once placing themselves at the disposal of the Authorities ought not to be allowed to pass without recognition. Should your Council take the initiation in the matter, it will receive the hearty support of every decent inhabitant.

Yours
J.S. Power

Proposed by Mr Hand and
Seconded by Mr Dunne

That we desire to express our appreciation of the action of the of the National Volunteers in placing their services at the disposal of the Authorities to aid them in preserving the peace of the town under the recent trying circumstances and that we take the necessary steps to mark in an effective manner our admiration of their gallant action.

Passed Unanimously.

A discussion took place as to the best means of giving effect to the foregoing resolution and on the proposal of Mr Hand seconded by Mr Dunne it was

Ordered

That a public meeting of all the traders, professional gentlemen and others be called, same to be called in the Large Room Tholsel on Friday evening at 8 O'clock. The Clerk was asked to have the posters

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announcing the meeting issued and posted.

An application was received from Patrick Lyne for the tenancy of the vacant premises on the Bullawn, occupied sometime ago by Thos. Martin, for storage purposes.

Proposed by Mr Hand And
Seconded by Mr Dunne

That Patrick Lyne be accepted as a weekly tenant of these premises at a rent of four pence per week.

Passed Unanimously

Martin Breen Camblin offered 30/- for 9 heaps of manure in yard on Quay And it was Ordered to be accepted.

A tender of 15/6 was received from Mr Power Oldcourt for one or two heaps of manure in yard on Quay but it was not accepted, the price being considered too low.

The Clerk was Authorized to dispose of Such heaps as he would receive a tender of 20/- for before next meeting meeting.

Surveyor's Report.

May 9th. 1916.

I beg to report that repairs have been carried out to Cooks Lane as Ordered. The tarred-macadam for repairing Lady Lane has not yet been prepared but I expect to have same ready in the course of the next few weeks. The water taps which were reported to be leaking in your houses in Haughton Place And Abbey View have now been repaired as Ordered. Your houses in Church Lane in occupation of Mrs Reilly requires a new floor to the lower front room, the existing floor having rotted away And also some plaster repairs to the back bedroom ceiling

I have had the roof of the Gholsel repaired as Ordered.

James. J. Shortall J. S.

In reply to a member the Surveyor stated that he estimated the cost of putting a new wooden floor in room of house occupied by Mrs Reilly at £5. After some discussion it was Ordered that the Surveyor have a concrete

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floor laid in it.

The Street Inspector reported the names of a number of Traders who caused Obstruction of the Streets by placing boxes &c on them.

The daily Scavenging was carried out in a Satisfactory manner.

No Order Made.

The Meeting Adjourned to Tuesday 23rd May 1916.

P. O'Gorman

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Thursday 18th May 1916.

A meeting of the Finance Committee was held this evening at 5 oclock to rule on Collectors Abstracts of Uncollectable Rates for half year ended the 31st March 1916.

Present Meprs John Murphy
Patrick J. Dunne

The Collector was also present.

The Committee having examined the lists recommended that Sums of Poor Rate Amounting to £4.6.11½, for half year ending 30th Septr 1915 be cancelled as also £20.19.4 for half year ending 31st March 1916.

That Sums of Town Rate, for half year ending 30th Septr 1915, amounting to £4.8.4 be cancelled, as also £34.13.7½ for half year ending 31st March 1916.

The Meeting Adjourned.

P.N. Gorman.

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Tuesday 23rd May, 1916.

A Meetinq of the NewRoss Urban Council was held this evening at 7.30 oclock to transact business pursuant to The Towns Improvement (Irelands) Act 1854: rule on Collectors Abstracts of Uncollectable Poorrate and Townrate, for half year endinq 31st March, 1916.

Present Mesprs Peter N. O'Gorman Presiding
Dr. W. Walsh
John Hand
John Murphy

The minutes of previous meeting were read and Sqned.

The Treasurers Authority for makinq payments was sqned by The Chairman And Mesprs Walsh & Hand and the followinq Payinq Order was directed to be issued viz:- No 27 Moff Jnno £18 18 8 (Petty Sessns)

The followinq letter was received from Mr J. B. Heane:-

Chilcomb,
NewRoss
20/5/16.

Dear Sir

I am sorry circumstances prevented my attending the Council meetinqs during past six months.

Yoursfaithfully
J.B. Heane.

Proposed by Mr Murphy and
Seconded by Dr. Walsh.

That Mr Heanis explanation as to the cause of his absence from meetings of the Council for the past six months be considered satisfactory.

Passed Unanimously.

The lists of Uncollectable rates which the Collector claimed to have refunded were examined and considered in conjunction with the recommendation of

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the Finance Committee, and it was.
Proposed by Mr Murphy and
Seconded by Mr Hand

That Sums of Poor Rate amounting to £14.6.11½ for half year ending 30th Sept 1915 and £20.19.4 for half year ending 31st March 1916 be cancelled as also sums of Town Rate amounting to £7.8.4 for half year ending 30th Sept 1915, and £34.13.7½ for half year ending 31st March 1916.

Passed Unanimously

The following tenders were received for three heaps of manure in yard on Quay viz:- Laurence Nolan Camblin @ 20/-, Patrick Kelly Camblin @ 20/- and Patrick Power Oldcourt @ 21/- and they were Ordered to be accepted.

The Foreman reported that he had made inquiries in reference to grass for the Council's horses, and Frank Browne Kenville St informed him he would let grass at 5/- per week for each horse.

The Clerk Stated that he wrote to Harry Lee asking him if he would let grass, but had not received a reply due probably, to the fact that he had not any to let.

After some discussion it was
Proposed by Mr Hand and
Seconded by The Chairman

That the grazing of the two horses be taken from Mr Browne from week to week at a weekly rent of 5/- for each horse.

Passed Unanimously

Owing to the Council not having met until after the mission devotions it was considered too late to proceed with any further business, and accordingly

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The Meeting Adjourned to Tuesday 6th June, 1916.

Wm Hand
Chr

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Monday 5th June 1916.

A monthly meeting of the Council was to be held this day at twelve o'clock noon to transact business pursuant to The Towns Improvement (Ireland) Act 1854

No member attended

A Quorum not having assembled

The Meeting Adjourned

John Hood

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Tuesday 6th June 1916.

An adjourned fortnightly and an adjourned monthly meeting of the Newbridge Urban District Council was held this evening at 7.30 o'clock to transact business pursuant to The Towns Improvement (Ireland) Act 1854

Present Messrs John Hand Presiding
John S. Hearn J.P.
John Fanning
Joseph Brewer.

The minutes of previous meeting were read and signed.

The Treasurers Authority for making payments was signed by The Chairman & Messrs Brewer & Fanning and the following Paying Order was directed to be issued viz:- No 28 to Pmr £20.17.0 Petty Cash.

A tender was received from Michl Breen Camblin of 20/- for 506 heaps of manure in yard or Quarry, and it was Ordered to be accepted, as was also a proposal of 20/- by Patrick Kelly of Camblin for a second heap in same yard.

At this stage Mr Hearn left and there was not then a Quorum present, Accordingly

The Meeting Adjourned to Tuesday 13th June, 1916.

Patrick J. Hand

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Tuesday 13th June 1916.

A meeting of the Council was held this evening at 7.30 o'clock to transact business pursuant to The Towns Improvement (Ireland) Act 1854.

Present Meprs Patrick J. Dunne Presiding
John Hand
John Murphy
Joseph Brewer.

The Minutes of previous meeting were read and signed

The Treasurers Authority for making payments was signed by The Chairman & Meprs Hand & Murphy and the following Paying Orders were directed to be issued viz:- No29 Newross Gas les £95.12.6, No30 Richd Murphy £8.12.10, No31 Thomas O'Neill £5.16.8, No32 Jas Shortall £7.1.8, No33 D. J. Regan £1.6.0, No34 Moff Tmr £11.5.0, No35 Moff Tmr £10.12.4 (Petty Cash) No36 John Browne £65.4.0, No37 John Browne £1.17.6 No38 James Kelly £2.10.0, No39 John Stevenson £1.10.0, No40 Wexford County Council £369.15.0; No41 Meprs Henry Harte Barry & Sons Taxation £2.5 (No6 Loans a/c).

Immediately after the Chair was taken the Chairman referred to the death of Mrs Walsh, daughter-in-law of Dr. Walsh, a respected member of the Council and daughter of the late Mr Bryan Hennessy who was for some years a member of the Town Commissioners, the predecessors of the Urban Council, and proposed the following resolution which was seconded by Mr Hand and passed in Silence viz:-

That we tender to Mr James Walsh, whose father is a respected and valued member of this Council, our sincere sympathy and condolence on the death of his dear wife, whose many amiable qualities endeared her to all, and that as a mark of respect to her memory we adjourn this meeting after the transaction of some urgent business

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That we tender to Mrs Hennessy our sincere sympathy and condolence on the death of her dear daughter, Mrs Walsh,

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under such Sudden circumstances and that as a mark of respect to her memory we adjourn this meeting without transacting any business except such as is of a very urgent nature.

Ordered

That a copy of the resolution be sent to Mr Walsh and Mrs Hennessy.

Mr Hands drew attention to the death of Midshipman Grattan Esmonde lost in the "Invincible" and proposed the following resolution which was seconded by Mr Brewer And passed in silence viz:-

That we tender to Sir Thomas Grattan Esmonde Bart M.P. our Sincere Sympathy and condolence on the death of his dear son who so nobly lost his life in gallantly fighting for King & Country.

Ordered

That a copy be sent to Sir Ths. Esmonde Bart M.P.

A Dividend Warrant for £2:15:1 net on four pound ten per cent war Stock to 1st June was received and Ordered to be lodged to the credit of the Council.

Applications for the tenancy of No 10 house Houghton Place were received from Mary Tierney Irishtown, Joseph Brewer Irishtown and John Culleton.

Proposed by Mr Murphy and
Seconded by The Chairman

That the vacant house be let to Mr Brewer.

Passed Unanimously.

Correspondence

Letter from L.G. Board No 25.273.1916, returning the Lists of Arrears in the Urban District with the rulings of the Board stamped on them. The Board dis-allowed the Poor Rate 17/1 and Town Rate 23/7½ on the Tuberculosis Dispensary, with the remark:- "If this hereditament is returned by the Commissioner" "of valuation as liable to be rated, the Urban District Council appear to be bound"

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"to rate it and to recover the amount assessed."

They also requested that in future when part payment of rates are properly allowable the system outlined in the Board's letter of the 21st October 1913 may be followed.

The Clerk stated that on receipt of this letter from the L.G. Board he wrote the Secretary of the County Council pointing out that the L.G. Board had refused to assent to the cancellation of this rate, and also sent him a copy of the note made by the Board on the matter, and, in reply, received the following letter viz:-

3rd June 1916

Dear Mr Finn

I have yours re Rates on Tuberculosis Dispensary the Committee contend that the premises should not be rated under section 63 of 1+2 Geo cap 56. The following is an extract from the section:-

"As church chapel or other building exclusively dedicated to religious worship or exclusively used for the education of the poor, nor any burial ground or cemetery, nor any infirmary hospital charity School or other building used exclusively for charitable purposes, nor any building land or hereditament dedicated to or used for public purposes, shall be rateable except where any private profit or use shall be directly derived therefrom, in which case the person deriving such profit or use shall be liable to be rated as an occupier according to the Annual value of such profit or use."

It is contended by the Committee that it was the business of the Rate Collector to bring forward this case for revision more particularly as the premises are held from Your Urban Council and the Rate Collector is also the Rent Collector so that he was perfectly cognizant of the creation and existance of the tenancy.

As regards the rate on the land attached to the Dispensary and from which the Tuberculosis Committee are deriving a profit of £6, I would refer you to section 10 of 15+16 Geo; c 10H which enacts that persons receiving rent from such property (i.e; premises used for public

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or charitable purposes shall be liable to be rated in respect of such rent, to the extent of one half the poundage rate on the electoral division in which the property is situate.

I would suggest that, as the matter is very complex, And, as you and I have both to satisfy Auditors of the L. G. Board, that you should take the advice of Mr Colfer, your Councils Solicitor.

Yours faithfully,
M. J. Brizelle.
Secretary.

After a brief discussion it was
Proposed by Mr Murphy And
Seconded by Mr Hand

That Messrs Colfer ~~Son~~ be asked to advise the Council by next meeting whether the Tuberculosis County Committee are liable for Poor Rate and Town Rate on the building & Ros used as a Tuberculosis Dispensary at Mary Street and the field attached thereto which was let to the County Council.

Passed Unanimously

Letter from the Secretary of the County Council dated 15th May pointing out that the work of maintaining the Blackrock Bridge had been placed in the hands of the County Surveyor and if he gets into communication with him, arrangements may be made.

The Clerk pointed out that the Council decided to tender for the maintenence of the Bridge but owing to the Suspension of the postal service at the time the meeting of the County Council was held, a tender could not be sent.

Proposed by Mr Murphy And
Seconded by Mr Brewer

That the Council ~~tender~~ arrange with the County Surveyor for the maintenence of the roadway over the Blackrock Bridge And the approaches thereto, for one year from the 30th Inst at the Amount allowed viz:- £30.

Passed Unanimously.

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Letter from Same drawing attention to the fact that the instalment of Demands which should have been lodged on the 1st Inst has not yet been received.

Ordered

That Mr Frizelle be informed it will be lodged before the close of the present month.

A circular letter dated 5th Inst, was received from the L.G. Board, inclosing copy of the (Emergency Provisions) Act 1916 which legalises And regulates the action of local Authorities in granting leave of absence to their Officers And Servants who have joined His Majestys Forces.

No Order Made.

A similar letter, And copy of the Education (Provision of meals) (Ireland) Act 1916 was received from the Board. The effect of this Act is to raise the rating limit from one half-penny to one penny.

Ordered

That the attention of the Council be drawn to it when the next Estimate is being posed.

George Moran offered £ for the road scrapings in the manure depot on Cregwell Road, And it was Accepted.

Letters were received from Messrs John E Redmond M.P, Joseph Devlin M.P, Colonel Davis and The Inspector General, acknowledging receipt of the resolution recently passed by the Council relative to the outbreak in Ireland.

Letter from the Hibernian Fire & General Insurance Co, dated 6th Inst, drawing attention to the increased cost of rebuilding materials, and labour and suggesting that the Council should increase the Amount of their Insurances so as to guard against possible loss, but there was

No Order Made.

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A circular letter was received from the Secretary of the Dublin Industrial Development Association drawing attention to the important opening for Irish Trade and asking the Co-operation of the Council in furnishing particulars of Any Firms which could undertake the manufacture of war munitions in any Form So that the information may be tabulated and submitted to the Government.

Ordered

That the Clerk attend to the matter and that Messrs Murphy And Dunne be asked to co-operate with him.

A letter was received from the Secretaries of the Omagh Conference, recently held, enclosing copies of letters read at it from four Bishops as well as copy of resolutions adopted by the Conference dealing with the proposed Settlement of the Irish Question.

~~Proposed by Mr Murphy And~~
~~Seconded by The Chairman~~

~~That their consideration be adjourned to next meeting, the members~~

Proposed by Mr Murphy And
Seconded by Mr Brewer

That the resolution be adopted.

To which the following amendment was
Proposed by Mr Hand And
Seconded by The Chairman

That their consideration be adjourned to next meeting, the members of the Council to be Summoned to consider them.

On the Amendment being put the voting was equal And the Chairman gave his casting vote in favour of the Amendment.

The Clerk asked to have the rent fixed for a Supply of water to Mrs Sheehan's Yard at Priory Lane And it was

Ordered

That She be charged an annual rent of 15/-.

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The Clerk submitted a number of Bills (see list at commencement of minutes) and on the proposal of Mr Murphy Seconded by Mr Brewer, they were Ordered to be paid, the Signing Order for the County Council to be held over until the end of the month.

On the proposal of the Chairman Seconded by Mr Murphy it was unanimously Ordered that the uncollected portion of arrears of Town Rate assessed on the D & S E Railway be amounting to £42.13.0 be carried forward to next collection.

The Chairman proposed and Mr Murphy Seconded that the Agreement with L. Fyne for letting of premises on Bullaun be sealed.

Passed Unanimously.

Foreman's Report

6th June 1916.

I beg to report that since last meeting Forty-Six ashpits were cleaned. There are now five heaps of manure in your yard on the Quay ready for sale value about £1 per heap. Nos 2.3.6.7 & 8. Messrs Shea & Rowe have not yet removed the manure purchased by them Sometime ago. All other Works carried out by me are entered in my time Book.

James Kelly F. M.

Ordered

That Messrs Shea & Rowe be written to and directed to have the manure removed.

The Clerk applied for, and was granted, three days leave from the 26th Inst.

Proposed by Mr Hand and

Seconded by Mr Murphy and Resolved,

That the Quarterly meetings of the Council for the financial year ending 31st March 1917, be held on the Second Tuesday in July 1916, the Second Tuesday of October 1916, the Second Tuesday of January 1917 and the Second Tuesday of April 1917, at 7 o'clock

The Meeting adjourned to Tuesday 27th June, 1916.

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Tuesday 27th June, 1916

A meeting of the Newross Urban Council was to be held this evening at 7.30 o'clock to transact business pursuant to The Towns Improvement (Ireland) Act 1854

Mr Hand was the only member who attended

A Quorum not having assembled

The Meeting Adjourned to Tuesday 4th July, 1916.

Tuesday 4th July, 1916.

An adjourned meeting of the Council was to be held this evening at 7.30 o'clock to transact business pursuant to The Towns Improvement (Ireland) Act 1854, consider resolutions received from the Hon Secretaries of a Conference held at Omagh recently expressing confidence in the Irish Party and asking them to oppose any settlement of the Irish question which would exclude any portion of Ireland.

Messrs Hand & Bolger were the only members who attended.

A Quorum not having assembled

The Meeting adjourned to Tuesday 11th July, 1916.

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Monday 3rd July 1916.

A Monthly meeting of the Dunkoss Urban Council was to be held this day at 12 o'clock noon to transact business pursuant to The Towns Improvement (Ireland) Act 1854.

No member of the Council attended.

A Quorum not having assembled

The Meeting Adjourned.

Tuesday 11th july 1916

A Quarterly meeting of the Council was to be held this evening at 7 o'clock to transact business pursuant to The Local Government (Ireland) Act 1898, consider Quarterly report of the Town Surveyor, also advisability of constructing two new Surface traps, and of procuring Some metalling from the Parnell Quarries.

Mr Hand was the only member who attended.

A Quorum not having assembled

There was No Meeting held.

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Tuesday 11th July. 1916.

An adjourned meeting of the Council was to be held this evening at 7.30 o'clock to transact business pursuant to The Towns Improvement (Ireland) Act 1854.

Mr Hand was the only member who attended.

A Quorum not having assembled

The Meeting Adjourned to Thursday 13th July. 1916.

J Crawford

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Thursday 13th July 1916.

An adjourned meeting of the Council was held this evening at 7.30 o'clock to transact business pursuant to The Towns Improvement (Ireland) Act 1854.

Present Messrs John Murphy Presiding
John Hand
D. M. Walsh
Aidan J. Bolger

The Minutes of previous meetings were read & Signed.

The Treasurers Authority for making payments was signed by The Chairman and Messrs Bolger Walsh and the following Paying Orders were directed to be issued viz:- No 42 Mc Smin £44.4.1, No 43 J. Lynch £5, No 44 Hibernian Fire & General Insurance Co £1.19.0, No 45 Royal Exchange Assurance Co £3:15:3, No 46 Garrett A Hickey £7.10.0, do No 47 James J Horsall £7.1.8, do No 48 Do do Railway Co £4.7.6, No 49 Samell Quarries Arklow £13:13:5, do 50 W. J. Whitney 6/6, do 51 Mc Smin £1.17.6, do 52 Same £6.5.0, No 53 Same £11.5.0, No 54 Talk Dooley £4.10.3, do 55 John J Browne £4:3:5 and No 56 Jeremiah Fitzpatrick £43.5.6 (No 6 Loans A/c).

Correspondence

Letter from the Commissioner of Valuation acknowledging receipt of the List of Tenements requiring revision in the Urban District.
No Order Made.

A tender dated 11th Inst was received from Mr Patrick Kelly of 20/- for one heap of manure in Yard on Quay and it was Ordered to be accepted.

A Circular letter dated 30th Ult was received from the L. G. Board drawing attention to an Order made by the Board of Trade under Section 5 (2) of the Trade Boards Act dated 7th June 16. No Order Made.

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Letter from Messrs Walsh & Leorish, Auctioneers Wexford, dated 24th Ult applying for the use of the Large Room the Tholsel to hold an auction of a Farm on the 12th Inst.

The Clerk stated that he gave the use of it at a fee of 5/-, and the auction was held in it. This was approved of.

A letter was received from Sir Thos. Grattan Esmonde M. P. acknowledging the vote of sympathy with him passed by the Council on the death of his son a Midshipman in Action.

Letters were also received from Mrs Hennessy South St and M. J. & Walsh acknowledging votes of sympathy passed by the Council on the death of Mr Walsh. And they were Ordered to be noted on the minutes.

Notice of Audit dated 16th Ult was received from J. More O'Ferrall Esq notifying his intention to audit the accounts of the Council for year ended 31st March last on Tuesday 4th July.

The Clerk reported that the Audit had been held as arranged and that there was no Surcharge.

No Order Made.

The following was read :-

New Ross, 4th July 1916.

Re :- William Street Lease.

Dear Sir,

Referring to previous correspondence, Mr Hamilton has given us a letter from Colonel Tottenham to him, in which he expresses a fear that if the unoccupied ground is allowed to be used as garden plots it will put an end to all prospects of further building, but as he would rather see the ground used for gardens than not used at all he would be satisfied to give his consent to its being used for this purpose for a limited period, say for ten years, with liberty for him and his heirs to require the Council to resume possession of the plots at any time after that period. This is not exactly

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what is strictly requisite but it is an advance, and we pro-
-pose putting the matter before the L.G. Board and asking for
their Consent to the Sub-letting Subject to the conditions laid down
by Colonel Tottenham.

Yours very truly
Wolfer & Son.

No Order Made pending further information from the Councils
Solicitors.

Letter from Mr Rochford Clerk of the Ida Rural District Council dated
14 June asking for the loan of the Fire Engine and about fifty feet
of hose for the purpose of Pumping out the public well at the Tower.

The Clerk stated that since the receipt of that letter he had one
from the Engineer informing him that the Engine would not now
be required as the work was done by an ordinary Pump.

No Order Made.

Letter from John Walsh Abbey Row, one of the Councils tenants,
asking to have a pane of Glass which was broken by another tenants
child, put in the window of house occupied by him as he did not con-
-sider it fair that he should be asked to replace it.

After a short discussion the Surveyor was directed to have it put in.

The Clerk Submitted the water Rent book for year ending 31st March
1917 for the purpose of having same signed and sealed, and the
following resolution was

Proposed by Mr Dolger
Seconded by Mr Hand and Resolved.

That the Traders Rate and Rent Book
for financial year ending 31st March 1917. be signed by the
Presiding Chairman and two members of the Council and
countersigned by the Clerk And that said book be also
sealed with the Common seal of the Council.

Passed Unanimously.

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In pursuance of the foregoing resolution the book was duly sqied and sealed.

A number of bills (particulars of which are entered at the commencement of Minutes) were submitted, after being examined by the Finance Committee, and on the proposal of Mr Hand Seconded by Mr Bolger, they were Ordered to be paid.

Mr Hand reported that Mr Higgins William Street was using the water from the public Fountain there for the purpose of spraying his potatoes, and it was.

Ordered

That he be written to and informed that water from the fountain can only be used for domestic purposes.

The Surveyor read the following letter which he had received from Elizabeth O'Reilly in reference to the repairs to floor of her house viz :-

Church Lane

Newross 3rd June 1916.

Dear Sir,

I believe Your Council meets on to-morrow (Tuesday) and I would be much obliged to you if you will kindly try to get the room done for me with boards instead of, as decided, concreted. I do not intend to lay linoleum on any more, since you are convinced it caused the timber to rot. As I am 34 years in the house I believe you will have no difficulty to have this done for me. The house is all upset since your visit and you will be doing a great favour if you will see your way to have the floor put down and the ceiling righted at your best convenience. I am troubling you much about the boarding of the floor but I do not like concrete on it.

I Am. Sir.

Yours faithfully

Lizzie O'Reilly

Mr Shortall

Surveyor.

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Proposed by The Chairman And
Seconded by Mr Bolger

That the Surveyor have the floor of room of house occupied by Miss O'Reilly boarded instead of concreted as previously ordered, And also the ceiling repaired.

Passed Unanimously

Foreman's Report.

11th July 1916.

I beg to report that since last meeting thirty-two ashpits were cleaned. There are five heaps of manure in yard on the Quay ready for sale value about £1. each. Also one heap in Town wall depot value about £1.10.0. Messrs Shea. Power & Breen have not yet carted away the manure purchased by them sometime ago from Yard on the Quay. The black horse fell accidentally with Thomas Freeman on the 30th May. In releasing the horse from the cart Freeman received some bruises and was ill from 19th June to the 27th No 1. cart requires some repairs in the way of retightening.

James Kelly F.M.

Ordered

That Messrs Shea, Power And Breen be directed to have the manure purchased by them removed from the Council's Yard at once.

The Clerk reported that Freeman was paid half wages for the time he was ill, as a result of the accident and same was re-couped to the Council by the Insurance Co.

No Order Made this being considered satisfactory.

The Surveyor was directed to have the necessary repairs carried out on the Cart.

The Chairman referred to the conduct of a certain class of people who frequent the town on Fair days, and use the base of

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the '98 Monument as a platform for the purpose of abusing each other. After some discussion it was,

Ordered

That the District Inspector be asked to direct his men to put a stop to the practice as much as possible.

The Clerk reported that the Contract of Messrs Hartnick for the repairs of water mains, And tapping of same for house connections had expired and it was Ordered that the matter be referred to the Water Committee.

The resolutions passed at the Omagh Conference held on the 7th June last declaring loyalty to the Irish Party but asking them to oppose any settlement of the Irish question whether temporary or permanent which would exclude any part of Ireland from the operation of Self Government, and which were forwarded by the Secretaries of the Conference for adoption, were submitted by the Clerk but the Chairman decided not to deal with them. Mr Hand proposed that they be marked "read" but there was no further action taken respecting them.

The Meeting Adjourned to Tuesday 25th July 1916.

Jno Foley

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Tuesday 25th July. 1916.

A Special Quarterly meeting of the Council was held this evening at 7 o'clock, to transact business pursuant to The Local Government (Ireland) Act 1898, consider Quarterly report of Town Surveyor, also advisability of constructing two new Surface traps, and of procuring some metalling from the Barnell Quarries.

Present Members John Murphy Presiding
John Hand
John Banning
William Murphy

The minutes of last meeting were read and signed.

The following Quarterly report of the Town Surveyor was read:-

11th July. 1916.

Mr Chairman & Gentlemen,

Your streets during the past quarter have been well maintained. It was recently ordered that certain sections of the surfaces of Cooks Lane and Lady Lane be treated with tarred macadam. This work has not been carried out. I have had a section of the High Hill filled in the centre with coarse rubble and the surface treated with tarred macadam, in order to prevent to some extent, the damage usually caused by surface water floods as well as the choking of the surface traps and the consequent flooding of North St and Quay Street. St. would be well also for similar reasons, to have a section of the surface of Lower William St. treated in the same manner. In order to mitigate the damage usually caused in rain storms, to the surface of Bridge Street; it would be advisable to construct a large surface trap at the west corner of John Street, near Mrs Thorpe's premises. No road material has yet been delivered by the Contractor from Ballymacar Quarry. About 55 tons of Graigue Gravel have already been delivered by Mr Murphy.

James J. Shortall. Town Surveyor.

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A discussion took place respecting the construction of the traps, the con-
-sideration of which was adjourned from last Quarterly meeting,
and Mr Hand proposed that one be constructed at top of Michael St, but
the proposition was not seconded. Eventually it was decided to further
adjourn the matter to next Quarterly meeting.

It was Ordered that the Surveyor have the Surface of
Lower Wm St treated as recommended by him in his
report.

Mr Hand referred to the condition of the footpath on the South
side of Ards Lane from the termination of the new footpath
there to the top of the existing one, and proposed that it be repaired
by having the cobble stones removed, and replaced by tarred
macadam: also the kerb stones to be re-set where necessary. This
was seconded by Mr Fanning.

The Chairman also referred to the condition of the foot-
-path from the top of John St to the entrance to Everywell
Brewery, and suggested that it be similarly dealt with. In
reply to the Chairman the Clerk expressed the opinion that
it would be desirable the members of the Council should
have notice of the intended carrying out of this work and
suggested that the meeting be adjourned to the date upon
which the next ordinary meeting of the Council will be
held: when the members could be summoned to consider
the matter and an estimate of the probable cost of the work
obtained from the Surveyor. Accordingly the Chairman pro-
-posed as an amendment and Mr Wm Murphy seconded
that at the conclusion of the Quarterly business the meet-
-ing be adjourned to Tuesday 8th August at 4 o'clock. The
voting being equal there was no definite decision arrived at but
it was agreed that the meeting be adjourned as suggested in
the amendment, the Surveyor to furnish an estimate of the
cost to that meeting.

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Letter from Mr George Moran dated 10th Inst drawing attention to the broken down state of the wall at Robercon on the western side of the road leading to Chilcomb and complaining that owing to it being so bad his cattle are coming out on the road and wandering about. He asked to have a temporary or permanent fence erected so as to prevent his cattle from getting on to the road.
Proposed by Mr Hand and
Seconded by Mr Wm Murphy
That a temporary paling be erected thereby the Surveyor.
Passed Unanimously.

Letter from Messrs John M. Murphy & Sons, Grange, dated 4th Inst acknowledging receipt of the Councils letter of the 1st Inst, and asking what quantity of gravel would be required. The price of a further quantity would be 4/6 per ton usual terms
It was decided not to order an additional quantity of this metalling for the present at least.

Letter from the D & S E Railway Co, dated 4th Inst, informing the Council that the rate for about 200 tons of macadam from Arklow to Bewaas in six ton loads would be 4/- per ton which figure represents a considerable reduction off the ordinary rate. In conjunction with this letter two received from the Samuell Quarries Arklow, dated 22nd May and 8th July were considered. In the former the Company expressed regret to learn that the Council considered the price for macadam too high viz:- 4/8, and stated that they agreed the price was high, but owing to the price of Labour, coal and explosives having increased to such an extent it is only a case of keeping the work going in the hope of better times. This price is even two pence less than usual quarry price. In the letter of July 8th the Co stated they were in a position to supply a very good quality of trap rock macadam for heavy traffic roads also a quantity of chips with sand.

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The clerk pointed out that the advisability of obtaining some metalling from this Quarry was adjourned from last Quarterly meeting to this one.
Proposed by Mr Hand and
Seconded by Mr Wm Murphy.
That one hundred tons of metalling @ 4/8 per ton be procured from the Lamell Quarries Ltd. Arklow.

Passed Unanimously.

Letter from Richd Malone, Hoodsgrove dated 25th Inst. stating that he will supply 250 tons of stones additional to the quantity specified in his Contract from Glensinsan Quarry at the same price. It was decided not to order any additional.

Letter from Thomas O'neill Ballyknock, dated 4th Inst stating that he will deliver stones from Glensinsan Quarry to the Council's yard at Henry St @ 4/- per ton. He could not get Finchogue Quarry stones
A letter dated 11th July was also received from him confirming the offer contained in his letter of the 4th and in addition stating that he would deliver the stones in the Council's yard broken @ 6/ per ton.
In reply to the Chairman the Surveyor stated that the additional cost of carting the stones to the depots at the top of the town would be one shilling.
Some members were of opinion that Mr O'Neill should have ascertained whether he could obtain the stones from Finchogue Quarry before he tendered to supply them. It was pointed out that Mr Whitty tendered at last meeting to supply the stones from this Quarry and deliver them in the depots at the top of the town at 4/3 per ton, being three pence over the price for which O'Neills tender was accepted.

It was now

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Proposed by Mr Hand and
Seconded by Mr Fanning

That P Churchwith's tender received at last Quarterly meeting for the supply of 200 tons of unbroken stones from Tinehogue Quarry @ 4/3 per ton delivered in the Councils depots at Town wall, Boheen-na-Slaun and Mt Garrett Lane be accepted if he is still prepared to supply the stones.

Passed Unanimously

The Meeting Adjourned to Tuesday 8th August 1916

Patrick J Quirke

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Tuesday 25th July 1916.

A meeting of the Council was held this evening at y. 30 O'clock to transact business pursuant to The Towns Improvement (Ireland) Act 1854.

Present Messrs John Murphy Presiding
John Hand
John Fanning
Wm. Murphy.

The minutes of previous meeting were read and signed.

The Treasurers Authority for making payments was signed by the Chairman and Messrs Hand & Murphy and the following Paying Order was directed to be issued viz:- No 54 Mo[illegible] Min £21.7.11.

The following resolution was proposed by Mr Wm. Murphy and seconded by Mr Hand viz:-

That we the members of the Dewhoss Urban Council hereby record our congratulations to our trustworthy leader Mr John E. Redmond on his excellent statesmanship in the recent crisis which has counteracted the malignant intrigue and influence to undermine Irelands just claim to National Self Government. Though made the Object of attack through the medium of malcontents who invariably have exerted themselves to destroy our only effective weapon, the Irish Party, for the realisation of our National aspirations.

Mr Redmond has fulfilled our anticipations and trust in him to falsify their allegations and expose their contemptable campaign to the Irish people.

That whilst recognising his efforts to reconcile elements of political forces in Ireland to the acceptance of a provisional scheme to materialise into a substantial measure of full self Government after the war. We are sure Mr Redmond represented the feelings

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of every reasonable man to effect a satisfactory and amiable settlement of the Irish question.

That we hereby reiterate our Sincere confidence in Mr Redmond and the Irish party And congratulate them on their successful efforts towards the release of Irish prisoners.

Passed Mr Fanning dissenting.

Ordered

That copies of the foregoing resolution be sent to the Prime Minister, Mr Redmond and Mr French.

Mr Hand drew attention to the fact that Th's Freeman, one of the Councils workmen only received half his wages during the time he was idle as the result of an accident whilst working for the Council. This he considered very unfair. After a short discussion it was.

Proposed by The Chairman and
Seconded by Mr Hand

That Freeman be paid the balance of his wages 9/3.

Passed Unanimously.

Letter from L. G. Board dated 4th Inst enclosing following copy of the auditors Report for year ending 31st March 1916. viz:-

Copy/No 33,450: 1916
Newbridge Urban Distric

Balyna. Maryvalley.
4th July 1916.

Gentlemen

I beg to report that I have audited the Accounts of the Newbridge Urban District Council for the year ended the 31st March 1916. Duly certified abstracts thereof are enclosed.

There is a great and unreasonable delay in collecting the amounts due in respect of sales of manure and other miscellaneous sources of revenue.

The form of Water Rental in use is unsuitable. A better form should be substituted, showing in every case, the exact

state of the collection. Full particulars must be given by the Town Surveyor, when certifying for payments, on account of cartage. The number of loads carried and price per load should be stated; otherwise I shall be compelled to disallow such payments, as not being supported by sufficient evidence.

The clerk performed his duties, in connection with the Audit, in a creditable manner.

I am. Gentlemen.

Your Obedient Servant.

J. More Fenall.

Auditor.

Ordered

That in future no purchaser of manure be permitted by the Foreman to remove the manure from the yard until it is paid for, and then only upon an order from the Collector or Clerk.

That the Surveyor be furnished with a copy of the portion of the Report referring to him.

Letter from L. G. Board, dated 4th July 1916, enclosing ~~following~~ copy of report of Auditor on the accounts of the Technical Instruction Committee for same period.

No Order Made.

A Tender was received from Mrs Whitney Shallow's Park for one heap of manure at 3/- situate at Town Wall Depot, and it was Ordered to be accepted as was also a tender of 2/- from John Brennan Cambrin for one heap in yard on Quay.

Letter from D. I. McLean, dated 16th Inst, acknowledging receipt of the Councils letter of the 15th Inst relative to the '98 Monument, and stating that the matter will have the attention of the police.

No Order Made.

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The Street Inspector reported that a number of Traders caused an obstruction in the streets by placing boxes &c on them but there was No Order Made in reference to the matter.

The Meeting Adjourned to Tuesday 8th August 1916

Patrick J Dillon

Monday 7th August, 1916.

A monthly meeting of the Council was to be held this day at 12 o'clock noon to transact business pursuant to The Towns Improvement (Ireland) Act 1854.

No member attended

A Quorum not having assembled.

There was no meeting held.

Patrick J Dillon

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Tuesday 8th August 1916.

An adjourned Quarterly meeting of the Council was held this Evening at 7 o'clock to transact business pursuant to The Local Government (Ireland) Act 1898, consider advisability of re-constructing footpath on South side of Cross Lane, and one from top of John Street to Creepwell entrance with tarred macadam, and a proposal(if any) for Supply of Stones from Ballynacar Quarry.

Present Mesrs Patrick J. Dunne Presiding
John Murphy
John Hand
Peter N. Gorman
Michael Sheehan
Joseph Brewer.

The Minutes of previous meeting were read and signed.

The Treasurers Authority for making payments was signed by the Chairman and Mesrs O'Gorman & Murphy and the following Paying Orders were directed to be issued. (see list at commencement of Minutes).

The Surveyor estimated the cost of repairing footpath on South side of Cross Lane by substituting the existing cobble stones with tarred macadam at £9:10:0 and the path from top of John St (junction of Cherry's Road & College Road) to entrance to Creepwell Brewery @ £6.10.0.

Proposed by Mr Hand and
Seconded by Mr O'Gorman

That the existing old footpaths on the south side of Cross Lane be repaired or re-made with tarred macadam and the kerbs re-set where necessary.

On the resolution being put to the meeting the following voted:-

For:- Mesrs O'Gorman, Hand & The Chairman 3
Against:- Mr Brewer 1
Not Voting:- Mesrs Murphy & Sheehan.

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The Chairman declared the resolution "Passed".

Mr Murphy proposed that the work of re-constructing the existing footpath from top of John St. to entrance to Crepwell Brewery be not carried out. This was seconded by the Chairman and Passed Unanimously.

The Clerk reported that as Ordered at last meeting he had written Mr Whitty informing him that his tender of the 10th ~~Inst~~ April last, offering to supply 200 tons of unbroken stones from Finchogue Quarry @ 4/3 per ton, same to be delivered in the Councils depots at top of town, was accepted and asking him to say if he is prepared to deliver them ~~over~~ now, and if not, when he could do so, but there was no reply from him. He also asked the Foreman to ascertain from Mr Whitty, as he had not replied by letter.

That Officer not stated that Mr Whitty told him he could not get men to Quarry the stones now, which meant that he could not carry out his proposal of 10th April.

A long discussion here ensued respecting the provision of additional metalling, and eventually it was,

Proposed by The Chairman and
Seconded by Mr Hand

That the tender of Richard Malone dated 25th July, 1916, received at last Quarterly meeting to Supply 250 tons of additional stones from Glensmans Quarry at same price as former contract viz:- 2/10½ be accepted.

Passed Unanimously

The Meeting Adjourned to Tuesday 10th October, 1916.

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Tuesday 8th August 1916.

A meeting of the New Ross Urban Council was held this evening at 7.30 o'clock to transact business pursuant to The Towns Improvement (Ireland) Act 1854. consider tenders for public lighting of town for one year ending 31st August 1917.

Present Messrs Patrick J. Dunne Presiding
John Murphy
John Hand
Joseph Brewer
Michael Sheehan
Peter N. O'Gorman

The Minutes of last meeting were read and signed.

The following Paying Orders were ordered to be issued Viz:-
No 58 Malone Hodgrove £5.15.0, No 59 Thos O'Neill Ballynock 18/4 No 60 A.R. French 18/10, No 61 Francis Browne £5, No 62 J.J. Shortall £7.1.8, No 63 Mc Fluir £11.5.0 No 64 Mc Fluir £19.4.6 (Petty Cash) No 65 St Stephens Cemetery Committee £7.10.0, No 66 John Browne £2.17.8, No 67 Miss M Corcoran £1.3.9, No 68 Secretary School attendance Committee £7.16.6, No 69 Messrs John M Murphy Hon £10.18.10 No 70 Waterford & New Ross Port Sanitary Authority £6, No 71 Messrs Colfer Hon £15.2.0.

Correspondence

Letter from L.G. Board dated 28th July 1916 transmitting an order for payment of £19.1.5 being the final instalment of Estate or Probate Duty for year ended 31st March last.

The Clerk stated he had lodged the Paying Order, and this was approved of.

Letter from Messrs Colfer & Son Solicitors dated 7th Inst enclosing Contract & Bond duly signed by Richard Malone and Sureties and directing that it be sealed by the Council and returned to them:

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They also stated they forwarded Contract and Bond for the supply of 200 tons gravel of Michael Murphy & Sureties for signatures on the 5th May and on the 7th June wrote requesting return of same signed but received no reply.

In the case of Thomas O'Neill they drew the contract and Bond and wrote to the Contractors to come and sign same. The contractor and one surety signed but owing to absence from home the other was not available until recently.

Proposed by The Chairman and
Seconded by Mr Brewer

That the seal of the Council be affixed to the contract & Bond of Richard Malone with the Council for the delivery of 250 tons of stones from Glentenan Quarry.

Passed Unanimously

In accordance with the foregoing resolution the contract was duly signed & sealed.

It was decided not to take any further action respecting the other two, as it was probable Mr Murphy would not enter into a Bond and in the case of O'Neill he could not procure the stones from Inishoge Quarry

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An application was received from Mr George Moran North St, dated 7th Inst for the renewal of his store license and also his license for the sale of mixed explosives in his Shop at North St. and on the proposal of Mr Hands seconded by the Chairman was Ordered that both licenses be renewed for one year from date.

A tender dated 5th Inst was received from Mr Kieran Sandfields offering 35/- for heap of manure at Town Wall and a second one of 36/- from Mrs Whelan Kyleen and on the proposal of the Chairman seconded by Mr Murphy the tender of Mrs Whelan was accepted.

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An application was received from Mrs Blanch Wm Street, to have a pane of glass put in one of the windows of the house occupied by her and in consideration of her being a good tenant who pays her rent regularly it was Ordered that the Surveyor get the glass put in.

An application was also received from John Walsh Abbey Row asking to have a pane of glass put in one of the windows of house occupied by him which was broken about a month ago - by another tenants child.

A discussion took place respecting these applications during which it was pointed out there was an order of the Council in existance requiring that glass broken during the occupancy of a house shall be replaced by the tenant in occupation.

Eventually it was
Proposed by Mr Hand And
Seconded by Mr Brewer

That the glass be put in, in window of house occupied by John Walsh.

Passed Mr Gorman dissenting.

The following tender for the public lighting of the town for one year from the 1st September next was received :-

Newbridge. 8th August 1916.

Gentlemen

I beg to tender on behalf of the Newbridge Gas Co Ltd; for the public lighting as follows :-

Winter Lighting

(From 1st September 1916 to 1st May 1917.)

51 lamps to be extinguished at 11 o'clock p.m @ £3.5.0 per lamp.
14 to remain lighting all night @ £5.10.0 do

The above lamps not to lit on the moonlight nights, that is two nights before, two nights after and the night of full moon. 31 lamps to be lit on the moonlight nights, and to be extinguished at 11 o'clock p.m @ 15/- (fifteen shillings) per lamp. 33 of the above lamps

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to be fitted with incandescent burners, the mantles & chimneys for renewal to be charged at cost price.

Summer Lighting

(From the 1st May 1917 to 1st September 1917)

16 lamps to remain lighting all night except on the five moonlight nights, (as above described), when they will be extinguished at 11 p.m. @ 30/- per lamp.

The lamp at the Tholsel to be lighted as at present @ £7-0-0 per Annum.

The lamps at entrance to Town Hall and Protestant Church Roberts to be lighted as required @ 15/- each.

In the event of our not being able to obtain a sufficient supply of coal it is a condition that we shall not be bound by this tender, but we should use every means to carry out same in full.

Yours faithfully
D. Kirkham
Secretary.

On comparing the total amount of this tender with that of last year it was found to be £103-10-0 in excess of the latter, and after a long discussion the following resolution was

Proposed by Mr O'Gorman and
Seconded by Mr Hand viz:-

That the consideration of the tender received from the Gas Co for the public lighting of the town for year ending 1st Sept 1917 be adjourned to next meeting, the members of the Council to be specially summoned to consider it, the difference between this and last Contract to be specified in the notice.

Passed Unanimously

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The following was read:-

House of Commons
London, 20th July 1916.

Dear Mr Finn

I am in receipt of your letter of the 26th inst. kindly convey to the members of the New Ross Urban Council my sincere thanks for the resolution passed at their last meeting. It will be fully appreciated by our leader, Mr Redmond, and it is a proof of the truth of what I stated to him in the presence of the whole party, namely that all the sensible people in South Wexford are entrenched behind him and the party. Mr Redmond's sound sense and dispassionate judgment is not to be shaken either by the frantic catch cries of the factionists or the sophistry and cajolery of British Ministers. The position of Home Rule is im-pregnable. It is on the Statute Book and only awaits a strong rally of the constitutional forces of our country to put it in force. Home Rule is in no danger except indeed our people allow their judgment to be warped by the twaddle of the factionists or the im-becility of the physical force men.

I remain, Dear Mr Finn,
Yours very sincerely
Peter Ffrench.

Ordered

That the foregoing letter be inserted on the minutes.

Letters were also received from the Irish Minister and J. E. Redmond Esq M.P. acknowledging receipt of a copy of the resolution referred to by Mr Ffrench and they were ordered to be noted on the Minutes.

A resolution was received for adoption from the Clerk of the Kenagh Urban District Council congratulating the Leader and members of the Irish Party on the political sagacity displayed by them in dealing with the recent proposals and condemning the ~~outbreak~~ breach of faith on the part of the Government, but there was no action taken upon it.

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The following report of the Water Committee was read:-

8.8.16.

Your Water Committee met this evening to consider an application from Mr Colfer Ardross for a supply of water for cattle to his feed. We recommend that the application be granted on same terms as Martin Hanlon (whose feed adjoins) viz:- 10/- per year, he to pay all costs of putting in the water.

J. Murphy. P.J. Dunne.

Proposed by Mr Hands and
Seconded by Mr O'Gorman

That the report of the Water Committee be adopted and approved, and the annual charge for a supply of water to Mr Colfer's feed be fixed @ 10/- as recommended.

Passed Unanimously

Foreman's Report.

8th August 1916.

Gentlemen

I beg to report that there were twenty seven ashpits cleaned since last meeting. There are now four heaps of manure in your yard on the Quay ready for sale Nos 2. 3. 7 & 10 value about £1 each. Also one heap at Town Wall depot number 1 value about £1.10.0. There is some road scrapings in the depot at Mt Garrett Lane which would want to be removed. I would suggest the Council obtain some purchaser for it where it is as I believe it would cost more to remove it to your manure depot than the value. I beg to apply for a few tons of hay. There is room at your stables William St. for about two tons.

James Kelly F.M.

Ordered

That the Foreman be authorized to dispose of the road scrapings at Mt. Garrett Lane upon the best terms he can, or get it removed by some person willing to take it for the cost of carting it away.

That he purchase some hay as soon as he can do so on favourable conditions on the market.

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The Street Inspector reported some Traders were causing obstruction of the Streets by allowing boxes &c to remain on them but there was No Order Made upon the matter.

The Meeting adjourned to Tuesday 22nd August 1916.

Patrick J. Lennon

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Tuesday 22nd August, 1916.

A meeting of the Council was held this evening at 7.30 oclock to transact business pursuant to The Towns Improvement (Ireland) Act 1854, consider tender from Gas Co for public lighting of town for year ending 1st September 1917 (which tender is about £103.10.0 in excess of tender for year ending 1st September 1916, and take such action in reference to same as may be approved of by the Council.

Present Mesprs Patrick J. Dunne Presiding
Peter D. O'Gorman
John Murphy
John Hand
John Fanning

The minutes of previous meeting were read and signed.

The Treasurers Authority for making payments was signed by the Chairman and Mesprs O'Gorman & Hand, and the following ~~payment~~ Saying Order was directed to be issued viz:- No 72 P.A Brennan £21.0.9.

Before any business of the Council had begun Mr O'Gorman said that since the last ~~meeting~~ meeting of the Council, Mr Dooley, a member of the Council, had died, and proposed the following resolution which was seconded by Mr Murphy and passed in respectful silence viz:-

That we the members of the Newbridge Urban District Council, tender to Mr Dooley, his immediate relatives and friends, our greatest and most sincere sympathy and condolence, on the death of his father, Mr James George Dooley, who was for a considerable number of years an ardent member of this Council, and that as a mark of respect to his memory we adjourn this meeting without transacting any business except that of a very urgent nature.

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The Clerk was directed to send copy of the foregoing resolution to Mr George Dooley. Hoodsgrove. Newbs.

The following applications were received for the tenancy of house at William St. recently vacated by Mr John O'Neill viz:- Edwd Monaghan Wm St. offering James Fleming North St. as Surety; Miss Bridget Mernagh Bally allen offering P.J. Dunphy Quay St. and James Fleming North St as sureties And Michael Dreehan Upper Mary St offering Samuel Hill South St and Michael Cashin Quay as his securities.

Proposed by Mr Fanning and
Seconded by Mr O'Gorman

That Michael Dreehan be elected tenant at the weekly rent of 1/9, the tenancy to commence on Monday the 28th Inst.

Passed Unanimously

The Meeting Adjourned to Tuesday 29th August, 1916.

W Hurley Hon Sec.

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Tuesday 29th August, 1916.

An adjourned meeting of the Council was held this evening at 7.30 o'clock to transact business pursuant to The Towns Improvement (Ireland) Act 1854, consider tender from Gas Co for public lighting of town for year ending 1st September 1917. (which tender is £103.10.0 in excess of tender for year ending 1st Septr 1916), and take such action in reference to same as may be approved of by the Council.

Present Mesprs John Hand Presiding
John Murphy
John Fanning
Joseph Brewer
Patrick J. Dunne
Peter N. O'Gorman
Aidan P. Bolger.

The minutes of last meeting were read and signed.

The Treasurers Authority for making payments was signed by the Chairman and Mesprs O'Gorman & Bolger and the following Paying Order was directed to be issued by:- No 73 P. A. Brennan £10.11.11.

Correspondence.

Letter from L.G. Board dated 16th August 1916; No 37008:1916 relating to Contracts of Local Authorities and Stating that the notice required to be given by an employer under Section 4 of the Act in the case of Contracts with Local Authorities will no longer be necessary, as it is now Obligatory for him to pay the minimum rates. No Order Made.

Letter from the Hon Secretary of Irish Association of Gas Managers forwarding for adoption copy of resolution calling upon the Government to adopt such measures as will assure an

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adequate supply of coal at reasonable prices including sea carriage, and asking to have same adopted and forwarded to the M. P. for the District.

No Order Made.

Letter from the acting Secretary, National Executive of Irish Trades Union Congress and Labour Party dated 26th Aug 1916, transmitting the following resolutions for adoption viz:-

Printing

Resolved — That the Congress is of opinion that the printing required by the Irish Government Departments and public boards should not be executed in offices where the prevailing low wage conditions set up a barrier against fair competition from the centres where higher wages are paid and better conditions of employment observed."

Irish Manufacture

That in order to encourage Irish Manufacture, and in view of the increasing installations of electric lighting, this Congress would earnestly request all public boards, architects, and heads of establishments to give an opportunity to Irish houses to compete for the making of electroliers and other brass work before placing their orders outside this country, and that the National Executive be instructed to send in a copy of this resolution to the above named.

Minimum Wage

That owing to the increased cost of articles requisite for the upkeep of their workmen and their families at the present time, this Trade Congress considers that the minimum weekly wages of workmen employed by the public boards and other employers should be not less than 30/ per week.

Public Work

That in the opinion of this Congress, all public work, where at all possible, should be executed in winter-time, thus tending to obviate the trade depression invariably experienced at that season.

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Proposed by Mr Brewer and
Seconded by Mr Fanning

That the foregoing resolutions be adopted.

Passed Unanimously

Messrs Thomas Freeman and Edward Murphy two of the Councils workmen who are in charge of horses, applied for an increase of 3/- per week in their wages. They stated that they had to be at work an hour earlier in the morning than the rest of the men, and that they had to attend to the horses on Sundays, and also that they never get a turn at doing overtime.

Mr Fanning proposed that they get an increase of 3/- per week, but it was not seconded.

The Chairman suggested in order to have the matter in order that Mr Fanning hand in a notice of Motion, but to this Mr. Fanning declined.

The Chairman then handed in the following Notice of Motion :-

I beg to give Notice of Motion that it is my intention to move at the next meeting of the Council that Thos. Freeman and Edwd Murphy, carmen, be granted a reasonable remuneration for attending to horses on Sundays &c.

The Council next took up the consideration of the Gas company's tender (copy of which appears on the minutes of the Council meeting held on the 8th Inst.)

The Acting Clerk stated that he had written to several towns for information on the matter, and the following were the replies he received viz:-

Urban District Council Offices,
Enniscorthy 22 Aug 1916.

Dear Sir

In reply to your letter of the 21st Inst, our tender for lighting of the town for season 1916-17, is as follows :-

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Tender £244.15.6 including all maintenence &c. 64 lamps, from 1st September 1916 to 30th april 1917. 27 lamps to remain lighting from half-an-hour after Sunset to half an hour after Sun rise. 38 lamps from half-an-hour after Sunset to half an hour after sunrise. The light to be about 14 C/P Average consumption of Gas 4 cubic feet per hour. The five bright nights of the moon excepted and the 3rd & 4th nights after full moon lamps to be extinguished at moonrise.

Yours faithfully
P.J. Shaw. Town Clerk.

Town Clerk's Office
Waterford 23rd Aug. 1916.

Dear Sir

As requested in yours of the 21st inst, I have pleasure in giving you the following information viz:-

1. The cost of Public lighting here is £1.600.
2. Lamps are lighted, on an average, ten hours per night the whole year.
3. cost per single lamp £3.2.0
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The existing contract will expire on the 1st Prox and I may inform you that, under the new Contract, an increase of 50% has been demanded and that the corporation are in negociation with the Gas Co in connection with the matter.

Yours faithfully
Path Higgins Acting Town Clerk.

Urban Council Office
Dungarvan 22 Aug, 1916.

Dear Sir

I reply to your letter of this day I have much pleasure in supplying your Council with the information sought for.
The tender for the public lighting of the town by Gas for ensuing year is £250:4:4 being an increase of £54.19.4 over last years price owing to

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War. The arrangement is as follows :-
£6:17:6 each for 4 lamps (Harbour Sides) per annum lighted all night
4:15:6 each for 10 lamps (Quay) to be lighted all night for nine months of year.
3.0.4 each for 58 lamps to be lighted up to 12:30 AM for nine months of year. i.e, from 15th Aug to 15th May.
The 58 lamps are not lighted on 3 nights before full moon and 3 nights after.

Yours faithfully,
P. Mulcahy Town Clerk.

The acting clerk also stated that he wrote to the Managers of the Electric Works at Carlow and Portaferry ~~and the following is a copy of the reply~~ with a view to obtaining information as to the probable cost of installing an electric lighting plant in the town, and the following is a copy of the reply received from the former viz :-

Alexanders Electric Works, Carlow,
24th August, 1916.

Dear Sir

I have yours of the 23rd asking for information as to the probable cost of an Electric Lighting Plant, but unfortunately it is not possible to give this without a much fuller knowledge of the local conditions. It is assumed that your Council intend to undertake the supply to private consumers as well as the public lighting, as a scheme for the public lighting only certainly would not be a business proposition. In Carlow there are 87 public lamps having a total candlepower of 12800 and the contract price is £300 per annum. Unless water power is available in quantity greatly in excess of the initial requirements suction gas generating plant will probably be used. A start would probably be made with say two engines of about 20 k.w. each. Prior to the war a set including engine, dynamo and producer plant cost about £20 per k.w. Plant purchased this year has, however, cost the same figure, not including the

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gas producer. In addition to the generating plant there would be required batteries, switchgear and mains. The latter item has a very important bearing on the success of a small plant. If in any way possible overhead mains should be used throughout, as they not only make for lower initial outlay but also allows of less skilled, and consequently cheaper, labour being used for the operation of the plant. The best way for your Council to obtain the information needed would be to ascertain the probable demand that exists for the current, and to draw up a rough map which would show where mains had to be laid and the number of lights expected in each District. If such information were submitted to a consulting Engineer he would be able for a small fee to give the outlines of a scheme to suit the local conditions and to indicate what the cost of such a scheme would be.

Yours faithfully,
S. A. T. Cooper Manager.

After a very long discussion Mr Fanning proposed that the tender of the Gas Co be accepted but this proposition was not seconded.

The following resolution was then

Proposed by Mr Murphy and
Seconded by The Chairman

That we enter into a Contract for 7 months lighting from 1st September 1916 to 1st April 1917. All lamps to be extinguished at 11 o'clock with the exception of the Tholsel lamp.

Passed Mr Fanning dissenting

In reply to Mr Murphy the Acting Clerk stated the extras in connection with the public lighting for the past year amounted to £5.15.4.

The Council did not deal with the public lighting of the town for the Summer months. ~~tog~~

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Letter from the Secretary of the Gas Co dated 25th Aug 1916 reminding the Council that the Contract for the public lighting would expire on the 31st Inst, and inquiring if he shall continue lighting the present number of lamps at the increased price until the Council decides the matter.

No Order Made.

Town Surveyor's Report

Aug 29th 1916

I beg to report that a leaking joint has been repaired in the water main at Ballyanne. Water supplies have been laid on to Mr Cooper's feed Across Mr Rossiter's house Cross Lane and Mr Jones's Mary St.

A brick-studded partition which divided the hallway from the kitchen of your house in occupation of Mrs Kehoe Fair Gate has been deliberately pulled down by the tenant. I would suggest that she be compelled to have it re-erected. A section of the Cross Lane footpath on the South side is now being reconstructed in tarred macadam as Ordered and will probably be completed within the next few weeks.

James J Shortall Town Surveyor.

Proposed by Mr O'Gorman and
Seconded by Mr Bolger

That the Surveyor's recommendation in the case of Mr Kehoe's house Fair Gate be carried out.

The following amendment was
Proposed by The Chairman and
Seconded by Mr Fanning

That no Order be made.

On a poll being taken the following voted for the amendment :-
The Chairman Messrs Fanning, Brewer and Dunne
Against :- Messrs O'Gorman and Bolger
Mr Murphy did not vote.

The resolution was not put to the meeting as it was understood the voting would be the same. The Chairman then declared

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the Amendment "carried".

Foreman's Report

29th Aug 1916.

I beg to report that there are now five heaps of manure in your yard on the Quay ready for sale value about £1 each. I wish to remind the Council that the purchasers of manure in this yard have made little progress in having it carted away consequently the yard is becoming filled up. Two boats of Granite metalling have arrived, also four waggons metalling from Arklow quarries.

Yours Obediently,
James. Kelly. Foreman.

Ordered

That those people who purchased manure from the Council be requested to have it removed forthwith.

Arising out of Mr Butler's application for holidays, Mr Fanning proposed and the Chairman seconded

That the men employed by the Council get a weekly half holiday to be taken every Wednesday.

Passed no member of the Council dissenting.

The Meeting Adjourned to Tuesday 12th September, 1916

P. A. O'Gorman

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Monday 4th September, 1916.

A monthly meeting of the Council was to be held this day at 12 o'clock noon to transact business pursuant to The Towns Improvement (Ireland) Act 1854.

No member of the Council attended

A Quorum not having assembled

The Meeting Adjourned.

P. McGowan

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Tuesday 12th September, 1916.

A meeting of the New Ross Urban Council was held this evening at 7.30 o'clock to transact business pursuant to The Towns Improvement (Ireland) Act 1854, consider amended tender of Gas Co for public lighting for winter period and the following Notice of Motion by Mr Hand viz:-

That Thomas Freeman and Edwd Murphy (Carmen) be granted an increase of a couple of shillings for work - attending to and looking after horses on Sundays.

Present Meprs P.A. O'Gorman Presiding
P.J. Dunne
John Murphy
John Hand.

The minutes of previous meeting were read and signed.

The Treasurers Authority for making payments was signed by the Chairman and Meprs Murphy & Dunne and the following payment Orders were directed to be issued viz:- No 74 Mrs Dunn £20.9.9, No 75 L.J. Brennan £3.15.0, No 76 James J. Shortall £7.1.8, No 77 Mrs Dunn £11.5.0, No 78 John Stevenson £1.5.8, No 79 G.S. & W. Railway Co £6.8.10, No 80 Meprs Glenfield & Kennedy £2.0.7, Meprs Moran Bros £10.3.6, No 82 John J. Browne £38.10.11, No 83 John Doyle £2.13.6, No 84 John J. Browne £2.16.0, No 85 Wexford County Council £369.15.0, No 86 Treasurer L.G. Board £6.6.0, No 87 Richard Murphy £8.12.10.

Correspondence

Letter from Meprs Colfer & Son dated 5th September 1916 enclosing the following draft copy of Agreement for the letting of the plots at Wm Street viz:-

Agreement made this day of 1916. Between the New Ross Urban District Council being the Sanitary Authority of the Urban Sanitary District of New Ross and hereinafter called "the Council" of the one part and of William St in the town of New Ross and County of Wexford hereinafter called "the

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tenant of the other part. Whereas the tenant already holds from the Council a house and premises situate in William St aforesaid under a tenancy from week to week at the weekly rent of which said house and premises were erected by the Council under the provisions of the Housing of the Working Classes (Ireland) Acts. And Whereas the Council have agreed to let to the tenant a plot of land hereinafter referred to as "the plot" measuring about yards in length and about yards in breadth, to be used as a garden plot in connection with the said house and premises on the following terms and subject to the following conditions :-

(1) The tenancy shall be from week to week until determined at the end of the first or any subsequent week by either party giving to the other one weeks previous notice in writing ending on the day of the week on which the tenancy commenced at the weekly rent of one pound, the first payment thereof to be made on the day of 1916.

(2) The tenant shall pay the said rent at the time and in the manner aforesaid to the Collector or other person authorized by the Council to receive the same.

(3) The tenant shall not assign, sell, sublet or part with the possession of the plot or any part thereof.

(4) The tenant shall on the determination of the tenancy peaceably and quietly deliver up the possession of the plot to the Council.

(5) The tenant shall pay all poor rates assessed or payable in respect of the plot.

(6) The tenant shall at his own expense fence in the plot in such manner as the Council or their Surveyor may direct and approve of.

(7) Notwithstanding anything herein contained, if the tenant shall pay to the Council the said rent for and during three weeks in any year the Council shall accept same in full discharge and satisfaction of rent for the remainder of such year, it being the true intent and meaning of the parties hereto, that the rent of the plot shall be at a rate of three pence per year.

(8) The tenancy hereby created is entered into pursuant to the

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Housing of the Working Classes (Ireland) Acts.

In witness whereof etc.,

Proposed by Mr Hand and

Seconded by Mr Dunne

That the draft agreement for the letting of the field at Wm Street in plots to the tenants, which has been received from Messrs Wolfe & Son be approved of.

Passed Unanimously.

Letter from L. G. Board, dated 4th Sept 1916 transmitting an order for payment of £20. 16. 5 being the first instalment of Probate Duty for financial year ending 31st March 1917.

The Clerk reported that he had lodged the Paying Order to the credit of the Council and this was approved of.

A certificate was received from Dr Hickey to the effect that James Kelly Foreman, had a slight operation performed on his eyelid and would not befit to resume duty for some days.

No Order Made Mr Kelly having resumed work.

A letter dated 11th Inst, was received from the British Petroleum Co Ltd stating that under their arrangements with the Asiatic Petroleum Co Ltd it will be necessary for them to transfer to that Co the store at Mrs Lawler's Rosbercon, in respect of which they hold a Licence from the Council for the storage of 1000 gals of Petroleum. They cannot say the exact date upon which the transfer will be made but they understand the Asiatic Co will communicate with the Council on the Subject of a licence.

An application, dated 2nd Inst was received from the Shell Marketing Co Ltd, as distributors for the Asiatic Petroleum Co Ltd for a licence for the storage of 1,200 gallons of Petroleum Spirit in the store at Mrs Lawler's Rosbercon for which the British Petroleum Co is already licensed for the storage of one thousand gallons.

After some discussion it was,

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Proposed by Mr Dunne And
Seconded by Mr Hand

That a transfer of the existing license granted to the British Petroleum Co'y to store 1000 gals of petroleum or petrol Spirit in a store in Mrs Lawler's yard at Roberton, be granted to the Shell Marketing Co Ltd from the date of the Surrender of said Store to Shell Marketing Co, until the 8th Febnt 1917.

Passed Unanimously

An application was received from J. Hartnick for permission to take up one or two flags outside Mr Hutchinson's Shop, and also outside Mr Ahern's Manf. St for the purpose of fixing a Small brass hydrant.

Ordered

That the necessary permission be given to Mr Hartnick on condition that the Surface of the ground be properly restored, and the flags properly re-set.

The following received from the Gas Co, was considered :-

Newbridge,
1st Septr 1916.

Dear Sir,

With reference to the communication received from Your Council regarding the public lighting, my Directors gather that Your Council have accepted the tender for the winter lighting Subject to the Contract being for Seven months instead of eight months as hitherto, and that the whole of the lamps be extinguished at 11 o'clock PM. with the exception of the Tholsel Lamp.

In order that there may be no misunderstanding, I Submit the revised tender as follows :-

Winter Lighting

(From 1st Sept 1916 to 1st April 1917.)

65 lamps to be extinguished at 11 PM @ £ 2.19.0 per lamps.

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The above lamps not to be lit on the five moonlight nights, viz:-
Two nights before, two nights after, and the night of full moon.
31 lamps to be lit on the above nights of the moon, same to be extinguished at 11 pm @ 1d/- each.
33 of above to have incandescent burners, the cost of renewals of mantles &c to be charged at cost price as in last Contract.
Tholsel lamp to remain lighting all night @ £6.
Town Hall and lamp at Church Roberton to be lit as required @ 12/6 each.

The above sets out, I think, the requirements of your Council, and I would feel much obliged for your formal acceptance.

Yours faithfully,
H Kirkham, Secretary

Proposed by Mr Murphy And
Seconded by Mr Hand

That the tender of the Gas Co for the public lighting of the town from 1st Sept 1916 to 1st April 1917 now read be accepted.

Passed Unanimously.

A tender dated 8th Inst of 35/- was received from Mr Andrew Doran for one heap of manure at Town Wall and it was Ordered to be accepted for the first heap which will be ready for sale.

The Clerk drew attention to the fact that three persons bought manure within the last six weeks and did not yet pay for it or draw any of it And after a short discussion it was.

Proposed by Mr Murphy And
Seconded by Mr Dunne

That these persons be informed the manure will be resold if it is not paid for, and removed from the depots within ten days.

Passed Unanimously.

The consideration of Mr Hand's notice of motion to grant additional wages to Thomas Freeman and Edward Murphy for looking after the

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hoses on Sundays and other days was taken up and discussed, after which it was,
Proposed by Mr Dunne and
Seconded by Mr Hand
That Thos Freeman and Edwd Murphy the two of the Council men who have charge of the hoses be allowed 2/- per week additional to their wages from this date, as they have to look after the hoses on Sundays, or week days, which means that they have to be at work each day, before and after the other men.
Passed Unanimously.

The Clerk reported that owing to the death of Mr Dooley a vacancy exists on the Council, and suggested that it be declared.
accordingly it was:-
Proposed by Mr Dunne
Seconded by Mr Murphy And Resolved
That we hereby declare a vacancy exists in this Council owing to the death of Mr James George Dooley.
Passed Unanimously

He also stated that Mr Peter Murphy had not attended a meeting of the Council for the past six months, and he believed he did not intend to do so for some time at least. It was decided to declare a vacancy in his case also and the following resolution was
Proposed by Mr Dunne
Seconded by Mr Murphy And Resolved
That we hereby declare a vacancy exists in this Council owing to the disqualification of Mr Peter Murphy.
Passed Unanimously.

The following resolution, received from the Hon Sec of the Irish Association of Gas Managers, which was before the Council at its last meeting, was, on the proposal of Mr Hand seconded by.

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Mr Dunne, unanimously adopted viz:-

That this meeting, representa-
-tive of the Gas industry in Ireland, views with the gravest apprehen-
-sion the present condition of the coal supply to Ireland, and is
convinced, should this condition not be speedily relieved, that
many of the smaller Gas Works and other industries must shut
down, with consequent loss and inconvenience to the public.
We therefore urge upon the Government the extreme and imme-
-diate necessity for adopting such measures as will assure
an adequate supply of coal at reasonably prices including
sea carriage; that copies of this resolution be forwarded to the
President of the Board of ~~Board~~ Trade the Irish Parliamentary
Leaders, and the public bodies and press in Ireland; and
that a Sub-Committee of three members be appointed to
deal with the matter, and, if necessary, to seek an inter-
-view with the President of the Board of Trade.

The Collector submitted a list of names of twenty eight tenants
who owed over two weeks rent, the amounts varying from 3/9
to £1.4.0. It was Ordered that the Collector have the accounts of
all the tenants balanced up to the 29th Sept. and their pass books
brought in, and checked by the Clerk with the Ledger accounts,
after which application is to be made to the tenants owing over
two weeks rent for payment.

He also submitted the names of five tenants who owe rent
and have ceased to occupy the houses of the Council and it was
Ordered that application be made to their Sureties for the rent due
by the tenants.

The Clerk submitted a number of Bills (a list of which is entered
at the commencement of the minutes) which had been examined and
recommended for payment by the Finance Committee, and on the
proposal of the Chairman, seconded by Mr Hand, they were ordered
to be paid.

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The Street Inspector reported that some traders were causing an Obstruction by placing boxes, etc, on the Street to but there was No Order Made on the matter.

Mr Hand pointed out that the Office used by the Town Surveyor is a private one inasmuch as it is paid for by himself, and contending that the Council should provide him with one, or make him an allowance for the provision of it. He suggested that the matter be referred to the Finance Committee for consideration, and report, And this was agreed to.

The Meeting Adjourned to Tuesday 26th September 1916.

P. St. O'Gorman.

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Monday, 25th September 1916.

A meeting of the Finance Committee was to be held this evening at 7.30 O'Clock to consider what steps should be taken to provide an office for the Town Surveyor, or whether an allowance should be made him in lieu of it, and report upon the matter to the Council.

Mr John Murphy, was the only member who attended.

A Quorum not having assembled,

The Meeting was not held.

P. O'Gorman.

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Tuesday 26th September, 1916.

A meeting of the Newtoss Urban District Council was held this evening at 7.30 O'clock to transact business pursuant to The Towns Improvement (Ireland) Act 1854, co-opt two members on the council in the room of Mr Peter Murphy who is disqualified, and of the late Mr James J. Dooley, also deal with recommendation of the Finance committee respecting the provision of an office for the Town Surveyor.

Present Meprs Peter D. Doman Presiding
Joseph Brewer
Michael Sheehan
John Murphy
John Fanning
Patrick J. Dunne
William Murphy
John Hand

The minutes of previous meeting were read and signed.

The Treasurers Authority for making payments was signed by the Chairman and Meprs Dunne and Hand And the following Paying Order was directed to be issued viz:- No 88 Mc Ginn £19.14.3.

When the minutes were signed Mr Dunne referred to the death of Fr Williams O.S.A. uncle to Fr O'Brien O.S.A. Newtoss, and proposed the following resolution which was seconded by Mr Brewer viz:-

That we the Newtoss Urban District Council tender to Revd Michael O'Brien O.S.A. our sincere sympathy and condolence on the death of his uncle, Rev Fr Williams O.S.A. who some few years ago laboured so zealously in the discharge of his sacred duties in our town, and we beg to assure Fr O'Brien of our deep sympathy with him in his bereavement.
The Chairman having associated himself with the resol-

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-ution it was passed in silence.

Correspondence.

Letter from L. G. Board, dated 12th Inst drawing attention to The Time (Ireland) Act 1916 under which Western European time is to be observed throught Ireland from and after the 1st October next.
No Order Made

Letter from same dated 19th Inst drawing attention to the provis-ions of Section 2 of the Parliament and Local Elections Act 1916, from which it will be seen that the next Statutory elections of Borough Councillors and Urban District Councillors are further postponed for one year.
No Order Made.

Letter from the Gas Co dated 22nd Sept 1916 notifying that they intend opening the road in Sugar Ho Lane to repair the supply pipe to McKelly & Co's premises.
No Order Made.

An application was received from James Flynn, one of the Council's employees, for an increase of 2/2 per week in his wages. He pointed out that all the other men got an increase but he did not apply. He always had more than the other men as his work is more difficult
Proposed by Mr Murphy and
Seconded by Mr Fanning
That this application be consid-ered at next meeting of the Council.
Passed Unanimously.

Letter from the Shell Marketing Co, dated 18th Inst, acknowledging receipt of the Council's letter of the 14th Inst relative to the transfer

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of License to store Petroleum in a store in Mrs Lawlor's yard at Robercon, and stating that they would advise the Council later when the store would come into their possession.
No Order Made.

A tender dated 26th Inst was received from Mr John M. Roche Talbot Hall of 20/- per heap for three heaps of manure in yard on Quay, and it was Ordered to be accepted.

Letter from Messrs Coffey & Son, dated 19th Inst, inclosing Contract and Bond for delivery of a further two hundred and fifty tons of stones, signed by Richard Malone, and his Sureties, and asking to have the Corporate Seal affixed and returned for completion.
Proposed by The Chairman and
Seconded by Mr Murphy

That the Corporate Seal be affixed to the Contract with Richard Malone for the delivery of an additional two hundred and fifty tons of stones.

Passed Unanimously.

The Seal was duly affixed in pursuance of the foregoing resolution.

Letter from Daniel Lobotham, one of the Council's tenants, informing the Council that one of his Neighbour's children accidently broke the front window of his house, and also that when he came to live in the house, the glass in the Kitchen window was broken and not renewed since. After a short discussion it was Ordered

That the Surveyor have the glass put in those windows.

A letter was also received from Mrs Whelan Church Lane, dated 19th Inst, pointing out that the Shute outside her door is broken, and that there is no lock or weatherboard on either the front or back door. Ordered

That the Surveyor inspect the house and

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report upon it to next meeting, and also the house occupied by John Spencer in the windows of which a pane of glass is broken, and that of Bryan Ryan the roof of which is leaking the Collector reports.

Letter from John M. Bell Esq Hon Secretary of the Irish Evicted Tenants, Town Tenants, and Back-to-the-Land Movement dated 13th Inst, setting out the objects of the movement, and enclosing copy of resolutions for adoption.
On the proposal of Mr Fanning, seconded by Mr Dunne the resolutions were adopted.

The following letter received from Messrs Colfer & Low Solicitors, in reference to rates of Tuberculosis Dispensary, was read:-

Newbas 19th Sept. 1916.

Re:- Tuberculosis Dispensary Rates, File 222.

Dear Sir,

With reference to your query re the liability for rates of the premises in Dunmery Lane let by your Council to the County Council for the purpose, as we are informed, of a Tuberculosis Dispensary, these premises would appear to be entitled to exemption from rating under the Valuation Acts, but where the Valuation lists as in this case do not show them as being so exempted, we are of opinion that the rate is properly recoverable from the County Council as the rated occupiers. The County Council could have appealed against the rating if they wished to do so, but as they have not appealed ~~against the rating~~ and as the rate made appears on its face to be a valid rate, we think the County Council are liable for it. We are afraid, however, that the fact of the Council having cancelled the rate would greatly prejudice any proceedings which might be taken for its recovery, and if the effect of this resolution is to make the rate irrecoverable, it is possible that the members who took part in cancelling the rate will be surcharged by the Local Government Board Auditor.

Of course the County Council can easily escape future liabil-

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-day by lodging a request for revision of the Valuation lists, but this would not affect the present rate.

This entire question is one of considerable difficulty, and is by no means free from doubt, but in the foregoing letter we have set forth what we believe to be the law on the matter.

Yours very truly
Wolfe & Son

The Clerk stated that he had forwarded a copy of the letter, except that portion of it dealing with the cancellation of the rates, to the Secretary of the County Council, and this was approved of.

There was No Order Made on the letter pending a further communication from the Secretary of the County Council.

Co-Option of Councillors

The meeting proceeded to co-opt two members in the room of the late Mr James G. Dooley and Mr Peter Murphy, Vacancies in both cases having been declared at last meeting.

Proposed by Mr Dunne and
Seconded by Mr ~~John~~ Wm Murphy

That Mr George Dooley, Roberton, be co-opted a member of the Council for the Roberton Ward in the room of his late father Mr J. G. Dooley.

Passed Unanimously.

Proposed by Mr Fanning and
Seconded by Mr John Murphy

That Mr Daniel Hanley Irongate be co-opted a member of the Council for the Newross ward to fill the second vacancy declared at the last meeting.

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Proposed by Mr Hand and
Seconded by Mr Wm Murphy

That Mr Peter Murphy be co-opted a member of the Council to fill this vacancy.

The Clerk having asked that the consideration of the following letter and the discussion which might take place upon it, be in Committee, submitted a letter received from the Council's Solicitors in reference to the election, which the Chairman read as follows:-

Newbdge. 26th Sept. 1916.

re:- Co-option of Councillor.

Dear Sir,

Referring to our interview with you this morning when you requested us to advise as to whether the Council would be at liberty to co-opt Mr Peter Murphy to fill the vacancy created through his disqualification by reason of his having made an arrangement or composition with his creditors, we are of opinion that the Council are not at liberty to do so, as any person who makes such a compoaition or arrangement is dis-qualified "for being elected or chosen or being a member" of a Council, and this disqualification lasts until the creditors of such person are paid in full. We are further of opinion that it is your duty, as Town Clerk, to inform the Council to this effect.

Yours truly,
Colfer & Son.

Mr Hand also quoted Article 4 (b) and Article 7 of the Local Government (application of Enactments) Order of 22nd Dec 1898 in support of his Amendment - that Mr Murphy be co-opted.

After a short discussion the Chairman announced that he would take the voting as to which gentleman would be co-opted, and it resulted as follows:-

For Hanley: Messrs Brewer, Sheehan, Fanning and J Murphy.
For Murphy:- " Wm Murphy, Hand, Dunne and the Chairman.

The voting being equal the Chairman gave his casting vote in favour of Mr Peter Murphy and declared him co-opted.

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The following report of the Foreman was read :-

26th Sept. 1916.

I beg to report that since last meeting twenty-four ashpits were cleaned. There are now six heaps of manure in yard on Quay ready for sale value about £1. each. Two boatloads of Graigue metalling have arrived also one boat load of Sand per P. Carroll. I attended to oiling and cleaning of weighbridges at the Quay and the Irishtown and both have been tested by Inspector of weights and measures and were found to be working satisfactorily. I purchased two loads of Hay to-day for your horses at £3.7.6 ~~at~~ per ton. I wish to mention that grass is a little scarcer in field where your horses are at present. I was speaking to Mr Browne on the matter and he has no other field near hand that you could have. James Furlong was sick from the 12th to 23rd inst. Thos. Freeman is ill since yesterday. I have employed a substitute Patk Murphy Cross Lane. I beg to apply for a suit of oil clothes for Edwd Broaders.

James Kelly F.M.

Proposed by Mr John Murphy and
Seconded by Mr Dunne

That the Foreman be authorized to change the horses to some other place where the grazing will be better, if he can do so at the same cost per week.

Passed Unanimously.

A discussion took place as to the possibility of procuring storage for a quantity of oats and hay for the horses so that the former can be purchased on the market as it would be cheaper to do this, and on the proposal of Mr Murphy seconded by the Chairman it was referred to the Finance Committee for report.

Mr Fanning drew attention to the fact that some small repairs require to be carried out on the house occupied by him, and it was Ordered

That the Surveyor inspect it, and also the other

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houses of the Council at Wm Street and report if any repairs are needed on them.

It was Ordered that the Surveyor mark out the different plots, into which the field at Wm Street is to be divided for the tenants who have applied for same in accordance with the map prepared by him and approved by the Council, each plot to be separated by a narrow cutting or burrow, Messrs Hand and Fanning to be appointed to confer with him as to arrangement of details.

The Street Inspector reported that a number of Traders were causing an obstruction by placing boxes, etc, on the streets but there was No Order Made on the matter.

James Foley

Monday 2nd October, 1916.

A monthly meeting of the Council was to be held this day at 12 o'clock noon to transact business pursuant to The Towns Improvement (Ireland) Act 1854.

No member attended

A Quorum not having assembled

There was no meeting held.

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Friday 6th October 1916

A meeting of the Finance Committee was held this evening at 8.15 o'clock to consider what steps should be taken to provide an Office for the Town Surveyor, or whether an allowance in lieu of same should be made to him; also an application from the Clerk for remuneration for extra work in connection with the Housing Scheme, and whether it is possible to arrange for the purchase of Forage for the horses in a large quantity at the beginning of the hay and oat season.

Present Messrs P. J. Dunne
John Murphy

The Foreman was also in attendance.

The Committee having consulted with the Foreman respecting the purchase of hay & oats for the horses decided to recommend the Council to have the Shed in Henry St yard covered in with rough timber so that the carts could be kept in it, and leave the house in yard at Wm Street entirely for storage of hay, and the loft of stable for oats, the Foreman to be authorized to be purchased both in the open market or from farmers, even at a little over market price in the case of oats, to meet the requirements of the Council until next season.

The Committee decided not to recommend the provision of an Office for the Surveyor, nor remuneration in lieu of same, as they were of opinion that there was ample accomodation in their Office for all the Officers to carry on the work of the Council.

Having considered the application of the Clerk for remuneration for extra work in connection with the Housing Scheme, and examined the files of the Scheme decided to recommend that he be allowed 25/- per house or a Sum of £25.

Having prepared a report embodying these recommendations

The Committee Adjourned

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Tuesday 10th October 1916.

A Quarterly meeting of the Council was held this evening at 7 o'clock to transact business pursuant to The Local Government (Ireland) Act 1898, consider Quarterly report of the Town Surveyor etc:

Present Messrs John Murphy presiding
John Hand
John Fanning
Patrick J. Dunne.

The minutes of previous Quarterly meeting were read & signed.

The following Quarterly report of the Town Surveyor was read:-

10th October 1916.

I beg to report that the Public Works in the District have been fairly well maintained during the past quarter. Some damage was caused to Surface of Roberton Hill during the rainstorms in August but I hope to be able to prevent a repitition of this occurence by treating the Surface with tarred macadam next year and making further provision for Surface drainage. A Section of the footpath on the South Side of Cross Lane was during the past Quarter reconstructed in tarred macadam, but owing to the recent inclement weather and Scarcity of labour I was unable to have it completed. The following is a Statement of the quantities of Stones for Street maintenance delevered by your Contractors viz:-

Name of Quarry.	Contractor.	Amount of Contract.	Amt deld.
Glenduisan	Rd Malone	500 tons	100 tons
Graig	John Murphy	200 -	120 -
Parnell Quarries	Parnell Quaries Co	100 -	33 -

During to the difficulty of getting breakers, very little of the Glenduisan material has yet been broken and I believe that it will be impossible to have all this material broken at the old price and it being now so late in the season I would recommend the Council to consider the advisability of hiring a machine-breaker soon as

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possible. As there is practically no money now available for public works, I do not propose to lay any recommendation for new works before you on the present occasion.

Jas J Shortall
Town Surveyor.

The following application for an increase in the rate allowed for breaking of Stones received from John Lalor, was considered in conjunction with the report of the Town Surveyor:-

Ballyknock, Newross.
9th October, 1916.

Gentlemen

Owing to the increased cost of living and hardness of stones, I am obliged to ask an increase of one Shilling per ton. I consider a ton is a fair days work for a man to break as they are exceptionally hard stones and it is hard to break them small enough to please the Engineer. Hoping to have your kind consideration. I am Gentlemen

Respectfully Yours
John Lalor.

After some discussion it was:-

Proposed by Mr Fanning and
Seconded by Mr Hand

That the Stone breakers get 3/- per ton for breaking stones.

Passed Unanimously.

It was ordered that advertisements be issued inviting men to break the stones at the rate of 3/- per ton.

A discussion took place respecting the advisability of hiring a machine to break the stones, as suggested by the Surveyor in his report. As it was feared enough of manual labour could not be obtained to break them in time. Eventually it was agreed to adjourn the further consideration of this matter to an adjourned Quarterly meeting to be held on the 24th Inst at 7 o'clock P.M, the Surveyor to ascertain in the meantime all particulars

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as to cost etc of stonebreaking machine, and report same to adjourn-
-ed meeting. Accordingly

The Meeting Adjourned to Tuesday 24th October 1916

John Sullivan
24/Oct/'16

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Tuesday 10th October, 1916.

A meeting of the Council was held this evening at 7.30 o'clock to transact business pursuant to The Towns Improvement (Ireland) Act 1854, deal with recommendation of the Finance Committee respecting provision of an office for the Town Surveyor also an application from James Flynn, one of the Council's workmen, for an increase in his wages of 2/2 per week.

Present Messrs John Murphy Presiding
John Hand
John Fanning
Pat^k J. Dunne.

The Minutes of previous meeting were read and signed.

The Treasurers Authority for making payments was signed by the Chairman and Messrs Dunne & Fanning and the following paying Orders were directed to be issued viz:- N°89 Mrs Flynn £24·3·6, N°90 Messrs Doyle Bro^s. £2·7·7, N°91 People Newspaper Series Ltd 19/6, N°92 Messrs John M. Murphy & Son £19:14:1, N°93 Messrs Graves & Co 17/2, No 94 P. Tierney £13·15·0, No 95 Mask. Nugent £1·2·0, N°96 M Hutchinson & Son £1·17·5, No 97 P. Lynch £19·1·3, No 98 Mr Jonas Hartrick £2·4·1, N°99 Mrs Flynn £1·17·6, N°100 Mrs Flynn £6·5·0, N°101 Mrs Flynn £11·5·0, No 102 Messrs James Power & Co £5·0·3, N°103 Hibernian Fire & General Insurance Co £2·10·6, N°104 London Assurance Co £1·5·6, No 105 Joseph Freeman 17/-, No 106 J. J. Browne £1·6·4, No 107 Same £36·15·5, No 108 Same £26·7·6 No 109 J. J. Shortall £7·1·8, No 110 Technical Committee £17·7·5, N°111 J. Hartrick £2·6·6, No 112 Jas Connolly £1·6·11, No 113 New Ross Gas Co Ltd £23·1·9, N°114 Cashier's Bank of Ireland £439·19·1, N°115 Same £34·0·4, No 116 Same £29·0·9, No 117 Same £139·5·1, No 118 Th^s Hennessy 5/-, No 119 The National Bank Ltd £4·11·2 (No 6 Loans A/c).

A dividend Warrant on £1762·11·0 of Consolidated Stock was received from the Bank of Ireland and it was Ordered to be lodged to the credit of the Council.

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Mr Fanning referred to the death in Wales of Mr Edwd Kehoe, who was at one time a member of the Council and proposed the following vote of sympathy with his mother which was seconded by Mr Hand and passed in silence viz:-

That we, the New Ross Urban Council beg to tender to Mrs Kehoe our sincere sympathy and condolence, in her bereavement caused by the death of her son who was at one time a respected and regularly attending member of the Council.

The following votes of sympathy were also passed in silence:-
Proposed by Mr Murphy and
Seconded by Mr Dunne

That we tender to Mr Aidan Bolger, a respected and valued member of this Council, and his immediate relatives and friends our sincere sympathy and condolence on the death of his mother-in-law the late Mrs Murphy and beg to assure him of our regret at her demise.

Proposed by Mr Murphy and
Seconded by Mr Dunne

That we tender to Dr Hickey, a respected Officer of this Council, and his immediate relatives and friends our sincere sympathy and condolence in their bereavement caused by the death of his father-in-law, the late Mr John Doyle.

The following application was received from four of the Council's workmen for an increase in their wages:-

26th Sept 1916

Gentlemen

We the undermentioned most respectfully ask the Council through their kindness to grant us some increase in our present wages. The Council are fully aware of the enhanced price of food stuffs and that extra taxation must affect all classes

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Therefore we ask the Council to consider our case,

Weare Gentlemen,

Wm Shea. W Duggan, E Broaders And James Furlong.

After a short discussion it was decided to adjourn the consideration of the application to next meeting, the members of the Council to receive Notice of its intended consideration at that meeting.

The application of James Flynn for an increase of 2/2 per week in his wages, which was adjourned from last meeting. was considered and it was proposed by Mr Fanning and Seconded by Mr Murphy

That James Flynn's wages be increased by 2/2 perweek

Passed Unanimously

A tender of 25/- for heap of manure at Town Wall and one of 20/- each for two heaps of manure in the Councils yard was received from Mr Wm Gannon Ardstown, and on the proposal of Mr Dunne Seconded by the Chairman they were both accepted.

A tender dated 2nd Inst of 21/- was received from Maurice Whelan, Ryleen, for one heap of manure adjoining wall of Mr Sheehan's store in the Council's yard on Quay, and it was Ordered to be accepted.

Letter from Messrs Colfer & Son, dated 9th Inst, stating that they were in communication with the L.G. Board in reference to the Market Bye-Laws and hoped to write the Council fully in the course of a week or so.

No Order Made.

Letter from the Clerk of the Enniscorthy Board of Guardians, dated 29th Ult, forwarding the following copy of a resolution,

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passed by that Board for adoption by the Council viz:-

That inasmuch as we desire the release of the Political Prisoners at present interned in England and believe that their continued detention is merely calculated to further increase bitter feeling in the country, we call on the Government to restore these people to their homes at once. On the proposal of Mr Fanning, Seconded by the Chairman the resolution was adopted, Mr Hand not voting, with the following addition "and that pending their release they be treated as political prisoners".

The following resolution in reference to conscription was
Proposed by Mr Fanning and
Seconded by The Chairman

That we the members of the Newbridge Urban District Council protest against conscription being applied to Ireland in any Shape or form; that we request our Parliamentary representatives to demand the immediate release of all interned Irishmen and women in English jails. That copies of this resolution be sent to our County M.P's, Chairman of the Irish Party, Mess Wm O'Brien, T. Healy, John Dillon, Chief Secretary for Ireland and Mr Asquith, L. Ginnell and Alderman Byrne Dublin.

Passed Mr Hand not voting.

Applications were received from Mrs Doyle and Michael Keeffe, Wm St for a plot of the Council's field at Wm Street.

Ordered

That the consideration of these applications be adjourned to next meeting.

Mr Fanning suggested that the field be railed in by the Council, the tenants who are and who may be alloted plots to pay so much each week proportionately until the amount expended is repaid to the Council,

After some discussion it was:-

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Ordered

That the consideration of the matter be adjourned to next meeting, the members to be summoned to consider it, and the Surveyor to furnish an Estimate of the probable cost of pailing it in.

Tenders were received from Messrs Patrick Hunt and John Doyle for the supply of water fittings, and it was Ordered that the tender of Mr Hunt be accepted for 1 dozen stop cocks at 48/-, and one dozen ferrules @ 20/- and of Mr Doyle for one dozen of covers @ 18/-, one coil of lead piping @ 50/- per cwt, and 28lbs Plumbers Solder 42/-.

The Surveyor reported that he inspected the Council's houses at Upper William St, and also one at Chapel Lane, as ordered at last meeting. He specified in detail, the repairs needed to each particular house, and estimated the cost of carrying out same to be £8.

Proposed by Mr Fanning and
Seconded by Mr Dunne

That the repairs to the Council's houses, as specified by the Surveyor, and estimated by him to cost £8, be carried out by him.

Passed Unanimously

Report of Finance Committee

Oct 6th 1916

Your Finance committee met this evening at 8.30 o'clock. after consulting with the Foreman, who was present at the meeting, respecting the purchase of hay and oats for fodder for the horses.

We recommend that the shed in Henry St yard be covered in with rough timber, some of which is stored in Fishouse, and that all the carts be kept there, so that the house in the yard at William St may be used for storing hay in, and that the oats be stored on the loft of the stable where the hay is kept at present. We suggest that the Foreman Mikelly be directed to purchase in the open market

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or from Farmers who have it for Sale, a quantity of oats estimated to meet the requirements of the Council until next Season and that he be authorized to pay a little over market price if necessary for same.

The Committee cannot recommend an office for the Town Surveyor, nor an allowance in lieu of same, as we consider there is ample accomodation in the Urban Council Office for all Officers to discharge the duties of the Council especially as there is no prospect of obtaining a loan for building purposes.

Proposed by Mr Fanning and
Seconded by Mr Dunne

That the recommendation of the Finance Committee respecting the covering of the shed in Henry St yard, the keeping of the carts there, and the purchase of Forage for the Councils horses by the Foreman, be adopted and the work carried out by him, also that the East side of yard be protected by barbed wire railing.

Passed Unanimously.

Foreman's Report

10th October 1916

I beg to report that since last meeting twenty-six ashpits were cleaned. There are three heaps of manure in your yard on Quay ready for sale value about £1 each. Miss Whitney is not taking the heap purchased at the Town Wall depot. This heap is value about £1.10.0. There is a quantity of road Scrapings and clearings from water tables on the College Road. This Stuff would not pay for the cartage and if some person from that locality could be got to cart the Stuff off the road it would I think be a saving. I require a half barrell of lime to have your stables at Wm Street limewashed.

James Kelly J.M.

Ordered

That the road scrapings be given to any person who will remove it, also that the lime be purchased.

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The Street Inspector reported that a number of Traders were causing an obstruction of the Streets by placing boxes &c outside their premises, also that the daily Scavenging was carried out as usual.

No Order Made.

The Meeting adjourned to Tuesday 24th October. 1916.

John Sullivan
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Tuesday 24th October, 1916.

An adjourned Quarterly meeting of the Council was held this evening at 7 o'clock to transact business pursuant to The Local Government (Ireland) Act 1898, consider advisability of having stones for road metalling broken by a steam breaker.

Present Messrs John O'Sullivan Jr. Presiding.
Peter N. O'Gorman
John Hand
George Dooley
John Murphy.

When a Quorum had assembled the Chairman stated that owing to illness he was unable to attend meetings of the Council for the past six months, and hoped under the circumstances the Council would consider his absence justifiable. In consequence of this it was duly proposed and seconded that Mr O'Gorman preside temporarily.

Mr O'Gorman having taken the Chair, proposed "that the reason given by the Chairman of the Council, Mr O'Sullivan, for his Non-attendance at meetings during the past six months be approved of as justifying his absence. This was seconded by Mr Murphy and passed Unanimously.

Mr O'Gorman having expressed pleasure at the restoration to health of the Chairman, and his return to the Council, withdrew from the Chair and it was taken by Mr O'Sullivan.

The Minutes of last Quarterly meeting were then read and signed.

The Surveyor reported that he had made inquiries, and calculations as ordered at last meeting of the Council, as to the probable cost per ton, of having stones broken by a steam stone breaker, and found that, approximately the cost would be 2/4 per ton.

After a short discussion it was:-

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Proposed by Mr Murphy and
Seconded by Mr O'Gorman

That the Surveyor be authorized to employ a steam driven stone breaker, to break stones at the Laberoon road Depot, and also the necessary men to assist at same, and that he keep An exact account of all the expenditure in connection with same so that the Council may be able to compare the cost of those particular stones when broken, with that of the stones from other Quarries.

Passed Unanimously.

The Meeting adjourned

John Dullea

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Tuesday 24th October, 1916.

A meeting of the NewRoss Urban District Council was held this evening at 4.30 o'clock to transact business pursuant to The Towns Improvement (Ireland) Act 1854, consider an application from W. Shea, W. Duggan, E. Broaders and J Furlong, four of the Council's workmen for an increase in their wages, also an application from two of the Council's ~~workmen~~ tenants at William Street, for a plot each of the field adjoining their houses, as well as the advisability of having the field fenced in by the Council subject to such arrangements as they may approve of.

Present Messrs John O'Sullivan J.P. Presiding
John Hand
Peter N. O'Gorman
George Dooley
John Murphy
Patrick J. Dunne.

The minutes of previous meeting were read and Signed.

The Treasurers Authority for making payments was Signed by the Chairman and Mess Dooley & Murphy and the following paying Order was directed to be issued viz:- N° 120 M & J Innis £24:12:5. Petty Cash.

Correspondence

Letters were received from Messrs J.E. Redmond M.P, J French M.P, Alderman Byrne M.P. The Prime Minister and The Chief Secretary for Ireland, acknowledging receipt of the resolution, passed by the Council against Conscription being applied to Ireland, and also urging the release of the Irish prisoners interned in England.
No Order Made.

A letter was received from Fr O'Brien O.S.A thanking the Council for the

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vote of sympathy passed with him on the death of his Uncle and from Dr Hickey and A.P. Bolger acknowledging the votes of sympathy on the death of Mr Doyle and Mrs Murphy.

No Order Made.

Letter from the New Ross Gas Co dated 23rd Inst notifying that they intend opening the ground in Marsh Lane and Charles St to repair Supply pipes.

No Order Made.

A tender of 20/- each for two heaps of manure, was received from John Byrne Bawnmeane and it was Ordered to be accepted.

A letter dated 6th Inst, was received from the Royal Liver Friendly Society, informing the Council that the transfer of Thomas Freeman from this Society was consented to as from the 2nd January 1916, and therefore retains his membership with his other Society.

The Clerk explained that in December 1915, Thomas Freeman, one of the Council's workmen, owing to some dispute as to the payment of benefit, applied for and obtained a transfer from this Society in which he was insured. He was admitted to Irish National Foresters Society but the Insurance Commissioners refused to sanction a transfer during the War, and the Irish National Foresters Society notified Freeman to this effect and pointed out that the Royal Liver was still responsible for payment of benefit. He (Clerk) then wrote to the Royal Liver pointing out this, and asking if they intend to pay benefit to Freeman, but did not receive any reply beyond the letter already referred to.

After some discussion it was:-

Ordered

That the matter be referred to the Council's Solicitors with a request that they make application to the Royal Liver Friendly Society on behalf of Thomas Freeman for benefit as from the 25th September last, the date upon which ~~he~~ he became ill.

Letter from the Imperial Live Stock Insurance Co Ltd, dated 20th Inst

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notifying the Council that the Insurance of the horses expired on the 16th November, and reminding them that notice of their re-Insurance should be received seven days previous to its expiration.

After a short discussion it was decided not to re-insure them.

The Foreman reported that since last meeting thirty-eight ashpits were cleaned. There is one heap of manure in yard ready for sale, the value of it being about one Pound.

No Order Made.

The Clerk reported that since last meeting, one of the temporary men engaged breaking stones for the Council got his eye injured by a splinter of a stone and he had ceased working, he also submitted a Medical certificate that he was unable to work. His average weekly earnings with the Council since 1st June last was 16/. He (Clerk) notified the Insurance Co, and forwarded the necessary claim form. In reply to which he received a letter dated 23rd Inst, which he submitted, stating that the claim would be dealt with on behalf of the Insured, but in order to determine their liability they required additional information. It was agreed, after a short discussion, to pay Lalor half his average weekly earnings viz:- 8/- during incapacity, as it is assumed that the Council will be re-couped the amount by the Insurance Co.

The following resolutions, received from the Kerry County Council, which had been passed by that Council, were unanimously adoped, on the proposal of Mr Dooley Seconded by Mr Murphy viz:-

Conscription

That we warn the Government of the grave consequences of any attempt to enforce conscription on Ireland, which would result in turmoil and bloodshed and which, if at all, should only be imposed by an Irish Parliament. English Rulers are to blame in not giving to Ireland that Self Government granted to her other Colonies and States, which have enjoyed full legislative and fiscal freedom, so unlike the inadequate, imperfect, and financially unsound measure we are promised, which gives

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neither legislative nor fiscal freedom. We must also add that Ireland is a seriously depopulated country, with agriculture and industries in a backward state; that she has no world-wide Colonies or commerce to protect or extend, and it is indefensible, therefore, to demand equality of sacrifice when there is not, and cannot be, equality of benefit.

That copies be sent to the Lord Lieutenant, the Chief Secretary and members of the Government; to the other Public Boards in Ireland, and to the Irish members of Parliament.

Partition

That we again protest against the partition of our Country in any Shape or form. That such a settlement would only unsettle the question, and perpetuate religious and civil strife, and would also be a serious set back to Constitutional agitation in Ireland. To partition Ireland is not the way to emancipate her, and, at best, is a gamble with the liberties of the Country. If the Irish question is to be reopened to the Imperial Conference, it should be presented not in a mutilated form, but in the way it has been handed down to us for an undivided and indivisible Nation.

We are also of opinion that our claim to full self Government for an undivided Ireland should be submitted to the International Peace Conference which is to preserve the integrity of the "Small Nationalities" of Europe, and we request that steps be taken accordingly to appeal to the various Governments concerned.

That copies be forwarded to the different Irish Boards, members of Parliament; to the Lord Lieutenant, Chief Secretary, and members of the Government, and to the Foreign Governments to be represented at the Peace Conference.

Letter from Mr Hartrick, dated 13th October 1916, returning Paying Order

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for £2.6.6, and stating that he should have the full amount of his account. The difference £1.5.6 was for a Galvanized Inspection Chamber got in 1913, which it was proposed to return to him in accordance with the verbal arrangement made with him by the Surveyor. Ordered

That the balance of the a/c £1.5.6 be paid at next Finance meeting of the Council.

Letter from the Town Clerk of Dublin, dated 11th Inst, conveying copy of a resolution passed by the Dublin Municipal Council expressing the opinion that the time has arrived for the Irish Nation to unite in demanding the release of the Irish prisoners interned in England, and inviting delegates to an All-Ireland Convention to be held for the purpose of forming a Political Prisoners Amnesty Association.

No Order Made.

The application of the Council's workmen, Broaders, Shea, Duggan and Furlong for an increase in their weekly wages, adjourned from last meeting, was considered, in conjunction with a letter, dated 24th Inst, now received from them asking for an increase of 2/3 each.

Proposed by Mr O'Gorman and

Seconded by Mr Dooley

That the wages remain as they are.

To which an amendment was:-

Proposed by Mr Dunne and

Seconded by Mr Murphy

That the wages of each of these men be increased by 1/- per week.

The Amendment was put to a vote when the following voted

For:- Messrs Murphy, Dunne, Hand and The Chairman 4

Against:- Messrs O'Gorman and Dooley 2.

The Chairman declared the Amendment "Passed".

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An application dated 24th Inst, was received from James Martin 10ms Street, for one of the plots in the Councils field there.

This application was considered in conjunction with the applications of Mrs Doyle and Michael Keeffe received at last meeting and also with the suggestion that the Council fence in the entire field instead of having it done by the Council.

A long discussion took place on the matter resulting in the following being:-

Proposed by Mr Murphy and
Seconded by Mr Dunne

That the field at William St be divided into twenty plots instead of Sixteen, and be pailed in by the Council, instead of the tenants of the plots, the rents of the houses to be raised by Six pence per week until the cost of pailing is re-paid to the Council, and that all resolutions previously passed relative to the pailing of the field by the tenants be rescinded.

Passed Unanimously

Ordered.

That the Surveyor furnish to next meeting a Specification and Estimate of the cost of pailing in the field that tenders may be invited for carrying out the work.

That Officer stated that he estimated the cost to be about £14.

The following letter received from Mr Brizelle in reference to rates on the Tuberculosis Dispensary was read viz:-

Courthouse, Wexford.
14th October, 1916.

Dear Mr Finn

With reference to the rates on Tuberculosis Dispensary the only demand notes I received are those inclosed and one for 3/4 which has been paid. As regards payment of rate due to March last you will notice that demand notes only reached me on 11th Inst. The question is have the Committee

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power to pay these amounts outstanding the 30th June?
If I might make a suggestion perhaps your Council would allow you to consult Mr Wolfer in the matter as the question at issue is purely one for a lawyer. You and I have to satisfy Local Government Auditors and as regards these rates it seems to me that we must be fortified with a legal opinion as to the power of the Tuberculosis Committee to pay.

Yours faithfully.
H J Frizelle, Secretary.

Ordered

That the matter be referred to the Council's Solicitors and they be asked to advise whether the Tuberculosis Committee are liable for the rates under the circumstances.

The Clerk reported that the License of the Town Hall under the Cinematograph Act expired on the 31st July last, and the Very Rev Canon Rositer P.P. in whom the interest in the Hall is now vested, wished to have it renewed.
Proposed by Mr Dunne And
Seconded by Mr Murphy

That the Council acting as the Local Authority under the Cinematograph Act hereby license the Town Hall, Newbliss, for one year from this date for the exhibition in it of Cinema Pictures in connection with which Flammable Films may be issued.

Passed Unanimously.

Mr Murphy drew attention to the very bad train service between Dublin and Newbliss since the 1st October, the latest train from Dublin being 10.15 a.m. He suggested that strong action be taken by the Council in the matter. A discussion ensued after which the following resolution was
Proposed by Mr Murphy And
Seconded by Mr Dunne

That we the Newbliss Urban District Council protest in the strongest possible manner against the inadequate service of trains from Dublin to Newbliss. We regard it as simply outrageous,

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and as manifesting a total disregard of the convenience and interest of the inhabitants and traders of Newtds, many of whom are large customers of the Railway Co, to deprive the town of all train connection between the city and it after 10.15 a.m, and to request the Company to make immediate arrangements to have a train for Waterford to connect at Macmine Junction with the train leaving Dublin for Wexford at 5.30 P.M.

Passed Unanimously.

The Street Inspector reported that some Traders were causing an obstruction of the Streets by placing boxes, etc, on them, also that the daily Scavenging was carried out as usual.

No Order Made.

Mr Dooley returned thanks for the vote of condolence passed with him on the death of his father, and also for his Co-option as a member of the Council.

Mr Dunne having stated that it was due to the late Mr James George Dooley to co-opt his son as his Successor on the Council, and Mr Hand having associated himself with the expression of pleasure at the return of the Chairman

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The Meeting Adjourned to Tuesday 7th November, 1916.

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Monday 6th Novr October 1916

A monthly meeting of the Council was to be held this day at 12 Oclock noon to transact business pursuant to The Towns Improvement (Ireland) Act 1854.

No member of the Council attended

A Quorum not having assembled

There was No Meeting held.

John Sullivan

Tuesday 7th November 1916.

An adjourned meeting of the Newbawn Urban District Council was to be held this evening at 7.30 oclock to transact business pursuant to The Towns Improvement (Ireland) Act 1854.

Messrs John O'Sullivan J.P. and John Hand were the only members that attended.

A Quorum not having assembled

The Meeting adjourned to Tuesday 14th November 1916.

John Sullivan

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Monday 13th November 1916.

A meeting of the Finance Committee was to be held this evening at 5 oclock to transact business for the Finance meeting of the Council, and rule on Collector's Abstract of Uncollectable Rates

Mr John J. Browne Rate Collector was in attendance.

No member of the Committee attended.

A Quorum not having assembled

The Meeting Adjourned

John Bullen

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Tuesday 14th November, 1916.

An adjourned ordinary meeting of the Council was held this evening at 7.30 o'clock to transact business pursuant to The Towns Improvement (Ireland) Act 1854.

Present Messrs John O'Sullivan J.P. Presiding
James B. Keane
Peter N. O'Gorman
William Murphy.

The minutes of previous meeting were read and signed.

The Treasurers Authority for making payments was signed by the Chairman and Messrs O'Gorman & Murphy And the following Paying Orders were directed to be issued viz:- N°121 Francis Browne £6, N°122 John Purcell £3.0.4, N°123 J. Hartrick £1.5.6, N°124 St Stephens Cemetery Committee £7.10.0, N°125 Messrs Glenfield & Kennedy 7/9, N°126 Messrs Kelly 11/-, N°127 School Attendance Committee £7.12.8, N°128 M&T Winn £11.5.0 N°129 M&T Winn £12.8.0, N°130 M&T Winn £1.4.8, N°131 John J. Browne £1.3.10, N°132 Same £2.9.3, N°133 Same £4.19.2, N°134 Patrick Kelly 19/6, N°135 M&T Winn £43.16.9, N°136 D+S Railway Co £6.12.1, N°137 Jas Thorpe £7.1.8, N°138 Richard Malone £11.10.0, N°139 Francis Bergin D.C. £65.

Correspondence

The following was received from the D.+S.E. Railway Co viz:-

Westland Row Station,
Dublin 11th Nov. 1916.

Winter Train Service

Dear Sir

Refering to your letter of 6th; I brought the resolution of your Council before my Directors, and I am desired to inform you that the request for a train from Macmine to Waterford to connect with the 5.30 p.m. train from Harcourt Street was considered some time ago, and it was found that such an arrangement as is suggested would involve a

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very heavy expenditure to the Company without giving any-
-thing like an adequate return; and in view of the present serious position of affairs with regard to the cost of materials (especially coal), labour, etc; my Directors have no option but to adhere to the present arrangements.

I am sure that on reflection your Council will consider that this Company has had no alternative but to make the changes you have referred to.

Yours faithfully,
A. L. Griffith, Secretary.

No Order Made.

Letter from L. G. Board, No 50141:1916, dated 9th Nov 1916, enclosing copy of an Order which the Board have made prescribing Regul-
-ations with regards to the distinctive Sign required to be exhibited on a Motor Car which is exempt from duty under Section 86 of the Finance Act (1909-10).

No Order Made.

A tender of 3½ was received from Thomas O'Neill, Tan House, for one heap of manure at Town Wall and it was Ordered to be accepted, as was also a tender of 2½ received from Marks Walsh for one heap of manure in yard on Quay.

Mr Aselford's tender of 20/- for road scraping on Waterford road &c for period to 1st May next was accepted.

A letter was received from Mr Hand regretting his inability to attend the meeting owing to illness, and asking that a resol-
-ution constituting the Urban Council, with power to add to their number, a committee to receive Subscriptions for the purpose of providing boots and other comforts for deserving children of the town. Mr Dunne to be appointed Secretary & Treasurer.

Ordered

That the consideration of the matter be adjourned to

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next meeting.

The following resolution, received from the Kells Urban Council, was ordered to be adopted viz:-

That we, the members of the Kells Urban Council, view with alarm the serious failure of the Potatoe crop and the action of the Government in allowing the exportation of Potatoes out of Ireland, while Famine is staring the people in the face; that the Government be called upon to take immediate action to Prohibit the Exportation of Potatoes.

The following, received from the Clerk of the Wexford Union, was also adopted viz:-

That we, the Wexford Board of Guardians and the representatives of the Rural District of Wexford, hereby request the Government to release the Irish Political Prisoners, who were induced to join an ill-conceived and senseless uprising, and by so granting their release show the people of Ireland that England does not harbour any ill-feeling towards this country which the Irish love so much.

Letter from the Clerk of the Enniscorthy Urban District Council forwarding for adoption, the following copy of a resolution passed by that Council viz:-

That we, the Urban District Council of Enniscorthy, request the Dublin & South Eastern Railway Co, to stop the down mail at Palace East, so as to give a connection with the Great Southern & Western Railway, and to delay the 5.30 pm; from Harcourt St to 6 o'clock pm; so as to allow passengers by the day boat from Holyhead to proceed to their destination the same evening, copies of resolution to be sent to the Urban Councils of Wexford, New Ross and Gorey, and to the members of Parliament for the County.

Proposed by Mr O'Gorman and
Seconded by Mr Murphy That this resolution be adopted.
Passed Unanimously.

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Letter from Michael Saunders Fair Gate dated 6th Inst, complaining of the condition of the roof of his house which is leaking in two places, and the chimneys are closed up.
Ordered

That the Surveyor inspect it and report to next meeting upon its condition.

Letter from the Royal Exchange Assurance Co. dated 11th Inst, stating that they were prepared to pay One Pound in Settlement of Lalor's claim and asking to have the accompanying receipt signed by the claimant and on behalf of the Insured.

The receipt of the Insured was signed by the Chairman.

An application, dated 7th November, was received from the Foreman, James Kelly, for an increase in his salary. Since his appointment in January 1912 he has not received any increase although the cost of living has considerably increased. Ordered

That the consideration of this application be adjourned to next meeting, the members of the Council to receive notice of its intended consideration.

Letter from Messrs Colfer & Son, dated 14th Inst stating that they had written to the Royal Liver friendly Society as to payments of Insurance benefits to Thomas Freeman, and will let the Council know as soon as they hear definitely from the Co.
No Order Made.

The following received from them, was also read :-

14th Nov, 1916.

Re:- Tuberculosis Dispensary.

Dear Sir

Before dealing with the question which appear to be raised by Mr Fuzelle, we require a clear statement as

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to the Actual facts of the case, as opinions given on Abstract propositions are likely to be misleading. On a former occasion we advised on the general or Abstract question that premises used for the purpose of a Tuberculosis Dispensary are entitled to be exempted from Poor Rate if the proper Steps are taken to secure this exemption, but we were not asked to advise as to the right to recover the rate for any particular period. It now appears from your letter of 26th October that there are three half years' rates in dispute, and we have therefore to ask you a few questions regarding these half-yearly gales. First; when did the rate for the half year ending 30th Sept. 1915 become payable? Second: what rate, if any, was paid for that half year for these premises by the County Council? Third: was the Sum so paid accepted without protest, or objection. And if not, has otherwise? Similar information should be given with regard to the other half years' rates.

Yours obediently
Wolfe & Son.

Ordered

That the Clerk furnish them with the necessary information

Foreman's Report

7th Nov. 1916

I beg to report that I have the Shed in Henry St yard boarded and ready for your carts, etc. I purchased 4 brls. 12 st oats at 19/- per brl, which is placed on stable loft Wm Street. The following workmen require oil clothes Jas Flynn, Wm Shea, Jas Furlong And Edwd Murphy. All work carried out by me see time Book.

James Kelly F. M.

A discussion took place respecting the purchase of a sufficient supply of oats at the present high price. Mr Hearn suggested that it be purchased as the price was likely to advance still more.

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Eventually it was :-

Ordered

That the Foreman purchase the Oats as ordered at a previous meeting, and, as it is not possible to obtain it from Sellers who would allow payment to stand over until the following Finance meeting of the Council, they be paid out of Petty Cash, the Chairman agreeing to advance to the Clerk whatever sum is necessary until the next meeting of the Council.

That four Suits of oil clothes be purchased for the workmen.

Town Surveyor's Report.

7th Nov. 16

I beg to report that the repairs to your houses in Wm. Street are being carried out as ordered. In consequence of the recent storm, urgent repairs are also required to roofs of your houses in occupation of P. Shea and John Donohoe Wm. Street. Also to the roof of the Tholsel. There are two dangerous chimneys on houses in occupation of M. Murphy, E. Cooney and Miss Layne, Michael Street. Mr J. Roche is about to construct a piped gullet in the water channel outside his store on the Quay and wishes to be supplied with a length of 3" water-pipe at cost price.

Jas. J. Shortall.
Town Surveyor.

I estimate the cost of constructing staked and wired fence to Cross Lane Plot to be £15.10.0.

Ordered

That the Surveyor have the necessary repairs carried out on the houses of the Council.

That Notice be served by him on the owners of the houses on which the dangerous chimneys are.

That Mr John Roche be supplied with the length of water pipe at present cost price.

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That the Surveyor furnish a specification for the pailing in of the field at 10th Street and that advertisements be issued inviting Tenders for carrying out the work, same to be received and considered at next meeting of the Council.

The Clerk pointed out that at a previous meeting of the Council it was decided by resolution to increase the rent of the twenty horses at 10th Street by Six pence per week, until the cost of pailing the field is re-paid to the Council, and suggested that the tenants be asked whether they are prepared to take the plots upon those terms. It was Ordered that they be all informed of the decision of the Council to increase the rent until the cost of pailing is re-paid, and they be also requested to state by next meeting whether they are willing to become tenants of the plots on these conditions

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The Clerk reported that the Contract for winding and Keeping the Town Clock in repair expires on the 9th December, and it was Ordered

That tenders be invited for winding it and Keeping it in repair for a period of three years from the expiration of the present contract, the tenders to be considered at next meeting of the Council.

Collector's Report.

14th Novr 1916.

I beg leave to report that I have made Several applications to Mr John Ryan Red House for the Sum of £4.16.6 for manure Sold to him from the 11th May 1915 to the 11th Janry 1916 and have not yet been paid. I also applied to Mr Rowland for the Sum of £1.10.0 for water Supplied to his residence at Belleville Newbay for period ending 31st October 1915 and have not been paid. I have also applied to Miss Maud Thorpe John St for the Sum of £7.1.5. balance due for laying pipes to main Sewer the full amount was £9.16.5. Received

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on Nov: 13th 1915 £2, and on July 6th 1916 15/- which leaves the said balance of £7.1.5 due.

Please let me know what I am to do in these matters.

John J Browne
Collector.

Ordered

That the Council's Solicitors be instructed to apply to John Lyng Red House for payment of the £4.16.6 due by him for manure, And also to Miss Thorpe Johnstt for the Sum of £7.1.5 due by her.

With reference to the amount due by Mr Rowland, Mr Hearn asked that it be sent to Messrs McKelvey Tles who will pay the Amount.

The Street Inspector reported that some Traders, whose names he gave in his Report Book, were causing An obstruction of the Streets by depositing boxes and goods on them but the meeting decided not to make any Order on the matter.

The Meeting adjourned to Tuesday 28th November, 1916.

John Redmond
28/Nov/16

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Friday 17th November 1916

A meeting of the Finance Committee was to be held on this evening at 7.30 O'clock to rule on Collector's Abstract of uncollected rates.

No member of the Committee attended

The Meeting was adjourned.

John Doyle
17/11/16

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Tuesday 28th November 1916

A meeting of the New Ross Urban District Council was held this evening at 7.30 o'clock to transact business pursuant to The Towns Improvement (Ireland) Act 1854, consider an application from the Foreman, James Kelly, for an increase in his wages, rule on Schedule of Uncollected Rates for half year ended 30th September last, submitted by the Collector and consider tenders for pailing in of Council's field at 10m Street.

Present Mepss John O'Sullivan J.P. Presiding
Patrick J. Drume
John Murphy
Joseph Brewer
P. N. O'Gorman

The minutes of previous meetng were signed.

The Treasurers Authority for making payments was signed by the Chairman & Mepss O'Gorman and Murphy and the following Paying Order was directed to be issued viz:- No 1140 Moffat Mint £28.1.7 Petty Cash.

Correspondence

Circular letter, dated 27th November 1916, received from the L.G. Board requesting to be furnished with an expression of the views of the Council in regard to the working of the Summer Time Act 1916, in the District, and enclosing a list of Queries.

The Chairman wrote replies to the Queries expressing the opinion of the Council in favour of it.

Letter from Mepss Cooper & Son Solicitors dated 17th November, in reference to Mr Stephenson's tender for repairs to water mains, etc, pointing out that under the heading of "Extensions" he does not name any price for the fitting of collars and valves, and under the heading of "repairs" he does not name any price for fitting on of collars. They think these points ought to be cleared up before the bond is completed.

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In connection with this, a Tender was received from Mr Stevenson for these two items viz:- Fixing collars and valves for Extensions + Repairs Extensions per lead joint 1/6, cutting 2/-; Repairs per cutting 2/6, per Lead joint 2/-.

Ordered

That this proposal be accepted.

Letter from Patrick Kehoe Fair Gate, one of the Councils tenants, dated 28th Inst, drawing attention to the very bad state of repair in which his house was, and particularizing the defects. He also stated that in 1900 he took the house at 1/- per week. Then there were repairs made for which the rent was raised to 2/- until £12 would be paid, but although the repairs have long since been paid for the rent was not reduced since. He asked that the house be repaired and the rent reduced.

Ordered

That the Surveyor inspect the house and furnish a Specification and Estimate of the cost of repairing it to next meeting of the Council.

An application dated 27th Inst, was received from James Lalor Roberson, for three or four loads of stones, broken Small, to enable him to divert the Surface water of his yard, which at present flows on to the street, to the water channel.

Ordered

That Mr Lalor be informed the Council cannot procure Sufficient stones for their own requirements.

The following resolution, received from the Killarney Rural District Council was Ordered to be adopted viz:-

"That we join in the appeal to have the line to the Wolfhill Collieries made, so as to increase the output of Irish coal in the interests of the Irish people; and that copies of this Resolution be to the Kerry M.P's and the different Irish Boards."

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The proprietors of Purdon's Almanac wrote stating that in order to distinguish the more progressive towns of Irish Fairs they proposed to print them in heavier type in the daily list of fairs for 1917, for which a fee of 1/- per date will be charged.
The meeting decided not to avail of the Offer at the fee named

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The Shops Act Inspector reported that he visited the different Trader's Shops where Assistants are employed and found them getting their weekly half holiday. The Drapers and Milliners continue to close their Shops on Wednesdays at 1 p.m.
No Order Made.

The ~~Street Inspector~~ Foreman reported that one of the wheels of the mud cart is out of Order and beyond repair. Four waggon loads of metalling have arrived from Arklow and same is being carted and spread.
The Surveyor in reply to the Chairman, stated he believed the wheel of the mud cart was beyond repair, and that in its present condition it was very dangerous, as if it broke it might seriously injure the horse to which it was yoked. He believed that it was necessary to have a new wheel got.
Ordered
That the Surveyor get a new wheel fitted on the mud cart as soon as possible.

The Surveyor also stated that Richard Malone informed him he would not be able to Supply all the Stones for which he contracted, nor would he be able to supply a sufficient quantity for the metalling of the Streets. It was pointed out that proceedings might be taken against Malone under his Bond for ~~for~~ failing to carry out his contract, but this would not have the effect of procuring sufficient stones, just now when they are needed. After a short discussion it was
Proposed by Mr Dunne and
Seconded by Mr Murphy
That an additional one hundred tons

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of stones be obtained from The Tarnell Quarries Ltd, Arklow.

Passed Unanimously

There was nothing further done in reference to Malone's contract

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Mr Dunne drew attention to the fact that Thomas Freeman, one of the Council's workmen was ill now for a considerable time and was not receiving any sickness benefit from any Society owing to him having transfered his membership from one to another. He felt he needed to be looked after, and Proposed that he be allowed half wages during his illness but the proposition was not Seconded, and there was no further action, the matter being already in the hands of the Council's Solicitors.

The application of the Foreman for an increase in his wages, which was adjourned from last meeting, was considered, and it was,

Proposed by Mr Dunne and
Seconded by Mr Murphy

That the wages of the Foreman James Kelly be increased by 5/- per week.

The Chairman put the resolution to the meeting and the following voted

For:- Mesrs Dunne, Murphy, Brewer and O'Gorman 4

Against:- The Chairman 1.

In recording his vote the Chairman stated that he was very much against the proposition, and considered that the position of Foreman might be abolished, and the work per-formed by the other Officers of the Council.

Mr Murphy stated that he was sure every member of the Council would be willing to approve of this Suggestion if it could be carried out, but he expressed the opinion that the work of the Foreman could not be "tackled on" to Mr Shortall and Mr Butler. Eventually it was

Ordered

That the members of the Council be summoned to attend next

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meeting to consider whether it is possible, and practicable, to allocate the duties of the Foreman to the Town Surveyor and Street Inspector.

The letter of Mr Hand, received at last meeting, relative to the for-mation of a committee to collect funds for the purchase of boots &c for poor children was further adjourned to next meeting for his attendance.

The clerk referred to the very worn condition of the Hearth Rug in the Office, and it was

Ordered

That a new one be purchased.

The Schedule of uncollected Poor Rate, and Town Rate for half-year ended 30th September last were submitted and examined after which it was

Proposed by Mr O'Gorman and

Seconded by Mr Murphy

That Sums of Uncollected Town Rate for half year ending 30th September, and Domestic Water Rate, amounting to £26-5-11 be cancelled and Sums amounting to £12.13.7 be carried forward to current half year for collection, also that Sums of Uncollected Poor Rate amounting to £19.11.7 be cancelled, and Sums amounting to £9.4.4 be carried forward.

Passed Unanimously

There were no tenders received for the pailing of the field at Wm Street and the Surveyor was directed to do his best to obtain a Contractor by next meeting.

There were no tenders received for winding and keeping the Town Clock in repair for a period of three years and it was now ordered that Tenders be invited for one year instead of three.

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The clerk applied for and was granted four or five days leave of absence.

Written replies were received from twelve of the Council's tenants at Wm Street, agreeing to pay the increased rent of six pence per week until the cost of pailing the field is paid off, and the clerk stated that James Leahill called to the Office and informed him that he was willing to do so too.

Mr Brewer inquried whether in the event of a tenant ceasing to occupy one of the houses after he or she had paid their proportion of the cost of pailing the field, or part of the cost, they would have any claim upon the plot now allotted to them, or could continue to occupy it, as he believed some of them were of opinion that they could.

The meeting declared that they would not, but that on the Surrender of the tenancy of the house, or upon the obtaining of possession of it by the Council they should also give up possesion of the plot. It was also suggested that this be specifically mentioned in the Agreement to be Signed by each tenant.

The Street Inspector reported that certain Traders whose names are entered in his Report Book, were causing an Obstruction of the Streets by placing boxes etc on the Streets. The daily Scavenging was carried out in a Satisfactory manner.

The public lamp at Maiden Lane, near Folly House Lane was not lighting on five nights last week, and even when lighting is of very little use not being much more than one candle power.

Mr Brewer stated that the lamps at the Smithtown were not lighted last week and suggested that a report should be furnished as to whether the Public lamps are being lighted regularly.

There was no observation made as to the report that the one at Maiden Lane was not lighted for five nights but it

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was Ordered

That the Street Inspector be directed to furnish a report as to whether all the lamps are being lighted regularly.

The Meeting Adjourned to Tuesday 12th December, 1916.

John Sutton

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Tuesday 12th December, 1916.

A meeting of the New Ross Urban District Council was held this Evening at 7.30 o'clock to transact business pursuant to The Towns Improvement (Ireland) Act 1854, consider whether it is possible, and practicable, to allocate the duties of the Foreman to the Town Surveyor and Street Inspector.

Present Mesrs John O'Sullivan J.P. Presiding
Peter N. O'Gorman
John Hands
George Dooley

The Minutes of previous meeting were read And Signed.

The Treasurers Authority for making payments was Signed by the Chairman And Mesrs O'Gorman and Dooley and the following Paying Orders were directed to be issued Viz:- No 141 R. Murphy £8.12.10, No 142 J Kelly £2.10.0, No 143 Henry Lews £17.4.0, No 144 P. Kelly £1.2.6, No 145 Farrell Quarries £15.7.9 No 146 New Ross Motor and Engineering Co 10/6 No 147 D Schelly £4. No 148 J. A Hickey £7.10.0, do 149 Joseph Lynch £5.7.6, No 150 T Blake £4.16.0, No 151 Paul Hanley No 152 H R Hamilton £15.19.6 No 153 Howlett & Co 14/-, No 154 Very Revd. J Roche P.P. £6. do 155 Mr J Winn £11.5.0, do 156 John J. Browne £18.17.7 do 157 John J Browne £25.8.5 No 158 John J. Browne £2.17.11, No 159 Mr J Winn £27.14.0 No 160 James J Shortall £7.5.6, do 161 Wexford Co Council £369.15.0.

Correspondence

Letter from L.G. Board, dated 2nd Inst, returning list of cancelled rates with the rulings of the Board stamped upon them, and pointing out that these rulings must not interfere with the jurisdiction of the Auditor if he should find it necessary to deal with any of the items at the Audit.

No Order Made.

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a letter dated 14th Ult was received from the Town Clerk of Cork, forwarding for the adoption of the Council, the following resolutions in reference to the interned prisoners viz:-

Whereas the same Sacred cause of humanity includes as much an Irish as a Belgian Sufferer, we appeal to President Wilson to secure some mitigation of the harsh treatment accorded our fellow countrymen interned in English prisons, who remain untried, unsentenced, and classified as ordinary criminals by His Imperial Majesty's Government.

The serious charges are almost incredible statements concerning the irregularities, cruelties, and unfair treatment of Irish Political Prisoners at Frongoch Camp can be beriped by President Wilson alone, and we feel certain that Sir Edward Grey will not deny the Sufferers, who are Subjects of His Majesty, the rights of humanity.

We pray that United States Consuls and Officials, who would be empowered to write reports, may be given access to these men, whose fate during the coming Winter months is the Subject of much grave public anxiety in this Country.

That copies of the above be sent to Mr John E Redmond M.P, and the members of the Irish Parliamentary Party, and to Cardinals Gibbons, Farley, O'Connell, and Archbishop Hanna of San Francisco, and to the American Ambassador in London for transmission to the President of the United States, and to all the Borough and Urban Councils in Ireland.

Proposed by Mr Dooley And
Seconded by Mr O'Gorman

That the foregoing resolutions be adopted.
Passed Unanimously

An application was received from the Hon Secretaries of the Dancing Class, for the use of the Large Room for the purpose of holding their annual Dance, on the 30th Inst, and on the proposal of Mr Hand Seconded by Mr O'Gorman the application was unanimously granted.

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Letter from the Town Clerk of Waterford forwarding, for the adoption of the Council, resolutions calling upon the Government to fix a Standard weight, and price, at which Bread must be sold, to prohibit the ex-port of food from Ireland, and to place some restriction on the manufacture of confectionery and sweets with a view to ensuring a sufficient supply of Sugar for the working classes.

On the proposal of Mr Hand Seconded by The Chairman, the resolutions were unanimously adopted.

An application was received from the British Petroleum Co for a license for the Storage of three thousand gallons of petroleum at their new store at present being built upon the lands of Robercon belonging to Mr J. Lawler.

Ordered

That a license be granted to the British Petroleum Co to store 3,000 gallons of petroleum, including Petrol in their new store at Robercon for one year from this date subject to the conditions upon which they held the license for the Store previously occupied by them

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The Clerk submitted the License previously held by this Co, which had been Surrendered by them and which was transferred to the "Shell" Marketing Co Ltd, recently by the Council up to the date of its expiration in February next. He Suggested that as this license had been Surrendered, a new one should be issued to the "Shell" Marketing Co Ltd for one year from this date and after a very brief discussion it was.

Ordered

That a new license for the Storage of three thousand gallons of petroleum including Motor Spirit, in the Store at Robercon recently in the occupation of the British Petroleum Co be issued to The Shell Marketing Co, for one year from this date Subject to the conditions appliceable to the Storage of it in the Urban District.

A Tender dated 9th Inst, was received from Messrs B. Schelby & Son to wind and keep the Town Clock in repair for the period of one year for the Sum of £6.10.0.

This was the only tender received, and it was

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Ordered

That the Tender of Messrs Schelby & Son for winding and keeping the Town Clock in repair for one year for £6.10.0 be accepted.

A letter was received from Messrs Chancellor & Son, Dublin, dated 4th Inst stating that they are in a position to repair the Town Clock, as they were believed, the only Turret Clock Manufacturer in Ireland.
No Order Made.

Letter from the Gas Co dated 4th Inst notifying that they intend opening the road in Quay St in order to renew supply pipe.
No Order Made

Letter from the Duke of Portland dated 4th Inst, inviting the Co-operation and assistance of the Chairman of the Council on behalf of the A.S.P.C.A. Fund for Sick and wounded horses.
No action Taken.

An application dated 7th Inst, was received from Dr. Hearn, Solicitor, on behalf of the New Ross Cinema Co for a licence for a Picture House to be held in the Town Hall nightly for a period of twelve months.

In connection with this application, the following letter, received from the County Inspector Royal Irish Constabulary was read :-

Wexford Decr 9th 1916.

Cinematograph Act 1909.

Sir

I have received from Dr. Hearn Solicitor, acting on behalf of the New Ross Cinema Co a notice of intention to apply for a licence under the Cinematograph Act in respect of premises known as the Town Hall, New Ross, and this is to inform you that the police have no objection to the grant of licence sought.

A R Sharpe
Co Inspector.

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Proposed by Mr Dooley and
Seconded by Mr Hand

That we hereby grant a licence for one year from the 12th December 1916, to the Newkas Cinema Co to use the premises known as the Town Hall, Newkas. for the purpose of an exhibition of Pictures, etc, by ~~means~~ means of a Cinematograph for the purpose of which inflammable Films are used Subject to the provisions of the Cinematograph Act 1909 and the regulations made under it.

Passed Unanimously

An application, dated 2nd Inst, was also received from Very Revd Canon Rossiter P.P. V.G., for a licence for the Town Hall for one year, permitting the exhibition in it, of cinema pictures in connection with which Inflammable Films may be used.

Proposed by Mr Dooley
Seconded by Mr Hand

That we hereby licence the Town Hall Newkas for one year from this date for the exhibition in it of pictures by means of a cinematograph in connection with which inflammable films are used subject to the provisions of the Cinematograph Act and the regulations made under it

Passed Unanimously.

Foreman's Report.

12th Dec 1916.

I beg to report that since last meeting twelve ashpits were cleaned. There is one heap of manure in your yard on the Quay ready for sale value about £1.5.0 There are Six dozen worn Sweeping brushes in stock which might be disposed of. New brushes are required. The big cart No 2. requires repair in the way of re-tightening. I purchased 16 Brls of Oats at 21/6 per Brl and it will be weighed out to the carters as required. I attended to the oiling and cleaning of the Public weigh-bridges. The window shutters of house of weighbridge Irishtown require repairs. All other work carried out by me will be seen fully written in my

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Imi Book.

James Kelly. Foreman.

Ordered

That the Foreman distribute the worn brushes to any of the tenants of the Council who may require them.

That the Surveyor get the big cart No2 repaired, also the window Shutters of the weighbridge house at Inishtown.

That tenders be invited for the supply of new brushes.

A Dividend Warrant for £2.15.1 net Dividend on £163.7.0, 4½% War Stock was received and ordered to be lodged to the credit of the Council.

Surveyor's Report

Decr 12th 1916.

I beg to report that I am having your mudcart repaired as ordered. I estimate the cost of repairs to your house in occupation of Mrs Kehoe, Pair Gate to cost 32/-. I have arranged to have the urgent repairs carried out to your house in occupation of Mrs Saunders, Inishtown. Some repairs are also required to roof of Fish House. As there are presently a number of your Streets in bad repair, and there are about 200 tons of macadam in the various depots ready for spreading and also a number of ashpits to be urgently cleaned I have to ask permission to employ an additional man and horse for about two weeks. Under existing circumstances your present staff cannot possibly cope with the work on hands. I have had some repairs carried out to the watering-troughs on Quay. The public water-supply continues to be satisfactory.

Jas J Thorpe C.S.

Ordered

That the Surveyor have the necessary repairs on the roof of the Fish House carried out as soon as possible.

That he be empowered to employ an additional man and horse for about two weeks.

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In reference to the repairs of house occupied by Patrick Kehoe, estimated by the Surveyor to cost 32/- the letter received from Mr Kehoe at last meeting asking for a reduction in his rent, which he alleged was raised some years ago, until repairs, then to be carried out, were paid for was considered.

The Clerk submitted extracts from the Minutes showing that on the 29th August 1900 it was Ordered that P. Kehoe be accepted tenant of this house, when the present tenant gives up occupation, on condition that he pay an increased rent if he required the house to be repaired, and on the 5th Decr 1900 he accepted the tenancy of the house at a weekly rent of 2/-, no reference whatever being made to any future reduction of the rent. (See particulars on Letter File Decr 1916)

It was unanimously decided not to reduce the rent as requested by Mr Kehoe.

Proposed by Mr Haid And
Seconded by Mr O'Gorman

That the repairs to house at Fair Gate in occupation of Patrick Kehoe be carried out by the Surveyor at the cost estimated by him viz:- 32/-

Passed Unanimously

A letter dated 1st Inst was received from John Ryan Red House, stating that he had received a letter from Messrs Wolfe & Son about heaps of manure which he bought. He only bought two heaps of manure, and removed only one. He will call to Office and pay for the one he removed, next week. If he is given one instead of the one he did not remove he will pay for it.

The Clerk stated that since this letter was received, Mr Ryan called to the Office and he satisfied him that there were two heaps due for.

The Foreman is satisfied that the third heap was not drawn by Mr Ryan, as it was sold to him before completed, and subsequently sold to another purchaser. It was agreed that Mr Ryan be given another heap instead of the third one charged to him and be permitted to draw it when he pays for the two he had drawn.

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The consideration of Mr Hands letter adjourned from previous meetings asking the Council to form a Committee for the purpose of raising funds to provide boots and other comforts for the poor children of the town and the following resolution was was

Proposed by Mr Hand And
Seconded by Mr O'Gorman

That the Council form itself into a Committee with power to add to their number with the object of receiving Subscriptions for the purpose of providing boots and other comforts for the poor children of the town, and that Mr Dunne be appointed Hon Secretary And Treasurer.

Passed Unanimously

Ordered

That we the members of the Council be notified of the appointment of this Committee, and that the use of the Office of the Council be given for the Committee to hold their meetings in.

Letter from Messrs Leoffer Hon, dated 30th Ult, in reference to the case of Thos Freeman stating that they had a letter from the National Insurance Commissioners informing them that they will investigate the case with the Royal Liver Insurance Society, the A.O.H. and the Irish National Foresters, with a view to establishing Freemans membership. They also asked to be informed if any form of provisional Acceptance of membership was received from either of the Societies.

The Clerk stated he made all possible inquiry into the matter and furnished all available information to the Solicitors on receipt of their letter. And this was approved of.

The meeting next proceeded to consider whether it was possible and practicable to allocate the duties of the Foreman to the Town Surveyor and Street Inspector.

Mr Hand suggested that the matter be referred to a Committee of the whole Council for the purpose of reviewing the salaries and

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duties of all the Officers, but the Chairman thought the question of the Foreman should be dealt with now. After a very brief discussion it was

Proposed that the services of the Foreman, Mr Kelly be dispensed with from the 1st January, and that the Surveyor take charge of the Council's workmen.

Mr O'Gorman Seconded this if the time was extended to 1st Febry so as to enable Mr Kelly, or give him a reasonable time to obtain another situation.

The Chairman pointed out that a week's notice was sufficient, and he thought the 1st January a reasonable time.

The resolution of the Chairman as originally proposed was now Seconded by Mr Dooley, but before it was put to the meeting it was agreed that the time be extended to 1st February 1917.

The amended resolution was then

Proposed by the Chairman and

Seconded by Mr Dooley

That the services of the Foreman, Mr Kelly, be dis-
-pensed with from the 1st February 1917, and that the Surveyor take charge of the Council's workmen.

Passed Mr Hand not voting.

Letters were received from the following tenants, in addition to those already received, each agreeing to become tenant of one of the plots on the conditions fixed by the Council viz:-

That the rent of the houses be raised to 2/6 per week until the cost of pailing the field is paid off viz:-
Messrs Fanning, Leahill, Martin and Higgins.

The Surveyor stated that he was unable to obtain a Contractor to undertake the pailing of the field, and it was suggested by Mr Hand that the work be carried out by the Surveyor. He pointed out that it would be difficult, if not impasible, to get men at present, and suggested that the pailing of it be defered until about 1st Febry. This was agreed to but it was Ordered

That the Plots be marked out by the Surveyor as soon as pasible and possesion given to each tenant upon signing the Agreement already

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approved. It having been stated at last meeting that some of the tenants were under the impression that having contributed to the fencing of the fields they would have a claim upon the particular plot alloted them even if they surrendered possession of the house. The agreement was again read by the Chairman and the meeting were unanimously of opinion that under it, no person who was not a tenant of one of the houses would have any claim on a plot, and it was decided not to amend the agreement.

It was Ordered that the members of the Council be Summoned to attend next meeting to consider the advisability of abolishing the Office of Shop's Act Inspector.

It was Ordered that the usual extra cleansing of the Streets and Office, be carried out before Christmas Day, and that the employees of the Council be allowed 5/- each for Same.

A Tender was received from James Kelly Mary St. of £2·12·6 per ton for iron of the old Sweeping machine in Henry St yard, and, on the proposal of Mr Hand, Seconded by Mr O'Gorman the proposal was accepted.

As the next ordinary day of meeting of the Council will be St Stephen's Day, it was decided it not be held until the 27th Inst. Accordingly,

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The Meeting Adjourned to Wednesday 27th December 1916.

John Nolan

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Wednesday 27th December, 1916.

A meeting of the Newbridge Urban District Council was held this evening at 7.30 o'clock to transact business pursuant to The Towns Improvement (Ireland) Act 1854, consider the advisability of abolishing the Office of Inspector under the Shops Act.

Present Messrs John O'Sullivan J.P. Presiding
John Hand
Dr. M. Walsh
Peter V. O'Gorman
Joseph Brewer
Patrick J. Dunne
John Fanning
Michael Sheehan
George Dooley

The Minutes of previous meeting were read and signed.

The Treasurers Authority for making payments was signed by the Chairman and Messrs O'Gorman and Walsh and the following Paying Order was directed to be issued viz:- No 162 Hoff Impr £29.19.2. Petty Cash.

Correspondence

A Tender was received from John Doyle Northst for the Supply of one dozen of coarse brushes @ 33/-, and on the proposal of Mr Hand, seconded by Mr Sheehan it was unanimously accepted.

A circular letter, dated 11th Inst was received from the Department of Agriculture forwarding a copy of The Maintenance of Live stock (Breeding Laws) (Ireland) Order of 1916.

No Order Made

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A Tender dated 12th Inst was received from Patrick Delaney Instrogue to supply gravel @ 4/- per ton delivered on Quay Newtas, Council to pay cost of weighing.

The Clerk reported that on receipt of this tender he Submitted it to the Chairman, who directed him to write to Mr Delaney, pointing out that the price was considered high and offering him 3/- per ton. This he did, but there was no reply received from Mr Delaney.

The meeting considered this was a refusal to supply at the price offered and accordingly it was

Proposed by Mr Sheehan and
Seconded by The Chairman

That two boatloads of gravel be purchased from Mr Delaney at 4/- per ton delivered at Newtas, Council to pay cost of weighing Same.

Passed Unanimously.

Letter from the Hon Secretary of the Vacant Land Cultivation Society stating that representatives of the Society would be pleased to attend a regular or Special meeting of the Council for the purpose of acquainting residents in the locality with the advantages to be derived from allotment scheme.

Ordered

That the Hon Secretary be informed the Council will be pleased to meet a Representative of the Society at the next Ordinary meeting.

A letter was received from Richard Hynes, one of the Councils tenants stating that a pane of glass got accidentally broken by some un-known person in one of the windows of his house, and he asked to have it replaced.

Ordered

That the Surveyor have the pane of glass replaced.

Letter from the Parnell Quarries (Arklow) Ltd, dated 14th Inst, stating that owing to the tremendous increase in labour, coal etc, they are compelled to increase the price of all Quarry material 6D per ton.

No Order Made //

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A letter was received from Very Revd Fr Roche OSA dated 26th Inst stating that portion of the dividing wall between their property and that of the Council at Wm Street recently collapsed. This was probably caused by the pressure of the high ground at Wm Street side. He will be glad to know how far the Council will be willing to bear the cost of re-building.

The Surveyor on being questioned by the Chairman expressed the opinion that the breach was caused by the pressure of the high ground (which is the property of the Council) referred to in Fr Roches letter. After some discussion it was

Proposed by Mr Hand and
Seconded by Dr Walsh

That the breach in the dividing wall between the property of the Augustinian Fathers and the Council at Wm Street be repaired by the Surveyor, half the cost of same to be borne by the Augustinian Fathers.

Passed Unanimously.

A letter was received from the D&SE Railway Co, dated 23rd Inst stating that circumstances have arisen which will enable the Directors to alter the time of starting of the train at Harcourt St from 5.30 to 6.5 PM.

Ordered

That the attention of the Co be again directed to the resolution of the Council requiring a later train from Dublin to New Ross than 10.15 a.m.

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applications were received for the tenancy of a Vacant house at Wm Street from Messrs John O'Hanlon Michl St, Frank Doyle Neville St, Henry J Spencer Wm Street and Mary Teresa Prof Michl St.

Proposed by Mr Fanning and
Seconded by Dr Walsh

That Frank Doyle be accepted as tenant

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Proposed by Mr Dunne and
Seconded by Mr Sheehan

That John O'Haulon be accepted as tenant.

A Poll was taken where there voted for

Doyle:- Messrs Dooley, Hand, Fanning and Dr Walsh 4

O'Haulon - Dunne, Brewer, Sheehan O'Gorman & the Chairman 5

Mr O'Haulon was declared elected tenant.

With reference to the licenses granted at last meeting to use the Town Hall for the purpose of Cinematograph entertainments, it was

Proposed by Mr Dunne and
Seconded by Mr Brewer

That the Seal of the Council be affixed to the Licenses granted Very Rev. Canon Rossiter P.P. and The New Ross Cinema Co to use the Town Hall New Ross for the purpose of Cinematograph Exhibitions for one year from the 12th Dec, 1916.

Passed Unanimously.

In accordance with foregoing resolution the licenses were duly sealed.

The following received from Messrs Colfer & Son was read:-

25th Dec 1916.

Re:- Market Bye Laws

Dear Sir,

We had a letter from the Local Government Board returning us the Draft Bye Laws which we Submitted to them and stating that subject to any Objections which might be raised the Board would be prepared to confirm the Bye Laws as settled by them when the necessary preliminaries had been carried out.

The Draft which we Sent to the Board was, as you are aware, prepared after a conference with your Sub committee, but we think that before taking Steps to have them confirmed

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it would be well to re-submit them to the Sub Committee with a view to ascertaining if they desire any amendments to be made and also to suggest that the Council should not proceed to have these Bye Laws confirmed until such time as the necessary sanction to the holding of the proposed new Pig Market shall have been Obtained, as Bye Laws will presumably be required in connection with it also and all the Bye Laws might as well be submitted for the confirmation of the L. G. Board altogether. In view of this suggestion we shall outline for the Council the procedure as to the new Pig Market. The pro-ject should be considered at a special meeting of the Council summoned on not less than 30 days notice, two-thirds of the Council must attend and the resolution to establish the market must be passed by a majority of the entire body. When this is done the resolution will require to be submitted to the Local Government Board for approval, and if they approve the Council should then give at least 10 days notice of the opening of the market in one of the local papers and also by hand bills pasted conspicuously throughout the District and the question of framing bye laws appropriate to the market should be taken up by the Council immediately the approval of the Local Government Board is Obtained.

We are informed by the Town Clerk that there are two Weighing Machines in connection with the existing markets, but whether they are adequate for all purposes including the weighing of pigs we do not know. However, we should point out that according to law it is necessary that weighing facilities and a person or persons to attend to them should be provided. There is no ex-press penalty for their non-provision, but anyone desiring to compel the Council to provide them could probably, if so minded, proceed by way of mandamus.

Yours truly
Colperton.

Ordered

That a meeting of the Bye Laws Committee be held to consider this

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letter and the Draft Bye Laws.

Street Inspector's Report.

The Street Inspector reported that a number of Traders caused Obstruction by placing boxes, etc, on the streets on various dates since last meeting, also that the public lamp at corner of Bewley St. Upper Mary St, was not lighting since the 16th Inst. The daily Scavenging was carried out in a Satisfactory manner.

Ordered

That the attention of the Gas Co be directed to the fact that the public lamp at Bewley St was not lighted.

The meeting proceeded to consider the advisability of abolishing the Office of Shop's Act Inspector and after a short discussion the following resolution was:-

Proposed by Mr Hand and
Seconded by The Chairman

That the position of Shops Act Inspector be abolished.

Passed Unanimously.

Mr Fanning drew attention to the decision arrived at, at last meeting, to defer the fencing of the field at Wm Street until Febry which he considered unwise, as the work should be carried out immediately.

It was agreed that the Surveyor have the work carried out as soon as possible.

Dr Walsh drew attention to the condition of portion of the footpath on the North side of Mary St near Church Lane. It was lower than the curb and it was Ordered that the Surveyor attend to it.

John Sullivan

The Meeting Adjourned to Tuesday 9th January 1917.

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Monday 1st January 1917.

A monthly meeting of the Council was to be held this day at 12 o'clock noon to transact business pursuant to The Towns Improvement (Ireland) Act 1854

No member attended

A Quorum not having assembled

There was no meeting Held

Wednesday 3rd January 1917.

A meeting of the Bye Laws Committee was to be held this evening at 5 o'clock to transact business of the Committee and consider the advisability of holding a weekly pig market.

Mr Hand was the only member who attended

A Quorum not having assembled

There was no meeting Held.

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Tuesday 9th January 1917.

A Quarterly meeting of the Council was held this evening at 7 o'clock to transact business pursuant to The Local Government (Ireland) Act 1898 and consider Surveyors estimate for financial year ending 31st March 1918.

Present Messrs John O'Sullivan J.P. Presiding
John Hand
John Fanning
George Dooley.

The following report of the Town Surveyor was read:-

9th January 1917.

I beg to submit herewith my Annual Estimate for the maintenence and repairs of your streets &c, for the ensuing year:-

200 tons	Parnell Quarry macadam	@ 9/+	105 : 0 : 0
100 "	Ballymacar	Do	@ 6/9	33 : 15 : 0
400 "	Glenbinsan	Do	@ 6/9	135 : 0 : 0
40 "	Fine gravel and Sand		@ 2/6	5 . 0 . 0
New Works and Repairs				40 : 0 : 0
Cost of maintenence and wages &c				210 : 0 : 0
			£	528 . 15 . 0

These figures represent a decrease of £67 . 15 . 0 as compared with last years estimate, or an equivalent of about 2d in the pound on the rateable valuation. My Estimate would probably be much less but the cost of material and labour has considerably increased during the past twelve months. Your Streets generally, have been improved, but the severity of the weather during the past quarter has considerably delayed the Spreading of Surface material and maintenence. However, we have now a large quantity of metalling prepared and I expect to have most of it Spread within the next few weeks.

I have to report that your Contractor, Richard Malone is considerably in arrears with his Contract. 250 tons of Stones were

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to have been delivered by him in your depots before the 30th Septr last and so far only about 240 tons have been delivered. He has also a further contract for the delivery of 250 tons before the 1st March next, and none of this material has yet been delivered. Consequently your stone breakers had to be discharged. I may say that according to his Bond, he appears to be liable to a penalty of 10/- per day for each day's delay in excess of the contract period.

I am estimating the sum of £40 for repairs and Special works for the ensuing year, this amount being £20 less than last year's figures under this heading, but recognising the necessity for strict economy in municipal matters I do not propose to lay any recommendation before you for New Works on the present occasion.

Jas J Thorall
Town Surveyor.

A lengthened discussion took place respecting the non delivery of the stones by Malone as referred to in the Surveyor's Report, and it was,

Ordered

That his Sureties be written to and informed if the Stones are not delivered according to Contract proceedings will be taken against them.

Proposed by Mr Sand and
Seconded by The Chairman

That the report and Estimate of the Town Surveyor be adopted and approved of.

Passed Unanimously

Ordered

That advertisements be issued inviting tenders for the Supply of Stones mentioned in the Surveyor's Estimate same to be considered at an adjourned Quarterly meeting to be held on Tuesday 23rd Jany 1917, at 7 o'clock P.M.

The Meeting Adjourned to Tuesday 23rd January 1917.

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Tuesday 9th January 1917.

A meeting of the Newbawn Urban Council was held this evening at 7.30 o'clock to transact business pursuant to The Towns Improvement (Ireland) Act 1854.

Present Messrs John O'Sullivan J.P. Presiding
John Hand
John Fanning
George Dooley
Aidan F. Bolger

The Minutes of previous meeting were read and signed.

The Treasurers Authority for making payments was signed by the Chairman and Messrs Dooley & Hand, and the following Paying Orders were directed to be issued viz:- N°163 Parnell Quarries £7.14.0, N°164 M^cF Bros £27.10.8, N°165 Repst. Hunt £4.11.8, N°166 James J. Shortall £7.10.0, N°167 A.H. Tyndall £5.10.0, N°168 Glenfield & Kennedy 6/1, N°169 John J. Browne £2.0.9, N°170 Hibernian Fire & General Insurance Co £2.5.0, N°171 M^cF Bros £1:17:6, N°172 M^cF Bros £6.5.0, N°173 M^cF Bros £11.5.0, N°174 D&SE Railway Co £18.6.10, N°175 The National Bank Ltd £16.17.2, N°176 Royal Exchange Assurance Co £2, N°177 Lawson Supply Co 15/-, N°178 John Stevenson £2.5.6, N°179 Peter Murphy 17/-, N°180 John J Browne £3.15.0.

When the minutes were signed the Chairman referred to the death of Mrs French, wife of the member of Parliament for South Wexford, and proposed the following resolution which was seconded by Mr Hand viz:-

That we tender to Mr French, the respected member of Parliament for South Wexford, our sincere sympathy and condolence, in his bereavement, caused by the death of his dear wife, and beg to assure him that we deeply regret the loss he has sustained.

Passed Unanimously.

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Mr Fanning drew attention to the delay in marking out the plots in the field at Wm St, and also to the necessity of completing the fencing of it on the Cross Lane side. The Surveyor stated that he hoped to be able to mark out the plots in a day or two. With regard to the fencing of it, it was difficult to procure a supply of stones, and in addition the men were very busy at present. It was Ordered that he have the work carried out as soon as possible, and also attend to repair of a small opening or hole in footpath of Wm St houses.

A Tender of £1.17.0 was received from Patrick Travers for one heap of manure in Town Wall depot and it was Ordered to be accepted.

Patrick Kelly, Camblin, offered 30/- for one heap of manure in depot on Quay, and Mrs Roche 20/- for one in same depot.

Ordered

That P. Kelly's tender be accepted for the largest heap unsold, and the Tender of Mrs Roche for a second one if in Stock.

A Dividend Warrant for £8.5.3 was received and ordered to be lodged to the credit of the Council.

An application dated 8th Inst was received from Mr G. W. Taylor, Auctioneer Wexford, for the use of the Large Room, Tholsel on the 18th and 19th Inst in which to hold an auction of Furs.

Ordered

That the use of the Room be granted to Mr Taylor at a charge of 5/- per day.

A card dated 1st Inst was received from the Hon Secretary of the Vacant Land Cultivation Society stating that it will not be possible for a representative of the Society to attend this meeting of the Council but if desired they will be able to arrange later on.

Ordered

That the Hon Secretary of the Society be informed the Council will be very pleased to have a representative of it attend any meeting

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of the Council.

An application, dated 9th January 1917 was received from Mr John Meade, Quay, for permission to take a water supply off the supply pipe to Mr Gantley's premises at South St.
Ordered

That the required permission be granted provided Mr Gantley has no Objection.

It was Ordered that a meeting of the Bye Laws Committee be held on Friday evening at 8 o'clock, to consider the Draft Bye Laws, as also the advisability of establishing a weekly pig market.

The Clerk submitted a statement showing amount of rates collected and outstanding and drew attention to the amount of arrears of rent due by some of the tenants.
Ordered

That James Carroll be informed if a Substantial payment is not made upon his rent proceedings will be taken to obtain possession of the house, and, if the rent is not paid regularly in future the Council will have to insist on him entering into a Bond for the regular payment of the rent.

That the Collector be directed to proceed promptly and energetically with the Collection of the rates.

That Mrs Hugheston, who is in receipt of Separation allowance, be informed that if a Substantial payment is not made upon her rent, proceedings will be taken to obtain possession of the house occupied by her.

The Street Inspector reported the names of Traders who caused an obstruction of the Streets by placing goods, etc on them, but although a discussion took place upon the matter there was
No Order Made.

Town Surveyor's Report.

9th Janry. 1917.

I beg to report that I have had the mud cart repaired as Ordered, and some repairs carried out to your house property in Irishtown and Fair Gate. I have also employed a temporary man and horse as Ordered and he is now carting road material from Roberson. I have arranged with Rev Fr Roche O.S.A. to have the boundary wall adjoining your premises at rere of Wm. Street rebuilt as directed. Some repairs have been carried out to the footpath in Upper Mary St. as Ordered. Since your last meeting there was a temporary shortage in the public water supply at Ballyleigh due to the excessive wastage caused by a number of fractured service pipes consequent on the recent frost. Since the latter were repaired the consumption has been reduced to normal and matters at Ballyleigh are now satisfactory. I have purchased two larch gates for the purpose of placing plot in Crosslane.

Jas Thorpe
Town Surveyor

No Order Made, except to approve of the purchase of the two gates.

The Clerk submitted the Agreement & Bond of John O'Haulon for the letting of a house at Wm. Street, and on the proposal of the Chairman, Seconded by Mr Dooley the Seal of the Council was affixed to it.

The Meeting adjourned to Tuesday 23rd January, 1917.

John Dolan

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Tuesday 9th January 1917.

A special meeting of the Council was held this evening at 8 o'clock, to consider a circular letter from the Local Government Board intimating to the Council that the Government had re-solved upon measures which would empower them to take land by agreement for the purpose of letting it in allotments to work-men resident in the District.

Present Mesrs John O'Sullivan J.P. Presiding
George Dooley
John Hand
John Fanning

The circular letter received from the L.G. Board was read by the Chairman. In it the Board pointed out that powers would be given the Council to acquire land for the purpose of cultivation, and rent to workmen resident in the District. It may be leased for a period not exceeding four years, and must be taken not later than the 15th Inst. The rent of same shall be fixed by the Council with the approval of the Board, and shall be sufficient to cover the cost of the Scheme. The Government are prepared to lend money upon the security of the rates to defray the preliminary expenses pending re-payment by the occupiers; sanction will also be given for loans for the purchase of seed potatoes and oats.

After some discussion the following resolution was proposed by Mr Hand and seconded by The Chairman.

That we appoint a committee of five to consider the Local Government Board's Scheme of allotments to town workers with a view of increas-ing the food production, and that all vacant and suitable land in the Urban District, and immediate neighbourhood be acquired for the purpose and same to be divided into small plots or gardens.

That the L.G. Board be asked to indemnify the Council against any loss.

Passed Unanimously

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Proposed by The Chairman and
Seconded by Mr Fanning

That a Committee consisting of the following five members of the Council Messrs Dooley Bard. O'Sullivan, J Murphy and Dr. Walsh, three to form a Quorum, be appointed to ascertain where, and from whom, land can be acquired and upon what terms, and at what rent.

Passed Unanimously.

It was agreed that a meeting of the Committee be held at 7.30 o'clock on Thursday evening.

The Chairman referred to the necessity of taking steps to put The Education (Provision of meals) (Ireland) Acts into force in the District as a very large number of children attending Schools needed to be looked after, this Severe weather especially.

After a Short discussion it was ordered that a Special meeting of the Council be held on 12th Inst at 7.30 o'clock to consider the matter, after which,

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The Members Separated.

W Nelson

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Thursday 11th January. 1917.

A meeting of the Land Committee was held this evening at 7.30 Oclock to transact business in connection with the acquisition, by Agreement, of lands for the purpose of letting it in allotments to workmen resident in the District.

Present Mesrs John O'Sullivan J.P. Presiding
George Dooley
John Hand

The Surveyor was also in attendance.

The Committee discussed the possibility of different plots of ground being suitable for tillage, and it was agreed to ascertain some particulars respecting the following viz:- Waste land at Town Wall and Nunnery Lane, Land in occupation of George Moran, J. Kelly's field at College Road, A. Cullen's Cross Lane, that in occupation of James Kelly Michael St, (this to be tilled by Mr Kelly himself) and the Red House Farm.

It was agreed to meet again in the Council Office at 11 O'clock on Saturday to interview Mr Hamilton Colonel Tottenham's agent, and owners of prospective plots, after which

The Meeting Adjourned

J Hamilton

Friday 12th January. 1917.

A meeting of the Bye Laws Committee was held this evening at 8 O'clock, to transact business, and consider advisability of holding weekly pig market

Present Mesrs John O'Sullivan and John Hand.

As there were only two members of the Committee present, they decided to defer the consideration of the Draft Bye Laws to the next meeting of the Council.

The Committee Adjourned

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Saturday 13th January, 1917.

A meeting of the Land Committee was held this morning at 11 Oclock a.m; to transact business of the Committee, interview prospective owners of land suitable for plots.

Present Messrs John O'Sullivan J.P.
John Hand

The Committee accompanied by the Surveyor proceeded to interview Mr Hamilton with a view to ascertaining if any of the land which, at their meeting on the 11th they considered might be suitable, could be obtained.

Mr Hamilton promised to give any assistance he could in the promotion of the scheme. The Committee also called at the Offices of Dr Hearn Solr. to make some enquiries as to the possibility of getting some of the Red House farm, and were informed there that some doubt existed as to the real owner of this farm, but additional information might be Obtained from the Bank of Ireland. The Chairman undertook to call on the Manager of the Bank in reference to the matter, And having decided to meet on Sunday at 11 Oclock to inspect the proposed plots

J O'Sullivan

The Committee Adjourned

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Sunday 14th January, 1917.

A meeting of the Land Acquisition Committee was held this day at 11 o'clock A.M; to inspect some of the land which it may be possible to acquire.

Present Messrs John O'Sullivan Jr Presiding
John Hand

The Committee accompanied by the Surveyor inspected some plots in the District which might be suitable for tilling. They considered that the following are suitable plots:- one at North side of Upper Maiden Lane in occupation of J Walsh, which requires to be partially fenced, also two small plots at Town Wall, and a field at Cross Lane in occupation of Mr Cullen.

The Chairman reported that he had not obtained any additional information in reference to the Red House Farm.

The Committee Adjourned

John O'Sullivan

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Tuesday 23rd January, 1917.

The Annual meeting of the Council was held this day at 12 o'clock noon, to elect a Chairman, and if deemed advisable, a Vice-Chairman.

Present Mesrs John Sullivan J.P. Presiding
Peter N. O'Gorman
John Hand
John Murphy
Wm. Murphy.

Proposed by Mr O'Gorman and
Seconded by Mr Hand

That the outgoing Chairman, Mr John O'Sullivan, be re-elected Chairman of the Council for the ensuing year.

Passed Unanimously

The advisability of electing a Vice-Chairman was not considered.

The Meeting adjourned

John Sullivan

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Tuesday 23rd January, 1917.

An Adjourned Quarterly meeting of the Council was to be held this evening at 7 O'clock to transact business pursuant to The Local Government (Ireland) Act 1898, and consider tenders for the Supply of macadam.

Present Messrs John Sullivan J.P.
John Murphy
John Hand

A Quorum not having assembled

The Meeting adjourned to Wednesday 24th January, 1917.

J Sullivan

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Tuesday 23rd January, 1917.

A meeting of the Council was to be held this evening at 7.30 oclock, to transact business pursuant to The Towns Improvement (Ireland) Act 1854, elect the various Committees for the ensuing year, and consider advisability of abolishing the office of Registrar under The Dairies, Cowsheds, and Milk-Shops (Ireland) Order 1908.

Present Mesrs John O'Sullivan J.P.
John Murphy
John Hand

A Quorum not having assembled

J. O'Sullivan

The Meeting Adjourned to Wednesday 24th January 1917.

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A meeting of the Council was to be held this evening at 7.30 oclock to transact business pursuant to The Towns Improvement (Ireland) Act 1854 and elect the various Committees.

Present Mesrs John O'Sullivan J.P.
John Hand
John Murphy.

A Quorum not having assembled

J. Sullivan

The Meeting Adjourned to Tuesday 30th January, 1917.

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Wednesday 24th January, 1917.

An adjourned Quarterly meeting of the Council was to be held this evening at 7.20 o'clock to transact business pursuant to The Local Government (Ireland) 1898, and consider tenders for the supply of macadam.

Present Messrs John O'Sullivan J.P.
John Haid
John Murphy

A Quorum not having assembled

The Meeting Adjourned to Tuesday 30th January 1917.

J. Sullivan

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Tuesday 30th January, 1917.

An adjourned Quarterly meeting of the Council was held this evening at 7.20 Oclock to transact business pursuant to The Local Government (Ireland) Act 1898, and consider tenders for supply of macadam.

Present Messrs John O'Sullivan J.P. Presiding
Peter D. O'Gorman
John Murphy
John Banning
John Hand

The minutes of last meeting were read and signed.

A tender, dated 23rd Inst was received from Thomas O'Neill, Ballynock, to supply 400 tons of unbroken stones from Glensinsan Quarry in the Council's depots at Raheroon at 4/- per ton, and offered as his sureties Mrs Sheehan Bridge St and John Murphy (McMoran) John St.

A Tender, dated 23rd Inst was received from Richard Malone Hoods-grove, to supply 400 tons unbroken stones from Glensinsan Quarry in the Council's depots at Raheroon at 3/9 per ton.

Owing to Richard Malone not having carried out his contract for the delivery of stones from this Quarry for financial year ending 31st March next, the entire quantity of the first 250 tons contracted for, and none of the second 250 tons being yet delivered, it was decided not to consider his tender for a supply for next year.

A discussion took place as to the advisability, and possibility, of having a portion of the 400 tons broken by machinery in the Quarry instead of by manual labour in the depots, and after some consid-eration, during which the clerk stated that Mr O'Neill called to the office and directed him to inform the Council if they were of opinion that 400 tons was too large a quantity for him to be expected to deliver, he was prepared to supply in the depots half the quantity viz:- 200 tons

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at the same price as he was tendering to supply the 400 at, the following resolution was
Proposed by Mr Murphy and
Seconded by Mr Hand

That Thomas O'Neill's tender be accepted for the supply of 200 Tons of unbroken stones from Glendinan's Quarry. delivered in the Council's depots at Roberton at 4/- per ton, and that steps be taken to ascertain if the remainning 200 tons can be broken in the Quarry by machinery

Passed Unanimously

15th July, 17 21st Sept.

It was agreed that at the conclusion of the transaction of the business, the meeting be adjourned to Tuesday 27th February to receive proposals for the breaking of the Stones by machinery.

A tender was received from Mr John Whitty Camblin for the supply of one hundred tons of rough stones from Finshogue Quarry at 5/6 per ton, delivered in any of the depots at the top of the town.
Proposed by Mr Murphy And
Seconded by Mr Hand

That the tender of John Whitty be accepted for the supply of one hundred tons of stones from Finshogue Quarry at 5/6 per ton, delivered in the Councils depots at the top of the town.

Passed Unanimously

Ordered

That Mr Whitty be asked if he would have the stones broken by machinery at the Quarry and if so what price he will charge for breaking them.

The following was received from The Parnell Quarries (Arklow) Ltd in reference to the Supply of macadam:-

Dear Sir,

Arklow, 17 January 1917.

We are duly in receipt of yours re quotation for 200 tons

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macadam to be delivered between now and October.

We have pleasure in quoting you for same @ 5/2 per ton on rail Arklow.

In accordance with Circular we sent you in December last we have been compelled reluctantly to advance price owing to steady advance in production. Should there be a change we shall be glad to re-arrange prices again. Still I am afraid there is not much chance of that for sometime.

We can assure you of our best attention. An early reply verifying the above will Oblige, as we have a lot of orders in hand which will be sent out in rotation.

Yours faithfully
R. Munary.

Ordered

That the proposal of the Parnell Quarries (Arklow) Ltd to supply two hundred tons of macadam at 5/2 per ton, with a possibility of a re-arrangement or reduction in same during the continuance of the Contract, be accepted.

The Meeting Adjourned to Tuesday 27th February, 1917.

Jas Lowry

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Tuesday 30th January. 1917.

An adjourned meeting of the council was held this evening at 7.30 o'clock to transact business pursuant to The Towns Improvement (Ireland) Act 1854, elect the various Committees for the ensuing year, and consider proposals (if any) to rent land to the council for tillage purposes, as well as applications for plots to be cultivated.

Present Messrs John O'Sullivan J.P. Presiding
John Murphy
John Fanning
Peter D. O'Gorman
John Hand

The minutes of previous meetings were read and signed.

The Treasurers Authority for making payments was signed by the Presiding Chairman and Messrs O'Gorman & Murphy and the following Paying Order was directed to be issued viz:- N° 181 M^cF Jones £43-1-8. Petty Sessions.

Correspondence.

Letter from L.G. Board. no 1842:1917, dated 11th Inst, in reply to the resolution of the council asking the Board to indemnify the council against any loss in carrying out the Land Cultivation Scheme, and stating that the Board consider if a Scheme of allotments is properly managed there should not be any loss to the council, and it is therefore not contemplated that the Government should give any undertaking in regard to this matter, as it is laid down in their circular letter that the rent of the allotments should be so calculated as to cover the costs incurred by the council in carrying out the Scheme.

N° Order Made.

A letter was received from Henry Williams Mount Elliott dated 30th Inst offering a field for tillage purposes at Morganett containing

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2 acres and 20 perches, or thereabouts in one, two or three takes of eleven months each take at at rent of £9 per acre for each letting.

The Clerk reported that Mr Dwyer North St, called to the Office, and informed him that he had a field at Irishtown which he was prepared to let to the Council for the purpose of cultivation, but would not state the rent he would be willing to let it for.

Mr Hand also stated that Mr Cooney Charles St, had a field at Newtown which he thought he would be prepared to let.

After a short discussion the following resolution was :-

Proposed by Mr Murphy and
Seconded by Mr Hand

That the Committee already appointed be empowered to negotiate with owners of land who may be willing to let same for cultivation purposes, for the renting of such land at a sum not exceeding a rent of £8 per acre per Annum.

Passed Unanimously.

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applications for plots were received verbally from John Cooney Quay and Edwd Cooney Quay, and by letter from Michael Maddock Mt Garrett Lane, James Flynn Irishtown and Nicholas Furlong Houghton Place. It was Ordered

That they be considered when allotments are being made.

That meeting of Committee be held on following day.

Letter from L.G. Board No 34425/14 dated 14th Inst, acknowledging receipt of the Councils resolution applying for the Consent of the Board under The Education (Provision of Meals) (Ireland) Acts, to allow the Council to spend out of the Rates money for the provision of meals, and asking whether it is proposed to make any charge to the Parents of the children for the meals, and also the number of children attending the National Schools who will take advantage of the meals.

The Clerk read from the letter Book copy of the reply sent by him, and it was approved of.

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Letter from Same dated 12th Inst acknowledging receipt of the Council's letter of the 10th in reference to the Child Welfare Scheme and stating that Same will have attention.
No Order Made.

A circular letter was received from the Chancellor of the Exchequer dated 11th Inst, with prospectus of the War Loan, and both were referred to the Finance Committee for consideration, the Committee to report also whether any alteration should be made in the existing Investments of the Council.

A copy of the Report of the Directors of the Bank of Ireland was also received but there was No Order Made upon it.

A circular letter was also received from Percy Creed drawing attention to the establishment of an Organizers Clearing-House, for the purpose of perfecting and assisting existing organizations.
No Order Made.

Letter from Messrs Kelly's Ltd, dated 25th Inst enclosing specimen copy of Allotment Form which they understand has received the approval of the L.G. Board, and which they will be pleased to supply at 3/6 per 100.

It was decided not to Order any for the present until it be seen whether the Land Cultivation Scheme will be carried out.

A card, dated 1st Inst was received from Patrick Delaney Enistioge stating that he will deliver the two boats of gravel Ordered as soon as possible.

The Clerk reported that both had been received.
No Order Made.

A letter, dated 15th Inst, was received from Mr Peter Ffrench m.P, acknowledging receipt of the resolution of sympathy with him

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passed by the Council on the occasion of the death of his wife.
No Order made.

Mr Hand referred to the death recently in New York of Mrs Power, daughter of John E. Redmond Esq. M.P, and proposed that the Council tender to Mr Redmond their sincere sympathy and condolence in his bereavement caused by the death of his daughter Mrs Power.
The proposition was seconded by the Chairman and passed in silence, and the Clerk was directed to send a copy of it to Mr Redmond.

A letter was received from James Dalley William St, in reference to conditions of letting of plot of land. In it he stated that he was willing to do whatever the rest of the tenants are doing.
A letter was also received from John O'Hanlon agreeing to become tenant of one of the plots on the conditions fixed by the Council.
Ordered
That the remaining tenants be asked to state whether they are willing to obtain possession of one of the plots on the conditions fixed.

Letter from Thomas Lee, dated 15th Inst, inquiring whether Thomas Connick, for whom he is Surety, was still in occupation of the Council's house, as he heard he was left. If not he will pay the 14/-, but will be security for him no longer.
The Clerk stated that he had not received notice of Surrender of the house, and was informed by the Collector that Connick was in it, and he had informed Mr Lee to this effect. It was now
Ordered
That Connick be required to provide another Surety in place of Mr Lee, and that Mr Lee be informed of this.

A tender dated 16th Inst was received from Messrs D. Harvey & Co, Waterford for the supply of Three Rate Books at 22/6 each, and it was Ordered.
That the tender be accepted.

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Town Surveyor's Report

23rd January, 1917.

I beg to report that the plot at Crosslane has been divided into 20 equal allotments, as directed, each containing about 7 Statute perches. A small metal surface trap would be required at the end of the footpath in Crosslane at the east side of the entrance to the new church. We have a metal trap in stock and the cost of laying same would be about £1.1.0.

As there is still a large quantity of road metalling to be carted from the Roberton Depots to the Irishtown area, the services of the extra man and horse presently employed would be required for about 2 weeks further.

James Thorlall
Town Surveyor.

Ordered

That the Surveyor have the metal Trap, which is in stock, set at the end of the footpath in Crosslane.

That the employment of the extra man and horse be continued for two weeks longer.

The Clerk submitted the Collectors weekly Sheets showing the amount of arrears due by weekly tenants. Special attention was drawn to that of James Carroll amounting to £2:12:6, and it was Ordered that James Carroll be informed if a Substantial payment is not made upon his rent by next meeting, Notice to Quit will be Signed at that meeting.

The Collectors Report Book was submitted which showed that in the windows of a good number of houses the panes of glass were broken, also that repairs set out in detail, were needed to some of the houses.

A discussion took place as to whether the broken glass should be replaced by the Council, and it was eventually Ordered that the Surveyor inspect the houses by next meeting and report as to the probable cost of carrying out the repairs.

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Mr John Murphy drew attention to the length of time the Council's workman Thomas Freeman was ill, during which he received no sickness benefit, or payment of any kind owing to the dispute as to which approved Society was liable for payment.

The Clerk stated that the Council's Solicitors informed him the Insurance Commissioners recently intimated to the Solicitors that they hoped to be in a position very soon to decide which Society was liable. Mr Murphy stated that Freeman was willing to sign any document necessary to enable the Council to receive his money from the approved Society liable if they will advance him some as he wants it badly.

Proposed by the Chairman and
Seconded by Mr Hand

That the Council's Solicitors be asked to advise them whether they can legally obtain payment of this money upon Freeman signing the necessary authority, and if so, the Clerk be directed to pay Freeman some money on obtaining his signature to the necessary document to be prepared by the Solicitors.

Passed Unanimously

Proposed by Mr O'Gorman and
Seconded by Mr Hand

That the outgoing members of the Street & Sanitary Committee, the Water & Housing Committee and the Finance Committee be re-elected for the ensuing year, two members to form a Quorum of each Committee, and the Chairman to be an ex-officio member.

That the outgoing members of the St Stephens Cemetery Committee be also re-elected for the ensuing year.

Passed Unanimously

Proposed by The Chairman and
Seconded by Mr Hand

That the following constitute the Technical Instruction Committee viz:-

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Members of the Council

Joseph Brewer, Peter Murphy, John Murphy, Aidan Bolger, Patrick J. Dunne and Peter N. O'Gorman

Non-Members of the Council

Revd. T. Quigley C.C, Revd. Brother McNamara, Hugh A. Hamilton J. Daniel Hanlon and Andrew French.

Passed Unanimously.

Proposed by Mr ~~Fanning~~ Hand.
Seconded by Mr Fanning

That the Keys of the Workhouse, and store in Wexford be given over by the Foreman to the Surveyor, and that the latter take charge of the Councils workmen.

Passed Unanimously

The consideration of the adoption of the Draft Bye Laws was further adjourned.

The Meeting Adjourned to Tuesday 13th February 1917.

Jno Jenkins

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Wednesday 31st January 1917.

A meeting of the Land Cultivation Committee was held in the Council office at one o'clock to-day to consider proposals for letting of land, by persons willing to rent it to the Council for the purpose of having same divided into plots for cultivation, and transact other business of the Committee.

Present Messrs John O'Sullivan J.P.
John Hand
John Murphy.

At the request of the Committee Mr Luke Dwyer, North St, attended the meeting and after some discussion, during which he stated that he was anxious to assist in making the scheme a success, agreed to let his field at Irishtown to the Council for four years at an Annual rent of £20. He also stated that he had a quantity of manure at the marshes which he would dispose of cheaply, to occupiers of the plots.

The Committee considered the offer reasonable and agreed to accept it subject to approval of Council.

Subsequently Mr Matthew Cooney attended the meeting and offered to rent a field in his possession at Newtown to the Council for one or four years, he paying rates & taxes at an annual rent of £20, and will give, in addition, about thirty or forty loads of manure, to be used in manuring the plots.

The Committee did not consider the offer made by Mr Williams, & Mr Elliott for the letting of his field as they regarded it too high, And also that it was not situate conveniently to the town.

The Committee decided to meet again on Monday, 5th Inst, at 8 o'clock to transact any business that might be necessary, and consider applications for plots, the Clerk to issue advertisements at once, inviting proposals for tenancy of same, also that he convene a Special meeting of the Council to be held on same evening at 9.30 to consider, and if approved of, accept offers of fields from owners of same to be rented to the Council for cultivation in plots, also applications from wage earners for the plots.

The Committee Adjourned

John Burke

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Monday 5th February, 1914.

A monthly meeting of the Council was to be held this day at 12 Oclock noon, to transact business pursuant to The Towns Improvement (Ireland) Act 1854.

No member of the Council attended

A Quorum not having assembled

There was no meeting held.

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Monday 5th February, 1917.

A meeting of the Land Cultivation Committee was held this Evening at 4 oclock to consider applications for plots and allot same.

Present John O'Sullivan J.P. Presiding
John Murphy
John Hand

Applications were received from James Flynn Irishtown, Michl Maddock Mt Garrett Lane, Nicholas Furlong 16 Haughton Place, Michael Walsh ~~Mt Garrett~~ Maudlins, Thomas Donovan Newtown Maudlins, Head Constable O'Sullivan and six members of R. I. C at Newlox, Patrick Quigley Mt Garrett Lane, John Hand 10th Street, Patrick McGrath Jr 10th Street, M. J. Connor 10 Mary St, Edward Cooney Michael St, John Cooney Michl St, Patrick Sheehan 4 10th Street, James Valley 20 10th Street, & James Bourke from Lane.

On the proposal of Mr Hand, Seconded by Mr Murphy, plots were alloted to all these applicants in the field at Newtown in occupation of Matthew Cooney, who are willing to take them in that particular field.

It was also proposed by Mr Hand and Seconded by The Chairman,

That the offer of Matthew Cooney to rent the field at Newtown, in his possession, for one or four years @ £20 per year, for the purpose of having same cultivated in plots be accepted.

Passed Unanimously.

As the number of applications received did not equal the total number of plots into which the field would be divided, it was decided, not to take further steps respecting the acquisition of the field at Irishtown, in occupation of Mr Dwyer at this meeting.

It was also decided to issue advertisements again inviting applications up to the 13th Inst from wage earners for a plot for cultivation, and to state

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that after that date no further applications could be intertained.

A proposal of Mr Gannon, Amestown, to rent a field at Butlersland, con-
-taining three Irish Acres for the Sum of Seventeen pounds for one year
was not dealt with for the present.

Mr Philip Kelly Palace Offered to rent a field at Lerepwell Road for
an annual rent Of £10.10.0 per Statute acre but the price being con-
-sidered too high, the offer was not intertained.

It was agreed that the rent of each plot be fixed at an amount to cover
cost Of Same to the Council, which, on calculation, was found to be 18/-.

As it had been already decided to extend the time for receiving
applications to Tuesday the 13th Inst, which will be the day upon which
the ordinary meeting of the Council will be held, it was agreed
that it was not necessary to hold the Special meeting of the
Council Summoned to meet at 7.30 This Evening.

The Meeting Adjourned.

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A Special meeting of the Council was to be held this evening at 7.30 o'clock to transact business, consider, and, if approved of, accept offers of fields from owners of same to be rented to the Council for cultivation in plots, also applications from wage earners for the plots.

Present Mesprs J. Fanning, P.J. Dunne and J Brewer.

A Quorum did not assemble, presumably for the reason stated on the minutes of the Land Cultivation Committee, and there was therefore no meeting held. Accordingly

The Members Separated.

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Monday 12th February 1917.

A meeting of the Finance Committee was held this evening at 7.30 oclock to transact business, and consider advisability of re-investing the Councils investments in the New War Loan.

Present John O'Sullivan J.P.
John Murphy
Patrick J. Dunne.
John Fanning

The Committee examined the Council's Register of Investments and after some discussion prepared a report of which the following is a copy viz:-

We examined the list of the Council's investments and recommend that £163.7.0 of £4.10.% War Stock be exchanged for £5 per cent War Stock, 1929 to 1947. We also recommend that the Sum of £261.5.0 of the Amount Standing to the credit of the Council in the No 5 Loans Account be invested in the £5 per cent War Stock. We examined a number of Bills Submitted by the Clerk and recommend payment of those initialled by the Chairman.

J. Sullivan. J. Murphy
J. Fanning, P. J. Dunne.

After which

The Meeting Adjourned

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Tuesday 13th February, 1917.

A meeting of the Council was held this evening at 7.30 oclock to transact business pursuant to The Towns Improvement (Ireland) Act 1854, consider advisability of transferring some, or all, of the Council's investments into the new War Loan, and, if approved of, accept offers of fields from owners of same to be rented to the Council for cultivation in plots, as well as, applications from wage earners for the plots.

Present John O'Sullivan J.P. Presiding
John Hand
John Fanning
John Murphy
Joseph Brewer
Patrick J. Dunne

The Minutes of previous meeting were read and signed.

The Treasurers Authority for making payments was signed by the Chairman and Messrs Brewer & Murphy and the following Paying Orders were directed to be issued by:-
No 182 A.R. French £2.7.9; No183 M.J. Flynn £11.5.0, No184 Parnell Quarries £23.6.4, No185 Patrick Carroll £3.10.8; No186 John J Browne £38.19.4, No187 John J Browne £4.2.6; No188 Jonas Hartnett £1.1.8, No189 Dr. O'Regan £8. No190 Newross Gas Co Ltd £136.6.10; No191 T. W Taylor £37.3.2. No192 School Attendance Committee £7.18.11; No193 Jas Shortall £4.8.9, No194 M.J. Flynn £26.12.10; No195 Richd Malone £14.7.6.

Applications were received for a plot of land for cultivation from the following viz:- Wm F. Lee Marsh Lane, M. O'Sullivan R.I.C. Newross. James Burke Cross Lane, John Burke Cross Lane, Nicholas Furlong Haughton Place, M.J. O'Connor Mary St, Robert Cotter Priory St, Jas Shaw Abbey Hall, Patk Quigley Mt Garrett Lane, John Cooney Michel St, Edwd Cooney Michel St & John Hand William St.

The Chairman stated that two of his men intended to

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apply also, and it was agreed that further applications be received from persons willing to cultivate a plot.

Proposed by Mr Dunne and
Seconded by Mr Brewer

That a plot of lands in the field at Newtown which the Council are renting from Mr Matthew Cooney be alloted to each of these applicants

Passed Unanimously.

Proposed by Mr Dunne And
Seconded by Mr Hand

That the Council rent the field at Newtown from Matthew Cooney for one year at a rent of £20 for the purpose of having it cultivated in plots he paying all rates and taxes.

Passed Unanimously.

It was agreed to Summon a meeting of the Committee upon an early date to make arrangements for marking out the plots and alloting them to the respective applicants.

A brief discussion took place as to the necessity of acquiring the field at Irishtown, which Mr Luke Dwyer offered to let, and it was unanimously decided not to rent it, and it was Ordered that Mr Dwyer be informed to this effect.

Mr Hand drew attention to the prices charged for potatoes and vegetables by farmers and retailers, which, he stated, were excorbitant, and pointed out that under the Defence of the Realm Act the authorities had power to regulate the price.

After considerable discussion it was Ordered that the Clerk write to the District Inspector drawing attention to the matter, and requesting him to take the necessary steps to prevent excorbitant prices being charged, if the police Authorities had power to do so.

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Letter from L.G. Board dated 31st Ult dealing with the provisions of the Public Authorities and Bodies (Loans) Act 1916 which empowers Councils to borrow money from their Treasurer for the purpose of discharging outstanding loans of the Council, replacing any Sinking Fund, or raising any further Sums with a view to prospective Capital Expenditure, one of the conditions being that the Amount of the Sum to be borrowed will, pending the final application be invested in the 5% war Loan 1929~1947.

It was agreed not to take any action in the matter.

A Dividend Warrant for 14/8 was received from the Bank of Ireland was Ordered to be lodged to the credit of the Council.

Letter from Messrs Colfer & Son, dated 3rd Inst, stating that they had written the Insurance Commissioners requesting them to arrange for a recoupment in the event of the Council paying over money to Thos Freeman, one of their workmen, but had not received a reply from them.

No Order Made.

A card was received from Mr J.E. Redmond MP acknowledging the resolution of Sympathy passed with him by the Council on the death of his daughter.

No Order Made.

The following resolution, received from the Oldcastle Rural District Council, was on the Proposal of Mr Fanning, Seconded by Mr Murphy, unanimously adopted viz:-

That it seems likely that the Peace Conference, which will decide the future of most of the small Nationalities of Europe, will very soon be called together, we claim that the Irish Nation, one of the oldest of European Nations, and one whose interests will be directly affected by the result of

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the War, should have representation at this Peace Confer-
-ence, just as Belgium, Roumania, and other Small
Nations. That Copies be Sent to all Public Boards in
Ireland.

A quotation, dated 8th Inst, was received from the Barlock Typewriter Co to Supply a No 14-16 machine, taking the Council's old machine in exchange, and allowing a dis-
-count of 10% making the nett price £16-14-0, but it was not considered, as the Finance Committee had already decided not to purchase it.

A Sealed Order was received from the L.G. Board under The Education (Provision of Meals) (Ireland) Acts authorizing the Council to Spend out of the Rates Such Sum as will meet the cost of the pro-
-vision of food to children attending the National School in the Area, provided that the total amount expended in any one year Shall not exceed the amount which would be produced by a rate of one Penny in the pound over the Area of the Authority.
No Order Made.

An application dated 5th Inst was received from the Hon Secret-
-aries of the New Ross Amateur Dancing Class, for the use of the Large Room on the night of the 17th Inst. And on the proposal of Mr Hand Seconded by Mr Murphy, it was unanimously granted.

A letter dated 3rd Inst was received from Mr Tuzelle, Secretary to Council, Inclosing Forms 44, 45 and 46, also a letter dated 9th Inst Inclosing statement Showing which will be demanded from the Urban Council for Year ending 31st March 1918. From this statement it appeared that the Amount of the Demand is £261-11-8 more than last year which means an increased Poor Rate on the Urban District of New Ross of nearly Eight Pence in the £. A discussion took place during which it was

pointed out that the County contribution in aid of the Asylum had increased £3,230, and it was eventually Ordered that the Clerk Obtain a copy of the Abstract of Accounts of the Asylum for last Financial Year.

Letter from Messrs Colfer & Son dated 6th Inst enclosing Bond of Mr Stevenson and his Sureties for execution of the Council.
Proposed by Mr Dunne and
Seconded by The Chairman

That the Seal Of the Council be affixed to the Contract & Bond of Mr Stevenson.

Passed Unanimously.

The Report of the Finance Committee, dated 12th Inst, and entered on the minutes of that date, was read. It was
Proposed by Mr Hand and
Seconded by Mr Dunne

That the report of the Finance Committee be adopted.

Passed Unanimously

Proposed by Mr Hand and
Seconded by Mr Brewer

That a Sum of £163.4.0 of War Loan Stock 4½% Standing in the name of this Council be exchanged for £5 per cent War Stock 1929-1947, the Form of Request for conversion to be Signed on behalf of the Council by the Chairman, and countersigned by the Clerk, and that the Common Seal of the Council be affixed to same.

Passed Unanimously.

Proposed by Mr Hand and
Seconded by Mr Brewer

That a Sum of £261.5.0 being portion

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Of the amount standing to the credit Of the Council in the No 5 Loan's Account, be invested in the Five per cent War Loan 1929~1947, to be registered as Stock transferable by Deed, and that the application form for same be signed, on behalf of the Council by the Chairman, and counter-signed by the Clerk, and that the Common Seal of the Council be affixed to same.

Passed Unanimously

The Clerk stated that he had written the L.G. Board giving them particulars of the recommendations of the Finance Committee and asking them to reply by wire on the following day. In the event of the Board refusing to Sanction the proposal of the Council, no action was to be taken by the Clerk on the resolutions just passed.

The Clerk pointed out that at last meeting Mr George Dooley was not appointed on any of the Committees, and, on the proposal of the Chairman, Seconded by Mr Dunne he was now unanimously elected a member of the Finance Committee.

The Street Inspector reported that the Scavenging was carried out in a Satisfactory manner each day during the past fortnight. On the night of the 10th Inst the three lamps at Irishtown ~ (Brewers Corner, opposite Wheland and at Mr P.J. Delaney's) were not lighted, the place was in pitchy darkness.

Proposed by Mr Hand and
Seconded by Mr Brewer

That the attention of the Gas Co be drawn to the fact that in Some instances the public lamps are not Kept lighted in accordance with the Contract which the Council has with the Company, and that in future an amount equivalent to the Contract price of the gas not consumed, owing to the lamp not being lighted, will be

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deducted from their Account.

Passed Unanimously.

Ordered

That the Street Inspector be directed to carefully note the lamps which should be lighting each night, and are not lighted on a particular night.

The Meeting Adjourned to Tuesday 27th February 1917.

Jno Butler

Tuesday, 27th February 1917

An adjourned Quarterly Meeting of the Council was to be held this day at 7.15 P.M. to transact business pursuant to the Local Government (Ireland) Act 1898- Consider proposals for breaking of stones by machinery.

Present Messrs John Murphy Presiding.
Patrick J Dunne
Michael Sheehan
John Hand
and
P. & O'Gorman

Owing to the death, on active service, of Lieutenant Colfer, son of J.R. Colfer Esq, Solicitor to the Council, it was decided not to transact any business, except to pass a resolution of Sympathy with Mr Colfer, copy of which is entered on the Municipal Minutes.

The Meeting adjourned to Tuesday, 13th March 1917

Jno Butler

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Tuesday, 27th February 1917.

A meeting of The Newtown Urban District Council was held this day at 7.30 O'clock P.M. to transact business pursuant to the Towns Improvement (Ireland) Act 1854.

Present Messrs John Murphy Presiding
Peter A Ogorman
Patrick J Dunne
John Hand
and
Michael Sheehan.

When the Chairman had taken the chair, Mr Dunne referred in feeling terms to the death of Lieutenant Colfer, son of Mr John. R. Colfer, Solicitor to the Council, and, it was agreed not to transact any business, except payment of labour bills and a small Sanitary matter of an Urgent nature.

The Treasurer's Authority for making payments was signed by the Chairman, and Messrs Dunne, and O'Gorman, and the following Paying Order directed to be issued Viz:- ~~Mr Fetherston~~ - Petty Cash. £23-2-0

In reply to a Member, the Clerk stated that Messrs Bennet and Mc Laughlin had not replied to his letters asking if they were willing to become tenants of two of the plots in the field at Wm St.

Mr Hand applied for one of them, that which would be alloted to Mr Mc Laughlin if he had applied for it, and, on the proposal of Mr Sheehan, it was unanimously agreed to let to him, and he subsequently signed the approved agreement.

It was unanimously decided to authorize the Land Cultivation Committee to deal with the allotments

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of Plots in the field at Newtown, to applicants and that a meeting of the Committee be held on Thursday.

In reference to the death of Lieutenant Colfer the following resolution was:-
Proposed by Mr Dunne and
Seconded by Mr Hand Viz:-

"That we tender to
"Mr John R Colfer, Solicitor, and family, our"
"sincere sympathy and condolence in their"
"bereavement, caused by the death of his son,"
"Lieutenant Colfer, and that as a mark of"
"respect to his memory, and of our deep regret"
"at his early death, we adjourn this meeting"
"without transacting any business.

Passed Unanimously

Before the resolution was put to the meeting, the Chairman, Members present, and Clerk, expressed their desire to be associated with the sentiments of regret conveyed in the resolution

One the proposal of Mr Hand, seconded by Mr Dunne, a resolution of condolence was passed with the Community of St John of God, on the death of Sister Xavier, and also with the Community of the Convent of Mercy on the death of Sister Benignius, after which,

The Meeting adjourned to Tuesday, 13th March 1917.

John Bullman.

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Thursday, March, 1st, 1917

A Meeting of the Land Cultivation Committee was held this day at 11.15 O'Clock to transact business of the Committee.

Present Messrs John O'Sullivan J.P. Presiding
and
John Hand

The Surveyor was also in attendance, and submitted a map prepared by him, showing the number of Plots into which the field can be divided. The Committee decided to visit the field during the day, and allot the plots, in the most convenient positions, to those who have applied for them, and directed that further applications be received for the remaining plots.

It was also ordered that advertisements be issued inviting tenders, or applications, for plots for cultivation, in a field at Roberton kindly given by Mr J.D. Hearn, free of rent.

A letter was received from Richard Haynes, one of the Council's tenants in lower Wm St applying for the plot of land in field at Wm St which, he understood, Mr McLoughlin is not going to take, but the Clerk stated that this particular plot was let to Mr Hand at last meeting. There was another vacant, as Mr Dermett had declined to apply for one and it was agreed that this particular one be given to him at a weekly rent of two pence whilst in occupation of it, on the assumption that the Council approve of it, and that a weekly rent of two pence be charged to Mr Hand for the plot, let to him at last meeting of the Council, for which Mr McLoughlin did not apply. Subject to approval of Council, after which,

The Committee Adjourned.

John Sullivan

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Friday, 2nd March 1917.

A Special Meeting of the Council was held this evening at 7.30 O'Clock to protest against the restrictions on the brewing and Malting industries.

Present Messrs. P. J Dunne Presiding
Peter Murphy
John Hand
and
Joseph Brewer.

Proposed by Mr Hand and
Seconded by Mr Dunne

That we, the members of
"the New Ross Urban Council protest against the
"Government Liquor restrictions, applying to Ireland,
"as they will be ruinous, and disastrous to the country."

Passed Unanimously

The Members Seperated.

Monday, 5th March 1917.

A monthly meeting of the Council was to be held this day at 12 O'Clock, Noon, to transact business pursuant to The Towns Improvement (Ireland) Act 1854.

No member of the Council attended.

The Meeting adjourned to Tuesday, 13th March 1917.

John Sullivan.

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Thursday, 8th March 1917.

A meeting of the Finance Committee was held this day at 11-30 O'Clock to consider, and, if approved of, adopt Clerk's Estimates of Poor Rate and Town Rate for financial year ending 31st March 1918.

Present Messrs John O'Sullivan J.P. Presiding
and
John Murphy.

The Clerk submitted the Estimate of Poor Rate for financial year ending 31st March 1918 which amounted to 4/2 in the Pound, or an increase of seven pence in the Pound on last year's Poor Rate. The Committee, having examined it, and the County Council Demand, decided to adopt it.

He also submitted the Town Rate Estimate for same year which amounted to 4/10 in the £, together with a Domestic Water Rate of 1/3 in the £ on premises supplied with water. This rate was same as that for last year, but in view of the increase of seven pence in the Pound on the Poor Rate decided to reduce this rate.

Accordingly the Committee decided to reduce the Surveyor's Estimate for the supply of four hundred tons of Stones from Glensinnow Quarry by One hundred tons, which, with cost of breaking would amount to 7/- per Ton, or a total of £35. It was also decided to reduce the cost estimated for Domestic Scavenging, and watering of Streets by £30.

The Chairman referred to the inclusion in the Estimate of the Salaries of the Medical Superintendent Off of Health, Veterinary Inspector, and Registrar under the Cowsheds, Dairies & Shops, and Dairies Order, and directed that these amounts be struck out. Subject to the alterations specified, which will reduce the Estimate about three pence in the Pound, it was adopted, after which,

The Committee Adjourned.

Wm Sullivan.

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Tuesday. 13th March 1917

An adjourned Quarterly Meeting of the Council was held this day at 7.30 O'clock to consider tenders for breaking of Stones, and transact business pursuant to The Local Government (Ireland) Act 1898

Present Depts John O'Sullivan J.P presiding
Peter M. O'Gorman
Peter Armstrong
Joseph Brewer
John Hand
William Murphy
John Murphy
and
Michael Sheehan

The Minutes of last Quarterly Meeting were read and signed.

There were no Tenders received for breaking of stones by Machinery, at Ballymadar and Glenamaw Quarries.

The Meeting adjourned to 10th April 1917.

John O'Sullivan

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Tuesday, 13th March 1917.

A meeting of the Newross Urban District Council was held this day at 7.30 Oclock to transact business pursuant to The Towns Improvement (Ireland) Act 1854, and other Acts connected therewith- Consider, and if approved of, adopt Clerks Estimate of Poor Rate and Town Rate for financial year ending 31st March 1918, elect tenants for vacant houses at Barrgate and Burrneen Lane, select a Suitable person to be recommended to the Governing Body of Trinity Hospital for admission to that Institution, and Consider a letter from Mr Hamilton relative to the Technical School windows.

Present Messrs John O'Sullivan J.P. Presiding
Peter D. O'Gorman
Peter Murphy
Joseph Brewer
John Hand
William Murphy
John Murphy
and
Michael Sheehan.

The Minutes of last Meeting were read and signed
The Treasurer's Authority for making payments was signed by the Chairman, and Messrs Brewer and Peter Murphy.
And the following Paying Orders directed to be issued Viz:-
Rory O'Delaney £6-18-7; John Harrington £3-12-6; Joseph Freeman £1-11-11;
James Connolly £6-6-5; P Tierney £7; Kiffinn £11-5-0; Moran Bros £8-8-11;
Richard Murphy £8-12-10; Patrick Dooley £3-13-4; Nich Hogan £4; J Tool £5-10-0;
John Doyle £8-14-1; Andrew Cullen £7-6-0, Harbour Commissioners 9/2;
Petty Cash £26-5-11; Francis Bergin £111-6-5; Wexford Co Council £369-15-7;
Thos Hennessey £4-5-0; D H Sheridan £8-10-1; John J Browne £2-12-6; J J Shortall £7-9-0; James Fleming £1-3-11; James Byrne 17/-; Patrick Byrne 4/6;
M. A. Cooney 15/7; M Hearn Hon 5/6, Jas Castello 8/6; Mary Lalor 3/5;
Patrick Lynch £8-11-4.

Letter from the Local Government Board, dated 28th. February 1917, No 7233/1917 asking what action was taken by the Council in the matter of providing allotments for workmen in the Urban District, and requesting to be furnished with particulars.

The Clerk stated that on receipt of this letter he furnished detailed information to the Board, and this was approved of.

Same, No 11910/17, dated 2nd. Inst. Sanctioning the proposal of the Council to take lands to the extent of four acres for allotments, and stating that when the applications from wage earners have been met, the Board will raise no objection to the remainder of the allotments being let to small shopkeepers and others in the District, who would be prepared to comply with the regulations. The Board also approved of the draft form of agreement.

No Order Made.

Same - No 4923:1917, dated 5th. March, pointing out that the Amendment made by the Education (Provision of Meals) (Ireland) Act was deemed to have retrospective effect as from the 31st. March 1915.

The Council may therefore spend, during the current year, such amount as may be required, within the limit laid down in the Act, provided they arrange to include in the next rate, the amount required as a special named sum in the estimate.

The Clerk stated that he included a sum of £10 in the estimate to cover the expenditure under the Act, for the current year, and this was unanimously approved of.

Letter from the Department of Agriculture, dated 7th Inst. giving particulars as to the position with regard to the supply of seed potatoes, also one dated 26th February pointing out that the Department will only exercise their compulsory powers for the acquisition of land for cultivation, in connection with allotment Schemes which are approved by the Local Government Board.

No Order made.

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Letter from the Commissioner of Valuation, dated 28th Ult, advising the despatch of the revised valuation Lists, and giving the prescribed Statutory instructions for dealing with them.

No Order Made.

A letter, dated 19th Ult, was received from the Lord Lieutenant, forwarding copy of a circular letter which has been issued by the Home office to Local Authorities in England and Wales together with a copy of Model conditions for insertion in Cinematograph Licenses, and stating that His Excellency will be glad to hear that the Council has adopted them.

After some discussion it was decided not to take any action in the matter.

A letter, dated 27th February, was received from Patrick Kehoe, Fair Gate stating that when he took the house at Fair Gate, in which he resides, in 1900, the rent was raised to 2/- per week, for to cover the cost of repairs, and that as they have long since been paid for he expects the rent to be reduced.

Ordered

That the consideration of this letter be adjourned to next meeting, the Clerk to furnish particulars to that meeting.

A Tender was received from John Doyle, North St, for the supply of Stop Cock Covers, 4¾" Square, at 3/6 each, and of 28 lbs of Plumbers Solder at 1/6 per lb. As the price for the Stop Cock Covers was considered too high, and as there are still a half-dozen due from the last contract, it was decided not to order any of these, but it was decided, on the proposal of Dr John Murphy, Seconded by Dr Hand, to accept the Tender for the supply of 28 lbs Solder at 1/6 per lb.

A letter was received from the District Inspector, dated the 15th Ult, relative to the resolution passed by the Council respecting the price to be charged for potatoes, and stating that the matter will have attention.

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A letter was received from the Gas Co, dated 27th Ult, in reference to the resolution passed by the Council respecting the public lighting of the town.

In it the Secretary stated that as the lamps are lighted in the usual way, his Directors believe the Council will admit it would be unreasonable to expect the Company to be responsible for lamps interfered with by unauthorized persons. The attention of the police has been directed to the matter.

In connection with the public lighting, the Clerk stated that the Winter contract will expire on the 31st Inst, one month earlier than other years, and that no contract had been accepted for Summer lighting. After a short discussion it was decided not to light any of the lamps during the Summer months, except the Tholsel lamp and it was Ordered that the Gas Co be asked to quote a price for lighting that lamp during these months.

The following resolution, dated 10th Inst, was received from the Wexford County Council:-

"That the Local Authorities in control of the markets of Wexford,"
"Enniscorthy, Gorey, and New Ross, be requested to provide, if possible,"
"for the marketing of fruit and vegetables, which owing to the high price"
"of food caused by the War, have become most important articles of household"
"use."

The Clerk suggested that the Council should take steps to have the New Bye Laws, which had already been approved of by a committee of the Council, adopted as one of them provided for the regulation of the vegetable market. He pointed out that the Council delayed doing so pending a final decision respecting the holding of a weekly pig market. After some discussion it was agreed to hold a pig market on every Thursday on the Quay between Charles St pier and the office of Mr Kelly Hes. It was also:-

Proposed by Mr John Murphy and
Seconded by Mr Sheehan

"That the necessary steps
be taken by the Clerk to have the Bye Laws,
as drafted, adopted by the Council

Passed Unanimously.

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A letter was received from Dr Hamilton, dated 10th Inst, notifying that there will be a Meeting of the Governing Body of Trinity held on the 4th April to elect an Inmate.

Proposed by Dr John Murphy and
Seconded by Dr Hand

That Mrs Catherine Ryan, Newtown, Commons, be recommended to the Governors for admission to the hospital as an Annuitant

Passed Unanimously

Letter from Dr Hamilton, dated 10th Inst, asking whether the Council are willing to pay a Nominal rent of 1/- year per year for the privilege of using the windows on the West side of the Technical School, so as to preserve the right of the Lessor under the Ancient Lights, to build on plot of ground adjoining.

Ordered

That this letter be referred to the Council's Solicitors for advice

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Letter from John R Coffey Esq. dated 6th Inst, thanking the Council for the resolution of sympathy passed by them, at their last Meeting, on the death of his son.

No Order Made.

Letter from Frank Breehan, one of the men employed by the Council to break stones, asking for an increase in the rate per ton allowed for breaking:- Viz. from 3/- to 4/-. Frank appeared before the Meeting in support of the application, and contended that he broke more stones than he got credit for as according to the Surveyor's return, he was paid considerably in excess of the quantity broken, which he doubted very much, and suggested that the Weighbridge be tested.

Frank having retired, the application was considered in consultation with the Surveyor, and unanimously refused.

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Letter from the Clerk of the Enniscorthy District Asylum, dated 28th Ult. enclosing copy of the last Audited Abstract of Accounts of the Asylum.
No Order Made.

Letter from the Secretaries of the Cumann na mBan enclosing copy of a protest for signature by all Irishwomen against the present treatment of the Irish prisoners.
Ordered
That it be available for signature by all persons who may call to the office to sign it.

John Bennett, William St. wrote stating that he had now changed his mind about the plots, and was willing to take one in the field at William St. and pay the six pence per week until the pailing is paid for.
Ordered.
That he get the only remaining plot on these conditions.

Letter from Const Shaw surrendering the plot in the field at Newtown as owing to an accident to his knee he could not do anything with it. Accepted.

Letters from the Collector of Rates & Rents, asking what is to do about tenants out of possession, owing arrears of rent, and also whether he is to recover rates due by them from their Sureties. He also stated that he cannot get Annie Brien to pay her rates and asked if the Council would deduct some money from her each week towards payment of them.
Ordered
That application be made to the tenants sureties for payment of the arrears of rents due by them; that he also apply to the Sureties of those tenants whose bonds cover payment of rates, in addition to rent, for payment of the rates, also that Annie Brien be informed she must pay some of the arrears of rates each week until they are paid off.

Town Surveyor's Report

I beg to report that the Agricultural plots in Newtown have now

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been marked out and some of them allotted to the applicants.

The fencing of the William St plots is now in course of erection but some stones will be required to complete the fencing to Woodlane side.

I had an extra man and horse employed to cart metalling from Robercon to Irishtown. His services have now been dispensed with. I found it necessary during the past month to keep the men working on their weekly half holiday in order to get over the arrears of sanitary work and street maintenance for which the workmen were paid overtime

The footpath in South St, opposite Messrs Hutchinson's, has not yet been repaired by Mr Hartrick, plumber.

The following repairs are needed to house recently occupied by Mrs Whitty - Fair gate: Section of kitchen floor repaired in tiles. New Hearth Flag. Re hang back door. Concrete floor to privy. Two panes of glass broken. Ashpit cleaned.

Some damage has been caused to plaster of walls in house occupied by Mrs Keppel. Abbey View. There are some holes bored in the front door, from which a knocker and a door knob have been removed.

I inspected a number of houses, recently reported by your rent Collector as needing repairs. Some of these repairs have since been carried out. The Collector's report chiefly concerns broken glass. I found more glass broken than that reported by Mr Browne Cnk, of course, I have no means of ascertaining how the glass got broken. The tenants, without exception, say that it got smashed accidentally by some person or persons unknown.

It would be well to have all the service pipes in your houses in Houghton Terrace, and Abbey View, protected from frost by cementing them over, up to the flush cisterns. They practically all burst during the recent frost, and some of them twice.

Ordered

That the Surveyor have the repairs, specified by him, carried out on the house recently occupied by Mrs Whitty.

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That he also have the service pipes of houses in Houghton Terrace cemented as suggested by him.

A long discussion took place respecting the re-placing of broken glass in the houses, and it was

Ordered

That glass be not put in, in future, in the windows of any of the tenants houses except such of them as are to become occupied by a new tenant.

It was also Ordered that Mr Hartrick be informed if he does not have the flag in South St re-set at once proceedings will be taken against him.

The Clerk submitted his Estimate of Poor Rate for financial year ending 31st March 1918, amounting to 4/2 in the Pound, which had been adopted by the Finance Committee, and also the Estimate of Town Rate for the same Year, amounting to 4/7 in the Pound which had likewise been adopted by the Finance Committee.

Both estimates were examined and discussed by the Council, after which the following resolutions were :-

Proposed by Mr Olgorman,

Seconded by Mr Hand, and Resolved

"That the Clerk's Estimate"

"of Poor Rate for financial Year ending 31st March 1918, now before"
"us, amounting to four Shilling and two pence in the Pound, be"
"adopted, and that he publish the necessary notices, and take the necessary"
"steps, to have said rate made".

Passed Unanimously

Proposed by Mr O'Gorman, Seconded by Mr Hand, and Resolved.

"That the Clerk's Estimate of Town Rate, and Domestic Water Rate for year"
"ending 31st March 1918 now before us, be adopted, and that he publish the necessary"
"notice of our intention to make a Town Rate of 4/7 in the Pound, and a Domestic"
water Rate of 1/3 in the Pound on the valuation of premises supplied with water, said
last mentioned rate to be in relief of the portion of the Town Rate raised as
Sanitary expenses, the rateable value of the property assessable being £8276-18-9

Passed Unanimously.

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The following applications were received for the tenancy of the vacant house at Burrowen Lane, recently occupied by Mrs Kepple Viz:- Patrick Walsh, Upper Mary St. Richard Brazil Houghton Place, John Culleton, Houghton Place, Sylvester Murphy, Wexford St, and Patrick Brien, Neville St, the latter two applied for the vacant house at Fair Gate also.

Proposed by Mr Brewer and
Seconded by Mr William Murphy

"That Patrick Walsh be accepted as tenant of the house".

Proposed by Mr Hand and
Seconded by Mr Sheehan

"That Richard Brazil be accepted as tenant of this house".

The remaining applicants were not proposed.

A poll was taken as between Walsh and Brazil when the following voted,

For Brazil:- Messrs Peter Murphy, O'Gorman, Hand and Sheehan 4
For Walsh:- Messrs John Murphy, Wm. Murphy, Brewer & The Chairman 4

The voting being equal, and the chairman having declined to give his casting vote, the selection of a tenant was, on the proposal of Mr O'Gorman seconded by the Chairman adjourned to next meeting.

For the tenancy of the vacant house at Fair Gate the following applications were received Viz:- Messrs Aidan Ledger, Drougard, Andrew Carty Irishtown, James Carroll, Fair Gate, Michael Murphy Irishtown, and Laurence Doyle Annagh.

On the proposal of Mr Brewer, Seconded by Mr Sheehan, Andrew Carty was unanimously selected tenant.

The letting of the Plot in the field at Wm St, for which Mr McLaughlin did not apply, to Mr Hand at a weekly rent of two pence, was approved of.

The Meeting adjourned to Wednesday 21st March 1917.

John Sullivan
Chairman

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A meeting of the Council was held this day at 7.30 O'Clock to transact business pursuant to the Towns Improvement (Ireland) Act 1854, and elect a tenant for the vacant house at Burneen Lane.

Present Messrs John O'Sullivan J.P. Presiding.
Peter J. O'Gorman
Peter Murphy
Joseph Brewer
George Dooley
Patrick J Dunne
John Hand
William Murphy
and
James B Hearn

The Minutes of last meeting were read and Signed

The Treasurer's Authority for making payments was signed by The Chairman and P J Dunne, and P J O'Gorman, and the following Paying Order directed to be issued Viz:- Petty Cash £22.2.6.

An application, dated 25th Inst. was received from Matthew Cooney, Charles St. to let him the plot of ground at Barrack Lane, in possession of the Council, at a nominal yearly rent.

After a short discussion it was Ordered that Mr Cooney inform the Council, before their next meeting, for what purpose he requires the plot.

Letter from Andrew Ronan, Pondfields, dated 26th Inst, drawing attention to the state of the boundary wall of his land at Charleton Hill, which is crumbling away and requires to be repaired.

No Order made, the Council being of opinion they were not responsible for keeping this wall in repair.

Letter from Messrs Colfer Ffox, Solicitors, dated 19th Inst, asking for the

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Lease of the Technical School, before replying to the Council's letter in reference to the question of "Ancient Lights," referred to in the one received from Mrs Hamilton.

The Clerk stated he had forwarded the lease as requested, and this was approved of.

Letter from Same, dated 20th Inst, stating that the Lease of the School contains a proviso that the lessor shall be at liberty to erect such buildings as he may think fit on the plot of ground bounding it on the West side, and they think therefore that an arraugement, such as Mrs Hamilton suggests is not necessary.

The Clerk stated that on receipt of this letter he drew Mrs Hamilton's attention to the proviso in the lease and this was approved of.

Letter from Same, dated 23rd Inst, pointing out that the powers of the Council to establish markets are derived under The Public Health Act, and the procedure prescribed by that Act should be followed, as it is the only means by which the new proposed pig market can be legally established or controlled.

They suggested that the Council should proceed with the ratification of the new Bye Laws at once, and leave the question of establishing the pig market either by legal means or informally to be dealt with later on

Ordered

That the necessary steps be taken to have the new Bye Laws, as drafted, adopted.

Letter from Same, dated 15th Inst, enclosing copy of a letter received from the Insurance Commissioners informing them that they had arranged with the National Foresters to admit Thomas Freeman to membership from the 13th October 1915, and he should therefore make the necessary claim to that Society. They returned the Medical Certificate.

No Order made, Freeman having applied to that Society in

accordance with the instructions contained in this letter.

Letter from the Local Government Board No 12793:1914, dated 13th March 1914, pointing out that the procedure indicated in Article 58 and Form 34 of the Public Bodies Order 1904 would be the proper course to pursue in paying the accounts of the School Meals Committee as it would be undesirable that the Committee should have a seperate Bank Account. The Board also stated that by selecting a limited number of Traders for the supply of goods a multiplicity of small accounts would be avoided with consequent inconvenience.
No Order Made, as the School Meals Committee were dealing with the matter.

A circular letter, dated 21st Inst. was also received from the Board drawing the attention of local Authorities to the importance at the present time, of utilising wherever practicable waste food, particularly fat and bones, and also that the greatest economy should be practised in the use of paper, and that all waste paper should be utilized
No Order Made.

Letter from the Board, dated 15th Inst. enclosing a Paying Order for £45-6-3 being second Instalment of Probate Duty for Year ending 31st Inst.
No Order Made, it having been already lodged to the credit of the Council.

Letter from the Department of Agriculture, dated 13th Inst. enclosing copies of the Maintenance of Live Stock (Ireland) Order of 1915, and asking the co-operation of the Council, as far as possible, in carrying it out.
No Order Made.

Letter from Thos Lee, New Ross, dated 20th Inst. agreeing to continue to act as Security for Thomas Connick. Approved.

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Letter from Mr Hamilton, Secretary to Trinity Hospital, dated 18th March, acknowledging receipt of the Council's resolution nominating Catherine Ryan for admission to the Institution and inquiring what age she was, also if her residence, Newtown Commons, was within the Urban area.

The Clerk stated that he had learned she was Seventy-one years of age last Month. It was therefore agreed to recommend the next in order on the list of applicants, Eliza Scott, Pewley A. who was Sixty-six last July, and on the proposal of Mr Dunne, seconded by Mr Hand, she was unanimously recommended

Letter from the Cinematograph Trade Council, dated 14th Inst. in reference to the one issued by the National Women Workers dealing with the appointment of the Censor.
No Order Made.

Letter from the New Ross Gas Co, dated 27th Inst. stating that the cost of lighting the Tholsel Lamp, as at present, from 1st April to 1st September next would be 35/-. The Secretary also suggested that all the lamps should be kept lighting until the 8th April, (when the new Summer Act will come into operation) the cost of which will be £2.10.0 for the eight days
Proposed by Mr Dunne and
Seconded by Mr O'Gorman

"That the proposal of the Gas"
"Co to light the Tholsel lamp from the 1st April to"
"the 1st Septr next for 35/-, and to continue the lighting"
"of the existing lamps until the 8th April, for £2.10.0"
"be accepted."

Passed Unanimously.

The Secretary of the Gas Co also applied under date 26th Inst for permission to erect pillars, brackets, etc. in

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the streets in comection with the carrying out of an Electric Lighting Scheme which has been under consideration for some time past by the Company.

Proposed by Mr Hand and
Seconded by Mr Dunne "That the facilities asked for"
"by the Newbliss Gas Co be granted."

Passed Unanimously.

The rent Collector reported that Matthew Kiely, one of the Councils tenants, owed 7/6, and Ellen Merrigan 5/3, both these tenants were out of possession, and their sureties were dead. The Clerk stated that in the case of Patrick Kehoe, a weeks rent was charged to him in error, amount 2/6, and also a sum of 2/6 to Mr Bolger for use of Shed.

On the proposal of Mr Hand, seconded by Mr Dunne, it was unanimously decided to Cancel these amounts.

The Collector also reported that the following tenants owed over four weeks rent, and it was ordered that they be written to Viz:- Peter James Carrol 24/6, John Hughston 28/9, Mr Boyle 30/-, Richard Hynes 24/5, and John Hand 20/9.

The application of Patrick Kehoe, Fair Gate, for a reduction of the rent of his house, on the ground that it was originally increased to compensate the Council for improvements, since paid for by the increased rent, was again considered. The original recommendation of the Finance Committee recommending the letting of the house to him at 6/- per week was submitted, as was also the original Bond signed by him in which the rent was set out at 6/-. There was nothing on the Minutes to show that the Council intended reducing the rent when the repairs would be paid.

After a short discussion it was decided not to accede to the application.

A letter was received from Mr Gough V.S. stating that he is

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prepared to till one of the plots if it is available. And it was referred to the Land Cultivation Committee. It was also decided that a Meeting of the Committee be held on Thursday to make allotments if Necessary.

The Council proceeded to elect a tenant for the vacant house at Dunneenlane.

Proposed by Mr Dunne and Seconded by Mr Brewer "That Patrick Walsh be elected tenant"

Proposed by Mr Hand and Seconded by Mr O'Gorman "That Richard Brazil be elected tenant".

A Poll was taken when there voted

For Walshe :- Messrs Wm. Murphy, Dooley, Dunne, Brewer & Sullivan 5

For Brazil :- Messrs Hearn, Hand, O'Gorman & Peter Murphy 4

Walsh was declared elected tenant.

Mr Hand stated that Mr Higgins was not tilling the plot of ground at Wm St. and it was Ordered that he be directed to have it tilled.

The Street Inspector reported that some householders were causing an obstruction by placing boxes, etc, on the streets but there was no Order Made respecting.

There was no Tender received for the supply of brushes, and it was Ordered that half-a-dozen be purchased in one of the shops.

The Meeting adjourned to 10th April 1917.

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Thursday 29th March 1917.

A meeting of the Land Cultivation Committee was to be held this day at 12 O'Clock, Noon to transact business.

Mr Hand was the only Member who attended.

A Quorum not having assembled,

The Meeting was adjourned to 30th March 1917

Friday. 30th March. 1917.

A meeting of the Land Cultivation Committee was held this day at 12 O'Clock Noon, to transact business of the Committee

Present Messrs John O'Sullivan J.P. Presiding
and
John Hand.

Applications received, as follows for plots in fields at Newtown, and allotments made Viz:-

Matthew Corney and Brigid Corney, Charles St. one-eighth, Dr O'Regan, Priory St. A. R. French, and James Hutchinson, North St. One-fourth each: John McGee, R.I.C, Michael Sloan R.I.C, Joseph Huck V.I. and John O'Sullivan J.P. One-eighth each.

It was ordered that persons to whom plots have been alloted be informed that they must cultivate them at once.

The Committee Adjourned.

Monday. 2nd April. 1917

A Monthly Meeting of the Council was to be held to-day at 12 O'Clock Noon.

No Member attended.

The Meeting was adjourned to Tuesday 10th April 1917.

John Sullivan

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Tuesday April 3rd 1917

A special meeting of the Council was held this day at 7.30 O'Clock to consider an application from Mr Matthew Cooney to rent him the plot of ground at Barrack Lane, for cultivation, and other purposes, at a nominal yearly rent, allot remainder of plots in field at Newtown, and transact other business if any.

Present Messrs John Sullivan J.P. Presiding.
Peter Murphy
Patrick J Dunne
John Hand
Peter D O'Gorman
and
William Murphy.

A letter was received from Mr Cooney, dated 28th inst stating, in reply to the Council's Inquiry, that he required the Plot for cultivation, also for a shed in which to keep a donkey and Cart, and for sowing vegetables.

The deed of conveyance was submitted from which it appeared that the plot was originally acquired by the Town Commissioners for the Housing of the Working Classes Acts purposes.

After a short discussion it was ordered that the matter be referred to the Council's Solicitors for advice as to the power of the Council to let the plot for the purposes for which Mr Cooney requires it.

It was also decided to adjourn the allotment of the remaining plots in the field at Newtown, to the Next Ordinary Meeting of the Council

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The Circular received from Count Plunkett, since last Meeting, dealing with matters relating to the Government of Ireland, and asking that delegates be appointed to an Assembly to be held in the Mansion House, Dublin, on the 19th April to consider the question, was submitted and it was proposed by Mr Dunne that the Circular be marked "read", but the proposition was not seconded. The following was, however,

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Proposed by Mr O'Gorman and
Seconded by Mr Hand.

"That the document be put in the fire"

This resolution was passed unanimously, and the Chairman consigned the Circular to the fire.

Mr Hand drew attention to the great scarcity of potatoes in town at present owing to supplies not being brought in from the Country, and suggested that the Council should purchase some and retail them at cost price. After some discussion it was:-

Proposed by Mr Hand and
Seconded by Mr Dunne

"That the Council purchase five"
"tons of potatoes at the Food Controller's price, and"
"retail them, at the same price, in small quantities to"
"the people of the town.

Passed Unanimously.

The Meeting Adjourned.

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Tuesday, 10th April 1917.

A Quarterly meeting of the Council was held this day at 7 O'Clock P.M. to tranback business pursuant to The Local Government (Ireland) Act 1898, and other Acts incorporated therewith.

Present Messrs George J Dooley Presiding
and subsequently
John O'Sullivan Jr. Chairman.
Peter Murphy
John Murphy
John Hand
Peter J. O'Gorman
and
Michael Sheehan

The following Quarterly report of the Town Surveyor was read:-
Mr. Chairman, and Gentlemen,

I beg to report that your Streets and public works have been fairly well maintained during the past Quarter but the heavy snowfall during the latter part of January and early part of February made it impossible to spread metalling on hands and consequently this work was considerably delayed. Furthermore owing to the arrears of Sanitary work, and the urgent need of having same attended to, your staff had to be diverted from the work of Street Maintenence for this purpose. I expect however to have all your streets put into a tolerable state of repair for the Summer Months.

For obvious reasons I do not propose to recommend any new works for the ensuing quarter.

James J Shortall.

The Clerk stated that he had written Mr Whitty, Camblin asking him to tender for the breaking of the two hundred tons of stones at Glensincaw Quarry, and also for the breaking of the one hundred tons which he has contracted to supply from Glenshogue Quarry, but he had not received a reply from Mr Whitty.

The Surveyor reported that he had been speaking to Mr Whitty about the breaking of these stones and he promised him he would

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Tender if the carrying out of the work could be deferred until later on in the Year.

The Surveyor was of opinion that if the Contract was divided it might be possible to get Tenders for, say, the Quarrying, piling, and labour to attend Machine breaker, also, the breaking by Machinery, as well as, the delivery of them in the Council's depots.

After a Short discussion it was:-

Proposed by Mr Peter Murphy and
Seconded by Mr Hand

That advertisements be issued inviting Tenders for carrying out the work as suggested by the Town Surveyor. Same to be considered at an adjourned Quarterly meeting of the Council to be held on the 24th Inst.

Passed Unanimously.

The Clerk stated that it was decided at the last Quarterly meeting to procure 400 Tons of Stones from Glensinsaw Quarry for the ensuing Year, but the Finance Committee, when considering the Estimate for the Year agreed that this amount should be reduced by 100 Tons, and only provided for 300 Tons. It was now:-

Proposed by the Chairman and
Seconded by Mr Hand

That only 300 Tons of Stones be procured from Glensinsaw Quarry for the ensuing financial Year

Passed Unanimously.

Ordered

That the Quarterly Meetings of the Council for the financial Year ending 31st March 1918 be held on the second Tuesdays of July, and October 1917, January, and April 1918, at 7 O'clock P.M.

On the proposal of Mr Hand, Seconded by Mr Sheehan, the report of the Town Surveyor was unanimously adopted, after which,

The Meeting adjourned to Tuesday 24th April 1917.

Jer P Sawley

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Tuesday 10th April 1917.

A meeting of the Drogheda Urban District Council was held this day at 7.30 O'Clock P.M. to transact business pursuant to the Towns Improvement (Ireland) Act 1854, consider an application from Mr Cooney to rent him a plot of ground at Barrack Lane.

Present Messrs John O'Sullivan J.P. Chairman, presiding.
Peter R. O'Gorman
George J Dooley
John Hand
Peter Murphy
John Murphy
and
Michael Sheehan.

The Minutes of previous meeting were signed.

The Treasurer's Authority for making payments was signed by the Chairman, and Messrs P R O'Gorman, and John Murphy, and the following Paying Orders directed to be issued Viz:-
No 1 W Harvey & Co £4-6-8; Hibernian Fire Insurance Co £1-13-11; John J Browne £26-7-6. 4. John J Browne £36-16-6; Same £1-10-4; D & L Ry Railway Co £8-9-5; St Stephen's Cemetery Committee £3-15-0; J J Browne £4-8-0, Commissioners of Public Works £28-10-10; Same; £432-5-9; £136-19-11; £33-7-4. James Fleming £1-3-2 Mrs M. A. Cooney £1-6-11 James Byrne £1-1-11; Mrs M Costello 14/1 James J Shortall £7-9-0; W J Finn £19-17-5; Technical Instruction Cte £10-19-0, Mrs M. A. Corcoran 4/-; W J Finn £6-5-0; Same £11-5-0; John Stevenson £5-13-0; Richard Malone £4-6-8.

Letter from the Local Government Board No 60/M/1917, dated 3/1st ultimo respecting the disposal of waste paper, and pointing out that in the opinion of the Board the following books, and records should not be disposed of, but should be carefully preserved Viz:-
Minute Books, Register of Mortgages, Register of Labourers Cottages, Registers & Ledgers for ten years, Financial Statement Books of Receipts and Expenditure for ten years, Rate Books, and

general Estimates of rates covering the last six years, also all deeds, assignments, or similar documents of a similar legal nature.
No Order Made.

Letter from Messrs Cofler & Son Solicitors, dated 5th inst, stating, in reply to the query of the Council as to whether they could let the plot of land at Barrack Lane to Mr Cooney, that the land in question was acquired by the Town Commissioners for the purposes of the Housing of the Working Classes Acts, and it could not be safely let to Mr Cooney without the Consent of the Local Government Board. This Consent would probably be given if it were represented to the Board that the letting would be in aid of food production and would be only for this Season's tillage.

Ordered That the Local Government Board be asked to Consent to the proposed letting of the plot to Mr Cooney.

A letter, dated the 9th Inst. was received from Mrs Hogan Complaining of the Condition of the fencing of the Manure depot at Town Wall, Owing to it not being kept in Order, and the gates not being kept Closed during the night even, the land adjoining is little or no use to her tenant.

Ordered That the Surveyor have the railing repaired where necessary.

Letter from the New Ross Gas Co. dated 10th April 1914 thanking the Council for having given permission to the Co to erect Pillars, etc in connection with their proposed Electric Lighting Scheme, and stating that the matter is now receiving expert Consideration.
No Order Made

Letter from Mr Hamilton, dated 4th Inst. informing the Council that their Nominee, Mrs Scott, had been elected to the vacancy in the hospital.
Proposed by Mr Peter Murphy and
Seconded by Mr Hogan

That this Council assent to the election of Mrs Scott to fill the vacancy in the hospital
Passed Unanimously

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Letters were received from the President of the British Board of Film Censors specifying the rules which will be observed by the Board in censoring films, and stating that he shall be glad to receive notice of any Complaint of a Film when the case will be thoroughly investigated.

No Order made.

An application, dated 10th Inst, was received from Messrs Graves Bros for permission to take a one inch service water pipe from the main running through Priory Lane, as a precaution against fire.

Ordered

That this application of Messrs Graves be granted, the Tap to be enclosed in a glass case, so that the water will not be allowed to go to waste, or be used, except in case of fire.

The Chairman gave verbal notice that he would move at next meeting of the Council that the resolution granting a weekly half-holiday to the workmen be rescinded, and that if any of them wish to take a half holiday their wages be deducted for that time.

A letter, dated 10th Inst, was received from James Talor Robertson, stating that sometime ago the Council kindly gave him permission to erect a wall on ground A to B. as shown in photograph (this appears to be from boundary wall of new house to wall of out house, and to enclose two thatched dwelling houses). May he in addition, erect a wall on piece of ground "B" to "C," about three or four feet out from wall of old house marked X. He would like to build as near to the water table as the Council can conveniently allow.

Ordered

That the consideration of this application be adjourned to next meeting, and that in the meantime a meeting of the Street be held, for the purpose of inspecting the site and reporting to the Council.

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When the Minutes were read, Mr Dooley drew attention to the resolution passed at the special meeting of the Council dealing with the Manifesto issued by Count Plunkett and contended that Notice should have been given to the Members of its intended Consideration.

He also took strong exception to the treatment it received, and held that it should have been drafted "read" simply.

The Chairman stated that the circular was dealt with at the special meeting, but, as Mr Dooley was not present, he now gave him an opportunity of expressing his opinion upon it, but the matter was closed unless any Member wished to serve a Notice of Motion to have it discussed again.

There was no action taken respecting it.

The Street Inspector reported that some Traders were causing an obstruction of the streets by placing boxes, etc on them.

No Order Made

The Meeting Adjourned to Tuesday 24th April 1917

Thos Bullen

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Thursday 19th april 1917.

A meetnig of the Street Committee was held this evening at 4 oclock to inspect the site at Roberton upon which Mr Lalor applied for permission to build a wall.

Present Mefrs John O'Sullivan Jr.
John Hands

The Committee accompanied by the Surveyor proceeded to inspect the site and having done so prepared a report in which they recommended the Council not to grant the application to Mr Lalor.

The Committee Adjourned

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Friday 20th April 1917

A meeting of the Finance Committee was held this evening at 7.30 o'clock to consider Collectors Abstract of uncollected Poor Rate & Town Rate for half year ended 31st March last.

Present Mesrs John O'Sullivan Jr.
John Murphy

The Rate Collector was also in attendance and submitted his abstract.

A letter dated 20th Inst received from Mesrs Colfer & Son in reference to the rates of the Tuberculosis Dispensary was considered by the Committee. As the Solicitors expressed the opinion that the contention of the County Council, that they could not pay any of the rates except those within the current financial half year in breis of section 54 Sub-section 4 of the Local Government Act of 898 was valid. In breis of this the Committee decided to recommend that the Town Rate and Poor Rate for half years ending 30th Septr 1915 and 31st march 1916 amounting to £4.1.5 be cancelled. As the last day for taking proceedings for recovery of the rates for half year ending Septr 1916 was the 24th Inst, the Committee directed that the Council's Solicitors be instructed to take proceedings at once.

Having examined the Abstract the Committee recommended that Sums of Uncollected Poor Rate amounting to £34.3.9 be cancelled and Sums amounting to £1.15.10 be carried forward to next collection, also that Sums of uncollected Town Rate for same period amounting to £53.13.6 be cancelled and £2.5.8 be carried forward to next collection, after which

The Meeting adjourned

John Sullivan

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Tuesday 24th April, 1917.

An adjourned Quarterly meeting of the Council was held this evening at 7 o'clock to transact business pursuant to The Local Government (Ireland) Act 1898, consider tenders for breaking of stones by machinery.

Present Messrs John O'Sullivan J.P. Presiding
John Murphy
John Hand
Peter N. O'Gorman.

As the Chairman had to leave soon it was agreed not to transact any Quarterly business, but to adjourn the meeting to Monday evening 30th Inst. Accordingly it was Ordered

That this meeting be adjourned to Monday 30th April, 917.

The Meeting adjourned to Monday 30th April 1917.

John Sullivan.

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Tuesday 24th April, 1917.

A meeting of the Council was held this evening at 7.30 oclock to transact business pursuant to The Towns Improvement (Ireland) Act 1854, make a Poor Rate, Town Rate and Domestic Water Rate for financial year ending 31st March 1918 and consider following Notice of motion by The Chairman of the Council viz:- "That the resolution granting a half holiday to the workmen be rescinded, and if any of them wish to take a half holiday their wages be deducted for that time." also to consider matters in connection with the letting of the plots in field at Newtown.

Present Mesrs John O'Sullivan J.P. Presiding
John Murphy
John Hand
Peter N. O'Gorman.

The Minutes of previous meetings were Signed.

The Treasurers Authority for making payments was Signed by The Chairman & Mesrs. Hand and O'Gorman And the following Paying Order was directed to be issued viz:- No 25 Mcff & Invt £19.7.4 Petty Cash.

Letter from the L.G. Board, dated 20th No 19442:1917 relative to the application of Mr Cooney to rent the plot of ground at Barrack Lane, and asking to be informed when the plot was acquired the area thereof, why it has not been used for the purpose for which it was acquired, and whether it is suitable for Cultivation. The Board also drew attention to section 60 of the Housing of the Working Classes Act 1890.

Ordered

That the Clerk reply to the Queries received from the Board and state in reply to Query 3 that a difference of opinion existed as to the suitability of the locality in which the site is situate for working class houses, hence the building of them was not undertaken, and also that the plot is not suitable for cultivation.

For the reason stated on the minutes of the Quarterly meeting there was

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no further business transacted and it was Ordered

That this meeting

be adjourned to monday 30th Inst.

The Meeting Adjourned to Monday 30th april 1917.

John J. Sullivan

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Monday 30th April 1917.

An adjourned Quarterly meeting of the Council was held this evening at 7 o'clock to transact business pursuant to The Local Government (Ireland) Act 1898, consider tenders for breaking of stones by machinery &c.

Present Messrs John O'Sullivan J^p. Presiding
John Murphy
John Hand
Patrick J. Dunne
Wm Murphy
George Dooley

The minutes of previous meeting were read and Signed.

When the Chairman had taken the Chair Mr Dunne referred to the recent death of Father Rossiter's mother and proposed the following resolution, which was seconded by Mr Hand, and passed in Silence:-

That we tender to Rev Michael Rossiter C.S.S.R. our Sincere Sympathy and condolence in his bereavement caused by the death of his dear mother and beg to assure him of our deep regret at the loss he has sustained.

A tender, dated 24th ~~inst~~ was received from John Whitty Camblin, to break by machinery one hundred yards of stones at Finchogue Quarry @ 2/6 per yard, and, one dated 30th inst was received from James Doran Marshland to break stones at Glendinan's Quarry at 2/- per ton by Supply Engine and Stonebreaker.
Proposed by The Chairman and
Seconded by Mr Dooley

That both these tenders be accepted.

Passed Unanimously

A tender dated 24th inst was received from Richard Malone

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Woodsgrove to supply and quarry 100 tons of stones in Glendruisan Quarry, pile same for breaker and provide all necessary labour to attend machine breaker at 3/5 per ton.

To deliver the same quantity namely 100 tons at the Council's depots at Rosbercon at 2/5 per ton or at Hump Lt Yard for 4/3 per ton, and I name as my Sureties James Power of Thinneranny and John Shanahan Ballybeg.

Proposed by The Chairman and
Seconded by Mr Dooley

That the tender of Richard Malone Woodsgrove to Supply and Quarry 100 tons of stones in Glendruisan Quarry, pile same for breaker, and provide all necessary labour to attend machine breaker at 3/5 per ton be accepted.

Passed Unanimously

Ordered

That the Surveyor ascertain from Mr Doran when he will be ready to break the stones in the Quarry and that the time of delivery be secured in Malone's Bond so that they may be ready for breaking when Mr Doran is in a position to carry out same.

June 23rd 1917 stones to Rathmoon

The Meeting Adjourned to Tuesday 10th July 1917.

Chairman

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Tuesday 30th April 1917.

An Adjourned meeting of the council was held this evening at 7.30 oclock to transact business pursuant to The Towns Improvement (Ireland) Act 1854, make a Poor Rate, Town Rate and Domestic Water Rate for financial year ending 31st March 1918, rule on Collector's Abstract of Uncollectable Rates for half year ended 31st March 1917, and consider following Notice of Motion by the Chairman of the Council viz:-

That the resolution granting a half holiday to the workmen be rescinded, and if any of them wish to take a half holiday their wages be deducted for that time." also to consider matters in connection with the letting of the plots in field at Newtown.

Present Messrs John Sullivan J.P. Presiding
John Hand
John Murphy
Patrick J. Dunne
William Murphy
George Dooley.

The minutes of last meeting were read and Signed.

The consideration of the making of rates for the ensuing financial year was next taken up when the following resolutions were passed viz:-

Proposed by Mr John Murphy
Seconded by Mr Hand and Resolved

That we raise the sum of One Thousand eight hundred and twenty-nine pounds and Seventeen Shillings as and for Poor Rate and for the purpose aforesaid, make a rate of Four Shillings and two Pence in the pound for the financial year ending 31st March 1918 on the property situate within the Urban District of Newross pursuant to The Local Government (Ireland)

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Act 1898, and other Acts incorporated therewith, and that same be collected in two moieties the first on or before the 30th day of September 1917 and the second on or before the 31st day of March 1918..

That public notice be given of said rates having been made by printed placards duly posted.

Passed Unanimously.

Proposed by Mr John Murphy
Seconded by Mr John Hand and Resolved

That the Presiding Chairman of the Council sign the Poor Rate Books, and the resolution making the Poor Rate indorsed thereon, and the Collector's Warrants, and affix the Common Seal of the Council to said Poor Rate Books and Documents.

Passed Unanimously.

Proposed by Mr John Murphy
Seconded by Mr John Hand And Resolved

That we raise the sum of One thousand nine hundred and one pounds, Seventeen Shillings and nine pence half-penny, as and for Town Rate, and for that purpose we make a Town Rate of Four Shillings and Seven pence in the pound for the financial year commencing on the 1st day of April 1917 and ending on the 31st day of March 1918, on the property situate in the Urban District of Newbridge, rateable under the under-mentioned Acts for the purposes therein mentioned of which Town Rate of four shillings and seven pence in the pound, the sum of one Shilling is for general purposes under the provisions of the Towns Improvement (Ireland) Act 1854 and the sum of one Shilling and four pence is for Special purposes under The Local Government (Ireland) Act 1898, and the sum of two Shillings and three pence in the pound is for Sanitary purposes under the pro-

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-visions of The Public Health (Ireland) Acts, which sanitary rate includes one plenny in the pound under The Technical Instruction Act 1889, one plenny in the pound under the provis-ions of The Agriculture and Technical Instruction Act 1899, for the purpose of Technical Instruction, and one plenny in the £ under The Education (Provision of Meals) (Ireland) Acts 1914 + 1916, and we hereby make a Domestic Water Rate under the pro-visions of The Public Health (Ireland) Acts, of one Shilling and three pence in the pound on the valuation of premises supplied with water for the financial year commencing on the 1st day of April 1917 and ending on the 31st day of March 1918. And we hereby fix that said rates shall be payable on the 1st day of June 1917, and shall be collected in two moieties the first on or before the 30th day of September 1917 and the second on or before the 31st day of March 1918.

Passed Unanimously.

Proposed by Mr John Murphy
Seconded by Mr John Hand and Resolved

That the Presiding Chairman and five other members of the Council sign the Books in which the Town Rate and Domestic Water Rate are made out, also the resol-utions making the Town Rate and Domestic Water Rate and the adoption of the Town Rate indorsed on said Books and indorsements and the Collectors warrant affixed to said Rate Books, be signed by the Presiding Chairman and five other members of the Council present and countersigned by the Clerk, and sealed with the Common Seal of the Council.

Passed Unanimously.

In pursuance of the foregoing resolutions the Rate Books were duly signed and sealed, after which Mr Wm Murphy retired from the meeting.

The Abstracts of Uncollectable Poor Rate and Town Rate for half year

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ending 31st March last, which had been already dealt with by the Finance Committee, were examined and the following resolution dealing with them passed viz:-

Proposed by Mr John Murphy
Seconded by Mr John Hand And Resolved

That Sums of uncollected Poor Rate amounting to £34.3.4 be cancelled for half year ending 31st ult and Sums amounting to £1.15.10 be carried forward to next collection and Sums of Uncollected Town Rate for same period amounting to £53.13.6 be cancelled and £2.5.8 be carried forward to next collection also that a Sum of £42.13.0 Town Rate assessed on the D+S Em Railway Co and still outstanding be carried forward to next collection.

Passed Unanimously.

The Clerk submitted for sealing the agreements between the Council and their tenants of the new houses at William St for letting of the plots into which the field had been divided and the Chairman inquired if all the plots were tilled. It was stated that the one allotted to Mr Higgins was not tilled by him and it was

Proposed by The Chairman and
Seconded by Mr Hand

That Mr Higgins be informed if the tilling of the plot of land allotted to him in the field at Wm Street is not taken up within one week proceedings will be taken at next meeting of the Council to obtain possession of the house occupied by him.

Passed

On the proposal of Mr Murphy seconded by Mr Hand the agreements for letting of the plots were duly sealed, except that of Mr Higgins which it was decided to defer but was inadvertantly sealed.

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The application of Mr Lalor Rosbercon for permission to erect a wall about three or four feet out from front of old wall of house was next considered when the following report of the street Committee was read:-

19th April 1917

Your Street Committee appointed to consider Mr James Lalor's application for permission to erect a wall on portion of the public roadway at Rosbercon met this day and inspected the site in question in company with the Town Surveyor.

We consider that the roadway at this point is already too narrow and as Mr Lalor appears to have adequate room for building purposes on his own premises we cannot recommend the Council to grant the permission asked for.

We recommend that a nominal rent be charged to and collected from Mr Lalor for the privilege already granted to him for erecting a low wall and railing in front of his new dwelling house.

J. Sullivan Chairman

Jas J Shortall Town Surveyor.

Proposed by Mr Devine And
Seconded by Mr Hand

That the report of the street Committee be adopted.

Passed Unanimously

Letter from the Department of Agriculture dated 19th April pointing out that there will be an increased demand for threshing facilities in the coming autumn, but although an adequate number of threshing mills may be procurable Engines suitable for hauling and working such mills may not be available to a sufficient extent, and the Department will accordingly be glad to learn if the Council will be prepared to lease, for threshing purposes any suitable Engines they may have in their possession.

No Order Made as the Council have no Engines.

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Letter from L. G. Board dated 26th inst, No 77/M./1917, stating that in some instances Paying Orders in respect of grants to Local Authorities out of the Local Taxation Account did not reach the Treasurer before the close of the financial year, and in order to secure uniformity these grants are to be treated as having been received within the financial year.

No Order Made.

Letter from L. G. Board No 17,891/1917, dated 20th April 1917 inclosing copy of letter addressed by Mr John C. Browne asking permission to bake bread And sell same per lb.

Proposed by The Chairman and
Seconded by Mr Murphy

That permission be given to Mr Browne to carry on the baking business.

Passed Unanimously

Ordered

That the L. G. Board be informed the Council have no objection to Mr Browne engaging in any trade so long as he collects the rates efficiently.

Mrs Blanch Wm Street one of the Council's tenants applied to have a pane of glass fixed in one of the windows of the house occupied by her, but the application was refused.

An application dated 20th inst was received from Patrick Kehoe Fair Gate, asking again to have his rent reduced as he believes if the matter was thoroughly understood the Council would not hesitate to grant his request. His is one of the two old houses at the Fair Gate which are the same size although the rents are very much different in consequence of repairs done to his many years ago when it was agreed that the rent would be reduced to its former sum when they were paid for.

After some discussion it was decided not to reduce the rent.

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Letter from the Town Clerk of Dublin, dated 5th Inst forwarding for adoption copy of a resolution passed by the Municipal Council of Dublin, asking for a General Amnesty of Irish Political Prisoners, and a revocation of the recent Order of deportation upon other Irishmen.

Ordered

That these resolutions be adopted by this Council.

At this stage Mr John Murphy left the meeting.

Letter from John Warren Wexford Street, dated 1st May asking the Council to let him the small plot of land in Wexford St at a nominal rent.

Adjourned to next meeting the Surveyor to call on Mr Hamilton in the meantime and ascertain if possible from any maps in his possession who the owner of the plot is.

Mr Whitty John St applied to have a pane of glass which was broken by Snowballers, replaced in the window of his house at John St, but the application was not intertained, as the Council have no power to replace the broken pane.

An application was received from Messrs Doyle Bros dated 30th Inst for permission to take in the pipe water to their yard at Roberton and it was referred to the water committee for report.

An application was received from Mr Hill for two plots in field at Henry St And they were both unanimously alloted to him.

It was also Ordered that a meeting of the committee be held on following day to deal with the cultivation of some plots the holders of which have not yet begun to till them.

The following letter was received from the Collector:-

New Ross 30th April 1917

Gentlemen,

I have paid the Sum of £13.8.0 to the Urban Council for

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Rates due by the Reprs of the late Dr N.J. Meehan of South St Newlds and have done my best to recover same but without result, and according to a letter from Mr P.A. Duggy Solicitor to my Solicitor Dr W.F. Hearn (which I enclose) I find it is an impossibility to recover same. Kindly let me know what steps I am to take in this matter as I cannot see for myself how I can recover this money so badly needed by me.

Yours Obediently
John J. Browne, Collector.

Ordered

That the consideration of it be adjourned to next meeting and that it be referred in the meantime to the Finance Committee for report.

The letter dated 25th inst received from Messrs Colgan & Son relative to the rates of the Tuberculosis Hospital, was submitted, but as it had been already dealt with by the Finance Committee it was not considered except to approve of the action taken by the Committee in reference to it.

The following resolution of which notice had been given was

Proposed by The Chairman and
Seconded by Mr Dooley

That the resolution granting a half-holiday to the workmen be rescinded, and if any of them wish to take a half holiday their wages be deducted for that time.

Passed Mr Dunne dissenting

The Street Inspector reported that a number of Traders caused an obstruction of the streets by placing boxes etc on them, also that the daily Scavenging was carried out satisfactorily. No Order Made.

The Meeting Adjourned to Tuesday 8th May, 1917.

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Monday 7th May 1917

A monthly meeting of the Council was to be held this day at twelve oclock noon to transact business pursuant to The Towns Improvement (Ireland) Act 1854.

No member of the Council attended

A Quorum not have assembled

There was No Meeting Held.

John Bullen

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Tuesday 8th May 1917

A meeting of the Newbas Urban Council was held this evening at 7.30 oclock to transact business pursuant to The Towns Improvement (Irelands) Act 1854.

Present Messrs John O'Sullivan J.P. Presiding
John Hand
John Murphy
Wm Murphy

The minutes of previous meeting were signed.

The Treasurers Authority for making payments was signed by the Chairman and Messrs Hand & J Murphy and the following Paying Orders were directed to be issued viz:- No 26 Parnell Quarries Ltd £8.16.8, No 27 Dublin & South Eastern Railway £8.13.3, No 28 Messrs Graves & Co £1.11.10, No 29 Waste Weir £1.5.0, No 30 Waste Weir £1.12.6, No 31 Waste Weir £18.14.7, No 32 John J. Browne £1.5.9, No 33 D^l O'Regan £8, No 34 Secretary School Committee £8.1.3, No 35 James Fleming £7.3.3, No 36 Mrs Lalor 9/- No 37 Mrs J. Byrne £1.18.9; No 38 James Shortall £7.9.0

A deputation attended from the National Teachers Association consisting of Mrs McCormick Vice President and Mr O'Reilly Hon Secretary for the purpose of asking the Council to urge on the Government the necessity of dealing equitably with the Irish National Teachers and Irish Education in view of the fact that a large grant has been made to Great Britain by the Government for primary education.

Mr O'Reilly and the Chairman having spoken in favour of the necessity and justice of the claims of the Irish Teachers and of Irish Education to participate in the grant the following resolution was

Proposed by The Chairman
Seconded by Mr Hand & supported by Mr J. Murphy

That as the average salaries of Irish National Teachers are at present 40 per cent less than those paid

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to elementary teachers in Great Britain, and as the latter are having their incomes now increased by 25 per cent; we strongly urge upon the Government the necessity of increasing the Equivalent Grant now due to Irish Primary Education by such a sum as will make full reparation for the inequitable treat-ment meted out to Irish Teachers and Irish Education since the Act of Union, when the British Government became respon-sible for Education in this country.

We also demand that the aforementioned sum be spent in improving the salaries of the teachers so that the present widespread discontent may be allayed, and that copies of this resolution be forwarded to the Prime Minister, the Chancellor of the Exchequer and the chief Secretary for Ireland.

Passed Unanimously.

Mr O'Reilly having thanked the Council for the support accorded the Association the deputation withdrew.

A circular letter, dated 30th ult was received from the Local Govern-ment Board notifying that the elections due to be held before the 30th November next, are further postponed for one year.

No Order Made.

Letter from Miss Hogan Mary St dated 1st inst drawing attention again to the bad condition of the fencing of the plot of ground at Town wall, used as a manure depot. It requires to be fenced with barbed wire to prevent trespassers who are making a common of the place.

Ordered

That the Street Committee inspect the place and re-port upon it.

An application dated 7th inst was received from Frank Meehan for payment for breaking stones at Rosbercon, and also to have rate allowed for breaking them increased.

No Order Made.

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Mr Doyle's application for a water supply to his yard at Rosbercon which was referred to the water committee, a meeting of which was not held, was submitted by the clerk. It was Ordered that a committee consisting of the chairman and Mr John Murphy, interview Mr Doyle for the purpose of ascertaining what he wants it for so that the rent may be fixed.

A Tender dated 3rd inst was received from Maurice Whelan Ryleen, offering 30/- for 80 heaps of manure in yard on Quay, and it was Ordered to be accepted.

A letter was received from Father Rossiter, ~~dated~~ acknowledging the vote of sympathy with him on the death of his mother, passed by the Council at their last meeting.

No Order Made.

An application dated 8th inst was received from Messrs McKeown & Son South St New Ross to have their premises at South St registered for the sale of mixed explosives.

Proposed by Mr Hands and

Seconded by Mr J Murphy

That the Hardware premises of Messrs McKeown & Son South St be registered by the Council for the sale of mixed Explosives.

Passed Unanimously.

The following report of the Land Cultivation Committee was read:-

1st May 1917

Your Committee visited the plots in Newtown to-day with the Surveyor and found all the plots, with one exception (that which was let to Mr McConnor) in process of cultivation. We recommend that this plot be taken over and immediately re-let.

A difference was noticed in the area of plot cultivated by Mr Hutchinson. He has cultivated 1½ plots. The Committee recommend the Council to have a

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clear understanding with Mr Hutchinson, that he should pay the additional proportionate rent for the half-plot in excess of his rightful take. If not he should surrender the portion he has annexed.

One half-plot (on the North side of No1 plot) is still untaken but will be immediately taken if set at proportionate rent. To make this complement good Mr Hutchinson must surrender or pay for the excess ground he has already taken. The committee also recommend that all rents be collected forthwith. The re-letting of remaining plots referred to is urgent and immediate steps must be taken to enable new tenants to cultivate same at once.

John Sullivan John Hand
Jas Shortall Jas Surveyor.

Proposed by Mr Hand and
Seconded by Mr Wm Murphy

That possession of the plot of ground in the field at Newtown let to Mr M[illegible] O'Connor be taken over and re-let to the Chairman as he is willing to cultivate it.

Passed Unanimously.

A letter was received from Mr J. C. Hutchinson North St in reference to the additional rent of 9/- for the half plot referred to in the report. In it he stated that the Chairman and Surveyor asked him to accept his plot as one plot.

Ordered

That the consideration of the letter be adjourned to next meeting.

The Meeting adjourned to Tuesday 22nd May 1917.

John Sullivan.

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Wednesday 9th May. 1917.

A meeting of the Street Committee was to be held this day at 12 O'clock noon, to inspect watering cart, and arrange for watering of streets, also inspect fencing of manure depot at Town Wall and wall of Mrs Mayes's premises where fluid sometimes flows.

Mr Hand was the only member who attended

The Surveyor was also present

A quorum not having assembled

There was No meeting Held.

Monday 21st May. 1917.

A meeting of the Street Committee was to be held this evening at 5 O'clock to inspect watering cart, fencing of manure depot at Town Wall and wall of Mrs Mayes's premises where fluid sometimes flows.

Mr Hand was the only member who attended

The Surveyor was also present

A Quorum not having assembled

There was No Meeting Held.

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Tuesday 22nd May 1917.

A meeting of the New Ross Urban Council was to be held this evening at 7.30 o'clock to transact business pursuant to The Towns Improvement (Ireland) Act 1854.

Mr John Sullivan J.P. was the only member who attended.

No Quorum not having assembled

The Meeting adjourned to Thursday 24th May 1917.

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Thursday 24th May 1917

An adjourned meeting of the New Ross Urban Council was held this evening at 7.30 o'clock to transact business pursuant to The Towns Improvement (Ireland) Act 1854.

Present Messrs John O'Sullivan J.P. Presiding
Patrick J. Dunne
Peter A. O'Gorman
George Dooley.

The Treasurers Authority for making payments was signed by the Chairman & Messrs O'Gorman & Dooley and the following paying Order was directed to be issued viz:- P39 Wks: ending £18.3.7. Petty Cash.

Immediately after the Chairman had taken the Chair he proposed the following resolution of sympathy with Mr Peter Murphy, which was seconded by Mr O'Gorman viz:-

That we tender to Mr Peter Murphy, a respected and valued member of this Council, and his immediate relatives and friends, our Sincere Sympathy and condolence in his bereavement caused by the death of his brother, and that as a mark of respect to him this meeting be adjourned without transacting any business, except Such as is of an urgent nature. Mr Dunne having expressed his Sympathy with Mr Murphy, the resolution was passed in Silence.

The following letter was read from Mr. Freeman:-

Mary Street
24th May, 1917.

Gentlemen,

With your permission I intend to resume work on monday morning.

I. Freeman.

A long discussion took place on this letter during which the Surveyor pointed out that the man employed temporarily by him, Michael Flynn,

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was giving every Satisfaction and that he could not say the same of Freeman previous to his illness. The Chairman was of opinion that Freeman was still in the Councils employment, and that he should be taken on, and it was agreed that he be permitted to resume work on Monday morning next.

Arising out of this discussion the following resolution was Proposed by the Chairman And Seconded by Mr O'Gorman

That the Surveyor be given full control of the men with power to discharge and employ them.

Passed Unanimously.

A tender of 40/- was received from Mr Kearney Mandhut for one heap of manure at Town Wall, and it was Ordered to be accepted as was also one from Mr Edward Rowe, Begerin at 36/-. Mr Kearney to get the larger of the two, if there is any difference in the two.

Mr Neville Dunmore offered 35/- for one but as there were only two ready for sale for which higher tenders were received it was not accepted.

Mr John Roche Talbot Hall offered 30/- each for two heaps of manure in yard on Quay and on the proposal of Mr O'Gorman seconded by Mr Dooley his tender was accepted.

Mr Andrew Ronan Pondfields applied to have the Town water taken into his field at Pondfields, and it was Ordered that he be granted a supply at the same Annual rent as Mr Martin Whelan. Viz 20/-.

Mr Doyle's ~~tender~~ rent for a supply to his yard at Robertson was fixed at 2/6 per Annum, after which

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The Meeting Adjourned to Tuesday 5th June, 1917.

A O'Gorman

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Monday 28th May 1917.

A Special meeting of the Newbas Urban District Council was held this evening at 5 o'clock to appoint "hazards" or "Stands" in the Urban District for Hackney Carriages, and motor Cars plying for hire.

Present Messrs John O'Sullivan J.P. Chairman Presiding
Patrick J. Dunne
Dr Walsh
John Hand
Michael Sheehan

The Chairman Submitted a copy of the order in Council which pro-hibited the hiring of Motor cars subject to certain exceptions.

It was also stated in it that "Nothing in this regulation shall apply to any motor cab or motor omnibus standing or plying for hire in any street or public place or in any Railway Station; but any question as to whether or not a car is exempt under this provision shall be referred to the Board of Trade, whose decision shall be conclusive."

Accordingly the following resolution was
Proposed by The Chairman and
Seconded by Dr Walsh

That the following places be appointed for motor Hackney Cars to stand for hire:-
Quay St - from monument corner at North side.
South St - from Cross Lane corner at East Side
Quay - from Priory Lane corner at East Side
Roberton - from Railway crossing at North Side.

Passed Unanimously.

Ordered

That a copy of this resolution and regulation which excepts motor cabs & omnibuses on stands, be Sent to all persons who have motor cars for hire in the Urban District & also to the District Inspector, after which

The Members Separated

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Monday 4th June 1917.

A meeting of the Newross Urban District Council was to be held this day at 12 o'clock noon to transact business pursuant to The Towns Improvement (Ireland) Act 1854.

No member of the council attended.

A Quorum not having assembled

P J O'Gorman

There was no meeting held.

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Tuesday 5th. June 1917.

A meeting of the Newbridge Urban District Council was held this day at 7.30 o'clock to transact business pursuant to The Towns Improvement (Ireland) Act 1854 and approve of new Bye Laws.

Present Peter N. O'Gorman Presiding
John Murphy
John Hand
Michael Sheehan.

The Minutes of previous meeting were read and Signed.

The Treasurers Authority for making payments was signed by the Chairman and Messrs Sheehan & Murphy and the following Paying Orders were directed to be issued viz:- No 40 Messrs £18-2-9, do 41 John J. Browne £33-2-6, No 42 John J. Browne £51-11-11.

A Dividend warrant on £163-7-0, 4½% war stock was received, net amount being £2-15-1 and it was Ordered to be lodged to the credit of the Council.

Letter from Messrs Colfer & Son dated 2nd ~~January~~ June 1917 stating that they wrote Richard Malone calling on him to execute the Bond for the supply of stones for breaking machine and they now understand from him that owing to Scarcity of labour he does not wish to execute the Bond.

A letter dated 5th inst was received from Malone stating that when he tendered to supply the stones he did not think they would be required until October, he can supply the stones but cannot get the men to attend the breaker until August, he has arranged with fishermen to that effect, and if the Council extended the time to 15th Augt he will Sign Bond.

A short discussion took place upon the matter but as the Council were not satisfied they had power to transact this business other than at a Quarterly meeting it was agreed to defer its consideration to the next Quarterly meeting of the Council to be held on the 10th July 1917.

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The following letter relative to the approval of the Bye Laws already informally approved of by the Council was read :-

30th May. 1917.

Re Market Bye-Laws

Dear Sirs

Referring to our interview with you sometime ago when you instructed us that the Council did not desire to proceed with the establishment of the New Pig market but were desirous to have the Bye Laws relating to the existing markets duly confirmed, we now beg to send you a typed copy of the draft Bye-Laws referred to, so that they may be submitted to the Council for formal approval. If they are approved of the seal of the Council should be affixed and we should be instructed to take the necessary steps to have the Bye Laws confirmed by the Local Government Board and brought into operation. The consideration of the Bye Laws can be dealt with at an ordinary meeting of the Council, but as we understand that it is your practice to send to each member of the Council a notice of meetings, it would be well to specify that the approval of the Bye-Laws is one of the matters to be con-sidered at the meeting.

Yours truly
Bolger & Son.

The Bye-Laws of which the following is a copy were sub-mitted viz :-

Bye-Laws made by the Newlos Urban District Council with respect to markets held in the Newlos — Urban — District

1. Interpretation Of Terms. Throughout these Bye-Laws the expression "the Council" means the Newlos Urban District Council.
2. Fish Market. The market for the sale of fresh fish may be held on each day of the week and shall be held in the building on the Quay known as "The Fish House" or immediately in front thereof but not so as to obstruct the entrance thereto. Fish (other

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than salmon) brought by boats and retailed therefrom to the public may be sold at the Quay side. Barreled herrings and other salt fish shall be sold on that part of the Quay situate between Quay Street and Charles St. Nothing herein contained shall be deemed to prevent the sale of Fish in private houses or shops.

3. New Potato & Vegetable Market. The market for the Sale of Potatoes and Vegetables may be held on each day of the week on the Quay between the Fish House and Charles St, but not nearer than 30ft feet to the edge of the footpath.

4. Roll Butter & Egg Market. The market for the Sale of Roll Butter and Eggs shall be held on Saturday in each week in the same place as the Fish Market.

5. Firkin & Box Butter Market. The market for Firkin and Box Butter shall be held in Charles St on Thursday of each week from 10 o'clock A M until 2 o'clock p.m.

6. Hay & Straw Market. The Hay & Straw market may be held on each day of the week on the Quay between the Newtas Bridge and the Fish House.

7. Fruit Market. The market for the Sale of Fruit may be held on each day of the week on the North Side of Quay St.

8. Sucking Calves & Weanlings. The market for the Sale of Sucking calves shall be held on Saturday in each week in Charles St, and the market for the Sale of Weanlings on the same day on the Quay opposite Charles St.

9. The market for the Sale of Coal and of Potatoes in bags or Sacks Shall be held on Thursdays and Saturdays from 9 o'clock a m to 1 o'clock p.m. on the Quay between Charles St and Fox's Corner, but not nearer than 30 feet to the footpath.

10. Brogue Market. The market for the Sale of Brogues Shall be held on Saturdays on the North Side of Charles St.

11. The market for the Sale of goods, provisions, articles or things not hereinbefore mentioned shall be held on Saturdays and Fair days on the Quay between Charles St and Fox's Corner but not nearer than 30ft feet to the footpath.

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12. A person resorting to any of the markets aforesaid for the sale of cattle, goods, provisions, marketable commodities or other articles shall not for the purpose of sale or exposure for sale, place or cause to be placed such goods, provisions, marketable commodities or articles in any part or parts of the market places other than the part hereinbefore specifically appropriated for the reception deposit or exposure for sale of the same.

13. A person resorting to the markets for the sale of any cattle, goods, provisions, marketable commodities or articles shall not place or deposit or cause or allow to be placed or deposited any such cattle, goods, provisions, marketable commodities or articles in such manner as to interfere with or unnecessarily obstruct the traffic on the streets or pathways of the Urban District.

14. Every tenant or occupier of any stall or standing in the markets or of any cart, vehicle or stand used for the purpose of selling or exposing for sale any goods, provisions, marketable commodities or articles shall cause same to be properly cleansed immediately before the reception deposit or exposure for sale therein or thereon of any such goods, provisions, marketable commodities or articles.

15. A person resorting to a market place and being in charge of any waggon, cart, truck, barrow or other vehicle or of any beast of burden shall not cause or allow such vehicle or beast to stand in such market place for any longer time than would be reasonably necessary for the sale, loading or unloading of any goods, provisions, marketable commodities or other articles nor so as to obstruct any street, Quay or thoroughfare in which the market is held or the pathways of such street, Quay or thoroughfare.

16. A person resorting to a market place for the sale of any cattle, goods, provisions, marketable commodities or other articles shall not cause or allow such cattle, goods, provisions, marketable commodities or articles to be brought into or from such market or any stall or standing therein, or to stand or to be placed or exposed for sale therein in such

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manner as to obstruct the passage of any person or vehicle or of any other cattle, goods, provisions, marketable commodities or articles in or through the premises, street, road or pathway in which said market is being held or any part thereof or any of the immediate approaches thereto.

17. When any day hereinbefore appointed for the holding of a market shall be a holiday of Obligation or a Bank holiday or a day duly appointed for a Solemn fast or public Thanksgiving such market shall be held on the lawful day next following such first mentioned day.

Penalties

18. Every person who shall offend against any of the foregoing Bye-laws shall be liable for every such Offence to a penalty not exceeding £5. provided nevertheless that the Justices or Court before whom any complaint may be made or any proceedings may be taken in respect of any such Offence may if they think fit, adjudge the payment as a penalty, of any Sum less than the full amount of the penalty imposed by this Bye Law.

Repeal of Bye-Laws

19. From and after the date of the confirmation of these Bye Laws the Bye-Laws relating to the markets held in the town of New Ross which were made on the 18th day of September in the year 1873 and were allowed at Quarter Sessions on the 25th day of October 1873 and approved by one of her late Majesty's Principal Secretaries of State shall be repealed.

Sealed with the Common Seal of the New Ross Urban District Council this 5th day of June one thousand nine hundred and seventeen in the presence of Matthew Joseph Finn Clerk of the Council.

(Seal)

The foregoing Bye-Laws are hereby confirmed by us, The Local Government Board for Ireland, this day of one thousand nine hundred & seventeen.

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Proposed by Mr John Murphy
Seconded by Mr John Hand and Resolved

That we the Newbas Urban District Council hereby approve of the Bye Laws now before us and that same be sealed with the common seal of the council; also that our Solicitors be instructed to take the necessary steps to have the Bye Laws confirmed by the Local Government Board and brought into operation.

Passed Unanimously.

In pursuance of the foregoing resolution the seal of the Council was affixed to the Bye Laws.

Letter from the L.G. Board No 23,522/1917 dated 8th inst enclosing, for the information of the council, copy of a letter which they have addressed to Mr J.J. Browne, Poor Rate Collector, relative to his application for per-mission to engage in retail trade.

In the letter to him the Board pointed out that they had care-fully considered the question but there are Serious Objections to Poor Rate Collector engaging in Retail trade. They will not however, under existing circumstances, object to him being employed as a working baker until the end of the War Subject to Such employment not interfering with the proper collection of the rates.

No Order Made, the council having already assented to Mr Browne carrying on the bakery business provided it did not interfere with the collection of the rates.

Letter from Same dated 11th inst, No 23,096:1917, returning lists of arrears of rate for the period ended 31st March 1914, approving of the recommend-ations of the council except as regards 1/1 Poor Rate and £1.3.7½ Poor Rate, Sept 1915 period for which no receipts have been Sent.

The Board's assent to the cancellation of items 485, 620 & 662, licensed premises is given on the assumption that no license is in force in any case.

In connection with the refund of these rates a letter dated 1st inst, No 28,364:1917

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received from the L.G. Board was read. In it the Board assented to the payment of the Amounts at this meeting, instead of at the next Finance meeting. Ordered

That the amounts be paid, (less the two Sums of 17/1 and 23/7½) at this meeting.

Letter from the L.G. Board No 87/on./1917, dated 16th Ult, enclosing a circular letter, and leaflet from the National Baby week Council suggested con-certed action for bringing the Subject of the Welfare of mothers and young children under public notice. As this matter is being dealt with effectively through the Committee of the District Nursing Association. There was No Order Made upon the letter.

A circular letter, dated 25th Ult, was received from the L.G. Board, ex-plaining the provisions of the Parliament and Local Elections Act 1917.

Letter from Andrew Ronan dated 2nd Inst, drawing attention of the Council again to the ruinous State of the wall bounding his field at Charleton Hill, at the Side adjoining the public road, and asking to have it put in repair immediately.

After a Short discussion it was decided not to take any action on the letter.

Mr John Murphy suggested that the Council again take into consideration the advisability of establishing a weekly pig market, and after a short discussion it was Ordered that the members of the Council be Summoned to consider it at next meeting.

A letter was received from Mr Peter Murphy, dated 2nd Inst acknow-ledging the vote of sympathy with him passed by the Council at their last meeting.

No Order Made.

Letters of acknowledgment of receipt of copy of the resolution recently

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passed by the Council, relative to the National Teachers, were received from the Prime minister, the Chief Secretary and the Chancellor of the Exchequer, but there was no Order made upon them.

A letter dated 29th Ult was received from Mr McLean D.I. asking to be informed under what Statute the Regulation dealing with "Stands" for Motor Hackney Cars was made recently by the Council. The question as to whether a Motor Hackney Car comes within the definition of Motor Cab or Motor Omnibus must, he thinks, be decided by the Board of Trade.

After some discussion it was decided not to make any Order upon the letter.

Letter from Michael Saunders, Inishtown, dated 5th Inst, drawing attention to the bad condition of his house of which the Council are owners, the felt part of the roof is in want of taring, and the plaster is torn off the walls. Ordered

That the Surveyor inspect it and report upon it to next meeting of the Council.

A tender, dated 5th Inst was received from Marks Walsh, Ballyveroque, of 33/- each for ~~two~~ three heaps of manure in yard on Quay and it was Ordered to be accepted.

Edward Browne, Preacon, tendered under date 25th Ult for two heaps of manure at Town Wall at 37/- each, but there was no completed heaps unsold. There was one nearly ready for sale, and it was Ordered that this be given to him, when completed at 34/-.

The following resolution, received from the Town Clerk of Kingstown, was, on the proposal of Mr Hand, seconded by Mr Murphy unanimously adopted viz:-

That any change or transfer of the duty of preparing the Register of Parliament and Local Government Electors

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from the Secretaries of the County Councils and Clerks of Borough and Urban Councils would be a very great injustice to these Officials whose Salaries are to a very considerable extent made up of the fees under Franchise Acts, and would throw a further burden on the public. We therefore request the Government to see that no proposal is made to transfer this duty from the Officials to whom it is at present confided by law and by whom it has been in the past discharged with general satisfaction, and we request the Irish members of Parliament to take steps to secure that no transfer of this duty takes place.

Letter from Messrs J. Potter & Co Ltd, dated 15th ult, stating that they would be very pleased to quote for the supply of a watering cart in case the Council decide on acquiring one.

Mr Hand contended that the watering cart the Council have could be repaired at a trifling cost, and after some discussion it was decided to have it inspected by Mr. Hand and the Surveyor, and if they consider it necessary, by Mr Jonas Hartnett also, and report to next meeting as to its condition.

Letter from Col. Trigelle Esq. Secretary to the Wexford Committee of Agriculture & Technical Instruction, dated 15th ult, drawing the attention of all public bodies to the necessity of taking every step in their power to have the potatos sprayed this year, and expressing a hope that all the members who, in the course of business come in contact with farmers should urge upon them the paramount importance of spraying the potatoes this year.

In connection with this Mr Hand suggested that the Council should purchase a "knapsack" spraying machine to be hired to plot holders and others, in the Urban District, and also spraying material, and it was Ordered

That the members be notified of its intended consideration at next meeting.

It was also agreed that each member do all he could to influence the

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Spraying of Potatoes.

A circular dated 21st Ult was received from the Irish Maltsters Association drawing attention to the drastic restrictions upon the Brewing, Malting and Distilling Traders, and advancing reasons showing that Ireland has a Special case for complete exemption from any further restrictions.
No action taken respecting the matter.

Letters were received from the Gas Co notifying their intention of opening the road in Sugar House Lane and South St.
No Order Made.

A letter was received dated March 19.17. signed on behalf of the friends of the Countess de Markievicz, drawing attention to her prison treatment, and giving details of same.

They also forwarded the following copy of a resolution passed by the Kilkenny Corporation the adoption of which by this Council was now Proposed by Mr Murphy and
Seconded by The Chairman viz:-

That we protest in the strongest manner possible against the unjust and cruel treatment which is being meted out to the Countess de Markievicz in Aylesbury Convict Jail, and that we respectfully, but firmly, demand that until her release She receive the same privileges as the other Irish Prisoners now in Lewes Jail, namely, isolation from Ordinary criminals, and daily intercourse with one Another, or failing this, a daily visit from An outside friend."

Passed Mr Hunt dissenting.

A report dated 22nd May was received from the Collector relative to the payment of rent for the plots in field at Wm Street and also a letter from Mr J. H. Hutchinson North St declining to pay the additional rent of 9/- in respect of an enlarged plot alloted to him and it was Ordered

That both

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be refered to the Land Cultivation Committee for consideration and report, and that this Committee also Suggest the dates upon which the remaining instalments of rent for the plots in Henry St field should be payable.

The application, dated 30th apl. received from the Collector relative to the payment by him of £13-8-0 rates due on the house at South Street occupied sometime ago by Miss Meehan, was adjourned to next meeting the members of the Council to be Summoned to consider it.

On the proposal of Mr Hand Seconded by Mr Murphy a vote of sympathy was passed with the family of the late Mrs Byrne South St. on the death of Mrs Byrne, and with Mrs Murphy Victoria Place, on the death of her Son, and the Clerk was directed to Send copies of the resolutions.

Mr Murphy drew attention to the very ineffective train Service existing at present between Dublin and Newbas and proposed that the Clerk communicate again, by means of a Strong resolution with the Company asking them to give a connection at Macmine with the train which leaves Dublin about 6 o'clock, or if not to restore the 3 o'clock train from Harcourt St, and in the event of a Satisfactory reply not being received from the Co, the matter be brought under the notice of Parliament.

The Street Inspector reported that some persons were causing an obstruction of the Streets by placing boxes etc on them, but there was No Order Made in reference to the matter.

The Meeting Adjourned to Tuesday 12th June, 1917.

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Monday 11th June 1917.

A meeting of the Water Committee was to be held this evening at 5 o'clock to consider application from the Newross Cinema Co for a Supply of water to Town Hall and one from Mr James Fleming for a Supply to his store in Bridge Street.

No member of the Committee attended.

A Quorum not having assembled

There was no Meeting held.

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A meeting of the Council was to be held this evening at 7.30 o'clock to transact business pursuant to The Towns Improvement (Ireland) Act 1854, consider advisability of establishing a weekly pig market in Newross; of purchasing a "Knapsack" Spraying machine and Spraying material for the use of plot holders and others in the Urban District; and a letter from Collector Browne asking for a refund of rates on house in South St occupied sometime ago by Miss Meehan, which were lodged by him.

Present Messrs John Sullivan J.P. John Hand and P.J. Dunne.

A Quorum not having assembled

The Meeting Adjourned to Thursday 14th June 1917.

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Thursday 14th June 1917.

A meeting of the Council was held this evening at 7.30 o'clock to transact business pursuant to The Towns Improvement (Ireland) Act 1854.

Present Mesrs John O'Sullivan Jr. Presiding
John Hand
John Murphy
Patrick J. Dunne
Aidan P. Bolger

The minutes of previous meeting were read and signed.

The Treasurers Authority for making payments was signed by The Chairman And Mesrs Bolger & Murphy and the following Paying Orders were directed to be issued viz:- No 43 John Stevenson 14/6, No 44 John Browne £1.18.4, No 45 H. R. Hamilton £7.19.9, No 46 Mrs M. A. Corcoran £1.14.6, No 47 Richard Murphy £8.12.10, No 48 Hoffmin £11.5.0, No 49 The People Newspaper Series & Printing Co Ltd £1.18.0, No 50 James Glenny 11/8, No 51 Mrs McAlooney £4.15.5, No 52 Mrs Lalor £1.3.0, No 53 A.B French £1.4.0 No 54 Hoffmin £9.0.10, No 55 James Shortall, No 56 The Treasurer L.G. Board £4.2.6 (No 6 Quits), No 57 The General advertiser Ltd £4.2.0 (No 5 Quits).

When the minutes were signed the Chairman referred in sympathetic terms to the death of major Redmond and proposed the following resolution, which was seconded by Mr Hand, and passed in silence viz:-

That we, the New Ross Urban Council beg to tender to Mrs W. H. K. Redmond and John E. Redmond Esq M.P the illustrious leader of the Irish Party our deep sympathy and condol-ence in their bereavement caused by the death of major Redmond, and beg to assure them of our deep regret at his death, and that as a mark of respect to the memory of a brave and gallant Soldier we adjourn this meeting.

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Ordered

That a copy be sent to Mrs W. H. K. Redmond and Mr J. E. Redmond M.P.

Mr Hand drew attention to the desirability of purchasing a "Knapsack" Potato Sprayer and spraying material for the use of the Councils tenants, the tenants of the Flats, and others in the Urban District, to be let to them at a nominal charge.

The Surveyor stated that the cost of one of the Sprayers would be about £2.15-0 and it was Ordered that one of them be purchased and also spraying material, and that those using same be charged a nominal rent, the Chairman at the same time undertaking to indemnify the Council against any loss.

It was also Ordered that the Surveyor get some small repairs carried out on the watering cart.

The Clerk applied for and was granted four days leave of absence from the 22nd inst. Mr Brennan to discharge his duties during his absence.

The Meeting adjourned to Tuesday 26th June 1917.

Jas Peterley

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Friday 22nd June 1917.

A Special meeting of the Newross Urban District Council was held this evening at 3 oclock to give expression to the regret of the Council at the death of the Most Revd. Dr Browne, Bishop of Ferns.

Present John O'Sullivan J.P. Presiding
John Hand
John Murphy
Patrick J. Dunne
Peter Murphy

The Chairman referred in a sympathetic manner to the death of most Revd. Dr Browne, Bishop of Ferns, and proposed the following resolution which was seconded by Mr Dunne, and passed in Silence viz:-

That we the Newross Urban District Council desire to place on record our deep sense of the loss sustained by the Diocese of Ferns in the death of our revered Bishop, the Most Revd. Dr Browne, who so ably ruled over it for the past thirty-three years, and that we tender to his relatives our Sincere Sympathy on the Sad occasion.

Ordered

That copies of this resolution be sent to his Sister and to Very Revd. Canon Rossiter P.P. V.G.

after which

The Members Separated.

for September

Tuesday 26th June 1917

A meeting of the Council was to be held this evening at 7.30 o'clock to transact business pursuant to The Towns Improvement (Ireland) Act 1854

Present Messrs John Hand. John Fanning and John Murphy

A Quorum not having assembled

The Meeting Adjourned to Wednesday 27th June, 1917.

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Wednesday 27th June 1917

An adjourned meeting of the Council was to be held this evening at 7.30 o'clock to transact business pursuant to The Towns Improvement (Ireland) Act 1854

Present John O'Sullivan Jr. John Hand and John Fanning

A Quorum not having assembled

The Meeting adjourned to Tuesday 3rd July 1917.

Jer Fanning

Monday 2nd July 1917

A monthly meeting of the Council was to be held this day at 12 o'clock noon to transact business pursuant to The Towns Improvement (Ireland) Act 1854

No member attended

A Quorum not having assembled

There was no meeting held.

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Tuesday 3rd July 1917.

An adjourned meeting of the Council was to be held this evening at 7.30 o'clock to transact business pursuant to The Towns Improvement (Ireland) Act 1854.

Present Messrs John O'Sullivan, John Hand & Patrick J Dunne.

A Quorum not having assembled

The Meeting adjourned to Tuesday 15th July 1917.

Monday 9th July 1917.

A meeting of the Water Committee was to be held this day at 5 o'clock to fix rents for some water supplies.

Mr Dunne was the only member who attended.

A Quorum not having assembled

There was no meeting held.

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Tuesday 10th July 1917

A Quarterly meeting of the Council was to be held this evening at 7 o'clock to transact business pursuant to The Local Government (Ireland) Act 1898, consider a letter from Richard Malone asking to extend the time for delivery of 100 tons to the 15th August next.

Present Messrs John Sullivan J.P. Chairman.
John Fanning
John Hand.

Mr Hand left before any other member arrived. Subsequently Messrs Peter Murphy and John Murphy attended, but the Chairman announced, before these members entered the Council Chamber, that the meeting had been adjourned.

The Meeting adjourned to Thursday 12th July 1917.

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Tuesday 18th July 1917.

A meeting of the Council was to be held this evening at 7.30 oclock to transact business pursuant to The Towns Improvement (Ireland) Act 1854, consider advisability of establishing a weekly pig market in Newbridge, a letter from Collector Browne asking for a refund of rates on House in South St occupied sometime ago by Miss Sheehan, which were lodged by him, make arrangements for the public lighting of the town for the ensuing year, and a notice of Motion by Mr Hand dated 5th Ult. viz:-

That the letters from the L.G. Board declining to sanction the abolition of the Office of M.S.O.H. and Veterinary Inspector, read at last meeting be considered this night week.

Present Messrs John O'Sullivan J.P. Chairman
John Fanning
John Hand

Mr Hand left before another member arrived. Subsequently Messrs Peter Murphy & John Murphy attended but the Chairman announced, before these members entered the Council Chamber that the meeting had been adjourned.

The Meeting adjourned to Thursday 12th July 1917.

John O'Sullivan

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Thursday 12th July 1917.

An adjourned Quarterly meeting of the Council was to be held this evening at 7 o'clock to transact business pursuant to The Local Government (Ireland) Act 1898, consider a letter from Richard Malone asking to extend the time for delivery of 100 tons of stones to the 15th August next.

Messrs Dunne and Hand attended about 7.30 and subsequently Messrs John Murphy and John Fanning but Mr Hand had left in the meantime.

No Quorum not being present at any time

The Meeting Adjourned to Tuesday 17th July 1917.

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Thursday 12th July 1917.

An adjourned meeting of the Council was to be held this evening at 7.30 o'clock to transact business pursuant to The Towns Improvement (Ireland) Act 1854, consider advisability of establishing a weekly pig market in Newross; a letter from Collector Browne asking for a refund of Rates on house in South St occupied sometime ago by Miss Meehan, which were lodged by him, make arrangements for the public lighting of the town for the ensuing year.

Messrs Hands and Dunne attended about 7.30. and subsequently Messrs John Murphy and John Fanning, but Mr Hand had left in the meantime

As Quorum not being present at any time

The Meeting adjourned to Tuesday 17th July 1917.

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Tuesday 17th July 1917.

An adjourned Quarterly meeting of the Council was held this evening at 7 o'clock to transact business pursuant to The Local Government (Ireland) Act 1898, consider a letter from Richard Malone asking to extend the time for delivery of 100 tons of stones to the 15th August next.

Present Messrs George Lodge Presiding
John Murphy
John Hand
Wm. Murphy

The Chairman called at the Office a short time before the hour fixed for the holding of the ordinary meeting of the Council and stated that he would be unable to attend as he had to go elsewhere on important business.

The minutes of last meeting and of the adjourned meeting were read and signed.

The following Quarterly report of the Surveyor was read:-

15th July 1917

I beg to report that the public works within the District have been well maintained during the past Quarter. No new works were undertaken. Your contractor Richard Malone has not yet completed his contract entered into last year for the delivery of 250 tons of stones from Glendinsans Quarry before March last. Only about one-fifth of this quantity has been delivered so far. He also undertook to supply and deliver 100 tons stones for the machine-breaker at your last Quarterly meeting, but he has declined to fulfil his contract. Other arrangements should be made immediately to meet this deficiency. I would suggest that an equivalent quantity be obtained from the Parnell Quarries Co.

Your Contractor Thomas O'Neill is making good progress so far, and has now delivered about one fourth of the contract amount. Mr Whitty has not yet delivered any material from Ballymacar,

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but he expects to make a start within the next month.

I do not propose to recommend any new works on the present occasion, but I would suggest that a small tar-boiling plant for treating macadam be obtained for about £12 or £15.

James Shortall
Surveyor.

In connection with this report the letter received from Richard Malone dated 5th June in which he stated that he thought the stones that he tendered to quarry and prepare for stone breaker would not be required until October, was considered, and after a brief discussion the following resolution was

Proposed by Mr Hand and
Seconded by Mr John Murphy

That seventy tons of stones be purchased from the Parnell Quarries Ltd in addition to the quantity already agreed to be got from them, in lieu of the 100 tons which Malone has tendered to supply, this being the equivalent in cost, of the latter.

Passed Unanimously

Ordered

That Richard Malone this sureties be informed that if he does not complete his contract at once for the delivery of two hundred and fifty tons of stones, all of which were to be delivered before the first of March last, legal proceedings will be taken against them to enforce completion of it without further notice.

Mr John Murphy suggested that in future an effort should be made to obtain a contract for the delivery of stones from Ballyneal Quarry or the Quarry at Newhood, as he was of opinion that such a Contract could be got and would prove convenient. It was

Ordered

That the Surveyor comment on this suggestion in his next estimate for the supply of macadam.

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It was agreed to adjourn this meeting at the conclusion of the business to the 31st Inst, so that in the event of Malone not proceeding energetically with the completion of his contract, the Council might make whatever arrangements they considered necessary to provide a quantity of stones in lieu of those which Malone contracted to supply.

With reference to the provision of a tar boiling plant for treating macadam, it was proposed by Mr Murphy, seconded by Mr Hand and agreed to that the consideration of the matter be deferred to the adjourned Quarterly meeting.

The Surveyor reported that as there were no meetings of the Council held for the past month he had with the approval of the Chairman to get the two carts repaired as they were badly in need of repair, and it was Ordered that this be approved of by the Council.

The Meeting adjourned to Tuesday 31st July 1917.

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Tuesday 17th July 1917.

An Adjourned meeting of the Council was held this Evening at 7.30 o'clock to transact business pursuant to The Towns Improvement (Ireland) Act 1854, consider advisability of establishing a weekly pig market in Newbawn; a letter from Collector Browne asking for a repund of rates on house in South St occupied sometime ago by Miss Meehan, which were lodged by him; make arrangements for the public lighting Of the town for the ensuing year, and a Notice of motion by Mr Hand dated 5th Inst.

Present Messrs George Dooley Presiding
John Hand
John Murphy
Wm. Murphy.

The Minutes of Previous meeting and Of the adjourned meetings were signed.

The Clerk submitted a number of bills for payment amongst which was one from Dr. Hickey, amount £7.10.0, for a half years Salary as Medical Superintendent Officer of Health to 2nd March 1917, and one from the C.S. Officer for half years Salary as Registrar under the Dairies Cowsheds and Milkshops (Ireland) Order to 11th June, amount £3.15.0.

He stated that when the Chairman of the Council and another member of the Finance Committee were examining the bills on the Finance meeting day, the former queried this latter account and Dr. Hickey's, and as he was not now present at the meeting, he (CSO) suggested that his be allowed to stand over as he did not wish to take advantage of the Chairmans absence, and this was agreed to. When Dr. Hickey's was being considered Mr John Murphy proposed that the bill be paid, as it came before the Council in the usual way, and the payment of it was quite regular, the L.G. Board having declined to sanction the abolition of his Office. Mr Hand however Objected to the payment of it on the grounds that the Office of Medical Superintendent Officer of Health had been abolished by the Council, and

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also in lieu of the Notice given by him to have the replies received from the L.G. Board. dated 11th May 1917. Rd 19,658:1917 and 14,585:1917 respecting the abolition of this Office and that of veterinary Inspector, considered.

After some discussion during which Mr Wm Murphy suggested that as the matter had been in abeyance for sometime past, that payment of the account be deferred until next Finance meeting of the Council when Mr Hands Notice of Motion or proposition, would have been dealt with.

This suggestion was approved of by the members present except Mr John Murphy who dissented to a postponment of the payment of it or to a refusal to pay it. It was Ordered that the consideration of the payment of it be deferred to next Finance meeting, and that all the remaining bills be paid at this meeting.

The Treasurers Authority for making payments was signed by the Chairman and Messrs Hand & J Murphy and the following Paying Orders were directed to be issued viz:- No 58 Mr J Quin £50.17.0 (Petty Cash), No 59 D & L. Railway Co £11.17.6, No 60 Tunnell Quarries Ltd £22.2.5, No 61 Hibernian Fire & General Insurance Co £1-19-0, No 62 Royal Exchange Assurance Co £3-15-3, No 63 St Stephens Cemetery Committee £3-15-0, No 64 Messrs Helys Ltd 5/6, No 65 John J. Browne £2.16.0, No 66 Wexford Co Council £436.13.0, No 67 James Fleming 13/2, No 68 Thos McDonnelloe £4.17.3, No 69 Monfalcon £1, No 70 Mr J Quin £6.5.0, No 71 Mr J Quin £11.5.0, No 72 James J Shortall £7.9.0, No 73 John J Burke £1.19.4, No 74 Patrick Lynch £34.2.9, No 75 Mrs Leacy £2.18.0, No 76 John Stevenson 11/, No 77 Thos O'Neill £10, No 78 Mr Mooney £10.

The Surveyor suggested that a quantity of Hay meadowing be purchased on the land for the use of the Councils horses during the ensuing winter, as it was frequently difficult to purchase hay on the market. It seemed however to be the feeling of the meeting of the meeting that it ought to be purchased in the open market, but its final consideration was deferred to next meeting.

At this stage, Mr Wm Murphy left, to keep another appointment,

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when there was not then a Quorum present, and accordingly

The Meeting Adjourned to Tuesday 24th July 1917.

John Sullivan
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Monday 23rd July 1917.

A meeting of the Water Committee was to be held this evening at 5 Oclock to consider an application from Messrs P J Roche & Sons for a reduction in their water rent as they have been using very little owing to the Government restrictions on malting, and fix rent for supplies to the Unima Co, Mr James Fleming Bridge St and Mr John Stafford Irishtown.

No member of the Committee attended

A Quorum not having assembled

There was no meeting held.

Jas Pulleine
24 July 17

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Tuesday 24th July 1917.

An adjourned meeting of the Council was held this evening at 7.30 Oclock to transact business pursuant to The Towns Improvement (Ireland) Act 1854, consider advisability of establishing a weekly pig market in Newbos, a letter from Collector Browne asking for a refund of rates on house in South St occupied sometime ago by Miss Meehan, which were lodged by him, and make arrangements for the public lighting of the town for the ensuing year.

Present messrs John Sullivan Jr. Presiding
Patrick J. Dunne
John Hand
John Murphy.

The minutes of previous meeting were signed, after which the Chairman referred to the death of Revd Thomas Murphy O.S.A. Newbos and proposed the following resolution which was seconded by Mr Dunne viz:-

"That we tender to the Fathers of the Augustinian Community, and the friends of the late Revd Thomas Murphy O.S.A. our sincere sympathy and condolence in their bereavement caused by the death of Father Murphy, who laboured so ~~hat~~ zealously in his sacred ministry amongst us for a number of years, and beg to assure them of our deep regret at his early death, and that as a mark of respect to his memory we adjourn this meeting without transacting any business, except a little which is of an urgent nature.

Mesrs Murphy, Hand and the Clerk having joined in an expression of regret the resolution was passed in respectful silence.

The following applications for water supplies were received viz:-
From James Fleming North St for a supply to his store at Bridge St for business purposes, from John Stafford Irishtown for a Supply to his premises at Irishtown for domestic and business purposes, including the use of his cows, and from the Newbos Cinema Co for a supply to the Town Hall,

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for the use of the engine.
Proposed by Mr Bourne and
Seconded by the Chairman

That Messrs Fleming, Stafford and the Ouzenia Co be each charged an annual rent of 20/- for a supply of water to their premises

Passed Unanimously.

The following letter received from Messrs P.J. Roche & Sons was read viz:-

The Maltings, Navan.
9th July 1917.

Dear Sir

In reference to the water used by us in our maltings for last malting season we will thank you to kindly bring under the notice of your Council that owing to the Government action by stopping all malting however we used less than half the quantity of water you agreed to allow us. In our John St houses we only had 33 steepings as against 75 in a full season; in No 5 on the Quay 35 steepings against 75 and in do 6 on the Quay only 28 against 75. We expect therefore that the Council will charge us on the quantity of water used. Our last steepings took place on the 21st Febry.

Yours faithfully
P.J. Roche & Sons.

A discussion took place on the subject matter of the letter during which the opinion was expressed that as the water rent charged Messrs Roche & Sons for past year had been paid by them and the accounts closed, no allowance by way of a refund could be made for that year, but some reduction in the price might be made for the ensuing year, although it is possible the present restrictions may be removed next season, and they may be in a position to make the usual quantity on the basis of which the present charge for the supply of water was fixed. Eventually it was decided that a meeting of the water Committee be held, at which Mr Roche and the water Inspector can be present and that the Committee be empowered to arrange the matter equitably with Mr Roche after conferring with him.

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The following was read:-

7th July 1917.

Dear Sir Sirs

Yours received re amount of rent due of John Houston for which I am security. As his wife is receiving full allowances &c and is well able to pay, or should be, I cannot see why your Council should allow such a big amount to run due of Houston and I give notice of my withdrawl from becoming him.

Yours faithfully
James Power.

after a short discussion it was Proposed by the Chairman and Seconded by Mr Lunn

That Mrs Houston be informed on behalf of her husband, that if she does not provide another Surety in place of Mr Power and make a substantial payment on the rent due, by Saturday next, proceedings will be taken to obtain possession of the house, also that a notice to Quit be now Signed and Sealed, copy to be served on Saturday if the above requirements are not complied with by then.

Passed Unanimously.

The Chairman opened to the great difficulty of obtaining hay on the market from time to time when required, and strongly urged the advisability of purchasing a sufficient quantity now.
Proposed by Mr Lunn and
Seconded by The Chairman

That the Surveyor be authorized to purchase about six tons of hay from farmers, or on the market, on the best terms he can now, and have same stored in the Councils yard at Wm Street, he to be authorized to pay a commission to a broker so that the identity of the Council as the purchaser may not be disclosed.

Passed Unanimously.

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It was decided to invite tenders for the public lighting of the town for the winter season from the 1st Septr 1917 to the 1st april 1918, same to be considered at meeting of the Council to be held on the 14th August next.

The Clerk applied for his usual holidays to be taken from 13th or 20th August and it was,

Proposed by Mr Dunne and
Seconded by Mr Hand

That the Clerk and E.S. Officer be allowed three weeks holidays from the dates named by him

Passed Unanimously

Proposed by Mr Hand and
Seconded by Mr Dunne

That Mr Patrick Brennan be appointed to act as Clerk and E.S. Officer during Mr Finn's absence on holidays at a salary of 30/- per week, one pound as Clerk to the Council and ten shillings as E.S. Officer.

Passed Unanimously.

The Clerk pointed out that the paling of the field at Wm Street was completed, and the cost of same ascertained and asked if the collection of it from the tenants, would be proceeded with now by the Collector, and also the sum of one penny per week, for three weeks being the rent fixed for each plot to be paid within each year, and it was Ordered that the amount be collected from the tenants weekly they having already agreed to An increase in their rent of six pence per week until the cost of paling is paid off.

With regard to the rent, etc, of the second plot let to Mr Hand for which he was to be charged a rent of two pence per week, it was now Ordered that he pay a proportionate share of the cost of paling equivalent to that of a tenant of two plots and that an additional weekly rent of one penny per week for three weeks in each year, be charged to him for the second plot in lieu of the rent of two pence per week originally fixed for the second plot.

The Meeting adjourned to Tuesday 31st July 1917.

P N O'Gorman

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Monday 30th July 1917

A meeting of the water Committee was held this evening at 5 o'clock to consider a letter received from Messrs P. J. Roche & Sons, relative to the water supply to their stores which was submitted to the last meeting of the Council and referred to the water Committee.

Present Messrs John O'Sullivan J.P.
Peter Murphy
Patrick J. Dunne.

Mr John Roche J.P. attended.

The letter received from Messrs Roche & Sons copy of which is entered on the minutes of last meeting was read.

Mr Roche explained that owing to the restrictions on malting imposed by the Government this year he only malted from 1st Oct. to the 28th Feby. instead of from the 1st Octr to the 15th May, and, as pointed out in his letter, the number of steepings were not half as many as in previous years so that there was not 50% of the quantity of water for which the price was fixed, used.

The Clerk submitted some calculations, based on the number of steepings set out in Mr. Roche's letter, showing the proportionate amount chargeable to Mr Roche as follows:- John St stores £5.5.7, rent charged £12, No 5 The Quay £2.16.0. Rent £6 and No 6 The Quay £1.9.10 rent £4.

After some discussion it was

Proposed by Mr Dunne and
Seconded by Mr J. Murphy

That we recommend the Council to reduce the rent to Messrs P.J. Roche & Sons for a supply of water to their stores for the ensuing year to the following amounts respectively viz:- John St to £6, No 5 The Quay to £3 and No 6 The Quay to £2, in lieu of last year's overcharge. This reduction to be for the year ending 15th May 1918 only, and to be revised for the following years.

Passed Unanimously

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Mr Roche having thanked the Committee for considering the matter so courteously and reasonably withdrew after which

The Members Separated.

P N O'Gorman

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Tuesday 31st July, 1917.

An adjourned Quarterly meeting of the Council was to be held this evening at 7 o'clock, to transact business pursuant to The Local Government (Ireland) Act 1898, consider a letter from Richard Malone in reference to the balance of his contract for the supply of 250 tons of stones.

Present Messrs John Sullivan Jr.
John Hand
John Murphy

A Quorum not having assembled there was no business transacted.

The Meeting adjourned to Tuesday 14th August 1917.

Tuesday 31st July, 1917.

An adjourned ordinary meeting of the Council was to be held this evening at 7.30 o'clock, to transact business pursuant to The Town Improvement (Ireland) Act 1854, consider advisability of establishing a weekly pig market in Newross, a letter from Collector Braine asking for a refund of rates on house in South St. occupied sometime ago by Miss Meehan, which were lodged by him.

Present Messrs John Sullivan, John Hand and John Murphy.

A Quorum not having assembled there was no business transacted.

The Meeting Adjourned to Tuesday 14th August, 1917.

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Monday 6th August 1917.

No monthly meeting of the Council was to be held this day at 12 o'clock noon to transact business pursuant to The Towns Improvement (Ireland) Act 1854.

No member of the Council attended.

A Quorum not having assembled

There was no meeting held.

P. N. Lyons

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Tuesday 14th August 1917.

An adjourned Quarterly meeting of the Council was held this evening at 7 o'clock to transact business pursuant to The Local Government (Ireland) Act 1898, consider a letter from Richard Malone in reference to the balance of his Contract for the supply of 250 tons of stones.

Present Messrs P. A. O'Gorman Presiding
John Murphy
Dr Walsh
George Dooley
John Hand

The minutes of previous meeting were read and signed.

The Clerk stated that a letter had been received since last meeting from Richard Malone in reference to his contract for the Supply of Stones. It was in the clip with all the Other letters and was inspected by the Chairman of the Council and Surveyor on the previous meeting day whilst waiting for a Quorum to attend. The letter had been mislaid and could not now be found so that it might be dealt with at this meeting.

As well as he (Clerk) could remember Malone promised in it to have the stones delivered by 1st September next.

After a short discussion it was

Proposed by Mr Murphy and
Seconded by Mr O'Gorman

That Malone get until the 1st Septr, or whatever time is mentioned in the letter, to complete the delivery of the Stones, and if they are not delivered by then proceedings be taken against him.

Passed Unanimously.

The Meeting Adjourned to Tuesday 9th October 1917.

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Tuesday 14th August, 1917.

An adjourned meeting of the Council was held this evening at 7.30 oclock to transact business pursuant to The Towns Improvement (Ireland) Act 1854, consider advisability of establishing a weekly pig market in Newbos, a letter from Collector Browne asking for a refund of rates on house in South St occupied sometime ago by Miss Meehan, which were lodged by him.

Present Messrs Peter B. Gorman Presiding
John Murphy
D. Walsh
George Dooley
John Hand

The minutes of previous meetings were read and signed.

The Treasurers authority for making payments was signed by the Chairman and Messrs Murphy & Dooley and the following Paying Orders were directed to be issued viz:- No 80 Jas J. Shortall £7.9.0, No 81 Mrs M. Roche £18.15.10, No 82 Royal Exchange Assurance Co £1.16.9, No 83 John J. Browne £1.13.8, No 84 Patrick Blake £2.12.6, No 85 Mr John Doyle £8.12.3, No 86 Secretary School attendance committee £8.5.0, No 87 Hoffman £11.5.0, No 88 Newbos Gas Co Ltd £103.2.10, No 89 National Bank Ltd £16.4.5, No 90 Hoffman £32.14.8 No 91 John Stevenson £2.8.3, No 92 Patrick Leacy £4.3.8, Messrs Lawlor & Sons £2.1.4, No 94 Messrs McCutchinson & Son £11.8.7, No 95 L. Malone £5.15.0.

The minutes of the meeting of the Water Committee held on the 25th Ult. at which the Committee recommended a reduction in the rent charged Messrs P. J. Roche & Sons for a supply of water to their stores owing to the curtailment of malting, having been considered it was

Proposed by Mr Hand and
Seconded by The Chairman

That the recommendation of the water Committee be adopted and that Messrs P. J. Roche & Sons be allowed the reduction recommended by the Committee.

Passed Unanimously

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Correspondence

Letter from L. G. Board, No 29623 dated 7th June 1917 asking to be informed how the two rate receipts No 699, the amount of which, though mis-laid the Collector claimed a refund of, got into the possession of Mr Hearn Solicitor, and if no money was paid, why the receipts were detached from the collecting book.

The Clerk stated that he forwarded Mr Hearn's letter received in reply to this, to the Board, and a letter No 34638 : 1917, dated 2 July was received from the L. G. Board sanctioning a refund of the amount claimed by the Collector, and it was accordingly refunded to him.

No Order Made.

A circular letter, dated 5th July 1917 was received from the L. G. Board drawing attention to the necessity of economy in the use of timber, and asking the Council to restrict the use of it as much as possible.

No Order Made.

Letter from L. G. Board dated 27th July 1917 drawing attention to the present milk shortage and the prospect of a further diminution of supplies, and requesting that the Council should enter into contracts with Creamery Societies, or with private individuals for the Supply of milk and arrange for its distribution for the use of expectant and nursing mothers, and for children under five years of age.

After a short discussion it was decided not to take any action in the matter.

A notification was received from the Registrar of Petty Sessions Clerks that the surplus arising from the sale of licenses under the Dogs Regulation (Ireland) Act 1865, amounts to £18.11.6 for the Urban District of Wexford and that this Sum would be paid over to the Treasurer of the Urban Council

The Clerk reported that it had been lodged to the credit of the Council and there was No Order Made.

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Notice of Assessment of Income Tax under schedule "D" for year ending 5th April 1918, amounting to £18 was received, and it was decided not to appeal against it.

Letter from the D. & Glen Railway Co, dated 20th June 1917 intimating that the credit account with the Council would be discontinued from the 30th of that month as the average payments do not amount to the minimum fixed by the Directors before the accounts are granted. Ordered

That the Company be informed the Finance meetings of the Council are only held on the second Tuesday of each month, and that they be asked to allow the existing arrangements to continue, and at each Finance meeting the amount due for freight will be regularly paid.

Letter from the Newlos Gas Co dated 3rd Inst stating that they were unable to quote for the Public Lighting owing to their position with regard to the Supply of Coal. They have been trying to obtain a vessel for the past three months but could not Succeed. As soon as the Company has any definite information a proposal will be submitted.

No Order Made.

Letter from the Secretary of the Irish Forestry Association dated 2nd August, drawing attention to the desirability of instituting and carrying out an Arbor day celebration on the first Saturday in November, the officially fixed National Arbor day.

Ordered

That the Clerk ascertain price of one dozen tree plants with a view to having some planted at Irishtown and Three Bullet Gate.

Letter from Edward Feehan dated 6th Inst, drawing attention to the dangerous condition of the water table leading into his yard, and asking that it be attended to.

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Ordered

That the Surveyor have it levelled up similar to the entrance to Mr Hanlon's premises.

A tender dated 14th Inst was received from James Kelly, upper Main Street of £2.10.0 per ton for any Scrap metal which the Council might have in stock, and he would also be thankful for any waste paper the Council might have if Mr Quin would kindly gather up same.

Proposed by Mr Murphy and
Seconded by The Chairman

That the tender of James Kelly of £2.10.0 for old metal be accepted.

Passed Unanimously.

It was decided to defer the disposal of the paper opened to for the present, as the Clerk would be absent on holidays.

Letter from Alice Allen, one of the Councils tenants asking to be supplied with a Key for the lock on her door, as she never had one, and also to have the step outside the door repaired.

Ordered

That she be supplied with a Key and that the step be repaired by the Town Surveyor.

A letter, dated 12th June was received from Patrick Kehoe Fair Gate, asking the Council to re-consider his application for a reduction in the weekly rent of his house at Fair Gate, but as this question had been dealt with on two previous occasions there was now No Order Made upon the letter.

Letters were received from Head Constable O'Sullivan and Sergt Burke, drawing the Council's attention to the fact that after their potatoes which were sown in the plots in Newtown were sprayed

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by the Council's men, a noticeable decay set in which they attributed to the spraying, and they asked that the consideration of the matter be taken up by the Council with a view to compensating them for the loss they have sustained.

Ordered

That these letters be referred to the Land Cultivation Committee for report.

A quotation, dated 8th June, was received from Messrs Shand Mason & Co for the supply of 2-40 feet lengths of canvas hose each length fitted with instantaneous couplings & at £4.2.6 each, or exclusive of the couplings at £3.00 per length.

Proposed by Mr Murphy and
Seconded by The Chairman

That one length of hose without couplings be ordered from Messrs Shand Mason & Co.

Passed Unanimously

An application dated 4th Inst was received from Mr James A. Hutchinson North St. for a license for the sale of Petrol on his premises And it was Ordered to be granted.

Letters acknowledging votes of sympathy passed by the Council on the death of The Most Revd Dr Browne were received from Very Revd Canon Rossiter P.P. and Mr M. Browne Bigbury, on the death of Mr Martin J. Murphy from his mother Mrs Anna K. Murphy, on the death of Mrs Byrne, from Revd Thomas Byrne D.R.S, on behalf of his brothers and sisters, and on the death of Fr Murphy DA from Revd Patrick Murphy M.S.S, and Very Revd John Roche D.A.

There was No Order made on any of them.

Letter from D Murphy Mary St, dated 25th June drawing attention to the condition of the water table outside his premises which, in his opinion, is a grave danger to the public and ask-

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-nig to have it attended to.

Ordered

That the Surveyor have it repaired.

The following report of the Land Cultivation Committee was read :-

6th June 1917.

The Land Cultivation Committee met this evening and considered Mr Browne's report re plots. The Committee consider that Mr Hutchinson's objection is technically correct and Mr Sullivan agreed to pay for Mr Hutchinson's extra land should Mr Hutchinson persist in his refusal. With regard to Mr Irluch's take, the Committee recommend the Council to proceed with the collection of the rent, as a verbal repud-iation of his agreement which was made to the Clerk after the tillage was begun does not seem sufficient to the Committee. With regard to Mr Cooney the Committee recommend the same procedure as re-commended in Mr Irluch's case. The Committee recommend that second instalment be collected forthwith and remainder on 1st August.

John O'Sullivan. John Hand.

Proposed by the Chairman and

Seconded by Mr Hand

That the recommendation of the Committee be adopted

Passed Unanimously

The Clerk stated that Mr Irluch had paid for one of the plots, and declined to pay for the second one, as he stated both had been surrendered by him. The Clerk asked for instructions as to what steps are to be taken to carry out the recommendation of the Committee, and it was

Ordered

That the Councils Solicitors be instructed to collect it.

The following resolution was received from the Hon Secretary of the National Teachers Association viz :-

That to the Chairman and members of the Newbridge Urban Council we desire to express our gratitude for their courteous reception of our delegates and their

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cordial Support of our claims regarding the Equivalent Grant for Irish Primary Education.

No Order Made.

Surveyor's Report.

12th June 1917.

I beg to report that I am having some necessary repairs carried out to roof of Fishouse. The wall at rere of D. O'Regan's premises has been repaired and rebuilt as Ordered. I have had the fencing to your manure-plot at Town Wall recently complained of by Miss Hogan (the owner of the adjoining field), repaired so as to prevent trespass. It would be well to provide a lock and key for the entrance gate to the Newtown allotments so as to prevent trespass. The Key could be left at the local police barracks and the various allotment holders notified accordingly. I inspected your house in occupation of Mrs Saunders, Irishtown as directed. Some minor repairs are required to the plastering and the felt portion of the roof requires to be tarred. From inquiries made, I find that the price of a hand-sprayer would be from £3.5.0 to £3.10.0. The fixed price for spraying materials (i.e.) Sulphate of copper and soda is £1.1.6.

Jas. J. Shortall I.S.

Ordered

That the Surveyor have the plastering of house occupied by Mr Saunders repaired, and the felt portion of the roof tarred.

D. Walsh drew attention to the very bad state of repair in which the Surface of Goat Hill is, and suggested that it be treated with tarred macadam; After a short discussion it was proposed by D. Walsh and seconded by Mr Hand

That the Surveyor have Goat Hill repaired in tarred macadam as soon as possible.

Passed Unanimously.

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The following applications for manure were ordered to be accepted :- From Marks Walsh Ballyverogue for one heap in yard on Quay at 33/- and one for three heaps at 33/- each. From Thomas Elmes Rochestown for one heap at Town Wall at 35/-. From Edward Rowe Dysert for one heap at Townwall at 32/- and one from Martin Breen Dunbulin for one heap at yard on Quay at 31/-.

The Clerk reported that Mrs Hughestan had paid 14/- rent, and had promised to pay two weeks rent each week until the balance is paid off, and so far she has paid the extra rent. She also offered Mr Bellew as security in place of Mr James Power, who had withdrawn and Mr Bellew called to the Office to sign the necessary bond. This was considered Satisfactory and it was ordered that the proceedings to obtain possession of the house, be discontinued and that Mr Bellew be accepted as surety in place of Mr Power.

The Clerk pointed out that the husband John Hughestan, was tenant of the house and he had joined the Army and could not now be had to sign the necessary new bond with Mr Bellew. He (Clerk) was of opinion that Mrs Hughestan could not be accepted as tenant whilst her husband was legally the tenant.

Under the circumstances it was decided not to take any further action in the matter until Mr Hughestan is available to sign the new bond with Mr Bellew, beyond relieving Mr Power of any further liability under his bond.

The application of Mr Browne, Collector, for a refund of £13-8-0, rates due by the Reps of the late Dr Meehan, lodged by him to the credit of the Council, and which he now states he cannot recover, was considered, and in connection with it the letter received from the Solicitor to the Reps of the late Dr Meehan, in reply to a letter of Mr Browne's Solicitor.

After considerable discussion it was

Proposed by Dr Walsh and

Seconded by Mr Hand

That this Sum of £13-8-0 be refunded to the

Collector subject to the approval of the L. G. Board.

Passed Unanimously

The Chairman stated that the Chairman of the Council called on him this evening and informed him that he would be unable to be present at the meeting as he would not be in town, and asked him to bring under the notice of the Council the desirability of appointing a Committee to organise a collection in aid of the Fund for the erection of a memorial to the late Major Redmond and suggested that the following be appointed with power to add to their number viz:-

Members of the Council:- Messrs John Murphy. P. J. Dunne, Peter N. O'Gorman and John Sullivan Jr.

Non-members of the Council:- Very Revd. Canon Rossiter Canon Gibson. Messrs J. R. Dolphin Solicitor, Wm. J. Hearn and H. R. Hamilton Jr.

Mr Murphy believed that acting on this Committee would mean collecting Subscriptions, a work he would not undertake, and he declined to allow his name to go forward as a member of it.

Mr Hand suggested the appointment of Dr. Walsh but the latter declined to act on it. Mr Dooley objected to the appointment of a Committee by the Council for the purpose indicated, as he believed the work should be undertaken by the outside public if they wished to do so.

After a short discussion, during which the Chairman remarked that a Committee was appointed by the Wexford Corporation, it was

Proposed by the Presiding Chairman and

Seconded by Mr Hand

That the foregoing except Mr Murphy, be appointed a Committee, for the purpose Specified, with power to add to their Numbers.

Passed Mr Dooley dissenting. Peter Murphy

The Meeting Adjourned to Tuesday 28th August 1917.

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Thursday 23rd August, 1917.

A special meeting of the Council was held this evening at 8 o'clock to consider tender received from Gas Co for the public lighting of the town from 1st Septr 1917 to 31st March 1918.

Present Messrs Patrick J. Dunne Presiding
John Murphy
John Hand
Peter Murphy

The Clerk submitted the following tender received from the Gas Co viz:-

21st August, 1917.

Dear Sir

I am directed to make the following proposal for the Public lighting from 1st September 1917 to 1st April 1918.

66 lamps to be extinguished at 11 PM @ £3.5.0 per lamp. These lamps not to be lit two nights before, two nights after and the night of full moon.

31 lamps to be lit on the above nights of the moon, and to be extinguished at 11 p.m. @ 1/- per lamp.

33 of above to be fitted with incandescent burners, the cost of re-newals of mantles &c to be charged at cost price.

The Kobel lamp to remain lighting all night @ £6.5.0.

The lamp at the Church Rosbercon to be lit as required at 1/-.

The above proposal is made subject to our receiving a sufficient supply of coal.

H. Kirkham
Secretary.

In reply to the Chairman the Clerk stated that the above tender showed an increase of about £24.10.0, in comparison with last years, which would be equivalent to 3/4 (three farthings) in the pound.

A long discussion took place upon the matter during which it was suggested that some of the lamps might possibly be dispensed with.

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Eventually the following resolution was:-
Proposed by Mr Peter Murphy and
Seconded by Mr John Murphy

That a meeting of the Council be held on to-morrow (Friday) evening at 9 o'clock, for the purpose of inspecting all the public lamps of the town with a view to seeing if some of them could be dispensed with.

Passed Unanimously.

On the suggestion of Mr Hand the Clerk was directed to write to the Gas Co. and ask them, what steps had been taken (if any) with regard to the lighting of the town by electricity.

This terminated the business of the meeting and

The Members separated.

Patrick Flaherty

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Friday 24th August, 1917.

An adjourned Special meeting of the Council was held this evening at 9 o'clock, to inspect all the public lamps of the town with a view to seeing if some of them can be dispensed with.

Present Messrs Patrick J. Dunne Presiding
John Murphy
John Hand
Peter Murphy.

The minutes of previous meeting were read and signed.

The list of all the public lamps of the town was submitted and carefully examined.

It was the unanimous opinion of the members present that a number of lamps could be dispensed with, and after a long discussion the following resolution was

Proposed by Mr P. Murphy and
Seconded by Mr J. Murphy

That the tender of the Gas Co. (copy of which is entered on the minutes of the Special meeting of the Council held on 23rd inst.) for the public lighting of the town from 1st Sept. 1917 to 31st March 1918, be accepted, less the following lamps which are to be struck off the list viz:- Newtown, Victoria Place, Union St (opposite club), Cross Lane (opposite new Church), Charleton Hill (corner of Union), South Street (W. Barry's), Do (outside Town Hall), Do (outside Connors), Robert St (centre), Marsh Lane (centre), Charles Street (centre), North St (at miss Waters), Do (Cavanaghs), John St (Butlers St), Do (Brewery entrance), Bridge St (centre), Bridge (Ross side drawbridge), Do (Roberecon Side drawbridge), Do (Roberecon end), Roberecon (Galavan's), Do (Rev Fr Phelan's), Mary Street (Augustinian Steps), and Maiden Lane (Christian Bro's).

Passed Unanimously.

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Proposed by Mr J Murphy and
Seconded by Mr P Murphy

That any complaints which may be made regarding the lighting of the town, whether they be from residents or ratepayers, be sent to the Council in writing, and that no other complaints be entertained.

That the Lamp Inspector, Mr Butler, be requested to report periodically on the lighting of the town and that he be furnished with a list of the lamps that are to be lighted.

Passed Unanimously.

Mr Hand inquired what the reduction in the cost of the public lighting amounted to and the Clerk stated it would be £81.11.0.

Mr Murphy drew attention to the water channel outside the entrance to the new Church in Broadlane which was ordered to be repaired some-time ago, and asked that the Surveyor be requested to have the work carried out. Ordered

That the Surveyor get the work done immediately.

Peter Murphy

The Members Separated.

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Tuesday 28th August. 1917.

A meeting of the Land Cultivation Committee was to be held this evening at 5 O'clock to consider and report on, letters received from Head Constable Sullivan and Sergt Bourke relative to the spraying of their plots at Newtown.

Mr John Hand was the only member who attended.

A Quorum not having assembled

There was no meeting held.

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Tuesday 28th August 1917.

A meeting of the Newross Urban District Council was held this evening at 7.30 o'clock to transact business pursuant to The Towns Improvement (Ireland) Act 1854

Present Messrs Peter Murphy Presiding
John Hand
Michael Sheehan
Joseph Brewer

The Minutes of previous meeting were read and signed.

The Treasurers Authority for making payments was signed by the Chairman and Messrs Sheehan & Brewer and the following Paying Order was directed to be issued viz:- N° 96 P. J. Brennan £22.1.1.

Correspondence

The following letter was received from the Chairman of the Council viz:-

Quay St. 28 Aug. 17

Dear Sir

I regret I must leave town this evening for a day or two and cannot attend meeting to night or Committee meeting this evening. I wish to say however, that membership of the "Major Redmond Memorial Sub Committee" does not imply that members should make a town collection. It only means that members will arrange to receive Subscriptions from all loyal people who admire that good old Wexfordman and "Gallant Irish Gentleman" who laid down his life for the principles he so fervently believed in. The perpetuation of Willie Redmond's memory in Wexford should be outside the circle of careful, parochial, fence-riding politicians.

With regard to the claim made by the R. I. C. for compensation I think it should be referred to our Solicitor for opinion before any order is made by the Council.

Yours truly
John Sullivan

No Order Made.

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An application was received from the Council's workmen for oil clothes and boots, and it was Ordered that its consideration be adjourned to next meeting of the Council, the members to get notice of it.

The following letter received from Dr Deane Solicitor was read :-

25th August 1917

Re :- Meehan House, South St & John J. Browne Rates.

Dear Sir,

Mr John J. Browne, Rate Collector, has handed me yours of the 18th Inst in reference to a sum of £13.8.0 claimed by him as a refund.

The amount is made up as follows :-

2nd moiety of Poor Rate ending 31st March 1914				1-16-5
	do	Town Rate	do	2-8-10
1st	do	Poor Rate ending 30th Sept 1914		1-14-6
	do	Town Rate	do	2-17-6
2nd	do	Poor Rate ending 31st March 1915		1-14-6
	do	Town Rate	do	2-17-6
				13.9.3

I send you herewith the original receipts.

The reason these rates were not collected was because it was impossible. The rates were assessed in the name of the "Reps of D.J. Meehan" who was long since dead before the rate was struck and the occupier of the house was Mary Meehan. Mary Meehan was merely a trespasser although in occupation. She being entirely there against the wishes of her family. Mr Browne could not levy the rate by distraint in as much as the furniture was the property of "Dr D.J. Meehan" and Mr Browne was advised by Counsel that if he did distrain on the furniture the administrators or executors of Dr D.J. Meehan would successfully sue him for damages. Further Counsel also advised Mr Browne that the rate as struck in the "Reps of D.J. Meehan" was bad. Everything possible was done to collect the rate, including a bluff on the part of Mr Browne of bringing the Bailiffs to the premises to seize the furniture. I made repeated applications but without effect, and as

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already pointed out Mr Browne being advised by Counsel that the rate was bad there was no use of his taking out further proceedings

Yours faithfully
Wm F. Hearn.

The Clerk stated that the original of this letter was forwarded to the L.G. Board asking them to sanction the proposal of the Council to refund the rates to Mr Browne.

A reply dated 23rd Inst was received from the Board pointing out that the rates claimed by the Collector are in respect of the half years ended 31st March 1914, 30th Sept 1914 and 31st March 1915, and inquiring if the more recent rates in respect of the hereditament in question have been paid to the Collector.

The Clerk stated that on receipt of this letter he wrote informing the Board that the rates for financial years ending 31st March '16, and 31st March '17 were lodged by the Collector to the credit of the Council, but that they were refunded to him as the premises are vacant.

A further letter dated 24th Inst was received from the L.G. Board stating that they will not raise any Objection to the refund of the Sums in question under the exceptional circumstances mentioned.

Ordered

That the rates lodged by Mr Browne amounting to £13.9.3 be refunded to him at next Finance meeting of the Council.

Letter from the Dublin & South Eastern Railway Co dated 21st Inst, agreeing to permit the existing arrangements to continue under which freight is paid upon all macadam monthly up to the date of each meeting of the Council

The Clerk submitted a form of agreement received from the Co to be filled up, and on the proposal of Mr Sheehan, Seconded by Mr Hand same was approved of.

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Letter from the Waterford & New Ross Port Sanitary Authority dated 14 July enclosing Precept for year ending 31st March 1918 and asking for Laying Order for Council's contribution.

Ordered

That it be referred to the Finance Committee.

Letter from Mr P. T. Daly Secretary Irish Trades Union Congress & Labour Party, dated 16th Aug 1917, forwarding a number of resolutions for adoption. It was ordered that they be adopted.

The following letter received from Messrs Dolfer & Son was read:-

20th August 1917

Urban Council - D. French.

Dear Sir

We have read the correspondence and documents submitted to us in this case, but we dont find amongst them any resolution or Order of the Council accepting Mr French's proposal, and we notice that the proposal is very vague in its terms, as it sets out the area as one eight or one fourth of a Statute acre at ———, for which he agrees to pay a Quarterly rent of ———. Then we find a receipt from Mr John J. Broone to Mr French for 18/- Stg to quarter's rent of one plot. This looks as if the Council considered the Agreement between them and Mr French related to only one plot.

This matter is so obscure that in the absence of further information, we would not be justified in advising the Council to take proceedings against Mr French.

Yours truly
Dolfer & Son.

Ordered

That the consideration of this letter be adjourned until Mr Town returns from holidays.

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Letter from Messrs J. Jones & Co dated 21st Inst, asking what would be the annual charge for the use of the town water in the Tannery.

Ordered

That this application be referred to the Water Committee.

On the proposal of Mr Hand Seconded by Mr Brewer, Mr George Moran was granted a renewal of his gunpowder store licence.

A notice dated 21st Inst was received from the Royal Exchange Assurance Co in reference to the Workmens Compensation (war addition) Act 1917, and stating they are prepared to cover the increased liability of 25% for an addition of 15% to the present premium.

It was Ordered that the additional premium be paid at the next renewal date of the policy.

Letter from the Brunswick Press Ltd, Dublin, stating that they propose printing in heavier type in Purdon's Almanac all the important towns of Irish Fairs where such distinction is desired and for same there would be a nominal fee of 1/- per date.

It was decided not to avail of the offer.

Circular letter dated 18th Inst, from Mr J B Skeffington L.L.D. Belfast, transmitting a statement relative to the Portobello Murders Easter 1916 and asking to have a Resolution passed calling on the Government :-

1. To have indicted and tried all the Accomplices and Accessories to the Portobello Murders, Easter 1916
2. To have Colthurst tried for the Murder of Coade and other Crimes
3. To have justice done to Sir Francis Vane.
4. To have printed and published forthwith the Evidence taken at the Inquiry by Sir J. Simon.

No action taken.

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The Street Inspector reported a number of traders for causing an obstruction on the streets by placing boxes &c. outside their premises

No Order Made.

The Meeting adjourned to Tuesday 11th September 1917.

John Baldwin

Monday 3rd September 1917

A monthly meeting of the Council was to be held this day at 12 o'clock noon to transact business pursuant to The Sanitary Improvement (Ireland) Act 1854.

No member of the Council attended.

A Quorum not having assembled.

There was No Meeting held.

John Baldwin

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Thursday 6th September 1917.

A meeting of the water committee was to be held this evening at 5 o'clock to consider an application received from Messrs J. Jones & Co. for a Supply of water to Tannery.

No member attended

A Quorum not having assembled

There was no meeting held.

John O'Leary.

Tuesday 11th September 1917.

A meeting of the Finance committee was held this evening at 4.15 to transact of the committee for the Finance meeting of the Council

Present Messrs P Murphy
J Murphy

The Committee examined a number of bills (see list at commencement of municipal minutes) and recommended payment of them. Those received from Dr Hickey and Mr Lynch & S. were also submitted but there was no recommendation made respecting them.

The Committee Adjourned.

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Tuesday 11th September. 1917.

A meeting of the Newbos Urban Council was held this evening at 7.30 o'clock to transact business pursuant to The Towns Improvement (Ireland) Act 1854, consider advisability of establishing a weekly pig market in Newbos, an application from the workmen for boots and oil clothes and ~~the following~~ elect tenant for house in Wm. Street vacated by Gallelly.

Present Messrs John Sullivan J.P. Presiding
John Hand
Patrick J. Dunne
Wm. Murphy
Peter Murphy
John Murphy

The minutes of previous meeting were read and signed.

The Treasurers authority for making payments was signed by the Chairman and Messrs P. Murphy & Murphy and the following Paying Orders were directed to be issued viz:- No 97 Hoff & min £18.18.10, No 98 Mrs M. Roche £8.5.0, No 99 John J Browne £2.5.6, No 100 John J. Browne £13.0.3, No 101 Jno O'Neill £5, No 102 Waterford & Newbos Port Sanitary Authority £6, No 103 James J. Shortall £4.8.9, No 104 P.A Brennan £4.10.0, No 105 Dublin & South Eastern Railway Co £6.14.6, No 106 Wm Leacy £1.2.0, No 107 P Murphy £8.2.10, No 108 Parnell Quarries Ltd £2.3.11, No 109 Wexford County Council £436.13.0, No 110 Hoff & min £11.5.0, No 111 John J Browne £37.5.0, No 112 Messrs Lawlor & Sons £-.-.

Correspondence.

A letter was received from Messrs L & D Jones & Co, dated 21st Augt asking to be informed what the Annual charge for a Supply of water to the Tannery would be. In a separate memo Mr Curran stated what would fill a cistern of 200 to 220 cubic feet weekly would be about their requirements.

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Proposed by Mr Dunne and
Seconded by Mr Peter Murphy

That Messrs Jones & Co be charged an annual rent of £3. for a Supply of water to the Tannery, the Annual consumption not to exceed 100,000 gallons, or at their option, a Supply by meter at the usual Scale of charges, the cost of connecting with water main and providing meter, to be borne by them.

Passed Unanimously.

Messrs Kelly & Co applied under date 8th Septr 1917, for permission to construct a hydrant in their mill yard on Quay, to be used only in case of fire, and it was Ordered that the necessary permission be given, an annual rent of 10/- to be charged for same, And to be used only in case of fire.

Letter from Gas Co. dated 8th inst, notifying that they intended opening the road outside Messrs Kelly & Co premises on the Quay in Order to lay a new supply pipe.

No Order Made.

Abree, dated 8th Inst was received from the Auditor of his intention to open the Audit of the Accounts of the Council for the year ended 31st March 1917, but there was No Order Made respecting it.

A tender dated 8th Inst of £1.15.0 was received from Jno. Neill Jan House, for heap of manure at Town Wall and it was Ordered to be accepted.

Letter from L. G. Board, dated 4th Inst, forwarding an order for payment of £28.18.1 final instalment of Estate Duty for year ended 31st March last.

Ordered

That it be lodged to the credit of the Council.

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Letter from L.G. Board dated 1st inst. forwarding a copy of the Local Government (allotments and Land Cultivation) (Ireland) Act 1917.

No Order Made.

A Circular letter was received from the Dublin Chamber of Commerce, dated 25th Ult, relative to a future Commercial and Industrial Policy for Ireland, but there was no action taken on it the meeting being of opinion that it will be dealt with by the Convention in due course.

Letter from Thomas McLoughlin, one of the Council's tenants at Wm Street dated 11th inst. applying for the plot adjoining his house at Wm Street, which is at present in occupation of Mr Hand, when the latter has the present Crop out of it. He would have applied earlier last year, but he met with an accident to his hand and was unable to work for a considerable time. On getting possession of the plot he will pay the amount paid for Ploughing.

Mr Hand suggested that this letter be referred to the Plots Committee for report, and this was agreed to.

The Clerk reported that the total Amount of Rates outstanding at date for the half year is £884.5.3, And on the Proposal of the Chairman Seconded by Mr P. Murphy, it was Ordered that the Collector be directed to proceed with the collection of the rates as expeditiously as possible.

Letter from the Gas Co, dated 11th inst, acknowledging receipt of the Council's letter of the 24th Ult, intimating to them that their tender had been accepted, the number of lamps to be reduced from 66 to 43, and they were accordingly lighting the reduced number.

With regard to their Electric Lighting Scheme they have received the Plant Report &c, from the consulting Electrical Engineer, and are waiting for certain legal requirements to be complied with.

No Order Made.

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A notification was received from the Commissioners of National Education that the period of service of the School attendance Committee for the Urban district of Newbliss will terminate on the 31st December 1917, and requesting to be furnished with the names of those who may be appointed by the Council to be members of a new Committee.

Ordered

That the members of the Council be summoned to attend next meeting to elect five members to serve on the School attendance Committee for three years from 1st January next.

The Collector reported under date 11th inst that there was still outstanding on account of the rent of the plots at Newtown £8.6.6, particulars of which he submitted and asked for instructions.

Ordered

That if the Collector cannot collect the rents of those plots the Council's Solicitors be instructed to do so.

Letter from Messrs Colfer & Son:-

25th Aug. 1917.

Urban Council V French

Dear Sir

We have read the correspondence and documents submitted to us in this case, but we dont find amongst them any resolution or Order of the Council accepting Mr French's proposal, and we notice that the proposal is very vague in its terms, as it sets out the area as one eight or one fourth of a Statute acre at — for which he agrees to pay a quarterly rent of ——. Then we find a receipt from Mr John J. Browne to Mr French for 18/- viz:- 2 quarters rent of one plot. This looks as if the Council considered the agreement between them and Mr French related to only one plot. This matter is so obscure that in the absence of further information we would not be justified in advising the Council to take proceedings against Mr French.

Yours very truly

Colfer & Son.

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It was agreed that the Chairman, Mr Butler (who has possession of the two plots originally allotted to Mr French) and the Surveyor call on Mr Colfer and explain fully to him the particulars of the matter, and that they invite Mr French to accompany them, if he wishes to do so.

The following letter was also received from messrs Colfer & Son:-

9th Septr 1917

Newhaven U. D. C.-Re- Market Bye Laws.

Dear Sir

The Market Bye Laws have been duly approved of by the Local Government Board. As the Public Health Act requires printed copies of the Bye Laws to be conspicuously displayed in the market place, and in the office of the Sanitary Authority, we got a number of copies of the Bye Laws printed which we sent you on 6th inst. Two copies of the Bye Laws have been pasted on to Notice Boards, and we suggest that one of these should be placed at the fish house, and the other in some conspicuous place in a part of the town where the markets or some of them are held. A copy should also be placed in the Council Office, but we think this copy ought to be framed. A few other copies should be put up in public places thraigh the town. We think it right to mention that any rate payer is entitled to receive from you a copy of the Bye Laws on payment of -, such sum not to exceed 1/- as the Sanitary Authority may prescribe.

Yours very truly

Colfer & Son.

Ordered

That one copy of the Bye Laws be posted on the Fish House, one on the Shelsel, and a few about town, also that one be framed and hung in the Office.

That one Shilling per copy be charged to any Rate payer who applies for a copy.

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The application received from the workmen for a Suit of oil clothes and strong boots was considered. The Chairman remarked that the Council did not supply boots but a Notice of Motion might be considered to have their wages increased, but he would vote against it after a short discussion it was then

Proposed by Mr Hand and
Seconded by Mr Dunne

That all the workmen get the price of a pair of boots each.

On the proposition being put to a vote there voted
For:- Messrs Hand, Dunne & Wm Murphy
against Messrs J Murphy, P Murphy & The Chairman.

The voting being equal the matter was adjourned to next meeting. It was agreed that a suit of oil clothes be supplied to each man.

The following applications were received for the tenancy of the vacant house at William St lately occupied by James Dalley viz:- Ellen Ryan Michael St, Thomas Connolly Mary St, Michael Corcoran, Gamblin, Richard Brazil Mary St, Henry Spencer William St and James O'Reilly Macmorough.

Mr Dunne proposed that the house be given to Richard Brazil he having applied for a house on two former occasions that there was one vacant.

Proposed by Mr Peter Murphy and
Seconded by Mr Wm Murphy "

That James O'Reilly get the house."

A short discussion took place during which it was pointed out that Mr O'Reilly worked a horse very badly in town, as he was engaged with in the Technical School during the winter months up to a late hour on certain evenings in the week. It was agreed therefore to give him this house but the members present pledged themselves to support Mr Brazil's application for the next vacant house. This was agreed to and Mr Peter Murphy's proposition was passed Unanimously.

Mr O'Reilly to pay the increased rent of 6 per week until the balance 12/6 of the proportionate cost of pailing of field is paid off.

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The letters received from Head Const Sullivan and Sergt Burke applying for compensation for alleged injury to their potato crop caused by spraying carried out by the Councils men, which had been adjourned from a previous meeting were considered briefly and it was

Ordered

That the Councils Solicitors be asked to advise whether the Council are liable for compensation in connection with the claims.

At this stage Mr D. Murphy left the meeting.

A discussion took place respecting the proposed establishment of a weekly pig market in the town and it was.

Proposed by Mr John Murphy and

Seconded by Mr Hands

That a weekly pig market be held in Dunboyne on whatever day is considered most suitable, after consultation with some bacon Curers, the details to be arranged by the Committee previously appointed to make arrangements for the drafting and adoption of the Market Bye Laws.

Passed Unanimously

Ordered

That Public Notice be given of the establishment of same by advertisement for two successive weeks in the Free Press and Dunboyne Standard and by posting of Bills in public places in town and adjacent rural districts.

The Clerk pointed out that sometime ago the Council agreed to charge Mr James Lawlor Roberton a nominal rent for the portion of the public street at Roberton upon which he was allowed to build but did not fix the exact annual Sum. It was now Ordered that he be charged an annual rent of one Shilling.

The Meeting adjourned to Tuesday 25th September 1917.

John Dudlin.

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Monday 24th September 1917

A meeting of the Bye Laws and Markets Committee was held this evening at 5 o'clock P.M to transact business in connection with the proposed weekly pig market, consider letters received from Bacon Curers, etc.

Present Messrs John Murphy Presiding
John Hand
Patrick J. Dunne

Letters were received from the following Orgs:-
Messrs Buttle Bros who wrote under date 17th inst. stating that they would be glad if a pig fair was established weekly, and their usual buyers could attend. In their opinion either Monday or Friday would be suitable days on which to hold the fair.

The Wexford Meat Co, in a letter, dated 17th inst, stated that if a sufficient number of pigs were forthcoming they would be prepared to arrange for buyers to attend. Any day except Monday or Wednesday would suit their arrangements.

Messrs Henry Thunder Sons wrote under date 19 Sept, that their representative would call to the Office in order to get more details and explain their views on the matter.

The Clerk reported that on the 20th inst, Mr R. A. Meredith called to the Office on behalf of Messrs Henry Thunder Sons, and stated the previous experience of the Firm was that they could not get a sufficient number of pigs each week, when they had the Scales working weekly at Rosbercon, to make a weekly attendance of a buyer pay them. In addition to this they are short-handed at present, many of their men having left them, so that under the circumstances they could not give an undertaking that a buyer would attend the proposed new pig market every week. If, however, a sufficient number of pigs are on offer in the market weekly they will

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arrange to have a buyer attend on their behalf. Monday Tuesday or Wednesday would be suitable days.

The Committee having considered the matter very fully decided to recommend the Council to establish a weekly pig market for the sale of fat pigs, same to be held on every Monday throughout the year, (unless a Catholic or Public holiday fall on that day, in which case the market is to be held on the following day), from 10.30 A.M. to one o'clock P.M. on the Quay between the Office of the Harbour Commissioners and the Office of the Grand Canal Company, the first one to be held on the 22nd October next.

The Committee also recommended that advertisements announcing the establishment of the market, and the date upon which it will be open, be inserted in the next two consecutive issues of the "Wexford Standard" and "Free Press" and a number of posters be also printed and posted in different places, particularly on the piers of church gates in the country. and that a moveable railing be provided for the scales on the Quay so that pigs can be weighed on it if necessary.

The Committee Adjourned.

John Breen

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Tuesday 25th September 1917.

A meeting of the Newbridge Urban Council was held this evening at 7.30 o'clock to transact business pursuant to The Towns Improvement (Ireland) Act 1854, elect five members of the School Attendance Committee for three years from 31st Dec next and deal with a proposal to allow each of the Councils workmen the cost of a pair of boots.

Present Messrs John Sullivan J.P. Presiding
John Hand
J.B. Keane
Joseph Brewer
Michael Sheehan

The Minutes of previous meeting were read and signed

The Treasurers Authority for making payments was signed by the Chairman and Messrs Sheehan & Hand and the following Paying Order was directed to be issued viz:- No 113 Half Rmin £20.9.4 Petty Cash.

Correspondence

Letter from L.G. Board dated 19th Inst enclosing Paying Order for £22.4.1 being the first instalment payable to the Council as a Road Authority in respect of Estate Duty for year ending 31st March next.

Ordered

That it be lodged to the credit of the Council.

Letter from Thomas McLoughlin dated 25th Inst, stating that he did not receive any reply regarding the plot which he wrote to last meeting about, and giving details respecting the matter.

The Clerk stated that his previous letter was referred to the Plot Committee but the Committee did not meet hence he did not reply. He also stated that when the plots were being let he wrote to Mr McLoughlin twice asking him if he was prepared to take one, but got no reply. When

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the Council decided to increase the rent by six pence per week until the cost of fencing of plot was paid he sent Mr Brennan to ascertain from some of the tenants who had not communicated with him, if they were willing to pay the increased rent, but as Mr McLoughlin had not consulted to take one of the plots it was not necessary to ascertain if he would pay increased rent, hence Mr Brennan did not call on him.

Ordered

That this letter be referred to the Plots Committee.

A requisition signed by residents of Charleton Hill, the officers of the Workhouse, and Fr Quigley and Fr McCormack was received asking to have the public lamp at Charleton Hill re-lighted, but the matter was Ordered to be referred to the Committee or members of the Council who decided upon reducing the number of lamps previously lighted.

Letter from Thomas Butler, Insurance Secretary, T.O.H dated 15th Septr. '17 informing the Council that Walter Duggan, an employee of the Council, who is insured through his Society for the purpose of the N. H. I acts, attained the age of seventy years in February last. He will not therefore be entitled to any further benefits under the Acts nor will any further contributions be payable by him or on his behalf.

Ordered

That the Clerk take any steps that may be necessary in connection with the matter.

A number of Forms of Licence under the Meat (Sales) Order 1917 were received and submitted but there was no action taken respecting them, the Council being of opinion that the order did not apply to Markets in towns like Newbridge.

An application, dated 24th inst was received from Messrs McKelly & Co for permission to take in the water to their coal yard on the Quay for the purpose of watering horses, the supply to be taken from a pipe

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belonging to Mr Gantley which is passing through the yard.
Ordered

That the required permission be given to Messrs McKelly & Co to take in the water, the annual charge for same to be fixed by the Water Committee

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The Traders Water Rent or Rate Book for financial year ending 31st March 1918 was submitted by the Clerk and the following resolution passed in reference to it viz:-

Proposed by Mr Sheehan and
Seconded by Mr Hand

That the Traders Water Rent Book be signed by the Presiding Chairman and two members of the Council and sealed, and countersigned by the Clerk.

Passed Unanimously

In accordance with the resolution the Book was duly signed and sealed.

Election of School attendance Committee

Proposed by the Chairman and
Seconded by Mr Hand

That the following be appointed by the Council to serve on the School attendance Committee of the Urban District of Newbridge for three years from the 1st January 1918 viz:- Very Revd Canon Rossiter P.P. Revd Wm Gibson B.A. Revd Thomas Quigley C.C. George Moran and P.J. Dunne.

Passed Unanimously

The Agreements for letting of house at Wm Street lately occupied by James Dalley, and also the plot in connection with same, to James O'Reilly were Submitted for Sealing, and on the proposal of the Chairman Seconded by Mr Sheehan, they were duly sealed.

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The Street Inspector reported that a number of traders were obstructing the streets by placing boxes &c on them also that the daily Scavenging was carried out. The Clerk inquired who was to carry out the new Bye Laws, and it was

Ordered

That the Street Inspector be directed to report to the Council any breaches of the Bye Laws which may come under his notice.

It was also Ordered that a copy of the Bye Laws be forwarded to the District Inspector, R. I. Constabulary, and he be asked to co-operate with the Council in having them carried out.

The Council next proceeded to consider the application received from the workmen for a pair of boots, which had been adjourned from last meeting and after a short discussion, the following resolution was:-

Proposed by Mr Hand and

Seconded by Mr Brewer

That each of the workmen be supplied with a pair of boots for the year, and that Tenders be invited for the supply of them.

On a Poll being taken there voted:-

For:- Messrs Hand, Sheehan and Brewer 3

Against:- Messrs Keane & The Chairman 2

The resolution was declared "Passed"

Establishment of a Weekly Pig Market

In connection with the proposal to hold a weekly Pig market, the following Report of the committee to which the matter was referred at last meeting to arrange details was read:-

2nd Septr 1917

Your Market and Bye Laws Committee met this evening at 5 o'clock to consider matters in connection with the establishment of a weekly

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Pig market. Having considered the letters received from Messrs Henry Henry & Sons, Buttle Bros. and the Wexford Meat Supply & Bacon Factory Ltd, we recommend the Council to arrange to have a Pig Fair, or market, held in town on Monday in each week, as we consider this the most suitable day, and if a Catholic, or public holiday falls upon it, the market will be held on the following day. We also recommend that it be held on the Quay between the Harbour Commissioners Office and the Grand Canal Co's Office between 10.30 o'clock AM and one o'clock, and that advertisements announcing the establishment of it be inserted in the "Newsos Standard" and "Free Press" for two consecutive weeks and also that it be advertised by Posters in the country. In addition to this we recommend that a moveable railing be provided for the Scales on the Quay so that pigs can be weighed on it if necessary.

John Hand, Patrick J. Dunne.

The letters received from Messrs Buttle Bros., Messrs Henry Henry & Sons and Shelbadoff Meat Co, which were already considered by the Committee as entered on the minutes of their meeting, were submitted and after some discussion the following resolution was Proposed by the Chairman and Seconded by Mr Sheehan

That the Report of the Committee in reference to the holding of a weekly pig market be adopted and the recommendations made by them carried out.

Passed Unanimously

The following resolution was also Proposed by the Chairman and Seconded by Mr Sheehan

That a fair, or market, for the sale of fat pigs be held on each Monday on the Quay Newsos from 10.30 o'clock A.M. to one o'clock P.M. between the Harbour Commissioners Office and the Grand Canal Store,

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and should a Catholic or public Holiday fall on Monday the fair is to be held on the following day.

Passed Unanimously.

The Meeting adjourned to Tuesday 9th October 1917.

John Dalton

Monday 1st October, 1917.

A monthly meeting of the Council was to be held this day at 12 o'clock noon to transact business pursuant to The Towns Improvement (Ireland) Act 1854.

No member attended

No Quorum not having assembled

There was no meeting held.

John Dalton

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Monday 1st October 1917.

A meeting of the members of the Council who decided to reduce the number of lamps during the winter months was held this evening at 5 o'clock to consider a requisition signed by a number of persons asking to have the lamp at Charleton Hill lighted during these months.

Present Messrs Peter Murphy Presiding
Patrick J. Dunne
John Hand

The members having considered the application to have the lamp lighted the following resolution was
Proposed by Mr Hand and
Seconded by Mr Dunne

That we adhere to the resolution already passed abolishing twenty-three lamps of which this is one.

Passed Unanimously

The Meeting Adjourned.

Jn Sullivan.

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Monday 8th October 1917

A meeting of the Land Cultivation Committee was to be held this day at 5 Oblock PM to consider an application from Thomas McLoughlin for one of the Plots in possession of Mr Hand when the latter had the crop taken out of it; also a letter received from him in reference to the application.

No member of the Committee attended

The Meeting Adjourned.

Monday 8th October 1917

A meeting of the Water Committee was held this day at 5.20 O'Clock PM to fix rent to be charged to Messrs M. Kelly & Co for a supply of water to their Coal Yard on Quay; also rent to be charged to Mr Arthur Doyle J.P. for a supply to his yard at Henry Street, an application for same having been received from him since last Meeting of the Council.

Present Messrs Peter Murphy, Presiding
and
Patrick J Dunne.

The Committee first Considered the application of Messrs Kelly & Co, and, after a short discussion, decided to fix the Annual rent at One Pound.

The Committee decided also to recommend the Council to charge Mr Doyle an Annual rent of One Pound for a supply to his yard.

Mr Murphy drew attention to waste of water at Right, on premises occupied by Mrs Cummins South St, and pointed out that he had referred to the matter on previous occasions. The Surveyor, who was present, and who is acting now for the Water Inspector, was directed to shut it off at Right.

The Meeting Adjourned

John Nelson.

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Tuesday, 9th October 1917.

A Quarterly Meeting of the Council was held this day at 4 O'Clock P.M. to transact business pursuant to the Local Government (Ireland) Act 1898.

Present Messrs John O'Sullivan J.P.
Peter J. O'Gorman
Joseph Brewer
John Murphy
and
Michael Sheehan

The Minutes of last Quarterly Meeting were read and signed.

For the reason stated on the Municipal Minutes there was no Quarterly business transacted, and, on the proposal of the Chairman, seconded by Mr Sheehan, it was decided to adjourn the Meeting to 23rd Inst at 4 O'Clock, and accordingly,

The Meeting Adjourned to 23rd October 1917.

John Sullivan

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Tuesday 9th October 1917

A meeting of the Newross Urban District Council was held this Day at 7.30 O'Clock to transact business pursuant to the Towns Improvement (Irland) Act 1854.

Present Messrs John O'Sullivan J.P.
Peter R. O'Gorman
Joseph Brewer
John Murphy
and
Michael Sheehan

The Minutes of last Meeting were read and signed

The Treasurer's Authority for making payments was signed by The Chairman and Messrs P.R. Ogorman Michael Sheehan and the following Paying Orders directed to be issued Viz:-

No 114 Heliz Ltd £9. 11.4; J Browne £1-6-3; 116 Parnell Quarries Ltd £21-16-1
" 117; J J Shortall; 118 Hugh R Hamilton £1-5-6; 119 Hibernian Fire Co £2-10-6.
" 120; J J Browne £1-14-3; 121, J J Browne £30-11-1; 122 Same £35-0-9;
" 123 Hoffinn £6-5-0; 124, Same £11-5-0; 125 Mrs M. Lalor £1-5-0;
" 126 Messrs James Byrne £4-0-10; 127, M. Sheehan 8/2; 128, Miss Whelan 5/6;
" 129 Cashiers Bank of Ireland £432-1-8; 130; Same £32-17-9, 131, Same £137-6-1
" 132 Same £28-11-4; 133; Petty Bach £21-5-7
" 134 Miss E Doyle £1-3-6; 135 Technical Instruction Committee £16-18-4.
" 136 D.W.C. Railway £6-19-1; 137 St Stephens Cemetery Committee £3-15-1

When the Minutes were signed the following resolution was Proposed by the Chairman and Seconded by Mr Sheehan Viz:-

That we, the Newross Urban Council tender our deepest sympathy to the relatives of Mr Thomas Ashe, and that we wish to express our objection to the prison System which Subjects Non-Criminals to such brutal inhuman treatment, and that this Meeting adjourns.

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At the request of the Clerk, the Meeting decided, before putting the resolution, after the passing of which they would adjourn, to consider Tenders for the supply of seven pairs of boots for the workmen, as sample had been received from a number of Traders, as follows:-
From E Whitty, John St @ 26/-, per pair. Joseph Roche, Quay St. at 22/6, Wm. Mc Cabe, Cleary St @ 27/-; and John Allen, Cleary St @ 27/-
The Members having examined the different samples, and compared the prices, selected the sample submitted by John Allen at 27/-, and it was:-
Proposed by Mr Sheelan and
Seconded by The Chairman
"That the Tender of John Allen,"
"for the supply of Seven pairs of boots, same as sample, for"
"the Council's Workmen, at 27/- per pair, be accepted."
Passed Unanimously.

Mr Brewer drew attention to the holding of the proposed new pig Market on Monday, and stated that many persons were under the impression, that it was to take the place of the existing one, especially as the first one would fall on the same date, there being two fairs held in the present month. It was therefore
Ordered "That the Clerk have advertisements inserted in"
"the two local papers pointing out that the new pig"
"Market is not intended to interfere, in any way, with"
"the existing monthly one."

The Clerk submitted a number of bills, particulars of which are entered at the commencement of the Minutes, and on the proposal of Mr Murphy, seconded by Mr Brewer, they were Ordered to be paid, after which the resolution of Sympathy was put to a vote, and passed unanimously.
Mr O'Gorman was not present at this stage, he having left soon after the Minutes were read.
The Meeting Adjourned to Tuesday, 23rd October, 1917

John Dalton

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Monday 22nd October 1917.

A meeting of the Finance Committee was held this evening at 8 o'clock to rule on Collector's Abstract of Uncollectable Town and Poor Rate for half year ended 30th Septr 1917, and consider Mr Bergin's bill for Roberton Sewerage Scheme.

Present Messrs P. J. Dunne
John Murphy

The Rate Collector was also present.

The Committee examined in detail, the lists of Uncollectable Rates Submitted by the Collector for the half year ended 30th Sept 1917, and decided to recommend the Council to cancel Sums of Poor Rate amounting to £25.2.0 and dis-allow Collector Sums amounting to £7.2.0½, also to cancel sums of Town Rate amounting to £32.15.0 and dis-allow Sums amounting to £7.15.11.

The Committee also examined Mr Bergin's bill amounting to £28.12.6 fees in connection with Roberton Sewerage. They were not satisfied that his visit to town in Septr 1913 for which he charges £6.10.5 was specially in connection with this scheme, as he may have attended to inspect the Newlas Sewerage Works then in progress, and they therefore deferred consideration for the present. The fee of £9.1.0 for preparation of Plans is correct, but the Committee considers that a fee of £3.3.0 exclusive of travelling expenses should be sufficient for attendance at Special meeting of Council in april 1914. The item of £3.3.0 for preparation of outfall plans is reasonable but the Committee do not consider the Council liable for the fee charged for preparing Bill of Quantities. Finally the Committee recommend that the Engineer be again communicated with and their recommendations submitted to him for his observations.

The Meeting Adjourned.

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Tuesday 23rd October 1917.

An adjourned Quarterly meeting of the Council was to be held this evening at 7 o'clock to transact business pursuant to the Local Government (Ireland) Act 1898

Present Messrs John Sullivan J.P. and Peter H. O'Gorman.

A Quorum not having assembled there was no business transacted.

The Meeting Adjourned to Wednesday 24th October 1917.

John Sullivan

Tuesday 23rd October 1917.

A meeting of the Council was to be held this evening at 7.30 to transact business pursuant to the Towns Improvement (Ireland) Act 1854.

Present Messrs John Sullivan J.P. and Peter H. O'Gorman

A Quorum not having assembled there was no business transacted

The Meeting Adjourned to Wednesday 24th October 1917.

John Sullivan

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Wednesday 24th October, 1917.

An adjourned Quarterly meeting of the Council was to be held this evening at 7 o'clock to transact business pursuant to The Local Government (Ireland) Act 1898.

Present Messrs John O'Sullivan J.P. Presiding
Peter N. O'Gorman
Patrick J. Dunne
John Murphy

Owing to the death of Mr Ely Graves it was decided not to transact any business accordingly

The Meeting Adjourned to Tuesday 6th November, 1917.

John Sullivan

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Wednesday 24th October 1917.

An adjourned meeting of the Council was held this evening at 7.30 o clock to transact business pursuant to the Towns Improvement (Ireland) Act 1854.

Present Messrs John Sullivan J.P. Presiding
John Murphy
Peter N. Gorman
Patrick J. Dunne.

The minutes of previous meeting and of the adjourned meetings were read and signed, after which the Chairman referred to the death of the late Mr Graves and suggested that a vote of sympathy be passed with Mrs Graves and the meeting adjourned. It was agreed to dispose of one or two items which were rather urgent.

A tender was received from Wm Gannon Annestown, dated 24th Ult for one heap of manure at Town Wall at 36/- and one in yard or Quay at 25/- and on the proposal of Mr Dunne, Seconded by Mr Gorman it was accepted.

An application dated 23rd Inst was received from Messrs Cherry Bros. Trefwell Brewery for permission to get a supply of water by meter into their mineral water Factory.
Proposed by The Chairman and
Seconded by Mr Murphy
That the Supply be granted at the usual scale of Charges by meter.
Passed Unanemously

The Clerk submitted the list of Uncollected Rates which had already been dealt with by the Finance Committee when the following resolution was Proposed by the Chairman
Seconded by Mr Gorman and Resolved
That sums of Uncollectable Poor Rate

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amounting to £25.2.0½ be cancelled for half year ending 30th Ult, and sums amounting to £7.2.0½ be carried forward to next collection, and sums of Uncollected Town Rate for same period amounting to £32.15.0 be cancelled and £7.15.11 be carried forward to next collection.

Passed Unanimously.

It was at this stage, agreed to adjourn the remainder of the business to next meeting of the Council to be held on the 6th prox, and pass a vote of sympathy with Mrs Graves. Accordingly it was:-

Proposed by The Chairman and

Seconded by Mr O'Gorman

That we the New Ross Urban District Council beg to tender to Mrs Graves and family our sincere sympathy, and condolence in their bereavement caused by the death of her dear husband, the late Mr Eby Graves, a former respected resident of our town, whose demise is deeply regretted by all classes. His kindly and genial disposition endeared him to all, whilst the many good qualities manifested by him as a large employer of labour, justly merited the good will and affection of his employees.

That as a mark of respect to his memory we adjourn this meeting.

Mr Dunne having associated himself with the sympathetic remarks of the proposer and Seconder, the resolution was

Passed in Silence.

after which

Ed & Dr

The Meeting Adjourned to Tuesday 6th November 1917.

John Butler.

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Monday 5th November 1917.

A monthly meeting of the Council was to be held this day at 12 o'clock noon, to transact business pursuant to The Towns Improvement (Ireland) Act 1854

No member attended

A Quorum not having assembled

There was no meeting held.

John Dillon.

Tuesday 6th November 1917.

An adjourned Quarterly meeting of the Council was to be held this evening at 4 o'clock to transact business pursuant to The Local Government (Ireland) Act 1898.

Messrs Hand and Brewer were the only members who attended.

A Quorum not having assembled

The Meeting Adjourned to Tuesday 13th November 1917.

John Dillon.

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Tuesday 6th November 1917.

An adjourned meeting of the Council was to be held this evening at 7.30 o'clock to transact business pursuant to The Dwellings Improvement (Ireland) Act 1854, deal with an inquiry on behalf of the L. G. Board, as to the number of Working Class houses necessary to be built in order to meet the reasonable requirements of the District, and give probable cost of same.

Messrs Hand & Brewer were the only members who attended.

As Quorum not having assembled

The Meeting Adjourned to Tuesday 13th November 1917.

John Bulbin

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Tuesday 13th November, 1917.

An adjourned Quarterly meeting of the Council was held this evening at 7 o clock to transact business pursuant to The Local Government (Ireland) Act 1898.

Present Messrs John O'Sullivan J.P. Presiding
Peter N. O'Gorman
Patrick J. Dunne
John Hands

The minutes of last meeting were read and signed.

The following Quarterly Report of the Town Surveyor was read:-

October 9th. 1917.

The public works within the District have been well maintained during the past Quarter. Your Contractor, Richard Malone, has made satisfactory progress with his Contract for the delivery of stones since your last Quarterly meeting. I estimate that he has now delivered the full amount of his Contract. Your Contractor, Thomas O'Neill, has also made satisfactory progress and I estimate that he has now delivered about 200 tons. There is now about 300 tons of unbroken material in the Roberton depot and immediate steps should be taken to have this broken and prepared for spreading during the ensuing Quarter. We have now received about 215 tons of macadam from the Parnell Quarries which has been carted to the various depots and some of it spread where required. There are still about 50 tons to arrive and I expect 4 waggons (or about 32 tons) of this quantity, within the next few days.

Mr. Whitty has not yet delivered any material on his contract from Ballymacar Quarry. Some sections of footpath were repaired with tarred macadam, during the past quarter. I do not propose to make any recommendation for new works on the present occasion.

Jas. J. Shorball
Town Surveyor.

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In reference to Mr Whitty's contract the Surveyor reported that he was speaking to him recently and he promised to commence delivery week after next.

Ordered

That the Clerk write to Mr Whitty and ask him to proceed with the delivery of the Stones as soon as possible, as the material is badly wanted.

An application was received from Patrick Flaherty for an increase in the present price allowed per ton for breaking stones, he considered that 4/6 per ton would be little enough to allow.

After a short discussion it was

Proposed by Mr O'Gorman and

Seconded by The Chairman

That the price allowed for the breaking of stones from Glendinsan Quarry be increased to 3/9 per ton

Passed

Ordered

That advertisements be issued for breaking of the Stones at the increased rate.

The Meeting adjourned to the 8th January, 1918.

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Tuesday 13th November 1917.

An adjourned meeting of the Council was held this evening at 4.30 o'clock to transact business pursuant to The Towns Improvement (Ireland) Act 1854, deal with an inquiry on behalf of the L. G. Board, as to the number of working class houses necessary to be built in order to meet the reasonable requirements of the District, and give probable cost of same.

Present Messrs John Sullivan J.P. Presiding
Peter N. O'Gorman
John Hand
Patrick J. Dunne

The minutes of previous meeting were signed.

The Treasurers Authority for making payments was signed by the Chairman and Messrs O'Gorman & Dunne and the following Paying Orders were directed to be issued viz:-
No 139 R.W. Morris 14/6, No 140 A.& H. Lyndall £5.10.0, No 141 Messrs Grand Mason No. £3.0.6, No 142 Min. Fund £11.5.0, No 143 Min. Fund £12.9.6, No 144 John J. Browne £4.19.10, No 145 John J. Browne £24.5.4, No 146 J.J. Browne £31.13.2, No 147 J. Browne £3.0.8, No 148 Sec. School attendance Committee £7.15.0, No 149 Messrs Graves & Webb £3.15.10, No 150 John Stevenson £2.11.6, No 151 Francis Browne £8.12.10, No 152 Richard Malone £21.11.3, No 153 James Shorthall £7.9.0, No 154 Geo Moran £13.14.6, No 155 Min. Fund £1.3.10, No 156 Min. Fund £29.7.6, No 157 D.& S.E. Railway Co £6.16.10, No 158 John Allen £9.9.0, No 159 Francis Bergin (No 5 Loans) £16.7.9, No 160 Francis Bergin (No 6 Loans) £4.18.6.

Correspondence.

A Tender, dated 5th inst. of 40/- each was received from Mr John Roche, Talbot Hall, for three heaps of manure, and it was ordered to be accepted, the one heap now ready for sale to be given to him, as well as the next two that will be made up, after Mr Thos. Neill Tenhouse,

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has been supplied with one in Town Hall Depot.

A Tender of 36/- each for two heaps was received from Marks Walsh, but it was not accepted.

Mr Wexford tendered under date 12th Inst for the road Scrapings on Waterford Road at the usual price, and it was,

Ordered

That her proposal for the road Scrapings on Waterford Road for one year, from 1st Decr next, be accepted.

The following received from the Council's workmen was read:-

Gentlemen

We the undersigned respectfully apply for an increase of wages as we are unable to maintain our families on our present wage. Our demand 25/- per week with an additional Shilling per week for the Carmen for attending to the horses on Sunday. We give you until Wednesday 21st Inst to consider, if you do not comply favourably with our demand, we mean to cease work on that date.

Signed Yours respectfully
Red. Broaders, James Flynn, Wm. Shea
Thos. Freeman, Edwd. Murphy, Wat Treggan,
James Furlong.

After a Short discussion the following resolution was

Proposed by The Chairman and
Seconded by Mr. O'Gorman

That we advertise for men at the present wages.

Passed Unanimously.

Letter from the L. G. Board, dated 9th Inst, No 54206:1917, approving of the recommendations of the Council respecting the cancellation of rates for half year ended 30th Septr last.

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Ordered

That the amount of rates cancelled be refunded to the Collector, a/arising Order for the amount to be issued at this meeting.

Letter from Same, inclosing a copy of the Auditor's Report on his audit of the accounts of the Technical Instruction Committee for year ending 31st March last, and also forwarding a copy of the account.

No Order Made.

The following report of the Auditor on his audit of the accounts of the Council for year ended 31st March last was read:-

Ballina, Moyvalley,
8th October 1917.

Gentlemen,

I have the honour to report that I have audited the accounts of the Newbat Urban District Council for the year ended the 31st March last, and to inclose duly certified abstracts thereof.

Certain of the tenants of the Artizans & Labourers Dwellings owe large arrears of rent. This calls for the immediate and Serious attention of the Council. The accounts were prepared for Audit with creditable care and accuracy.

Your Obedient Servant,
J. MoreD Tenall
Auditor.

Ordered

That the members of the Council be Summoned to attend next meeting to consider the Auditor's reference to the Arrears of rent due by the weekly tenants.

The Clerk pointed out that the printing of the abstracts last year cost £2.10.0. It was now Ordered that the abstracts

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be not printed, but be open for the inspection of any ratepayer who wishes to see them.

Letter from the National Health Insurance Commissioners, dated 13th Inst. respecting the application for a refund of the contributions paid for that Duggan since he attained the age of seventy years, and stating that the matter will be considered on receipt of a birth certificate, or other documentary evidence as to Duggans age.

Ordered

That Duggan be directed to furnish some documentary evidence of his age.

Letter from Mrs Graves, dated 29th Ult, acknowledging receipt of the resolution of sympathy passed by the Council with her on the death of her husband.

No Order Made.

Letter from the Secretary of the H.O.H. Newbas Division, enclosing copy of a resolution passed by the Division, expressing their desire to join in the many appeals made to the young people of the town to avail of the Technical Classes, and as a help in that direction they authorized the granting of a Sum of one Pound towards any fund that may be opened by the Technical Committee to provide prizes for Students who shall have given the best attendance and shown the greatest diligence and progress.

Ordered

That the thanks of the Council be conveyed to the Division for the practical manner in which they have manifested their interest in Technical Education.

Letter from the Gas Co, dated 23rd Ult, notifying their intention of opening the road outside Mrs Fleming's South St, to renew the supply

paper
No Order Made.

Letter from Collector of rents dated 12th Inst. drawing attention to the fact that the Sum of £2.18.6 rent is still due on the plot of ground at Dempsey particulars of which he submitted, and stating that he had made several application for the amounts.
Proposed by The Chairman and
Seconded by Mr O'Gorman

That the Collector be instructed to collect the rents of these plots immediately and if refused that the Council's Solicitors be instructed to proceed to collect them.

Passed Unanimously

Letters were received from Messrs Power & Sons and R Flynn & Sons Seed merchants Waterford, quoting price of seed suitable for planting at Irishtown &c, but it was decided not to Order Any.

A letter was also received from Messrs Buttle Bros., dated 2nd October, in which they noted that a weekly pig fair would be held on each Monday, and advising that they had notified their local buyers of it.
No Order Made

Letter from Mrs Carroll, Jolly Holme, dated 30th October 1917 stating that owing to her husband not being to find employment for some time past her rent had fallen into arrears, and asked to be allowed until Christmas to clear off the arrears and in the meantime she will pay the weekly rent punctually. She is now thirty-seven years living in the house. Ordered

That the proposal made by

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Mrs Farrell for the payment of the rent of the house be approved of by the Council.

Letter from the Rathdrum Rural Council dated 16th Oct. 17, forwarding copy of a resolution passed by the Council asking the Government to remove Major Hall, and protesting against the Prussianising of our Country &c.

Mr Hand suggested that it be marked "Read" but there was no Order made upon it.

A requisition dated 6th Inst signed by the four priests residing in the Prestytery, and a number of the inhabitants of Cross Lane was received, asking to have the lamps in Cross Lane opposite the entrance to the New Church re-lighted during the winter months, and pointing out that it was a source of inconvenience and danger to have the place in darkness.

The Clerk stated that two complaints had been made to him respecting the non-lighting of the lamp at Mary St, opposite to the entrance to the Augustinian Church, as owing to the steps inside the entrance gate, and on the footpath outside of it, there was great danger of accidents for want of the proper lighting of the place. Ordered

That these applications be referred to the Street Committee to deal with them, and they be authorized to direct that the lamps be re-lit if they consider same necessary.

Letter from the Hon Secretaries Association of Municipal authorities in Ireland, dated 16th Ult, stating that the association was arranging to bring under the notice of the Government, the claims of Urban Authorities in Ireland to a proportionate Share in the Grants promised by the Government in aid of housing of workers in towns and cities, and asking to be informed what number of additional houses are required in the District, and the probable cost of same.

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Ordered

That the information supplied to the Inspector of the L. G. Board on these matters, be furnished to the Association.

The Clerk reported that since last meeting an Inspector of the L. G. Board visited the town and asked to be informed of the probable number of additional houses necessary for the working classes to meet the reasonable requirements of the District, together with the probable cost of same.

He (Clerk) called a meeting of the Housing Committee to consider the matter but they did not meet. He then consulted with the M.O.H. Chairman of the Council, and the S.S.O. and they were of opinion that 100 additional houses would be reasonably required at an estimated cost of £250.

The Council should now approve of this or amend it, as the information had been furnished to the Inspector.

Proposed by Mr O'Gorman And

Seconded by Mr Lunn

That the Estimate of the number of additional houses required for the District, and the probable cost of same, furnished to the Inspector of the L. G. Board by the Clerk be approved of.

Passed Unanimously.

Letter from Mr Langley Secretary to the Technical Committee, dated 6th November 1917, stating that at last meeting the Committee had before them for discussion "The case for increased grants for Technical Education in Ireland" as ventilated at the recent Technical Congress, and a resolution was passed requesting the active Co-Operation of local Public Bodies in the matter of bringing before the Treasury the need for increased funds for Technical Education in Ireland.

The estimate of the Department of £110,000 per annum in addition to existing grants for these needs has been forwarded to the Treasury.

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Proposed by The Chairman and
Seconded by Mr Dunne

That this Council having introduced Technical Education in Wexford and realising how the scheme is hampered by want of sufficient funds, earnestly hope the Treasury will grant the full demands of the Department of Agriculture and Technical Education.

Passed Unanimously.

Letter from the Hon Secretary of the Vacant Land Cultivation Society, Dublin, dated 26th Septr, intimating that the Chief Secretary, in answer to one of Mr Fields questions in the House of commons stated that he had received no demand for a permanent allotment Act for Ireland from the Local Authorities on whom it was proposed to confer Compulsory Powers and asking the Council to propose a resolution on the Subject and send it to the Chief Secretary.

Proposed by The Chairman and
Seconded by Mr Dunne

That this Council earnestly request the Government to pass a permanent allotment act for Ireland on the lines of the allotments (Scotland) act 1892, with provisions extending the powers conferred on Rural District Councils under the Labourers (Ireland) Acts 1883 to 1906 for acquiring land compulsorily, so that Urban Councils may be in a position to secure that all plot holders who have cultivated plots under the temporary Act, to provide food during the present War, may, when they have to relinquish their present plots, be immediately provided with permanent allotments.

Passed Unanimously.

Letter from D. I. McLean, dated 4th October in reference to the Council's letter of the 24th Septr relative to the Co-operation of the Constabulary in Inforcing the New Bye Laws, and inquiring to what extent the

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co-operation of the Constabulary is required. He should also like to Know definitely whether or not they are expected to prosecute. After a brief discussion it was:-

Proposed by the Chairman And

Seconded by Mr Hand

That the police be authorized to prosecute all persons whom they may discover violating any of the Bye Laws adopted by the Council.

Passed Unanimously.

Letter from the Cinematograph Trade Council dated 26th Ult. drawing attention to the fact that the Report of the Cinema Commission has now been published @ 10/- per copy, but the meeting decided not to purchase a copy.

A communication dated 6th November 1917 was received from the Hon Secretary of the Irish Rotholders Union, enclosing copy of Draft Rules and constitution and asking if it would be possible to be represented at a meeting to be held in the Mansion House in January.

No Order Made.

An application was received from Kate Ryan of Jolly Holme for the tenancy of the house in which she lives, but which was formerly in the name of her mother-in-law Bridget Ryan

Ordered

That Kate Ryan be accepted as tenant of the house.

The Clerk submitted a number of Bills (see list at commencement of minutes) and on the proposal of Mr O'Gorman, Seconded by Mr Dunne, they were ordered to be paid.

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Surveyor's Report

The Surveyor reported that he had carried out repairs to house recently occupied by Mr ~~Dada~~ Dalleby, to the weigh-bridge at Brightown, and a leaking water pipe outside Messrs Hutchinson's South St, and had anew Surface trap constructed at Crosslane opposite entrance to new Church. From inquiries made from the manufacturers of the weighbridge on Quay he finds that a movable structure for weighing pigs would cost about £30. but he has made an anglement to have another type of structure erected by a local tradesman which will cost about £10. The old fire range in No 1. 10th Street is burned out, and a new one is required, also about four Square yards of the Kitchen floor requires to be repaired in Concrete, and the eave shoot repaired to Sentley.

Proposed by the Chairman and Seconded by Mr Dunne

That a new range be fitted in this house and the floor repaired.

Passed Unanemously.

A long discussion took place respecting the cost £10 of the Structure for weighbridge and resulted in the Chairman alter-ing the paragraph in the report referring to it so that the cost shall not exceed £5.

The following received from Messrs Colfer & Son was read :-

23 Oct 1917

Re Potato Spraying: O'Sullivan & Burke's claims

Dear Sir

We have read the entire file of correspondence and docu-ments in this case. The claims of Head Constable Sullivan and Sergeant Burke appear to be based on the assumption that the injury to their crops was caused either by some negligence of the Council's

employees or Servants in supplying improper spraying material or in using the spraying material negligently, that is, without reasonable skill or care. If the facts of the case establish, that the injury to the crop arose from one or other of the above causes, the Council would be liable for the resulting loss and we certainly think that the facts point very strongly to the conclusion that the injury was caused by one of the above enumerated ways. If this damage was caused by bad spraying material having been supplied to the Council, it is probable the Council would have a remedy against the party who supplied it, but this would not relieve them from direct liability to the persons whose crops had been injured.

Yours truly
Colpert Sol.

Ordered

That Head Constable Sullivan and Sergt Burke be informed the Council repudiate all liability in connection with the failure of their crops.

The Council formally approved of the recommendation of the Committee declining to have the lamps at Charleton Hill re-lighted.

In reference to Thos McLoughlins application for the plot in the field at Wm Street let to Mr Hand it was.

Ordered

That he be informed the Council cannot now comply with his request, as he did not accept the plot when invited to do so.

The Meeting Adjourned to Tuesday 27th November, 1917.

John Reilly

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Tuesday 20th November 1917

A Special Meeting of the Council, called on requisition, was held this evening at 7.30 O'Clock, to appoint Seven Workmen, or such lesser number as may be necessary.

Present Messrs P. H. O'Gorman Presiding.
Patrick J Dunne
John Hand
John Fanning
and
Joseph Brewer

The Chairman having read requisition, and Notice, convening the meeting, as well as the application for an increase of wages, received from the workmen at last meeting, Mr Hand stated that on the previous evening the workmen called to his house and having talked the matter over with him, signed a withdrawl of their former application, of which the following is a copy.

New Ross
November 19th 1914

To The Chairman and
Members of the Urban Council.

Gentlemen,

We, the undersigned, respectfully beg leave to withdraw our original application and demands for an increase of 7/- per week, and if not granted to cease work on Wednesday next. Owing to the high cost of living we are severely pinched, and would feel most grateful if the Comcil will reconsider our application, and grant us a reasonable increase in our wages.

Signed, Thomas Freeman, Edward Broaders, Edward Murphy, William Shea, James Furlong, Walter Duggan, and James Flynn.

The following Notice of Motion" was handed in by Mr Hand Viz:- "I beg to give Notice to move at the

Next Meeting of the Council that the Seven workmen of the Council be granted a reasonable increase in their wages."

The following applications were received, but were not Considered Viz:- from James Flynn who stated that when he signed the request for an increase of wages he did not mean to take the Council short, only to apply for an increase, which is badly needed at the present time; and from Edward Delaney. who stated he could follow a horse or do any other work.

After a short discussion the following resolution was:-

Proposed by The Chairman and

Seconded by Mr Hand "That the workmen be"

"appointed at this meeting".

Passed Unanimously.

after which

The members Seperated.

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Tuesday 27th November 1917.

A meeting of The Newross Urban District Council was held this day at 7.30 Oclock to transact business pursuant to The Towns Improvement (Ireland) Act 1854: Consider that portion of the Auditor's Report in which he directs attention to the arrears of rent due by some of the Council's tenants; also the following "Notice of Motion" by Mr Hand Viz:- "That the seven workmen of the Council be granted a reasonable increase in their wages.

Present Messrs John O'Sullivan J.P. Chairman, Presiding.
John Canning
Peter Murphy
Peter R Gorman
John Hand
and
Patrick J Dunne

The Minutes of previous meeting were read and signed.

The Treasurer's Authority for making payments was signed by The Chairman, and Messrs Peter Murphy, and P J Dunne, and the following Paying Orders directed to be issued Viz:-
No 161 M J Flinn, Petty Cash, £29.10.8. No 162 Kate Ryan £2.0.0.

Letters were received from the Prime Minister, Chief Secretary, and Mr Ffrench M.P. acknowledging receipt of copy of resolutions passed by the Council, relative to the passing of a permanent Allotments Act for Ireland, and the provision of additional funds for the purpose of Technical Education in Ireland. Mr Ffrench in his letter stated that he would give the matter his best attention.
No Order Made.

A letter, dated 16th Inst. was received from Sir Thomas Russell acknowledging receipt of a similar resolution
No Order Made.

A Notification, dated 14th November 1917, was received that it was

provisionally determined that the South Wexford Division of the Parliamentary County of Wexford, shall in future Consist of the existing South Wexford Division together with the part of the existing South Kilkenny Division which is Comprised in the Administrative County of Wexford.

No Order Made.

Letter from W P Dilworth, one of the Secretaries of the National Education Commissioners, dated 19th Inst, intimating that the Commissioners had appointed the remaining half of a New School Attendance Committee for the Urban District of New Ross, for three years from the 1st January 1918, and the Committee will therefore consist of the following:-

Appointed by Local Authority

Very Revd Canon Rossiter P.P. Revd Thomas Quigley C.C. Revd William Gibson B.A. Messrs Patrick J Dunne and George Doran.

Appointed by Commissioners of National Education

Very Revd Canon Holohan V.F. Revd Aidan McCormack C.C. Messrs Peter Murphy, Aidan P Bolger, and John Murphy, John St.

No Order Made.

Letter from the British Petroleum Co Ltd, dated 21st Inst, asking for a renewal of their license to Store Motor Spirit in their store at Rosbercon, which expires on the 12th Prox, and also account for fee.

Proposed by Mr Peter Murphy and
Seconded by The Chairman

"That the license granted to the"
"British Petroleum Co, for the Storage of three thousand"
"gallons of Petroleum, including Motor Spirit, in their"
"Store at Rosbercon, be, and is hereby renewed, for a"
"further period of one year from the 12th of December 1917,"
"subject to the conditions upon which the original license"
"was issued"

Passed Unanimously

Ordered

That a fee of five Shillings be charged for the renewal.

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Tuesday, 27th November 1917. (Minutes Continued)

A notice, dated 17th November 1917, was received from the Surveyor of Taxes at Waterford, of an Assessment of Income Tax under Schedule B, of ten Shillings in respect of the land at Crosslane, the valuation of which is Two Pounds.

After a short discussion it was decided not to appeal against the Assessment.

On the proposal of Mr Hand, seconded by Mr Murphy, the agreement between the Council and Kate Ryan for the Tenancy of the house at Foley Holane, was sealed.

The following report of the Street Committee was read:-

16th November 1917

The Street Committee met this evening; and we are of the opinion that it is necessary to have the lamp in Crosslane, at entrance to new Church, re-lighted and also the one in Mary St, opposite entrance to Augustinian Church, and we direct that the necessary steps be taken to have them lighted. We also recommend that the lamp in Priory Lane (centre) be extinguished.

J. Murphy, John Hand, Patrick J Dunne.

Proposed by The Chairman and
Seconded by Mr O'Gorman

"That the report of the Committee"
"be adopted and the recommendations made by"
"them carried out"

Passed Unanimously

The Chairman drew attention to the unseemly conduct of some of the persons who frequent the Hall of the Thdsel, and to the damage done by breaking of glass there and also the tearing down, on two occasions, of the gas pipe leading to the meter. After a short discussion it was

Proposed by The Chairman and
Seconded by Mr O'Gorman

"That no persons be allowed to stand in the Hall"

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The proposition was put to a vote and the following voted:-
For; Mesrs Peter Murphy, O'Gorman, and The Chairman. 3
Against; Mesrs Dunne, Fanning, and Hand 3
The Chairman gave his casting vote in favour of the resolution and declared it "Passed".

Ordered

That the Surveyor direct one of the men to keep the Hall clear.

The Notice of Motion handed in by Mr Hand at the special Meeting Viz:- "That the seven workmen be granted a reasonable increase in their wages", was considered.

After a short discussion it was

Proposed by Mr Hand and
Seconded by Mr Fanning "That the wages of all the men be fixed at 22/6 per week"

To this the following Amendment was

Proposed by Mr O'Gorman and
Seconded by Mr Peter Murphy Viz:-
"That the wages of the men"
"be fixed at 20/- per week, with 1/- additional per week"
"to the two men who follow the horses, and 1/6 additional"
"to Edwd Broaders, who carries out disinfecting of Closets."

The Amendment was put to a vote and the following was the voting.
For:- Mesrs Peter Murphy, Peter J. O'Gorman and The Chairman 3
For Mr Hand's Proposal:- Mesrs Dunne, Fanning and Hand 3

The Chairman declined to give a casting vote and adjourned the matter to next Meeting

Subsequently Mr Hand asked permission to withdraw his resolution, and allow Mr O'Gorman's Amendment to be put as the original resolution. This was agreed to, and the amendment was then put to the Meeting and passed unanimously, the increase to come into Operation on Thursday Morning and be payable for week ending on Wednesday, 5th December.

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That portion of the Auditor's Report dealing with the arrears of rent due by the weekly tenants was considered.

The Clerk submitted the weekly Sheets for week ending on Monday, 26th Inst. showing arrears outstanding at that date, and after considering the list fully the following Order was made Viz:-

That all the tenants who owe over four weeks rent be informed if they do not substantially reduce the arrears, their sureties will be applied to for payment of them.

Mr Ogorman drew attention to the dangerous condition of the footpath at the entrance to George Moran's field at Roberton, and the Surveyor having stated that the cost of repairing it in Cement would be about 15/-, it was Ordered, on the proposal of Mr Ogorman, Seconded by Mr Hand:- That it be repaired in Cement, by the Surveyor.

Congratulating the Bishop-Elect of Ferns

Proposed by Mr Ogorman and
Seconded by Mr Hand

"That we, the New Ross Urban"
"District Council, representing the people of New Ross,"
"beg to tender our warmest Congratulations to the Very"
"Revd. William Codd P.P, Blackwater on his"
"elevation to the Episcopacy of the Diocese of Ferns."

Passed Unanimously

Ordered

That a copy of this resolution be sent to Fr Codd.

The Street Inspector reported that a number of Traders were causing an obstruction in the Streets by placing boxes, etc, outside their premises, but there was No Order made respecting the matter.

The Meeting adjourned to Tuesday, 11th December 1917.

John Fullam

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Monday, 3rd December 1917.

A Monthly Meeting of the Council was to be held this day at 12 O'Clock Noon, to transact business pursuant to The Towns Improvement (Ireland) Act 1854

No Member attended.

A Quorum not having assembled,

The Meeting Adjourned to Tuesday, 11th December 1917.

Tuesday, 11th December 1917.

A fortnightly, and an adjourned Monthly Meeting of the Council was held this day at 7.30 O'Clock to transact Business pursuant to The Towns Improvement (Ireland) Act 1854.

Present Messrs John O'Sullivan Jr. Presiding.
John Hand
John Murphy
and
Patrick J Dunne.

The Minutes of last Meeting were read and signed.

The Treasurer's Authority for making payments was signed by the Chairman, and Messrs Murphy and Dunne, and the following Paying Orders directed to be issued Viz:-

No 163; Richard Murphy £8-12-10; No 164- John Stevenson £3-10-5.
" 165; John J Browne £3-14-11; " 166 " Treasurer to Council £436-13-0
" 167; Parnell Quarries Ltd £14-13-7; 168 " Mr Flinn £11-5-0; 169 " Petty Cash £30-12-10
" 170. James J Shortall £7-12-10; 171 " Patrick Leacy £10-6-6, 172. M Hennessy £7-13-8.

When the Minutes were Signed, Mr Dunne referred to the death, since last Meeting, of Mr Colfer's brother, and proposed the following resolution, which was seconded by the Chairman, and passed in Silence Viz:- "That we Tender to Mr J R Colfer, "our respected Solicitor, and his immediate relatives, our sincere Sympathy" "and Condolence, in their bereavement, caused by the death of his brother" "and that as a mark of respect to his memory we adjourn this Meeting".

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A Dividend Warrant for £2-15-1, being half-year's interest on £163-7-0 was received and Ordered to be lodged to the Credit of the Council.

Letter from the Local Government Board No 168/M/1917, dated 5th December 1917, intimating that the Royal Assent has now been given to a Bill providing for the postponment of Local Elections, and the extension of the term of Office of Comcillors and Guardians by one year.
No Order Made.

A letter was received from Richard Hynes, William St. in reply to one addressed to him requesting him to redruce the arrears of rent due by him. In it he stated that he is paying up his rent regularly every week, and trying to keep up to the agreement he made.
No Order Made, this being Considered Satisfactory

An application, dated 5th Inst. was received from The Shell Marketing Co for a renewal of the license to keep Petroleum in their Store at Rosbercon.
Proposed by Mr Murphy and
Seconded by Mr Hand

"That the license granted to the"
"Shell Marketing Co for the Storage of three thousand"
"gallons of Petroleum, including Motor Spirit, in their"
"Store at Rosbercon, be, and is hereby renewed for"
"a further period of one year from the 19th December"
"1917, subject to the conditions upon which the original"
"license was issued", a renewal fee of 5/- to be paid by Co."

Passed Unanimously.

Letter from Very Revd. Codd P.P. dated 1st Inst. acknowledging the vote of Congratulation passed by the Comcil on his elevation to the Episcipal See of Ferns.
No Order Made.

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An application, dated 7th Inst, was received from Thomas Cushen, Hon Secretary of the New Ross Amateur Dancing Class for the use of the two rooms in the Thobel on the night of the 5th January, for the purpose of holding their Annual dance in them

Ordered

That the application be granted.

A Tender, dated 11th December, was received from Messrs Schelby Hon. Quay, New Ross, to wind, and keep the Town Clock in repair for one year for the Sum of £6-10-0.

Proposed by Mr Dunne and

Seconded by The Chairman

That the Tender of Messrs Schelby Hons to wind, and keep the Town Clock in repair for one year for the Sum of £6-10-0, be accepted as from 13th Inst.

Passed Unanimously

A resolution, received from the Middleton Urban Council, protesting against the action of the Government in shutting down the Irish Pot Still Distilleries, was, on the proposal of Mr Murphy. Seconded by Mr Dunne, unanimously adopted.

An application (see copy on letter file) dated 6th Inst. was received from the Street and Water Inspector, for a weekly Bonus of ten Shillings.

Ordered

That the consideration of this application be adjourned to next meeting, the members of the Council to be summoned to consider it.

The consideration of a resolution received from the Cork Corporation, and also an application to have a lamp at South St lighted was adjourned to next meeting.

The Meeting Adjourned to Thursday 20th December 1917.

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Thursday. 20th December 1917

An adjourned meeting of the Council was held this day at 7. 30 Oclock to transact Business pursuant to the Towns Improvement (Ireland) Act 1854 - to consider an application from the Street and Water Inspector for a weekly Bonus of ten Shillings: also an application to have a lamp in South St lighted each night.

Present Messrs John O'Sullivan Jr. Chairman. Presiding
John Murphy
John Hand
Patrick J Dunne
and
Peter. A. O'Gorman

The Minutes of last meeting were read and signed
The Treasurer's Authority for making payments was signed by the Chairman, and Messrs O'Gorman and Dunne, and the following Paying Order directed to be issued Viz:-
No 143 Mr J Flinn, Petty Cash £23. 7. 5

The Clerk stated that in pursuance of the Order of the Council made at a previous meeting, the Town Surveyor had directed Edward Broaders to attend in the hall at night, until closing time, for which he allowed him 1/- per night, and he (Clerk) now wished to have this expenditure formally authorized by the Council, as the previous order did not specify the payment of any wages for the work.

Ordered.

That the payment to Broaders, of 1/- per night for attending in the Hall, be approved of, but that his service in this respect be dispensed with from this date.

The Clerk also inquired if the usual extra cleansing will be carried out, and, on the proposal of Mr Hand, seconded by Mr Dunne it was decided to allow each of the Council's men, and the Portress, 5/- each, for extra cleansing at Christmas.

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It was agreed not to consider the application, received at last meeting to have the lamp at South St re-lighted as it was not regarded as a genuine one.

The consideration of the resolution passed by the Cork Corporation protesting against the remark of Major F O'Bowen D S O, in reference to the Irish language, at a recent Courtmartial trial in Cork, was taken up.

The resolution was not adopted, but instead, the following resolution was,

Proposed by Mr Murphy and
Seconded by Mr Hand Viz:

"That we Protest against the"
"insult offered to our language".

Passed Unanimously.

Application of Street and Water Inspector

The meeting proceeded to consider the application of the Street and Water Inspector for a weekly Bonus of 10/-, which he is compelled to ask for as the cost of living has gone so high.

After some discussion it was:-

Proposed by Mr Hand:-

"That the consideration of this Application"
"be adjourned until after the preparation of the next Estimate."

The proposition was not seconded.

Proposed by Mr Murphy and
Seconded by Mr Dunne

"That Mr Butler be allowed a"
"weekly Bonus of 7/6, during the continuance of the present"
"war and for six months after its termination."

To this the following amendment was

Proposed by Mr O'Gorman, and
Seconded by The Chairman

"That Mr Butler be allowed"
"a weekly Bonus of 5/- for one year"

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A vote was taken as between the resolution of Mr Murphy, and the amendment of Mr O'Gorman, when the following voted for the resolution Viz:- Messrs Murphy, Dunne, and Hand. 3
For the Amendment:- Messrs O'Gorman, and The Chairman 2.
The Chairman declared the resolution Passed.

The Street Inspector reported that a number of traders were causing an obstruction of the streets by placing boxes, etc, on them; also that the daily Scavenging was carried out in a Satisfactory manner.
No Order Made

The Meeting Adjourned to Tuesday, 8th January 1918.

J. Murphy

Monday, 7th January 1918
Monthly Meeting day.
No Member of the Council attended.

The Meeting was adjourned to Tuesday, 8th January 1918.

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Tuesday. 8th. January 1918

A Special Meeting of the Council was held this day at 1 O'Block P.M. to Confer with the Chairman of the Board of Guardians, and of the District Councils of Aldrone, Ida, and New Ross as to the advisability of holding a Public meeting to consider the best steps to be taken to conserve the existing food Supply of the Country, and to increase it during the coming Year.

Present Messrs John O'Sullivan Jr. Presiding.
John Murphy
John Fanning
John Hand
Michael Byrne, Chairman of Board of Guardians }
Marks and Murphy, Chmn of New Ross Dist Council. }

A long discussion took place respecting the business for which the meeting was held, resulting in the following resolution being:-
Proposed by Mr Murphy and
Seconded by Mr Hand Viz:-

"That a meeting of
"The New Ross Urban Councillors, Clergy, Professional
"gentlemen, representatives of the various Clubs, Societies,
"and Public Boards in town, be held in the Office of the
"Urban Council on Friday evening, 11th Inst. at
"4 O'Block P.M. to Consider the best steps to be taken
"to Conserve the existing food Supply of the District
"and render it available for the inhabitants; also to
"increase same during the Coming Year.

Passed Unanimously

The Meeting Adjourned.

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Tuesday 8th January 1918.

A Quarterly meeting of the Council was held this evening at 7 oclock to transact business pursuant to the Local Government (Ireland) Act 1898, and consider Surveyor's estimate for financial ending 31st March 1919.

Present Messrs John Murphy Presiding
John Hand
John Fanning
Patrick J. Dunne.

The following report of the Town Surveyor was read:—

8th January 1918.

I beg to submit herewith, my annual estimate for the Maintenance and repairs of your streets Etc., for the ensuing Financial Year, viz:—

200 Tons Parnell Quarry Macadam	@ 9/4	£103-0-0
250 Tons Glensinsaw Do	@ 6/9	84-7-6
20 Tons River Gravel	@ 4/-	4-0-0
Maintenance of Horses and Workmen's Wages		250-0-0
New Works and repairs to Property		50-0-0
		£493-7-6

This amount is £34-7-6. less than last year's original estimated total or an equivalent of about one penny in the £. on your rateable valuation.

There is a decrease of 250 tons Macadam in the estimated quantity for the ensuing financial year as compared with last year. The efficient maintenance of your streets will not suffer by this economy as there will be a considerable surplus of Material to be carried forward from last year which will be too late to spread, when prepared, and with the exception of the Irishtown and Wexford St. districts, almost all the other streets are in better condition than they have been

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for some years past.

Your contrator, Thos O'Neill, has only yet delivered about half his contract amount from Glensinaw Quarry. He should be asked to complete his contract immediately.

Mr Whitty has not yet delivered any material from Ballymacar Quarry to the Irishtown area. I would recommend that an equivalent amount be obtained from the Parnell Quarries Co., in lieu of this; and that Mr Whitty's agreement be dissolved.

Of the 270 tons Macadam proposed to be obtained from the Parnell Quarries for last year, 240 tons have been delivered and I expect delivery of the balance within the next few weeks.

From 1st Feby, onwards, it will be possible, without loss or inconvenience, to dispense with the services of one of your workmen.

I do not propose to lay any recommendation for new Works before you on the present occasion.

James J. Shortall
Town Surveyor.

Proposed by the Chairman and
Seconded by Mr Dunne.

That the Quarterly Report and Annual Estimate of the Town Surveyor for financial year ending 31st March 1919 be adopted; except that portion of it relating to dispensing with one of the Workmen; the consideration of which is to be deferred until March.

Passed Unanimously

Ordered.

That advertisements be issued inviting Tenders for the supply of those stones at next Quarterly Meeting.

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The Clerk stated that Mr Fleming North St. had applied for six loads of stones from the Parnell Quarries and it was ordered that he be supplied with them at first cost.

The Meeting adjourned to Tuesday 9th April 1918.

P McGowan

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Tuesday 8th January 1918
A Meting of the New Ross Urban District Council was held this evening at 7-30 O'clock, to transact business pursuant to the Towns Improvement (Ireland) Act 1854.

Present Messrs John Murphy Presiding
John Hand
John Fanning
and
Patrick J. Dunne.

The Minutes of last Meeting were read and signed.
The Treasurer's Authority for making payments was signed by, The Chairman of the Meeting and Messrs J Hand and J. Fanning. and the following Paying Orders directed to be issued. viz.—
No 174, B. Schelby & Son, £6-10-0, No 175 Hibn Fire & General Ins Co £25-0, No 176 John Stevenson 12/= No 177 Miss K. Nugent £1-6-3 No 178 M. J. Finn £6-5-0, No 179 M. J. Finn £11-5-0 No 180 £26-6-7. Petty Cash, No 181 J. J. Brown & £2-4-1 No 182 £3-15-0, St Stephen's Cemetery Committee, No 183 John Kelly £5-4-0 No 184 W. M. Corcoran £5-12-6, No 185 The People Printing Co £3-19-0 No 186 Royal Exchange Assurance Co Ltd £2-0-0, No 187 Treasurer L.G.B £6-6-0 No 188 J. J. Shortall £7-17-1, No 189 Matthew Cooney £10-0-0, No 190 D. J. Hanley £1-13-0.

Letter from Dept. of Agriculture dated 31st Dec No 3151—17 forwarding Copies of Amending Orders under the Maintenance of Live Stock Act 1915.
No Order Made

An Application dated 7th Jany 1918 was received from the New Ross Cinema Company for a renewal of the License of the Town Hall

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Proposed by Mr Dunne and
Seconded by Mr Fanning.
"That the License granted to the New Ross Cinema Company to use the premises known as the Town Hall New Ross for the purpose of an Exibition of Pictures, etc, by which means of a Cinematograph for the purpose of which Inflammable Films are used, subject to the provisions of the Cinematograph Act 1909, and the regulations made under it, be, and is Hereby renewed for one Year from this date."
Passed Unanimously

A Tender dated 5th inst, was received from Messrs H. Harvey & Co Waterford for the suffply of three Rate Books @ 30/- each or two at 33/6 Each.
Proposed by Mr Dunne and
Seconded by Mr Fanning.
"That the tender of "Messrs Harvey & Co for the supply of "Rate Books be accepted"
Passed Unanimously

An application dated 8th Inst was received from the Hon. Secretaries of the New Ross Junior Dancing Class, for the use of the two rooms of the Hotel on the 19th and 20th inst; for the purpose of holding their annual dance, and it was —
Ordered
"That the Application be granted."

Anastasia Doran Church Lane one of the Council's Tenants wrote; drawing attention to the very bad state of the back door of her house, and asking to have it repaired
Ordered
That the Surveyor have the necessary repairs to the door carried out.

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Tuesday 8th January 1918 (Minutes Continued)
The following resolution, passed by the Dublin Corporation was on proposal of Mr Fanning
Seconded by the Chairman unanimously adopted viz:—

"That we, the members of the Dublin Corporation, having learned that certain members of the Irish Civil Service have been victimised by dismissal, transfer to other offices, or by having adverse records made against them upon secret reports, demand that the evidence upon which they have victimised shall be produced, and that the Officers concerned shall be given a fair opportunity of meeting the charges upon which they have been penalised.
Failing the production of evidence or the formulation of direct charges, we demand that the adverse records be expunged, and that those victimised by dismissal, or transfer, be restored to their various offices.

Letter from the Town Clerk of Limerick dated 19th ult, forwarding the following copy of a resolution passed by the Borough Council of Limerick in reference to the Housing Question and its adoption was
Proposed by Mr Hand and
Seconded by Mr Dunne viz:—

"That this meeting realizing the bad housing conditions that exist in the Townsland Cities of Ireland, are of opinion that this question can only be satisfactory solved on National lines; and as the Government have recognised this by their scheme for National Housing, to be put into operation at the termination of the War, we demand that in the best interests of the country and the workers therein,

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it is imperative that a sufficient sum of Money be provided, immediately, for the re-housing of the Working Classes in the Towns and Cities of Ireland, as has already been done in the County for the Agricultural Labourers.
That Copies of the Resolution be sent to all the Municipal Councils in Ireland, to the Chief Secretary, and all the Irish Members of Parliament."

A bill was received from Mr M Looney Charles St for £10, the second half years rent of the field at Newtown. He also asked to be informed what the Council propose to do about it for the ensuing year.
Ordered.

That the bill be paid, and the inquiry be referred to the Land Cultivation Committe, but at a later stage of the Meting this matter was dealt with by the Council.

An application dated 8th Inst was received from the Town Surveyor for; Some remuneration for performing the duties hitherto performed by the Working Foreman.
Ordered

That this application be referred to the next Meting of the Council, the Members to be summoned to Consider it.

An application dated 8th Inst was also received from the Clerk for an increase in his Salary or a bonus, and it was
Ordered

That this application be also referred to the next Meeting of the Council, the Members to be summoned to consider it.

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Tuesday 8th January (Minutes Continued)
At this stage the Chairman attended the Meeting and presided.

The Clerk submitted a number of bills (see list at commencement of Minutes) for payment, and on the Proposal of Mr Hand
Seconded by Mr Dunne
They were ordered to be paid.

It was stated that; At the special Meeting of the Council held today, to confer with representatives of the Board of Guardians, and District Councils relative to the Conservation of the food Supply, it was agreed to ask the Local Govmt Board whether the Council could borrow money on the security of the rates; for the purpose of purchasing food, and accordingly the following resolution was
Proposed by Mr Murphy and
Seconded by Mr Hand, viz:—
That the Local Govmt. Board be asked; if the Council can borrow Money on the security of the rates of the District for the purpose of purchasing food; to be disposed of again at cost price as they fear there will be a scarcity of food later on; if some steps are not taken to conserve it.
Passed Unanimously

The question of renting the field at Newtown from Mr Cooney for the ensuing year for the purpose of having it cultivated in Plots, was considered and the following resolutions was —
Proposed by Mr Dunne and
Seconded by the Chairman
" That we retain the

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field again from Mr Cooney for one year from the 1st February at the rent of £20 and that advertisements be issued immediately for Plotholders.
Ordered
That the present holders of plots be informed; the period of their tenancy of the plots in the field at Newtown has expired.

The Street Inspector reported, that a number of Traders were causing an obstruction of the streets by placing boxes etc., on them, but there was
No Order made
respecting the Matter.

The Meeting adjourned to Tuesday 22nd January 1918.

John Sullivan.

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Tuesday 22nd January 1918.
A Meeting of the Urban District Council was held this Evening at 7-30 o'clock to transact business pursuant to the Towns Improvement (Ireland) Act 1854, elect the Various Committees for the ensuing year, and consider an application from the Town Surveyor for some remuneration for discharging the duties formerly discharged by the Foreman, as also an application from the Clerk for an increase in his salary, or a bonus.

Present Messers John O'Sullivan J.P. Presiding
John Hand
John Fanning
John Murphy
Peter Murphy
Michael Sheehan
James B. Hearne
Patrick J Dunne
Peter N. O'Gorman
George and Dooley.

The Minutes of the last Meeting were read and signed.

In reply to the Chairman the Clerk stated that he called on Mr J.A. Hutchinson as directed, to ascertain if he intended paying the rent of the extra half plot in field at Henry St which he got last year, and Mr Hutchinson informed him that he would not, as it was included in the letting made to him of the plot he tilled.
The Chairman explained that it was allotted to Mr Hutchinson on the understanding, but not on the express condition that he would

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pay the extra rent, but since he refused to pay it, he (Chairman) will pay it on condition that Mr Hutchinson does not get a plot from the Council in future, but he will not pay it until all the plots are let.

In reference to the rent to be charged for plots to be let in the field at Newtown for the ensuing year and the conditions of letting the following resolution was

Proposed by Mr Peter Murphy and
Seconded by Mr John Murphy

That the Rules and Regulations for letting and tillage of Allotments let by the Council to allotment holders, or to be let to them, consist of the Rules and conditions specified in form of application together with Article 7 of The Urban Allotments (Ireland) Order 1917, the rent of each allotment of one-eight of an acre to be 1/- per year; payable in four quarterly instalments of 4/6 on the 1st February, 1st May, 1st August and 1st September 1918, and that no plot be re-let to any tenant who has not paid his rent in full.

Treasurers Authority for making payments was signed by the Chairman, Messrs Peter Murphy and John Murphy.

A Dividend Warrant for £6. received from the Great Southern and Western Railway Co, was ordered to be lodged to the credit of the Council.

Correspondence

Letter from Joseph L Brewer dated

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21st Inst tendering his resignation as a member of the Council as he finds he cannot devote the time necessary for the position.

Ordered

That the Council's Solicitors be asked to advise whether the Council can legally accept Mr Brewer's resignation and also whether he incurs any liability as to fine, for resigning.

A Telegram was received from the Local Government Board, dated 11th Inst, in reply to the resolution of the Council, passed at last meeting, asking whether they could borrow money on the security of the rates, for the purpose of buying food, to be sold at cost price. The Board now stated that the Council are not empowered to borrow money for such a purpose, and also that the matter of the food supply is in the hands of the Food Control Committee.

No Order made.

Letter from the Town Clerk of Dublin dated 12th January 1918, inviting the attendance of two representatives of the Council to a public meeting, which he is convening to be held in the Mansion House on 28th of January, for the purpose of considering the question of the intire food supply of Ireland. He also enclosed a form upon which to give an approximate estimate of the existing stocks of Oats, Wheat, Potatoes etc in the District.

The Clerk stated that he expected to obtain this information and would forward it as soon as possible.

No Member of the Council would undertake to attend the Meeting referred to in the letter and consequently no

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delegates were appointed by the Council.

A resolution passed by the Urban District Council of Cookstown dealing with the pledge given by the Government to farmers, and plotholders, last Season, of a price of £6 per ton for potatoes, and calling on the Government to redeem that pledge, was received for adoption, but there was no action taken upon it, nor upon a resolution received from the Galway Urban Council asking the Government to take immediate action to have the disused Mills in the City, and County of Galway and generally throughout Ireland put into good working order.

A Tender dated 21st Inst, was received from Mr J. A. O'Neill Irishtown, for one heap of manure in depot at Town Wall; @ 40/= but as there was none for sale it was not accepted.

Letter from the Town Clerk, Wexford, dated 11th Inst, stating; that it was alleged at a meeting of the Wexford Corporation that; in the forthcoming re-distribution of Parliamentary Seats for Ireland the County Wexford will have the privilege of returning three Members to Parliament and that a conference on the subject will shortly be held under the Presidency of the Speaker of the House of Commons, and that the Corporation were of opinion that one of the members should be assigned to the four Urban Areas in the County, and they requested that the Parliamentary representative of the County be asked to submit the suggestion to the favorable consideration of the Conference.

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Proposed by Mr John Murphy and
Seconded by Mr Dunne.

That the suggestion of the Wexford Corporation be adopted.

Passed,

Messrs Dooley, Fanning, and Sheehan, dissenting

Letter from D. Inspector McLean, dated 15th Inst, in reference to request of the Council that the police would co-operate with them in enforcing the new Bye Laws, and drawing attention to Sections 251, and 257 of the Public Health Act 1878. As a police officer is not an aggrieved person he cannot prosecute.

No Order Made

Letter from the rent Collector, dated 23rd Inst, reporting that there are two portions of the plots in Henry Street, still unpaid, one due by Mr Hutchinson, and one by Mr Hand, both of same value viz:- £ each plot. He also wished to know if he is entitled to take proceedings against the tenants' securities for the non payment of rates as there are some tenants not paying the rates.

No Order made.

The Applications of the Clerk, dated 8th Inst, for an increase in his salary, or a bonus, and of the Surveyor for some remuneration for performing the duties hitherto performed by the late Foreman were considered and it was:-

Proposed by Mr John Murphy and
Seconded by Mr Dunne.

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"That a War Bonus of 10/- per week be granted to Mr Shortall and Mr Finn.
To this the following Amendment was:-
Proposed by Mr OGorman viz:-
"That both Officers be granted £10 a year bonus for the duration of the War and six months after the termination of it.
The proposition was not seconded, but,
It was agreed to deal with each application separately, that of Mr Shortall been taken first.
The following amendment to the proposition of Mr Murphy was then
Proposed by Mr OGorman and
Seconded by Mr Peter Murphy.
That £10 a year be given to Mr Shortall for the period of the War, and six Months after it.
The Amendment was put to a vote when the following voted
For:- Messrs Fanning, Hand, OGorman, and Peter Murphy (4).
Against:- Messrs Hearne, Dunne, Dooley, John Murphy, Sheehan, and The Chairman. (6)
The Amendment was declared "lost."

The Proposition of Mr John Murphy which was Seconded by Mr Dunne, viz:-
"That a War Bonus of 10/- per week be granted to Mr Shortall", was put and the following voted:-
For:- Messrs Hearne, Dooley, Sheehan, Dunne, John Murphy, Peter Murphy, and The Chairman 7.
Against:- Messrs OGorman, Hand and Fanning. (3)

The resolution was declared "Passed."

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The application of the Clerk was next dealt with and it was,

Proposed by Mr John Murphy and
Seconded by Mr Dunne.

"That Mr Finn be granted a War Bonus of 10/= per week."

The following voted for the resolution viz:—
Messrs Sheehan, Hearne, Dunne, Dooley, John Murphy Peter Murphy, Fanning, and The Chairman. (8.)
Messrs O'Gorman and Hand declined to vote
The resolution was declared, "Passed."

An application dated 14th Inst was received from Mrs Hennessy to have Her premises at South St Registered for the sale of mixed Explosives, and similar applications were received from Messrs M. Hutchinson & Son, and the Reps of the late John Doyle.

Proposed by the Chairman and,
Seconded by Mr O'Gorman,

That the Hardware premises of Mrs Hennessy South St., Messrs M. Hutchinson & Son North St, and Reps John Doyle North St. be registered for the sale of Mixed Explosives for one year from this date

"Passed Unanimously"

The Street Inspector reported that some Traders were causing an obstruction of the streets, by placing boxes, etc., on them but there was,
No order made respecting the matter

The Election of the various Committees for the ensuing year was not taken up.

The Meeting adjourned to Tuesday 5th February.

P N O'Gorman

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Wednesday 23rd January 1918

The Annual Meeting of the Council was held at 12 O'Clock. Noon, to elect a Chairman, and, if deemed advisable, a Vice Chairman.

Present Messrs John O'Sullivan Jr. Presiding
James B. Hearn
Peter J. O'Gorman
John Hand
and
William Murphy.

The Chairman having read the Notice convening the Meeting it was:-
Proposed by Mr O'Gorman and
Seconded by Mr Hearn "That Mr O'Sullivan"
"be re-elected Chairman for the ensuing year."

Mr O'Sullivan declined to accept the position for another year although urged to do so by Mr Hearn, as he considered three years in succession, was quite long enough to occupy the position, and it was:-
Proposed by Mr O'Sullivan, and,
Seconded by Mr Hand "That Mr Peter J. O'Gorman"
"be elected Chairman of the Council for the ensuing"
"year"

Passed Unanimously.

On the proposal of Mr O'Gorman, Seconded by Mr Murphy, a hearty vote of thanks was passed to the outgoing Chairman, after which,

The Members Separated.

P.J. O'Gorman

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Monday 4th February 1918

A Monthly meeting of the Council was to be held this day at 12 oclock noon, to transact business pursuant to the Towns Improvment (Ireland) Act, 1854.

No Member attended,
A Quorum not having assembled,

The Meting adjourned to Tuesday 5th February 1918

Tuesday 5th February 1918.

An adjourned Monthly and an adjourned fortnightly meeting of the Council was held this day at 7.30 Oclock P.M., to transact business pursuant to the Towns Improvement (Ireland) Act, 1854, — and elect the various Committees for the ensuing year.

Present Messrs P. N. O'Gorman J.P. Presiding
John O'Sullivan J.P.
George Dooley
and
John Hand

The Minutes of last Meeting were read and signed

The Treasurer's Authority for making payments was signed by the Chairman, Messrs John O'Sullivan and George Dooley, and the following paying Orders directed to be issued, viz, —

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No 192 Petty Cash £22-6-0.

An application dated 5th Inst was received from Mr Brown, for an inread in his commisson as Rate and Rent Collector.
Ordered

"That this application be referred to" "the Finance Committee for consideration and report," "and that the Members of the Council be summoned" "to consider it at next meeting."

An application dated 5th Inst was also received from Annie Brien for an increase in her wages, as seven Shillings per week is very little owing to the high cost of living.
Ordered

"That this affication be also referred to the" "Finance Committee and the next meeting of the Council.

A Dwidend Warrant for 14/8, received from the Bank of Ireland, was ordered to be lodged to the credit of the Council

Letter from Local Government Board, dated 31st Jany. No 4402/1918 stating, for the information of the Council that the Board consider a sixpenny agreement will be sufficient on the allotments form of agreement.
No Order Made

Letter from Local Government Board No 4402/1918 dated 1st February enclosing copy of the Education (Provision of Meals) (Ireland) Act 1917 and stating that a copy of the regulations under it, which are being drafted by the

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Board, will be forwarded when ready.
Ordered
That the consideration of this letter and Act of Parliament be adjourned till after the next meeting.

Letter from Department of Agriculture dated 28th Ult, enclosing Copies of Maintenence of Live stock Orders, but there was no order made in reference to them.

Letter from Messrs Colfer & Don Solicitors dated 2nd Inst stating that in their opinion, the Council can legally accept Mr Brewer's resignation, and also that he does not incur any liability as to fine by reason of his resigning,
Proposed by Mr Sullivan and
Seconded by Mr Hand
That Mr Brewer's resignation be accepted, and that the members of the Council be summoned to attend next Meeting to co-opt a member in his place.
Passed Unanimously.

Proposed by Mr Sullivan and
Seconded by Mr Hand
That we hereby declare a vacancy exists in the Council of the Urban District of New Ross consequent upon the resignation of Mr Joseph Brewer.
Passed Unanimously.

It was Ordered
That the following notice of the

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existence of the Vacancy, which was signed by the Chairman and Messrs O'Sullivan and Hand, and countersigned by the Clerk, be printed and posted about town viz:—
"Notice is Hereby given that a Vacancy exists in the Council of the Urban District of Newross owing to the resignation of Mr Joseph Brewer.

A Tender was received from John Leary for three heaps of Manure in yard on Quay @ 37/6 each and it was accepted

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Letter from the Secretary of the Technical Instruction Committee, dated 4th Inst, notifying the resignation of Fr Quigley as a member of the Committee. After a short discussion the following resolution was
Proposed by Mr Hand and
Seconded by Mr O'Sullivan

"That we the members"
"of the Urban Council offer our most sincere congratulations"
"to Fr Quigley on his well deserved promotion, and"
"elevation in the Church and that we present"
"an address to him."

"Passed Unanimously

Town Surveyors Report.

The following report of the Town Surveyor was read,

5th February 1918

"I beg to report that a water service has been laid on to the premises in occupation of Mr Ogorman, Priory Place.

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On 26th Ult, I had to restore the footpath in Lower Mary St, which had been disturbed by J. Hartrick, South St. some time previously and left by him in a dangerous condition. No permission was applied for by Mr Hartrick to the Council or to any of your officers to disturb this footpath.
The public roadway in Brennan's Lane was also opened by him without permission on 31st Ult.
This man has been previously cautioned for this practice and serious notice should now be taken of this matter.
I have had some urgent repairs carried out to your house property in William St, Church Lane, etc.

James J Shortall
Town Surveyor

Ordered

That Mr Fredrick Hartrick be prosecuted for removing flags from the footpath in Mary St. without the permission of the Council.

The Street Inspector reported, that a number of Traders were causing an obstruction of the streets by placing boxes, etc, on them but there was,
No Order Made upon the matter.

Applications were received from the following for an allotment of one-eight of an acre of land in the field at Newtown viz:—
James Carty Houghton Place, Wm Carty Cockpit Lane, Richard Brazil Mary St, John Cooney Michael St, Edward Cooney Michael St, John Bourke Cross Lane, James O'Reilly William St, John Mc Kee Marsh Lane, Robert Cotter Priory St,

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Denis Herlihy Marsh Lane, Joseph Furlong 15 Bewley St, John Furlong 6 Bewley St, Nicholas Furlong 6 Houghton Place, Joseph Furlong 6 Houghton Place, James Vallely The Quay, Bridget Mary Cooney South St, Matthew Cooney Charles Street, John O'Regan Priory St, Joseph Lynch Bridge St & John Sullivan Quay St, from Mr Hand for one-sixteenth, and Mr Hill for two allotments of one-eight of an acre each.
Proposed by the Chairman and
Seconded by Mr Dooley.

That the foregoing applications for allotments of land in the field at Newtown be granted

Passed Unanimously

Election of Committees

Proposed by Mr Hand and
Seconded by Mr Sullivan

That the Finance Committee of the Council for the ensuing year consist of the following viz:— Patrick J. Dunne, Peter Murphy, John Murphy, John Fanning and George Dooley. Two members to form a Quorum, the Chairman of the Council to be an ex-officio Member.

Proposed by Mr Sullivan and
Seconded by Mr Dooley

That the Technical Instruction Committee for the ensuing year consist of the following viz:—
John Hand, Peter Murphy, John Murphy, Aidan Bolger, Patrick Dunne, and Peter N. Ofgorman, Canon Rossiter Rev Bro McNamara, H.R. Hamilton J.P., Daniel Hanley and Andrew French
Proposed by Mr Dooley and
Seconded by Mr Hand

That the School Meals Committee

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consist of the following viz:—
Very Revd Canon Rossiter P.P., Very Rev J Roche D.D., Fr McCormack, Miss Culleton, Mrs Roche Robertson, Mrs Fleming, Mrs Howard, Mrs McCabe, Miss Angela Colfer, Miss Hearne Chilcomb, Miss Doyle Brandon, Mrs Hickey, Miss Morris, Miss Lockerill, Messrs John Sullivan, W. H. Howard, P. J. Gould P. N. O'Gorman, also Mrs Doyle Robertson Castle Miss Keller and Miss Brennan, three members to form a Quorum

Passed Unanimously.

On the proposal of the Chairman
seconded by Mr Dooley

the following were
elected Land Cultivation Committee for the ensuing year, two members to form a Quorum viz:—
Dr Walsh, Messrs John Sullivan, John Hand, George Dooley, John Murphy and P. N. O'Gorman.
Ordered

That a meeting of the Committe be held tomorrow evening at 5 o'clock pm; to allot the particular plots to the applicants to the applicants whose proposals for them were accepted at an earlier stage of the meeting.

The Chairman referred to the death, since since last meeting, of Mr Dunne's sister-in-law Mrs Smith, and proposed the following resolution of condolence which was; seconded by Mr Sullivan and

Passed in Silence,

Messrs Hand, Dooley and the Clerk associating themselves with it viz:—

"That we tender to Mr Dunne."

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"a respected and valued member of the Council, and"
"his immediate relatives, our sincere sympathy and"
"condolence in their bereavement caused by the death"
"of his sister-in-law, Mrs Smith, and beg to"
"assure them that we deeply regret her death."

Meeting adjourned to Tuesday 12th February 1918

P. Noonan

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Wednesday 6th February 1918

A Meting of the Land Cultivation Committee was held this evening in the Council Office at 8 oclock to allot plots to Applicants who have been accepted as tenants.

Present Messrs P.N. OGorman J.P. Presiding and John Hand.

The list of applications which were accepted at Meeting of Council, held last evening, were examined and allotments allocated as follows in accordance with number shown on Map viz:—

No 1-one-sixteenth to Mr Hand and one-sixteenth vacant " 2 Edward Cooney, No 3 John Cooney, No 4 John O'Sullivan, No 5 James Vallely, No 6 William Carty, No 7 James Carty, No 8 Richard Brazil, No 9 Matthew Cooney, No 10 Bridget Cooney, No 11 James O'Reilly, No 12 Joseph Lynch, No 14 Dr J. ORegan, No 15 Sergt Burke, No 16 Const Herlihy, No 17 Const McKee, No 18 Const Cotter, No 19 Joseph Furlong, No 20 Nicholas Furlong, No 21 John Furlong, No 22 Joseph Furlong, Nos 23 and 24 Samuel Hill.

The Committee also directed the Clerk to have the form of Agreement signed, which is prescribed by the Local Government Board, to be signed by each allotment holder, and also to request the Surveyor to have the allotments properly pegged out, after which "The Meeting adjourned"

P.N. Gorman

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Tuesday 12th February 1918.

A Meting of the Newross Urban District Council was held this day at 7.30 Oclock to transact business pursuant to the Towns Improvement (Ireland) Act 1854 Consider an application from the Collector for an increase in his poundage, and from the Caretaker for an increase in her weekly wages. Also to co-opt a member in the room of Mr Joseph Brewer who has resigned.

Present Messrs P. N. Olgorman J.P. Presiding
John Fanning
John Murphy
William Murphy
~~Michael Sheehan~~ John Yard.
Patrick J. Dunne.
Michael Sheehan
George Dooley
and
John O'Sullivan J.P.

The Minutes of the last Meeting were read and signed.

An application was received from five of the Councils workmen viz:— Furlong, Shea, Freeman, Murphy and Broaders, for something in the way of a War Bonus, as their present wage of £1 per week is totally inadequate

Ordered

That the consideration of this application be adjourned to next meeting, the members of the Council to be summoned to consider it.

The Treasurer's Authority for making payments was signed by "The Chairman, Messrs John Sullivan and George Dooley, and the following Paying Orders directed to be issued viz:—

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No 193 James Connolly £10-86, No 194 Very Revd J Roche DA. £6, No 195 G. W. Taylor £39-12-10, No 196 J Power & Co £14-17-4, No 197 National Bank £16-3-11, No 198 Dublin & S.E. Railway Co £5-2-0, No 199 John J Browne £1-18-1, No 200 M.J. Finn £11-5-0, No 201 M.J Finn £1-0-0, No 202 J. J Lortall 7-17-4, No 203 J J Lortall £1, No 204 A R. Breneh 18/-, No 205 Rehrs John Harington £10-1-6, No 206 James Doyle £7-5-9, No 207 John Stevenson £2-7-3, No 208 Patrick Lynch £3-10-9 No 209 T.J. McKenna £2-0-0, No 210 Petty School Attendance Committee £7-12-0, No 211 Petty Cash £12-19-4, No 212 J Costelloe £6-0-0.

The following letter was ordered to be inserted on the Minutes:- viz

"Please Convey to the members of my"
"Council my most sincere thanks for kind vote"
"of sympathy to Mrs Dunne and myself, on"
"the death of her sister Mrs Dyonth Waterford."
"thanking you also for your kind and appreciative"
"remarks"

Yours Sincerely
P. J. Dunne.

Letter from Jr Quigley dated 7th Inst, thanking the Council for their resolution of Congratulation and stating that his wishes as to any further expression of benevolence are well known.
No Order Made.

Letter from the Secretary of the Harbour Board dated 12th Inst, drawing the serious attention of the Council to the practice of their men in benking mud along the Quay, almost in the middle of it which constitutes a grave obstruction.

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Ordered

That this matter be referred to the Surveyor and he be directed to have the complaint remedied.

Letter from the Secretary of the County Council dated 7th Inst, inclosing Demand for year ending 31st March 1918, amount to £1705.3.2.
No Order Made.

An application dated 9th Inst was received from Head Constable Sullivan for an allotment - the one occupied by him last year - but as all the allotments had already been allocated, this particular one having been allocated to Patrick Grace by the Land Cultivation Committee at their meeting on the 6th Inst, the application was not granted.

An application dated the 12th Inst was received from Nicholas Furlong High Hill for an allotment, and Mr O'Sullivan, the late Chairman of the Council, who was present at the Meeting, surrendered the Allotment No 4 already allocated to him, in favour of Mr Furlong who is a working man, and it was unanimously allocated to Nicholas Furlong.
It was also Ordered

That the allocation of the Allotment No 13 to Patrick Grace by the Committee be approved of.

The Applications of John J. Browne, Collector, for an increase in his poundage, and of Annie Brien for an increase in her wages, were considered and in conjunction with them, the following report of the Finance Committee was read :—

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The Finance Committee met this Evening and had before them an application from Mr Browne Rate Collector for an increase in his poundage, and we recommend one penny in the pound increase.

Also an ~~application~~ from Miss OBrien for an increase We recommend an increase of 3/= Per week

Signed P. N. OGorman
John Fanning
John Murphy
Patrick J. Dunne
and
George Dooley.

Proposed by Mr Hand and
Seconded by Mr Sheehan

That the report of the Finance Committee be adopted, and Annie Brein be allowed an increase of 3/- per week in her wages, and John J. Browne, Collector an increase in his poundage of one penny in the pound subject to the approval of the Local Government Board.

Passed Unanimously

Ordered

That the Local Government Board be informed of the increase to the Collector, and be asked to sanction it.

The Clerk submitted a number of bills (all list at commencement of Minutes) which had been recommended for payment by the Finance Committee and on the Proposal of Mr Hand
seconded by Mr Sheehan, they were
Ordered to be paid.

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The Co-option of a Councillor in the place of Mr Joseph Brewer was next taken up, and it was
Proposed by Mr Fanning and
Seconded by Mr Sheehan
"That Mr John Murphy
The Quay be Co-opted "a Member of the Council"
Proposed by Mr Wm Murphy and
Seconded by Mr Hand
"That Mr Luke Dwyer North
St be co-opted a "member of the Council"
A Poll was taken as between both Candidates, when the following voted for Mr Dwyer, viz:—
Messrs Wm Murphy, Dunne, Sullivan, Hand and The Chairman(5)
For Mr Murphy:—
Messrs Dooley, Sheehan, & Fanning. (3)
Mr John Murphy declined to vote.
Mr Dwyer was declared "duly co-opted."

Mr Dunne drew attention to the Waterford disaster, and suggested that something ought to be done towards participating in the movement; to aid the dependants of the men who lost their lives in the two vessels.
Mr Sullivan and the Chairman agreed with Mr Dunne and it was decided; "The Chairman and the Clerk", receive the subscriptions of any persons wishing to contribute to the fund which is being raised in their aid; after which,

"The Meeting adjourned to the 26th Inst.

P R O'Gorman

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Tuesday 19th February 1918

A Meeting of the Land Cultivation Committee was to be held this evening at 8.30 Oclock, to transact business, consider a letter from Mr Lynch V.C. declining to accept the allotment allocated to him; and stating that he will be obliged to get Legal advise on the matter; if he is not given the one he arranged to take.

No Hand being the only Member who attended the Meeting adjourned"

P.N. Gorman

26th February 1918

A Meeting of the Urban District Council was to be held this evening at 7.30 Oclock P.M., to transact business pursuant to the towns Improvement (Ireland) Act 1854. and consider an application from five of the Councils' Workmen for an increase in their Wages.

Present Messrs P. N. OGorman J.P Chairman
John Hand
and
John Fanning

A Quorum not having assembled

The Meeting adjourned to Tuesday 12th March 1918

P N Gorman

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Monday 4th March 1918

A Monthly Meeting of the Council was to be held this day at 12 Oclock Noon, to transact business pursuant to the Towns Improvement (Ireland) Act 1854.

No Member attended

A Quorum not having assembled

"Here was no meeting held."

The Meeting was adjourned to 12th March 1918.

Monday 4th March 1918

A Meeting of the Finance Committee was held in the Urban Council Office this evening at 8 Oclock P.M. to transact business, and consider Estimate of Poor Rate for Financial year ending 31st March 1919.

Present Messrs P. N. OGorman J.P. Presiding
and
Patrick J. Dunne.

The Clerk Submitted his annual Estimate of Poor Rate for financial year ending 31st March 1919 amounting to 4/2 in the £, which after being examined in detail was unanimously adopted by the Committee, after which

"The Meeting adjourned."

P N OGorman

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Thursday 7th March 1918

A Special Meeting of the Council was held this day at 12 Oclock Noon, to give expression to the regret of the Council at the death of Mr Redmond M.P.

Present Messrs P. N. OGorman J.P. Presiding
Aidan P. Bolger
Peter Murphy
John Murphy
Wm Murphy
John Hand
Patk J. Dunne.

The Chairman referred at length, in feeling terms to the death of Mr Redmond and proposed the following resolution which was seconded by Mr Dunne and

Passed in respectful Silence

viz :—

"That we, the NewRoss Urban Council, representing"
"the Citizens, beg to tender our deepest Sympathy to"
"Mrs Redmond, Captain Redmond, and Mrs"
"Greene, in the loss they, and our country has"
"sustained by the death of "Ireland's Leader" "

Ordered

That Copies of the resolution be sent to Mrs Redmond, Captain Redmond and Mrs Greene

It was arranged that as many members of the Council as possible would attend the funeral in a body and also that the Maice would be borne, after which

"The Members Separated."

P N OGorman

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Monday 11th March 1918

A Meeting of the Finance Committee was held this evening at 8 Oclock Pm, to transact business, consider, and if approved of adopt Estimate of Town Rate for Financial year ending 31st March 1919.

Present Messrs P. N. O'Gorman J.P. Presiding
Patk J. Dunne
and
John Murphy.

The Clerk Submitted his estimate of Town Rate for financial year ending 31st March 1919 amounting to 4/9 in the £., Each item was carefully examined by the Committee after which it was
Proposed by Mr Dunne and
Seconded by Mr Murphy "That the Clerk's Estimate of Town Rate for Financial Year ending 31st March 1919 amounting to 4/9 in the £ be adopted by this Committee.

Passed Unanimously

The Meeting adjourned.

P N O'Gorman

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Tuesday 12th March 1918.

A meeting of the NewRoss Urban Council was held this evening at 7.30 Oclock Pm. to transact business pursuant to the Towns Improvement (Ireland) Act 1854. Consider an application from five of the Council's workmen for a Bonus, elect a representative on the Waterford and NewRoss Port Sanitary Authority for year ending 31st March 1919, consider; and if approved of adopt Estimate of Town Rate, Poor Rate, and Domestic Water Rate for financial year ending 31st March 1919

Present Messrs P. N. O'Gorman J.P. Presiding
John Murphy
Patrick J. Dunne
and
John Hand

The Minutes of last Meeting were read and signed

The Treasurer's Authority for making payments was signed by the Chairman, Messrs John Murphy and Patk J. Dunne, and the following Paying Orders directed to be issued viz:—
No 213 £7-17-4 J.J. Shortall, No 214 £6-14-8 Dublin & South Eastern Railway Co, No 215 £8-12-10 Richard Murphy, No 216 £114-17-0 NewRoss Gas Co, No 217 £13-8-4 M.J. Finn, No 218 £436-12-10 Wexford County Council, No 219 £18-0-0 Collector of Taxes, No 220 £16-18-6 P Tierney, No 221 £37-5-0 J.J. Browne No 222 £2-7-7 Joseph Freeman, No 223 £1-8-2 P. Blake, No 224 7/2 Jonas Hartrick, No 225 £2-13-5 John J. Browne, No 226 £15 Thos O'Neill, No 227 £50-15-2 Petty Cash.

The Clerk Submitted his Estimate of Poor Rate for financial year ending 31st March 1919, amounting to 4/2 in the £, which had been adopted by the finance Committee, when it was considered and the following resolution in reference

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to it was:-
Proposed by Mr Hand
Seconded by Mr Dunne and resolved

"That the Clerk's"
"Estimate of Poor Rate for Financial year ending 31st March"
"1919, now before us, amounting to four shillings and two"
"pence in the pound, be adopted, and that he publish"
"the necessary notices, and take the necessary steps"
"to have said rate made"

"Passed Unanimously"

The Estimate of Town Rate for Financial Year ending 31st March 1919 was next submitted, having been previously adopted by the Finance Committee. According to it a Town Rate of 4/9 in the £ would be necessary, The Meting having considered it the following resolution was
Proposed by Mr Hand
Seconded by Mr Dunne and resolved

"That the Clerk's"
"Estimate of Town Rate and Domestic Water Rate for year"
"ending 31st March 1919, now before us, be adopted, and"
"that he publish the necessary notice of our intention"
"to make a Town Rate of four shillings and nine pence"
"in the pound, and a Domestic Water Rate of one"
"Shilling; and threepence in the pound, on the Valuation"
"of Premises supplied with water, said last mentioned"
"rate to be in relief of the portion of the Town Rate"
"raised as Sanitary Expenses, the rateable value of the"
"Property assessable being £8304."

Passed Unanimously.

A Tender of £2. for the purchase of heap of Manure at Town Wall was received from Mr Joseph O'Neill Drishtown and it was ordered to be accepted, as was also a Tender from Mr Marks Walsh Ballyvergue of 4/- each

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for two Leaps of Manure in yard on Quay.

Mr Edward Cooney applied for 1/16th of an Acre in field at Newtown, being balance of allotment No 1, the remaining one-sixteenth having been previously allotted to Mr Hand. Mr Hand now applied for the entire plot; one-eight of an acre and on the Proposal of the Chairman
Seconded by Mr Dunne
It was unanimously alloted to Mr Hand.

The Chairman referred to the death since last Meeting of Mrs Kelly Aylwardstown, sister of Mr George Dooley a member of the Council. and of Mrs Doyle Rosemount, daughter of Dr Walsh, a member of the Council, and also of Mrs Lynch, and it was agreed not to transact any further business except to elect a representative on the Waterford and Newtoss Port Sanitary Authority for Year ending 31st March 1919, particulars of which appear on the Sanitary Minutes. Accordingly it was
Proposed by the Chairman and
Seconded by Mr Dunne
"That we tender to Mr George"
"Dooley a respected and valued member of this Council"
"our sincere sympathy and condolence in his bereavement"
"caused by the death of his dear Sister, and beg to"
"assure him that we duely regret her death, and as"
"a mark of respect to her memory we adjourn this meeting"
Passed in Silence

Proposed by the Chairman and
Seconded by Mr Dunne
"That we tender to Dr. Walsh"
"a respected and valued member of this Council"

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"our sincere sympathy and condolence in his bereavement"
"caused by the death of his daughter, and beg to"
"assure him that we deeply regret her death, and as"
"a mark of respect to her memory we adjourn this meeting"

Passed in Silence

Proposed by the Chairman and
Seconded by Mr Dunne

"That we the New Ross Urban Council"
"beg to tender to Mr Lynch our sincere sympathy in his"
"bereavement, caused by the death of his dear wife, and"
"that as a mark of respect to her memory we adjourn"
"this meeting to the 26th Inst."

Passed in Silence

"The Meeting adjourned to Tuesday 26th Inst."

P N Gorman

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Tuesday 26th March 1918

A Meeting of the NewRoss Urban District Council was held this evening at 7.30 Oclock Pm to transact business pursuant to the Towns Improvement Clauses Act 1854, consider an application from five of the Councils Workmen for a Bonus, elect a member of the School Attendance Committee in the place of Father Quigley resigned and consider applications for tenancy of a House in Brennan's Lane.

Present Messrs P. N. O'Gorman J.P. Presiding
John Hand
John Fanning
and
Michael Skehan

The Minutes of the previous Meeting were read and signed

The Treasurer's Authority for making payments was signed by The Chairman, Messrs J Fanning and M Skehan and the following Paying Order directed to be issued — No 228 Petty Cash £2.2.0.11

A letter was received from Mr Dwyer stating that he could not attend the meeting as he has left town for a few days.
No Order Made.

Letter from Local Government Board dated 12th July No 7/01/1918; expressing approval of the arrangements made by the Council for the Provision of a Scheme of Workmens allotments during the coming season, including the appointment of a Committee of Six, four of whom shall be members of the Council three to form a quorum of the Committee
No Order Made

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Letter from Local Government Board dated 18th February No 4,786/1918, in reference to the proposal of the Council to grant a War Bonus of 10/- per week to Mr Shortall, enquiring whether he holds any other positions under Local Authorities, and if so what Salaries he receives, and also whether he engages in private practice in addition to his official duties.

Ordered

That the Town Surveyor be furnished with a copy of this letter, and he be directed to forward the required information to the Local Government Board.

Letter from Local Government Board dated 15th February, No 7902/1918, relative to the proposal of the Council to increase the poundage of the Rate Collector from 8d to 9d approving of the increase so long as the Collector collects; at least; one-fourth of each moiety of the rate by the 31st July and 31st December, respectively in each year

Ordered

That the Collector be furnished with a copy of this letter.

A Circular letter dated 15th February was also received from the Local Government Board pointing out that as the final day of the current financial year falls on a Sunday, it will be necessary that the collection of the rates should be closed at latest, on the preceding day, and the collector should be instructed accordingly.
The Clerk stated that he had informed the Collector of this, and there was
No Order Made.

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Letter from Commissioners of Valuation advising the despatch of the revised Valuation lists for 1918, The Clerk stated they had been received and there was No Order Made.

Letter from Mr Lynch dated 15th ult. stating that if he does not get the Plot No 16 which he signed the necessary agreement for; he will will be obliged to take legal advice on the matter as he does not see why Police should get preferential treatment to Civilians.
After a short discussion it was,
Ordered

That Mr Lynch be informed, the Council cannot allot him Plot No 16., and as he declines to accept the one which was given him, they have allotted it to another Applicant

Letter from Donagh White Clontarf dated 4th Inst drawing attention to the fact; that in some cases no claims for deduction or abatement of Income Tax on interest paid on foot of loans, was made by Urban Councils, and that in a claim for refund prepared by him a saving of £250 was secured.
The Clerk having stated that the necessary claims had always been made by him, and that a refund had always been obtained the letter was not considered.

Letters acknowledging the votes of sympathy with them by the Council were received from Dr Walsh and Messrs Dooley and Lynch, but there was No Order Made upon them.

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Letter from Mrs Whelan Church Lane dated 11th Inst, asking to have the fire-place of her house repaired, as it is very much broken.
Ordered

That the Surveyor inspect it, and report upon its condition to next Meeting

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Letter from Collector dated 12th Inst; bringing under the notice of the Council that some of the arrears due by the weekly tenants are too high, and that some of them have not paid their rates yet, and enquired what steps he would take in the matter.

Ordered

That the consideration of the letter be adjourned to next meeting, he to endeavour in the meantime to have the arrears reduced and to report to next meeting whether he has succeeded and to what extent.

Letter from John H. Roxby Wakefield dated 9th Inst enclosing for approval, an old engraving of Newross, the price of which including postage is £1. The meeting considered it would be nice to have it framed and hung in the office, and

It was Ordered

That it be purchased and that the Clerk get it framed, and have it hung in the Office.

Letter from Messrs Colfer and Son, dated 15th Inst in reference to the prosecution of Mr Hartnett for removing flags in May St ordered at a previous Meeting, stating that they had been considering

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the most effective way of proceeding against Mr Hartnick and had come to the conclusion that the most effective way would be under Section 29 of the Public Health Act 1907, if that section was available, which would only be the case if expressly adopted by the Council and declared in force by the Local Government Board, and they asked to be informed if it was adopted. The Clerk stated that it was not adopted by the Council and he had so intimated to Messrs Colfer & Don.

There was a second letter on the same subject, and dated 26th inst, received from them, in which they pointed out that in their opinion it would not be possible to succeed in a prosecution of this kind, having regard to the fact that the section of the Public Health Act of 1907 had not been adopted, as this appears to be the only appropriate remedy in cases of this kind. Taking all the circumstances of the case into consideration, they would suggest that the Council authorize them to write Mr Hartnick informing him that any future occurrences of this kind will be severely dealt with, and with a view to obtaining the necessary power to prosecute, in case the occasion should arise they would recommend that the Section of the Public Health Act referred to should be adopted and they enclosed a copy of the resolution which the Council should pass if they decided to adopt it. They also pointed out that this act contained a number of miscellaneous provisions.

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After a short discussion it was
Ordered

That Messrs Colfer and Doyle be directed to write to Mr Hartnick, as suggested, and also that a copy of the Public Health Act of 1907 be procured.

A letter, dated 15th ult was received from Thos O'Neill asking for a payment of £15 on account of his contract for the supply of Stones, but as this payment had been made at the last Finance Meeting, there was
No order made on the letter.

A copy of the manitenence of Live Stock (Ireland) Order of 1918. No 2 was received from the Department of Agriculture but it was not considered

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Applications for the tenancy of a Vacant House at Abbey View was received from the following:—
Ellen Merigan Cross Lane, Wm Reeves Houghtonplace, John Culleton, Margt Morrissey John Street, and Richard Brazil of Upper Mary Street.
Mr Fanning proposed

That Wm Reeves be elected tenant, but the proposition
Was not Seconded.
Proposed by Mr Hand and
Seconded by Mr Sheehan

That Richard Brazil be accepted tenant of the Vacant House at Abbey View

Passed Unanimously.

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The application of five of the Council's workmen for a War Bonus, as their present wage of 20/- per week was totally inadequate to meet their requirements, was next considered and

Mr Fanning proposed

That all the Council's workmen get an increase of 5/- per week on their present wages.

A discussion ensued and it was

Proposed by Mr Fanning and

Seconded by Mr Hand

That all the workmen get an increase of 2/6 per week in their wages.

Passed unanimously

Letter from the Board of Trade (Coal Mines Dept.) dated 23rd Inst enclosing copy of the retail Coal prices Order 1917.

Ordered

That the consideration of the letter and order be adjourned to next meeting.

The Street Inspector reported that some persons were causing an obstruction of the streets, by placing boxes etc on them, also that the daily Scavenging was carried out.

No Order Made.

The Meeting adjourned to 9th April.

P N O'Gorman

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Monday 1st April 1918.

A Monthly Meeting Of the Council was to be held this day at 12 Oclock Noon, to transact business pursuant to the Town's Improvement (Ireland) Act 1854

No Member attended

A Quorum Not Having assembled

The Meeting was adjourned.

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Friday 5th April

A Special Meeting was held this evening at 7 O'clock to express the sympathy of the Council with the relatives of the late Mr Colfer, and make arrangements for attendance at his funeral.

Present Messrs J Sullivan J.P. Presiding
P. J Dunne
John Hand
Aidan P. Bolger
John and Murphy

The Chairman opened in very feeling terms to the death of Mr Colfer and
Proposed the following resolution which was Seconded by Mr Dunne.

"That we tender to the"
"immediate relatives and friends of the late Mr"
"Colfer, who for many years was Solicitor to this"
"Council, our deepest sympathy and condolence"
"in their bereavement, and to assure them that"
"we deeply regret his death. As a Citizen he took"
"a deep and practical interest in everything"
"appertaining to the improvement of our town, whilst"
"his generosity, and Kindness of Heart endeared him"
"to all."

The other members and the Clerk having associated themselves with the resolution, it was:—

Passed in respectful Silence

After which "The Members separated."

P N Gorman

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Tuesday 9th April 1918

A Quarterly Meeting of the NewRoss Urban District Council was to be held this evening at 7o'clock Pm to transact business pursuant to the Local Government (Ireland) Act 1898, and consider tenders for supply of Stones for Road Macadam.

Present Messrs P. N. O'Gorman J.P. Chairman
John and Hand

A Quorum not having assembled

There was no business transacted.

Tuesday 9th April 1918

A fortnightly Meeting of the NewRoss Urban Council was to be held this evening at 7.30 O'clock Pm, to transact business pursuant to the Towns Improvement (Ireland) Act 1854

Present Messrs P. N. O'Gorman J.P. Chairman
John and Hand

A Quorum not having assembled

The Meting adjourned to Thursday 11th April 1918.

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Thursday, 11th April 1918

An adjourned meeting of the Council was held this day at 7.30 O'Clock to transact business pursuant to The Towns Improvement (Ireland) Act 1854.

Present Messrs P. J. Gorman J.P. Chairman, Presiding
John O'Sullivan J.P.
Peter Murphy
John Murphy
John Hand
Patrick J Dunne
and
William Murphy

The Minutes of last meeting were read and signed.
The Treasurer's Authority for making payments was signed by the Chairman, and Messrs John O'Sullivan and Peter Murphy, and the following Paying Orders directed to be issued Viz:
No 1. Mrs Hogan £4-0-0; No 2 John Stevenson £1-6-9: No 3: H R Hamilton £7-10-6
" 4, Hibernian Insurance Co £1-13-11; No 5, R Harvey & Co £4-10-0, No 6, Mr Flinn £6-5-0
" 7, Mr Flinn £11-5-0; No 8, same £2-3-4; No 9. J J Shortall J.P. £7-17-4;
" 10, Petty Cash £25-9-9; No 11, Patrick Leacy £16-8-6; No 12, D & S Ry Railway £10-5-6,
" 13, J J Browne £1-15-1; No 14, St Stephens Cemetery Co £6-5-0; No 15. Parnell Quarries £6-11-9,
" 16 Same £30-10-0; Same £34-18-8, No 18 Same £5-4-1, No 19, Bankers Ireland £135-1-5,
" 20, Bankers of Ireland £424-10-2; No 21 £32-4-9; No 22, Same £28-1-7.

Letter from the Commissioner of Valuation, dated 5th Inst, acknowledging receipt of Notices of Appeal, but there was no Order made upon it.

A letter, dated 28th Ult, was received from the Director of Cross Channel Transportation, drawing attention to the urgent necessity of reducing the consumption of Coal, in view of the great reduction in the Tonnage, caused by the withdrawl of vessels, and suggesting the substitution of peat, wood, etc, and stating that the greater use of Irish Coal is being recommend.

No Order Made.

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Letter from T. A. Colfer Esq, Solicitor, acknowledging receipt of copy of resolution of sympathy passed by the Council on the death of his father, and thanking them for it.
No Order made, except that it be entered on the Minutes.

A Tender, dated 9th Inst. was received from Patrick Kelly in which he offered £2.5.0 for one heap of manure in yard on Quay, also one from Mr Breen, Camblin, offering 30/= for same heap.
Ordered
That Mr Kelly's Tender be accepted.

A Tender, dated 26th Ultimo, of £2, was received from Joseph O'Neill, Irishtown, for one heap of manure in depot at Iron Wall, and it was Ordered that he get the next heap when ready for sale.

The letter from the Board of Trade (Coal Mines Dept), dated 23rd Ult, enclosing copy of the Coal prices Order 1917, which was adjourned from last meeting, was briefly considered, but it was decided not to take any action respecting it.

The Clerk submitted a number of bills (see list at commencement of Minutes) amongst them being two from the Collector for poundage on rates collected, upon which he calculated his Commission at the increased rate of 9d in the £. The increase was sanctioned by the Local Government on the condition that he lodge at least one-fourth of the rates by the 31st July, and the 31st December, in each year, but this amount had not been lodged in this particular case, although very near it. He also pointed out that the letter of the L.G. Board who received subsequent to these dates.
Proposed by Mr Dunne and
Seconded by Mr Peter Murphy
That these accounts be paid subject to the reduction of Mr Browne's bills by one penny in the £
Passed Unanimously

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Ordered That the L.G. Board be asked to sanction the increase in poundage on these two amounts, collected and lodged since it was granted by the Council, as the specified amount was nearly reached.

It was also Ordered that the increased rate be paid on the rents lodged by the Collector as the Council are satisfied that it is only in the case of the rates that the sanction of the L.G. Board is necessary.

The Street Inspector reported that a number of Traders caused an obstruction of the streets by placing boxes &c, on them but there was no Order made upon it.

Mr O'Sullivan referred at length to the proposed application of Conscription to Ireland, and proposed the following resolution which was seconded by the Chairman, supported by Messrs Dunne, Hand, Wm Murphy and John Murphy and passed unanimously Viz:- "That we, the New Ross Urban District Council representing the inhabitants of the historic town of New Ross, protest in the most emphatic manner against proposed application of conscription to Ireland, as we are convinced that an attempt to enforce it will lead to disastrous results for Ireland and Great Britian

It was decided to hold a public meeting of protest upon an early date, and a Committee of the Council was appointed to make the necessary arrangements.

The Meeting adjourned to Tuesday, 23rd April 1918.

P.J.O'L

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Tuesday 23rd April 1918

A Special Quarterly meeting of the Council was held this evening at 7 o'clock P.M. to transact business pursuant to the Local Government (Ireland) Act 1898, — and consider Tenders for supply of Stones for Road Macadam.

Present Messrs P N O'Gorman J.P Presiding
John Murphy
Peter Murphy
William Murphy
John Hand
Dr M Walsh
Aidan P. Bolger
James B Hearne
Patrick J. Dunne
and
John Fanning

The following report was received from the Town Surveyor

9th April 1918

I beg to report that your streets generally have been well maintained during the last Quarter.
Your contractor Thos O'Neill has now nearly completed the delivery of his tonnage from Glensinsaw Quarry. All this material has not yet been broken as it was difficult to get breakers to work at the current rate viz 3/9 per ton.
All the Material has now been received from the Parnell Quarries, and also the Material in lieu of quantity proposed to be obtained from Ballymacar Quarry.
I do not propose to recommend any new works on the present occasion.

James J Shortall
Town Surveyor.

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Mr John Murphy drew attention to the desirability of the Surveyor carrying out repairs to footpaths etc, and specified the footpath at Wexford St, and the coping of the wall at Robercon near the old boat house. With regard to Wexford St footpath the Surveyor pointed out that he had not suitable kerbing for this work. He however stated that all necessary repairs would be attended to, but, there was

No definite Order made

Tenders for the supply of stones were received from Michael Hennessy Glensinsaw who proposed to supply two hundred and fifty tons @ 6/6 per ton, and from Richard Malone who offered to supply and deliver in the Councils depots at Robercon two hundred and fifty tons @ 4/10 per ton, or to deliver them at the Quay unbroken @ 6/4 per ton.
After some discussion it was—
Proposed by Mr Dunne and
Seconded by Mr Hand

That the Tender of Richard Malone for the supply of two hundred and fifty tons of stones in the Council's Depots at Robercon be accepted.
Proposed by Mr John Murphy and
Seconded by Mr Fanning

That the consideration of the Tenders be adjourned and advertisements be issued again inviting Tenders for the supply of stones. Eventually Mr Murphy's proposal was withdrawn and that of Mr Dunne was passed.

Letter from the Parnell Quarries Ltd dated 19th April 1918 in reply to one addressed to the Co relative to the

increased price charged for Macadam for Month of Feby and March. In it the Manager stated that all the prices were advanced to 5/6 and in most cases to 6/6 owing to increase in Cartage and production, but as they did not notify the Council of the increase the Consignments for February and March would remain at 5/2, but future orders would be Charged at 5/6, which is really one shilling less than they are getting for the same Class of Material, it was

Ordered

That the quantity agreed to be procured; be purchased at the increased price.

The Meeting then terminated.

John Sullivan

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Tuesday 23rd April 1918

A fortnightly meeting of the Council was held this evening at 7-30 o'clock P.M. to transact business pursuant to the Town's Improvement (Ireland) Act 1854.— make a Poor Rate, Town Rate, and Domestic Water Rate for financial year ending 31st March 1919.

Present Messrs P N. O'Gorman J.P. Presiding
John Murphy
Peter Murphy
Wm Murphy
John Hand
Dr M. Walsh
Aidan P. Bolger
James B. Hearne
Patrick J. Dunne
and
John Fanning.

The Minutes of the previous Meeting were read and signed

The Treasurer's Authority for making payments was signed by the Chairman, Messrs John Murphy, and Peter Murphy. and the following Paying Orders directed to be issued:— No 23 £24-5-9. Petty Cash.

Immediately after the signing of the Minutes. Mr Fanning drew attention to the arrest of Mr Geo Dooley a member of the Council and proposed the following resolution ~~which~~ was
Seconded by Mr John Murphy and
Passed Unanimously:—

"That we the Members of the Newross Urban "
"District Council protest against the arrest of "
"Mr Dooley, one of our esteemed and "

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"patriotic members of our Council and we"
"hereby demand his immediate release."

A proposal was received from Mr Martin Green Camblin dated 15th April for 40s Leaf of Manure in yard on Quay at £2-6-0 and it was:—
Ordered to be accepted.

A tender of 42/6 each for two heaps of Manure in yard at Town Wall was received from Mr Edward Browne, but there was none for sale at present, and the Meeting decided not to accept the Tender before the heaps are ready for sale.

A letter was received from Mrs Colfer Andross, dated 16th Inst, acknowledging receipt of a copy of the resolution of Condolence passed by the Council on the death of Mr Colfer Solicitor.

No Order made.

The Meeting next proceeded to make the Poor Rate and Town Rate for financial year ending 31st March 1919, and the resolution was
Proposed by Mr Hand
Seconded by John Murphy and resolved :—
"That we raise the sum of One thousand Eight Hundred"
"and thirty-five pounds, ten shillings and"
"eleven pence, as and for Poor Rate and for the"
"purpose aforesaid make a rate of Four shillings"
"and twopence in the pound for the"
"financial year ending 31st March 1919 on the"
"property situate within the Urban Districts"
"of New Ross pursuant to the Local Government"
"(Ireland) Act 1898, and other acts incorporated"

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"therewith, and that same be collected in "
"two Moities, the first on or before the 30th "
"day of September 1918, and the second on "
"or before the 31st day of March 1919. "
"That public notice be given of said rates"
"having been made, by printed placards"
"duly posted."

"Passed Unanimously"

Proposed by the Chairman
Seconded by Aidan P. Bolger and resolved:

"That the Presiding Chairman of the Council "
"sign the Poor Rate Books, and the resolution "
"making the Poor Rate endorsed thereon, and"
"the Collector's Warrant, and affix the Common"
"Seal of the Council to said Poor Rate Books and"
"Documents."

"Passed Unanimously"

In accordance with the foregoing resolution the Poor Rate Books and Warrants were duly signed and sealed.

Proposed by John Hand
Seconded by John Murphy and resolved

"That we raise the sum of one"
"thousand nine Hundred and seventyseven"
"pounds, four shillings and seven pence,"
"as and for Town Rate, and for that "
"purpose make a Town Rate of four "
"shillings and sixpence in the pound"
"for the Financial year commencing the first"
"day of April 1918, on the property situate in "
"the Urban District of New Ross rateable under"
"the undermentioned Acts for the purposes therein"

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"mentioned, of which Town Rate of Four "
"shillings and Sixpence in the Pound the "
"sum of one shilling is for General purposes "
"under the provisions of the Town's Improvement "
"(Ireland) Act 1854, and the sum of one shilling "
"and sixpence is for special purposes under "
"the Local Government (Ireland) Act 1898, and the "
"sum of Two shillings and threepence in the Pound "
"is for Sanitary purposes under the Provisions "
"Of the Public Health (Ireland) Acts, which Sanitary "
"rate includes one penny in the Pound under "
"the Technical Instruction Act 1889, ~~one penny in the~~ "
"Pound under the Provisions of the Agriculture "
"and Technical Instruction Act 1899 for the purpose "
"Of Technical Instruction and one penny in "
"the Pound under the Education (Provision "
"Of Meals) (Ireland) Acts 1914 and 1916, and we "
"Hereby make a Domestic Water Rate under the "
"Provisions of the Public Health (Ireland) Acts, "
"Of one Shilling and three pence in the "
"Pound on the Valuation of Premises supplied "
"with water for the Financial Year commencing "
"on the first day of April 1918, and ending on "
"the 31st day of March 1919, and we Hereby fix "
"that said rates shall be payable on "
"the twenty-fourth day of May 1918 and shall "
"be Collected in two Moities, the first on or "
"before the 30th day of September 1918, and "
"the second on or before the 31st day of "
"March 1919."

Passed Unanimously

Proposed by the Chairman
Seconded by Aidan P Bolger and resolved

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"That the Presiding Chairman and
"five other Members of the Council, sign the
"Books in which the Town Rate, and Domestic
"Water Rate are made out, also the resolutions
"making the Town Rate, and Domestic water
"Rate, and the adoption of the Town Rate
"endorsed on said Books, and endorsements,
"and the Collector's Warrant affixed to said
"Rate Books, be signed by the Presiding Chairman,
"and five other members of the Council present,
"and countersigned by the Clerk, and sealed
"with the Common Seal of the Council."

Passed Unanimously.

In accordance with the foregoing resolution the Town Rate Books and Warrants were duly signed and sealed.

Letter from the Local Government Board No 15/915/1918 dated 17th April 1918 stating that they will not object to the proposal Of the Council to grant a War Bonus of 10/= a week to Mr Shortall Town Surveyor.

No Order Made.

A Recommendation for admission to Trinity Hospital signed by Very Revd Canon Rossiter P.P and Canon Gibson was received from Miss Dr. A. Fox. and it was Ordered

to be filed with the applications already received, and considered when the Council are officially notified of a vacancy in the Hospital.

The Clerk submitted the Rent Collector's weekly sheets showing the arrears of rent due by each

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Tenant, and drew special attention to the case of Mrs Houston; by whom; a large amount of arrears were due. It was suggested that proceedings be taken to Obtain possession of the House, but Mr Hand undertook to see Her next day and get Her to make a substantial payment upon Her rent. Accordingly it was decided not to take any action in the matter for the present.

There was No Order made respecting the arrears due by the other Tenants.

The following was read :—

Lewkose
24th April 1918

I am an applicant for the Solicitorship to the Newross Urban District Council, a position, which; as you are probably aware, my late father held for a period Of about thirty Years. Being associated in practice with him I have always been in close touch with the work, and should the Council see fit to appoint me as his successor I shall endeavour at all times to discharge my duties to their satisfaction and thus continue the record of friendly relationship already so long Established.
I may add that Mr W. J. Hearn L.L.D. Solicitor has very kindly stood aside in my favour, and whole-heartedly supports my Election to the position

Yours Very truly
Thomas A. Colfer

Proposed by Mr John Murphy and
Seconded by Mr Peter Murphy

"That Mr Thos A. Colfer"

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"be appointed Solicitor to the Council"
Passed Unanimously"

On the proposal of Mr John Murphy
Seconded by the Chairman
It was Ordered
"That the agreement
"of Richard Brazil for the tenancy of a House at
Cuneen Lane, be sealed."

Street Inspector's Report.

The Street Inspector reported that a number of
Traders were causing an Obstruction of the Streets
by placing boxes etc on them, but there was
no Order made respecting the matter

The meeting adjourned to 7th May 1918.

P. J. O'Gorman

Tuesday 7th May 1918

A meeting of the Urban Council was to be
held this Evening at 7-30 Oclock P.M., to transact business
pursuant to the Towns Improvement (Ireland) Act 1854

Mr Hand was the only member who attended

A Quorum not having assembled the
meeting adjourned to Tuesday 14th May 1918.

P. J. O'Gorman

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14th May 1918

A Meeting of the Finance Committee was held this Evening at 7 Oclock P.M., to transact business for the Finance Meeting of the Council, and rule on the Collector's lists of uncollectable rates.

Present Messrs P.N. O'Gorman J.P Presiding
Peter Murphy
and
John Murphy.

The Rate Collector was also present.

The Clerk submitted a number of bills, a list of which appears at the commencement of the municipal minutes following, and having been examined by the Committee were recommended for payment.

The Schedules of uncollected rates were also examined and sums of Poor Rate amounting to £38-10-8 were recommended to be Cancelled, and £1-0-10 disallowed Collector, and of Town Rate £46-4-1 was recommended to be Cancelled and £2-4-4 disallowed.

The Committee directed that Annie OBrien be informed she will have to pay off the arrears of rates due by her in weekly instalments of 2/6 or 3/-, and if she fails to do so serious notice will be taken of the matter.

The Committee adjourned.

P.N. O'Gorman

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Tuesday 14th May 1918

A Meeting of the Council was held this evening at 7.30 Oclock P.M. to transact business pursuant to the Towns Improvement (Ireland) Act 1854

Present messrs P. N. Ofgorman J.P. Presiding
Balk J. Dunne
John Murphy
Peter Murphy
John Hand
and
Luke Dwyer

The minutes of last meeting were read and signed

The Treasurers Authority for making payments was signed by the Chairman, messrs John Murphy and Peter Murphy, and the following paying Orders directed to be issued. viz:—

No 24 Technical Instruction Committee £16-4-8, No 25 Dr ORegan £16, No 26 John J. Browne £2-4-4, No 27 John J. Browne £2-4-6, No 28 John J. Browne £2-11-10, No 29 M. J Finn £1-18-9, No 30 M J Finn £11-3-0, No 31 M J Finn £2-3-4, No 32 Petty School Attendance Committee, No 33 Petty Cash £36-3-8, No 34 John Stevenson £2-2-3, No 35 Thos A. Ashe £8-3-0, No 36 J. J. Shortall £7-17-4, No 37 J. J. Shortall £6-10-0, No 38 messrs Crotty & Kelly £10-0-0

Letter from Local Government Board No 19732/1918 dated 1st Inst, acknowledging receipt of the Councils letter of the 27th Ulto relative to the remuneration of the Poor Rate Collector in the Urban District, and stating that in the circumstances they will not withold sanction to payment of the Extra Penny Poundage in respect of last years collection. They also referred the Council to Article 86 (7) of the Public Bodies Order 1913 respecting the collection of rents.

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Ordered

That the Collector be paid his poundage on rents &c collected each month at the increased rate of poundage viz 9d. and if at the close of the half-year, he has not lodged the requisite proportion of the rates to entitle him to the increased rate of commission the extra amount paid can be deducted from the next subsequent monthly commission account furnished

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Letter from the Director of Cross Channel Transportation dated 11th May, referring to his circular letter sent out some time ago, regarding the very serious position in which Coal Consumers in Ireland are now placed, and asking what steps the Council have taken to effect economies and to bring the matter prominently before the public.

Ordered

That the Director be informed the Council have not taken any action in the matter.

Letters were received from the Chief Secretary, The Prime Minister and The Lord Lieutenant acknowledging the resolutions passed by the Council protesting against Conscription and against the arrest of Mrs Dooley.

No Order made.

The Collector reported under date 14th Inst that Dergh Burke, and H. Const. Sullivan have refused to pay for the spraying of their plots, the respective amounts being 9/- and 4/ after a short discussion it was-

Proposed by Mr John Murphy and

Seconded by Mrs Hand.

"That the Collector's letter be referred to the Plots Committee for report"

Passed Unanimously.

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The following letter received from Mr J.A. Colfer Solicitor was read :—

I received your letter of the 25th Inst informing me that the Council had unanimously elected me their Solicitor (On) at the meeting held on Tuesday evening. I desire to thank the Council for their very generous action, which I regard as a tribute to my late father's memory, and as a very material expression of good will towards myself. I need scarcely say that I look forward with pleasure to the continuance of the long standing relationship with the Council and yourself.

Yours very sincerely
J. A. Colfer.

No Order made.

The Schedules of Uncollected Poor Rate and Town Rate which had been dealt with by the Finance Committee were submitted, and examined after which the following resolution was
Proposed by Mr Handand
Seconded by Mr Dwyer Viz :—

That sums of uncollected
"Poor Rate for half year ending 31st March last"
"amounting to £38-10-8 be cancelled and sums"
"amounting to £1-0-10 be dis-allowed Collector, and"
"that sums of Town Rate amounting to £46-4-1 be"
"cancelled, and sums amounting to £2-4-4 be"
"disallowed Collector"

"Passed Unanimously"

The Clerk stated that Edward Murphy, one of the Council's workmen was ill for the last fortnight and he had not paid any wages, and enquired if the Council

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would make him any allowance for the time as it was very difficult, if not impossible to support himself, wife, and family upon the amount allowed by the National Health Insurance Commissioners. It was pointed out that he was a very good workman and after a short discussion it was

Proposed by Mr Hand and

Seconded by Mr Dunne

That he be paid the difference between the amount received under the National Health Insurance act and his wages; during his illness up to the next meeting of the Council

"Passed Unanimously."

Town Surveyor's Report.

I beg to report that there is a dangerous wall abutting on Stable Lane (off Conduit Lane) but I am not certain if Stable Lane would be legally regarded as a public place within the jurisdiction of the Council or if you would be liable in the event of any claim through accident.

I purchased a quantity of mangolds, hay, and straw, at a public Auction in Ballinteskin recently, and they have been stored in your premises in William St.

I have had some necessary repairs to your watering Cart carried out

Jas J Shortall
Town Surveyor.

Ordered

That the purchase of Hay, Straw and mangolds at Ballinteskin be approved of.

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Mr John Murphy inquired if the horses had yet been put out on grass during the nights as the weather was now fine enough and the Surveyor stated they had not, On the suggestion of Mr Murphy it was

Ordered

That the Surveyor arrange as soon as possible with some person to let grass for them, and that they be put out at night as soon as he can get it.

It was also Ordered

That he serve notice on the owner of the dangerous wall, requiring him to have it put in a safe condition.

The following resolution
Proposed by Mr Peter Murphy and
Seconded by the Chairman was
Unanimously Passed viz:—

"That the Dublin & South Eastern"
"Railway Co be requested to grant reasonable"
"train facilities to people attending Fleis"
"here on next Sunday and Monday"

"The Meeting adjourned to 28th May 1918.

P J Gorman

Friday, 24th May 1918.

A meeting of the Land Cultivation Committee was to be held this day at 5 O'Clock P.M. to consider a report from the Collector in which he stated that Sergt Burke and Head Const O'Sullivan had refused to pay for the Spraying of their respective potato plots.

P. H. O'Gorman Esq J.P. was the only Member of the Committee who attended.

A Quorum not having assembled,

There was no Meeting held.

Monday 3rd June 1918

A monthly meeting of the Council was to be held this day at 12 O'Clock noon to transact business pursuant to the Towns Improvement (Ireland) Act 1854

No member attended.
A Quorum not having assembled

The Meeting adjourned to Tuesday 11th June 1918.

P H O'Gorman

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Tuesday 28th May 1918

A meeting of the Urban Council was held this evening at 7.30 Oclock P.M. to transact business pursuant to the Town's Improvement (Ireland) Act 1854,.

Present Messrs P N OGorman J.P. Presiding
John Sullivan JP
John Hand
Michael Sheehan
Luke Dwyer
John Murphy
Patk Dunne
and
Peter Murphy

The minutes of last Meeting were read and signed

The Clerk stated that he called a meeting of the Plots Committee as directed at last meeting to consider the letter from the Collector, dated 14th Inst, in which he reported that Dengf Burke and Head Const O'Sullivan refused to pay for the spraying of their Plots, but the Chairman was the only member of the Committee who attended.
He now asked to have the matter dealt with by the Council. After some discussion it was
Proposed by Mr O'Sullivan and
Seconded by Mr P. Murphy
That the consideration of the Collector's report be referred again to the Plots Committee.
On the amendment being put there voted
For :— Messrs John Murphy, P Dunne and the Chairman 3
Against :- Messrs Sheehan, O'Sullivan, Dwyer, and P Murphy 4
Mr Hand declined to vote
The amendment was declared defeated and the

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original resolution passed.

The Clerk stated that at the Monthly Meeting of the Council there was no Order Made as to whether a Contract and Bond should be prepared in the case of Richd Malone who tendered to supply 250 tons of stones from Glensinsaw Quarry, some members being of opinion that the fact of having a bond with him would not insure the supply of stones by him, and asked if the Council desired to have him enter into a bond, it was Ordered

That the Council's Solicitors be instructed to prepare a Contract and Bond with Richard Malone for the supply of 250 tons of stones from Glensinsaw Quarry.

Correspondence

Letter from the D & S E Railway Co dated 16th Inst, intimating that owing to the acute shortage of Coal, the Railway Executive Committee responsible to the Government for the working of Irish Railways, cannot agree to any special trains being run in connection with the Fair
No Order Made.

A letter dated, 13th Inst was received from Thomas Lee the Quay, withdrawing as security for Thos Connick

Ordered

That Mr Lee be informed he cannot be relieved of being surety for Thos Connick, until the latter provides another surety in his place, or surrenders possession of the House.
That Connick be required to provide another surety in his place.

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Applications were received from James Rossiter and Wm Reeves for the tenancy of the House but as it was not yet vacant they were not dealt with.

The Meeting adjourned to Tuesday 12th June 1918.

D W Gorman

31st May 1918

A meeting of the Streets Committee was held this evening at 8-15 Oclock P.M., to transact business of the Committee

Present Messrs P & O'Gorman J.P. Presiding
P. J. Dunne
and
John Murphy.

The Town Surveyor was also in attendance

Mr John Murphy drew attention to the delay in having some of the streets cleaned in the mornings, and instanced particular cases. The Surveyor explained that in order to economise the men's time, he was in the habit of sending the two horses to draw a load each of broken stones from the depots at Rosleven, so that during their time at this work, the others men might have the sweepings of streets collected for removal.

The Committee were of opinion that the cleaning of the streets should be attended to first thing, and also the watering of them when the latter is necessary. The Surveyor stated that the carting of the stones would be completed in a day or two, when the removal of the sweepings would be carried out as soon as.

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collected by the men. For sometime past he was short of a man through illness which of course interfered with the prompt cleansing of the streets. Sometimes also persons are in the habit of putting out dust boxes etc on the street after the carts have passed, and the contents is scattered over the streets, and the Committee directed that the streets Inspector inform people who do this, to have the boxes taken in until the following day.

The Clerk stated that Walter Duggan one of the Council workmen, who was ill for eight or ten days was not paid any wages by him, and he was not insured being over age. He asked if the Committee would direct payment of portion at least of his wages, and on the Proposal of Mr Hand
Seconded by Mr Dunne

It was ordered that he be paid half wages for the days he was ill. It was also agreed to consider the advisability of having his wages revised

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A long discussion took place respecting the weighing of pigs on the Quay Scales, it having been stated that sellers were dissatisfied with the weights entered on the dockets, one of the grounds of complaint being that any lesser number of pounds than seven are not allowed sellers by the weighmaster.
The Clerk was directed to call upon the weighmaster and inform him that he is to record in the weigh dockets the exact weight to a pound that each pig will weigh. The Committee also directed the Surveyor to endeavour to improve on the existing creel or cage used on the machine for weighing pigs, and having agreed to meet at the weighbridge on Monday following at 10-30 Oclock am.

"The Members Separated" P N Gorman

Tuesday 11th June 1918.

A meeting of the Finance Committee was held this evening at 7 O'clock P.M., to transact business of the Committee; for the Finance meeting of the Council, and deal with an application from Messrs Crotty and Kelly Solicitors for payment of £2 Costs in connection with their application for Payment of Mr Lynch's salary.

Present Messrs P F. O'Gorman J.P. Presiding
P. J Dunne
John Murphy
and
Peter Murphy.

The Committee Examined a number of bills submitted by the Clerk, and recommended payment of them. (See list at beginning of minutes of meeting of the Council)

They also examined bill of costs received from Messrs Crotty & Kelly amounting to £2. in connection with Mr Lynch's claim, and Mr John Murphy Proposed

"That the amount be paid subject to the approval of the Local Government Board."

The Chairman suggested that the Council's Solicitor be asked to advise whether the Council are legally bound to pay this bill.
It was eventually decided to refer the matter to the meeting of the Council, after which

"The Committee adjourned."

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A meeting of the Newross Urban District Council was held this Evening at 7.30 Oclock P.M., to transact business pursuant to the Town's Improvement (Ireland) Act 1854, and consider applications for the tenancy of a Vacant house in Bunneen Lane.

Present Messrs P. M. OGorman J.P. Presiding
John Murphy
Peter Murphy
John Hand
Patrick J. Dunne
M. Sheehan
and
J. O'Sullivan J.P.

The minutes of previous meeting were read and signed, as were also the minutes of the Street Committee.

It was Ordered

That the direction of the Committee that Walter Duggan, one of the Council's Workmen, be paid half wages during eight days he was ill, be approved of.

The Treasurer's Authority for making payments was signed by the Chairman, Messrs Peter Murphy and Patrick J Dunne and the following paying Orders directed to be issued. Viz:-

Messrs Graves & Co No 39 £2-10-2, J.J. Shortall No 40 £7-17-4, J. J Shortall No 41 £2-3-4, J.J. Browne No 42 £1-10-0, J.J. Browne No 43 £36-19-10, J.J. Browne No 44 £44-3-10, Parnell Quarries Ltd No 45 £17-12-8 A.R. French No 46, 1/-, H.R. Hamilton No 47, £8-9-0, R. Murphy No 48 £8-12-10, M. J. Finn No 49 £11-5-0, M J Finn No 50 £2-3-4 Petty Cash No 51, £44-11-1, Mrs M Roche No 52 £38-12-10.

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Mr Dunne drew attention to the fact that the Weighing machine on the Quay is not weighing accurately and cited some particular cases in which the difference in weight of pigs weighed upon it, and the scales at Roslecon or Irishtown, was very considerable. The Surveyor stated that he spoke to the Inspector of Weights in Newbos about having it tested and he told him that the Sergeant from Enniscorthy would probably soon be testing it, but that in the meantime the Inspector here would as soon as possible, test it by a number of verified half-hundred weights.
It was ordered

That the scales be not used again until it is put in proper order, and that if it is found necessary, on Examination, Messrs Pooley and Son, the manufacturers, be employed to repair it.

A Dividend Warrant for £3.13.6 on 4½% Wartock was received and Ordered to be lodged to the credit of the Council.

Letter from Richard Malone Hoodsgrove, dated 9th Inst, stating that he cannot obtain enough of blasting powder to carry out his contract re stones, and asking if the Council would apply for about 15 lbs for him. He is willing to fulfill his Contract if he can obtain the powder. The Surveyor stated that he had made Enquiries as to the steps to be taken to obtain same, and was informed that a permit should be obtained from the County Inspector of the Constabulary
Ordered

That the Surveyor make application to

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the Authorities for the necessary permit, to enable a supply of blasting powder to be obtained for Malone for Quarrying purposes.

The following report of the Town Surveyor was read:—

I beg to report that your horses have been put to grass; as ordered, with Mr J. Browne at 12/- weekly.
I was obliged to get a quantity Of flags on the 7th Inst, to repair a shore in Sugarhouse Lane. I would require the use of a Car to take a Standpipe and fittings, to test the pressure on the Water-main between Dranagh and Ballyleigh.
With reference to Richard Malone's 1916—1917 contracts for the delivery of 500 tons stones @ £/10£ Per ton from Glensinsaw only 483 tons have been delivered, and he has been paid for 440 tons. He now asks for payment for the remaining 43 tons

J. J. Shortall
Town Surveyor.

Ordered

That the renting Of grass for the Horses be approved of, asalso the purchase of the flags.
That the Surveyor be authorized to Link a car for the purpose indicated in his letter.
That Richard Malone be informed his application for paymnt of balance due for stones delivered on his 1916—'17 Contracts will be considered when he completes these Contracts.

Letter from the Local Government Board dated 28th May No £4,030: 1918, returning the abstracts of uncollectable Rates, with the rulings Of the Board noted on them

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and pointing out that these rulings must not be regarded as interfering with the Jurisdiction of the Auditor if for any reason he finds it necessary to deal otherwise with them.

No Order made – the Clerk having stated that a Paying Order will be issued to the Collector at this meeting for a refund of the Amounts allowed by the Council and sanctioned by the Local Government Board.

A notice was received from the Registrar of Petty Sessions Clerks that a sum of £13-18-8, the proportion of surplus moneys arising from the sale of dog Licenses, had been lodged to the Credit of the Council.
No Order made.

Letter from Colfer & Son, dated 4th Inst, acknowledging receipt of instructions to prepare Bond in Malone's case for supply of stores, and also stating that they had applied to persons owing for potato spraying, for payment of the amounts due by them.
No Order made.

A Circular letter dated 28th Ult, was received from the Portrush Urban Council, drawing attention ~~of~~ to the increase of 50% in Railway Rates, and asking the co-operation of the Council in urging on the Chief Secretary, the great hardship it will inflict on many people.
No Order made.

An application was received from the two carmen Edwd Murphy and Thos Freeman for an increase in their wages, on the ground that

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they have to be out at 7 Oclock each morning, so as to have the Horses in and ready to start work at 8 Oclock, and they have to spend Half-an-Hour Extra in the Evening going with them to the pasture, and watering them on Sunday, for all of which they are only allowed 1/= Extra

Ordered

That the consideration of this application be adjourned to next meeting, the members of the Council to be summoned to consider it.

A Circular letter was received from the Ministry of re-construction asking for a return of approximate quantities of materials estimated to be required for Constructional work, and repairs to be undertaken or contracted for by the Council after the war. It was suggested that the matter be deferred until the Council ascertain what financial facilities will be afforded them for building Houses after the war, but it was eventually decided to refer the Form, which accompanied the letter, to the Surveyor, to furnish what information he could.

A Circular letter was also received from the Secretary of the International Reference movement asking for the views Of the Council, as to whether the case of Ireland should be referred to a Conference of representatives of Neutral Countries, but, there was no action taken in reference to it.

A Tender was received from the Newross Gas Co for the lighting of the Tholsel Lamps from the 1st April to the 1st October 1918 at £3-7-6, to include cost of mantles.

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Proposed by Mr Dunne and
Seconded by Mr P. Murphy

"That the Tender of the Gas
Gas Company for the lighting of the Tholsel Lamps
"from 1st April to 1st October. for £3-7-6, including cost
"of mantles, be accepted"

Passed Unanimously.

The Chairman announced that he had received a Telephone message from Waterford, stating that the Waterford Chamber Of Comerce had been in Communication with the Railway Co respecting the train service between Ross & Waterford, and that as a result, a passenger carriage will, in future be attached to the Goods train leaving Waterford at 6 P.M., but this carriage will not proceed further than New Ross.
A lengthened discussion took place on the matter, some members being of opinion that it was in the interest of the trade of Waterford, that the Chamber of Commerce of that city acted, Eventually it was
Proposed by Mr John Murphy and
Seconded by Mr Sheehan

That the Railway Co
be asked to run this carriage on to Palace East

Passed Unanimously.

An application for the tenancy of a vacant house in Bunnaemlane, was received from each of the following viz :—
Ellen Merrigan Cross Lane, Hugh O'Rourke Priory Street,
Margaret Moriarty John St, Wm Reeves Houghton Place
and James Ryan Irishtown.
After a short discussion it was agreed that the applicants
be balloted for, none of them having been proposed

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and James Ryan's name was drawn. It was then
Proposed by the Chairman and
Seconded by Mr John Murphy
That the vacant house
at Runneen Lane be let to James Ryan Irishtown, at a
weekly rent of 7/6. Mr Wm Gantly to be accepted
as his surety

Passed Unanimously

A letter dated 11th Inst was received from the Collector
drawing attention to the arears of rent due by the
tenants; as appeared by the weekly sheets, some of
which he considered very high.
Ordered
That the application be made to the sureties
for payment of the arears of rent due by the tenants
for whom they are Sureties, and also to the tenants
themselves who owe arears and that the latter be
informed if the arears of rent is not paid off
possession of the Houses occupied by them will be
taken up.

The Street Inspector reported that a number of Traders
were causing an obstruction by placing boxes etc
on the streets, but there was
no Order made upon the matter

The Meeting adjourned to the 25th June 1918.

P. J. O'Connor

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25th June 1918

A meeting of the Newross Urban District Council was held this evening at 7.30 Oclock P.M., to transact business pursuant to the Town's Improvement (Ireland) Act 1854, and consider an application from two of the Council's Carmen for an increase in their wages.

Present Messrs P. N. O'Gorman J.P. Presiding
John Murphy
Peter Murphy
Michael Sheehan
John and Hand

The minutes of the previous meeting were read and signed

The Treasurer's Authority for making payments was signed by Messrs P. Murphy and M Sheehan and the following Paying Order directed to be issued :- viz No 83 £23-10-5 Petty Cash.

Correspondence

Letter from the Director of Cross Channel Transportation dated 14 inst asking for particulars of Coal used by the Council for the year 1917.
No Order made.

Letter from Local Government Board dated 21st June drawing attention to particulars respecting applications for Licences for building by Local Authorities, and also to Schedule E of the Horses Rationing Order.
No Order Made.

Letter from Joshua Allen Tollyhouse Lane, asking the Council to repair the floor of House occupied by him.

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Ordered

That the Surveyor have the necessary repairs to the floor carried out.

Letter from messrs Colfer & Son, dated 17th Inst enclosing agreement and Bond of Richard Malone with the council.
Proposed by Mr J Hand and
Seconded by Mr Dmurphy

That the Seal of the Council be affixed to the Contract with Richard Malone dated 11th June for the delivery of 250 tons of Stones from Glensinsaw Quarry.

Passed Unanimously.

In pursuance of the foregoing resolution the Contract was sealed.

Letter from the Manager D & S.E. Railway Co, dated 21st June 1918, expressing his regret that the Company cannot accede to the request of the Council to have the Passenger Carriage on the 6 P.M. train run to Palace East, as he was not convinced there would be sufficient traffic to warrant the making of the special arrangement necessary.
A long discussion took place during which it was stated, that the object of the present arrangements of having the Carriage run to Newross was to bring traffic to Waterford whilst denying facilities to Newross, It was
Proposed by Mr John Murphy and
Seconded by Mr Hand

That a requisition signed by all the Traders of Newross be forwarded to the Railway Co to have the Carriage run to Palace East.

Passed Unanimously.

The application of Thomas Freman and Edward Murphy, the two men in charge of the Council's Horses, was considered and during the discussion which took place it was pointed out that it was not necessary to water the Horses on Sundays nor was it necessary that they should be out at 7am.

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Proposed by the Chairman and
Seconded by Mr P. Murphy "That no increase be granted"
"Passed Unanimously.

"The meeting adjourned to Tuesday 9th July 1918.

Monday 1st July 1918.

A monthly meeting of the Council was to be held this day at 12 O'Clock noon, to transact business pursuant to the Towns Improvement (Ireland) Act 1854

No member attended

A Quorum not having assembled

The meeting adjourned to Tuesday 9th July 1918.

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Tuesday 9th July 1918

A Quarterly meeting of the Council was held this day at 7 O'Clock P.M., to transact business pursuant to the Local Government (Ireland) Act 1898, and consider Surveyor's Quarterly report.

Present Messrs P. N. O'Gorman J.P. Presiding
John Murphy
John Fanning
P. J. Dunne
Wm Murphy
Peter Murphy
John Hand
and
John O'Sullivan J.P.

When the Chair was taken by the Chairman, he referred to the death, since last meeting, of a brother of Very Revd Canon Rossiter P.P.V.G. and moved the following resolution, which was seconded by Mr Dunne, viz:-

"That we tender to our Revered Pastor, Very Revd "
"Canon Rossiter P.P. V.G. our sincere sympathy and "
"condolence in his bereavement caused by the death "
"of his dear brother, and beg to assure him that we "
"deeply regret his death, and that as a mark of "
"respect to his memory we adjourn this meeting "
"to 23rd Inst without transacting any business. "

Some Members of the Council having associated themselves with the expression of sympathy contained in the resolution, it was Passed in respectful silence.

The Meeting adjourned to Tuesday 23rd July 1918.

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Tuesday 9th July 1918

A meeting of the Council was held this evening at 7.30 Oclock P.M., to transact business pursuant to the Towns (Improvement (Ireland) Act 1854

Present messrs P. N. OGorman J.P. Presiding
John Murphy
John Fanning
P. J. Dunne
William Murphy
Peter Murphy
John Hand
and
John O'Sullivan J.P.

The Treasurer's Authority for making payments was signed by messrs J. Murphy ~~and~~ P. J. Dunne, and the Chairman, and the following Paying Orders directed to be issued: viz:- No 54, New Ross Gas Coy, £81-17-9, No 55 Mrs M Hennessy £10-11-9, No 56 John J Browne £3-2-0, No 57 J. J. Browne £6-5-0, (D Blythe's Com) No 58 Hibernian Assurance Co £1-19-0, No 59 Royal Exchange Assurance Co £4-2-9, No 60 J. Lynch U.S. £5-8-0, No 61 Petty Cash £26-16-10 No 62 M. J. Finn £6-5-0, No 63 M J Finn £11-5-0, No 64 M J Finn £2-3-4, No 65 Wexford Co. Council £426-5-9, No 66 John Doyle £9-4-0, No 67 J. Shortall £7-17-4, 68 J. J. Shortall £2-3-4.

For the reason stated on the minutes of the Quarterly meeting the following was the only business transacted.

Letter from the Town Clerk of Wexford, dated 6th July pointing out that the present mail service from Dublin to Wexford was giving much dissatisfaction, and stating that a Local Committee had been formed to make an endeavor to have the time, between the arrival and departure of the Mail Train extended, and requesting the Co-operation of NewRoss and Enniscorthy, as the business of these two

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towns must be injuriously affected also.
After some discussion the following resolution was
Proposed by Mr John Murphy and
Seconded by Mr Hand viz:—

"That the following be appointed"
"a Committee, to Co-operate with the Wexford Committee"
"in endeavouring to have a re-arrangement of the"
"existing train arrangements carried out" viz:- "
"Messrs Peter Murphy, Patrick J. Dunne and the"
"Chairman"

"Passed"

A letter dated 4th Inst, was received from the Railway Company, acknowledging receipt of the Councils letter of the 3rd Inst; enclosing a memorial from a number of Traders in Newross, asking to have the Passenger Carriage on the 6 Pm train from Waterford continued to Palace, and stating that a definite reply will be sent as soon as possible.
No Order made.

The Meeting adjourned to 23rd July 1918

John Butler

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Tuesday July 23rd 1918.

A Quarterly meeting of the Council was held this evening at 7 Oclock Pm, to transact business pursuant to the Local Government (Ireland) Act 1878.

Present Messrs P. N. O'Gorman J.P. Presiding
Patrick J. Dunne
John Murphy
John Hand
and
John O'Sullivan J.P.

Town Surveyor's Report

9th July 1918

Since your last meeting I had some necessary repairs carried out to the water main at Macmurrough, also a leaking service in Priory St, and Lewille St.

In consequence of the reduction in the quantity of water consumed and wasted on the Distribution System, it was not necessary to cut off the supply on any night during the last fortnight as heretofore, and all the Filters and Storage Tanks at Ballyleigh are now filled to their maximum capacity.

The night waste has now been reduced by almost 100 G/p. A few weeks ago, the night consumption averaged 7,800 Gallons per hour and at 11 p.m. on the 8th Inst., the register was 3,960 gallons per hours. By the time the existing defects, which have already been discovered in various services, have been rectified, and when I shall have completed my investigations, I hope to reduce the night wastage to the absolute minimum.

As I understand that it will be difficult to obtain any sweeping brushes in the near future, arrangements should be made to procure a stock of

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same soon as possible.

Some hay ought to be provided now for your Horses for the ensuing year.

A quantity of ½" lead piping is also required.

James J. Shortall
Town Surveyor.

Ordered

That five doz of brushes be purchased, and that tenders be invited for the supply of them.
That the Surveyor be directed to purchase as soon as possible the quantity of hay he considers necessary for the ensuing winter and spring.
That Tenders be invited for the supply of some lead piping
The orders made in reference to remainder of report are entered on the Sanitary minutes.

Quarterly Report

9th July 1918.

I beg to report that the Public Works within the District have been well maintained during the last quarter.

No material has yet been received from Glensinsaw Quarry on the current contract.

About 30 tons macadam has been received from the Parnell Quarries and distributed in various depots.

I do not propose to make any recommendation for new Works for the ensuing Quarter

James J. Shortall.
Town Surveyor.

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A short discussion took place respecting the supply of Stones by Richard Malone, during which it was stated that the delay was owing to the difficulty in obtaining blasting powders, as the Constabulary Authorities require Malone to pay the cost of an Escort with it from Waterford. There was eventually no Order made on the matter.

The meeting adjourned.

P. O'Gorman

23rd July 1918.

A meeting of the Newross Urban District Council was held this evening at 7.30 O'clock P.M., to transact business pursuant to the Town's Improvement (Ireland) Act 1854

Present Messrs P.M. O'Gorman J.P. Presiding
Patrick J. Dunne
John Murphy
John Hand
and
John O'Sullivan J.P.

The minutes of Previous meeting were read and signed.

Correspondence

A Dividend Warrant amounting to £5-16-0 was received from The Gt Southern & Western Railway Co, and ordered to be lodged to the credit of the Council.

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Letter from the Board of Trade Coal mines Dept dated 21st Ult. notifying an increase in the pit price of Coal of 2/6 per ton as from the 24th, and that therefore the prices of House Coal will be affected to the extent of 2/6 per ton.

A Second letter dated 6th Inst was received from the same Dept notifying a further increase of 1/6 per ton as from the 8th July and the prices chargeable by retail merchants may be regarded as automatically by a similar amount.

No Order made on either letter

Letter from Local Government Board dated 20th Inst, stating, that all fruit stones including date stones, and Land nut shells are immediately required for an urgent war purpose, and asking that arrangements, wherever possible be made for collections from Hotels, Restaurants, Institutions, Private Houses etc.

No Order made.

Letter from John Hanlon William St Newross, dated, 23rd Inst, asking if the Council will allow him to retain possession of the plot of ground allotted him when getting possession of his house, until he can remove his crop which would be about the first week in September, as to remove it now would only be waste, and if they do, this letter may be taken as a surrender of his tenancy and the Key will be delivered up on tomorrow.

Proposed by Mr Hand and
Seconded by Mr Murphy

That Mr Hanlon be allowed to retain possession of the plot as requested until say - 1st September next.

"Passed Unanimously."

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Letter from Henry Pooley & Sons Ltd dated 21st Inst, stating that they can arangt to send a mechanic to Newhaven to overhaul and adjust weighbridge on Quay and do whatever other repairs are necessary. Their present charges for outdoor work are as follows:-

"3/3 per hour for mechanic's time, this rate including meal and lodging money which under arbitration award we are compelled to pay. In addition to this rate you would be charged the actual Railway Expenses paid out of pocket.
We would propose to send down one set of suitable parts; Should these be required they will be charged at the following rates:-
Centres 4/- each, Bearings 3/- each.

The Estimate was considered reasonable, and the repairing of the machine at the prices quoted was unanimously approved of.

The Surveyor reported verbally, that the weighbridge had been repaired by messrs Pooley's mechanic, and verified by the Inspector of Weights and measures. The latter however, stated, that live stock could not in future be weighed upon it unless the railing used was fixed to the platform of the scales and not around it as hitherto. A discussion took place as to the best means of providing a scales for weighing pigs on market days, during which the Surveyor reminded the meeting that messrs Pooley offered sometime ago to provide an arrangement at a cost of about £30, which at the time was considered too high. It was now

Ordered

That the Surveyor obtain an Estimate from messrs Pooley, for a suitable arrangement which can be

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used for the weighing of pigs on the present Scales, and that a special meeting of the Council be held some day next week to consider it, and also proposals for the tenancy of the House about to be surrendered by John Hanlon.

A notice was received from the Newross Gas Co, dated 24th Ult, that the price of Gas will be increased by 1/8 per 1000 Cubic feet.
In connection with this the Clerk pointed out, that the Existing Contract for Public Lighting will soon expire, & he suggested that a meeting of the Street Committee be held to consider whether the number of lamps lighted last year could be reduced, and it was

Ordered

That a meeting of the Street Committee be held for the purpose.

The Clerk was also directed to ascertain the price of gas per 1,000 Cubic feet to private consumers, and also the cost charged per lamp for Public lighting in Enniscorthy and Wexford.

Letter from Very Rev Canon Rossiter P.P.V.G. dated 11th July thanking the Council for the kind vote of sympathy with him on the death of his brother.
No Order made.

A Tender dated 5th Inst was received from Mr John Butler John Street of £2-2-6, each for three heaps of manure in yard at Quay, and £2-2-6, for one in yard at Town Wall, and one from Mr John Roche Talbot Hall of 35/- for one heap in yard at Quay.
Proposed by Mr Hand and
Seconded by Mr Dunne

That the Tenders of Messrs Butler

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and Rock for manure be accepted.

"Passed Unanimously."

Letter from the Clerk of the Newross Rural District Council, dated 13th July 1918, enclosing copy of a resolution unanimously passed by the Council at their meeting held on 6th inst, suggesting that an earnest and United effort should be made, to revive the Irish Pottery Industry so native to the soil of Ireland, especially as Cross Channel pottery supplies are running so low as to necessitate a rationing system in the near future, and to this end the Council would suggest the instant formation of Industrial and Research Societies throughout Wexford and Kilkenny.

Proposed by Mr Hand and
Seconded by Mr O'Sullivan

That the resolution be adopted, and that the Council cooperate with the District Council in any action which may be taken in the matter.

Passed Unanimously.

Letter from Messrs Colfer & Son dated 5th July reporting that on the hearing of the Summons today against Mary A. Cahill, for waste of water she was fined 2/6, and trusting that they expressed the wish of the Council, when they did not require a fine of a punitive nature, and that the proceedings were taken to allow the public to understand that the Council were dettrimed to put a stop to the waste of water

No Order made

An application was received from Mrs K. Byrne Quay Street, for a supply of water for business purposes

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to her yard at Charles Street and it was
Ordered
That the supply be granted at an annual rent of £0f.

An application was received from Catherine Hammond Folly House Lane for the tenancy of a house there already occupied by her but of which her mother (now deceased) was the tenant.
Proposed by Mr Dunne and
Seconded by Mr Murphy
That she be accepted as tenant of the house at Folly House Lane of which her mother was the former tenant.
Passed Unanimously

The Clerk reported that Walter Duggan, one of the Councils workmen was ill for the past week or ten days, and enquired if he would be allowed any wages for the time he was ill. He paid him half-wages for two days, this being the order made respecting him on a previous occasion recently when he was ill. He is not insured as he is over seventy years of age nor has he the old age Pension. A discussion took place respecting him and it was finally
Ordered
That Walter Duggan be informed his services will not be required by the Council after the 7th August next, and that he be paid full wages in the meantime during illness.

The Street Inspector reported that some Traders were obstructing the Streets by placing boxes etc on them, but there was no Order made in the matter

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29th July 1918.

A meeting of the Street Committee was held this evening at 7-30 O'clock p.m., to revise the existing number of lamps to be lighted during the coming winter period

Present messrs P.N. O'Gorman J.P. Presiding
J. Murphy
J. Hand
and
P.J. Dunne.

The Committee proceeded to revise the existing list of public lamps to be lighted during the coming winter and decided to strike off the following viz:— that in Cross Lane at Session House, and at the top of it, in South Street opposite Lady Lane, Centre of Michael St, the Quay at Fox's Corner, Mary St, at Shambles, Irishtown at Whelans, one in centre of Chapel Lane and of Bewley St, at Ball Alley Lane, and the one at corner of School House Road in Rathcoon.

In view of the high price of gas and the threatned scarcity of coal during the coming winter the Committee considered that the lighting of the foregoing lamps should be discontinued.

The meeting then adjourned.

P.N. O'Gorman

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1st August 1918

A Special meeting of the Urban Council was held this evening at 7.30 o'clock p.m. to arrange for the provision of a Live stock Weighing machine, on Quay, and elect a tenant for the Vacant House in William St, lately occupied by John Hanlon

Present Messrs P.D. O'Gorman J.P Presiding
P.J. Dunne
John Murphy.
Peter Murphy
John Hand
and
John O'Sullivan J.P.

The Chairman having read the notice convening the meeting, submitted the following copy of a letter addressed by the Surveyor to Messrs Pooley and Son, in pursuance of an order of the Council made at their meeting on 23rd July, and also a reply to it, received from Messrs Pooley viz:—

29th July 1918

Adverting to previous correspondence and to yours of 3rd Oct '17, relative to your proposal to provide and erect a wrought iron pen to suit our weighbridge (6 x 3'6") with compensating balance to steelyard, I am now instructed to inquire if your offer of that date, to complete this work for the sum of £30 inclusive, is still open.

As there will be a special meeting of my Council to consider this matter, on Thursday evening the 1st prox., I will thank you to kindly let me have a reply by letter or wire by that date.

Yours faithfully
I. I. Shortall
Town Surveyor.

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31st July 1918

We thank you for your favour dated 29th July, and beg to advise you that increased costs make it necessary to advance the price quoted to you in October last, to £33-10-0.

We trust you will be able to place your order at this figure.

Yours faithfully
Henry Pooley and Sons Ltd.

A discussion took place respecting the cost of steel cage, and compensating balance, during which Mr John Murphy suggested, that the Weighbridge at Irishtown which is a Live Stock Weighing machine be taken up and re-erected on the Quay, but the suggestion was not approved of, the only additional member in favour of it being Mr Dunne.

Attention was then drawn to the possibility of the present Weighing machine not working correctly when the cage will be affixed to the plate, but the Surveyor was satisfied that it would, and instanced a similar one at Mrs Roches Ballyanne, and also stated that Pooleys man informed him there was a similar Weighing machine in use in the Drogheda market and that it gave satisfaction. It was accordingly

Proposed by Mr Peter Murphy and
Seconded by Mr Hand

That the Surveyor order the Steel cage and Compensating balance from Messrs Pooley at the price quoted viz :- £33-10-0.

To which the following amendment was
Proposed by Mr John Murphy and
Seconded by Mr Dunne

That the Clerk inquire if such

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an arrangement as the proposed one for weighing of pigs is working in other Towns, and if so is it giving satisfaction, and that the purchase of the cage etc be deferred until it is ascertained if it is suitable for the purpose for which it is intended.

The Chairman put the Amendment and resolution when there voted for the resolution:- Messrs P Murphy J Sullivan, J Hand and the Chairman. 4

For the Amendment :- Messrs John Murphy and P.J. Dunne

The Chairman declared the resolution passed.

Ordered

That the Surveyor get the work of providing, and fixing the cage done at once

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Applications were received from the following for the tenancy of a house at William St lately occupied by John Hanlon viz:-

John Murphy, Leville St, James Leill, Bewley St, Bridget Brady Leville St, Hugh Rorke Priory St, John Culleton William St and Thomas Murphy Quay.

The Chairman suggested, that instead of adopting the mode of election of a tenant, as at last meeting viz :—

drawing from a hat [one name from amongst the names of all the Applicants, that each member would write the name on a slip of paper of the person he wished to vote for, the one receiving the most votes to be deemed to be elected. This suggestion seemed to meet with approval, and it was

Proposed by Mr O'Sullivan and

Seconded by Mr Peter Murphy

That the election of a tenant to the present vacant House, and all future elections of tenants to vacant houses be by ballot.

Passed unanimously.

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A ballot was then taken with the result that James O'Neill and John Murphy received three votes each. The Chairman gave a casting vote in favour of John Murphy and declared him elected tenant.

The Clerk submitted an application from Mr Fitzgerald Quay St, for a supply of Water to his yard on the Quay, and on
The Proposal of Mr P Murphy
Seconded by Mr Dunne
It was granted at an annual rent of £2.

It was considered that the holding of an adjourned meeting on 6th Inst was not necessary, and that consequently it was probable a quorum would not assemble. The Treasurer's Authority was signed by The Chairman, Messrs Dunne, and Peter Murphy, and the following Paying Order directed to be issued viz:— Petty cash No 70 £12-1-4. after which

"The members separated"

6th August 1918

A meeting of the Newbridge Urban Council was to be held this day at 12 O'Clock noon, to transact business pursuant to the Towns Improvement (Ireland) Act 1854.

No member assembled, A Quorum not having attended

The meeting adjourned to Tuesday 13th August.

P N O'Gorman

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Tuesday. 13th August 1918

A Meeting of the Council was held this day at 7. 30 Oblock to transact business pursuant to The Town Improvement (Ireland) Act 1854, and consider Tenders for the supply of five dozen of brushes.

Present Messrs P. H. O'Gorman J.P. Chairman, presiding.
Patrick J Dunne
John Hands
and
John Fanning

The Minutes of last Meeting were read & signed.

The Treasurer's Authority for making payments was signed by the Chairman and Messrs P J Dunne, and Hands, and the following Paying Orders directed to be issued Viz:
No 41. D & S Ely Railway Co £15-4-8; No 42: Parnell Quarries Ltd £20-18-10;
" 43. Mr Flinn £11-5-0; Same £2-3-4; 45: Petty Cash £6-0-1;
" 46 " J J Browne £1-15-2; 47: James Wolfe £3-7-10; School Committee £7-14-6;
" 49 " People Publishing Co £1-10-0; 80: Royal Exchange Assurance Co £2-10-9
" 81 " Waterford and Newross Port Sanitary Authority £6-5-0;
" 82 " Francis Browne £3-8-7; James Shortall £7-17-7; 84: Same £2-3-4
" 85 " John Stevenson £2-18-0; 86: Richard Malone £8-12-6
" 87 " Martin Barron £15-10-1; 88: W. M. Corcoran £1-16-0.

A Notification was received from the Commissioner of Valuation that Mr A. E. Mills had been appointed to make the Annual Revision of the Valuation of the Urban District, and that same will be commenced about the 13th August.
No Order Made

A Tender of £2-2-6, dated 5th Inst. was received from Mr Butler John St. for one heap of manure in Yard on Quay, and it was Ordered to be accepted.

The Minutes of the meeting of the Street Committee, held on the

29th Inst. to decide upon the number of lamps to be lighted during the Winter Months, was considered, and it was Ordered that the lighting of those, which the Committee recommended to be discontinued, be discontinued, and the remainder of those lighted last Winter, be lighted during the coming Winter.

A Communication, dated 10th Inst. was received from the Irish Vigilance Association in reference to the Censoring of Cinema Pictures, and other matters, but there was no action taken on it.

A letter, dated 31st Ultimo, was received from the Commissioner of Valuation acknowledging receipt of Notice of Appeal to Quarter Sessions on behalf of the Southern Garages Ltd against the Valuation fixed on the works by the Revising Valuer.

No Order Made.

On the proposal of the Chairman, seconded by Mr Dunne, it was Ordered that the Seal of the Council be affixed to the Agreement for the letting of a house to John Murphy, Deville St.

Tenders for the Supply of five dozen of brushes were received from Mrs Hunt, Quay, and Peters of John Doyle, North St. both of whom submitted Samples, those of Mrs Hunt being considered far the best. It was Accordingly

Proposed by Mr Dunne, and

Seconded by Mr Hand "That the Tender of Mrs Hunt for the "Supply of three dozen of coarse brushes at 6/= Per Doz, and" "of two dozen @ 5/= per doz be accepted."

Passed Unanimously

Letter from Mr Thomas Fitzgerald, dated 13th Inst, stating that he will take in the water to his yard on Quay, like all the yards in town at a yearly Cost of £5.

After some discussion it was decided not to alter the rent fixed at last meeting for the Supply Viz: £4 N, and that Mr Fitzgerald be informed

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of this decision.

An application, dated 13th August, was received from George Moran for a Renewal of his license for Explosives Store at Maiden Lane, and also for his registered premises at North St. for the sale of mixed explosives and Ammunition, and, on the proposal of Mr Dunne seconded by the Chairman, both licenses were Ordered to be renewed for a period of One Year.

The Clerk stated that the arrears of Town Rate unpaid by the D & S En Railway Co, amounting to £42-13-0 had been formerly carried forward for Collection with the present Year's rate by him and asked that a resolution be passed by the Council approving of this or directing if to be done.

Proposed by Mr Dunne and
Seconded by Mr Hand, and Resolved,

"That the arrears of Town"
" Rate for financial Year ended 31st March 1918, amounting to "
" £42-13-0 which are unpaid by the D & S Eu. Railway Co be carried "
" forward for Collection with the Current rate for financial "
" Year ending 31st March 1919.

Passed Unanimously.

The Clerk submitted the Trade's Water Rent book for financial Year ending 31st March 1919, for signature, and it was:-

Proposed by Mr Dunne and
Seconded by Ward

"That the Trade's Water Rent, and rent"
" by Agreement Book in which are set out the several "
" Water Rents payable for Year ending 31st March 1919, "
" be signed by the Presiding Chairman, and two Members "
" of the Council, and Sealed and Countersigned by the Clerk. "

Passed Unanimously

The Surveyor applied for a fortnights holidays, and it was

Ordered that he be given them, the Street Inspector to discharge his duties in his absence.

With reference to the supply of Water by Meter to Messrs Colfer, Dooley and John St Learn, the Clerk reported that the quantity consumed by each for the year did not near reach the Minimum quantity allowed for the Minimum Annual rent payable, and that owing to the water being shut off at night for a long time, and the pressure being very low they stated they were frequently without any water at all, and that consequently they considered it very unfair that they should be charged the Minimum rate of 30/- per annum. After a short discussion it was unanimously agreed that they be only charged for the actual quantity consumed for the past year, but that in future they be charged that rate (the minimum) each year, Commencing on the first of August, as there is now an ample supply to all parts of the District.

Mr Hand complained that the Scavenging of the town was not attended to on the previous day until the afternoon, and inquired the cause; he understood one of the Council's horses got into a drain, and asked the Surveyor if he had any report on the matter.

After a short discussion it was ordered that the Surveyor furnish a report, in writing, to next Meeting of the Council.

Mr Fanning drew attention to the Condition of the Kerbing of the footpath at Wexford St, and suggested that it be repaired.

Ordered

That the Surveyor furnish an estimate of the cost of repairing same, to next Meeting of the Council.

The Clerk reported that Mr Stevenson's Contract for tapping of Water Mains, and repair of same, had expired and he was ordered to issue advertisements inviting Tenders for carrying out this work for a period of two years.

The Meeting adjourned to Tuesday, 27th inst August 1918.

Patrick J Dillon

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22nd August 1918

A meeting of the Street Committee was held this evening at 7-30 Oclock p.m., to fix the date upon which the winter public lighting is to commence

Present Messrs P. J. Dunne
and
J. Murphy.

The Committee having considered the matter; decided, in view of the fact that all the clocks will be put back one hour on the 29th September, to have the Winter lighting commence on 23rd of that month, and directed that the Gas Coy be asked to Tender for the lighting of 54 lamps from that date to 1st April 1919, thirty only to be lighted on nights of full moon, and to be fitted with incandescent burners. after which.

The meeting adjourned.

Patrick J Dunne

27th August 1918

A meeting of the Urban Council was to be held this evening at 7-30 Oclock, to transact business pursuant to the Town's Improvement (Ireland) Act 1854

Present Messrs P. F. Osborman J.P. Chairman
and
John Murphy

A Quorum not having assembled.

The meeting adjourned to 28th August.

Patrick J Dunne

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28th August 1918.

A Meeting of the Urban Council was held this evening at 7.30 O'Clock, to transact business pursuant to the Town's Improvement (Ireland) Act 1854

Present Messrs P.J. Dunne Presiding
John Murphy
M Sheehan
John and Hand.

The minutes of previous meeting were read and signed

The Treasurer's Authority for making payments was signed by the Chairman, Messrs John Murphy and M Sheehan, and the following orders directed to be issued viz:- No 89 £24-5-8 Petty Cash, No 90 £7-0-0 Thos Carton.

A bill for £7 was received from John Carton for hay purchased, and the Clerk stated that he called to the Office and asked to have it paid at this meeting, as he could not afford to wait for his money until the Ordinary Finance meeting of the Council, it was accordingly, order

Ordered

"That the bill be paid"

The Clerk applied for his holidays, and it was

Proposed by Mr Murphy, and,
Seconded by the Chairman

"That the Clerk be allowed his usual holiday of three weeks, and that Lillie Finn be appointed Clerk to the Council during his absence, at the same remuneration as was allowed on last occasion viz 20/- per week.

Passed Unanimously.

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An application was received from the Councils Workmen for an increase in their wages to 32/= per wk, as their wages were far under that of any other Corporation, and is not anything like a living wage. At present they are working one man short, which makes the work all the harder. Also a weekly half-holiday. They give until Wednesday 4th Septr to consider the application.

Ordered

That a special meeting of the Council be held on Tuesday 3rd Septr, at 7-30 Oclock for the consideration of this application, the members to be summoned to consider it.

The Collector reported that there has been no rent paid for their plots by the Repro of Edwd Cooney, or John Cooney

Ordered

That the Clerk apply for payment of the rent of the plots to Mrs Cooney and John Cooney, and inform them; if it is not paid the Councils Solicitors will be instructed to obtain payment of it.

A bill for £10, rent of field at Newtown to 30th June, was received from Mr Matthew Cooney, and it was

Ordered

That it be laid at next Finance meeting of the Council.

A letter dated 27th Inst, was received from Edwd O'Connor, Mary St, drawing attention to a dangerous chimney on premises of James Hogan, and Thos Doyle, Mary St, portion of which fell on the roof of his house sometime ago doing serious damage, and the portion standing is a

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danger to the public.

Ordered

That the Surveyor serve the usual Statutory notice on the owner, requiring him to take it down, or put it into such a condition of repair as will render it safe.

An application for Employment was received from Michael Cahill 54 Bewley St, and it was

Ordered

That he be informed the Council have not a vacancy for a man at present, but, if one does arise, his application will be favourably considered.

The following Tender for repairs to Water mains &c was received from John Stevenson, viz:—

I hereby propose to carry out the following work for the prices set down opposite each item, for a period of two years from the acceptance of my Tender viz:—

Domestic Supplies within the Urban District of Newross

To Joint and fit supply from main to footpath, complete, for the sum of 6/-.

At any distance outside the Urban District, and not exceeding Dranagh, for the sum of 10/-

Extension of Mains

Faucet and Spigot Leaded Joints for the sum of 5/- per Joint, for any number of Joints either within or without the Urban District boundary.

Collar fitting complete for the sum of £1-7-6.

Cutting with Patent Cutter for the sum of 5/-

Repairs to Mains

Between 6 Oclock A.M. and 6 P.M. within or without the Urban District Boundary.

Cutting with Patent Cutter for the some of 5/- per cutting.

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Leaded joints for the sum of 5/= per joint
Fitting of collars complete for the sum of 7/6.
Between 6 o'clock p.m and 6 o'clock A.m.
Each cutting for the sum of 5/=
Each Leaded Joint for the sum of 5/=
Collar fitting complete for the sum of 7/6

Delay during repairs

In the event of delay arising from any cause for which I am not responsible, such as opening of ground, locating of leak, etc, I am to be entitled to the sum of 1/6 per hour.

I offer Mr J. Connolly, Builder, Priory St, and Mr C. I. Kavanagh, Cross Lane, as Sureties for the due performance of this Contract.

Yours faithfully
John Stevenson.

Proposed by the Chairman and
Seconded by Mr Sheehan

"That the Tender of John Stevenson for repairs to Water Mains, fitting of connections for Domestic Supplies &c be accepted for a period of two years from this date."

"Passed Unanimously."

The following Tender for Public Lighting for Winter Period was received from Dew Ross Gas Co viz:—

On behalf of the above Company I beg to tender for the Public Lighting viz:—

54 Lamps from 23rd Septr 1918 to 1st April 1919 @ £3"10"0 per lamp, these lamps not to be lit on the nights of the moon as specified in your letter of 22nd Inst., and to be extinguished at 11 p.m.

30 of the above to be fitted with incandescent burners.

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28 lamps to be lighted on the moonlight nights and to be extinguished at 11.- p.m. @ £1.-.-.0

The Tholsel lamps to remain lighting all night £7

The lamps at Rosbercon church to be lighted as required @ £1.-.-.0

The cost of mantles &c used in above to be charged at cost price.

This proposal is made on the understanding that, in the event of shortage of coal, strikes, or any unforeseen circumstances arising, which would interfere with our business we shall be at liberty to discontinue the supply, and further, in the event of any further increase in the cost of coal, freight, or other working expenses, a corresponding increase will be added to the prices quoted in this proposal.

At the same time we would do our utmost to carry out our proposal to your satisfaction

Yours faithfully.

H. Kirkham,

Manager.

Proposed by Mr Murphy and

Seconded by Mr Sheehan

"That the Tender of the Gas Co for the lighting of the town for the winter months be accepted"

"Passed Unanimously"

The Meeting also approved of the recomendation of the Street Committee which met on the 22nd Inst, that the period of Winter lighting be from the 23rd Sept'r 18 to 1st April '19.

The following reports of the Town Surveyor were read viz:—

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12th August 1918

I beg to report that on the 12th Inst one of your horses having got into a land drain near where they had been grazing, it was necessary to take all your Employees from their normal work at 9 A.M. to assist in rescuing the horse from the drain Consequently the cleansing of the town was not completed until 3 P.M. on that day

I. J. Shortall
Town Surveyor.

No Order made.

27th August 1918.

I beg to report that there is a dangerous chimney on house in occupation of Mr O'Brien Manyst, and also a dangerous wall of derelict house adjoining Tollyhouse Lane.

There are about 50 yards of Kerbing required to Wexford St. footpath. It may be possible to get sufficient Kerbing for this purpose from the quantity of stones presently being delivered by your Contractor from Glensinsaw but it will be difficult to get any Portland Cement as a special permit must now be obtained for this material.

The public water-supply continues to give satisfaction

I. J. Shortall
Town Surveyor.

Ordered

That he serve the usual statutory notices on the owners of the dangerous chimney, and of the dangerous wall of derelict house.

The Meeting adjourned to 10th September 1918.

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3rd September 1918.

A Special meeting of the Council was held this Evening at 7-30 Oclock p.m., to transact business pursuant to the Town's Improvement (Ireland) Act 1854, and consider an application from the Council's Workmen, for a weekly half-holiday, and also that their wages be increased to 3/= per week.

Present Messrs R.K. O'Gorman J.P. Presiding
J. B. Hearne
John Murphy
and
John Hand.

The Chairman having read the notice convening the meeting, and the application from the workmen, proposed that the business of the meeting be considered in Committee, and it was unanimously agreed upon.

A long discussion then took place regarding the increase asked for, and all the members agreed that it was Entirely unreasonable, as was also the asking of a weekly half-holiday, but they were of opinion that the workmen were entitled to a reasonable increase owing to the high cost of living, after which it was

Proposed by Mr J. B. Hearne and
Seconded by Mr Murphy.

"That the men were entitled to an increase in their wages owing to the present high cost of living, but considered the Council would not be justified in granting the request for a weekly half holiday, and 1/= per week increase."

"Passed Unanimously"

Ordered

"That the Surveyor inform the men accordingly."

"The members then Separated."

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2nd September 1918

A monthly meeting of the Council was to be held this day at 12 Oclock noon, to transact business pursuant to the Towns Improvement (Ireland) Act 1854.

No member attended

A Quorum not having assembled

The meeting adjourned to 10th September 1918.

10th September 1918,

A meeting of the Urban Council was held this evening at 7.30 Oclock p.m, to transact business pursuant to the Towns Improvement (Ireland) Act 1854, consider a communication from the Town Surveyor in which he states, the Workmen are willing to abandon their claim for a weekly half-holiday, but will not accept less than a weekly increase of 10/-, and as the Council had made them no definite offer, they would cease work on, and from the 5th Inst.

Present

Messrs P. J. Dunne Presiding
Luke Dwyer
Michael Sheehan
John Dand
and
John Fanning

The minutes of last meeting were read and Signed

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The Treasurer's Authority for making payments was signed by The Chairman, messrs Sheehan, and Fanning and the following paying Orders directed to be issued viz:—

No 91 J.J. Shortall £7-17-4, 92 J.J. Shortall £2-3-4, No93 Thos O'Neill £10, No 94 J.J. Brown £38-15-7, No95 M'Ginn £11-5-0 " 96 M'Ginn £2-3-4, " 97 D. Carroll £3, " 98 matthew Cooney £10 " 99 messrs Doyle Bros £1-16-1, " 100 Richd Murphy £10, " 101 County Council £426-5-9, " 102 D+S.E. Railway Co £8-11-1, " 103 L Finn £24-5-5, 104 J.J. Brown £3-1-9.

Mr Fanning drew attention to the dangerous chimney on House at Mary St, referred to by the Surveyor in his report submitted to last meeting of Council, and that Officer stated he served the usual Statutory notice on Mr Flaherty Solr. Enniscorthy, Agent to the Owner of the property, but had not yet received a reply.

It was now Ordered

"That the Surveyor writes again to Mr Flaherty, and ascertain definitely what he intends to do in the matter.

The following report received from the Town Surveyor in reference to resolution of Council passed at Special meeting dealing with the workmens application for an increase in their wages was read viz:—

The resolution of the meeting of the Newross Urban District Council held on the 3rd Inst, regarding the Workmens application for an increase of wages, was duly conveyed to all the Workmen, and they informed me at 6 pm this evening that having considered the matter, they were willing to abandon their claim for a weekly half-holiday, but that they would not accept less than a weekly increase of 10/-, and as the Council had made them no definite Offer, they would cease work on and from the 5th Inst

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Lew Ross
4th Septr 1918

I. J. Shortall
Town Surveyor.

Mr Fanning having compared the wages paid by the Council to their workmen, with that paid by other Councils as reported in the public press; contended that they were entitled to an increase, in which view Mr Dwyer concurred, After a brief discussion it was,

Proposed by Mr Dwyer and
Seconded by Mr Fanning "That the mens wages be increased to 30/-, to which the following amendment was

Proposed by Mr Hand and
Seconded by Mr Sheehan "That the Workmens wages be increased by 10/- per week each."

The Original proposition was then withdrawn and the amendment put to a vote and

Passed Unanimously

Letter dated 10th September was received from Mrs Phelan Church Lane, asking to have the fire-place and walls of her house repaired

Ordered "That the Surveyor have the necessary repairs carried out."

Mr Fanning drew attention to the very bad state of the street at O'Connors Quay St, and also at Bewley St, and it was

Ordered That the Surveyor have cleansing of same attended to as soon as the workmen resumed work

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Letter dated 9th Instt was received from the Newross Branch of The Transport Union stating, that the Council's Workmen Struck work without the knowledge of the Union, but still the Branch was anxious that negotiations might be entered into with a view to the settlement of the matter.
No Order made, as the subject matter of the letter had already been dealt with.

Letter dated 9th Inst was received from R. J. Roche and Sons Newross, applying for permission to sloke the Kerb at the Entrance to his Store on Quay.
Ordered
"That the desired permission be granted."

Letter from messrs Pooley Sons Dublin dated 5th Inst in reference to their account, but there was
No Order made upon it, pending the further communication referred to in it.

Mr Fanning drew attention to the Action of the Council in dispensing with the services of W Duggan, and pointed out that he was able to do the work of the Council equally as well as the other workmen and Proposed that he be re-employed. The Surveyor stated in reply to a member that he had not work for him for at least another month, it was however
Ordered
That he be re-employed again when an additional man is required.

The Street Inspector reported that a number of Traders were causing an obstruction by placing boxes &c on the Streets but there was.
No Order made.

"The meeting adjourned to the 24th September '1918

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24th September 1918

A meeting of the Urban District Council was held this evening at 7.30 O'Clock p.m., to transact business pursuant to the Towns Improvement (Ireland) Act 1854

Present.

Messrs P. N. O'Gorman J.P. Presiding
John Murphy
John Hand
John and O'Sullivan J.P.

The Treasurer's Authority for making payments was signed by the Chairman, Messrs J. Hand and John Murphy and the following Paying Order directed to be issued viz:— No 72 £20-13-9. Pettycash

The Chairman referred to the death since last meeting, of Mrs Sheehan, Bridge St, and proposed the following resolution, which was seconded by Mr Murphy and passed in respectful silence viz:—

"That we tender to Mr Michael Sheehan
"a respected member of this Council, and his
"immediate relatives and friends, our sincere
"sympathy and condolence in their bereavement
"caused by the death of the mother of the
"former, and that as a mark of respect
"to her memory we adjourn this meeting
"to Tuesday 9th October without transacting
"any business.

Before this resolution was put to the meeting it was agreed to consider the following letter which the Chairman had received from the District Inspector R.I.C. viz—:

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Newross
27th August 1918.

Sir,

I beg to inform you that the roof of the unoccupied store which overhangs the yard of the R.I.C. Barracks Newross, is in an exceedingly dangerous condition. On the portion of the roof from which the slates have not already fallen: the slates are loose and frequently drop into the yard. Should a high wind take place, to cross the Banack Yard would be fraught with the utmost danger.

The owners of the store are not known. I beg therefore, to call your attention to the matter, with a view to the removal of this very present source of danger.

I am, Sir

P.V. O'Gorman Esq J.P. Your obedient Servant,
Chairman, Newross U.D.Council. / A.H.R. Richmond D.I.

Proposed by Mr P.V. O'Gorman and
Seconded by Mr J. Murphy.

"That major Richmond's letter with reference to the store adjoining the R.I.C. Barracks be referred to the Surveyor for attention, and that he be authorized to consult with the Council's Solicitors, and take whatever steps they may recommend in reference to same

Passed.

The Rate Collector forwarded for the consideration of the Council a letter, dated 23rd inst which he had received from Dr Walsh refusing to pay any rates until Goat Hill is repaired as Ordered, after a short discussion it was again

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Ordered

"That the Surveyor have the necessary repairs carried out as soon as possible."

"The meeting adjourned to 9th October 1918.

P. N. O'Gorman

8th October 1918.

A meeting of the Finance Committee was held this evening at 7 o'clock, to transact business for the Finance Meeting of the Council.

Present Messrs P. N. O'Gorman J.P. Presiding
and
John Murphy.

The Clerk submitted a number of bills (a list of which is Entered at the commencement of the Municipal Minutes) amongst them being one from him for one year and nine months salary as Registrar under the Dairies Order to 11th Sept. 1918 amounting to £13:2:6.

In view of the advice of the Council's Solrs in the case of Mr Lynch's salary, the Committee decided to recommend the payment of it, and also decided that it was necessary that application should be made to the Council in the first instance, as the resolution abolishing the Office had not been sanctioned by the Local Government Board. Having examined the bills and recommended payment of them,

"The Committee adjourned."

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A Quarterly meeting of the Council was held this evening at 7 o'Clock, to transact business pursuant to the Local Government (Ireland) Act 1898.

Present Messrs P.N. O'Gorman J.P. Presiding
John Hand
John Murphy
and
P.J. Dunne.

The minutes of last Quarterly meeting were read & Signed

Owing to the Absence of the Surveyor on Holidays, there was no Quarterly Report received from Him.

An application was received from the Stonebreakers, Messrs John Power, Patrick Heneberry & M Curran, for an increase in the rate per ton allowed for breaking, from 2/9 to 5/-; it was

Ordered

That it be referred to the Finance Committee for report

A Post Card dated 2nd Inst was received from the Parnell Quarries Ltd, notifying the Council that owing to the great increase in the wages of the carters & Quarry men, they were unable to supply macadam at the former price, and were compelled to increase it to 6/6 per ton

Ordered

That the consideration of this matter be also referred to the Finance Committee

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The meeting adjourned to the 14th January 1919.

P N O'Gorman

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8th October 1918

A meeting of the Urban Council was held this evening at 7.30 O'Clock p.m., to transact business pursuant to the Town's Improvement (Ireland) Act 1854.

Present.

Messrs P.P. O'Gorman J.P. Presiding
John Murphy
John Hand.
P.J. and
P.J. Dunne.

The minutes of last meeting were read & signed.

The Treasurer's Authority for making payments was signed by the Chairman, Messrs J. Murphy & P.J. Dunne, and the following Paying Orders directed to be issued:— viz,
No 106 Helay's Ltd 17/6, No 107 M Hamilton £1-5-6, No 108 Hibn Assurance Co £2-10-0
No 109 People's Printing Co £1-5-0, No 110 J.J. Browne £1-6-11
No 111 J.J. Browne £34-8-4, " 112 JJ Browne £40-15-8,
" 113 J.J. Browne £1-13-10, " 114 JJ Browne £6-5-0
" 115 Technical Inst. Committee £16-16-7, " 116 Petty Cash £29-8-0
" 117 J.J. Shortall £10-0-8, " 118 L. Fine £4-10-0
" 119 Cashiers Bank of Ireland £28-1-10, " 120 Cashiers Bank of Ireland £414-3-11
" 121 Cashiers Bank of Ireland £135-7-2, " 122 Cashiers Bank of Ireland £31-14-6
" 123 National Bank Ltd. £15-18-5, " 124 M.J. Fine £13-2-6,
" 125 M.D. Fine £6-5-0, " 126 M.D. Fine £13-8-4

A Tender was received from Wm Donovan Manager for one Load of manure in Depôt at Town Wall at 42/6, and one from Edwd Browne Creacon for Load in Town Wall Depôt at 45/-, or two Loads in yard on Quay at 15/ per Load
On the proposal of Mr Hand.
Seconded by Mr Murphy,
the tender of Wm Donovan was accepted, he being a Ratepayer in the Urban District and that of Mr Brown for a second Load in same depôt

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if in stock.

A Tender dated 7th inst was also received from W. Tapper Neville, of £2-5-0 for one Load of manure in Town Wall Depot or Yard on Quay.

Ordered

That the Tender of Mr Neville for one load of manure in Yard on Quay be accepted.

A Proposal of Mr Wm Byrne, The Hollow Camblin, dated 5th inst, to purchase the Road Scrapings at Newtown at £1. up to the 1st May was also unanimously accepted

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An application was received from Thos Foley Carrigadaggin for one of the old disused pumps, but as the Council have long since decided not to take any of them up, it was not Entertained

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A Paying Order for £18-14-2, being the first instalment payable to the Council in respect of Death Duty for the year ending 31st March 1919, was received from the Local Government Board and ordered to be lodged to the credit of the Council.

Letter from the Dept of Agriculture dated 2nd inst, No 36597-18, stating that, subject to certain specified conditions grants not exceeding £2 per acre for the payment of expenses of fencing, or adopting for cultivation, land acquired by the Urban District Council for cultivation in allotments, in accordance with the scheme approved by the Local Government Board.

As there had been no Expenses incurred by the Council, under these Headings, there was

No Order made.

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Letter from the Local Government Board no 44259/1918, dated 26th Sept 1918, forwarding forms on which a claim for recoupment of an amount not exceeding one half the Expenditure out of rates in the Provision of School meals during the period from 20th December 1917 to 31st March 1918, may be made. As there was no payments made by the Council for that purpose during the period mentioned, there was,

No Order made

Letter from the Local Government Board no 44259/1918 dated 21st Sept forwarding for the information and guidance of the Council a copy of the regulations which the Board have made in pursuance of Section 1(2) of the Education (Provision of Meals) (Ireland) Act 1917, and requesting that particulars as to the local arrangements in force for providing School meals may be furnished to the Board in the manner prescribed by Head three of the Regulations, Form A, copies of which are enclosed. The Board also directed attention to Head 5(3) of the Regulations which provides that the Local Authority shall at least once in each local Financial year be furnished with particulars as specified in Form B. in respect of each child for whom meals are provided

Ordered

That the School Meals Committee be requested to furnish to the Council the particulars asked for by the Local Government Board so that same may be forwarded to the Board.

Letter from Gas Co dated 7th Inst notifying their intention to open the road outside Mr Smith's & Miss Archers north for the purpose of clearing the supply pipes.

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papers.
No Order made.

A Resolution was received for adoption from the Arklow Urban Council asking to have the 6.5 pm train from Harcourt St restored, but the meeting declined to adopt it.

A notification dated 11th inst, was received from the Surveyor of Taxes of an assessment of £12 on Water works, and £7 on profits of Weighbridge for year 1918/19.
No Order made.

A letter dated 16th Sept was received from Mrs Treacy, Fair Gate, drawing attention to the bad state of repair in which the roof of her house is, and asking to have it attended to. The kitchen flue grate also needs repair, but as all the tenants have been supplied with Ranges she would be thankful to be supplied with one
Ordered
That the Surveyor inspect the roof of this house, report upon its condition, give an estimate of repairing it, and also of the cost of supplying and fixing a new range in the house.

A letter dated 1st inst. was received from Michael Sheehan, acknowledging the vote of sympathy passed with him by the Council on the death of his mother, and it was.
Ordered
That it be noted on the minutes.

Messrs Colfer & Sons, Solicitors, reported under date

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date 30th ult, that the Summons issued against Hanna Cummins, and, Alice Delaney, for allowing waste of water on their premises, was heard on 27th inst, and Defendants were fined 6d + costs of court.
No Order made.

The Clerk submitted a bill from messrs Pooley amounting to £11-8-0, for repairs to weighbridge on Quay together with letters dated 5th & 11th Sept in reference to it, and explained that according to the Surveyor's account of time worked by the mechanic, there was a difference of ten hours extra claimed by messrs Pooley.

The Clerk explained that he was in correspondence with messrs Pooley, but, until the return of the Surveyor from holidays nothing further could be done about it. It was therefore decided to defer the further consideration of it until the return of the Surveyor.

An application was received from Thos Kehoe, Houghton Place, for the tenancy of a House there, formerly held by his Grandmother, and on
the proposal of Mr Dunne
Seconded by Mr Hand
He was accepted as tenant.

The Clerk submitted a number of Accounts, all of which are ruled at the commencement of the minutes, and the Chairman having stated that they were all examined by the Finance Committee and passed for payment, it was
Proposed by Mr Hand and
Seconded by Mr Dunne
"That they be paid"
Passed Unanimously.

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The Clerk reported that since last meeting the accounts of the Council for Financial year ended 31st March last had been audited, and everything was quite correct.

This was considered very satisfactory by the meeting

The Clerk stated the lock of the large Room which was broken and the door could not now be locked.

Ordered

That a new lock be fitted on the door.

The Chairman referred to the departure from New Ross to the curacy of Kilteely of Fr McCormack C.C. and dwelt at some length on the many admirable qualities which he possessed after which he proposed the following resolution which was seconded by Mr John Murphy and passed, the Clerk associating himself with the Expression of regret conveyed in it:-viz

"That we, the New Ross Urban District Council"
"have learned with deep regret of the departure"
"from the town of Rev Fr McCormack C.C."
"who for many years laboured so assiduously"
"in our midst, and we earnestly pray the"
"Giver of every good gift may grant him"
"many, very many years of health and happiness"

The meeting adjourned to 22nd October 1918.

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Wednesday, 16th October 1918.

A Special meeting of the Council was held this day at 12 O'Clock, Noon, to express the sympathy of the Council with the relatives of the late Mr John S Hearn J.P.

Present Messrs John O'Sullivan J.P. Presiding
John Murphy
Patrick J Dunne
John Hand
Peter Murphy
and
Luke Dwyer.

The Chairman having read the notice convening the meeting, referred in very feeling terms to the tragic death, through the torpedoing of the R. M. S. Leinster, of Mr Hearn, who was for many years a member of the Council, and a leading citizen, remarkable for his integrity, and business acumen.

The following letter was received from the Chairman:-

Priory St.
New Ross 16th October 1918

Dear Mr Finn,

I am confined to my bed with Influenza, hence my absence from the special meeting of the Council which you have called for to-day to tender our sympathy to the family of the late dear and respected member of our Council, Mr John S Hearn. Being a close personal friend of the late Mr Hearn I feel his death very keenly more especially under such tragic circumstances. His friendship was worth knowing and having. His loss to our town is one we can ill afford to lose, and will find very hard to replace.

Any tribute that we can to-day pay to his memory will be but small recompense for all the services he rendered to our town during his many years as Chairman and member of our Council.

I remain, Dear Mr Finn
Yours Very Sincerely
Peter K O'Gorman
Per P.B.

M J Finn
Town Clerk.

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Proposed by Mr O'Sullivan and
Seconded by Mr Peter Murphy

That we, the New Ross Urban District
"Council, in Special Meeting assembled, beg to tender to Mrs Hearn,
"Baronjames, and the relatives of the late Mr Hearn our sincere
"sympathy and condolence in their bereavement caused by the
"death, under such tragic circumstances, of Mr Hearn, who
"was a respected and valued member of our Council for
"nearly twenty years, during a great many of which, as
"Chairman, he guided our deliberations with much benefit
"to the town."

The other members, and the Clerk, having associated themselves with the expressions of regret contained in the resolution, it was Passed in respectful Silence, after which,

The members Seperated.

John Sullivan

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Tuesday, 22nd October 1918.

A meeting of The New Ross Urban District Council was to be held this day at 7.30 O'Clock P.M. to transact business pursuant to The Towns Improvement (Ireland) Act 1854

Present Messrs John Murphy
and
John Fanning

A Quorum not having assembled,

The Meeting Adjourned to Tuesday, 29th October 1918.

Tuesday, 29th October 1918.

A meeting of The New Ross Urban District Council was held this day at 7.30 O'Block P.M. to transact business pursuant to The Towns Improvement (Ireland) Act 1854.

Present Messrs John O'Sullivan J.P. Chairman of Meeting.
John Fanning
John Murphy
and
William Murphy

The Minutes of last Meeting were read, after which the Chairman referred to the death, since last Meeting, of Mrs Colfer, Mother of the Council's Solicitor, and proposed the following resolution which was seconded by Mr John Murphy, and passed, Mr Fanning dissenting to the adjournment of the Meeting, but agreeing with the expression of Sympathy contained in the resolution which is as follows Viz:-

"That we tender to Mr T. A. Colfer,"
"Solicitor to the Council, and his immediate relatives, our sincere"
"Sympathy and Condolence in their bereavement caused by the death"
"of his dear Mother, and we beg to assure them that we deeply regret"
"her death, and as a mark of respect to her memory we adjourn this"
"Meeting without transacting any business."

The Meeting Adjourned to Tuesday, 12th November 1918. P.W.G.

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Monday, 4th November, 1918.

A monthly Meeting of the Council was to be held this day at 12 O'clock, noon, to transact business pursuant to The Towns Improvement (Ireland) Act 1854.

No Member attended.

The Meeting Adjourned to Tuesday, 12th November 1918.

P. O'Gorman

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A meeting of the Finance Committee was held this evening at 6:30 O'Clock to transact business for the Finance Meeting of the Council, and rule on the list of uncollected rates furnished by the Collector, and also to consider an application from the stonebreakers for an increase in the rate per ton, allowed for breaking the stones, from 3/9 to 5/-, and a notification from the Parnell Quarries Ltd, of an increase of 1/- per Ton in the price of the macadam.

Present Messrs P. A O'Gorman J.P. Chairman Presiding
John Murphy
and
Patrick J Dunne.

Mr John J Browne, rate Collector was also present.

The lists of uncollected Town Rate and Poor Rate for half-year ended 30th September last, were examined by the Committee, when they recommended that Sums of Town and D. W. Rate amounting to £29-2-4 be Cancelled and returned to the Collector; and Sums amounting to £10-12-9 be disallowed; and sums amounting to £22-6-1 of Poor Rate be Cancelled and £7-18-1 disallowed.

The committee also recommended an increase of nine pence per Ton in the rate allowed for breaking of stones; as well as, the purchase of the remaining quantity of stones from the Parnell Quarries at the increased rate.

They also examined, and passed for payment, a number of bills, a list of which is entered on the Minutes of the Meeting of the Council, after which,

The Meeting Adjourned.

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A meeting of the Urban District Council was held this evening at 1.30 O'clock p.m., to transact business, recommend to the person representing the Heir of Gregory a person to be appointed Master of Trinity Hospital, and deal with the following resolution received from the County Council viz:-

"That the NewRoss Urban District Council"
"be requested to recommend a Successor"
"on the County Council to the late Mr J. D."
"Hearn deceased."

Present Messrs P.N. O'Gorman J.P. Presiding.
P.J. Dunne
John Murphy
John O'Sullivan J.P.
John Kavanagh
Peter Murphy
and.
Luke Dwyer

The minutes of last meeting were read & signed.

The Treasurer's Authority for making payments was signed by Messrs J. Murphy & P. Murphy & the Chairman, and the following Paying Orders directed to be issued viz:—

No 127 A Pooley & Son £ 9-18-9, No 128 Parnell Quarries £ 11-15-1.
" 129 Thos Hennessy 13-6, 130 H.R. Hamilton £ 7-19-9
" 131 John J. Browne £ 18-11, 132 P. Lynch, £ 8-19-3.
" 133 Reps P Hunt 14-9-0, 134 J.J. Thorpe, 9-19-11.
" 135 Messrs Graves & Co £ 10-6, 136 J Stevenson, 1-15-9.
" 137 Moran Bros 17-8-0, 138 M.J. Finn 13-8-4
" 139 M J Finn 12-8-9, 140 M J Finn (Petty Cash) 9-9-3.
" 141 Pat Dooley £ 16-10, 142 NewRoss Engineering Co 3-19-6.
" 143 M Hutchinson £ 12-0, 144 J.J. Browne 4-19-6

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No 145 Dicky School Attendance Committee £2-13-3
" 146 Richd Malone. No 147 Mrs E Stacey £1-5-6.

Letter from Thos Fitzgerald dated 12th Inst, drawing attention to the serious inconvenience caused him in his business by the constant selling of fish outside his premises.

After a short discussion it was—
Proposed by the Chairman and
Seconded by Mr Dunne

"That in future the Street"
"Inspector report to the Council all breaches"
"of the Bye-Laws and by whom committed"

Passed Unanimously

A Tender of 42/6 each was received from Mrs Browne, Deacon, for two heaps of manure in yard on Quay, and it was,
Ordered - to be accepted.

A Tender of 46/6 was received from Thos O'Neill Ian House, for one heap in yard at Town Wall but, as there was not one for sale in that Depot it was not accepted.

Letter from the Director of Cross Channel Transportation enclosing a copy of the Turf (maximum Prices) (Ireland) Order 1918, made by the Chief Secretary under the Defence of the Realm Regulations but as there is not any turf offered for sale in this District, there was
No Order made.

Letter from the L. G. Board dated 14th ult, ult.

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enclosing a Payment Order for £25-17-2, being the final instalment payable to the Council as a Road Authority in respect of Estate Duty for year ended 31st March last, and it was,

Ordered

to be lodged to the Credit of the Council.

Letter from the Local Government Board No 44259/1916 dated 24th October 1918, relative to the Education (Provision of Meals) (Ireland) Act 1917, requesting the Council to return Form A.H.C. duly completed as soon as possible. The Board also added that they will be glad if the Council will proceed to make an Estimate of the amount likely to be spent out of the rates on the provision of School meals for year ending 31st March 1919.

The Clerk stated that he had informed the Board that with regard to Form A, there was no money spent out of the Rates by the Council during the period specified in the Form, and that he had handed Form C. to the Hon Secty of the School meals Committee with a request that he would have it filled up and returned for transmission to the Board, but he had it received it since owing to the absence from Town and illness of the Hon Secretary.

A short discussion took place respecting the supplying of meals, during which it was stated that hot meals were not now served, and the members of the Council, who are members of the Committee, having stated that the matter would receive attention in future, there was

no Order made.

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Letter from the Local Government Board No 114/m/1918 dated 18th Ult. stating that they had been asked by the Coal Controller to bring to the notice of Local Authorities the vital need of a great national Effort to meet the serious Coal shortage, and asking these Authorities to render all possible assistance in the matter, especially by setting an Example of Economy. No Order made.

Letter from Local Government Board dated 25th October, enclosing following copy of report of the Auditor on his Audit of the accounts of the Council for year ending 31st March last viz:-

Balyna
Moyvalley
11/10/18

Gentlemen

I have the honour to report, that I have audited the accounts of the New Ross Urban District Council for the year ended the 31st March last, and to enclose duly certified abstracts thereof

On the whole, the Rents of the Council's various properties are fairly well collected, but there are certain individual cases, where large arrears are owing. These require prompt attention.

The Accounts were carefully prepared for audit.

I am, Gentlemen
Your obedient Servant
J. Mor. O'Ferrall
Auditor.

A discussion took place respecting the arrears often referred to by the Auditor and it was

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Ordered

That the Clerk writes to the Sureties of these Tenants requesting them to take steps to have the arrears of rent due paid off.

Letter from the Secretary of the Wexford Co Council dated 7th Inst forwarding following copy of a resolution adopted by that Council viz:—

"That the New Ross Urban Council be requested"
"to recommend a Successor on the County "
"Council to the late Mr J. D. Hearn deceased. "

Proposed by Mr Dunne and
Seconded by Mr O'Sullivan

That Mr Peter V O'Gorman
"J.P. Chairman of this Council be recommended "
"to the Wexford County Council as a successor "
"to the late Mr J. D. Hearn deceased."

An Application dated 9th Ult was received from the National Union of Municipal Officers (Ireland) on behalf of the Officers of the Council for a bonus of £1-3-6 per week on pre-war rates

Ordered

"That it be referred to the Finance Committee for report, and that it be considered at next meeting of the Council."

Letter from Mrs Hearn Dawn Farm acknowledging the vote of Sympathy passed by the Council, on the death of her husband the late Mr J. D. Hearn.

Ordered

"That it be noted on the Minutes"

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Letter from Fr McCormack acknowledging the resolution passed by the Council, expressing regret at his departure from the town, and thanking the members for their Kindness.
no Order made.

Letter from Mr Hugh R. Hamilton J.P. Secretary Trinity Hospital dated 18th October, notifying the Council of the death of Mr J.D. Hearn J.P. Master of the Hospital, who was drowned in the mail boat disaster on the 10th Inst.
Proposed by Mr O'Sullivan and
Seconded by Mr Hand.

"That the Newross Urban
"Council recommend to the person representing
"the heirs of Thomas Gregory, Mr Peter V. O'Gorman
"J.P. for the election to the office of Master of Trinity
"Hospital"

An application was received from Johanna Butler, William St, dated 6th November 1918 to be recommended for admission to Trinity Hospital and it was Ordered to be filed with the other applications until a vacancy in the hospital is notified.

Letter from L.G. Board dated 19th ult, enclosing abstract of accounts of Technical Instruction Committee, for year ending 31st March last & copy of Auditor's report
no Order made.

Letter from messrs Pooley dated 7th Inst enclosing Credit note for charge of rink hours

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which they have deducted from number of hours returned by their mechanic as being spent in repairing Weighbridge on Quay

A report was also received in connection with the matter, copy of which had been forwarded to messrs Pooley by the Clerk

As the Finance Committee had recommended payment of this account now, it was,

Ordered

to be paid.

A letter dated 18th ult was received from Dr Hearn Solicitor, enclosing Statutory notice of Applications for Compensation for Criminal Injury on behalf of Michael Furlong manyH, amounting to twenty-pounds, for the alleged poisoning of two pigs, his property

The Constabulary report was also received

Ordered

That the applications be referred to the Council's Solicitors for advice.

The following report of the Town Surveyor was read:—

12th November 1918

Mr Chairman & Gentlemen,

I beg to report that the Sections of the portable Pen, for the Quay Weighbridge have arrived, but, that they are defective in construction. The makers (messrs. Pooley) attention has been called to this matter and a representative of that Firm called on the 23rd ult., and he undertook to have these

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these defects rectified. I have not heard from
Messrs Pooley since on the subject.

Two of your workmen, Freeman & Murphy
have been unable to work for sometime past,
through illness and consequently some important
scavenging work had to be deferred.

I inspected your house in occupation of Mrs
Stacey, Faingate and I have arranged to have the
roof repaired where necessary. This roof is
very old and the slates have been toned and
sanded and it is very difficult to trace leaks
or keep it water-tight. To provide or erect a
new portable stove or cooker, similar to those
recently erected in some of your William St.
houses would cost about £1-10-0. I am not
aware that Cement can be obtained at all
presently.

The public Water supply continues to be
satisfactory.

James J. Shortall
Town Surveyor.

It was decided not to take any action in reference
to the portable pen for the Weighbridge on Quay
pending a further communication from Messrs Pooley.
In reference to the absence of the Workmen Freeman
and Murphy, the Clerk stated, that as there was
no meeting held for sometime past he was unable
to receive any instructions as to the payment of
any portion of their wages to the Workmen
during illness, He however said Edwd Murphy
Half wages conditionally that it be subsequently
sanctioned by the Council.

Mr John Murphy drew attention to a
resolution passed sometime directing that in the

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the case of illness the workmen be paid the difference between the amount of benefit they should receive under the National Insurance Act, and their wages, which he stated was applicable to this particular case, and the other members concurred in this view. It was however now

Proposed by Mr J Murphy and
Seconded by Mr Dunne

"That in case of illness of any of the Workmen of the Council; they be paid each week the difference between the amount of weekly benefit they would be entitled to under the National Health Insurance Act and their weekly wages

Passed Unanimously

The application of the Stonebreakers for an increase from 3/9 to 5/- in the rate per ton allowed for breaking was considered, and the Finance Committee having recommended an increase to 4/6 it was

Proposed by Mr P. Murphy and
Seconded by Mr Dwyer

That the rate be increased to 4/6 per ton

Passed Unanimously

Proposed by Mr Dwyer and
Seconded by Mr John Murphy

That the remaining quantity of Stone from Parnell Quarry be purchased at the increased rate of 4/6 per ton.

Passed Unanimously

The list of Irrecoverable Poor Rate and Town Rate

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Rate, for half-year ended 30th Sept last, which had been examined by the Finance Committee were considered when the following resolution was Proposed by Mr Dwyer and Seconded by Mr Sullivan

"That sums of Town & Domestic "Water Rate for half-year ending 30th Sept last "amounting to £29-2-4 be cancelled returned" "to the Collector, and that sums amounting to" "£10-12-9, be disallowed; also that sums of Poor "Rate for same period amounting to £22-6-1 be "cancelled and sums amounting to £7-18-1 disallowed."

"Passed Unanimously"

The Clerk submitted a number of bills which had been examined by the Finance Committee, as per list at commencement of Minutes and on. The Proposal of Mr Dwyer Seconded by Mr O'Sullivan,

"They were ordered to be paid.

The Requirement Book contained a Requisition by the Surveyor for Oilclothes for the Workmen, but a discussion took place as to whether they should be supplied by the Council in view of the present weekly wages paid them, which resulted in the following resolution being Proposed by the Chairman and Seconded by Mr Murphy.

"That the Workmen" "be not supplied with Oil clothes."

Passed Unanimously.

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Proposed by the Chairman and
Seconded by Mr P Murphy.

That if future the
"Workmen work up to 6 o'clock each evening
"the Surveyor to find suitable work for them.

Passed Unanimously

The Clerk reminded the meeting that a vacancy now existed on the Council owing to the death of the late Mr Hearn — It was decided to declare a Vacancy and it was:—
Proposed by Mr P Murphy and
Seconded by Mr Hand

"That this meeting"
"declare a Vacancy exists on this Council"
"owing to the death of the late Mr J.D."
"Hearn J.P.

Passed Unanimously

The resolution or Declaration was signed by the Chairman & Messrs Murphy & Hand and it was "Ordered"

That notice of the vacancy be published by posters about town, and that the members be summoned to co-opt a member at next meeting.

The meeting adjourned to 26th November 1918.

Patrick J Murphy

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26th November 1918.

A meeting of the Urban Council was held this day 7.30 o'clock p.m., to transact business pursuant to the Town's Improvement (Ireland) Act 1854, and Co. Opt a member of the Council instead of the late Mr J. D. Hearn

Present Messrs P. J. Dunne Presiding
John Murphy
Peter Murphy
John Hand
and John O'Sullivan J.P.

The minutes of last meeting were read & signed.

The Treasurer's Authority for making payments was signed by the Chairman (Mr Dunne), Messrs J. Murphy & P. Murphy, and the following Paying Order directed to be issued viz:—
No 148, £29-10-5, Petty Cash.

A letter was received from the Local Government Board No 42259. 1918 dated 18th Inst., relative to Provision of Meals (Ireland) Acts, enclosing form on which an Estimate of the receipts & Expenditure in connection with the Provision of School meals for year ending 31st March 1919 may be furnished as soon as possible to the Board.

They also pointed out that Expenditure from the Rates under the Acts is limited to the Provisions of meals for Children in attendance at National Schools within the Council's area. They also referred to the manner in which the Accounts are to be Kept.

Ordered

"That"

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"That the letter be referred to the School Meals Committee to obtain the necessary information as to the Estimated receipts and Expenditure for the year.

A Circular letter dated 18th inst was received from the Local Government Board, stating their attention had been drawn to the unsatisfactory results shown by Local Collectors in recovering rates on Hereditaments of small Valuation owing to the alleged poverty of persons rated. Any deficiency in the funds of the Local Authority caused by the Collectors to recover the rates must be met by the ratepaying section of the Community, thus, further increasing their Taxation.

In view of the present high rate of wages for skilled & unskilled labour the Board cannot subscribe to the views advanced in certain instances, that at the present Juncture rates are more than usual difficult to collect now.

In order to enable the Board to ascertain the actual loss incurred in this respect the Council will be so good as to instruct their Collector to furnish his list of Arrears for the period ending 31st March 1919, in two separate portions those outstanding on account of Vacancy or other sufficient reason

Ordered

"That a copy of this letter be sent to the Collector, with a request that he carry out the Board's instructions.

Letter from the Director of Lands

Examined

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Channel Transportation, dated 25th inst, drawing attention to his letter of 8th inst., enclosing copy of the "Imp maximum prices Order, copy of which had been furnished, and asking to be informed on the subject.

Ordered

"That he be informed there is no turf cut or offered for sale in this district

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Letter from Hon. Secty. of the Pig dealers Association Waterford asking for the dates of the Pig markets, and live weight buying days for 1919.

Ordered "That he be informed the Pig market is held every Monday."

Letter from D.A. Colfer dated 14th inst. acknowledging receipt of the resolution of Sympathy passed with him on the death of his mother.

No Order made.

A Tender of £3-10-0 for two heaps of Manure in yard on Quay was received from Path Drawers and it was

Ordered — to be accepted

Mr Joseph O'Neill Inishtown under date 23rd inst offered £2-10-0 for one heap of manure at Town Wall, but, the Surveyor having stated that there was none in that Depot for sale It was Ordered.

That Mr O'Neill be informed of this and also that he can have a heap in yard on Quay at that price if he wishes to take it

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Letter from Derby County Council dated 14th Inst acknowledging receipt of resolution of this Council recommending Mr O'Gorman as member of County Council, & stating same would go before next meeting of his Council.
No Order made

Letter from Jas Hogan dated 20th Inst, pointing out that Mrs Allen, for the payment of whose rent he is Surety, is in receipt of a large Separation Allowance, & asking to have the Collector instructed to collect it.

The Clerk reported that 12/6 had been paid since receipt of letter, leaving only a small balance due, there was accordingly,
No Order made.

Co-Option of Member

Proposed by Mr O'Sullivan and
Seconded by Mr Hand

"That Mr James F. Walsh"
"South St Newross be Co-opted member of"
Council in room of late Mr Hearn.

Passed Unanimously

Mr J Murphy referred to the death since last meeting of Fr Harpur's mother and Proposed the following resolution which was seconded by Mr Hand, & passed in respectful Silence the remaining members & Clerk associating themselves with it.

"That We the Newross Urban"
"Council in Meeting assembled beg to tender"

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"to Rev W. Harpur C.C. our sincere sympathy and "
"condolence on the death of his mother & to assure him we deeply "
"regret his loss.

The Sheb Inspector reported the names of some Traders who are causing obstruction by placing boxes &c on the Sheds, and also that on 15th Inst he found Mrs L. Harney, Quay St, offering herrings for sale from a Car at Quay St, near Fountain. He explained to her the meaning of Article II of the Bye Laws. Mrs Harney continued to sell the herrings there until all were sold.

After a short discussion it was

Ordered

"That Mr Harney be informed if he does "
"not in future comply with the Market Bye-Law "
"which regulates the place where fresh fish may "
"be sold, he will be prosecuted for non-compliance "
"with it.

The Surveyor reported verbally that in accordance with the Order of the Council made at last meeting he had again written Messrs Pooley regarding the defects in Portable Pier of Quay Weighbridge and that he had not yet received any reply

Proposed by Mr J. Murphy and
Seconded by Mr P Murphy

That the Clerk write by Regd letter to Messrs Pooley asking for a reply to letters of Surveyor, & on receiving same a special meeting of Council be called to deal with letter if necessary.

The following letter was received from Messrs Colfer & Son viz.:—

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Newross &
26th November '18

"Dunlong's Malicious Injury Claim

Dear Sir,

We received yours of 13th Inst., with regards to the above. As we have no information before us to show whether the claim is sustainable or not, the only advice we can give the Council is that the claim should be investigated in the usual way at Quarter sessions, and we can appear on the hearing of same if so instructed

Yours very truly
Colfer & Son.

Proposed by Mr P Murphy and
Seconded by Mr Hand

"That the Council's Solicitors be instructed to oppose this claim" "on behalf of the Council"

Passed Unanimously

The Meeting adjourned to 10th December 1918.

Patrick J Dillon

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2nd December 1918

A monthly meeting of the Newbliss Urban Council was to be held this day at 12 o'clock noon, to transact business pursuant to the Town's Improvement (Ireland) Act 1854

No member attended

The meeting meting adjourned to Tuesday 10th Dec.

10th December 1918.

A meeting of the Finance Committee was held this evening at 7 o'clock p.m., to transact business for the Finance meeting of the Council

Present Messrs P.J. Dunne (Presiding)
and
John Murphy.

A bill was received from Dr Hickey for £30 being two years salary ending 2nd November 1918. The Committee were of opinion that as a resolution had been passed by the Council abolishing Dr Hickey's office they could not take any action upon it, and they accordingly decided to refer it to the meeting of the Council.

A number of other bills were ~~received~~ submitted as per list at commencement of Municipal Minutes and recommended for payment, after which

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The Committee adjourned

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10th December 1918

A meeting of the Newbliss Urban Council was held this evening at 7.30 O'clock p.m., to transact business pursuant to the Towns Improvement (Ireland) Act 1854.

Present Messrs P.J. Dunne Presiding
John Murphy
John Hand
and
Luke Dwyer

The minutes of last meeting were read & signed.

The Treasurer's Authority for making payments was signed by the Chairman, Messrs J. Murphy & Luke Dwyer, and the following Paying Orders directed to be issued. viz:—

No 149 The Derby School Attendance Committee £2-10-0
" 150 M.J. Finn £13-8-4, No 151 M.J. Finn £27-1-11,
" 152 Wexford Co Council £426-5-9, No 153 R. Murphy £9-15-8.
" 154 J.J. Brown £4-2-8, " 155 J. Brewer £1-2-6
" 156 Wm Stewart £4-7-10, " 157 M Farrow £3-2-6.
" 158 Henry Lee £2-19-5, " 159 J.J. Shortall £10-0-8.

Correspondence

A letter dated 9th inst was received from the Secretary Nationalist Election Committee asking for the use of the small room, Tholsel, on the 14th inst for Electioneering purposes.
Proposed by Mr John Murphy and
Seconded by Mr Hand
"That this application be granted."
Passed Unanimously"

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A letter dated 2nd Inst was received from Messrs H. Pooley & Son, acknowledging receipt of the Clerk's letter of 29th ult regarding the defects in Portable Pair of Quay Weighbridge, and stating they were still in communication with the works but hoped to write definitely on the matter in a few days.

A discussion took place as to the delay on the part of Messrs Pooley in giving a definite reply to the Surveyor's letters respecting the erection of the Portable Pair, It was

Proposed by Mr Murphy and,
Seconded by Mr Hand

"That when the Clerk
"resumes duty he consults the Council's Solicitors,
"and instruct them to require Messrs Pooley to carry
"out the erection of the Pair in accordance with
"their proposal as contained in their letter to
"the Town Surveyor,

"Passed Unanimously"

Three copies of Form A. relating to the Provision of Meals in the Carmelite School, Convent of Mercy and Michael St National Schools which had been received from the Secretary of the School Meals Committee since last meeting of the Council, were submitted to the meeting but there were no observations made upon them, beyond directing that they be forwarded to the Local Government Board.

A Copy of Form B which was received from the Secretary on the 9th Inst was also Ordered to be forwarded to the Local Government Board

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An Estimate of the receipts and Expenditure (Form C.) of the Committee from 1st April 1918 to 31st March 1919, amounting to £91 was submitted to the meeting and after being formally approved of was Ordered — to be forwarded to the Local Government Board

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There was no action taken respecting a letter from the newry Urban District Council in reference to the Exclusion of Children attending the Christain Brothers Schools from the Benifits from the Provision of meals Acts.

A letter was received from Mrs Blanche William St., asking to have two panes of glass replaced in one of the windows of house, as they were broken for some time.
Ordered

That the Surveyor inspect the premises and have the Glass repaired

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A Tender of £2 for one load of manure in Yard on Quay was received from Philip Kehoe Lacken and it was
Ordered — to be accepted

Mr Richard Walsh, Camblin tendered £2. for load of manure in yard on Quay, and it was
Ordered — to be accepted.

An application was received from the "Shell" marketing Co for a renewal of their Petrol Licence held at Rostrevor

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Proposed by the Chairman and
Seconded by Mr Hand
"That the Application be
granted."

The following resolution was received from the Wexford County Council.

"That Mr P.N. O'Gorman be co-opted a"
"member of this County Council, as representative"
"of New Ross Urban District, vice Mr J. Hearn"
"deceased, to serve for unexpired period"
"of office of Mr Hearn's Councillorship"

Mr Shortall pointed out that the men ceased work on the 1st inst for half a day as it was raining and they alleged they could not work in the rain unless they were supplied with oil clothes.

A discussion took place during which it was pointed out that such cessation of work on wet days would cause inconvenience to the ratepayers, and the Chairman inquired if the members present would agree to have the clothes supplied, but in view of the resolution passed, refusing to supply the Clothes, the meeting was of opinion they could not grant them

It was suggested that the clothes be supplied if the men are willing to pay for them at the rate of 1/ or 2/ per week, and the Surveyor was directed to ascertain this from them.

The Meeting adjourned to 24th December 1918.

P N O'Gorman

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14th December 1918.

A Meeting of the Urban District Council was held this evening at 7 o'clock, to transact business pursuant to the Town's Improvement (Ireland) Act 1854

Mr Fanning was the only member who attended

A Quorum not having assembled

The Meeting adjourned to 30th December 1918.

30th December 1918

An adjourned Meeting of the Urban District Council was to be held this evening at 7.30 o'clock to transact business pursuant to the Town's Improvement (Ireland) Act 1854

Mr Harding was the only member who attended at 7.30 o'clock, and he left soon after.

Subsequently messrs Fanning, Dunne and Dooley attended, but a Quorum was not present at any time, consequently

The Meting adjourned to Tuesday 14th January '19.

P. St. Gorman

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6th January 1919.

A monthly meeting of the Council was to be held this day at 12 o'Clock noon, to transact business pursuant to the Towns Improvement (Ireland) Act 1854.

No Member attended.

A Quorum not having assembled,

The Meeting adjourned to 14th January 1919.

14th January 1919.

A Quarterly Meeting of the Council was held this evening at 7 o'clock p.m. to transact business pursuant to the Local Government (Ireland) Act 1898, and consider Town Surveyor's Estimate for financial year ending 31st March 1920.

Present P. N. O'Gorman Esq J.P. Presiding.
Messrs P.J. Dunne
John Gaud
James J. Walsh.
and
Michael Sheehan.

The following report of the Town Surveyor was read viz:—

14th January 1919.

I beg to submit herewith my Annual Estimate for the maintenance and repairs of your streets &c for the

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the ensuing financial year, viz:—

Workmen's wages & horse maintenance	£90 - 0 - 0
100 tons Glensinsaw stones @ 9/6 per ton	47 - 0 - 0
300 tons Parnell Quarry macadam @ 11/6	157 - 10 - 0
20 tons River Gravel @ 4/6 per ton	4 - 10 - 0
New works and repairs to Existing Works	100 - 0 - 0
	£399 - 10 - 0

This total represents an increase of £106 - 2 - 6 over last year's Estimate but the major portion of the increase is accounted for by increased wages paid to workmen, and also the increase in the cost of fodder and maintenance of horses. Item No 5 is also increased by £50 as some repairs must be undertaken for the ensuing year to maintain your house property which is fairly extensive, and the sum specified for last year viz:- £50, was not adequate to meet the expenses under this heading as wages and cost of materials have since considerably increased. Neither were any new Works undertaken during the past year. Under heading No 2 there is also a considerable increase. Four years ago the Glensinsaw material was broken for 1/8 per ton. It now costs 4/6 per ton. The material itself which formally cost 7/ delivered in your depots, now costs 5/. However, I propose to reduce the quantity for the ensuing year from this Quarry, and to increase the quantity from the Parnell Quarries, as the quality of the former is not at all comparable with the latter. It breaks more easily, endures much longer, is more uniform in size and entails less scavenging. There is now practically no difference in cost.

The major portion of last year's material has

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has now been delivered and spread. In consequence of the recent Influenza Epidemic which affected your Workmen, the work of Street maintenance was somewhat retarded. The general condition of your streets is, on the whole, satisfactory, although no additional Casual labour has been employed for the winter period as heretofore

James L. Shortall
Town Surveyor.

After some discussion it was
Proposed by Mr Sheehan and
Seconded by Mr Hand

"That the report and Estimate
"of the Surveyor be adopted, and Tenders be
"invited for the supply of Macadam specified
"in the latter, the Tenders to be considered at
"next Quarterly meeting of the Council."

Passed Unanimously

The Meeting adjourned to Tuesday 8th April '19.

Patrick J Mullany

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14th January 1919.

A meeting ~~of meeting~~ of the Finance Committee was held this evening at 7 o'clock., to transact business for the Finance meeting of the Council

Present Messrs P. N. O'Gorman J.P. Presiding
P. J. and Dunne.

A number of bills were submitted by the Clerk (a list of which appears at commencement of Municipal Minutes) and after being examined by the Committee were recommended for payment, after which

"The meeting adjourned."

Patrick Walsh

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14th January 1919.

A Meeting of the Urban District Council was held this evening at 7.30 Oclock p.m., to transact business pursuant to the Town's Improvement (Ireland) Act 1854, and consider proposals for tenancy of a house at William St.

Present Messrs P.N. O'Gorman J.P. Presiding.
Michael Sheehan
James E. Walsh
P.J. Dunne
Dr M'Walsh
and
John Hand

The Minutes of last meeting were read & signed.

The Treasurer's Authority for making payments was signed by the Chairman, Messrs P.J. Dunne and James E. Walsh, and the following Passing Orders directed to be issued. viz:—

No 160	Jr Roche O.H.	£ 6-0-0,	No 161	A.R. French	£ 4-6
No 162	Colfer & Son	£ 5-10-0,	" 163	P. Tierney	£ 5-3-6
" 164	Treasurer L.G.B.	£ 6-6-0,	" 165	Parnell Tenants	£ 11-3-7
" 166	Dr S.E. Rly Co.	£ 6-17-8,	" 167	Derby School Co.ths	£ 2-10-0,
" 168	P. Blake	£ 6-14-0,	" 169	Mrs M Hennessy	£ 1-12-9
" 170	John J Brown	£ 21-9-5,	" 171	John J Brown	£ 28-0-7
" 172	Bank	£ 4-13-5,	" 173	Derby St Stephens Coll.ge	£ 6-5-0
" 174	M Flynn	£ 6-5-0,	" 175	M Flynn	£ 1-17-6
" 176	Bank	£ 14-8-9,	" 177	Mrs M Cooney	£ 8-18-4
" 178	Petty Cash	£ 76-1-6,	" 179	Hibn Ass.n Co	£ 2-5-0,
" 180	J.J. Shortall	£ 11-7-10,	" 181	J. Lynch	£ 6-14-6
" 182	Mrs M Roche	£ 14-16-0,	" 183	J Stevenson	15/6
" 184	J.J. Brown	14/8,	" 185	B Schelley	£ 6-10-0
" 186	M Bailey	£ 1-0-0,	" 187	R. Exchange Ass.n Co	£ 2-0-0

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As the Chairman was reading the Minutes Dr Walsh entered the Council Chamber, and directed the Clerk to inform the Meeting, that owing to professional engagements, and the increase in duty caused by the recent Influenza outbreak he was unable to attend meetings of the Council for the past six months

Proposed by the Chairman and
Seconded by Mr Dunne

"That the reason assigned"
"by Dr Walsh for his non-attendance at meetings"
"of the Council for the past six months, be"
"approved of, and deemed a satisfactory"
"explanation of his non-attendance"

Passed Unanimously.

Immediately after this resolution was passed Mr Dunne referred in sympathetic terms to the recent death of Mr W.H. Howard, brother-in-law of Mr A.P. Bolger, a member of the Council and proposed the following resolution which was seconded by the Chairman, and passed in respectful silence, after the other members and the Clerk had joined in the Expression of regret contained in it viz:—

"That we tender"
"to Mr A.P. Bolger, a respected and valued member"
"of this Council, our sincere sympathy and"
"condolence on the death of his brother-in-law"
"the late Mr W.H. Howard, and beg to assure him"
"that we deeply regret the death of one whose"
"place it will indeed be difficult to fill."

Correspondence.

An application dated 13th inst was received

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received from J. E. Lalor, Hon Sec. of the New Ross Social Dance Class, for the use of the large room, Tholsel, for the purpose of holding practices two evenings each week.

The Clerk pointed out that the Gaelic League were tenants of this room, but, he understood they were willing to let the Dance Class have the use of it for two evenings each week, if the Council have no objection.

Ordered

That the use of the Large Room for two evenings of the week be granted to the Dance Class, provided, same does not interfere in any way with the use of it by the Gaelic League who are tenants of it, and to them making satisfactory arrangements with them for the use of it.

Letter from the Barlock Typewriter Co dated 6th inst stating that as soon as they would receive the machine an estimate would be sent, and if accepted, the repairs would be put in hands immediately.

Ordered

That the Co be authorized to carry out the repairs.

Letter from the Hon Secretary of the New Ross Branch of the Irish Transport & General Workers Union, dated 16th ult pointing out that although the Council have advanced the wages of their workmen, it is not an excuse for them to disallow the suit of oilskins, and the Committee will be glad to hear at an early date that the

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matter has been satisfactorily arranged.
Ordered
That no action be taken on this letter

Letter from Messrs Colfer & Son dated 19th ult, stating that they applied to Sergt Burke, Mr James Burke and Ad Const O'Sullivan, for payment of the amount due by them for the spraying of their potatoe plots but no payment has since been made by any of these parties

They also collected the sum of 13/6, from Mr Edw Cooney and 18/ from John Cooney in respect of their potatoe plots at Newtown and Enclosed cheque for amount.

A short discussion took place respecting the non-payment of the charges for spraying plots, and it was decided not to take any further action in the matter.

A Tender was received from Messrs Harvey & Co, dated 11th inst, for the supply of three Rate Books, ruled, printed, folio'd & lettered 47/6 each.
Proposed by the Chairman and
Seconded by Mr Dunne
"That the Tenders of Messrs Harvey for the supply of three Rate Books at 47/6 each be accepted.
Prosed Unanimously

There was no Tender received for repairs or winding of Town Clock and it was:-
Ordered
That Messrs Schelby & Son be asked.

If

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if they will continue to wrid it at the same contract price at last year.

Letter from the Coal Controller dated 31st Ult, drawing attention to a communication addressed to each Local Authority relative to the fixing of retail prices for coal, and asking for a list of the prices for coal arranged, & stating that he will be glad to assist the Council in arriving at proper prices, which ought to be fixed to enable the poor and labouring classes to obtain supplies at reasonable prices.

After a short discussion it was:-

Ordered

That the Coal Controller be asked to inform the Council what, in his opinion, is a reasonable price to charge for coal in Newbiss.

Letter from Messrs Pooley & Son, dated 29th ult stating that they have now heard from their works and they have decided to make a new pen which they are convinced will be suitable for the Weighbridge. They will take back the pen already sent and bear any Expense incurred in the replacement of it. The Meeting considered this satisfactory, & it was

Ordered

That Messrs Pooley be asked to have the new supplied as soon as possible, and in the meantime to state when they will be able to have it fitted on the Weighbridge Clerk.

A notification was read from the Gas Co of an increase in the price of Gas of five pence per

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per thousand cubic feet, but there was
No Order made — upon it.

A Tender dated 13th Ult was received from Miss Aylford, Castle Hyde, of one pound for the road scrapings on the Waterford Road, for one year, and it was accepted on condition that the manure be removed promptly, at latest by 1st July.

The following Tenders were received for manure :—
P. Doyle Mauldins £3-6-0, for heap at Town Wall.
Maurice Whelan £2-7-0 each for two heaps, one in yard on Quay, and one at Town Wall.
John Roche Talbot Hall 55/- for heap at Town Wall.
The Surveyor having stated there was only one heap in Depot at Town Wall it was,
Proposed by the Chairman and
Seconded by Mr Dunne
"That the Tender of"
"P. Doyle of £3-6-0, for heap at Town Wall"
"and of Maurice Whelan of £2-7-0 for heap"
"in yard on Quay be also accepted"
"Passed Unanimously"

Applications were received from Mrs Merrigan Cockpit Lane, and Annie Cahill, Church Lane for the tenancy of a house at William St at a weekly rent of 1/6.
Proposed by Mr Dunne and
Seconded by the Chairman
"That Mrs Merrigan be accepted as Tenant"

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Passed Unanimously

It was Ordered that a meeting of the Plots Committee be held on Friday evening at 4.30 O'clock to consider natters in connection with the renting of the field at Newtown for the current year.

Attention was drawn to the breaking of a pane of Glass in the inner door of the hall of the Tholsel, and also in the windows of same.

The Clerk also stated that the Manager of the Gas Co reported that a slot meter which is fixed in the Hall had been broken open and the money stolen from it.

A short discussion took place as to the best means to be taken to prevent loitering in the Hall, and a recurrence of the natters complained, and the members were of opinion that if the police would prevent people from loitering around the Tholsel and the Hall, it would put things right, and it was,

Ordered

That the District Inspector be asked to instruct his men, to prevent persons from loitering around the walls & Hall of Tholsel.

Malicious Injury claims were received on behalf of the following persons for breaking of their Plate Glass Windows viz:—

Thomas Redmond	South St	£20.0.0
P Kelly	Do	19.0.0
James A. Hutchinson	North St	12.0.0
Wm Murphy	Do	18.10.0

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Luke Dwyer North St – Plate Glass Window and other property – £37.17.6.
Proposed by the Chairman and
Seconded by Mr Hand.

That the Council's Solicitors "be instructed to oppose all these claims, and "in the Event of any of them being allowed, to "apply to have the area of Taxation extended "to other districts as well as the Urban District of "New Ross.

"Passed Unanimously"

A letter dated 14th inst was received from the Collector, in reference to the payment of an annual rent of 4/7½ by the Reps of R Winkworth, D.J. Harman, and Col. Danby of property on the Quay. He stated he applied to Mr Frank Rutledge of Enniscorthy for the sum of 9/3 being two years rent due ending 29th September 1913 from whom he always receives the rent, after sometime he was informed that Mr Rutledge was dead and was told to apply to Messrs Maunsel, Darley & Orpen Solicitors, Dublin. They informed him he should apply to Reps James Hutchinson for same. He applied to W. J. Hearn Solr. Who is Agent for Hutchinson's property & was led to believe that same would be paid him after proper enquiry into the matter, He now received a letter dated 10th December 1918 from Mr Hearn which he Enclosed, and which is as follows :– viz

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With reference to your application for payment of rent 4/7. out of the Bond Store and other premises on the Quay owned by my client Mr J. M Hutchinson. I am instructed to inform you that this rent was never paid by the owner or his predecessor, but is payable by the Estate of Richard L. Dankey, Esq., to whom I would refer you

W. L. Hearn.

Ordered

That the Collector apply to the Reps of Richard L Dankey for the rent, as his estate appears to be liable for it.

The Collector also submitted the weekly sheets from which it appeared that some of the tenants owed large arrears of rent. In the case of John Houston who had no Surety, a resolution was passed directing that possession of the house be taken up if the arrears are not substantially reduced. To enable this to be done a notice to Quit was duly signed & sealed.

Street Inspector's Report

The Street Inspector reported the names of Traders, who on different dates caused obstructions on the Streets by placing boxes &c on them.

He also reported that Mrs Harney was selling offered fish for sale from a Cart at Quay St, on the 7th, 8th, 9th, 10th, 11th & 13th inst, Mrs Walsh Barrack Lane, at South St on the 10th & 11th inst, and Mrs Walsh, Newtown, at South St on the 10th inst. after some discussion it was:—

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Proposed by the Chairman and
Seconded by Dr Walsh,

"That the next time any"
"person makes a stand for selling fish in"
"any Street in the town, except the place"
"appointed by the Bye Laws, on the Quay"
"they will be prosecuted.

Passed

The Meeting adjourned to 28th January '19.

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23rd January 1919

The Annual Meeting of the Council was held this day at 12 O'Clock noon; to elect a Chairman and if deemed advisable a Vice Chairman

Present Messrs P.N. O'Gorman J.P. Presiding
John O'Sullivan J.P.
William Murphy
John Hand
James E. Walsh
and
Patrick J. Dunne.

The Chairman having read the notice convening the Meeting — It was,
Proposed by Mr O'Sullivan and
Seconded by Mr Dunne.
"That Mr Peter N."
"O'Gorman be re-elected Chairman of the"
"Council for the Ensuing year."
Passed Unanimously

The Chairman having signed the Declaration accepting Office.

The Meeting Adjourned.

Patrick J. Dunne

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A Special meeting of the Council was held this day at 12.10 O'clock, to consider the advisability of renting for eleven months the field at Newtown in which the plots are situate.

Present Messrs P. N. O'Gorman J.P. Presiding
John O'Sullivan J.P.
William Murphy
John Hand
James E. Walsh
Patk J. Dunne.

The Chairman having explained the object of the meeting, stated that a meeting of Plotholders was held the previous Evening at which a large number were present, when a resolution was passed agreeing to pay such rent as would re-coup the Council, if they were compelled to pay up to £25 in order to secure the field at Newtown which is to be let by Auction on the 25th inst.

Proposed by Mr Dunne and
Seconded by Mr O'Sullivan

"That the Council
"retake the field at Newtown for the purpose
"of letting it in Plots for Eleven months at a
"rent not exceeding £25, in addition to
"Auctioneers Fees.

Passed Unanimously

This concluded the business of the meeting, and,

"The Members Separated"

Patrick J Dunne

28th January 1919.

A Meeting of the Urban Council was to be held this evening at 7.30 Oclock P.M., to transact business pursuant to the Towns Improvement (Ireland) Act 1854

Mr Hand was the only member who attended.

A Quorum not having assembled,

The Meeting adjourned to 4th February 1919

3rd February 1919.

A monthly meeting of the Council was to be held this day at 12 Oclock noon, to transact business pursuant to the Towns Improvement (Ireland) Act 1854.

No Member Attended

A Quorum not having assembled

The Meeting adjourned to 4th February 1919.

P. J. O'Gorman

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A Meeting of the Urban Council was held this evening at 7.30 Oclock pm., to transact business pursuant to the Town's Improvement (Ireland) Act 1854

Present

Messrs P.J. Dunne Presiding
J.B. Hearne J.P.
John Murphy
and
John Hand.

The Minutes of last Meeting were read & signed

Correspondence

A letter dated 15th ult was received from Messrs Colfer & Son Solicitors, acknowleding receipt of Malicious Injury claims & stating they would attend at the Quarter Sessions on behalf of the Council to oppose them, and in the event of any of them being allowed by the County Judge, they will apply to have the Compensation levied or apportioned on Other Districts as well as the Urban District of Newross.
No Order made

A Tender of £2-5-0 each for two loads of Manure was received from Mr E. Brown Creacon under date of 17th ult.

Mrs Rock & Woodville tendered £2-10-0 for one Load of manure.
Ordered

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"That the Acting Clerk ascertain from the Surveyor how many heaps in the Depot are ready for sale, and that the highest Tender be accepted.

A letter dated 27th January was received from Miss Hogan Mary St, complaining that the Council's Workmen continue to leave open the Gates of the Manure Depot at the Town Wall, thus causing much trespass on her land, and asking the Council to have an order made that these gates be kept closed.

Ordered

That this matter be referred to the Surveyor, and that he instruct the men to be careful to close the gates.

Letter dated 20th January 1919, was received from Major Richmond D.I. acknowledging receipt of Council's letter of ~~20th~~ 15th Jany, stating he will have pleasure in directing the Police to co-operate with the Urban Council in the matter of loitering either outside or inside the Tholsel, and suggesting that notices be posted warning the public that persons loitering there will render themselves liable to prosecution.

Ordered

That Major Richmond be informed there is already a notice of Warning in the Hall of Tholsel, but with regard to loitering outside, the Council are of Opinion it is not within their power to prevent this, what they want particularly to prevent is loitering in the Hall

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Hall and around the door steps.

A letter dated 20th January was received from Mrs Howard, thanking the Council for their kind resolution of sympathy with her on the death of her husband.
No Order made.

Mr A.P. Bolger wrote under same date acknowledging vote of Sympathy on the death of his brother-in-law the late Mr W. H. Howard.
No Order made.

An application was received from John Murphy Neville St asking for four loads of Manure.
Ordered
That it be given to him if there is any in the Depôt

A Circular letter No M/STOPS/1918 was received from the Local Government Board giving minimum Time-rates of Wages as payable to Male & Female Workers in Branches of the Ready made & Wholesale Bespoke Tailoring Trade in Ireland, and in those Branches of the Bespoke Tailoring Trade in Ireland in which at least three persons or two female persons (in both cases exclusive of cutters and Trimmers) are engaged in making one such garment viz:— For Female Workers whether Home workers or not 4½ per hour, for male workers 8d per hour

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No Order made.

Letter dated 20th January was received from Messrs H. Pooley & Son Dublin, acknowledging receipt of the Council's letter of 15th inst, and advising them that they hoped to be in a position to forward the new Cattle Pen in the course of a few days

A Tender £27. for the Winding & Repair of Town Clock for year ending 12th December 1919 was received from B Shelley & Son, in it they stated that the Windows & Wood casing around clock required to be repaired

Proposed by Mr Murphy and
Seconded by Mr Hand.

"That their Tender £27"
"be accepted & that the Surveyor be asked"
"to find out what the cost of the necessary"
"repair would be"

Passed Unanimously

Letter dated 23rd ult. No 59924. 1918 was received from the Local Government Board relative to the Education (Provision of Meals) (Ireland) Acts, 1914-1917, in the New Ross Urban District, ~~Council~~ and asking if it was the intention of the Council to claim recoupment of a moiety of the Expenditure from the Rates on the Provision of School Meals for the period from the 20th December 1917 to 31st March 1918, if so it is necessary that the Claim on Form C. be submitted to the Board in order that recoupment may be made before 31st March next.

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Ordered

That the Clerk forward the necessary information to the Local Government Board.

A letter dated 31st January was received from the Clerk viz:—

As directed by the Council I attended at the letting by Auction, for eleven months, of the field at Newtown which was let by the Council to Plot holders, for the past two years, and purchased it for the eleven months, at £21, and Auctioneers fees.

There were no conditions attached as to the use which might be made of it, except that if corn was sown in it, the Vendor should be notified of it so that grass seed might be sown at the proper time

Yours faithfully.

N. J. Finn

To, The President, Chairman / Clerk of the Council

The following a/c was furnished by him in connection with the letting of the Plots viz:—

Cost of field for eleven months	£ 21-0-0
Auctioneer's fees	1-1-0
Stamps on Agreements (24)	12-0
Collector's Commission	17-3
Printing and Advertising	9-9
Total	£ 24-0-0

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Proposed by Mr Murphy
Seconded by the Chairman

"That the taking of"
"the Plots be approved of, and that the"
"letting of them be advertised in the"
"usual way"

Passed Unanimously.

A letter No 144/M/1918 dated 21st January 19 was received from the Local Government Board, relative to the Election of Guardians for Urban Districts which will take place in May or June next, and devolving upon the Clerk the Carrying out of the duties of Returning Officer in connection with these Elections in his Urban District.
No Order Made.

A letter dated 17th January 19 was received from the Director of Cross Channel Transportation, enclosing, for the Information of the Council, a copy of the Retail Coal Prices Order and letter from the Board of Trade dated 23rd March, asking to be informed of the present prices charged for coal in their town, and returning them to the Statement which shows the procedure to be followed in fixing of Coal prices. When they have interviewed the local Merchants & obtained the necessary particulars enabling them to fix the prices the Director will be pleased to advise the Council as to their reasonableness or otherwise.
Ordered

"That"

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"That" this matter be adjourned to next meeting of the Council, and in the meantime the Clerk write to the Town Clerks of Waterford, Wexford and Enniscorthy, asking the prices charged for coal in their towns.

The following resolution was :—
Proposed by Ald. B. Hearne J.P. and
Seconded by Mr L. Hand

"That Newross be given
"an opportunity of publicly congratulating
"Company Sergt Major Doyle who has
"been gazetted a V.C. and just arrived
"home, that for this purpose the members
"of the Newross Urban Council be
"constituted a Committee of Reception,
"and, that a public Meeting be convened
"to meet at the Tholsel Room at 9 o'clock
"p.m. on Tuesday the 18th inst, to which he
"Sergt Major Doyle be invited to receive
"some mark of appreciation of his brave
"deeds from his fellow Townsmen of Newross"

Passed Unanimously.

The Meeting adjourned to 11th February 1919.

P. H. Gorman

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A Meeting of the New Ross Urban Council was held this evening at 7-30 O'Clock pm, to transact business pursuant to the Towns Improvement (Ireland) Act 1854.

Present

Messrs P. N. O'Gorman J.P. Presiding
John Murphy
John Hand
P. J. Dunne.

The minutes of last meting were read & signed

The Treasurer's Authority for making payments was signed by the Chairman, Messrs Murphy and Dunne, and the following Paying Orders directed to be issued. viz:—

No 189 John Kelly £5-15-11, No 190 J. J. Shortall £10-18-8
" 191 P. Dunn £14-4-5, No 192 Sisters School All Cotts £2-10-0
" 193 Revs J. Byrne £6-9-0, 194 Mrs M. Lawlor £1-17-6
" 195 Mrs Locklloe £2-11-9, 196 Miss D. Hogan £4-0-0,
" 197 R. Harvey & Co 7-2-6, 198 John J. Brown £2-1-2,
" 199 E. Dunn, 1-10-0, 200 Matthew Cooney £10-0-0,
" 201 E. A. Dunn, £7-15-11, 202 P. Bolger & Son £22-1-0,

Correspondence

Letter from the Town Clerk Enniscorthy advising the Council that the price charged for Coal in that Town is 74/ delivered

No Order made

Letter dated 8th inst was received from the Town Clerk Waterford stating that the following schedule prices had been determined (after

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consultation with the representatives of the local coal merchants, for the sale of coal for domestic purposes in the County Borough of Waterford as from Monday 10th Inst. viz:— Standard Coal per ton, cash, ex store, 64/, carted 68/, credit, ex. store 65/, carted 69/; retailers price for cash 61/ per ton ex store.

A long discussion took place respecting this matter, the prices charged for coal by the local merchants having been compared with that charged in other towns, the following resolution was,:—

Proposed by Mr Hand and
Seconded by Mr Dunne

"That a Committee"
"consisting of Messrs O'Gorman and"
"Murphy be appointed to meet the"
"Coal Merchants of the town, and arrange"
"with them before fixing the prices."

Passed Unanimously"

A Tender of £3-2"6,, each was received from John Ryan Red House for two heaps of manure at Townwall, but, as there was none for sale his Tender was not accepted.

A Dividend for 16/s was received from the Bank of Ireland, and it was,
Ordered

That it be lodged to the credit of the Council

The Chairman drew attention to the darkness of the bridge at Rosbercon side

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side, and said that Canon Gibson had spoken to him about this matter as it was very awkward for his parishioners attending church on Sunday night, having the entire street in complete darkness, and asked him to bring the matter to the notice of the Council, with a view to having the Lamp outside the Boathouse lighted even on Sunday nights

Proposed by Mr Dunne

Seconded by Mr Murphy "That the lamp outside the Boathouse be lighted on Sunday nights.

Passed Unanimously.

Town Surveyor's Report

The following report of the Town Surveyor was read:-

I inspected house in occupation of Mrs Merrigan, William St, as directed, and estimate the cost of necessary repairs to same to be £4-10-0.

To repair the casing of the Town Clock re-glaze two circular lights to clock tower would cost about £4-15-0.

Some minor repairs are also required to houses in occupation of Messrs Donohoe & Shea, William St.

I inspected the existing Cooker in House in occupation of Mrs Doyle William St, as directed and I noticed that the Oven is cracked and useless for any purpose. Mrs Doyle informed me that she was prepared to pay half the expense of a new Cooker in the form of a weekly premium, The cost of a new Cooker complete would be about £7.

In consequence of a burst pipe which occured on the Distribution System, there was a general failure of the Water Supply to the Entire District

on

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on Friday last. I bealised the burst on the South Side section on Friday night and this District was immediately isolated, and the supply to all other sections of the Town was instantly restored. The defect itself was not discovered until today, and is presently in course of repair. South Side section was however, supplied intermittently with water since Saturday.

James J. Shortall
Town Surveyor.

Proposed by Mr Dunne
Seconded by Mr Murphy.

"That the necessary"
"repairs be carried out in the house of"
"Mrs Merrigan Wm St," and that the"
"Surveyor have the casing of Town Clock"
"repaired, and the two circular lights"
"to the clock tower reglazed."

Regarding the cooker in house occupied by Mrs Doyle Wm St, it was,
Proposed by Mr Hand and
Seconded by Mr Dunne.

"That the cooker"
"be replaced by a new one on condition"
"that she pays half the cost of same"
"in the form of a weekly premium of"
"sixpence until the amount is paid"
"off."

Passed Unanimously.

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The Town Surveyor reported, verbally, that in connection with the burst in South St, he, with the Water Inspector, Mr Butler, and three of the Workmen, had to work all night testing the Distribution System &c, and he thought it only fair that they get some remuneration for their night's work, tho' he was not asking anything for himself. After some discussion it was

Proposed by Mr Hand and
Seconded by Mr Dunne

"That Mr Butler
"get 15/- and Shea get 10/- for the night's
"work"

"Passed Unanimously"

A letter dated the 8th inst was received from Major Richmond D.I., acknowledging receipt of the Council's letter of 5th inst, re persons loitering in hall and on steps of Thole, and stating, the matter was receiving attention on the part of the police.

No Order made.

A circular letter dated 29th ult was received from the Institution of Municipal and County Engineers, bringing under the notice of the Council for their favourable consideration, the greatly increased cost of living, and the fall in the value of money. Some Councils have considered the salaries of the Officials in question, but notwithstanding this; they are of opinion that the increased salaries are not in all cases sufficient to compensate for.

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for the depreciation of money, and that after careful consideration they were of opinion that the Salaries of all Surveyors to Local Government Authorities, & Engineers should be increased by at least 33⅓%, notwithstanding any increase that may have been given since the commencement of war.

No Order made.

The Annual Demand for the year ending 31st March 1920 was received from the Secretary Wexford County Council the amount of it being £895-4-8. The Chairman was asked by the members to read the amounts of the different items contained in the Demand, and after doing so the members stated that this amount was very high.

The Clerk informed them that it was increased by £190-1-6 on last year.

A long discussion took place, after which it was:

Ordered

That this matter be adjourned to next meeting of the Council.

Street Inspector's Report

The Street Inspector reported that a number of Traders were causing an obstruction of the Streets by placing boxes &c on them.

No Order made.

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Election of Committees

Proposed by Mr Murphy and
Seconded by Mr Hand "That the outgoing
"Members of the Finance Committee, Technical
"Instruction Committee, and Land Cultivation Committee,
"be re-elected for the ensuing year, and that
"Mr James E. Walsh be appointed on the
"St Stephen's Cemetery Committee.
"Passed Unanimously"

Applications were received from the following for an allotment of one-Eight of an acre of land in Field at Newtown viz:—
John Hand Wm St, Mary Anne Looney Michael St
John Looney do, Furlong High Hill, James
Carty Houghton Place, Wm Carty do, Richard
Brazil Abbey View, J.J. Shortall South St, Sergt
Broadon. R.I.C., James Treacy do James O'Reilly Wm St,
Pack Grace Dollyhouse Lane, ~~Jas Costelloe St Mary's Tce~~
John Burke R.I.C., Denis Herlihy do, John McKee do
Robt Cotter do, John Furlong Houghton Place, Joseph
Furlong 6 Houghton Place,
Proposed by the Chairman and
Seconded by Mr Murphy "That the foregoing
"Applications for allotments of land in
"Field at Newtown be granted, and that
"any further applications received be
"considered at next meeting" "Passed Unanimously

The Meeting adjourned to 25th Feby 1919.

Patrick J. Ward

18th February 1919.

A Meeting of the Land Cultivation Committee was held this evening at 7.30 O'clock p.m., to transact business of the Committee, allot plots to Applicants who have been accepted as Tenants, and consider applications for the remaining number of Plots.

Present

Messrs P.N. O'Gorman J.P. Presiding
John Murphy
and
John Hand

The following applications were received since meeting of the Council viz:—
James Vallely Quay, James Costelloe St Mary's Terrace, B.J. Dunne South St, P.J. Dunne Mary St. Samuel Hill Prior St, two plots, Michael J. O'Connor Church Lane, and Matthew Cooney Charles St.

The foregoing applications with the exception of those of Messrs O'Connor Cooney were accepted, and were examined with the applications that were before the Meting of Council on the 11th inst., and allotments allocated as follows viz.
No 1 John Hand, 2 Mary A Cooney, 3 John Cooney 4 Nicholas Furlong, 5 James Vallely, 6 Wm Carty 7 Jas Carty, 8 Richard Brazil, 9 James J Shortall, 10 Sergt Breadon, 11 James O'Reilly, 12 Const Treacy, 13 Patk Grace 14 Jas Costelloe, 15 Sergt Burke, 16 Denis Herlihy, 17 Const McKee, 18 Const Cotter, 19 P.J. Dunne 20 B.J. Dunne, 21 John Furlong, 22 Joseph Furlong, 23 Samuel Hill, 24 Samuel Hill.

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The Committee directed the Clerk to have the Agreement Form signed by each Applicant in respect of his allotment. after which,

"The Committee adjourned."

Patrick Devery

24th February 1919.

A Committee appointed by the Urban Council met the Local Coal Merchants and Representatives in the Urban Council Office at 12 O'Clock noon, to consult with those Merchants upon the matter, of fixing a retail price or prices for Coal in New Ross

Present Messrs P. J. Dunne Presiding
and
John Murphy.

One Coal Merchant and the Representative of another met the Committe

The Merchants produced documents as evidence of the cost price of different Cargos of Coal received by them, wen, they stated, though New Ross was a sea port town the cost of freight, labour, &c was much in excess of that of Waterford and other towns, where Cranes etc can be used for unloading, thus doing the work much cheaper and delaying the vessels or steamboats for a

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a shorter time.

The present price of coal they said was £3.15.0, and after unloading a vessel, weighing the cargo, taking into account the cost of labour, cartage, storage etc, the cost price per ton amounted to about £3.13.0 thus giving the merchant a profit of two shillings.

The committee agreed with these statements, and were of opinion that the price as stated by the merchants was as reasonable as could be expected, it was then Ordered

That the Coal Controller be informed the present price charged for coal in Newlyn is £3.15.0, and after consultation with the local Coal Merchants the Urban Council is of opinion that is price is as far as they can learn is reasonable, as the cost price of same after paying all expenses amounts to about £3.15.0 per ton, the merchants therefore having a profit of only 2p per ton.

The committee adjourned

Patrick J Curran

25th February 1919

A Meeting of the Urban Council was held this evening at 7.30 Oclock p.m., to transact business pursuant to the Towns Improvement (Ireland) Act 1854.

Present Messrs Patrick J. Dunne. Presiding
John Murphy
John Hand
and
M Keohan

The Minutes of previous Meeting and also Minutes of Coal Committee Meeting were read and signed

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The Treasurers Authority for making payments was signed by the Chairman, Messrs Hand & Murphy, and the following Paying Order directed to be issued viz:— No 204 Petty Cash £29-15-8.

The Chairman referred in sympathetic terms to the death, since last Meeting, of Mr Walsh Kilkenny, brother of Dr Walsh and Uncle of Mr J.E. Walsh, two respected and valued members of this Council, and proposed the following resolution which was Seconded by Mr Hand, and all the members present having associated themselves with it, Passed in respectful silence. viz:—

"That we tender to Dr Walsh, and his
"Son, Mr J.E. Walsh, two respected and valued
"Members of our Council, our sincere sympathy
"in their bereavement caused by the death
"of Dr Walsh's brother, and beg to assure
"them that we deeply regret his death

and

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"and as a mark of respect to his memory"
"we adjourn this meting without transact"
"ing any further business except in committee"

A discussion took place regarding the decision arrived at by the Committee who met the local Coal Merchants with a view to fixing a retail price for coal, and the meeting was of opinion that the price charged for Coal in Ross, when compared with that charged in Enniscorthy and other places, was not reasonable. It was then suggested that the case be placed before the Coal Control Committee, pointing out the prices charged in Waterford and Enniscorthy, and asking them to inquire into the matter to ascertain if the price charged locally is, in their opinion fair and reasonable.

The members agreed to this suggestion and it was.

Ordered

That the Clerk write the Manager of Glenmore Creamery, asking him to inform her, for the information of the Council, the price, per ton, of coal on arrival at Rails Quay.

A discussion took place regarding the present wages paid to the Council's workmen, and the rule of paying them, during illness, the difference between their sickness benifit and the amount of their full wages, which meant that in all cases

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they would be in receipt of full wages whether they were working, or laid up through illness, after which it was

Ordered

That in future the Council pay their workmen same as other Employers in Town, that is when ill they get no wages from the Council only their sickness benefit from their Insurance Society.

A Tender, dated 24th inst, of 50/- each for two heaps of Manure, was received from Mr Edwd Brown Freacon, but as there was no manure for sale the Tender was not accepted.

A letter dated 14th inst was received from Mrs Doyle, William St, stating she was satisfied to pay 6d per week to cover half cost of Cooker. As this was considered satisfactory there was — No Order Made.

An application dated 22nd inst was received from the Hon Secs of the Newbridge Irish Dance Class, for the use of two Gaelic League Rooms, and the Urban Council Office for the purpose of holding a Dance on March 18th

Ordered

That the application for the use of two Gaelic League Rooms be granted, and that the Secretaries be informed, that, in the absence of the Clerk the Members of the Council could not take the responsibility of

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during his office.

The Clerk of the Union forwarded the copy of following resolution which was passed at Meeting of Board of Guardians held on 15th inst

"That Mr Max Green, Chairman of the"
"Irish Prison Board, be requested to permit"
"an Independant Medical Man to visit"
"the interned Political Prisoners in Cork"
"Gaol, with a view to reporting on the"
"State of their health and general condition".

After some discussion, it was,
Proposed by Mr Sheehan and
Seconded by Mr Dunne

"That the resolution be adopted."

A letter was received from Messrs Kavanagh & Sheehan under date of 24th inst, applying for use of large room at any time they may require it for Auctions, at usual terms of other Auctioneers
Ordered

That this application be granted on condition they give the necessary notice to the Clerk when they may require it for Auctions.

A circular was received from Mr O'Neill Cork, in which it was stated that the numerous friends and admirers of Rev Robert Loughran, have decided to show their

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deep appreciation of his great services to Ireland by presenting him with a substantial cheque before he would leave for America, and asking that any donations be sent to him or to Mr J Prior, Portaliffe, Killeshandra

Ordered

That the Members present collect any subscriptions possible, and hand them over to Mr Dunne who will forward them to the Treasurer of the Committee

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A letter dated 17th February was received from Messrs Colfer & Son Solicitors, informing the Council that they attended at the Quarter Sessions to oppose the several Malicious Injury claims, and giving the awards in each case.

No Order Made.

The following letter dated 24th inst was received from Messrs Colfer & Son, viz:—

Re Malicious Injury Applications

Thos Redmond, Wm Murphy, Redmond Cahill & Murphy.

New Ross — 24th Feby 1919.

Dear Sir,

We beg to inform you that we have received Notices appealing against decree of the County Court Judge in the above cases.

The Appeal will be heard at the Wexford Assizes on the 5th prox., and if the Council intend to resist the Appeal we should have immediate instructions so that we may communicate with Counsel. If the Council can

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can produce evidence of a large influx of persons from the County Kilkenny in the town on the afternoon of the Elections, we do not think the Judge would interfere with the County Court Judge's Decree.

Kindly let us hear from you by return.

Yours faithfully
Colfer & Son

W Ginn Esq.
New Ross.

A discussion took place, after which it was Proposed by Mr Murphy and, Seconded by Mr Sheehan "That a Committee" "consisting of Messrs Dunne & Hand" "be appointed to call on Mr" "Colfer with a view to facilitate" "them in obtaining any necessary" "evidence."

Passed Unanimously

The Annual Demand from the Wexford County Council for year ending 31st March 1920, adjourned from last meeting, was not read, but it was Ordered "That the consideration of" "this Demand be adjourned to next" "Meeting of the Council.

P H O'Gorman

The Meeting adjourned to 11th March 1919.

P H O'Gorman

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4th March 1919.

A Special Meeting of the Council was held this evening at 7.30 Oclock pm. to make arrangements for as many Members of the Council as possible to attend the anniversary of the funeral of the late Mr Redmond to be held in Wexford on the 9th inst.

Present Messrs P.N. OGorman L.P. Presiding
P.J. Dunne
P.P. Bolger
John Murphy
John Hand
and John O'Sullivan L.P.

The Chairman having read the Notice convening the Meeting, ~~he~~ said that the people of Waterford were doing all in their power to get special trains to Wexford on that day to give the general Public an opportunity of paying their respects to their late lamented leader Mr Redmond, and he proposed

That the Members of the Council, and the Officials attend the Anniversary of the Funeral of the late Mr Redmond, if trains are procurable, and if not, that they take up the matter themselves on the following day. and use their efforts to get a train by the D.W.& Rly.

This resolution was not seconded and it was Proposed by Mr Bolger and Seconded by Mr Dunne

"That"

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"That the members of the Council"
"with the Officials travel to Wexford"
"by motor on the 9th inst, and as the"
"train service was uncertain the"
"necessary number of motors to accomodate"
"the Deputation be engaged as soon"
"as possible."

Passed Unanimously

The Members then Separated.

P N O'Gorman

March 3rd 1919

A Monthly Meeting of the Council was to be held this day at 12 o'clock noon, to transact business pursuant to the Town's Improvement (Ireland) Act 1854.

No Member attended

A Quorum not having assembled

The Meeting adjourned to 11th March 1919.

P N O'Gorman

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Tuesday 11th March 1919

A meeting of The New Ross Urban District Council was to be held this day at 7.30 O'Clock P.M, to transact business pursuant to The Towns Improvement (Ireland) Act 1854, consider Clerk's Estimate of Town Rate & Poor Rate for financial year ending 31st March 1920.

Messrs Hand, and Fanning, were the only members who attended.

A Quorum not having assembled,

The Meeting adjourned to Tuesday 18th March 1919

Tuesday 18th March 1919.

A meeting of the New Ross Urban District Council was held this day at 7.30 O'Clock to transact business pursuant to The Towns Improvement (Ireland) Act 1854, consider Estimate of Poor Rate and Town Rate for financial Year ending 31st March 1920.

Present Messrs Peter K. O'Gorman J.P. Presiding
Luke Dewyer
John Dunphy
Patrick J Dunne
and
John Hand

The Minutes of last meeting were read & signed

The Chairman congratulated the Clerk on resuming duty after his recent illness, and was joined by the other members present, in expressing their pleasure at seeing him back. That officer having returned thanks, the business was proceeded with.

The Treasurer's Authority for making payments was signed by The Chairman, and Mefrs Dunne and Dewyer and the following Paying Orders directed to be issued Viz.

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204.		208;	Income Tax	£5-14-0
209.	James J Shortall J.P.	£10-19-6. 210;	Richard Murphy	9-17-10
211.	John J Browne	2-14-2, 212;	John J Browne	34-14-4
213.	M J Ginn	14-4-5; 214;	Secretary School Committee	2-10-0
215.	C. A Ginn	9-0-0; 216;	County Council	426-5-11
217.	T. J Morrissey.	I. Tax 24-3-0; 218	Petty Sack	39-7-2

Letters were received from Dr. Walsh, and Mr James. C. Walsh, South Af acknowledging receipt of copy of resolution of sympathy passed by the Council on the death of Dr. Walsh's brother, and thanking the Council for same.

Ordered.

That they be noted on the minutes

A Tender, dated 6th Inst, of £3, for heap of manure in depot at Town Wall, was received from Patrick Doyle, Knaudlins, and it was

Ordered

To be accepted.

Edwd. Browne, Greacon, tendered at last meeting 50/= each for two heaps of manure in yard on Quay, but there was then none ready for sale, but there is now one heap ready, and it was Ordered that he be informed he can have it at 50/=.

A letter, dated 11th Inst, was received from Mr Peter Higgins stating that the range in house occupied by him was in need of repairs and asking to have them carried out as soon as possible.

Ordered

That the Surveyor inspect it, and also the other houses of the Council, and report upon them to next meeting of the Council.

An application was received from Bryan Ryan, for the tenancy of a house at Church Lane, about to become vacant, but the meeting decided that the letting of the house, when it becomes vacant, should be dealt with in the ordinary way.

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A letter dated 28th Ult, was received from the Coal Controller asking to be informed how the Merchants arrived at the cost of £3.15.0 per ton for Coal; one dated 4th Inst asking for the Names and address of the Merchants who met the Committee; and a third letter dated 6th Inst, stating that he was taking the matter up direct with the Coal Merchants.

No Order Made.

Letter from Miss Hogan, dated 18th Ult complaining that the gates of the Manure depot at Town Wall are not kept closed by the Council Men, and as a result there is damage caused to her field adjoining.

The Surveyor explained that the locks put on the gates have been wantonly damaged from time to time, and even a wall built by the Council as a fence for the depot was damaged. Even if the gates were kept locked it would not prevent the damage complained of by Miss Hogan.

Ordered

That the Surveyor call upon Miss Hogan and explain this to her.

Letter from the Department of Agriculture, dated 25th Ult, stating that they assume the Council are not in a position to submit a claim for fencing of plots field.

Ordered

That the Department be informed there was no expense incurred for this purpose.

A letter, addressed to the Chairman, and dated 1st Inst, was received from the Irish Centre Party asking for the Name and address of some influential and energetic person who would organise a local Branch of the Party in the District. As the Members could not recall the Name of a Suitable person there was No Order Made.

The Clerk stated that the Manager of the Gas Co called to the office and reported that the Slot Meter in the Hall had been broken open again and the money stolen from it, the amount being about ten

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Shillings

After some discussion it was decided to ask the Manager to have the Meter removed to the Large Room.

A copy of a resolution, received from the Clerk of the Naas Union, protesting against the treatment of the political prisoners in Cork Jail was, on the proposal of Mr Hand, seconded by Mr Murphy, unanimously adopted.

Letter from Messrs Colfer Glow, dated 8th Inst. reporting that on the hearing of the appeal by the Ida Rural District Council against the area of levy of the Malicious Injury awards in the cases of Messrs Redmond, Kelly and Wm. Murphy the decision of the County Court Judge fixing it on the Rural District of Ida and the Rural and Urban Districts of New Ross, was upheld.
No Order Made.

A letter, dated 13th Inst, was received from J. P. Dunne, Hon Secretary, of the Irish "Mothers Pensions" Society enclosing copies of Pamphlet dealing with the reform known as "Mothers Pensions," and asking the Council to adopt the following resolution, which, on the proposal of Mr Murphy, seconded by Mr Hand, was unanimously adopted Viz:-

"That the time has now arrived when the burden of rates"
"at present imposed by the Poor Laws should be lightened by"
"the establishment of adequate State Pensions for all"
"Necessitous Widows and Orphans, and we call for immediate"
"action to this effect."

A letter, dated 26th Ult, was received from Messrs J. A. Carroll & Sons, Cork, in reference to the Store in Priory St. which the Council are seeking to have the roof of repaired, or the taken off as it is in a dangerous Condition.

Messrs Carroll stated that they acted for Messrs Goold who own some property in New Ross, of which it is assumed this Store forms part. If proceedings are being taken they will be glad to have them adjourned. as one of the firm will be in Waterford soon, and can go on to New Ross to have a look at the place. The Clerk stated that this letter was handed to the

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the Council's Solicitors on receipt, who promised to communicate with Messrs Carroll. The Solicitors now returned this letter but did not give any further information.

Ordered

That the Clerk call on Messrs Colfer & Son and ascertain if they have received any further information respecting the matter.

A letter, dated 26th February was received from the County Surveyor Stating that he had been asked by the Local Government Board to make Suggestions as to the expenditure of Money under a Demobiligation and Development Scheme upon which returned Soldiers could be employed with others. The Nature of the work should be such as reclamation of waste lands, road making to help the development of Agriculture in backward places, the Supply of fuel, the assistance of fisheries, or other industries. If the Council have any recommendations or suggestions to make in regard to works under any of these headings he will be glad to bring the matter forward and endeavour to obtain a grant.

Ordered.

That the County Surveyor be informed this Council will be happy to co-operate with him in any way they can in obtaining Some of the Money and they suggest that if obtained it be spent on the roads within a raidus of three to seven miles of Newross, the Town Surveyor to suggest the particular ones to be furnished to the County Surveyor.

An application, dated 8th Inst, was received from Mr. Hearn, Solicitor on behalf of Michael Furlong, Kilcurry Pt. for payment of £27-14-0 compensation, costs, and Witnesses expenses, awarded by the County Court Judge in connection with the alleged poisoning of two pigs, same to be raised off The Newross Urban and Rural Districts.

An application was also received from Messrs Crotty, O'Kelly on behalf of Thomas Redmond, South St, in which they stated that they had received an affirmance of the County Judge's Decree of £20 and £10-1-6 costs to be levied off the Newross Urban and Rural Districts together with the Ida Rural District, and they asked to have the matter brought before the Council.

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The Clerk stated that such claims were always paid by the County Council, who subsequently included the portion leviable off the New Ross Urban District, in their Annual Demand on this Council.

After some discussion it was:-

Proposed by Mr Murphy and
Seconded by Mr Hand

"That the Council's Solicitors"
"be asked to advise them whether they can pay"
"the amount of compensation in these cases, which"
"is to be levied off the Urban District, direct to the"
"applicants."

Passed Unanimously

A circular letter dated 20th Inst. was received from the Local Government Board forwarding Scale of War Bonuses authorised for permanent civil servants, and stating they think it right that similar terms should be given to all permanent whole time officers who have approximately equal salaries and emoluments as the cost of living press with equal severity in all parts of the Country.

The practice of the Board hitherto has been to authorise payment of additional remuneration for the period of the war, where their sanction is needed, provided it does not exceed this scale.

Ordered

That the consideration of this matter be referred to the Finance Committee for report, and it was decided to hold a meeting of this Committee on Friday evening to deal with the estimates of rates for year.

On the proposal of Mr Hand, seconded by Mr Dwyer a vote of sympathy was passed with Mr Joseph Brennan, St Mary's Terrace, on the death of his wife, and with the relatives of the late Mrs Culleton William St.

The Clerk stated that the Estimates of Town Rate, and Poor Rate for financial year ending 31st March 1920 were not yet completed, but would be by next meeting, but there was no order made.

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A Notice was received from Dr. Hearn, Solicitor on the 27th Ult. dated 19th Ult. intimating that an application would be made on the 3rd March to the Right Honorable Mr Justice Powell in the Four Courts, on behalf of Florence Margaret Tottenham, in the County of Wicklow, that She may be appointed to represent the Heirs of Thomas Gregory in connection with the Managament of Trinity Hospital.

As the application had been already dealt with by the Court there was No Order Made

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On the proposal of Mr Hand, Seconded by Mr Dunne it was Ordered that E. A. Finn be paid the Salary of 30/- per week as Acting Clerk and C.S. Officer for six weeks ending to-day, being the period during which the Clerk was absent through illness.

The Meeting Adjourned to 25th March 1919.

P. O'Gorman

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Friday, 21st March 1919.

A meeting of the Finance Committee was held this evening at 8.15 Oclock to consider the Clerk's Estimate of Poor Rate and Town Rate for financial year ending 31st March 1920; also a letter from the Local Government Board forwarding Scale of Bonus allowed to Civil Servants.

Present Messrs P. N. Glorman J.P. Presiding
Patrick J Dunne
and
John Murphy

The Committee examined the Clerk's Estimate of Town Rate for ensuing year, amounting to 5/9 in the £, and of Poor Rate amounting to 4/8 in the £, and on the proposal of Mr Murphy, seconded by Mr Dunne both Estimates were unanimously adopted

The Committee also considered the letter received from the Local Government Board in reference to Bonus, but did not take any definite action upon it beyond directing the Clerk to ascertain the Salaries paid to the officers of the Enniscorthy Urban Council, exclusive of any Bonus they may have received.

The Committee Adjourned.

P. N. Glorman

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Tuesday 25th March 1919.

An adjourned meeting of the Council was to be held this evening at 7.30 O'Clock pm., to transact business pursuant to the Town's Improvement (Ireland) Act 1854, consider, and if approved of, adopt the Clerk's Estimate of Poor Rate, Town Rate, & Domestic Water Rate for the Financial year ending 31st March 1920.

Present Messrs P. O'Gorman J.P
and
John Canning.

A Quorum not having assembled

The Meeting adjourned to 27th March 1919.

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Thursday, 27th March 1919.

An adjourned Meeting of the Council was held this evening at 7.30 O'Clock to transact business pursuant to The Towns Improvement (Ireland) Act 1854, Consider and if approved of, adopt the Clerk's Estimate of Poor Rate, Town Rate, and Domestic Water Rate for financial Year ending 31st March 1920.

Present Messrs Peter R O'Gorman J.P.
John Hand
Patrick J Dunne
and
John Murphy

The Minutes of last Meeting were read and Signed.

The Treasurer's Authority for making payments was signed by The Chairman, and Messrs Dunne & Murphy, and the following Paying Order directed to be issued Viz:- Petty Cash £39.7.2.

The Finance reported that they considered the Clerk's estimate of Town Rate & Poor Rate the former amounting to 6/9, being an increase of 1/- in the £, and the latter amounting to 4/8, being an increase of 6d. They went carefully into all the items of Receipts and Expenditure, but did not consider any of them could be altered. They also considered the Circular Letter of the Local Government Board relative to the bonuses to officers in accordance with the Civil Service Scale, but have deferred making any recommendation pending the obtaining of additional information, but they hoped to deal with the matter on an early date.

Proposed by Mr Hand and
Seconded by Mr Dunne

"That the report of the"
"Finance Committee be adopted."

Passed Unanimously

A Paying Order for £37.0.6, being a second Instalment of Probate Duty, was received from the Local Government Board, and ordered to be

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be lodged to the credit of the Council.

The Estimates of Town Rate, and Poor Rate for financial year ending 31st March 1920, were submitted and examined, after which the following resolutions were passed:-

Proposed by Mr Murphy and
Seconded by Mr Dunne, and Resolved:-

"That the Clerk's "
"Estimate of Town Rate and Domestic Water Rate for "
"Year ending 31st March 1920, now before us, be adopted "
"and that he publish the necessary Notice of our intention "
"to make a Town Rate of 5/9 in the £, and a Domestic "
"Water Rate of 1/3 in the £ on the valuation of premises "
"supplied with water, said last mentioned rate to be in "
"relief of the portion of the Town Rate raised as sanitary "
"expenses, the rateable value of the Property assessable being £832-176."

Passed Unanimously.

Proposed by Mr John Murphy and
Seconded by Mr Dunne, and resolved,

"That the Clerk's Estimate of "
"Poor Rate for the financial Year ending 31st "
"March 1900, now before us, amounting to four shillings "
"and eight pence in the Pound, be adopted, and that "
"he publish the necessary Notices, and take the necessary "
"steps to have said rate made."

Passed Unanimously.

A letter, dated 25th Inst, was received from Mr Joseph Brennan, acknowledging receipt of a copy of the vote of Sympathy passed by the Council on the death of his wife and thanking them for same.

No Order Made.

Letter from Messrs Colfer Hon, Solicitors, dated 25th Inst. stating

that they had received the papers back from Counsel in the Railway Rating case and they hoped to deal with the matter at once.
No Order Made.

Letter from same, dated 25th Inst. in reference to dilapidated store in Priory St, stating that a Representative of the firm of J. A Carroll & Co, who are agents to the Gould property in New Ross, (of which this store is apparently portion) called upon them and informed them they were prepared to remove the slates and put the store in a safe condition, and in these circumstances, the Council do not intend to proceed with the Order until they receive further instructions.

It was agreed not to take any further action in the matter.

Letter from Dr Hearn, Solicitor, dated 19th Inst, complaining, on behalf of Miss Hogan, Quay, St, that the gates of the Manure depot at Town Wall are not kept closed, and stating that unless he has an undertaking that they will be locked, and kept locked when not in use, he will take such proceedings as may be necessary to compel them being kept locked.
Proposed by Mr Murphy and
Seconded by Mr Dunne

"That the Surveyor be directed"
"to see that the gates are kept locked."

Passed Unanimously.

An application, dated 25th Inst, was received from the New Ross Cinema Company, applying for a renewal of the license of the Cinema, Town Hall.
Proposed by Mr Dunne and
Seconded by Mr Staunton

"That the New Ross Cinema Co"
"be granted a renewal of the license issued for the Town"
"Hall, for one year from this date Subject to the Statutory"
"rules and regulations under which the original license was issued."

Passed Unanimously.

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Letter from Messrs Pooley, dated 21st Inst. acknowledging receipt of the Council's telegram regarding Cattle pen for weighbridge, and stating that the only reason for the delay is that the Local Iron Workers who are making the Pen have been delayed through strike, but they hope to forward on Monday next.

As the pen had not yet arrived the Clerk was directed to write Messrs Pooley again and urge them to forward it at once.

The Clerk submitted Messrs Colfer Hows bill of and suggested that the necessary steps be taken to have it taxed.

Proposed by Mr Dunne and
Seconded by Mr Murphy

That Dr Hearn, Solicitor, be"
"appointed to represent the Council at the taxation of"
"their Solicitors bill of Costs, and that the Seal of the Council"
"be affixed to the Requisition for taxation".

Passed Unanimously

In pursuance of the foregoing resolution the seal of the Council was affixed to the requisition for taxation.

A letter was received from the Hon Secretary of the Joint Councils of Industrial Development Associations inviting delegates to a meeting to be held in the Mansion House on the 3rd April next to consider the intended application of the Ways and Communications Bill to this Country.

Proposed by Mr Murphy and
Seconded by Mr Hand

"That the Chairman and Mr Dunne be
appointed delegates".

Passed Unanimously

Letter from Mr Browne Beacon, dated 21st Inst, stating that he will take the heap of manure in Yard on Quay at 50/- but he cannot remove it at present. The Tender was accepted, Mr Browne to be asked to remove it as soon as possible.

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Surveyors Report

25th March 1919.

The Surveyor reported that he inspected the kitchen cooker in house in occupation of Mrs Higgins Wm St, as directed. The fire-blocks of same are burnt out and a new set required. Estimated cost, including fixing, 10/=.

He interviewed Miss Hogan, Barrack St, in reference to her letter relative to the locking of the Barrack gates & Town Wall, and explained the difficulty of preventing trespass on those premises, and he had a new lock fixed on the North gate of depot on Friday last.

He understands that the agricultural plot rented by Mrs Cooney at Newtown has been sub-let to a second party.

A new Cooker has been provided and erected in the house in occupation of Mrs Doyle Wm St, as ordered.

The dangerous building at the rere of the police barracks, Priory St, is presently being demolished.

Ordered

That Mr Higgins be informed it is not usual to carry out such repairs as he states are required in his house.

That the question of the sub-letting of the plot in field at William St be referred to the Plots Committee.

There was no order made in reference to Mrs Hogan's Complaint, it having been dealt with at an earlier stage of the meeting.

The Clerk reported that the Bridge Contract will expire on the 30th June next, and inquired if the Council will again tender for the maintenence of it, as he understood tenders will be received for it on an early date.

Ordered

That the Council tender for the maintenence of it for one year from 30th June next, at the full amount allowed by the County Council.

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The Clerk also stated there were some old papers, and rate abstracts, etc, which might be disposed of and asked if he would offer them for sale, and it was ordered that they be sold.

The Meeting at this stage went into Committee to consider to consider the question of the present system of scavenging of the Streets and, after some discussion it was decided to direct the Surveyor to have the scavenging carried out as previously arranged by the Council Viz:- The men to start work at 8 O'Clock each morning That the Staff be divided – one half to clean Charles St, The Quay from Charles St to the Bridge, Bridge St, John St, North St, Quay St, Conduit Lane, South St from Charles St to Thobel, Cork's Lane, Cooper's Lane, Mary St to Corvelsgates, South St to Robert St.

Second half of Staff to start at Newtown, Priory Street, Crook Lane, portion of South St between Crook Lane and Robert St, Little Michael St, Lady Lane and the Quay from Charles St to Priory Lane, Priory Lane, Marsh Lane, Sugar Loaf Lane, The Bridge and Rookeen.

When the Streets have to be watered in the morning, the horse and man for the South end of the town is to be put at this work before any sweeping is done – the same system to be adopted on Saturday evenings and on the eve of holidays, the Surveyor to see that the foregoing is carried out.

It was ordered that in future no manure is to be delivered to any person with the Council's horses, except the tenants of the Council who have plots in William St field, when it may be delivered to them for use on that field only. Any other person requiring a small quantity of manure may get it at 1/- per load at the depot.

A discussion took place respecting the alleged sub-letting of a plot in Henry St field, but it was decided not to take any further action in reference to it.

The Meeting Adjourned to 8th April 1919.

P N Forman

Monday, 7th April 1919.

Monthly Meeting day.

No attendance of Members.

The Meeting Adjourned to Tuesday, 8th April 1919.

P. O'Gorman

Tuesday, 8th April 1918

A Meeting of the Finance Committee was held this day to transact business for the Finance Meeting of the Council, also to consider advisability of entering into an agreement with one or more of the Dublin Hospitals for the reception of Patients which may be sent by the Council for treatment, also of granting an additional Bonus to the Officers of the Council.

Present P. A. Gorman Esq J.P. Presiding
and
Patrick J Dunne.

The Committee examined a number of bills submitted by the Clerk and recommended payment of them all except one received from Mr Quick, and one from Mr Lacy which they deferred (copy of all passed for payment is entered at the Commencement of the Municipal Minutes). They deferred Consideration of the question of granting an additional Bonus to the Officers of the Council to Next Meeting, and having prepared a report, Copy of which is entered on the Municipal Minutes,

The Meeting Adjourned.

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Tuesday, 8th April 1919.

A Quarterly meeting of The Newross Urban District Council was held this evening at 7 O'Clock to transact business pursuant to The Local Government (Ireland) Act 1898; consider Tenders for the Supply of Stones.

Present Messrs P. E. O'Gorman J.P. Chairman, Presiding
Wm Murphy
John O'Sullivan J.P.
John Hand
and
Luke Devoyer

The Minutes of last Quarterly Meeting were read.

The following report of the Town Surveyor was read:-

8th April 1919

Dear Chairman and Gentlemen,

I beg to report that the public works in the District have been fairly well maintained during the past Quarter. No Sudden damage occured or no Special works were carried out during that period.

All the road material Contracted for has now been delivered, and the major portion of same spread where required.

I understand that the Road's Board is now prepared to advance monies for the purpose of improving and resurfacing main roads or "arteries" and as many of your streets form Connecting links between many main roads in the adjoining Rural Districts which the Road's Board have already ear-marked for special consideration, I think you will have little difficulty in obtaining grants for approved Schemes from that Body. Application must however be made through a County Council for this purpose. I understand that the Road's Board pays half the cost of approved Schemes and advances the other half on loan without interest for a

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certain specified period.

I have written the Secretary of the Wexford County Council to ask his Council to increase the amount allowed for the maintenence of the New Ross Bridge, your Contract for which expires now.

Your Obedient Servant
J. J. Shortall
Town Surveyor.

The Chairman stated that he was present at the meeting of the County Council on that day, but there was no application received for an increase of the amount allowed for the maintenence of the New Ross Bridge, which was fixed at £30, same amount as was previously allowed, and he was of opinion that it would not now be increased. After some discussion it was decided not to tender for the maintenence of the Bridge at the amount allowed.

There was no order made respecting the grant which it was suggested might possibly be obtained from the Road's Board, beyond directing the Surveyor to keep in touch with County Surveyor and obtain any information he can from the latter in reference to it.

The following Tenders for the supply of Metalling for the streets were received:-

From Richard Malone Woodsgrove who offered to supply one hundred tons of stones from Glensinsaw Quarry in the Council's depots at Roberecon at 5/6 per Ton, and offered John Malone Woodsgrove, and Terence Flinkey Woodsgrove as his sureties.

Proposed by Mr Hand and
Seconded by Mr Dwyer

"That the Tender of Richard Malone"
"Woodsgrove, for the supply of One hundred tons of unbroken"
"Stones from the Glensinsaw Quarry, at 5/6 per Ton delivered in the"
"Council's depots at Roberecon be accepted."

Passed Unanimously.

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The Sureties offered by Dalone were formally approved of and it was Ordered that the Councils Solicitors prepare a Bond with Dalone for the carring out of his Contract.

A letter was received from the Parnell Quarries Ltd. Arklow, dated 5th Inst stating that since they supplied Macadam last, wages have gone beyond all reason with the result that they had to raise the price or stop producing. As the order is for a fairly large quantity they can give a cut of 4d per ton on established price of 8/4, so they have pleasure in quoting at 8/= f.o.r. Arklow.

As this was an advance of 1/6 per Ton on the price estimated by the Surveyor in his annual Estimate it was decided to reduce the quantity agreed to be purchased at last Quarterly Meeting, by an amount equivalent to the increased Cost in price which would mean a reduction of fifty tons, and on the proposal of Mr Hand seconded by Mr Dwyer it was decided to purchase two hundred and fifty tons at 8/= per Ton instead of the three hundred, decided upon at last Quarterly Meeting.

Proposed by Mr Dwyer and
Seconded by The Chairman "That the Quarterly Meetings of the"
"Council for financial year ending 31st March be held on the"
"first Tuesdays in July, October 1919, and January and April 1920"
"at 7 O'Clock P.M."

Passed Unanimously.

Jas Sheldon

Proposed by The Chairman and
Seconded by Mr Hand "That the Surveyor have the footpath"
"opposite the entrance to Mr Hill's Yard at Priory Street"
"repaired as soon as possible".

Passed Unanimously

The Meeting Adjourned to Tuesday, 8th July 1919. JS

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Tuesday 8th April 1919.

A meeting of The Newross Urban District Council was held this day at 7.30 Oclock to transact business pursuant to The Towns Improvement (Ireland) Act 1854; consider a letter from The Local Government Board transmitting Scale of Bonus to Civil Servants and take such action upon it is may be approved of.

Present Messrs P. J. O'Gorman J.P. Chairman. Presiding.
Wm. Murphy
John Sullivan J.P.
Luke Dwyer
and
John Hand.

The Minutes of previous meeting were signed.

The Treasurer's Authority for making payments was signed by The Chairman, and Messrs Luke Dwyer, and John Hand, and the following Paying Orders directed to be issued Viz:-

No1:- The Parnell Quarries Ltd £10-18-8; No2:- The Sec School attendance Cte £2-10-0
" 3:- Joseph Freeman £2-9-1; No4:- Mr J Finn £14-4-5; Same No5:- £6-5-0.
" 6:- Mr J Finn £1-17-6; 7:- James Connolly £5-2-11; No8:- John Stevenson £2-13-6:
" 9:- John Ryan £4-4-0; Miss Dugent £1-15-0; 11:- John J Browne 16/4, No12:- Same £3-19-5
" 13:- John J Browne £34-8-4; No14 Same £40-14-10; No15:- J. J. Shortall £10-19-6
" 16:- Hibernian Fire Insurance Co £1-13-11; Mr J Finn Petty Cash No17:- £26-3-7;
" 18:- Comm'rs of Public Works £31-2-6; Same £133-3-2, No20; Same £16-15-2; 21 Same £27-12-4

Letter from Miss Culleton Wm St. dated 5th Inst. acknowledging receipt of Copy of a resolution of sympathy passed by the Council with her on the death of her sister, and thanking the Council for doing so.
No Order Made.

Letter from the Local Government Board dated 29th Ult Notifying the appointment of their Auditor, Mr Richard Grubb to audit the accounts of the Council until further notice in lieu of Mr Drore O'Ferrall, resigned.
No Order Made.

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Letter from the Local Government Board, dated 4th Inst. stating that the Local Government (Ireland) Amending Bill providing for the election of members of local authorities according to the principle of Proportional Representation has passed the second reading in the House of Commons, and the Board have no doubt that the elections will be postponed to the later date fixed by the Bill. In these circumstances it appears desirable to defer incurring expense in connection with the election of Guardians pending the passing of the Bill now before Parliament.

Ordered

That no expense be incurred by the Clerk, as Returning Officer in connection with the election of Guardians under the existing law.

Letter from Messrs Pooley & Sons Ltd., dated 28th stating the new cattle pen had been definitely forwarded to-day and on hearing that it has arrived they will make arrangements to send their adjuster down.

A second letter, dated 5th Inst, acknowledging receipt of the Clerk's advice that the pen had arrived, and stating that they had made arrangements to send down their adjuster on Tuesday morning, was received but the Surveyor reported that the adjuster had not yet arrived in town.

No Order made.

Letter from the Council's Solicitors, dated 31st Ult, advising the Council that it was the duty of the County Council to discharge the decrees granted in respect of Malicious Injury, and this can only be done when the amount has been levied by them for that purpose.

In their opinion the Urban Council would be acting outside of their duties in anticipating the County Council by making payment in respect of claims of this kind out of their own general funds

Ordered

That Messrs Crotty & Kelly, and Dr. Hearn, Solicitors be informed accordingly.

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Two letters, dated 29th Ultimo, were received from Dr. Hearn, Solr, one acknowledging receipt of Messrs Colfer & Sons bill of Costs for taxation and stating that he would attend on behalf of the Council at the taxation, and the second one acknowledging receipt of Copy of Order made by the Council in reference to the manure depot at Town Wall.

No Order Made.

The following report of the Finance Committee was read:-

Your Finance Committee met this evening (Wednesday 7th Inst.) at 5 Oclock, examined a number of bills, and recommend payment of those initialled by us.

With regard to accounts of Messrs Lynch and Leacy; we recommend that Mr Lynch be asked to furnish particulars as to how the various amounts are arrived at.

We note an item of £4-5-6 for repairs to our stables at William St, of which we are only yearly tenants, and we require an explanation from the Surveyor as to why this work was undertaken.

We consider the amounts charged for time by Mr Leacy, far too high, and have accordingly deferred payment.

We recommend that in future no repairs to the Council's property, or other work be undertaken (except sudden necessary repairs to water drains or pipes) without first having a specification and estimate submitted to the Council and the work authorized to be carried out by Contract or otherwise - where practicable work should be carried out by Tender.

We deferred consideration of the question of granting an Additional Bonus to the Officers, to next meeting of the Finance Committee.

That steps be taken to enter into agreements with the Mater Hospital, Mercer's Hospital and The Royal Victoria Eye and Ear hospital, for the reception of patients which may be sent for treatment under the Public Health Acts.

Signed:-

P. N. Ogorman

P. J. Dunne.

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With regard to the repairs carried out on the Council's Stables, the Surveyor who was present explained verbally that the roof was damaged after a heavy storm and he considered that in the interest of the Council he was doing right to have it repaired in order to protect their property. He had also in mind that the owner would, in all probability, deal liberally with the Council if he was asked for a refund of the cost of the repairs.

The Chairman pointed out that he should have drawn the attention of the landlord to the matter and have his authority to carry out the work before undertaking it, especially as this could easily be done by him without any delay.

It was now decided that he call on the landlord and ascertain if he is willing to pay the cost of the repairs or any portion of same.

In reference to the proposed grant of an additional Bonus to the officers it was, after considerable discussion, decided to adjourn the consideration of it to next meeting, the Finance Committee to again consider it and report upon it to that meeting.

On the proposal of Mr Dwyer, seconded by Mr Hand, the remainder of the report was unanimously adopted.

The following was read:-

Estate office
New Ross, 7th April 1919

Tottenham Estate

Dear Sir,

I herewith enclose Notice to Quit the Yard your Council hold as Monthly tenants of the Refuse Depot on the Quay.

As you could not reasonably be expected to clear the yard in a month I will give you such time as you may require.

Mr Dwyer, who has taken a lease of the premises, will I think, be able to give you accomodation in Priory Lane.

Yours faithfully
Hugh R Hamilton

The Clerk
Urban Council
New Ross

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Ordered That the Surveyor inspect the vacant Yards with Mr Dwyer at the convenience of the latter, and report if portion of it can be utilised for a manure depot, and that the matter be then referred to the Street and Sanitary Committee.

The Clerk pointed out that it would be advisable to adopt regulations for the letting of the plots for the present year, and it was.

Proposed by Mr Dwyer and
Seconded by The Chairman.

"That the rules and regulations"
"for letting, and tillage of allotments let by the Council to allotment"
"holders, or to be let to them, consist of the Rules and conditions specified"
"in form of Application together with Article 7 of the Urban"
"Allotments (Ireland) Order 1914, the rent of each allotment of one-eighth"
"of an acre to be £1 per year payable to four quarterly instalments"
"of 5/= on the 1st February, 1st May, 1st August and 1st September"
"1919, and that no plot be re-let to any tenant who has not paid"
"his rent in full."

Passed Unanimously.

The Surveyor reported verbally that one of the workmen was engaged all night, and two others portion of the night, in connection with repairs to a Sewer at Barrack Lane, and asked the Council to fix the wages which would be paid them extra for this work. After a short discussion it was

Ordered

That the man who worked all night be allowed 10/= and the other two in proportion to the time they worked, at the same rate.

It was agreed to ask Mrs Moore if she was willing to sell her interest in the field at Newtown, which the Council have taken for the purpose of cultivation in plots, and, if so, at what price.

The Clerk stated that Bro. Insp. Ramara called to the office

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and asked him to apply to the Council for permission to tap the drain water pipe, as he was about getting in water to their premises in accordance with the permission kindly given by the Council at a previous meeting.

Ordered

That the necessary permission to tap the water drain be granted to Bro Mr. Ramara.

The Street Inspector reported that the daily Scavenging was carried out Satisfactorily, also that a number of Traders placed boxes, etc, on the streets since last meeting.

No Order Made.

The Meeting Adjourned to Tuesday 22nd April 1919.

P J Lomras

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22nd April 1919

A Meeting of the Urban District Council was held this evening at 7.30 O'clock p.m. to transact business pursuant to the Towns Improvement (Ireland) Act 1854, make a Poor Rate, Town Rate and Domestic Water Rate for the financial year ending 31st March 1920, and consider letter from Local Government Board transmitting scale of Bonuses to Civil Servants and take such action upon it as may be approved of.

Present: Messrs P. N. O'Gorman J.P. Presiding.
P. J. Dunne
John Murphy
J. E. Walsh
John Hand
and
Wm Murphy.

The Minutes of last meeting were read & signed.

The Treasurer's Authority for making payments was signed by the Chairman, Messrs P. J. Dunne and James E. Walsh, and the following paying Order directed to be issued. viz:— No 81 Petty Cash £26.17.5

A letter dated 31st ult was received from Mr H. R. Hamilton, notifying the Council that Miss Tottenham who had been appointed heir of Gregory, had offered the position of Master of the Hospital to Mr J. B. Hearne, Chilcomb; and he had accepted same.
Proposed by Mr John Murphy and
Seconded by the Chairman,

"That this Council assent to"
"the appointment of Mr J. B. Hearne, Chilcomb House"
"Master of Trinity Hospital"

Passed Unanimously

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22nd April 1919.

A letter dated 22nd inst was received from the New Ross Gas Co stating that the charge for lighting the Tholsel lamps to 30th September would be same as last year viz:- £3-7-6. and on the Proposal of Mr Dunne, Seconded by Mr Walsh it was accepted.

The following report of the Rent Collector was read viz:-

New Ross
22nd April 1919.

Gentlemen,

I beg to report the following items:—

Miss O'Brien Caretaker of the Urban Council owes the sum of £3-14-7, for rates, an order was made in May 1918 that she was to pay me the sum of 3/- per week, but she failed in doing so, she only paid £1-10-0 from that day up to the present time, I called on her several times and she promised to pay but failed in doing so.

I would feel thankful if you could suggest some means of my obtaining the money from her.

I called on Philip Murphy Michael St for the amount of 5/- due for Water Rent, and he said that he would pay me on Saturday next.

I also beg to call your attention to the Arrears due by some of the weekly tenants, as you will see by the weekly returns, please let me know what I am to do in this matter.

I wrote to the Solicitor in Dublin about the rent due by Colonel Sankey's Representatives and received no reply, I cannot find out from whom I am to collect this rent since Mr Ruttledge died.

Your obedient Servant
John L. Brown
Collector

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Ordered

That Annie O'Brien be directed to pay 2/- per week until the rates due are paid, the Collector to call for it each Thursday.

There was no Order made in reference to Philip Murphy.

In reference to the arrears of rent due by the weekly tenants, it was

Ordered

That the Clerk write those who owe arrears, and that he also endeavour to ascertain who is now liable for the rent due by the Repss Col. Dawkey.

The Finance Committee reported that they met this evening to consider the War Bonus Scheme received from the L.G. Board and recommend the following Scale of Bonus

To Mr Butler R.D.O.	£15 - 10 - 0
" Mr Finn Town Clerk	£10 - 0 - 0
" Mr Shortall Town Surveyor	£ 5 - 0 - 0

Signed P.N. O'Gorman, P.L. Dunne, & John Murphy.

A long discussion took place on the reading of this report during which Mr Hand suggested that the Town Surveyor be granted the same amount of Bonus as the R.D. Officer, or at least as the Clerk viz:- £10.
It was proposed by Mr Walsh that the report of the Committee be adopted, but the proposition was not seconded, and the Chairman ruled that the matter lapsed.

The Council proceeded to make the Poor Rate and Town Rate for financial year ending 31st March 1920

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1920, and the following resolution were duly passed viz:-
Proposed by Mr Dunne
Seconded by Mr D. Murphy and resolved

"That we raise"
"the sum of two thousand and fifty three pounds"
"fifteen shillings and sevenpence, as and for"
"Poor Rate, and for the purpose aforesaid make"
"a rate of four shillings and eightpence in the £"
"for the financial year ending 31st March, 1920, on"
"the property situate within the Urban District"
"of New Ross pursuant to the Local Government (Ireland)"
"Act 1898, and other Acts incorporated therewith, and"
"that same be collected in two moities, the first"
"on or before 30th September, 1919, and the second on"
"or before the 31st March, 1920, That public notice be given"
"of said rates having been made, by printed placards"
"duly posted."

"Passed Unanimously"

Proposed by Mr Dunne
Seconded by Mr D. Murphy & resolved,

"That the Presiding"
"Chairman of the Council sign the Poor Rate Books,"
"and the resolution making the Poor Rate endorsed"
"thereon and the Collectors Warrants, and affix the"
"Common Seal of the Council to said Poor Rate"
"Books and Documents"

Passed Unanimously.

Proposed by Mr Dunne
Seconded by Mr D. Murphy and resolved

"That we raise the"
"sum of two thousand, three hundred and"
"ninety-two pounds, twelve shillings and fourpence"

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"as for Town Rate, and for that purpose make a Town"
"Rate of five shillings and ninepence in the £ for the"
"financial year commencing the first day of April"
"1919, on the property situate within the Urban District"
"of New Ross rateable under the undermentioned Acts"
"for the purpose therein mentioned, of which Town Rate"
"of five shillings and ninepence in the £ the sum of"
"one shilling is for general purposes under the Provisions"
"of the Towns Improvement (Ireland) Act 1854, and the"
"sum of one shilling and eleven pence is for special"
"purposes under the Local Government (Ireland) Act"
"1898, and the sum of two shillings & ten pence is for"
"Sanitary purposes under the provisions of the"
"Public Health (Ireland) Acts, which Sanitary Rate"
"includes one penny in the £ under the Technical"
"Instruction Act 1889, one penny in the £ under the"
"provisions of the Agriculture & Technical Instruction"
"Act 1899, for the purpose of Technical Instruction"
"and two pence in the £ under the Education (Provision"
"of Meals) (Ireland) Acts 1914 & 1915, and we hereby"
"make a Domestic Water Rate under the provisions"
"of the Public Health (Ireland) Acts, of one shilling"
"and threepence in the £ on the valuation of premises"
"supplied with water for the financial year commencing"
"on the first day of April 1919, and ending on 31st March"
"1920, and we hereby fix:— that said rates shall"
"be payable on the 24th May 1919, and shall be"
"collected in two Moities, the first on or before the"
"30th September 1919, and the second on or before"
"the 31st March 1920."

Passed Unanimously

22nd April 1919.

Proposed by Mr Dunne
Seconded by Mr Murphy and resolved.

"That the"
"Presiding Chairman & five other members of"
"the Council sign the Books in which the"
"Down Rate & Domestic Water Rate are made out"
"also the resolutions making the Down Rate and"
"Domestic Water Rate, and the adoption of the"
"Down Rate indorsed on said books, and"
"indorsements, & the Collector's Warrant affixed to"
"said Rate Books be signed by the Presiding Chairman"
"and five other members of the Council present, and"
"countersigned by the Clerk, and sealed with the"
"common seal of the Council."

"Passed Unanimously."

In pursuance of the foregoing resolutions the Rate Books were duly signed & sealed.

At this stage the Chairman stated that he could not remain longer at the meeting and retired, Messrs Walsh & Wm Murphy also left the Council Chamber, and,

The Meeting adjourned to 6th May 1919.

P W Gorman

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2nd May 1919.

A Meeting of the Street Committee was to be held this evening at 8 O'Clock p.m. to inspect proposed Manure yard, and consider its suitability.

Mr Hand was the only member who attended

A Quorum not having assembled,

"The Meeting adjourned."

5th May 1919.

The Monthly meeting of the Council was to be held this day at 12 O'Clock noon, to transact business pursuant to the Towns Improvement (Ireland) Act 1854.

No Member attended

A Quorum not having assembled

The Meeting adjourned to 13th May 1919.

P W Gorman

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5th May 1919

A Meeting of the Finance Committee was held this evening at 8.30 p.m. to deal with the Collector's lists of uncollectable rate.

Present Messrs P. N. O'Gorman J.P. Presiding
and
John Murphy.

The Collector was also in attendance.

After having examined the list of uncollected rates, they recommended that sums of Poor Rate amounting to £31-16-1½, be cancelled, and £1-1-11 be disallowed Collector, also that sums of Town Rate amounting to £46-16-11½ be cancelled and £1-2-9, be disallowed Collector, also that arrears of Town Rate amounting to £42-13-0, which the D & S E Rly Co have refused to pay, be carried forward to next collection.

They also examined the list of outstanding Water Rents and recommended that sums of £3 and £2, due by Repts of P. Hartley, 10/- by Technical Instruction Committee, and 10/- by Thos Kelly be carried forward, and 15/- charged to Repts of Catherine Dehan, be cancelled, as the premises in respect of which the latter rent was charged were vacant.

Having prepared a report embodying the foregoing recommendations,

"The Committee adjourned."

P. N. O'Gorman

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6th May 1919

A Meeting of the Council was to be held this evening at 7.30 O'Clock p.m., to transact business pursuant to the Towns Improvement (Ireland) Act 1854.

Messrs P. A. O'Gorman J.P. & John Hand were the only members who attended.

A Quorum not having assembled,

The Meting adjourned to 13th May 1919.

P A O'Gorman

9th May 1919

A Meeting of the Street Committee was held this evening at 8 O'Clock p.m. to inspect yard in Priory Lane occupied by Sheehan, & report as to its suitability for a Manure Depot.

Present

Messrs P. A. O'Gorman J.P.

John Hand

The Committee inspected the yard and considered it suitable for the Council, but were of opinion that it would be necessary for them to have it down as far as the dividing wall.

After the above members had inspected the yard, Messrs J. Murphy & P. J. Dunne attended

The Committee adjourned. P A O'Gorman

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Tuesday. 13th May 1919.

A Meeting of The New-Ross Urban District Council was to be held this day at ½ 30 O'clock P. M to transact business pursuant to The Towns Improvement (Ireland) Act 1854, and recommend a suitable person to the Governing Body of Trinity Hospital for admission to the Hospital

Present Messrs Patrick J Dunne
and
John Fanning

A Quorum not having assembled,

The Meeting Adjourned to Thursday 15th May 1919.

P J Gorman

Tuesday, 13th May 1919

A Meeting of the Finance Committee was held this evening at ½ 6 O'clock to transact business for the Finance Meeting of the Council

Present Messrs Patrick J Dunne
and
John Fanning.

The Committee examined a number of bills submitted by the Clerk, and recommended payment of the following Viz:-

Patrick Leacy £5-10-0, National Bank £14-19-5; M. A. Cooney £16-10-0.
Mary Lalor £3-13-0; D J Hanley £2-18-0; John J Browne £3-13-8
Richard Malone £24-3-4; M Flinn £14-4-5; Petty Cash £38-18-9
Sec School Attendance Committee £2-12-6; Jas J. Shortall £10-19-3; Technical Inst Committee £6.10.8
Dublin and S. Ew Railway Co £8-9-2.

The Committee deferred recommending payment of Jas Lynch's bill pending some information respecting the payment of that portion of it incurred in repairing stables at Dublin St.

The Committee Adjourned. P J Gorman

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Thursday 15th May 1919.

An adjourned meeting of the New Ross Urban Council was held this evening at 12 o'clock noon, to transact business pursuant to the Towns Improvement (Ireland) Act 1854, and recommend a suitable person to the Governing Body of Trinity Hospital for admission to the Hospital.

Present

Messrs P. A. O'Gorman J.P. Presiding
P. J. Dunne
John Hand
John Lanning
John Murphy
and
Aidan P. Bolger.

The Minutes of last meeting were read & signed

The Treasurer's Authority for making payments was signed by the Chairman, Messrs J. Murphy and P. J. Dunne, and the following Paying Orders directed to be issued viz:—

No 23 Patk Leacy	£5-10-0,	No 24 Natl. Bank	£14-19-5
" 25 Mrs M. O'Connor	£16-10-0,	" 26 Navvy Labor	£3-13-0
" 27 D. J. Hanley	£2-18-0,	" 28 J. J. Browne	£3-13-8,
" 29 Richd Malone	£24-3-4,	" 30 P. J. Dunne	£14-4-5
" 31 Petty Cash	£38-18-9,	" 32 Do (D.A.(Mr.)	£2-12-6
" 33 J. J. Shortall	£10-19-3,	" 34 Technical Committee	£16-10-8.
" 35 D & S E. Railway Co	£8-9-2,		

Proposed by Mr Hand and
Seconded by Mr Bolger

"That all the foregoing"
"Accounts be paid"

Passed Unanimously.

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The following report of the Finance Committee was read viz:—

Your Committee met this evening and examined list of uncollected rates. We recommend that sums of Poor Rate amounting to £36-16-1½ be cancelled, and £1-1-11 disallowed Collector, also that sums of Town Rate amounting to £46-16-11½ be cancelled and £1-2-9 be disallowed Collector, also that arrears of Town Rate amounting to £42-13-0, which the D&K. Railway Co have refused to pay, be carried forward to next Collection.

We also examined the list of Outstanding Waters rents and recommend that sums of £3 and £2 due by Repts of P. Hartley, 10/ by Technical Instruction Committee, and 10/ by Mrs Kelly be carried forward, and 15/ charged to Repts of Catherine Sheehan be cancelled as the premises in respect of which the latter rent was charged were vacant.

In connection with this report the list of uncollected Rates and Water Rents, which had been previously dealt with by the Finance, were considered, and it was,

Proposed by Mr Hand and
Seconded by Mr Bolger

"That the foregoing report"
"of the Finance Committee and their recommendations"
"be approved of, and adopted by the Council"
"subject to the approval of the Local Government Board"

Passed Unanimously.

A Paying Order value £30 was received from the Technical Instruction Committee on account of the instalment of Principal & Interest payable by the Council of Commissioners of Public Works, on the

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Technical Loans, and also a Paying Order for £15 from Wexford County Council, on account of the Bridge Contract for year ending 30th June next, and it was,-

Ordered

That they be lodged to the Credit of the Council

Correspondence.

Letter from Local Government Board No 16,990, 1919 dated 17th April 1919, stating that they approved of the arangements proposed to be made by the Council, for the continuance of their allotments scheme during the present season.

No Order made.

Letter from Local Government Board No 18299 dated 17th April 1919, stating that the Board do not stock supplies of Forms A & B prescribed by the regulations under the Provision of Meals Acts, and that copies should be obtained by the Council from their printer as suggested in the Board's letter of 21st Septr last.

Ordered

That the Clerk get the necessary supply printed.

A discussion took place in reference to the quality of the meals supplied, a member stating it was originally intended, that hot meals, such as Cocoa, tea, should be served. Eventually the Chairman, who is a member of the School Meals Committee, undertook to attend the next meeting of the Committee; and have the matter referred to investigated.

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Letter from the Local Government Board dated 7th Inst stating that the Treasury have decided that the control exercised during the war over the raising of new capital in the market need not be longer maintained
No Order Made.

A Proposal was received from Messrs McDuan & Co, 0/6 per cwt for account books, and 2/6 per cwt for old paper, and from P. O'Reilly Ltd £4 per ton for old account books, and £2-10-0 per ton for old papers.
Proposed by the Chairman and
Seconded by Mr Dunne

"That the proposal of"
"Messrs McDuan & Co for the purchase of old books"
"at 0/6 per cwt, and 2/6 per cwt for old paper be"
"accepted"

"Passed Unanimously"

An application was received on behalf of the Board of Conservators for compensation for the malicious destruction of a fishing cot at Rosbercon on the 26th April last, and on the suggestion of Mr Murphy it was decided not to oppose the claim, as the Council were not in a position to adduce evidence against the claim
Mr Murphy also drew attention to the delay which will ensue in the payment of a malicious Injury Claim by the Wexford County Council to Mr Michael Furlong, Ramsgt, for two pigs, and pointed out that the Kilkenny County Council had already paid compensation awarded at the same Quarter Sessions as Mr Furlong's was awarded.
The Chairman undertook to have the matter inquired into

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nits and payment obtained at the next meeting of the County Council, if possible, and there was therefore no further action taken in the matter.

A Tender dated 2nd May 1919, of £2-6-0 was received from Martin Breen, Lamblin, for one heap of manure in yard at Quay, and a Tender of £3-5-0 from Wm Doyle Roadfields, for one in Depot at Town Wall, and on the

Proposal of Mr Bolger

Seconded by Mr Dunne,

"Both Tenders were accepted"

A Proposal of 35/- for heap of manure in yard on Quay was received from P Kelly, Lamblin, but being considered too low was not accepted.

A letter dated 6th Inst was received from Annie Brien in reference to the Order recently made by the Council requiring her to pay Mr Browne 3/- per week on account of rates due by her. In it she pointed out that she cannot do this at the present time, she paid it as long as she was able with the result that she had to give up her home. A couple of years ago she offered Mr Browne the rates at 5/- per week and he would not take them, but summoned her and brought her to court. She offered it again and he would not take it, and now the cost of living is so high she cannot afford to pay him any.

Ordered.

"That a copy of this letter be furnished to the Collector for his observations.

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A Notification dated 7th inst was received from Mr Hamilton that a meting of the Governing Body of Trinity Hospital would be held on 28th inst to elect an Annuitant

Proposed by Mr Murphy and

Seconded by Mr Bolger

"That this Council recommend

"to the Governing Body of Trinity Hospital many"

"Anne Fox of Mary St, and Johanna Butler of

"Wm St, both of whom are old and respected"

"Inhabitants of the town, for admission to the Hospital"

Passed Unanimously

It was Ordered

That Mr Hamilton be informed the Council hope the two will be admitted to the Hospital

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A Proposal dated 3rd inst was received from the Steward, Ballyanne Park, to supply twenty barrells of screened oats (more or less) at 29/ per barrell, the Council to supply sacks.

A discussion took place as to the quantity likely to be required up to the month of September, and it was considered that six barrels would be sufficient as the horses are now on grass, It was accordingly Ordered

That advertisements be issued inviting proposals for the supply of six barrels of oats, without stating that it should be screened.

The Collector stated that he called on Mr. Harding, Neville St, in reference to a bill for £2-11-9 for repairing Water Service but he refused to pay it as the damage happened in the Street to the pipe which he already paid for, The Gas Co also declined to pay

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pay for repairs to water pipe to Dr Whitney's premises on the ground that their new did not break it.

After considerable discussion it was decided to refer both these matters to the Water Committee for report.

The following copy of a resolution, dated 15th inst. was received from the Secretary of the School Attendance Committee viz:—

"That the New Ross Urban"
"Council be asked to sanction an increase in"
"the salary of a School Attendance Officer for"
"this Urban District, from £25 to £40.

Ordered

That the consideration of this matter be referred to next meeting of the Council, the members to be summoned to consider it.

Letter from the Local Government Board dated 1st inst enclosing copy of the Abstract of Accounts of the Technical Committee, and of the Auditor's report for year ending 31st March last.

No Order made.

A communication signed the Corporation and undated was received, asking one shilling per hour overtime for the workmen, and stating they decline to work at night for ninepence per hour.

Ordered

That the communication be marked "Read" as it was not signed by any person.

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Town Surveyor's Reports.

The following reports of the Town Surveyor were read viz:—

23rd April 1919.

Since your last meeting, Messrs Pooley's mechanic has fitted the portable pen to the Weigh-bridge on Quay. It has also been tested by the local Inspector of Weights and Measures, (Sgt Breadon R.I.C.) and stamped by him as accurate.

The Irishtown Machine has also been tested and found to be accurate.

I do not think that it would be advisable to allow cattle to be weighed in the Pen on Quay, and the Weighmasters should be instructed accordingly.

I have asked Messrs Leacy & Lynch to furnish detailed particulars of their accounts as desired.

During the past fortnight 32 ashpits have been cleaned, in Maiden Lane 6, in Chapel Lane 8, in Bullawn 11, and in Quay No 7.

The public water supply continues to be satisfactory. The coping of the wall at the North side of Robinson has been repaired as directed.

James D. Montalb
Town Surveyor.

Ordered

That the Weighmaster be informed he is not to weigh cattle on the Quay Weighbridge.

The Chairman referred to the present price for weighing of animals, and suggested that they be increased, especially in view of the expense incurred in providing a portable pen, etc.

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Proposed by the Chairman and
Seconded by Mr Dunne

"That the charges for weighing"
"Animals in future be. two pence for pigs and"
"sixpence for cattle

Passed, Mr Fanning not voting.

Town Surveyors Report — May 6th

I beg to report that I have made arrangements with Mr V Doyle. to graze your horses on his fields at William St., for the sum of 10/- weekly. This is somewhat less than last year's contract.

A water supply has been laid on to the Schools and residence of the Christain Brothers Raiden Lane,

Whilst there is an adequate supply of water to all parts of the Distribution System, there is still too much waste going on as recorded in the main meter, but there is a considerable reduction as compared with the corresponding period of last year.

There are a number of manure heaps in both Depots which have been sold to various purchasers for some considerable time and which have not yet been drawn, and as both yards are now filled they should be disposed of. During the past fortnight 28 Ash pits were cleaned, i.e. Mary St 11, Chapel Lane 9, Henry St 4 William St 1, and Irishtown 3.

James J. Shortall
Town Surveyor.

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Proposed by Mr Dunne and
Seconded by Mr Murphy

"That the offer of Mr Doyle"
"to graze the Councils Horses at 10/ per week"
"for both be accepted.

Passed Unanimously

"That the owners of the heaps"
"of manure in the Councils depôts be informed"
"they will be re- sold, if not removed within"
"one week."

"Passed Unanimously."

A Quotation dated 1st inst of £4-5-0, for two forty feet lengths of best quality woven canvas hose, fitted with the Councils connections, was received from Messrs Shand Mason & Co, but it was decided not to purchase them until there is a Fire brigade organised. Arising out of the discussion which ensued on the reading of this proposal as to the organising of a Fire brigade it was decided to summon a meeting of the following Gentlemen to consider the best means of organising an efficient Fire brigade, and take such action in the matter as they may consider desirable viz:- Messrs A.P. Bolger, John O'Kennedy, Joseph Lynch V.S. Thos Ashe, L.D. Shortall, and any member of the Council who may wish to Join it.

A letter dated 22nd inst was received from John Molloy, drawing attention to the fact that three of the Council's tenants at Houghton Place are supplying nine or ten houses there with water.
Ordered

"That"

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"That Mr Butler inform these people that they are not to allow any outsiders to take water from the water taps in their yards, and that, he report in future, the name of any person doing so.

A Tender dated 13th Inst of 6/6 per ton for gravel, or sand delivered on the Quay, was received from P Delaney Inistioge, whilst a card was received from Mrs Roche Ballyanne, stating she could not supply either.

As this price was considered too high it was decided to issue advertisements again for the supply of one loadload of each at per ton delivered on the Quay, New Ross.

Letter from Messrs Colfer & Son dated 25th April reporting that they attended at the adjourned hearing of the three summonses against Bridget Harney, Ellen Walsh & Bridget Walsh, for a breach of the Bye-Laws, when the majority of the Bench convicted the defendants and fined each of them 2/6.

The Street Inspector reported that Mrs Harney sold fish from a cart at Quay Row on 8th & 9th Inst and the Clerk asked if she would be prosecuted again. A long discussion took place on the matter but it was decided not to prosecute her.

The Clerk drew attention to the necessity of having the front of the Hotel cleaned and some of the panes of glass which were broken replaced.

Ordered

That the Council's men clean off all the old notices, etc., off the walls, and that an order be

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be given to Mr Freeman for the replacement of the broken panes of glass.

The Street Inspector reported that some Traders caused an obstruction by placing boxes, etc., on the Streets, but there was no Order made on the matter.

The Meeting adjourned to 27th May 1919.

P. O'Gorman

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Monday 26th May 1919.

A Meeting was held this evening at 8.15 p.m. in the Urban Council Office to consider the best means of re-organizing an efficient Fire Brigade.

Present

Messrs A. P. Bolger
John Hand
John O'Sullivan J.P.
John and O'Kennedy

The Town Surveyor & Clerk were also present.

A lengthened discussion took place as to the best means of attaining the object for which the meeting was called, during which various suggestions were made, but it was finally decided to ask the Council, through the Chairman, to convene a public meeting of all the citizens to consider the matter and take the necessary steps to ensure the establishment of a fully equipped Fire Brigade, Volunteer or otherwise after which,

The meeting adjourned.

P. J. O'Gorman.

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A Meeting of the New Ross Urban Council was held this evening at 7.30 O'clock P.M. to transact business pursuant to the Towns Improvement (Ireland) Act, 1854, and consider an application from the School Attendance Committee for sanction to an increase in the Salary of a School Attendance Officer from £25 to £40, a letter from the Rate & Rent Collector tendering his resignation as such, and make temporary arrangements for the collection of the rents and rates, also a letter from W. J. Hearn Esq Solr, on behalf of Mrs Brazil complaining of the flooding of her premises on Quay on Wednesday night last, and take such action thereon as may be necessary

Present:

Messrs P. N. O'Gorman J.P. Presiding
P. J. Dunne.
John Hand
Aidan Bolger
Michael Rhebarn
John Murphy
Luke Dwyer
and
John O'Sullivan J.P.

The Minutes of last meeting were read & signed.

A lengthy discussion took place upon the reading of the Minutes of the Meeting which was held for the purpose of considering the best means of re-organizing an efficient Fire Brigade, which resulted in the Meeting unanimously deciding that a public Meeting be held on an early date to consider the matter, and the Chairman of the Council was asked to kindly convene same.

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Correspondence.

A letter dated 27th inst; was received from Mrs Saunders. Inishtown, drawing attention to the need of necessary repairs to her house, the property of the Council, and also asking them to kindly give her some time to have it limewashed as they did last year.

Ordered

That the Surveyor inspect the house and report to next meeting the estimated cost of necessary repairs.

That some time be given for limewashing of it.

A letter dated 27th inst was received from Mr Geo. Dooley, stating that he regretted to learn that he was disqualified to sit as Member of the Council owing to non-attendances.

He was very busy all the Spring owing to late season, but hopes to give more attention to his duties as member of the Council in future.

Proposed by Mr O'Sullivan and

Seconded by Mr Bolger

"That the reason"
"assigned by Mr Dooley for non-attendance"
"at meetings of the Council during the"
"past six months be approved of and"
deemed satisfactory.

"Passed Unanimously."

A Tender dated 27th inst, of £3-5-0 was received from Mr Patk Kearney, Maudlins for heap of manure at Town Wall next to

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to Runway Land when finished.

In reply to the Chairman the Clerk reported, that, as directed at last meeting he had written to those persons who had purchased manure in the depôts sometime ago, but had not yet drawn it, and informed them that unless it was removed within one ~~month~~ week it would be resold, but the only reply received was one from Mr Edwd Brownr, Treacon, stating that he could not draw the heaps for a long time as his men were left him, and one from Mr O'Neill that he was after sending his horses to draw timber, and he could not remove the heaps which he tendered for sometime ago.

Ordered

That the Tender of Mr Kearney of £3-5-0 for one heap of Manure in Depot at Town Wall be accepted, he to get the one that is longest made up.

A Circular letter dated 23rd Inst was received from the Secretary of the Dublin Citizens Association conveying copy of a resolution adopted at a Meeting of the Pembroke Urban District Council asking that the State should assume full responsibility, and, control in relation to the Support and maintenence of the destitute poor, and mentally infirm of the Country, the cost of such to be defrayed out of a National Rate.

No Order made.

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The following letter was received from the Rate & Rent Collector:—

North St.
New Ross
20th May '19.

Dear Sirs,

After close on eighteen years service in the employment of your Council, I am now forced by advancing years to tender my resignation of the position of Rate & Rent Collector, held by me.

It is hardly necessary to point out that during most of the time the work was arduous, still I claim that I have faithfully discharged the duties imposed on me, and hold the satisfactory record of not having been at any time surcharged by the Local Government Board, which in itself was equally advantageous to your Council as well as to me personally.

While so tendering my resignation, I desire to place before your Council for consideration the exercise of their privilage of awarding me a fair and reasonable pension that is usually done on such occasions.

John L. Browne
Collector

Proposed by Mr O'Sullivan and
Seconded by Mr Devine.

"That the resignation
"of Mr John L. Browne as Rate & Rent"
"Collector be accepted, and that at next"
"meeting, the Council consider the"
question

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"question of granting Linn a super-"
"annuation allowance, as also the amount"
"of bank."

"Passed Unanimously"

Proposed by Mr O'Sullivan and
Seconded by Mr Drumm

"That a Poor Rate,"
"Town Rate, & Domestic Water Rate, & Rent"
"Collector be appointed at next meeting"
"of the Council to be held on the 10th prox."
"the poundage to be ninepence, the person"
"appointed to enter into a Bond with two"
"Solvent Sureties in the sum of £550, the"
"rate of Poundage, and appointment to be"
"subject to the approval of the L.G. Board."

"Passed Unanimously"

Ordered

That advertisements for a Collector be inserted in next issue of the Free Press, Standard and Echo.

The following letter was received from Dr Hearn Solicitor:—

New Ross
20th May 1919.

Dear Sir,

Mrs Brazil of Quay, New Ross has consulted me with reference to her dwelling house being flooded on last Wednesday night, due to the negligent way in which the shores around her place are being kept.

I was compelled to call the attention of your Council to this matter on a previous occasion, and

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and I am now instructed to inform you that unless the matter is remedied at once I am to take proceedings without further notice.

Wm. F. Hearn.

M. J. Quinn Esq.

Proposed by Mr O'Sullivan and
Seconded by Mr Hands.

"That this letter be referred"
"to the Council's Solicitors for advice, and"
"that a Committee consisting of the Chairman"
"and Mr Dwyer, with the Town Surveyor & Clerk"
"be appointed to confer with the Solicitors"
"on the subject matter of the letter"

"Passed Unanimously"

An application dated 26th Inst was read from the Secretary of the New Ross branch of the Irish Transport & General Workers Union applying on behalf of the Council's Employees Flynn, Freeman, Furlong, Shea & Murphy for a weekly half-holiday which he stated was general in town.

Proposed by the Chairman and
Seconded by Mr Bolger

"That the application"
"be marked read, & no half-holiday be"
"given."

"Passed Unanimously".

The Clerk reported that on Wednesday last, the men asked permission to take a half-day to enable them to attend the Enniscorthy Races, and they pointed out that our

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On the occasion of the annual show, the Council kindly gave them a half-day without deduction of wages and they expected the same concession on this occasion. He (Clerk) accordingly consulted the Chairman on the matter, and the latter, whilst not assuming the right to grant this privilage stated that as a member of the Council he would be willing to accede to their request. Their wages for the half-day were however deducted pending a meeting of the Council.

After a short discussion it was unanimously Ordered

That the Council's workmen be paid for the half day of the Arnestown races, which was deducted from their wages last week.

A letter dated 15th inst was received from the School Attendance Committee, asking the Council to sanction an increase in the salary of the School Attendance Officer from £25 to £40. After some discussion it was

Proposed by Mr Bolger and.

Seconded by Mr Dwyer

"That the Council"
"accede to the application of the School"
"Attendance Committee by sanctioning"
"an increase of £15 in the salary of"
"School Attendance Officer"

To this the following Amendment was:—

Proposed by Mr Murphy and,

Seconded by Mr Dunne,

"That the Council"
"sanction an increase of £10 in the salary of S.A.O."

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A further Amendment was:—
Proposed by Mr Hand and
Seconded by Mr Sheehan

"That no increase"
"be given until after the new Council"
"is elected in January."

~~Passed Unanimously~~

Mr Hand's Amendment was put to the Meeting first, and declared defeated, as only the Proposer & Seconder voted in favour of it, all the other members voted against it.

A Vote was then taken as between the Original resolution and the Amendment, when the following voted for the Amendment viz:—
Messrs Murphy, Dunne, & the Chairman 3.
For the Resolution:— Messrs O'Sullivan, Dwyer & Bolger 3.
Messrs Hand & Sheehan did not vote.
The voting being equal the Chairman gave his casting vote in favour of the Amendment (viz:— that the Council sanction an increase of £10) and declared it Passed.

There was no Tender received for the supply of six barrells of oats which the Council Ordered at a previous meeting to be advertised for.

A letter was received from Mr Dwyer dated 19th Inst offering to let the yard in Priory Lane at an annual rent of £25, or half of it at £15, he paying rates on it.
Three months notice for possession, to be given by either party.

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Ordered

That this letter be referred to the Streets & Finance Committee for consideration and report

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An Application dated 27th May was received from the Town Surveyor & Clerk for an increase in their Salaries & it was referred to next Meeting, the members to be summoned to consider it

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The following applications were received for the tenancy of houses of the Council in which the Applicants resided but which were originally let to deceased husband, or other members of the family:- viz. from Kate Fenlong Cockpit Lane for house of which her deceased son Nicholas was tenant. From Margaret Pyne Bullawn for house & yard of which her husband was tenant. Kate Cashen for house at Folly-House Lane of which her husband Nicholas Cashen was tenant. From Mary Kehoe FollyHouse Lane, and Kate Murphy Bullawn

Proposed by Mr. Dunne and

Seconded by the Chairman

"That the foregoing"
"be accepted tenants of the respective"
"houses for which they applied"

"Passed Unanimously"

The Clerk reported that Mr Houston called to the Office and offered Mr Valley as his Surety in place of Mr Power who had withdrawn and it was:-

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Proposed by Mr Hand and
Seconded by Mr Murphy. "That Mr Valley be"
"accepted as Surety for Mr Houston instead"
"of Mr Power, and that the necessary"
"Agreement & Bonds be entered into"
"Passed Unanimously"

The Street Inspector reported that a number of Traders caused an obstruction on the Streets with boxes etc outside their premises since last Meeting

The daily Scavenging was carried out in a satisfactory manner.

On May 27th James Connolly Craigue-na-Managh, offered for sale herrings and mackrel from a Cart in Quay St near Monument, he was asked by Street Inspector to go to the Quay with the fish. He told him (Inspector) "that he would not leave where he was he could summons him if he liked" but he "refused to stir from where he was till they were sold.

On same date Bridget Harney Quay St sold mackerel from a cart in Quay St.
After some discussion it was
Proposed by Mr Bolger and
Seconded by Mr Hand
"That James Connolly Craige-na-"
"managh be prosecuted for selling fish in"
"Quay St, and that the Councils Solicitors be"
"asked to press for a substantial penalty"
"and also for professional costs"
P N Sommers

The Meeting adjourned to 10th June 1919.

2nd June 1919.

The Monthly Meeting of the Council was to be held this day at 12 O'clock noon, to transact business pursuant to the Town's Improvement (Ireland) Act 1854

No Member attended

A Quorum not having assembled

The Meeting adjourned.

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3rd June 1919.

The Special Committee appointed at last Meeting of the Council to confer with Mr Colfer in reference to the letter dated 20th ult. received from Dr Hearn on behalf of Mrs Brazil complaining of the flooding of her dwelling house on Wednesday night previous, attended by appointment at Mr Colfer's Office at 4 o'clock this evening

Present Messrs P. N. O'Gorman J.P.
and Luke Dwyer

The Town Surveyor & Clerk were also in attendance

After conferring with the Committee, and examining the Surveyor as to the number of surface Drains which had been constructed to intercept the flow of water down Bridge Street, and also as to the working condition of them on the evening of the alleged flooding, Mr Colfer expressed the opinion that the Council were not liable in the matter, at the same time he promised to go fully into the case, and write the Council by next meeting, after which.

The Committee withdrew.

P N O Gorman

6th June 1919.

A Special Meeting of the Council was to be held this evening at 7 O'clock to consider a letter from the Council's Solicitors relative to the Railway rating which the D.W.& W.R. Railway Co have refused to pay, and take such action in reference to it as may be approved of.

Present

Messrs John Hand
and
A. P. Bolger.

A Quorum not having assembled

There was No Meeting held.

6th June 1919

A public meeting convened by placard signed by the Chairman of the Council, was to be held in the Large Room, Tholsel, at 7.30 O'clock on this evening, to consider & decide on the best means of establishing a Fire Brigade for New Ross.
The Members of the Council, & Officers present were:—
Messrs A. P. Bolger, J. Hand, The Surveyor & Clerk.
Mr John Murphy, Conduit Lane also attended, owing to the small attendance

There was no business transacted.

P. M. Corman

9th June 1919.

A Meeting of the Street & Finance Committee was held in the Council Office at 8 Oclock this evening to consider the proposal of Mr Dwyer for letting of yard at Priory Lane for a Manure Depôt

Present

Messrs John Fanning, Presiding
John Hand
J. P. Bolger
and
John Murphy.

The Committee having read Mr Dwyer's letter offering to let the whole yard at £25 per annum, or half of it at £15, three months notice to be given by either party for possession a brief discussion took place upon it, after which it was:—

Proposed by Mr Bolger, and
Seconded by Mr Fanning,

"That we recommend"
"the Council not to accept Mr Dwyer's offer."
"for the letting of the yard at Priory Lane"
"Passed Unanimously"

"The Meeting adjourned"

Chairman

10th June 1919.

A meeting of the New Ross Urban Council was held in above office on this evening, to transact business pursuant to the Town's Improvement (Ireland) Act 1854, elect a Poor Rate, Town Rate & Rent Collector, consider the granting of superannuation allowance to Mr D.D. Browne, and amount of same, also an application from the Surveyor & Clerk for an increase in their salaries.

Present

Messrs P.N. Gorman J.P. Presiding
John O'Sullivan J.P.
Wm Murphy
John Murphy
John Hand
John Fanning
Michael Meehan
Aidan P. Bolger
P.J. Dunne
George Dooley
and
Dr Walsh.

The Minutes of last Meeting were read & signed.

The Treasurer's Authority for making payments was signed by the Chairman, Messrs A.P. Bolger & Geo Dooley and the following Paying Orders directed to be issued viz:—

No 37. Richard Murphy £9-17-10, No 38 Rep. Free Press £3-1-6
" 39 Petty Cash £28-5-8, No 40 Advertiser £14-4-5,
" 41 John J Browne £45-1-10, " 42 D.D. Browne £35-8-6
" 43 Same £2-14-7, " 44 C.E. Vickers £8-0-0
" 45 L.L. Shortall £10-19-6, " 46 G.S.E. Rly Co £1-15-0.

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A Cheque value £4-8-8, was received from Messrs Mr Duan & Co Dublin in payment for old paper sent them.

A Dividend Warrant for £2-11-5 was received in payment of interest on 4½% War Loan.
Ordered
That both be lodged to the credit of the Council.

The recommendation of the Streets & Finance Committee that the Council do not accept Mr Dwyer's offer for the renting of the yard at Priory Lane for a Manure Depôt was unanimously adopted on the Proposal of Mr Fanning Seconded by Mr Bolger.

Letter from the Local Government Board No 13,203/1919, dated 2nd inst drawing attention to a Rating case recently decided in the Kings Bench Division which set out that the person in occupation of premises at the time the Rate is being made, is the person to be rated irrespective of the name given in the lists of the Commissioners of Valuation
No Order Made.

Letter from the Hibernian Fire Insurance Co, dated 7th June informing the Council that they are authorised to offer a reduction of 10% on the Council's Insurances in consideration of the latter agreeing to leave the Insurances with

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with the Co for a period of five years, the premiums to be paid annually in advance as at present.

They also directed the particular attention of the Council to the considerable increase in the cost of building, after some discussion it was:—

Proposed by Mr O'Sullivan and

Seconded by Mr Hand

"That this letter be"
"referred to the Finance Committee for consider"
"ation & report, and that they also consider"
"the advisability of increasing the amounts"
"for which the property is insured."

"Passed Unanimously"

Letter from Messrs Colfer & Son, dated 10th inst, stating that they have carefully considered the facts and evidence supplied by the deputation of the Council which waited upon them with reference to Dr Hearn's letter respecting the flooding of Mrs Brazil's premises, and in their opinion Mrs Brazil would appear to have no right of action for damages against the Council.

Ordered

"That the Council's Solicitors be directed to inform Mrs Brazil's Solicitor that the Council disclaim all liability in connection with the alleged flooding of her premises."

Letter from Colfer & Son dated 7th inst informing the Council that they issued a summons against James Connolly for a breach of the Bye-Laws by selling fish at Quay St. On the hearing of the summons it transpired that another

Fishdealer

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Fishdealer who had been convicted for a similar offence a short time since, was selling fish on the same occasion and was not prosecuted. In these circumstances the Bench did not consider the Bye Laws impartially administered and fined the Defendant one penny costs.
No Order Made.

The following was read:—

New Ross
2nd June 1919.

Dear Sir,

In a matter with regard to which you consulted us sometime ago and about which we took Counsel's opinion, but the first Counsel we retained (Mr Horan) having received an official appointment, we had to put the matter afresh before another Counsel Mr Kinahan and the latter, though for technical reasons he cannot absolutely guarantee success, still thinks there is a good fighting case.

In the circumstances we would advise the Council to allow us institute proceedings at Quarter Sessions against the Railway Co, and if we receive the necessary Authority in this respect we can have the matter tried at the coming Sessions

Yours faithfully
Colfer & Son

A Sinnott
Clerk of the Council.

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Proposed by Mr O'Sullivan and
Seconded by Mr J Rumsby.

"That we instruct our"
"Solicitors to take proceedings at Quarter Sessions"
"against the Railway Co for the recovery of"
"the arrears of Railway rates."

"Passed Unanimously"

Tenders for the supply of one boat load of Gravel and one of sand were received from Stephen Carroll Butterbridge dated 10th inst, and from Patrick Delaney Kistiogh dated 4th inst, the former offered to supply the gravel at 6/6 per ton, and the sand at 5/0 per ton, and the latter 6/6 per ton for each.

Proposed by Mr Hand and
Seconded by Mr Bolger

"That the Tender of"
"Stephen Carroll, Butterbridge for the"
"supply of one boat load of Gravel @ 6/6 per"
"ton and one boat load of sand at 5/ per ton"
"delivered on the Quay, be accepted, subject"
"to the advertised conditions"

"Passed Unanimously."

The following letter was received from the Local Government Board in reference to the appointment of a Rate & Rent Collector:—

6th June 1919.

Sir,

With reference to your letters of 28th ult relative to the Collection of Rates in New Ross Urban District, I am directed by the Local Government Board for Ireland to state that they

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they note the Urban District Council propose to appoint a Collector subject to the provisions of the Public Bodies Order, 1904-13, at a poundage of 9d. The Council should, however, consider whether it would not be advisable to insist on the Collector giving a Bond from an approved Guarantee Society, a list of which is enclosed herewith.

The question of the superannuation of the late Collector is one for His Excellency the Lord Lieutenant, and you should address the Under Secretary, Dublin Castle in the matter.

A form of Queries (in duplicate) to be filled up regarding the person who may be appointed as Collector is enclosed herewith.

When the queries shall have been duly answered and signed, both forms should be returned to this Department

(Signed) J. E. Devlin
Assistant Secretary

The Clerk,
New Ross Urban Dist. Council.

Before there was any order made on this letter the election of Collector was proceeded with, and the following applications were received for the position viz:-
From Henry J. Williams 'Ballyelliott, who offered Mr Wm Gannon, Arnestown and Mr James Roche Ballybeg, and Ballyanne as his Sureties.
From Gerald C. Brown, North St, who offered Wm J. Hearn Solicitor, New Ross, and Richard Brown, Barrett St, Liverpool as his Sureties, and

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From Michael O'Kennedy Quay St, New Ross who offered Messrs C. J. Kavanagh Cross Lane New Ross, and James J. Fleming North St, New Ross as his Sureties, and submitted a testimonial from E.J. Murphy, Rate Collector.

Mr Browne also submitted Testimonials from Canon Maher, P.P. and Canon Rossiter New Ross.

Proposed by Mr Dunne and
Seconded by Mr Bolger

"That Mr Browne be elected"

Proposed by the Chairman (P.A. O'Connor J.P.) and
Seconded by Mr Wm. Murphy.

"That Mr Williams"

"be Collector."

Proposed by Mr Hand and
Seconded by Mr Fanning

"That Mr Kennedy"

"be elected Collector."

A vote was taken between the three Candidates and resulted as follows:-

For Mr O'Kennedy:- Messrs O'Sullivan, Dooley, Hand, Fanning, Meehan & Dr. Walsh (6)

For Mr Williams:- Messrs Wm Murphy, John Murphy and the Chairman (3)

For Mr Browne:- Messrs Dunne & Bolger (2).

Mr O'Kennedy having a clear majority of one over both of the other Candidates he was declared duly elected by the Chairman subject to the approval of the Local Government Board.

A discussion took place as to whether the Council

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should insist on the Collector giving a Bond of an Improved Guarantee Society as Suggested by the Local Government in their letter of 6th Inst, or accept private Sureties as previously decided upon, and it was,
Proposed by Mr O'Sullivan, and,
Seconded by Mr Murphy.

"That the Council
"accept the Sureties named by Mr O'Kennedy,
"and that he enter into a Bond, to be approved
"of by the Local Government Board with them"
"Passed Unanimously.

The Clerk submitted the Query sheets to be filled respecting the persons who may be appointed Collector, which was examined, and he was directed to inform the Local Government Board in reply to one of the queries, that from their personal knowledge of the persons named as Sureties by Mr O'Kennedy the Council are ~~Solvent~~ satisfied that they are solvent and in a position to undertake this responsibility.

The Council next proceeded to consider the question of superannuating the resigned Rate & Rent Collector, Mr John J. Browne, and the Clerk submitted particulars showing that the average poundage paid to Mr Browne as Down Rate & Rent Collector, for the past six years was £101-4-3, and as Poor Rate Collector for the same period was £52-15-0. He also read an extract from Section One of the Local Officers Superannuation Act (Ireland)

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1869 specifying that the annual allowance should not exceed two-thirds of his salary, which would represent in Mr Brown's case £67-9-6 as Town Rate and Rent Collector and £35-3-4, as Poor Rate Collector.
Proposed by Mr Fanning and
Seconded by Mr Bolger

"That Mr John J."
"Brown, resigned Poor Rate, Town Rate & Rent"
"Collector be granted a pension of £67-9-6,"
"per annum as Town Rate & Rent Collector and"
"a pension of £35-3-4 per annum as Poor Rate"
"Collector subject to the approval of the Lord"
"Lieutenant."

"Passed Unanimously"

An application, dated 2nd Inst was received from Mr Geo Moran for a supply of Town Water to his land at Robertown. Mr Jackson has kindly given him permission to tap his service piping.
Ordered
That Mr Moran be granted a supply of water as requested by him, at an annual rent of £2, the connection to be made with Mr Jackson's service pipe under the supervision of the Town Surveyor.

Letter from Mr Hamilton dated 2nd Inst informing the Council that the Governing Body of Trinity Hospital have elected Anastasia Keefe - already an inmate - as a fit and proper person to receive the vacant annuity, the two last persons elected were nominees of the Council.

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In nominating persons in future the Applicants' age should be given with proof of same, otherwise they will not be considered.

Lengthened discussion took place upon the reading of this letter during which it was

Proposed by Mr Hand and
Seconded by Mr Fanning.

"That we dissent to the"
"election of Anastasia Keefe,"
but was withdrawn in favour of the following resolution viz:—

Proposed by Mr John Murphy and
Seconded by Mr Sheehan,

"That the Governing"
"Body be asked to state why the two persons"
"recommended by the Council for admission"
"were passed over."

"Passed Unanimously"

Mr John Murphy drew attention to the very inadequate train service between Dublin and New Ross and pointed out that the train which leaves Harcourt St at 10.15 am does not arrive in New Ross until about 5 o'clock, as there is a delay of nearly two hours at Raemink Junction. After some discussion the following resolution was

Proposed by Mr John Murphy and
Seconded by Mr Hand

"That the Dublin D.S.R."
"Railway Co be asked to give a connection"
"from Raemink Junction to Waterford by"
"the 6.5 pm train from Dublin instead"
"of the present arrangement of connecting"
"with the 10.15 am train, as the latter is much"
inconvenient"

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"inconvenient for passengers travelling from Dublin"

"Passed Unanimously"

Letters were received from Messrs McGregor & Dundee, and Shaw Mason & Co. drawing attention to the Quality of Fire Hose manufactured by them, but there was no Order made respecting them.

Surveyor's Report.

Water supplies have been laid on to premises in occupation of Mr Nolan, South St, and Mr M Dunlong 24 Cross Lane.

A leak in the Water Main at Ballyanne was repaired on the 4th inst. I also had the supply pipe to Priory Pl fountain spliced and repaired.

I had a quantity of timber, which was deposited on the Carriage way on the Quay, near Priory Lane, removed to your yard, for the public safety. The Carters thereof were notified accordingly.

I interviewed Rev Fr Roche O.S.A. as directed, concerning Mr Lynch's ofr for repairs to stables in Wm St., and he undertook to communicate with the Council on the matter.

On the 3rd inst I met your special Committee appointed to confer with your Solicitors, concerning Dr W. P. Hearn's letter relative to the flooding of Mrs Brazil's premises.

I estimate the cost of repairing your house in occupation of Mrs Saunders to be £3-10-0.

One of your Carters Edwd Murphy has not worked since the 6th inst

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Since your last meeting eighteen fish pits were cleaned, I.E. Michael Dc. 10 and Wm St. 8.

L. J. Shortall
Town Surveyor

A discussion took place respecting the depositing of timber on the Carriage-way on the Quay near Priory Lane during which attention was drawn to the apparent encroachment on the Carriage-way on the Quay opposite Marsh Lane, and it was ordered,

That the Surveyor ascertain by measurement whether it is being deposited on that portion of the Quay under control of the Council, and report particulars to next meeting.

Proposed by Mr Fanning and
Seconded by Mr Murphy

"That the repairs to the "
"House occupied by Mrs Saunders at Inishtown"
"referred to in the report of the Town Surveyor"
"be carried out by him at a cost not"
"exceeding £3..10..0."

"Passed Unanimously"

The Application of the Town Surveyor and Clerk dated 27th May for an increase in their salaries was next considered and after a short discussion it was.

Proposed by Mr John Murphy and
Seconded by Mr Hand

"That each Officer get"
"an increase of £15 per annum."

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To this an amendment was,
Proposed by Mr Dooley and,
Seconded by Mr Bolger

"That the findings"
"of the Finance Committee be adopted."
The Amendment was put to a vote, first and the following voted.
For :— Messrs Dooley, Bolger, Sheehan and The Chairman 4.
Against :— Messrs Wm Murphy, Hand, J. Murphy & Dr Walsh, 4.
Did not vote :— Messrs Dunne and Fanning 2.
The Chairman declined to give a casting vote.

The resolution was then put and the following voted viz :—
For :— Messrs Wm Murphy, J. Murphy, J Hand and Dr Walsh 4.
Against :— Messrs Dooley, Fanning, Sheehan, Bolger, and The Chairman 5.
Did not vote :— Mr Dunne 1

The Chairman declared the resolution not passed, and stated that the application fell through.

An application was received from Elizabeth Martin, William St, for the tenancy of the house in which she resides, but of which her late husband, James Martin, was the tenant, and she offered John Martin, Henry St as her Sureties.
Proposed by Mr Hand and
Seconded by Mr John Murphy.

"That Mrs Elizth"
"Martin be accepted tenant of the House"

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"at William St of which her late husband"
"was tenant."

"Passed Unanimously"

The Clerk reported that Mr Brownk, resigned Rate & Rent Collector, collected the rents of the weekly tenants for the past two weeks, and this was approved of. He also asked that arrangements be made for the collection of them pending the completion of the new Collector's Bonds, and

It was Ordered.

That the newly appointed Collector collect them.

The Street Inspector reported that a number of Traders placed boxes etc on the Streets thereby causing an obstruction.

The daily scavenging was carried out in a satisfactory manner.

No Order made.

The Meeting adjourned to 24th June 1919.

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17th June 1919.

A Special Meeting of the Council was to be held this evening at 7.30 O'clock, to consider a letter from Messrs Colfer Flow, advising the Council to pay Dr Hickey's claim for arrears of salary, with costs of the Civil Bill.

Present

Messrs John Murphy
John Hand
John and Fanning

A Quorum not having assembled.

"The Meeting adjourned"

Tho Barry

17th June 1919.

A Meeting of the Finance Committee was to be held this evening at 7.30 O'clock p.m. to consider a Proposal of the Hibernian Insurance Co to grant a reduction of 10% on the Council's Insurances conditionally, also to consider Revision of Values.

Present Messrs John Murphy, John Fanning,

Mr Fanning stated that he came to the office for the purpose of attending the Special Meeting summoned for 7.30 O'clock, and which had to be adjourned for want of a Quorum, and he could not now wait to attend the Meeting of the Finance Committee. When he retired a Quorum was not present, and

The Meeting adjourned.

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24th June 1919.

A Meeting of the Urban Council was held in the Urban Council Office this evening at 7.30 O'Clock pm, to transact business pursuant to The Town's Improvement (Ireland) Act 1854 and consider the following Notices of Motion by Mr Fanning viz:—

"That the resolution giving an increase"
"of salary to the School Attendance Officer"
"be rescinded. That the Office of School"
"Attendance Officer be abolished"

"That a Weekly half-holiday be"
"given to the Council's Workmen."

Present

Messrs George Dooley Presiding
John O'Sullivan J.P.
John Haud
John Fanning.
and
Aidan P. Bolger.

The Minutes of last Meeting were read and signed

The Treasurer's Authority for making payments was signed by The Chairman Mr Dooley and Mr A. P. Bolger, and the following Paying Order directed to be issued viz:— No 47 £21-19-5. Petty Cash.

Correspondence

Letter from the Local Government Board No 29053/1919 dated 17th Inst stating that the Board have approved of the appointment of Mr Michael Joseph Kennedy as Poor Rate

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Rate Collector for the current years Collection on the terms set out in the Query Form returned herewith, which with this letter should be carefully filed for future reference, at the close of the financial year the Board will consider the permanent appointment of Mr Kennedy.

The Bond of this Officer should be submitted for the Board's approval in due course.

The Clerk stated that on receipt of this letter he requested Mr Kennedy to furnish the necessary Bond, and he did so. On receipt of it he (Clerk) forwarded it to the Local Government Board, and he now suggested that as soon as it is received back, approved of by the Board, the Council's Solicitors should be instructed to see that it is duly executed.

Proposed by Mr Bolger, and
Seconded by Mr Hand,

"That the Council's
"Solicitors be instructed to attend to the"
"due execution of this Bond."

"Passed Unanimously"

Letter dated 12th Inst stating for the Information of the Council that the Local Government (Ireland) Act 1919, received the Royal Assent on the 3rd Inst, and drawing attention to Section Six which provides for the next election of Councillors and also for the postponement of the election of Guardians.

No Order Made.

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Letter dated 20th Inst forwarding copy of the Heavy Motor Car (Ireland) (Amendment) Order 1919.
No Order Made.

Letter from Local Government Board dated 13th Inst forwarding copy of Scale of War Bonuses for permanent Civil Servants as from 1st April 1919 and suggesting that the Council might consider it desirable to take this amended scale for their guidance when fixing or amending War Bonuses for their employees.
No Order made.

Letter from Local Government Board dated 19th Inst enclosing copies of Form C on which the Council may make a claim for recoupment of an amount not exceeding one-half the expenditure incurred out of the Rates under The Education (Provision of Meals) (Ireland) Acts 1914-1917 during the year ended 31st March last.
Ordered
That a copy of this letter be forwarded to the School Meals Committee, and that a Claim be also made for Recoupment.

A Notification, dated 11th Inst was received from the Registrar of Petty Sessions Clerks intimating that a sum of £14-1-1, being surplus moneys from the sale of Dog Licenses had been lodged to the credit of the Council
No Order Made.

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Letter from Mr Hamilton dated 14th Inst, stating, in reply to the Council's Enquiry as to why their nominee was passed over, that the Governing Body elected Anastasia Kelly as they considered her the most suitable person. In future no applications for Annuities will be considered unless the Applicants state their age, and give proof of same.

A discussion took place on the reading of this letter, but there was no further action taken respecting the subject matter of it.

The letter dated 7th Inst which had been received from the Hibernian Fire Insurance Co relative to a reduction of Premiums conditionally, was again referred to the Finance Committee for report, a meeting of that Committee not having been held since last meeting of the Council.

An application, dated 21st Inst, was received from Messrs P. J. Roche & Sons for permission to put an Electric Wire for lighting purposes, across Bridge St, Marsh Lane, and Priory St.

Proposed by Mr Bolger and,
Seconded by the Chairman

"That the application
"of Messrs P. J. Roche & Sons for permission"
"to put an electric Wire across the streets"
"be granted"

"Passed Unanimously"

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Letter from D.S.E. Railway Co dated 17th June 1919. stating that the application for the running of a connecting train with the 6.5 p.m. train from Dublin has been carefully considered by the Company, and they regret that owing to the limited supply of coal allowed for the working of the Railway they cannot see their way to accede to the request. The existing 4 p.m. train from Macmine Junction makes a connection with the 3.30. mail train from Wexford and the 3.35 from Enniscorthy so that to form a connection with the 6.5 pm train from Dublin it would be necessary to run a train from Waterford to Macmine Junction and back, and the limited supply of coal precludes the Company from incurring this additional mileage.

A long discussion took place upon this letter which resulted in the following order being made viz:—

"That the Dublin"
"and S.E. Railway Co be informed the Council"
"will be compelled, in conjunction with the"
"Merchants and Cattle Dealers of New Ross, to"
"take steps to divert their business from the"
"D.S.E. Railway Co, if the latter cannot"
"grant better travelling facilities between"
"Dublin New Ross than exist at present, as"
"they feel that the refusal of the Company"
"to accede to the request of the Council contained"
"in their letter of 12th inst, is not justified in"
"view of the fact that they only asked to have"
"connection with one train substituted for with"
"that with another."

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Proposed by Mr Bolger and
Seconded by Mr Hand,

"That the Wexford Co"
"Council be asked to assist this Council in"
"endeavouring to obtain from the D&SR"
"Railway Co better train facilities between"
"Dublin & Waterford than exist at present"
"and that the personal co-operation of the"
"individual members of the County Council"
"who are affected by the train Service be"
"also Solicited.

"Passed Unanimously"

Letter from the Secretary of the County Council dated 23rd June, pointing out that the instalment of the Demand which should have been placed to the credit of the Council on the 1st Inst was not yet lodged.

The Clerk stated that on receipt of this letter he wrote the Secretary of the Co Council informing him that owing to the resignation of the Rate Collector there was none of the Poor Rate for the current year collected yet, but that a new Collector had been appointed, and as soon as his Bond was perfected the collection would be commenced, and the instalment forwarded as soon as possible, and this was approved of by the Meeting.

The Rent Collector reported under date 24th Inst that the House in William Street occupied by Mrs Cleary requires a lock on the front door, and the House in Jolly House Lane occupied by Kate Ryan requires a floor in

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in Coal House, and a weather board on front door.

Ordered

"That the Surveyor inspect those houses, and report to next meeting the probable cost of having those repairs carried out."

Surveyor's Report.

23rd June 1919.

I have arranged to have the necessary repairs carried out, as ordered, to house in occupation of Mrs Saunders, Irishtown.

I have been unable, so far, to obtain the necessary tarred Macadam for the repairs proposed to be carried out to the entrances to Mr Hill's premises, Priory Street.

Some repairs are required to Scullery roof of house in occupation of Mrs McLoughlin, William St, to prevent leakage.

The foot path outside Mrs Kavanagh's, Neville St needs repairs, and also the water table outside Mr Gantleys on Quay.

I notified the various owners and Agents for the timber on our part of the Quay and some of it has since been removed.

Edward Murphy, Carter, has not yet resumed work.

Since last meeting six ashpits were cleaned.

The public water supply continues to be satisfactory.

The work of street cleaning would be much facilitated

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facilitated if shopkeepers and house-holders generally, would refrain from sweeping out their premises on to the public street at various hours of the day. Receptacles for dust should also be used.

P. J. Shortall
Town Surveyor.

Proposed by Mr Bolger and
Seconded by Mr O'Sullivan

"That some leaflets"
"be printed and circulated, drawing"
"the attention of house holders to the"
"desirability of refraining from sweeping"
"out their premises on to the public street"
"at various hours of the day, and also"
"to the necessity of providing Dust Bins."
"Passed Unanimously"

An application dated 9th Inst was received from the Local Secretary of the Irish Transport & General Workers Union on behalf of the Councils Workmen for an increase of 3/- per week in their wages, also oil skins and a weekly half-holiday.

Mr Fanning's Notice of Motion was taken up after the reading of this letter, and He Proposed

"That a Weekly half-holiday be"
"given to the Councils workmen." — but the resolution was not seconded as the same is included in the application received from the Secretary of the Irish Transport Union.

In reference to the letter the following resolution was:—

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Proposed by Mr Bolger, and,
Seconded by Mr Hand.

"That the consideration"
"of this letter be adjourned to next meeting."
"the members of the Council to be summoned"
"to consider it."

"Passed Unanimously."

The following notice of motion by Mr Fanning was:—
Proposed by him and
Seconded by Mr Hand.

"That the resolution"
"granting an increase of salary to the"
"School Attendance Officer be rescinded."
"That the Office be abolished."

To this an amendment was:—
Proposed by Mr Bolger and
Seconded by Mr O'Sullivan

"That the resolution"
"be not rescinded nor the Office abolished."

The Chairman declined to vote and declared that the proposals fell through.

The Street Inspector reported that a number of persons had obstructions on the street outside their premises since last meeting, also that the daily scavenging was carried out in a satisfactory manner.
No Order Made.

The Clerk pointed out that it was necessary to have new warrants made out for the Collector of the Rates, and the Town Rate

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Rate Warrants should be signed by six members, but there were only five present at this meeting. He asked to kindly have it adjourned to Friday evening for the purpose of signing the Warrants, and this was agreed to, accordingly

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The Meeting adjourned to Friday 27th June'19

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27th June. 1919.

An adjourned meeting of the Council was held this evening at 8-15 pm to sign the Collector's Warrants.

Present George Dooley Esq. Presiding
Messrs John Hand
John Fanning
Richard Sheehan
John Murphy
and
Patrick J. Dunne.

The following resolutions were passed viz:-

Proposed by Mr Murphy and
Seconded by Mr Dunne and Resolved.
"That the Presiding"
"Chairman of the Council, and two members"
"sign the Collectors Warrants for the"
"collection of the Poor Rate for the"
"Financial year ending 31st March 1920,"
"and that same be countersigned by"
"the Clerk, and the Common Seal of the"
"Council be affixed to said Warrants"
"Passed Unanimously"

Proposed by J. Murphy
Seconded by Patrick Dunne & Resolved
"That the Presiding Chairman"
"and five other members of the Council sign"
"the Collector's Warrant for the Collection"
"of the Town and Domestic Water Rate"
"for year ending 31st March 1920, and"
"that same be countersigned by the"
"Clerk, and the Common Seal of the Council"
"affixed to said Warrants.
"Passed Unanimously

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In pursuance of the foregoing resolutions the Warrants were duly signed and sealed, after which.

The Meeting adjourned to Tuesday 8th July '19.

27th June 1919.

A Meeting of the Finance Committee was held this evening at 8.30 Oclock p.m., to consider a proposal of the Hibernian Fire Insurance Co to grant a reduction of 10% on the Council's Insurances in consideration of them agreeing to leave the business with the Co for five years, and also to decide as to the necessity for revising the existing amounts for which the property is insured.

Present

Messrs George Dooley Presiding
John Murphy
John Fanning
P. J and Dunne.

The letter received from the Hibernian Fire and General Insurance Co, dated 7th Inst, which had been referred to the Committee a second time by the Council, was read and considered.

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The Committee went fully into the details of the property insured by the Council, and found that the 10% reduction would mean only 16/8 in the year. They also considered the amounts for which the various buildings and other property was insured, after which the following resolution was:—

Proposed by Mr Murphy and
Seconded by the Chairman

"That we"

"recommend the Council not to make any"
"alteration in their existing Insurance"
"with the Hibernian Fire Co, as we do not"
"consider that we should bind our"
"Successors for a term of five years, we"
"are also of opinion that the amount for"
"which it is insured is sufficient to secure"
"the Council for loss in case of Fire."

"Passed Unanimously"

Jn Sullivan.

"The Meeting Adjourned."

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7th July 1919.

The Monthly meeting of the Council was to be held this day at 12 o'clock noon, to transact business pursuant to the Towns Improvement (Ireland) Act 1854.

No Member attended.

A Quorum not having assembled

"The Meeting adjourned."

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A Meeting of the Finance Committee was held this evening at 6.45 p.m., to transact business for the Finance Meeting of the Council.

Present,

Messrs J Murphy
and
P. J. Dunne.

The Clerk submitted a number of bills which were examined by the Committee and payment of the following recommended viz:—

No 48	New Ross Gas Co	£83-2-0	
No 49	Hibn Insurance Co	£1-19-0,	No 50 R. Exchange Incr Co £4-2-9.
" 51	Dr J. O Regan	£21-6-0,	" 52 Dr S.E. Rly Co £5-15-3
" 53	John Stevenson	£3-1-0,	" 54 J. J. Shortall £11-0-6
" 55	R Finn	£14-4-5,	" 56 R Finn £6-5-0
" 57	Bank	£1-17-6,	" 58 Parnell Quarries £6-18-8
" 59	John J Sweeny	£1-3-0,	" 60 Wexford Co Council £473-16-2.
" 61	Petty Cash	£28-0-8.	"

As the Bank a/c was considerably overdrawn and the New Collector had only received his Warrant on the 1st Inst, but he was proceeding diligently with the Collection, the Committee decided to recommend the Council to direct that Paying Orders for the bills due to the Gas Co, and the County Council, for the Quarterly Demand, both of which are large, to be held over by the Clerk until the end of the month, when the Collector will have a good deal of the Rates collected, after which

"The Committee adjourned."

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A Quarterly Meeting of the New Ross Urban District Council was held this evening at 7 O'Clock, to transact business pursuant to the Local Government (Ireland) Act 1898,

Present.

Messrs John O'Sullivan J.P. Presiding
John Murphy
John Hand
and
Patk J. Dunne.

The Minutes of last Quarterly Meeting were read & signed.

The following Quarterly report of the Town Surveyor was read viz:—

8th July 1919.

During the past quarter the public works within the District have been fairly well maintained.

No Road Material has yet been delivered to your Depôts by your Contractor, Richard Malone, There was an over-delivery of 13 tons on his contract for last year in excess of his contract quantity viz: 250 tons.

Seven Waggons of Material, or about 60 tons, have been delivered and carted to various Depôts from the Parnell Quarries.

Some general Street repairs are presently required but during dry Weather it is not advisable to put on loose Macadam and I am unable to obtain any tarred Macadam from the local Gas Works. Matters would be much facilitated if the Council had their own tar boiling plant.

I do not propose any recommendation for new works on the present occasion.

I. J. Shortall
Town Surveyor.

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A discussion took place respecting the non-delivery by Malone of any stones under his Contract for the present year, and it was

Proposed by Mr Murphy and

Seconded by Mr Hand

"That the amount due him "
"for the delivery of the thirteen tons in excess of his "
"contract for last year be held over until he completes "
"his Contract for the present year."

Passed Unanimously.

It was Ordered

That the rink for delivery of the stones contracted for this year, to be specified in the Bond, be the same as that for last year.

The Clerk drew attention to the report of the Town Surveyor, submitted to last meeting of the Council, in which he stated that the footpath outside Mrs Kavanagh's Neville St. needs repairs, and also the water-table outside Mr Gantley's on Quay, but there was no Order made upon them. It was now

Proposed by Mr Dunne and

Seconded by Mr Murphy

"That the Surveyor"
"have the footpath, and water-table referred"
"to in his report of 23rd ult repaired"

"Passed Unanimously"

The Meeting adjourned to 14th October 1919.

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A Meeting of the New Ross Urban District Council was held this evening at 7.30 O'clock p.m., to transact business pursuant to the Towns Improvement (Ireland) Act 1854, and consider an application from the Irish Transport & General Workers' Union on behalf of the Council's Workmen for an increase of 3/6 per week on their present wages, a Suit of Oilskins, and a Weekly half-holiday.

Present Messrs J. O'Sullivan J.P. Presiding
John Murphy
John Hand
Patrick J. Dunne

Mr Bolger attended before the conclusion of the Municipal business, See Folio No 691

The Minutes of last meeting were read and signed.

The Treasurer's Authority for making payments was signed by the Chairman (Mr O'Sullivan), Messrs P.J Dunne and John Hand, and the following Paying Orders directed to be issued viz:—

No 48/84 New Ross Gas Co	£83-2-0,	No 49 Hibn Insce Co	£ 1-19-0
" 50 Royal Exchange Insce Co	£4-2-9,	" 51 Dr J. O'Regan	£ 21-6-0
" 52 D.W.E. Railway Co	£5-15-3,	" 53 J Stevenson	£3-1-0
" 54 J.G. Shortall	£11-0-6,	" 55 R Finn	£14-4-5
" 56 R Finn	£ 6-5-0,	" 57 Bank	£1-17-6
" 58 Parnell Quarries	£6-18-8,	" 59 J.J. Browne	£1-3-0
" 60 Wexford Co Council	£473-16-2,	" 61 Petty Cash	£28-0-8.

A Dividend Warrant for £7-14-3, on Stock was received, and it Ordered to be lodged to the Credit of the Council

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Correspondence

Letter from the Local Government Board No 29053 dated 24th June 1919 relative to the Security of Mr Kenney as Poor Rate Collector in the Urban District, returning the Bond submitted to the Board, and stating that it was in satisfactory form.

The Clerk reported that on receipt of the Bond he forwarded it to the Councils Solicitors with instructions to have it duly executed as ordered at the last meeting of the Council, and when the Solicitors informed him it was in order, he handed (on the 1st July) the Rate Books and Warrants to the Collector, and this was approved of by the meeting.

A Circular letter dated 26th Inst was received from the Local Government Board referring to their Circular Letters of the 31st January and 9th February 1917, relative to the power of Local Authorities to raise money for investment in War Loans.

Ordered

That it be referred to the Finance Committee for consideration and report.

Letter from the Commissioners of Valuation, dated 26th June acknowledging receipt of the list of Tenements requiring revision in the Urban District.

No Order made.

The following Tenders for manure were received viz:—

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From John Byrne Lamblin Hollow, who offered £2-5-0
for one heap in yard at Quay
From W. Nappier Neville Bawnmore " £2-5-0
for same
From Maurice Whelan Kyleen " £4-14-0
for two heaps in same Dispt.
Proposed by Mr Murphy and
Seconded by Mr Hand

"That these Tenders be accepted"
"Passed Unanimously."

Letter from Messrs Colfer & Son dated 20th June enclosing certificate of the taxation of their costs certifies at £214-17-1, and stating that they would be glad to receive a cheque at the convenience of the Council.
Ordered
"That this letter be referred to the Finance Committee"

Letter from Mr H. R. Hamilton dated 28th ult, referring to his letter of the 9th April with notice to the Council to give up possession of the yard on the Quay, and stating that Mr Dwyer who has leased the place wishes to get possession of it but he cannot give it to him until the refuse is cleared out. He asked to have this done as soon as possible.

The Town Surveyor stated that there was now no refuse being deposited in it, and he was Ordered to have it cleared out as soon as possible.

Letter from Mr John J. Browne dated 8th inst, stating that there is a sum of £3-14-7 due to him by Annie Brien for Rates paid by him. He also denied in it that he refused to take money from her

and

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and pointed out that she was Ordered to pay him 3/- per week, but from October last she has paid him nothing

Ordered

That Mr Browne be informed this is a matter between him and Annie O'Brien in which the Council will not interfere.

He also furnished an account of £1-17-10½, amount of irrecoverable rates for which decrees had been taken out, and attached a note from Denny Daly (to whom the Warrants were handed for execution) stating that he cannot collect these rates.

Ordered

That Mr Browne be informed the Council have no observations to make in reference to this letter.

The Accounts which had been dealt with by the Finance Committee, and of which payment had been recommended by that Committee, and which are entered at the commencement of the Minutes were submitted, when it was

Proposed by Mr Murphy and

Seconded by Mr Dunne

"That these bills be paid"

"at this meeting, and that the Paying Order"

"for the Gas Co and the Co Council be not sent"

"out by the Clerk until the last day of the"

"Month, when the Collector will have a good"

"deal of rates collected and lodged to the"

"Credit of the Council"

"Passed Unanimously"

The consideration of the application dated 9th June, received from the Irish Transport and General

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General Workers Union on behalf of the Council's Workmen viz:— James Flynn, James Furlong, Wm Shea, Edward Broaders, Thomas Freeman and Edward Murphy, for an increase of 3/6 per week in their wages, also a weekly half-holiday, and oil clothes, was taken up, and on the suggestion of Mr Murphy it was dealt with in Committee.

After some discussion it was:—

Proposed by Mr Dunne and

Seconded by Mr Murphy

"That we accede to the"
"Application of the Irish Transport & General Workers"
"Union, on behalf of the Council's Workmen, viz:—"
"Jas Flynn, Edw. Broaders, Edwd Murphy, Jas Furlong"
"Wm Shea and Thos Freeman, and that the weekly"
"wages of each be increased by 3/6 (three Shillings"
"and sixpence), and they be also allowed a weekly"
"half-holiday and a suit of oil clothes"

"Passed Unanimously"

At this stage of the meeting Mr A.P. Bolger attended.

The Clerk reported that Mr Roche called to the Office and stated that he would not pay the amount included in Mr Lynch's bill viz:- £4-5-6, for repairs to Stable at Williams St carried out by direction of the Surveyor, as he was not informed that the repairs were required, or his consent asked before the work was carried out, and, in addition to this, he considers the rent is very moderate that he could not be expected to expend this sum, which would practically absorb a years rent on repairs.

Proposed by Mr Dunne and

Seconded by Mr Murphy

"That"

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"That Mr Lynch's bill in which this amount is"
"included, be paid at next Finance Meeting of the Council."
"Passed Unanimously"

The Traders Water Rent Book for year ending 31st March 1920 was submitted and the following resolution passed in reference to it viz:—

"That the Traders Water Rent Book"
"be signed by the Presiding Chairman and two members"
"of the Council, and the Clerk, and be sealed with the"
"common seal of the Council."

The foregoing resolution was
Proposed by Mr Murphy
Seconded by Mr Dunne, and,
"Passed Unanimously"

In pursuance of the foregoing resolution, the book was duly signed and sealed.

An application dated 5th inst was received from Mr W. Hartley for a supply of Water to the house and yard at Marsh Lane, formerly occupied by Thos Hartnick He will require the water in yard for washing motor car.

Ordered

That the supply for house be charged at Domestic Water Rate, and the supply to yard at a rent of 15/- per annum

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The Clerk reported that Mrs Carroll Tollyhouse Lane called to the Office and asked to have the window of her house repaired as it is in a very bad state. She is tenant for thirty-eight years and there were no repairs practically carried out since she went to reside there

The Surveyor stated that a new window frame was

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was already made but he could not get a mason to fix it.
Ordered

That the Surveyor have the new Window fixed in it as soon as possible.

Mr Bolger drew attention to the condition of the Windows of other Houses of the Council, and the Surveyor was directed to report upon them to next meeting.

Town Surveyor's Report.

8th July 1919

Some repairs are immediately required to the Weighbridge hut at Irishtown. It would be advisable to have the lower portion of this hut covered in sheet iron. Some of the trees and tree Guards in Irishtown have also been damaged.

All the manure sweepings are now being carted to the Town Wall Depot and consequently the general cleansing takes much more time daily than heretofore.

Since last meeting the following ashpits were cleaned viz:- Upr Wm St 8, Lr Wm Street 10. Cross Lane 10. Upr Cross Lane 7. Priory St 1. Trinity Houses 6. Total 42.

J. J. Shortall
Town Surveyor.

A short discussion took place as to the possibility of getting one of the Council's men who lives near the Weighbridge to care it, so as to prevent children injuring the railing etc, but it was stated that this man did not wish to undertake the work as it might create

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create enmity between him and the mothers of the Children, it was

Proposed by Mr Dunne and

Seconded by Mr Hand

"That the repairs to Weighbridge"
"Lab at Irishtown be carried out, the lower part to"
"be covered with sheet iron, at an estimated cost"
"of £4, and that he also have the tree guards at"
"Irishtown repaired."

"Passed Unanimously."

An application dated 8th Inst was received from the Town Surveyor for an increase in his salary

It was Ordered,

That the consideration of it be adjourned to next meeting, the members of the Council to be summoned to consider it.

The Street Inspector reported that the Daily Scavenging was carried out in a satisfactory manner, also that a number of traders caused an obstruction in the streets and footpaths each day by placing machinery & boxes upon them, but there was no order made respecting them, The Street Inspector was directed to call on those persons in Mary St who leave cars on the Street on Sundays, and to inform them the Council cannot permit this in future.

It was also Ordered

That in future he furnish one brief General Report on his report book for the fortnight on day appointed for meeting, instead of a daily report as at present.

The meeting adjourned to 22nd July 1919.

P R O'Connor

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Tuesday. 22nd. July 1919.

A meeting of The Newross Urban District Council was held this day at 7. 30 O'Clock to transact business pursuant to The Towns Improvement (Ireland) Act 1854 - consider an application from the Town Surveyor for an increase in his Salary, also applications for the tenancy of a vacant house in Church Lane, and confirm the pension granted to Mr John J Browne, late Rate & Rent Collector.

Present Messrs P. R. O'Gorman J.P. Presiding.

James O'Hearn
Luke Dwyer
William Murphy
Michael Sheehan
John Hand
John Murphy
and
Patrick J Dunne

The Minutes of last meeting were read, and signed.

The Treasurer's Authority for making payments was signed by The Chairman, and Messrs Dwyer, Dunne, and the following Paying Orders directed to be issued Viz:- Petty Cash £26.16.2

A Dividend Warrant for £5.12.0, on Four % Debenture Stock received from the Great Southern & Western Railway Co of Ireland, was Ordered to be lodged to credit of the Council.

The application of The Town Surveyor for an increase in his Salary was considered and after a short discussion it was:-

Proposed by Mr Hand and
Seconded by Mr Dwyer

"That the Salary of the Town"
"Surveyor, Mr Shortall, be increased by £40 per annum."
"Subject to the approval of the Local Government Board."

Passed Unanimously

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At this Stage of the Meeting Mr Dunne attended.

Applications for the tenancy of a house at Church Lane, lately occupied by James Hardy, were received from Thomas Murphy, Quay, James Rossiter, Quay, St. Elizabeth Payne, Wm. St. Robert Power, Charleton Hill, James O'Neill, Bewley, St. Bryan Ryan, Chapel Lane, and Katie Walsh, Michael St.

It was agreed to have a ballot taken as to which of the applicants should be accepted as tenant, with the result that Murphy, Power, O'Neill, and Ryan, received one vote each whilst Rossiter received four votes. It was then:-

Proposed by The Chairman and
Seconded by Mr Wm. Murphy

"That James Rossiter be accepted"
"as tenant for the vacant house in Church Lane, lately occupied
"by James Hardy, and that his surety, Mr Lynch, be approved of."

Passed Unanimously

The Clerk reported that this house required some repairs to it before the new tenant could get possession of it, and it was Ordered, that the Surveyor have the necessary repairs carried out at once.

An application, dated 14th Inst, was received from Mr Arthur J. Alexander for a supply of water from the Council's main to his residence at Mc Murrogh.

Proposed by Mr John Murphy and
Seconded by The Chairman

"That Mr Alexander be granted"
"a Supply of Water to his residence at Mc Murrogh at an"
"Annual rent of 30/-, the Council reserving the right to require"
"him to provide a Meter later on, if they consider it desirable"
"to have the water supplied by Meter."

Passed Unanimously

A Circular letter, dated 17th Inst, was received from the Local Government Board enclosing copy of the Public Bodies Order 1919, dealing with the Form of Rate Book, but there was No Order made upon it.

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Letter from the D W & Ew Railway Co. dated 7th Inst. in reply to the Council's letter of the 25th Ultimo complaining of the unsatisfactory train service between Dublin and New Ross. In the letter, the Co expressed their regret that they were unable to accede to the request of the Council.

In connection with this matter, a letter, dated 10th Inst, was received from the Secretary of the County Council acknowledging receipt of the resolution passed by the Urban Council soliciting the co-operation of the County Council in this matter. In it he stated that he would bring the resolution before the next meeting of his Council, and he was sure the Council as a whole, and individually, will what they can to have an improvement effected.

It was decided not to take any action on the letter received from the Railway Co until after the next meeting of the County Council.

An application, dated 21st Inst. was received from Mr Michael Kennedy, Rate Collector, for ten day leave of absence to enable him to visit a specialist in Dublin. He enclosed a Certificate from Dr Walsh.

On the proposal of the Chairman, seconded by Mr J Murphy it was unanimously granted.

Town Surveyor's Report

The Town Surveyor reported, under date 22nd Inst, that he had some repairs done to Irishtown Weighbridge as ordered.

He inspected the Council's houses in William St. and estimate the cost of painting the upper twenty houses, two coats in lead and oil, to be £3-10-0 each, and for the lower eleven houses, £3-0-0 each.

Some repairs are required to doors and windows of house in occupation of Mrs Cleary Wm St.

He is having the necessary repairs carried out to house in occupation of Mrs Carroll, Folly Ho Lane, as Ordered.

The workman, Flynn, who has been absent through illness has not yet resumed work

The Cave Shoots at the rere of the Thobel Building

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Needs some repairs. Estimated cost 19/=

A short discussion took place as to the advisability of having the painting of the houses carried out, during which the Clerk pointed out that this expenditure was not provided for in the estimate for the Current year, and also that at previous meeting it was the re-fitting of loose glass, and re-puttying of some of the Window Frames was referred to.

Ordered

That the Surveyor have any re-puttying of the windows that may be necessary, carried out as soon as possible, and that the painting be deferred until provision is made for it in the estimate for next year.

That he also have the Eave Shoots of the Thokel repaired.

It was also ordered that he have a specification prepared of any repairs necessary to be carried out on the property of the Council, and that advertisement be issued by Typed Notice, posted on Notice Boards adjoining Thokel door, inviting Tenders for carrying out the repairs.

The Surveyor also reported that he purchased a quantity of hay (about 2¾ tons) by Public Auction from Messrs Kavanagh & Sheehan Auctioneers, since last Meeting, and this was approved of, and he was directed to purchase more before it will be made into ricks, when it will be very much dearer.

Confirmation of grant of Pension to Mr Browne.

Proposed by Mr Murphy and
Seconded by Mr Land and Resolved:

"That the pension of £35-3-4 per annum"
"granted to Mr John J Browne as resigned Poor Rate Collector, and"
"the pension of £6-9-6 granted to him as resigned Town Rate"
"and Rent Collector, by the Council at their Meeting held on the"
"tenth of June, be, and is hereby sanctioned by the Council at their"
"Meeting held this day".

Passed Unanimously.

The Clerk pointed out that at last Meeting it was decided to

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Supply the Workmen with a Suit of oil Clothes each, and asked if Tenders would be invited for the Supply of them.

It was considered that Suits Made of Calico, and then oiled, would be much more durable than the finished ones on Sale, and it was accordingly,

Ordered

That the Surveyor obtain an estimate of the cost of Suits made for each, or of the cost of the required quantity of Calico, and Submit Same to next Meeting of the Council.

The Street Inspector reported that Since last Meeting some Traders had obstructions on the Streets, outside their Premises, on each day.

The daily Scavenging was Carried out in a Satisfactory Manner

No Order Made

The Meeting Adjourned to Tuesday, 5th August 1919.

Jno P Sinnott

Monday, 4th August. 1919

Monthly Meeting day.

No attendance of Members.

The Meeting was adjourned to Tuesday, 5th August.

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5th August 1919

An adjourned monthly and an adjourned Ordinary meeting of the Council was held this evening at 7.30 O'clock p.m., to transact business pursuant to the Town's Improvement (Ireland) Act 1854.

Present

Messrs George Dooley Presiding
John Murphy
John Hand
and
Richard Sheehan

The Minutes of last meeting were read & signed

A Dividend Warrant for 16/5 was received from the Bank of Ireland, and it was Ordered that it be lodged to the credit of the Council.

After the Minutes were signed, Mr Murphy pointed out that there were two rooms vacant in Trinity Hospital at present, and suggested that the Master of the Hospital be asked to give the two persons, recently recommended by the Council for admission as Inmates, the use of these rooms, as housing accomodation was very limited in town just now, and after a short discussion it was,

Ordered

That the Clerk write to the Master, or interview him when he returns from his holidays, and ask him to kindly give the use of the vacant rooms to these two persons.

Correspondence.

The following letter was read :—

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Chief Secretary's Office
Dublin Castle
28th July 1919.

18328.

Sir,

Referring to your letter of 23rd inst in regard to the proposed award of retiring allowances to Mr J. J. Brown late Town Rate & Rent Collector & Poor Rate Collector in the employment of the New Ross Urban District Council, I am directed by the Lords Justices to inquire the date of Mr Brown's appointment to each of these positions, and to request that you will furnish a detailed statement of the sums received by him from the Council by way of poundage and other emoluments in each of the three years preceding his retirement on the 27th May last.

I. J. Taylor

The Clerk stated that he had furnished all the particulars to the Under Secretary & this was approved of.

Letter from the Local Government Board dated 31st ult No 36752/1919. stating that the Board have approved of the proposal of the Council to increase the salary of the Town Surveyor by £40 per year No Order made.

An application dated 5th August was received from the New Ross Gas Co stating that they were about to proceed with the erection of the poles overhead wiring in connection with the Electric Lighting Scheme, and they enclosed a print showing the proposed position of the poles for the information of the

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the Council. They also asked for permission to place a bracket and fuse box on the corner of the Pholoel over the existing lamp so as to avoid placing poles in the vicinity of the Pholoel.

The Surveyor suggested that a Committee of the Council should meet the Manager of the Gas Co, and inspect the position in which it is intended to erect the poles, and this was agreed to.

It was decided that a Committee, consisting of the members present, with the Town Surveyor, meet the Manager of the Gas Co on Friday next at 7.30 o'clock for the purpose suggested

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The following Tenders were received for the supply of Water Fittings:—

From Patrick Blake, 3 North Great Georges St Dublin, who under date 2nd inst proposed to supply, 1 Doz Stop Cock covers, 1 doz ½" Ferrules, 1 doz brass stop cocks, and 1 cwt ½" alloyed piping, all free on Rail at Dublin for the sum of £13-7-6.

The New Ross Motor & Engineering Co under date 8th inst proposed to supply at New Ross:—

1 Doz Stop Cock covers @	£2-14-0
1 " ½" Patent Ferrules @	5-2-0
1 " ½" Brass Stop Cocks @	2-14-0
1 Cwt ½" alloyed Lead Pipe @	2-17-0

Proposed by Mr Murphy and,
Seconded by Mr Hand

"That the Tender of the New Ross"
"Motor & Engineering Co for the supply of Water"
"Fittings be accepted

Passed Unanimously

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The Town Surveyor reported that he had the necessary repairs completed to Eave of Thatch, also that some necessary repairs are presently been carried out to the Council's house in Church Lane, recently vacated by Jas Jardy. He also had some urgent repairs carried out to watering Cart.

From Inquiries made he understands the necessary materials cannot now be procured to have the Oil Skins made for the Workmen.

It was decided to defer the question of procuring Oilskins to next meeting, and the carrying out of the repairs specified was approved of.

The Surveyor also referred to the payment of the men for overtime work, as they declined to work at the rate of Ninepence per hour previously allowed. He pointed out that it had been the custom to cleanse the Ashpits for people willing to pay for the work, after working hours, as the men were too busy to work at them during the day, it was also necessary sometimes to carry out repairs to Mains, and Sewers after hours for which the men should be paid at overtime rate, after a short discussion it was,

Ordered

That in future no Ashpits be cleared for any person after Working hours, and as the number of those referred to by the Surveyor is very limited, he was directed to have them cleared in the ordinary way and charge the owners for the work.

The Council were unanimously of opinion that the men could not be expected to work overtime, and then be able to effectually carry on their work on the following day. They accordingly directed the Surveyor to employ extra men whenever possible for any urgent work requiring to be carried out after working hours, provided he can get

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suitable new

The Surveyor also reported that James Furlong did not work in the forenoon of the second last half-holiday, and he was not consequently paid for the afternoon of that day pending the direction of the Council.

The Meeting having considered the matter

Ordered

That Jas Furlong be not paid for that half-holiday as he did not work during the forenoon, and that none of the new be in future paid for the half-holiday if they absent themselves during the forenoon, unless prevented from working through illness or other sufficient reason.

The following application was received from the Clerk for an increase in his salary:-

5th August '19

Gentlemen,

I respectfully beg to apply for an increase in my salary as Clerk of the Council.

The present salary attached to that position is £125, fixed some years before the war (since then however I have been granted bonuses amounting to £35)

Considering the altered conditions of living, coupled with the important, and very responsible duties of the office, I feel confident the Council will consider my application justified, and grant me a reasonable increase.

As to the manner in which I have discharged these duties, I would point out that at each audit, without exception, the Auditor has complimented me on the manner in which they have been discharged. Since my appointment two housing

schemes

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Schemes, a Water & Sewerage Scheme have been carried out which, I need hardly say, involved a great deal of extra work, for which I never received any remuneration.

According to the scale of bonuses recently applied to Civil Servants, I would be entitled to a total of about £90, inclusive of the amount already granted.

W. J. Finn
Clerk of the Council.

Ordered

That it be referred to next meeting, the members of the Council to be summoned to consider it.

The Street Inspector reported that since last meeting some Traders had obstructions on the streets.

The daily Scavenging was carried out in a satisfactory manner.

No Order made.

The Meeting adjourned to Tuesday 12th August '19.

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A Meeting of the Special Committee, appointed to wait the Manager of the Gas Co and inspect the position in which it is intended to erect the poles in connection with the proposed Electric Lighting scheme, was held in the Urban Council Office at 7.15 pm, this evening

Present

Messrs R Sheehan,
and
John Hand.

The Committee, accompanied by the Manager of the Gas Co, and the Town Surveyor, proceeded to inspect the proposed sites of the Electric Poles in the different streets.

The Committee recommended that the poles be erected in such positions as will cause the least possible inconvenience to the Public, and that the exact sites be approved of by the Surveyor before erection, after which,

"The Members Separated"

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Tuesday 12th August 1919.

A meeting of the Urban Council was held this day at 7.30 O'Clock p.m., to transact business pursuant to the Town's Improvement (Ireland) Act 1854, and consider an application from the Clerk for an increase in his salary.

Present

Messrs John Murphy Presiding
John Hand
Wm Murphy
and
Michael Sheehan.

The Minutes of last meeting were read and signed.

The Treasurer's Authority for making payments was signed by the Chairman, (Mr J. Murphy), Messrs J Hand, and M Sheehan, and the following Paying Orders directed to be issued viz:—

No 64 Moran Bros £8-15-0, No 65 Graves & Co £5-0-2
" 66 Kelly's Ltd £1-4-2, " 67 Derby St Stephen's Committee £6-5-0
" 68 Alfred Moeckler £6-13-10, " 69 Patrick Lynch £34-13-1
" 70 H Pooley & Son £33-10-0, " 71 Roche Printing Works £3-10-0
" 72 Echo Newspaper Co £1-0-0, " 73 Parnell Quarries £14-19-2,
" 74 J. Walsh (Rates) £3-14-0, " 75 Mgr Natl Bank £15-5-2,
" 76 J. Lynch £5-0-0, " 77 D.J. Morrissey £24-3-9,
" 78 Colfer & Son £2-15-0, " 79 A.R. French 16/6,
" 80 R. Exchange Assn Co £2-11-6, " 81 P. Finn £14-4-5
" 82 Messrs J. Power & Co £8-13-2, " 83 P. O'Kennedy £3-8-11,
" 84 Thomas Carton £3-0-0, " 85 J.J. Shortall £12-13-3,
" 86 Thomas Fuller £6-4-8, " 87 Thomas Fuller £4-11-8
" 88 John Stevenson £1-6-0, " 89 Petty Cash £11-19-6,
" 90 Kavanagh & Sheehan £12-7-9,

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Correspondence

Letter from the Secretary County Council dated 7th Inst forwarding copy of a resolution adopted by the Council in reference to the train service been Dublin and New Ross. viz:-

"That we consider the Dublin South Eastern"
"Railway Co. should favourably entertain the"
"request of the New Ross Urban Council for a"
"connection with the town of New Ross by the"
"train leaving Dublin at 6.5 p.m. instead of,"
"as at present, by the train leaving Dublin"
"at 10.15. a.m, as with present arrangements persons"
"having business in Dublin must spend two days"
"in going and returning to New Ross."

No Order Made

Letter from the New Ross Gas & Electric Supply Co Ltd dated 12th August, expressing a regret that he was unable to state a definite time when the Company will be in a position to supply Electricity. There has been a great deal of delay caused by labour troubles. They are pressing the Contractors to proceed with the work, and they expect they will be able to start almost immediately with the erection of the poles and overhead wiring.

The Clerk suggested that a Contract be taken for the Public Lighting by the Gas Co for a short period say from 1st October to 31st December, and this was agreed to, It was accordingly

Ordered

That Tenders be invited for the public lighting of the town by gas for a period of three months from 1st October to 31st December 1919, the same number of lamps and Incandescent burners to be lighted, as were lighted last winter.

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Clerk's Application for Increase.

The Application of the Clerk for an increase in his Salary, copy of which is entered on the minutes of last Meeting, was considered, and after a short discussion the following resolution was,

Proposed by Mr Hand and

Seconded by the Chairman viz:-

"That Mr Finn's salary"

as Clerk of the Council be increased by forty-five

"pounds (45£) per annum."

"Passed Unanimously"

The Clerk reported that the amount of the Collector's Warrant for the current half-year is as follows viz:-

Poor Rate £1026-17-9, Collected to date £559-4-1, Outstanding £467-13-8.

Town Due Rate £1294-11-0, Collected £699-1-10, Outstanding £595-9-2,

No Order Made,

A Circular letter dated 5th August 1919, was received from the Local Government Board drawing the attention of the Local Authority to Section II of the Local Government (Ireland) Act 1919, and enclosing a copy of the Proportional Representation (Ireland) Order 1919.

No Order Made.

The Board also transmitted, for the information of the Council and each Medical Officer of Health a Memorandum regarding the procedure to be followed in the event of persons being bitten by dogs; suspected or ascertained to be rabid.

Ordered

"That a copy be sent to the Medical Officers of Health"

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The Surveyor reported that he met the Special Committee appointed to inspect the various sites of the Standards proposed to be erected in the Urban Area, by the New Ross Gas & Electrical supply Co. The Manager, Mr Kirkham was also present and submitted a small scale map which did not accurately indicate the exact position of the various Standards, but the Committee recommended that the exact sites should be so selected as to cause the least possible inconvenience to the general public, and that they be approved of by the Surveyor

Ordered

That the recommendation of the Committee be approved of by the Council.

It was decided to defer making any arrangements for the provision of Oil clothes for the men to next meeting of the Council.

The Street Inspector reported that since last meeting some Traders had obstructions on the streets.

Mrs Harney & Mrs Walsh sold fish from their carts near the Monument.

No Order Made

The Meeting adjourned to 26th August 1919.

T. W. Dooley

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Tuesday, 26th August 1919.

A meeting of The Newross Urban District Council was to be held this day at 1.30 O'Clock to transact business pursuant to The Towns Improvement (Ireland) Act 1854, and consider a letter from the Lord Lieutenant relative to the retiring allowance proposed to be granted to Mr Browne, resigned rate and rent Collector, which His Excellency has not sanctioned, and take such action thereon as may be deemed advisable

Present Messrs P. K. O'Gorman J.P. Chairman
John Hand
and
John Canning.

A Quorum not having assembled.

The Meeting Adjourned to Friday, 29th August 1919.

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29th August 1919.

An adjourned meeting of the Council was to be held this evening at 7.30 o'clock p.m., to transact business pursuant to the Towns Improvement (Ireland) Act 1854, and consider a letter from the Lord Lieutenant relative to the retiring allowance proposed to be granted to Mr Browne, resigned, late Rural Collector, which His Excellency has not sanctioned, and take such action thereon as may be deemed advisable.

Present

Messrs A. Hand
and
J. Fanning

A Quorum not having assembled

The Meeting adjourned to 9th September 19.

Monday 1st September 19.

A Monthly meeting of the Council was to be held this day at 12 o'clock noon, to transact business pursuant to the Town's Improvement (Ireland) Act 1854.

No Member attended

A Quorum not having assembled

The Meeting adjourned.

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9th September 1919.

A Meeting of the Finance Committee was held this evening, to transact business for the Finance meeting of the Council

Present

Messrs P.N. OGorman J.P.
and
John Murphy.

The Committee having examined a number of bills, as also Messrs Colfer & Son's taxed Bill of Costs prepared a report embodying their recommendations respecting both, copy of which is entered on the Minutes of the meeting of the Council, after which

The Meeting adjourned.

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9th September 1919.

A Meeting of the Urban District Council was held this evening at 7.30 O'Clock P.M. to transact business pursuant to the Towns Improvement (Ireland) Act 1854, consider a letter from the Lord Lieutenant relative to the retiring allowance proposed to be granted to Mr Brownd, resigned Rate & Rent Collector, which His Excellency has not sanctioned and take such action thereon as may be considered advisable, and Tenders for the supply of six suits of oilskins.

Present

Messrs George Dooley Presiding
John Murphy
John Hand
John Fanning
Aidan P. Bolger.

The Minutes of previous Meetings were read and signed.

The Treasurer's Authority for making payments was signed by the Chairman (Mr Dooley), Messrs Murphy & Bolger, and the following Paying Orders directed to be issued viz:—
No 91 P. Leacy £2-14-3, No 92 Mary Byrne £6-10-0, No 93 Dk. E. Ry Co £6-14-11
" 94 Margt Roche £15-15-10, 95 Derby School Attendance Committee £9-10-7
" 96 M. Finn £16-16-5, No 97 M. Finn £3-5-2,
" 98 J. Shortall £4-7-2, No 99 Patrick Dooley £7-15-7.
" 100 M. O'Kennedy £46-10-3, " 101 M. O'Kennedy £2-9-6
" 102 Thos Butler £6-4-8, " 103 Thos Butler £4-11-8
" 104 Wexford Co Council £43-16-2, No 105 Co Gas & Con £85-18-0
" 106 M. Finn £47-17-10, No 107 M. A. Hearne £5-6-3.
" 108 R. Murphy £9-17-10, No 109 Derby St Stephens Committee £6-5-0

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No 110 Colfer & Son £4-14-8, No 111 Colfer & Son £43-19-5.

Before the conclusion of the Municipal business Mr Dooley left and Mr Bolger, having been duly proposed and seconded presided during the remainder of the Meeting.

Correspondence

Two Tenders were received for the supply of Oil clothes, one from Messrs French & Hayden, who proposed to supply. Jackets @ 18/6 each, Trousers @ 12/ each, Leggings @ 4/6 & Pilots at 1/10 and 2/11 each, and from Mr Pierce Fleming who offered Black Leggings @ 5/ each, Jackets @ 19/6, & black Oil Hats @ 4/6

Proposed by Mr Fanning and,
Seconded by Mr Murphy.

"That the lowest Tender be"
"accepted."

To this the following Amendment was
Proposed by Mr Bolger and
Seconded by Mr Hand

"That the consideration of"
"these Tenders be adjourned to next meeting"
"the two Traders to be requested to submit"
"samples to that Meeting."

The Amendment was put to a vote when the following voted.

For — Messrs Bolger, Hand, and the Chairman — 3
Against — Messrs Murphy and Fanning — 2

The Chairman, without putting the resolution declared the Amendment carried.

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A Order dated 2nd Inst was received from Patrick Doyle Naulins for one Load of Manure at Town Wall at £2"5"0, and on the
Proposal of Mr Bolger
Seconded by Mr Fanning
"It was accepted"

The Clerk stated that since last meeting Mr Hamilton called to the Office and desired him to inform the Council that they might continue to use the Manure Yard on Quay upon the same terms & at the same rent as they held it on as he was extending the time, for possibly five years, when Mr Dwyer would take over possession of it, owing to the difficulty in proceeding with building operations. which was a condition of the lease under which he was getting the yard, he should carry out.

A long discussion took place with reference to the matter, during which it was pointed out that there were still some heaps of Manure in the yard which were purchased from the Council, but not yet drawn. The meting was of opinion that is was not the fault of the Council if the purchasers had not removed the manure.
Ordered
That Mr Hamilton be informed the Council beg to state they are not in possession of the yard since the "Notice to Quit" expired, also that the Key be handed over to him.

Letter from the Secretary of the Gaelic League dated 3rd Inst, soliciting the attendance of the members of the Council at the Public meting of the League to be held on Sunday, 14th

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14th Inst, and also permission to erect a platform at the Tholsel Steps for the occasion
Proposed by Mr Fanning and,
Seconded by Mr Hand
"That the necessary permission"
"be granted for the erection of the platform"
"and that the Clerk solicit the attendance of all"
"the members of the Council at the meeting"
"Passed Unanimously"

Letter from Mrs Druhan William St, asking that some panes of glass which are broken in the front window be replaced, as the house looks very bad, and she is expecting her son, who is in the Army home. She cannot afford to get them put in herself but is willing to pay for them by the week with the rent.
Proposed by Mr Bolger and
Seconded by Mr Hand
"That the panes of glass"
"be put in the windows of this house."
"Passed Unanimously"

Mr Fanning drew attention to the bad state of repair in which the house occupied by a tenant named Shea was, and it was
Ordered ..
"That the Surveyor attend to it."

Mr G Moran under date the 20th ult applied for a renewal of the license for his store in Maiden Lane for the storage of Gunpowder and mixed explosives, and also for his premises at North Street for the sale of Gunpowder and mixed explosives

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Proposed by Mr Murphy and
seconded by Mr Bolger

"That Mr George Moran be"
"granted a renewal of both these licenses for one"
"year from this date."

"Passed Unanimously"

The following letter was received from the Under-Secretary.

Chief Secretary's Office
Dublin Castle
14th August 1919.

Sir

Referring to your letter of the 13th ult. in regard to the proposed award of a retiring allowance to Mr John J. Browne, late Town Rate & Rent Collector and Poor Rate Collector in the employment of the New Ross Urban District Council, I am directed by the Lord Lieutenant to point out that as Mr Browne has not served as an Officer of the Council for the minimum statutory period of 20 years he is not entitled to such allowance, unless on production of a Medical certificate testifying to his permanent incapacity for the efficient performance of the duties of the Offices mentioned. I am accordingly to request that such a certificate may be furnished.

His Excellency observes that the Council propose to award to Mr Browne the maximum retiring allowance laid down in the Local Officers Superannuation Act 1869.

In the exercise of the discretion vested in

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the Lord Lieutenant by that Act it is the practice to compute the amount of pensions on the analogy of the similar awards by the Local Government Board under the Union Officers Superannuation Act 1865, and in ordinary cases under the latter Act the Board assent to a scale of added years varying from 5 for a completed service of 10 to 15 years, to 7 for a completed service of 15 to 20 years, and to 10 for a completed service of over 20 years.

In accordance with the foregoing practice the allowance payable to Mr Browne as Town Rate Collector would be $\frac{24}{60}$ of his annual emoluments, and as Poor Rate Collector $\frac{15}{60}$, Mr Browne's service in the latter capacity being regarded as covering 10 complete years though the actual period falls short of this by some weeks.

I am therefore to invite the Urban District Council to re-consider on the above basis the amounts previously proposed by them and to add that the average yearly fees should be calculated on the basis of the last three not six years; this average is apparently £111-12-2 in respect of Town and Water Rate, and £58-10-2 in respect of Poor Rate.

J. J. Taylor.

The Clerk,
Urban District Council,
Newbridge.

Proposed by Mr Bolger and
Seconded by Mr Fanning
"That"

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"That having considered the letter"
"of the 14th August received from the Under"
"Secretary relative to the retiring allowance"
"proposed to be granted by the Council to"
"Mr John J. Brown, resigned Town Rate and"
"Rent Collector, and Poor Rate Collector, and"
"also to the invitation to them contained in"
"it to re-consider the amounts awarded to"
"Mr Brown on the basis of the awards"
"made by the Local Government Board"
"under the Local Officers Superannuation"
"Act 1865, we are of opinion that the sums"
"to which he would be entitled on this"
"basis would be wholly inadequate, and"
"unjust to him in his old age having"
"regard to the enormously increased"
"cost of living, and to the correspondingly"
"decreased value of money as compared"
"with that which prevailed in 1869,"
"especially as we are satisfied that he"
"is totally incapacitated and in a very"
"infirm state of health, rendering him"
"unable to supplement his meagre pension"
"by other earnings, and we therefore"
"respectfully request His Excellency to be"
"pleased to sanction the amounts already"
"awarded by the Council under the"
"Provisions of the Local Officers Superannuation"
"(Ireland) Act 1869."

"Passed Unanimously"

The following Tender was received from the Gas Co for the Public Lighting for three months viz:—

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Tender for Public Lighting

33 Lamps to be lighted from 1st October to 31st Dec 1919, at £2-5-0 per lamp. These lamps to be extinguished at 11 Oclock, and not to be lighted on the nights of the moon.

22 of above to be lighted on the nights of the moon and extinguished at 11 Oclock at 15/ per lamp.

18 of above to be fitted with incandescent burners.

The Tholsel Lamp to remain lighting all night at £4.

The Lamp at Robercon Church to be lighted as required at 15/.

The handles and chimneys used in maintaining the lamps will be charged at cost price.

This Tender is made subject to our being able to obtain a sufficient supply of coal, and, in the event of a further increase in the cost of same, or wages, a proportional charge will be added to the above prices.

H Kirkham.
Secretary,
New Ross Gas Co.

When the Tender was being considered Mr Dooley attention to the great necessity of having an additional Lamp lighted over in Robercon, opposite School House Rd or above the Railway Crossing, and after a short discussion it was,

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Proposed by Mr Fanning and
Seconded by Mr Bolger "That the Tender of the Gas"
"Co dated 26th ult, for the public lighting of the"
"Town for three months from 1st Octr to 31st Decr"
"be accepted, and that the Company be also"
"directed to have the lamps at the corner of"
"SchoolHouse Rd, Robercon, lighted for same"
"period, and on same terms as the lamps"
"in the proposal"

"Passed Unanimously"

The following letter was received from the New Ross Branch of the Transport Workers Union:—

New Ross
8th September 1919

Dear Sir,

I am instructed by my Executive to apply to the above Council for monies, stopped by the above named employer, since the granting at our demand of the 9th June 1919 for Oilskins. The men seem to be ignored in this case.

Hoping to hear from you by return saying that your Council have consented to this request and avoid all trouble

W. Stafford

The Clerk,
Urban District Council /

Proposed by Mr Bolger and
Seconded by Mr Fanning. "That the Council"
"Workmen, Flynn, Freeman, Dunlong, Murphy, Shea

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"That Shea & Broaders be paid for the time deducted"
"from them during which they were not working"
"owing to the want of oilclothes, as the clothes"
"were granted in June last, but not yet supplied."

Passed Unanimously

At this stage Mr Dooley left and the Chair was taken by Mr Bolger.

Letter from the Secretary Wexford County Council, enclosing the following copy of a letter received from the Manager D.W.& L.E. Railway Co relative to the Train Service between Dublin and New Ross viz:—

Dublin
20th August '19.

Dear Sir

Referring to your letter of the 7th inst, I have gone very fully into the subject of the Train Service with New Ross, and am sorry I cannot see my way to recommend any alterations at present.

It is quite clear that the 4 p.m. train from Macmine Junction to New Ross and Waterford better serves a larger number of people than would be the case if the train were altered to await the arrival of the 6.5 pm train from Dublin.

I have taken out the cost of working an extra passenger train between New Ross & Macmine Junction and have taken a liberal estimate of the receipts which would be derived from the running of such a train as you suggest, and there would be undoubtedly a large deficit if the train were run.

The serious position of the coal output would not

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not warrant my Company in running an extra train for the convenience of so few people as I am convinced would use it.

(Signed) John Loughlan

N. J. Frizelle Esq.
Wexford County Council.

A long discussion took place on the reading of this letter, which resulted in the following Order being made viz:—

That the D.W.& W. Railway Co be informed that the Council have not asked for an extra train but merely the substitution of a connecting one with the 6.5 pm from Dublin instead of the 10.15 am, which alteration would not in any way effect the consumption of coal. They do not at all agree with your contention that the 4 pm. train from Macmine Junction serves a larger number of people than the one they ask to have substituted for it. If the Company cannot accede to the request of the Council they will be reluctantly compelled to convene a Public Meeting of all the Merchants and Traders of the town to consider the advisability of taking such steps as may be considered desirable in connection with the matter as it is felt that the present train arrangements are a serious inconvenience to the people of New Ross & District. And also that an additional inconvenience has now been caused by the discontinuance of the evening train from Waterford.

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Letter from James Steacy Fair Gate asking that the roof of the house occupied by him be examined as the rain comes through in several places, also the boundary wall needs repairs.
Ordered
That the Town Surveyor have the necessary repairs carried out as soon as possible

The following report of the Finance Committee was read viz:—

Your Finance Committee met this evening, and examined a number of bills. We recommend payment of the following:- Rates £46-10-2, Cemetery Committee £6-5-0, School meals a/c Miss Byrne £6-10-0, Butlers £5-6-3. County Council £473-16-2, Thos Butler £6-4-8. and £4-11-8, Patrick Leacy £2-14-3, Margt Roche £15-15-10, School Attendance Committee £9-10-7, Bolger £16-16-5 and £3-5-2, James J Shortall £14-7-2, Patrick Dooley £7-15-7, Michael Kennedy £2-9-6, D.S.E. Railway Co £6-14-11, Petty Cash £47-17-10,

With reference to the taxed bill of Messrs Colgan & Son amounting to £214-17-1, we recommend that £43-19-5 be paid out of No 6 Loans a/c £4-19-8 out of No 8 Loans a/c. and a sum of £85-18-0 out of the General a/c which will leave a balance of £80 which we recommend be allowed to stand over until next half-year.

Signed P. A Gorman
J Murphy.

Proposed by Mr Hand and,
Seconded by Mr Bolger.

"That the report of the Finance"
"Committee be adopted, and the payments recommended
by

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"by them be made"

"Passed unanimously"

Town Surveyor's Report.

I beg to report that I have had some repairs carried out to the Drinking Trough in Upper Inishtown.

The Sewer in Priory St, as recently reported by L.L.O. has also been repaired as directed.

The Iron gratings underneath fountains at Windmill Lane, and at William St, need to be repaired. Some repairs are also required to roof of shed in your William St. yard in occupation of Mr Finn.

I am having the necessary repairs carried out to the Water Table on Quay, as directed, but there is no cement available at present to complete this work. I understand that deliveries are daily expected by the local Merchants.

Your horse in charge of Thomas Freeman need Veterinary treatment and will probably be unable to work for about six weeks.

Since last meeting the following Asbpits have been cleaned viz:- Lady Lane 4, Robert St 5. Marsh Lane 2. Sugarhouse Lane 2, Michael St 14. Church Lane 1. Total 31.

On the 28th Ults 5 of your Workmen did not work, and on the 1st Inst none of them worked. Those days were very wet and no oilskins had been provided.

J. J. Shortall
Town Surveyor.

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Ordered

That the gratings and roof of shed referred to in Surveyor's report be repaired by him.

As the portion of the report referring to the Workmen was dealt with on the reading of the letter from the Transport Union, there was No Order made on it here.

Letter from Canon Holohan dated 25th ult drawing attention to the state of the surface of the Road on Roberton Hill caused by loose stones.

The Surveyor stated that they had been frequently removed, but during the dry weather they become dislodged from the surface. He suggested that the hill there be treated with tarred Macadam, and also that a machine for boiling tar be procured. It was however

Ordered

That the consideration of this matter be adjourned to the next Quarterly meeting of the Council

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A letter dated, 3rd September, in reference to the Financial provisions of the Housing of the Working Classes (Ireland) Act was received from the Unionist Anti-Partition League but there was no Order made upon it.

The Meeting adjourned to 23rd September 1919.

P. M. O'Gorman

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A Meeting of the Urban District Council was to be held this evening at 7.30 O'clock p.m., to transact business pursuant to the Town's Improvement (Ireland) Act 1854, Consider Counsel's Opinion regarding Dr Hickey's appointment as Medical Superintendent Officer of Health adjourned from Meeting of 5th August last, also Tenders for the supply of Oilskins, and inspect samples of same which the Traders may submit.

Present

Messrs J. Hand
" J. Fanning

A Quorum not having assembled

The Meeting adjourned to 30th September 1919.

P. McGowan

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30th September 1919.

A Meeting of the New Ross Urban Council was held this evening at 7.30 O'clock p.m., to transact business pursuant to the Town's Improvement (Ireland) Act 1854, consider a letter from Messrs Colfer & Son in reference to the arrears of Railway Rates, also Tenders for the supply of Oilskins, and inspect samples of same submitted by the Traders.

Present- Messrs P. N. O'Gorman J.P. Presiding
John Hand
John Murphy
and
Luke Dwyer.

The Minutes of last meeting were read & Signed.

The Treasurer's Authority for making payments was signed by the Chairman, Messrs Dwyer & Hand, and the following Paying Order directed to be issued viz No 112 Petty Cash £4-16-7.

Correspondence

Letter from Messrs Colfer & Son dated 26th inst enclosing Contract & Bond of Richard Malone, and asking to have same sealed by the Council and returned to them to be stamped
Proposed by Mr Murphy and
Seconded by Mr Hand.

"That the seal of the Council"
"be affixed to the Agreement & Bond of Richard Malone"
"with the Council."

"Passed Unanimously"
"In"

30th September 1919.

In accordance with this resolution the document was duly sealed.

A Paying Order for £47-16-1 was received from the L.G. Board being the first instalment of Estate Duty for year ending 31st March next.

The Clerk stated that it had been lodged to the Council's credit and this was approved of.

A Tender dated 30th Inst of £2-5-0 was received from Wm Donovan for one heap of manure at Town Wall, and one of £2-7-6 from Thos Reill Tanhouse, for another heap in same Depot, and

On the proposal of Mr ~~Dwyer~~ Hand
Seconded by Mr Dwyer

"Both Tenders were accepted,
"the manure to be removed within two weeks."
"Passed Unanimously"

The Surveyor asked where the manure would be stored as the Depot was nearly full and there was not room for much more. He suggested that it be stored on the vacant ground on the west side of the Town Wall, and it was Ordered

"That it be stored there by him."

Letter from the D.V.S.E. Railway Co dated 26th Sept stating that the Co has decided to give connection to New Ross Waterford off the 5-10 pm train from Harcourt St which will be run, on & from 13th Oct next.
No Order made — the meeting being satisfied that this alleged concession was merely the usual alterations in the trains made in the Month of October.

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Letter from Colfer & Son dated 12th inst acknowledging receipt of Paying Orders value £134-17-1 on account of Taxed Bill of costs

No Order Made.

The following was also received from them viz:

25th Septr 1919

Re Railway Rates

Dear Mr Finn

We would be glad if you would give us a call at your early convenience about this matter, we have received the documents from Lowick for service on the Railway Co and would like to see you before issuing them.

As you are aware Counsel is of opinion on the balance of the legal decision on the question at issue that we have a good fighting case. In his letter to us the other day he forecasts in the event of our success at the County Court an appeal on behalf of the Railway Co to the Assizes and possibly further.

We think it our duty to bring this before your Council so that they may consider their position having regard to the probability of further litigation. It has always been our policy since the interests of the Council were entrusted to us to avoid litigation of an expensive nature wherever possible. We think that this case is one which may lead in that direction and for that reason we place these views before your Council.

Colfer & Son.

R J Finn Esq.

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In conjunction with this letter, one received by the Rate Collector from the Chief Accountant of the Co in which the following paragraph occured was also considered "I shall be glad if you will refrain from carrying" "forward the amount of £42-13-0, arrears of Town Rate" "from some previous year. This amount is not due by the Co.

After considerable discussion the following resolution "was" Proposed by Mr Murphy and Seconded by Mr Dwyer, "That having"

"carefully considered the letter from Messrs" "Colfer & Son relative to the claim of the" "Council against the D.S.E Railway Co, for" "payment of arrears of Town Rate amounting" "to £42-13-0, we are of opinion in view of the" "uncertainty of the result, that it would be unwise" "for the Council to proceed further in this" "case, as in all probability to do so would" "mean embarking in a very expensive" "and lengthened law suit resulting in" "very heavy loss to the Ratepayers, if a" "legal decision unfavourable to the Council" "was arrived at, We therefore direct our Solrs" "not to take any further action in the" "matter, also that the said arrears of" "£42-13-0 be cancelled subject to the approval" "of the Local Government Board."

"Passed Unanimously"

Additional Tenders with samples for the supply of Oilskins were Received from Messrs P Fleming and ~~Messrs~~ French & Hayden the samples were examined after which the following resolution was

Proposed.

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Proposed by the Chairman and
Seconded by Mr Dwyer

"That the proposal of"
"Messrs French & Hayden to supply Oil clothes"
"viz:— Long Coat at 21/-, Leggings 4/6 per pair"
"and black hats @ 1/10 each be accepted, and"
"that six Suits be purchased for the Councils"
"Workmen at the prices quoted."

"Passed unanimously"

Letter from Mr Hamilton dated 13th Sept 1919 acknowledging receipt of the Key of yard on Quay and requesting payment of £7., one years rent to 29th inst or it can be settled next time the other rents are being paid.

After some discussion it was
Proposed by the Chairman
Seconded by Mr Murphy

"That Mr Hamilton"
"be paid the years rent of yard on Quay"
"to 29th Inst when the rents of other property"
"are being paid"

"Passed," Mr Hand dissenting.

A letter was received from the Hon Secretary of the National Union of Municipal Authorities, stating that at the recent annual conference a resolution was adopted requesting the L. G. B. to take early steps to explain the meaning of the Single Transferable vote to Municipal Electors and its technical operation to the officers of Borough Urban Councils, and that the Board is prepared to send an expert to explain the system to Returning Officers & their staffs.

They.

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They suggested therefore that each Council should arrange without further delay for the conduct of an experimental Election.

A similar communication was received from the Proportional Representation Society of Ireland

Ordered

That no action be taken on these letters.

Mr Murphy drew attention to the death of Mr George Moran since last meeting, and pointed out that he was a member of the Urban School Attendance Committee which was appointed partly by the Council, and suggested that a vote of Condolence with his Widow be passed, It was accordingly,

Proposed by Mr Murphy

Seconded by the Chairman

"That we tender to Mrs"
"Moran North Dt our sincere sympathy and"
"Condolence in her bereavement caused by the"
"death of her Husband, and we desire to express"
"our deep regret at his loss

"Passed Unanimously"

Attention was drawn to the necessity for having the black horse treated by a Veterinary Surgeon as reported by the Surveyor at last meeting After a short discussion it was

Ordered

That the black horse be given in charge to Mr Lynch V.S. for treatment on 1st October and that the man in charge of him (Thos Freeman) be given a week's pay in lieu of a week's notice, and informed the Council do not require his services any longer.

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Town Surveyor's Report

I beg to report that a Public Lamp Standard was removed in Upper John St on the 13th Inst by the Gas Co's Employees, and also a Lamp in South St on the 17th Inst.

There are dangerous chimneys on houses in occupation of Messrs Fleming, Kavanagh and P. Murphy Quay St, also the roof of house of Mr Brown Michael St.

Jas J. Shortall
Town Surveyor.

Ordered

That he serve Notices on the Owners of the houses upon which the dangerous chimneys are.

The Clerk drew attention to the desirability of purchasing a quantity of oats for the Horses, as it was now being threshed and Marketed, and suggested that Tenders be invited for the supply of same.

The Meeting however was of opinion that owing to the high price and demand for it in the Market at present none would be tendered for. They therefore decided not to invite Tenders but instead

Ordered

That the Surveyor purchase a quantity on the most advantageous terms he can procure it as early as possible, as it is likely to be much dearer later on.

With reference to rent due by Repts of K Winterworth, amounting to £1-12-4, to 25th March, the Clerk stated that

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that he had written twice to Messrs Hamwell, Darley & Orpen Solicitors as directed by the Council, but they did not acknowledge the letters.
It was now Ordered

That the Councils Solicitors be instructed to take the necessary steps to have the amount due collected.

The Meeting adjourned to 14th October 1919.

P N Gorman

Monday 6th October 1919.

A Monthly meeting of the Urban District Council was to be held this day at 12 O'clock noon, to transact business pursuant to the Town's Improvement (Ireland) Act 1854.

No Member attended

A Quorum not having assembled

The Meeting adjourned.

P N O'Gorman

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14th October 1919.

A Meeting of the Finance Committee was held this evening at 7 o'clock to consider Collector's Abstract of Uncollected Poor Rate and Town Rate and transact other business.

Present

Messrs P. N. O'Gorman
P. J. Dunne
John Fanning
and
John Murphy.

The Rate Collector was also in attendance

The Committee examined a number of bills presented by the Clerk, and recommended payment of those entered at commencement of Minutes of the Council Meeting.

They also examined the Collector's List of uncollected Rates and recommended that sums of Poor Rate amounting to £16-16-7 be cancelled and a sum of £1-9-2 be disallowed also that sums of Town Rate amounting to £23-15-4 be cancelled, and a sum of £2-3-9 disallowed.

The letter received from Messrs Colfer Fox asking for a Paying Order for £37-10-0, being two and one half years salary due Dr Hickey to 1st May last, with £2-5-0 costs of Messrs Crotty & Kelly Solrs was submitted but they decided to refer it to the meeting of the Council without making any recommendation respecting it.

"The Committee adjourned."

P N O'Gorman

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A Quarterly meeting of the Council was held this evening to transact business pursuant to the Local Government (Ireland) Act 1898.

Present

Messrs P. N. O'Gorman J.P. Presiding.
John Hand
John Fanning
John Murphy
and
P. J. Dunne.

Immediately after the Chairman had taken the Chair he referred at length to the death since last meeting, of Mr P. Bolger J.P. a very old native of the town, and father of a member of the Council, and in feeling terms proposed the following resolution of sympathy which was seconded by Mr Dunne. viz.

"That the New Ross
"Urban Council beg to tender to the immediate
"relatives of the late Mr Patk Bolger, our sincere
"sympathy and condolence in their bereavement
"caused by his death, and to assure them
"that we deeply regret it. By his death
"our town has sustained a very great loss,
"as in everything appertaining to its welfare
"he took a deep personal interest, & him
"the poor had a friend ever ready to extend
"sympathy and material assistance."
" That as a mark of respect to his memory we
"adjourn this meeting without transacting
"any business except such as is of a very urgent
"nature"

Messrs

14th October 1919.

Messrs Murphy, Hand and the Clerk having associated themselves with the resolution It was passed in respectful silence.

Ordered

That a copy be sent to Mrs Howard, Messrs John & A. P Bolger

It was decided to transact the remainder of the Quarterly, Municipal & Sanitary business in Committee.

The following report was read viz:-

"Down Surveyor's Quarterly Report"

14th October 1919.

Mr Chairman & Gentlemen

I beg to report that the Public Works in the District have been fairly well maintained during the past Quarter.

About forty tons material has been delivered by your Contractor, Richard Malone, but none of this has yet been broken.

The Parnell Quarries Co. have now delivered about 120 tons Macadam, & this has been carted to the various depots.

In order to mitigate the possibility of flooding in Bridge St Areas, it would be advisable to construct a large surface trap on the South side of Bridge St. Estimated cost £ 10-0-0.

James J. Shortall
Down Surveyor.

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14th October 1919.

After a short discussion it was decided not to construct the traps in Bridge St. as recommended by the Town Surveyor.

P J O Gorman

The Meeting adjourned to 13th January 1920.

P J O G

James Foley

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14th October 1919.

A meting of the Urban Council was held this evening at 7.30 O'clock p.m. to transact business pursuant to the Towns Improvement (Ireland) Act 1854.

Present

Messrs P.N. O'Gorman J.P. Presiding
John Murphy
John Hand
John Fanning
David
P.J. Dunne.

The minutes of last meting were read & sigued.

The Treasurer's Authority for making payments was Signed by the Chairman, Messrs Dunne & Fanning and the following paying Orders directed to be issued viz:—

No 113 £3-0-0 Royal Vict. E.E. Hospt, No 114 H.R. Hamilton £1-5-6
" 115 Hibn Insurance Co £2-15-3, " 116 Thos Butler £6-4-8,
" 117 Thos Butler £4-11-8, " 118 B.Kennedy £38-10-2,
" 119 B.Kennedy £48-10-11, " 120 Same £3-13-7,
" 121 Same 14/2, " 122 John Doyle £1-8-10,
" 123 D.S.E Rly Co £6-14-1, " 124 E.A.Dinn £4-10-0
" 125 Parnell Quarries £13-9-7, " 126 Blakeborough & Sons £1-16-6,
" 127 B.Dinn £17-19-5, " 128 B.Dinn £6-5-0
" 129 Same £1-17-6, " 130 Helys Ltd 5/
" 131 M.A. Shearer £2-6-6, " 132 McClellan £5-17-6,
" 133 James Fleming £1-4-0, " 134 Technical Co £16-16-9.
" 135 Messrs Colgan Sons £2-15-0, " 136 Petty Cash £24-7-0,
" 137 J.J. Shortall £14-6-2, " 138 Colgan Sons £39-15-0
" 139 Cashiers Bk of Ireland £27-12-5, " 140 Cashiers Bk of Ireland £139-8-4
" 140 Same £30-12-1, " 142 Same £416-5-11.

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A Dividend Warrant for £7-14-3, was received from the Bank of Ireland and it was

Ordered,

That it be lodged to the credit of the Council

A Tender dated 8th Inst was also received from Mrs Wall, Charleton Hill offering £2-8-0 for a heap of manure, and from Patrick Kearney, Handlins of 48/ for one heap.

A Tender dated 14th Inst was received from Laurence Brien, Arnestown of £6-5-0 for two heaps of manure in Depot at Town Wall

Proposed by Mr Dunne and,

Seconded by the Chairman

"That the Tenders of"

"Laurence Brien, Catherine Wall, Patrick"

"Kearney, for manure be accepted"

"Passed Unanimously"

Letter from Colfer & Son dated 1st Oct 1919 acknowledging receipt of the Councils letter of 1st Inst directing them not to take any further proceedings against the Railway Co in respect of the arrears of Rates,

No Order Made.

Letter from D. Jones & Co dated 3rd Inst inquiring if there has been any alteration in price of water since they were written to in Septr 1917

Ordered

That Messrs Jones & Co be informed there is no alteration in price since.

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Letter from the Irish Transport Workers Union Newross Branch, dated 8th inst requesting an explanation for the dismissal of Thomas Freeman, Navy St from the employment of the Council

Ordered

That the Secretary of the Union be informed the Council do not require the services of Tho Freeman.

An application dated 9th inst was received from the Superintending Engineer, on behalf of the Postmaster General asking the consent of the Council to the placing of an overground Telegraphic Line along the Public road leading to Ballymeale, from the Railway Station to the beginning of the Rural District boundary.

Proposed by Mr Dunne and

Seconded by Mr Hand

"That the necessary"
"permission be given for the erection"
"of the poles, the work to be carried out"
"to the approval of the Town Surveyor."

"Passed unanimously"

A Tender of 47/6 for one load of manure was received from Tho Reill, Danhouse but it was not accepted as there were only four loads for sale.

An application dated 13th inst was received from Patrick Murphy, Navy St, for permission to construct a tiled Gullet in the channel at Navy St opposite the entrance to his yard, and on the Proposal of Mr Murphy, Seconded by the Chairman

"It was granted."

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The List of uncollected Rates which had been examined by the Finance Committee was submitted and it was

Proposed by Mr Hand and
Seconded by Mr Murphy

"That the recommendation"
"of the Finance Committee be adopted, and that"
"sums of uncollectes Poor Rate for half year ending"
"30th September 1919, amounting to £16-16-7 be cancelled,"
"and a sum of £1-9-2, be disallowed, also that"
"sums of Town Rate & Domestic Water Rate"
"amounting to £23-15-4 be cancelled, and £2-3-10,"
"be disallowed, subject to the approval of the"
"Local Government Board."

Passed Unanimously.

An application dated 4th Inst was received from Messrs P. J. Roche & Sons for a supply of water for Engine Cooling purposes to their stores at Fish House, Quay. and,

On the proposal of the Chairman,
Seconded by Mr Murphy

"The application was"
"granted, the supply to be by meter at the"
"usual scale of charge, the meter to be supplied"
"and fixed by Messrs P. J. Roche & Sons, at their own"
"expense."

"Passed Unanimously"

Letter from the P.R. Society of Ireland dated 7th Inst pointing out that the Irish Government have finally decided not to accept responsibility for the instruction of Candidates & Electors in the operation of the new system of voting and the opportunities which.

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which it presents, and stating that the Council of the Society has decided that it is bound as far as possible to supply the necessary instruction, and they propose to carry out the campaign as far as possible with its own resources, and they now solicit the co-operation of the Chairman and Members of the Council in this Voluntary effort.

After a short discussion the meeting decided not to take any action in the matter.

Letter from Secretary Wexford Co Council dated 10th Inst relative to the New Ross train service, pointing out that if the new Time Table is not in the interests of the Town, the County Council will give all the assistance in their power in the matter

No Order made.

The Clerk stated that Miss Ryan Churchlane, one of the Council's tenants, called to the Office and asked to have a lock fixed on the door of her house, as she cannot lock the door when going out, which is a serious inconvenience to her.

Ordered

That the Surveyor have a lock fixed on the door as soon as possible.

That he also have the plastering of the Gable end wall of Mrs Finigan's house repaired and some repairs carried out on door of house occupied by Mr Fanning and also on house occupied by P Shea, William St.

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It was Ordered

"That Tenders be invited for the supply of one Minute Book.

The Street Inspector reported that some Traders caused an obstruction of the Streets by placing boxes etc on them, but there was no Order made respecting the matter.

The following letter was read viz:-

Local Govt Board, Dublin
1st October 1919.

Sir

I am directed by the Local Government Board for Ireland to forward for the information and guidance of the NewRoss Urban District Council the accompanying copy of an order which the board have made in pursuance of the Local Government (Ireland) Act 1919, constituting in the Urban District of NewRoss, District Electoral Areas for the Election of Urban District Councillors and assigning members to such District Electoral Areas.

I am to add that printed copies of the Order will be issued to the Urban District Council as soon as they are available

Signed

J. E. Devlin
Assistant Secretary

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The Local Government Board for Ireland.

The Local Government (Ireland) Acts 1898 to 1919.
Urban District Of Newross.

In pursuance of the provisions of Section I of the Local Government (Ireland) Act 1919, We, the Local Government Board for Ireland, do by this our Order constitute in the Urban District of

Newross

District Electoral Areas for the election of Urban District Councillors, and do assign Members to such District Electoral Areas, as the same are set forth in the schedule to this Order.

L. S.

Given under our seal of Office this Thirtieth day of September in the year of Our Lord One thousand nine hundred and nineteen

(Signed) H. A. Robinson.

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Schedule

District Electoral Area.	Contents of District Electoral Area.	Number of Members to be elected for Dist. Electoral Area
New Ross North East Urban	The New Ross North East Urban Electoral Area shall consist of all that portion of the Urban District of New Ross embraced within the following circuit, that is to say:- Commencing at a point in the South Eastern boundary of the Urban District opposite the point where the boundaries of the Townlands of Bishopsland, Poundfields, and Stephensland, going thence in a line to the latter point and thence in a Westerly direction along the middle of the Road leading to Wexford St, thence along the middle of said street to its junction with Charleton Hill and William St, thence in a Northerly direction to Neville St and along the middle of the latter St, the middle of Bewley St, to a point in the middle of Mary St, thence in a westerly direction along the middle of Mary St to a point opposite North St, thence in a northerly direction along the middle of North St to its Junction with Bridge St, thence in a Westerly direction along the middle of Bridge St to the centre of Bridge over the River Barrow, thence in a line along the middle of said River to the point where it meets the Northern Boundary of the Urban District, thence in a South Easterly & South Westerly direction following the Urban District boundary to the point first indicated	7.
New Ross South West Urban	The New Ross South West Urban Electoral Area shall consist of all that portion of the Urban District of New Ross not included in the New Ross North East Urban Electoral Area	8
	Total Number of Members to be elected for District Electoral Areas - - - -	15.

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The Clerk reported that the Surveyor and he had traced the boundaries of each Electoral Area on the Ordnance Sheets and it was ascertained that each will comprise of the following streets or portion of streets viz:-

North East Electorab Area.

North side of Wexford St., East side of Neville St, East side of Burley St, North side of Mary St (now Church Lane corner down, East side of North St, North side of Bridge St.

All John St, Greywell Rd, College Rd, Goat Hill, St Gareth Lane, Maiden Lane, High Hill, Ballawn, Irishtown, Chapel Lane, Church Lane, Bunneen Lane, Cockpit Lane, Upper Mary St (now Church Lane corner) Nunnery Lane, Boheen, Windmill Lane, Town Wall, (Carmelite Convent in Bishopsland)

South West Urban Electoral Area.

South Side of Wexford St, West side of Neville St, West side of Burley St, South side of Lower Mary St (now Church Lane down), West side of North St, South side of Bridge St.

All the Urban Area of Rosbercon, All Quay St, South St, Charles St, Lady Lane, Sugarhouse Lane, Marsh Lane, Priory Lane, Quay, Priory Street, Henry St, and Newtown, William St, Cross Lane, Michael St, Robert St, Brennan's Lane Barrack Lane, Charleton Hill, including Powfields, and, Workhouse.

The Clerk pointed out that owing to the Register being compiled alphabetically it will be difficult to allot the Voters to their respective Areas where the boundary of each Area passes in the middle of the street.

He

14th October 1919.

He also suggested that the Ordnance sheets which comprise the entire Urban District be procured, and that each area be marked on them for the information of the Council and the public.

Proposed by Mr Murphy and
Seconded by Mr Hand

"That the Ordnance"
"Sheets 25" scale - which comprise the"
"Urban District of New Ross, be purchased"
"and the boundaries of the two Electoral"
"Areas be marked on them by the Surveyor,"
"also that the Clerk be authorised to procure"
"any other Forms, Books, or Articles necessary"
"for carrying out the forthcoming Elections"

"Passed Unanimously".

The accounts, as per list at commencement of Minutes, which had been examined and recommended for payment by the Finance Committee, were submitted and examined, as was also the application of Messrs Colfer Tobin, for a Paying Order for £39.15.0 Salary due Dr Hickey together with costs of his Solicitors Messrs Crotty & Kelly. A very brief discussion took place as to whether the Council were liable for the costs, during which the Clerk stated that he had been informed in Mr Colfer's Office that they were, it was then

Proposed by the Chairman and
Seconded by Mr Murphy

"That the several a/cs including Dr Hickey's"
"to 1st May last, and his Solicitors' costs be paid"

Passed

P M O'Gorman

The meeting adjourned to 28th October 1919.

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28th October 1919.

A Meeting of the New Ross Urban District Council was held this evening at 7.30 O'clock p.m. to transact business pursuant to the Town's Improvement (Ireland) Act 1854.

Present

Messrs P. N. O'Gorman J.P. Presiding
John Murphy
John Hand
Patrick J. Dunne.

The Minutes of last meeting were read & signed

The Treasurer's Authority for making payments was signed by the Chairman, Messrs P.J. Dunne and J. Murphy & the following paying Order directed to be issued viz:— No 143, Petty Cash £2 3-19-0.

Correspondence.

A circular letter dated 21st inst was received from the Board of Trade drawing attention to the profiteering Act 1919, and inviting the Council to appoint a Local Committee and an appeal Tribunal to investigate cases of alleged profiteering

After a short discussion the Council decided not to take any action in the matter.

Letter from the Local Government Board dated 23rd October 1919 requesting to be furnished with particulars regarding the Estimated receipts and Expenditure in connection with the Provision of School Meals under the Education (Provision of Meals) (Ireland) Acts 1914-1917 for the year ending 31st

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31st March 1919,
Ordered
That the Clerk furnish the necessary particulars as soon as possible.

A Paying Order for £28.13.11 was received from the Local Government Board, being the third and final instalment payable to the Council as a Road Authority in respect of Estate or Death Duty Grant for year ended 31st March last
Ordered
"That it be lodged to the credit of the Council.

A Tender dated 22nd inst was received from Mr Edward Browne, Cheaven, offering £3.7.6 per heap for two heaps of manure in Depot at Town Wall, but there is none for sale at present, nor will there be for at least two weeks more

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The Clerk stated that Mrs Pyne, Bullaun called to the Office and asked permission to replace the existing range, or oven, in her house by a low grate, as more heat would be given out from the latter, the work to be carried out at her own expense.
Ordered
"That the necessary permission be given to Mrs Pyne, to have a grate substituted for the existing range, the latter, if any good to be removed to the Council's store on Quay.

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An application dated 27th Inst was received from Mr Patrick Lynch, Priory St, for permission to erect a hoarding outside No 17 South St, during Structural Alterations.

Ordered

That the necessary permission be granted Mr Lynch subject to him laying down, outside the hoarding a footpath consisting of two planks in width for convenience of foot passengers.

Letters were received from Mrs Moran, Mrs Howard, South St, and Mr A. P. Bolger, thanking the Council for their kind expression of sympathy with them in their recent bereavement, it was

Ordered

That they be noted on the minutes.

The Clerk stated that Mr Colfer Solr. asked him to inform the Council that he is not getting any water at his house at Baunfumes, and he also stated that water is continually being carted from the Taps at top of Rosbercon Street which probably accounts to some Extent for the scarcity of the supply.

The Clerk also stated that Dr Walsh drew attention to this pratice and complained that it was unfair that Residents of the Rural District who do not pay any rates should be permitted to cart water away in barrells.

After a short discussion it was.

Ordered

That the Street Inspector be directed to report to the Council all persons found carting water away in barrells from the Fountains

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Fountains or Taps, and that all such persons be prosecuted in future.

Street Inspector's Report.

The Street Inspector reported that a number of Traders had obstructions on the streets each day of the week Since last meting, also that the daily Scavenging was carried out satisfactorily, and that on several days Mrs Harney, Upper Mary St, and Mrs Walsh, Newtown sold herrings, since last meting, in streets, other than is provided for in Bye Laws.

He also reported the lamps at Fair Gate, Brunes Corner (Irishtown) and Burley St (corner of Upr Mary St) have not yet been lighted this season. The lamps at Mary St opposite entrance to Augustinian Church was not lighted until 23rd inst. Mr Kirkham had the ground opened and the pipe examined on that date. Since then this lamp has been lighted at night, but it is so very poor as to be almost useless

Ordered

That the attention of the Manager of the Gas Co be drawn to this matter & he be informed the Council will not pay for the lamps that are not lighted.

There was no Order made in reference to those persons who were selling fish in places other than those provided by the Bye-Laws.

The Clerk, as Secretary of the School Attendance Committee reported that owing to the death of the late Mr George Moran a vacancy existed

on

28th October 1919

on the School Attendance Committee of the Urban District, as he was one of the members elected by the Council it will be necessary for them to elect his successor.

Ordered

That the members be notified to attend next meeting of the Council to elect a member of the School Attendance Committee in place of Mr George Moran deceased

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The Meeting adjourned to 11th November 1919.

T. O'Dwyer

3rd November 1919.

The Monthly meeting of the Council was to be held this day at 12 O'Clock noon, to transact business pursuant to the Town's Improvement (Ireland) Act 1854

No Member attended

A Quorum not having assembled.

"The Meeting adjourned."

T. O'Dwyer

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A Meeting of the Finance Committee was held this evening at 4 O'clock pm to transact business for the Finance Meeting of the Council.

Present — Messrs J. Murphy
J Fanning
and
P. J. Dunne.

The Clerk submitted a number of bills (list of which is entered at the commencement of Municipal Minutes) and after having been examined by the Committee It was Ordered,

"That they be paid."

"The Committee adjourned"

11th November 1919.

A Meeting of the Urban District Council was held this day at 7.30 O'clock, to transact business pursuant to the Town's Improvement (Ireland) Act 1854

Present

Messrs George Dooley — Presiding
P. J. Dunne
John Hand
John Fanning
John Murphy
and
Aidan P. Bolger.

The Minutes of last Meeting were read & signed

The Treasurer's Authority for making payments was signed by the Chairman, Messrs J. Murphy and A. P. Bolger, and the following Paying Orders directed to be issued viz:—

No 144, M. J. O'Kennedy, £3-14-8, No 145 Same. £5-2-2.,

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No 146, Mr. J. O'Kennedy £22-17-6, No 147 Same £16-4-0
" 148 Thos Hennessy 16/6, " 149 J. J. Shortall £14-4-11
" 150 Thos Butler £6-4-8, " 151 D. Butler £4-11-8
" 152 P. J. Finn £17-19-5, " 153 P. J. Finn £12-14-9
" 154 Moran Bros £20-19-3, " 155 R. Malone £13-15-0,
" 156 Dr J. O Regan £15——, " 157 John Stevenson £2-14-0
" 158 Stephen Carroll £7-7-9, " 159 Parnell Quarries £13-8-0
" 160 John J. Brownr £9-15-0, " 161 John J. Brownr £18-12-1
" 162 Petty Cash £24-3-1 " 163 R. Hutchinson Jon 17/6

Correspondence

Letter from James Rochford, one of the Councils Tenants dated 10th Inst, complaining that Peter Higgins another of the Council's Tenants, and his family were annoying him.

Mr Hand suggested that the letter be referred to the Housing Committee for investigation, and an Order to this effect was made.

The following was read:-

Chief Secretary's Office,
Dublin Castle.

Sir

Referring to your letters of the 18th Inst and 10th ultimo I am directed by the Lords Justices to signify their Excellencies' consent, under the Local Officers Superannuation Act, 1869, to the award to Mr John J. Brownr late Town Rate and Rent Collector and Poor Rate Collector in the Service of the New Ross Urban District Council, of a pension at the rate of £68-0-11 per annum, with effect from the date of Mr Browne's retirement.

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Jam to add that the retiring allowance in this case is calculated on 24/60 of the average annual amount of fees paid to Mr Browne in the combined offices during the years 1916 1917 and 1918.

(Signed)

I. I. Taylor.

Jol
The Clerk
U.D.C., New Ross.

After some discussion it was decided not to take any further steps to endeavour to have the amount voted by the Council sanctioned and it was

Proposed by Mr Bolger and
Seconded by Mr Murphy

"That the amount"
"of pension due to Him, in accordance"
"with the amount sanctioned, be paid"
"at this meeting, and that in future His"
"pension be paid monthly."

"Passed Unanimously."

Letter from the Local Government Board No 54,095/1919 dated 30th ult acknowledging receipt of the Council's letter of the 25th ult. relative to certain arrears of Town Rate which the D.W.S.E Railway Co refuse to pay, and requesting that the Case, and Opinion of Counsel, referred to in the letters of Messrs Colfer & Son, may be furnished to the Department for inspection.

The Clerk stated that on receipt of this

letter

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letter, he obtained the case and Opinion of Counsel referred to, from Messrs Colfer Shaw and forwarded them to the Board, and this was approved of.

Letter from Colfer Shaw dated 3rd Inst enclosing the Documents referred to in the foregoing letter, which the Clerk stated he had forwarded to the Local Government Board.

The following Tenders were received for the supply of a Municipal Minute Book, viz:- From Messrs Dollard Printing House Dublin, who proposed to supply one at £2-10-0. Messrs Hely's Ltd @ £3-2-9, and Messrs Moran Bro @ £2-15-6. As the Tender of Messrs Dollard was subject to the Standard conditions of the Dublin Master Printers and Allied Trades Association, and also to carriage from Dublin to New Ross, it was,
Proposed by Mr Bolger and
Seconded by Mr Murphy

"That the Tender"
"of Messrs Moran Bro for the supply of one"
"Municipal Minute Book according to"
"Specification, for the sum of £2-15-6"
"be accepted."

"Passed unanimously".

A Circular letter dated 10th Inst was received from the New Ross Gas Co notifying that the Irish Transport & General Workers Union have given Notice to withdraw the Workmen on Friday next, and under the circumstances

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The Directors regret to give notice that the Gas Supply will be discontinued from that date.

A short discussion took place on the matter but there was no action taken by the meeting.

A Circular letter was received from the Board of Trade referring to Paragraph No 14 of their letter dated 9th September last, enclosing Pro forma Copy of the Returns which are to be completed and returned to the Office of the Board on the first monday of each months.

As the Council at the previous meeting decided not to take any action under the Profiteering Act they now made,

No Order on this letter

Election of a Member of School Attendance Committee.

The meeting proceeded to elect a member on the School Attendance Committee in room of George Moran deceased, and it was:—

Proposed by Mr Murphy and
Seconded by Mr Bolger

"That Very Rev Dr McSweeney"

"D.S.A. be elected."

Proposed by Mr Canning and
Seconded by Mr Hand

"That Mr John Murphy"

"Be Duly be elected."

On a Poll being taken there voted:—

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For Dr R. Sweeney:— Messrs Murphy, Bolger & Dunne - 2.
For Dr. Murphy:— Messrs Hand, Fanning and Dooley - 3

The voting being equal, the Chairman gave his casting vote in favour of Dr Murphy, and declared him elected.

The Clerk submitted a number of bills (see list at commencement of Minutes) which had been recommended for payment by the Finance Committee and it was
Proposed by Dr Hand and
Seconded by the Chairman

"That these accounts"

"be paid."

"Passed unanimously"

Letter from Kennys, Stationers Mid. Abbey St, Dublin stating that they held large quantities of approved Ballot Papers, Result Sheets, Candidates name Cards & all equipment for the Conduct of Proportional Representation Elections, for which they Solicited Orders.
They also enclosed illustrations of sorting Cabinets and Frames for Returning Officers Tables, and the Clerk asked if the Cabinets & Frames would be procured from them, as he thought they were patented, but the meeting directed him to have them made by a local Carpenter.

The Meeting adjourned to 25th November '19.

Patrick J Murphy

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25th November 1919.

A Meeting of the New Ross Urban Council was held this evening at 4.30 O'Clock p.m. to transact business pursuant to the Town's Improvement (Ireland) Act 1854.

Present

Messrs P. J. Dunne Presiding
John Murphy
John Hand
John Fanning
and
Luke Dwyer.

The Minutes of last meeting were read & signed.

The Treasurer's Authority for making payments was signed by the Chairman, (Mr Dunne), and Messrs J. Murphy and J. Fanning, and the following Paying Orders directed to be issued :— No 164 Petty Cash £23-2-0,

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When the Minutes were signed Mr Hand referred to the death of Mr Vincent O'Sullivan, brother of Mr John O'Sullivan, a member of the Council, and past Chairman, and proposed the following resolution, which was Seconded by Mr Murphy, and unanimously passed in respectful silence, after the other members present, and the Clerk, had associated themselves with it viz:—

"That."

" we Tender to Mr John O'Sullivan a respected"
" and valued member of this Council our"
" sincere sympathy and condolence in his "
" bereavement, which we deeply regret, caused "
" by the death of his brother Vincent, and that "
" as a mark of respect to his memory we adjourn "
"this"

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"this meting without transacting any business"
"except such as is of a very urgent nature."

Mr Murphy also proposed a vote of sympathy with Dr Harpur C.C. on the death of his Father, which was seconded by Mr Hand, and unanimously passed in respectful silence.

Ordered

That copies of these respective resolutions be sent to Dr Harpur and Mr Sullivan.

It was decided to transact the following business in Committee viz:—

Letter from the Local Government Board No P.R.S. 1919, dated 13th November 1919 intimating that they have arranged with Mr J. Humphreys to attend at the Town Hall, Waterford on Monday, 1st December 1919. at 10.30 O'clock to afford instruction to Returning and other Election Officers on the practical working of Proportional Representation system of Elections, and it would be desirable that the Returning Officer should attend.

A Second letter dated 24th Inst was received stating that in order to enable the Returning Officer to be present at the Demonstration by Mr Humphreys they have requested the latter to defer the commencement of the actual Demonstration until 11.30 a.m. on the date specified.

After a short discussion it was agreed that the Clerk be allowed his expenses later on to these lectures, and also the expenses of his Assistants, whom he thinks it necessary should receive instructions

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on the working of the system of Proportional Representation.

Letter from the Local Government Board No 56. 130/1919, dated 22nd November 1919. relative to arrears of Town Rate in the Urban District which the D.S.E. Railway Co refuse to pay, and stating that in view of all the circumstances of the case, the Board assent to the amount in question, £42-13--0, being cancelled.
No Order made.

Letter from the Department of Agriculture dated 4th Inst stating that a limited sum has been made available in the Department's vote of credit for the financial year 1919-20, for the payment of Grants not exceeding £2 per statute acre, towards the expenses of fencing lands acquired by the Council for cultivation in allotments during the current year. Applications for a grant should be accompanied by maps showing the fencing etc.
Ordered
That the Department be informed the Council did not expend any money on fencing etc of fields.

Letter from Dr Hearn Solr. dated 14th Inst, stating that the Clerk's letter of the 13th Inst addressed to Mr P. Higgins of Wm Street, has been handed to him for reply, and he is directed to inform the Council that there is no foundation for the complaints made by James Rochford, and as proceedings are pending against his wife, to be on at next Petty Sessions, he does not feel called upon to

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to go further into the matter.
Ordered
That this letter be referred to the Housing Committee.

A letter dated 14th Inst was received from Mr John Murphy, Tuam, stating that he was surprised to know he had been elected by the Council, a member of the Newross Urban School Attendance Committee, and intimating that he was not prepared to act on the Committee.
After a short discussion it was:-
Proposed by Mr Hand and
Seconded by Mr Fanning.
"That the election of a"
"member of the School Attendance Committee"
"be deferred until after the new Council"
"is elected in January."

To this the following Amendment was:-
Proposed by Mr Murphy and
Seconded by the Chairman
"That the members"
"of the Council be summoned to attend"
"each meeting to elect a member of the"
"Committee".

The Amendment was put to a vote and the following voted:-
For- Messrs Murphy, Dwyer, and the Chairman 3
Against- Messrs Fanning and Hand 2.

The Chairman declared the Amendment passed.

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The Clerk pointed out that the period of one year for which a Bonus of 5% on the Total Salaries, and previous Bonus of the Surveyor, Street & Water Inspector, and Clerk had been granted expires on tomorrow, 26th Inst. He also stated that the Street & Water Inspector, declined to accept the bonus as he considered it too small.

Proposed by Mr Murphy and
Seconded by the Chairman

"That the bonus"
"of 5% allowed the Down Surveyor and"
"Clerk on their salaries and previous"
"bonus, for one year ending on 26th Inst"
"be continued to these Officers.

"Passed Unanimously"

A Tender dated 25th November 1919, was received from Messrs B Schelby & Son of £8, for winding and keeping the Down Clock in repair for one year.

Proposed by the Chairman and
Seconded by Mr Murphy

"That the Tender of"
"Messrs Schelby & Son, for winding & keeping"
"the Down Clock in repair for one year for"
"the sum of Eight pounds, be accepted as"
"from 12th December next, this being the"
"date of the expiration of the Existing"
"Contract."

Passed Unanimously.

The Surveyor reported that he had some necessary repairs to Mud Cart carried out by Mr Lee, Blacksmith. He also drew attention

to

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to the habitual practice of Messrs Whitty, North St. and Looney South St, sweeping out their shop premises on to the Public Street and Pavement after the cleansing of these districts.

In neither case are dust receptacles used and consequently this rubbish remains on the Public Thoroughfare until the following day.

Ordered

That the action of the Surveyor in having the Mud Cart repaired be approved of.

That Messrs Whitty and Looney. be informed the Council will have to take the necessary steps to compel them to discontinue the practice complained of if persisted in.

An application was received from Anastasia Whelan, dated 25th Nov'r 19. for the tenancy of a house at Church Lane, of which her deceased mother was the tenant and on the Proposal of the Chairman Seconded by Mr Murphy

"She was unanimously accepted as tenant."

Attention was drawn to the very defective public lighting of the town by the Gas Co. and particularly to the very small candle power light of each lamp, and it was suggested that an improvement might be effected if the burners were properly cleaned and new mantles fixed on the incandescent ones. Accordingly it was Ordered

That the attention of the Gas Co be directed to the matter, and they be requested to have

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have the burners cleaned and new mantles fixed.

It was also pointed out that the upper portion of Robert St., opposite the entrance to the new church, was very badly lighted, and was, in fact, dangerous. After a short discussion it was Proposed by the Chairman and Seconded by Mr Dwyer

"That the lamps on the"
"entrance pier of the new church be lighted"
"from the 1st Decr. to the expiration of the"
"existing contract (31st Decr) at the same"
"proportional rate as the lamps included"
"in the Contract."

"Passed Unanimously"

It was also ordered

"That the attention of the Gas Manager be directed to the fact that the lamps in centre of William St, which is included in the contract, has not been lighted since the beginning of the latter, and he be directed to have it lighted as soon as possible

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Ordered

That a meeting of the Plots Committee be held on an early date to consider matters respecting the retaking of field at Henry Street as the period of the present letting expires on the 31st December '19.

Mr Hand drew attention to the very high price charged for new milk in the district at present viz:- four pence per pint, and pointed out

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out that Mr Holden Three Gullet Gate was charging only three pence, and up to the previous day only two pence per pint, whilst it is being supplied to the Workhouse at 1/2 per gallon. After a short discussion it was

Ordered

That the Clerk inform Purveyors of Milk, who supply it to persons in the Urban District that the Council consider the present price too high, and request them to consider the advisability of reducing it, otherwise the Council will be compelled to avail of recent legislation dealing with food prices.

It was also Ordered

That the Surveyor have Fire bricks fixed in Range of House, occupied by Mr Hand to prevent the oven from burning

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The Meeting adjourned to 9th December'19.

V. O. Dupreas

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1st December 1919.

A Monthly Meting of the Council was to be held this day at 12 Oclock noon, to transact business pursuant to the Towns Improvement (Ireland) Act 1854

No Member attended

A Quorum not having assembled

The Meting adjourned. to 9th December 1919.

P. O'Dwyer

2nd December 1919.

A Meting of the Plots Committee was to be held this evening at 7.30 Oclock p.m. to transact business of the Committee, and consider advisability of re-taking of Field for next year.

Mr Hand notified that owing to illness he was unable to attend.

No Member attended.

"The Meeting adjourned."

P. O'Dwyer

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5th December 1919.

A meting of the Housing Committee was held this evening to transact business

Present

Messrs J Murphy
P.J. Dunne

The Committee having considered the letter received from Dr Hearn Solr on behalf of Mr P. Higgins, William St, in which he informed the Council that there is no foundation for the complaints as made by James Rochford, decided to recommend the Council not to take any further action in the matter.

Letter from the Local Government Board No H376/2/1919 returning Forms of Survey of Housing Needs of the Urban District received on the 15th Inst., and directing attention to the evident error in reply to Query 6 on Page 2 of the Form. The replies as to overcrowding might also be given in accordance with the Queries as printed, with a view to due comparison with other Districts in this respect. The Board also directed the attention of the Council to their powers under Sections 18 and 23 of the Housing (Ireland) Act 1919. and to their duty under Section 45 of the Public Health (Ireland) Act, 1878 with respect to Houses without Sanitary Accomodation.

Particulars of the prevailing rates of wages in the District should be furnished in Section One of the Form.

Maps (on Scale 1/2500) of the Sites selected by the Council for the purpose of their Housing Scheme should be forwarded, so that an inspection

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inspection of the sites may be arranged.

The Clerk explained that the reply given to Query No6, should be the number of houses such as private dwelling houses, and those to which business premises were attached, but did not include any which might be classified as Artizans dwellings etc, the latter being included in reply to Query No7.

The Committee were of opinion that the Council are not in a position to avail of the provisions of Section 18, of the Housing (Ireland) Act 1919, and that if they insisted on enforcing Section 23 of that Act, and Section 45 of the Public Health (Ireland) Act 1878, the owners would close up the houses rather than incur the necessary expense of putting them in thorough repair.

The Committee directed that the particulars of the prevailing rate of wages in the District be furnished, as requested, as also Maps of the proposed housing sites.

They also considered the Board's Circular letters No 51,600/1919. dated 12th November '19. respecting the appointment of an Architect, and No 1475/Nv/1919 dated 26th November forwarding a book of Specimen Plans which they have caused to be prepared for the Guidance of Local Authorities when considering the lay-outs of Sites, and what types of houses they should erect for the purpose of the Housing of the working

classes

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Classes Acts, but decided to defer for the present recommending the appointment of an Architect, or the selection of any particular design of house.

"The Committee adjourned"

S. O: Express

8th December 1919.

A Special Meeting of the Council called in pursuance of requisition was held this evening at 7.30 O'Clock, to consider a report relative to the condition of the black horse and decide, what actions, if any, should be taken respecting Him.

Present

Messrs John Murphy Presiding
John Fanning
John Hand
Luke and Dwyer.

The following report of Mr Lynch V.S. was considered at length viz:—

New Ross
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Sir

I regret to say the horse I attended, 1st October is not much better of his lameness and

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I would advise you to dispose of him as soon as possible.

Yours faithfully
J. Lynch

The Chairman,
New Ross Urban Council.

after some discussion the following resolution was
Proposed by The Chairman and
Seconded by Mr Dwyer

"That the black horse"
"be offered for sale by Auction on tomorrow"
"by Mr Ashe, and that he be authorized to"
"dispose of him to the highest bidder over"
"£20, which is the reserve price hereby"
"fixed by this meeting."

"Passed unanimously".

The Surveyor was directed to ask Mr Lynch to direct his man to have the horse taken to the sale yard, after which

The Members Dibarated.

S. E. Hayden

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A Meeting of the New Ross Urban District Council was held this evening at 7.30 O'clock p.m., to transact business pursuant to the Town's Improvement (Ireland) Act 1854, elect a member on the School Attendance Committee, and consider an application from that Committee to increase the Salary of their Secretary to £15.

Present

Messrs P. N. O'Gorman J.P. Presiding
John Murphy
John Hand
John Fanning
Aidan P. Bolger
James K. Walsh
Patrick J Dunne
George Dooley
William Murphy
Luke Dwyer.

The Minutes of last Meeting were read Signed

The Treasurer's Authority for making payments was signed by the Chairman, Messrs A.P. Bolger and P.J. Dunne, and the following Paying Orders directed to be issued viz:—

No 165 J.J. Browne £1-19-0, No 166 J.J. Browne £3-14-5
" 167 J. Freeman £1-14-10, " 168 E. Lawlor & Sons 8/-
" 169 M Hearn & Son £2-10-7, " 170 Graves & Co £3-6-0
" 171 H.R. Hamilton £15-19-6 " 172 Dr. A. Hickey £7-10-0,
" 173 Thos Butler £6-4-8, " 174 Thos Butler £4-11-8,
" 175 St Stephen's Committee £6-5-0, " 176 R. Murphy £9-17-10
" 177 J Hutchinson 5/4 " 178 Parnell Quarries £13-8-9
" 179 P.J Dunne £17-19-5, " 180 Petty Cash £26-10-5

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No 181 D of E Rly Co £6-14-5, No 182 Secty D.A. Committee £012-6.
" 183 D. J Dunphy £6-5-0, " 184 John Kelly £7-6-0
" 185 William Lacey £5-10-0, " 186 John Stevenson £3-8-0
" 187 J. J. Thorpall £14-6-2, " 188 Martin Barron £2-9-9.
" 189 Thos Lee £6—, " 190 Treas. Co. Council £473-16-2.
" 191 P. Lynch, £12-5-4, " 192 Peter J. Doyle £11-15-0
" 193 P. J. O'Kennedy £3-2-10,

Mr John Murphy presided during the reading of the minutes of the previous meeting which he signed, when the Chairman entered the Council Chamber. Thereupon Mr Murphy vacated the Chair which was taken by the Chairman.

Correspondence

Letter from the Coal Controller dated 30th November confirming a telegram notifying the Council, being the Local Authority responsible for the fixing of retail prices of house coal, that the Board of Trade have made an Order reducing by 10/- per ton, the pit head price of coal on and after 1st December, and that this order entails a reduction of 10/- per ton or 6/- per cwt in the retail price. He also stated that Merchants will be compensated, and he directed that they be advised of the reduction, and that the Council see that prices are charged in accordance with the Retail Coal Prices Order.

The Clerk reported that he sent a copy of this letter to each Merchant on receipt of it.

A long discussion took place on the

matter

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matter during which it was pointed out that Merchants had not yet reduced the price as directed by the Coal Controller. Eventually it was

Proposed by Mr Hand and
Seconded by Mr John Murphy

"That the"
"special attention of Coal Merchants be"
"directed to the Circular letter received"
"from the Coal Controller, relative to the"
"Order made by the Board of Trade"
"reducing the price of coal at the Pit"
"Head by 10/- per ton, and that they"
"be directed to give Effect to the reduction"
"in the retail price which the Order"
"entails."

"Passed," Mr Fanning dissenting.

Letter from the Local Government Bo 615·79/1914 dated 4th December 1919, stating that it will be necessary for the Council to make formal application to the Board for authority to expend on the provision of food; under The Education (Provision Of Meals) (Ireland) Acts 1914-1917, a sum in excess of the amount produced by rate of 1d in the £. On receipt of the Council's application the necessary Order will be issued

Proposed by Mr Bolger and
Seconded by Mr Dunne

"That this Council make"
"application to the Local Government Board"
"for authority to expend on the provision"
"of food under the above acts a sum in excess"
"of the amount produced by a rate of one"
"penny in the £."

"Passed unanimously"

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A circular letter dated 3rd December 1919, No 320/Pr/1919 was received from the Local Government Board, enclosing copies of the Local Election (P.R.) Order 1919 which consolidates the provisions relating to Elections, so adapted as to enable the forthcoming elections to be carried out in accordance with the principles of P.R.

The Board also took the opportunity of expressing their high appreciation of the assistance and valuable suggestions which they have received from many of the Officers of Local Authorities, and they recognise with much satisfaction the determination of these Officers to spare no pains in making themselves fully conversant with the procedure of elections under the system.

They also pointed out that any Officer who felt himself unequal to the strain of efficiently conducting the elections might, within one week, notify the fact to the Board in order that action might be taken in good time.

No Order made.

A discussion took place as to the necessity of having a Public Lecture delivered in the Town Hall on the working of the P.R. System, and it was

Proposed by Mr Bolger and,
Seconded by Mr Hand,

"That the Proportional"
"Representation Society of Ireland be asked"
"to send a Lecturer to Newross to instruct electors"
"and others in the working of the System"

"Passed Unanimously".

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The following was received from Messrs Crotty & Kelly, Solicitors :—

New Ross
9th December '19.

Dear Sir,

We are instructed by our client, Mr Thomas Fitzgerald of Tuaty St, that the continued holding of a market on the side of the street beside his premises renders it impossible for him to continue his business under existing circumstances, and he is consequently compelled to seek redress. The Urban Council are, according to their Bye-Laws in a position to give our client the relief he requires, and to which we submit he is entitled as a Ratepayer.

We would ask you to place the matter before the Urban Council at its next meeting, and kindly let us know whether it will take steps to enforce its existing Bye Laws in favour of Mr Fitzgerald, as otherwise our client must do so himself according as he may be advised.

Yours faithfully,
Crotty & Kelly.

The Presiding Chairman /
New Ross U. D. C.

After some discussion the following resolution was:-
Proposed by Mr Bolger and
Seconded by Mr J. Murphy.

"That the New Ross"
"Urban Council carry out their Bye Laws and"
"carry them out strigently in future."

On

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On it being put to a vote all the members present voted for it except Messrs Hand and Fanning, and the Chairman declared it passed.

It was also Ordered

That in future no obstruction of the streets or footpaths be permitted by placing Goods, empties, Etc on them, and that notice of this be given to all.

A Tender was received from Maurice Kehoe Rylees, of £3 for heap of Manure at Downwall, which is almost finished, and also one from Edwd Brownt, Creacon, of £3-7-6, and Mr A. Rowan of £3-6-0, the Surveyor stated that there was no heap ready for sale at present, but one of the heaps sold to Mr Laurence Brien, Arnestown, could be sold & another heap will be ready for Mr Brien by the time he is ready to draw it. This suggestion was adopted, and it was

Proposed by Mr Bolger and,
Seconded by Mr Druit,

"That Mr Browne's"
"Tender of £3-7-6 for Heap of Manure"
"be accepted"
"Passed Unanimously"

Letters were received from Messrs J. O'Neill, Irishtown, Michael Hickey Southstz and J. Lawlor, Rathneen in reply to the Councils letters drawing attention to the price per pint viz 4d charged for new milk, and on the suggestion of Mr Bolger the consideration

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of them was adjourned to next meeting when it is expected, more replies will be received.

Letters were received from Dr Harbur, L.G. and John O'Sullivan J.P. acknowledging the votes of Sympathy passed with them, by the Council, in their recent bereavement, and it was,

Ordered

That they be noted on the minutes.

The Surveyor reported that he was having some necessary repairs carried out to their No 2. Cart, and this was approved of.

Letter from the Secretary of the Urban School Attendance Committee dated 8th Inst stating that at the last meeting of the Committee the following resolution was passed viz:—

"That"

"the salary of the Secretary be increased to"
"£15, subject to the approval of the Council"

Proposed by Mr Dwyer and
Seconded by Mr John Murphy

"That the Council"
"assent to the increase in the salary of the"
"Secretary of the School Attendance"
"Committee to £15"

"Passed unanimously"

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Auditor's Report.

Copy No. 60,972/1919
New Ross Urban District

44 Leeson Park,
Dublin,
26th November 19.

Gentlemen,

I have the honour to report that I have audited the accounts of the New Ross Urban District Council for the year ended 31st March 1919, and I forward, herewith, certified copies of the abstracts.

A consolidated Town Rate of 4/9, a Domestic Water Rate of 1/3, and a Poor Rate of 4/2 in the £ were levied for the service of the year. The Collector received Warrants for £2216-13-4 and £1835-10-11, the former amount was lodged in full by 31st March with the exception of £42-13-0, which has since been written off, and the latter amount was also lodged by that date. Rates amounting to £135-1-6 were subsequently declared irrecoverable and refunded to the Collector.

Certificates for the following Securities held by the Council were not produced, but I have requested the Clerk to obtain them for next Audit:—

£1762-11-0, Consols
£ 400-0-0, 4% Southern & W. Railway (I) Debentures
£ 163-7-0 4½% War Stock
19-10-10 Bank of Ireland Stock.

A book should be obtained for the Weigh-master in which he should enter the total

received

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received each week, and the clerk should check this account once a fortnight with the counterfoils of the weighdockets issued.

Properly ruled pay sheets should be obtained and introduced in lieu of the present cumbrous system of recording workmen's wages. The time worked by and the wages due to the workmen should be set out on one sheet each week, the accuracy of which should be certified by the Surveyor Clerk.

Before any payments are made in future for goods supplied or work done the Council should assure themselves that the provisions of Article 22 of the Public Bodies Order have been observed.

The financial position of the Council at the close of the year was not satisfactory.

(Signed) Richard Grubb

The Local Government Board/ Auditor.

Dublin

The Clerk explained that the original stock certificates were produced by him but the Auditor requires a certificate each year that the stock is held by the Council at the close of the financial year under audit.

Ordered

That the recommendations of the Auditor be carried out, and that the Officers be supplied with a copy of the Article of the Public Bodies Order referred to by him, and they be informed it will have to be complied with.

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Letter from the Gas Co dated 9th Inst stating that the supply pipe to the lamp on the pier of the Church at Roberts St has become completely choked and as there was four feet of filling put over the pipe at the time the approach to the Church was made it will be difficult and expensive to get at the pipe but he will see if there is any other way out of the difficulty. With regard to the lamps at William Street they were constantly replacing the glass all last season, which was maliciously broken, and the lamp was so badly broken they were unable to fit it up again.

A long discussion took place on the reading of this letter respecting the Public Lighting of the Town, owing to the fact that some of the lamps not contracted for were not lighted at all at night, whilst others were only lighted on occasional nights, and, in addition to this, the candle power was so very poor as to render many of the lamps practically useless

Proposed by Bro John Murphy and
Seconded by Bro Hand

"That the Council"
"take action on this matter and ask"
"their Solicitors to advise them as to their"
"powers respecting the Public Lighting of"
"the Town also whether they have power"
"to exercise any control over the Gas Co"
"as to the quality of the Gas they supply"
"or the price charged by them for"
"it to the public, and private consumers",
whether

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"whether they can purchase the Gas Co's"
"Works at a price to be fixed by"
"Arbitration, or borrow money for the"
"purpose of an Electric Light Scheme"
"to be owned and worked by the"
"Council."

"Passed Unanimously"

Ordered

That the Members of the Council be summoned to attend next meeting to consider the whole question of the Public Lighting of the Town.

Proposed by Mr Dunning and
Seconded by the Chairman

"That the Gas"
"to be not paid for the rights upon which"
"the Public Lamps contracted for are not"
"lighted, nor for those lamps which"
"are not lighted since the commencement"
"of the Contract.

Passed Unanimously

Proposed by Mr Bolger and
Seconded by Mr Dwyer

"That the"
"lamp at South Street opposite"
"the entrance to the yard of Messrs"
"Doyle Brothers, be lighted in"
"future."

"Passed Unanimously."

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The Clerk reported that the Contract for the Public Lighting expires on the 31st Inst, and it was Ordered :-

That Tenders be invited for the public lighting of the town for three months ending 31st March next.

Proposed by Mr J. Murphy and,
Seconded by the Chairman

"That Very"
"Rev Fr McSweeney O.S.A. Prior, be elected"
"a member of the School Attendance"
"Committee in the room of Mr George"
"Moran deceased."

"Passed Unanimously"

The Clerk submitted a sealed Order received from the Local Government Board dated 19th November, directing him to cause the Register of Electors which is now in force to be divided into separate parts for each District Electoral Area, and also a letter dated 2nd December 1919, directing how this is to be done. He stated that on receipt of it he carried out the instructions as to the division of it, and took it to John English & Son, Wexford to print it as they were the original Printers of the Register, and he consequently believed they could print it cheaper than any other firm as they probably had the type standing.

He saw Mr English but the latter would not quote a price, he however authorized Mr English to proceed with the printing, at the same time directing him to send quotation

soon

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soon as possible.

On the 6th Inst he received a quotation of 40/- per 100 names, and extra for title, pages etc. As he considered this very high he telephoned him not to proceed with the work until after next meeting of Council, and, in the meantime asked Moran Bros to send in a Tender, and they tendered as follows:- viz Register of Electors per 50 copies averaging 100 names per page - 16 pages at 6/3 per page and 25 pages at 5/6 per page

Proposed by Mr Bolger and
Seconded by the Chairman

"That the Tender"
"of Messrs Moran Bros for printing of"
"Divided parts of Register be accepted"
"Passed unanimously"

The Clerk reported that the period for which the Plots field at Newtown was rented, expired on the 31st Inst. and asked what steps would be taken respecting the tenants,

Ordered

That the consideration of the matter be adjourned to next meeting & that, in the meantime a meeting of the Plots Committee be summoned to report upon the advisability of retaking the field

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It was stated that the Pole erected by the Gas Co, at Corner of Robert St, in connection with the Electric Light Scheme was causing an obstruction in its present position and it was Ordered, That the Surveyor report upon the matter to next meeting

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Street Inspector's Report

The Street Inspector reported that a number of Traders had obstructions outside their premises since last meeting, also that the daily Scavenging was carried out.

He also reported that our various rights, some of the Public lamps, which he specified in detail, were not lighted, also that some of the fish Vendors have been selling fish each day in Quay St.

There was No Order made on the report as all the matters referred to in it, were dealt with at an earlier stage of the meeting.

The Meeting adjourned to 23rd December 1919.

P. McGowan

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13th December 1919

A Special meeting of the Council was held this evening to consider withdrawl of Tender for printing of divided Register which was accepted at last meting of the Council.

Present

Messrs P. N. O'Gorman J.P. Presiding
John Hand
John Fanning
and
John Murphy.

The Clerk explained the steps already taken to have the divided Registers printed, particulars of which appear on the Minutes of the last meeting of the Council. Since then the following letters had been received :- viz

Letter from J. English Ho dated 10th Decr stating that they could not cancell Order as the work was partly done when they received the telephone message directing that it be not proceeded with pending the meeting of the Council. They also pointed out with regard to the charge, the Enniscorthy Urban Council have placed an Order with another local printing Firm for their list at the same price, and there have been other quotations for the same work at 6d per name.

Letter from Messrs Morain Bros dated 13th inst withdrawing their Tender viz:—

13th December 1919

Dear Sir,

With reference to our Tender for printing Register

13th December 1919.

Register of Electors; we hereby withdraw same as we now find it was made under a complete mistake. Firstly, in the error of inexperience, we based our estimate on about one eighth of the time in which the Job will take to be turned out, therefore our price is far too inadequate to do the work. Secondly, we were not aware until yesterday, that, by the Printers Federation, no printer could tender for this Register without first Consulting the Executive Committee, and abiding by their decision.

Accordingly you will see our difficulty. We shall be much obliged if you will bring this matter before your Council, and should they be pleased to accept the enclosed Tender we are fully prepared to carry out the work, and to have it ready in the required time

Yours faithfully

M J Finn Esq.
Clerk U.D.C.

A Tender dated 13th Inst was received from them proposing to supply 100 Copies of the Register at 40/- per 100 names

Proposed by Mr Murphy and
Seconded by Mr Hand

"That the Tender of"
"Messrs John English Ltd for printing"
"of the Registers be accepted.
"Passed Unanimously"

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Mr John Murphy drew attention to the fact that the black horse could not be sold at the late Auction of Horses, there there being no offer for him as he was, and is at present, very lame, and not likely to improve, whilst his upkeep with Mr Lynch is costing probably 30/- per week, and he suggested that the Surveyor or Chairman be authorized to sell him for whatever price can be got for him if they can get a purchaser. After some discussion it was:—

Proposed by Mr Murphy and
Seconded by Mr Fanning

"That the Chairman"
"Surveyor be authorized to sell the"
"black horse for whatever they can get"
"for him, if they can get a purchaser"
"and if not, that the Clerk have a short"
"advertisement inserted in next issue of"
"New Ross Standard, this proposal to be"
"ratified by the Council at their next"
"meeting.

"Passed Unanimously"

after which

"The Members Separated."

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19th December 1919

A meeting of the Plots Committee was held this evening at 7.30 O'clock, to transact business of the Committee,- consider the advisability of renting the field at Newtown for the year 1920

Present

Messrs John Murphy
and
John Hand

The Committee having considered the matter very fully directed the Clerk to write Mrs Moore and ask if she was willing to rent the field next year for Cultivation in Plots, and if so, to state the rent for eleven months from 1st February to 31st December 1920, after which,

The Committee adjourned.

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23rd December 1919.

A Meeting of the Newtownbarry Urban Council was held this evening at 7.30 O'Clock p.m. to transact business pursuant to the Towns Improvement (Ireland) Act 1854.

Present

Messrs P. R. O'Gorman J.P. Presiding
Michael Sheehan
John Fanning
John Hand
Geo Dooley
Dr Walsh
John Humphrey
and
Luke Dwyer.

Correspondence

An application was received from the Town Surveyor for an increased bonus in order to meet the further enhanced cost of living.

Ordered

That the consideration of the application be adjourned to next meeting, the members to be summoned to consider it.

Letter from the Controller, Board of Trade, dated 20th Inst, referring to the letter received from the President on the 21st October enquiring whether the Council are prepared to appoint a local Committee under the Profiteering Act; as also the letter of the 21st November enclosing copy of the Regulations made under the Act, and stating the Board of Trade have not yet been informed whether the Council intend to appoint a Committee

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23rd December 1919.

The Clerk stated that he informed the President on the 3rd November last. that the Council had decided not to take any action in the matter and therefore No Order made now

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A letter dated 13th November was also received from C. Vigors, notifying his appointment as Inspector for Ireland under the Profiteering Act, and asking that if a reply has not yet been sent to the Board of Trade's Circular letter of the 21st October, the Council's decision will be communicated as soon as possible to the Secretary. No Order Made, a reply having already been sent to the Board of Trade Circular letter.

A Tender dated 18th Inst, of £3-10-0, was received from Joseph O'Neill for one Load of Manure at Town Wall, and one of £3-11-0 from Patrick Doyle Naudlins, for same, and it was,

Ordered

"That the Tender of Patrick Doyle be accepted.

A Tender dated 9th Inst was received from Messrs Harvey & Co, Waterford of 45/- per book for three Rate Books, and 55/- per book for two books.

Proposed by Mr Hand and
Seconded by Mr Dwyer,

"That the Tender"
"of Messrs Harvey for three Rate Books at"
"45/ each be accepted"

"Passed Unanimously.

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Letter from Mrs Moore, Newtown Villa, dated 24th Inst stating that she was prepared to let the field at Newtown from 1st February 1920, to 1st December 1920 on the same terms as last year viz:- £21 for the eleven months.
Proposed by Mr Hand and,
Seconded by Mr John Murphy,

"That the"
"proposal of Mrs Moore to let the field"
"at Newtown, for cultivation in plots,"
"for eleven months from 1st February 1920 to"
"31st December 1920, for £21 be accepted."

Passed unanimously

Letter from Mr Rochford, Clerk of the Rural District Council, dated 10th Inst. enquiring why the Council have been furnished with a Demand Note for water in respect of premises at Priory Lane which the Council holds from Mr Connolly, as there has been no water used in these premises since they got possession of them.

The Clerk explained that Mr Connolly, the Landlord, notified him that the Rural District Council had become tenants of this particular Garage, and he accordingly altered the name of the previous tenant (who was supplied with water) to that of the Rural Council, without making any distinction between the Rates and Water Rent.

The Surveyor stated that no water had been used there since the District Council got possession of it.

Ordered.

That this explanation be furnished to the Clerk of the Rural District Council, and that the

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of 15/- charged for the current year be cancelled.

Letter from the Local Government Board, dated 11th Inst enclosing copy of an Order which they had made under the provisions of the River navigation Improvement (Ireland) Act 1914 prescribing the precedure to be followed by the Council in connection with works to which the Act applies No Order made.

The Board also forwarded a copy the Adaptation (Day of Annual and Quarterly Meeting) Order 1919.

The following Tenders were received from the New Ross Gas Co, for the public lighting of the town for three months from 1st January to 31st March 1920. viz:-

New Ross,
23rd December 19.

Dear Sir,

In reply to yours of 16th Inst. I am directed to tender for the lighting of the Public Lamps as follows:-

35 Lamps to be lighted from 1st January 1920, to 31st March 1920 at 8d per lamp. These lamps to be extinguished at 11 O'clock, and not to be lighted on the nights of the moon.

24 of above to be lighted on the nights of the moon, and extinguished at 11 O'clock at 1/- per lamp.

9 of the above to be fitted with incandescent burners

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The Wholesl lamps to remain lighting all night at £4-5-0

The lamps at Rosbercon Church to be lighted as required at 1/6

The Mantles and Chimneys used in maintaining the lamps to be charged at cost price.

This Tender is made subject to our being able to obtain a sufficient supply of Coal, and, in the event of a further increase in the cost of same, or wages, a proportional charge will be added to above.

H. Kirkham
Secretary.

R. Finn Esq.,
Clerk, U.D.C.
New Ross

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Alternative Tender

Dear Sir,

I beg to submit the following alternative Tender for the Public Lighting. viz:—

The Gas Lamps to be extinguished at 11 O'Clock at 50/- per lamp, and not to be lighted on nights of the moon.

16 Electric lamps to be extinguished at 11 O'Clock, but to remain lighting on the nights of the moon, at 65/- per lamp. These lamps to be of the 100 watt size, and known as the $\frac{1}{2}$ watt lamps, and are rated by the makers to give 200 candle power.

6. of the Gas lamps will be fitted with incandescent burners, the cost of mantles etc in maintaining them to be charged at cost price.

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The Tholsel lamps to be lighted at 11 pm when the Electric lamps are extinguished, and to remain lighting all night, at £2-10-0.

The lamps at Rosbercon Church to be lighted as required at 16/-

This Tender is being made subject to our being able to obtain a supply of coal and, in the event of an increase in the cost of same, or wages, a proportional charge will be added to above. We would do our utmost to commence lighting in accordance with this offer on 1st prox but cannot bind ourselves to do so, as the plant will require certain adjustments and the time is now very short.

To
B. Finn Esq.
Clerk U.D.C.

H. Kirkham
Secretary.

On comparing both Tenders it was found that the Alternative one was cheaper by 2/- to which should be added cost of Mantles saved by accepting it. It was accordingly,

Proposed by Mr John Murphy and,
Seconded by Mr Hand

"That the Alternative"
"Tender received from the New Ross Gas and"
"Electricity Supply Co Ltd, dated 23rd Dec'r 19."
"for the public lighting of the town by Gas"
"and Electricity for three months from 1st"
"January 1920, to 31st December 1920 be accepted."

Passed — Mr Fanning dissenting to the acceptance of it with the conditional clause attached which empowers them to increase the cost in the event of an increase

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increase in the cost of coal or wages.

Letter from Jr R Gurney O.S.A. thanking the Council for electing him on the School Attendance Committee of the Urban District and stating he would attend the meetings
No Order made.

Letter from Mr J.E. Walsh South St, stating that for the last four weeks there has been no water in his Garage at Priory Lane. He has mentioned the matter to the Landlord and the Surveyor, and he now gives notice that if these circumstances continue he will not pay the Water Rate
Ordered
That Mr Walsh be informed the Council are not responsible for the defect in the supply pipe, and that Mr Connolly be informed a connection will have to be made direct from the main, with each Garage instead of the present arrangement of having one pipe supplying the four.

Letter from the Parnell Quarries Ltd dated 19th Inst, advising the forwarding of a sample of "Chips" material from their new Granulating Plant, screened, the price of which is 9/ per ton F.O.R. at Arklow.
Ordered
That the consideration of this be adjourned until the material arrive when it can be reported upon by the Surveyor

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The following letter received from the County Surveyor was read viz:—

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New Ross Bridge.

Dear Sir,

Mr Jones Assistant Surveyor, informed me on Wednesday that your Urban Council was asking to have a portion of the New Ross Bridge repaired by the County Council. Formerly, and up to June last all repairs to the Bridge Surface were undertaken by the Urban Council, and accordingly I had no occasion to question where the County portion ended and the Urban portion began.

It is quite possible that the County Council should maintain some other portion than I have already instructed Mr Jones to see to, and I shall bring up the matter before next meeting of the Roads Committee. In the meantime I shall be much obliged if you give me particulars as to what portion the Urban Council makes a claim to and is responsible for. I do not think myself that under any circumstances should we be responsible for the flag footway on the left bank of the river, but possibly repairs to the bridge may be part of our work.

W. J. Barry.
County Surveyor

It was pointed out that when the Urban Council were Contractors for keeping the Bridge in Repair the Contract included "the Roadway over the Bridge and approaches" which implied that the latter belonged to the County Council, and should be now kept

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kept in repair by them since the Contract expired in June last.

After some discussion it was decided to leave the matter in the hands of the Chairman of the Council (who promised to attend the next meeting of the County Council of which he is a member) to arrange it with the County Surveyor "County Council.

Letter from Messrs Colfer & Son, Solrs. dated 13th Inst asking to arrange for the necessary Witness to attend, to enable them to take his instructions in connection with the prosecution of fish dealers for selling fish other than in the prescribed places.

The Clerk stated that Mr Butler had attended, and there was no further Order made on the matter.

Letter from Colfer & Son dated 19th Inst stating that they have now examined the evidence in support of the prosecutions directed under the By-Laws and they think it advisable to draw the attention of the Council to the following facts viz:- that although the By-Laws enact that fish may be sold in the fish House; these premises are not available, and secondly that it was elicited on Cross examination that the Obstructions caused by selling fish elsewhere was no greater obstruction than the placing of large boxes or Agricultural Implements near the footpaths. On hearing this evidence the Bench were reluctant to convict. They would therefore strongly advise the Council to place the Fish House, or portion of it at the disposal of Fish dealers, and meantime they will defer issuing Summonses until the Council have an opportunity of discussing the matter

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Ordered,

That the issuing of summonses against the Fish dealers be deferred until next meeting, and that in the meantime, the Surveyor inspect, with the Chairman the Fish House, for the purpose of arranging that portion of it be set apart for the use of the fish dealers

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Letter from Colfer Fox, Solicitors, dated 23rd Inst advising as to the powers of the Council respecting the Public lighting of the town, (1) their power to exercise any control over the Gas Co as to the quality of Gas, their Supply or the prices charged for it. (3) the power of the Council to purchase the Gas Company's premises at a price to be fixed by Arbitration (5) the power to borrow money for the purpose of an Electric Light Scheme.

As the Tender of the Gas Co for the lighting of the town had been accepted at an earlier stage of the meeting this letter was not dealt with.

The Clerk stated that the Surveyor Messrs Kennedy E.J. Murphy and he attended the trial elections and counting of votes held at Waterford by Mr Humphreys of the P.R. Society on the 1st inst for the purpose of receiving instructions in connection with the forthcoming elections. The Proceedings lasted until 4.45 pm, and as the last train left Waterford at 5.25 pm he was obliged to engage a Motor Car at a cost of 30/- to take them home, and asked that this special additional expenditure be allowed, the Council having already at their meeting held on the 25th November allowed the Clerk as Returning Officer and his assistants their expenses attending these lectures.

Ordered

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Ordered

That the special expenses of the Clerk attending the lecture at Waterford be paid to him at next Finance Meeting of the Council, his account to be dealt with by the Finance Committee in the ordinary way.

Letter from the P.R. Society of Ireland, dated 20th inst informing the Council that the proposed Monday 5th Jany as date of Meeting of Rodel Election in New Ross. They also enclosed copy of regulations, including proportion of expenses viz:- advertising etc to be borne by the Council.

The Clerk stated that on receipt of this letter he saw the Manager of the Cinema Co who kindly informed him that the Hall will be available for the lecture on that evening.

Ordered

That the Clerk have the necessary advertisements printed and posted as soon as possible.

The Clerk reported that he had no enquiry for the Purchase of the black horse in response to the advertisement inserted in the local paper, and after a very brief discussion it was

Proposed by Mr Murphy and

Seconded by Mr Dwyer

"That the Chairman & Surveyor"
"be authorized to dispose of the horse for whatever they"
"can get for him, as his forage is costing too much when"
"there is no prospect of him being able to do any work"
"for the Council in the future"

"Passed unanimously."

At this stage the Chairman of the Council retired as he had to attend another meeting elsewhere, and on the.

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the Proposal of Mr Murphy, Seconded by Mr Sheehan,
The Chair was taken by Mr Hand, and the business continued

An application dated 20th Inst was received from the Shell Marketing Co Limited asking for a renewal of their license to store Petroleum in their store at Rosbercon.

Proposed by Mr Murphy and
Seconded by Mr Sheehan

"That the Shell Marketing Co Ltd"
"be granted a renewal of their license to store"
"three thousand gallons of Petroleum including"
"Petrol in their store at Rosbercon for one year"
"from this date."

"Passed unanimously"

An application dated 22nd Inst was received from Messrs Cherry Bros, Craywell Brewery, to have a rent fixed for a supply of water to the Houses at the Brewery premises occupied by Messrs Maher, and Cooney, which had already been connected with the main.

Ordered

That an annual rent of 10/- for each House be fixed.

A letter dated 19th Inst was received from Messrs Jones & Co, New Ross, stating that they wish to avail of the town water and will be obliged if the Council give permission to run a ¾" pipe from the main to the Tannery on terms already quoted viz:- £3.0.0 per annum, total consumption not to exceed 100,000 Gallons, the cost of connecting to be borne by them.

The Surveyor pointed out that the consumption of water to these premises might diminish the supply to the upper portions of the Down, and especially to.

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to the Workhouse Good Shepherd Premises, and it was decided to defer the further consideration of the application to next meeting, the Surveyor to furnish a report respecting it to that meeting.

Letter from the P.R. Society of Ireland dated 20th Inst stating that the Committee had received a number of representations from Town Clerks and other Officials requesting that a General Conference of Returning Officers interested in the forthcoming Elections should be convened in Dublin for an early date.

Having decided to take the initiative they have (decided) requested the Local Govt. Board to be officially represented at it. Mr Humphreys of the P.R. Society will also attend, and it has been decided to hold the meeting on the 29th Inst; and inquired if it would be convenient for the Clerks to attend the Conference

Proposed by Mr Murphy and,
Seconded by Mr Fanning

"That the Clerk as Returning"
"Officer attend the Conference, and that his Expenses"
"be paid by the Council, subject to the sanction"
"of the Local Government Board."

"Passed Unanimously"

The Surveyor reported that he inspected the Electric Standard situated in South St. at end of Richard St. The passage on the foot way at this point is narrow but an additional foot could be added by removing the Check stone at the adjacent building

If a Cantilever bracket were substituted there would be no ground for complaint.

After some discussion it was decided not to take any action in the matter.

The Street Inspector reported that some Traders had obstructions on the streets since last meeting, also that a certain number of the public lamps were not lighted, but there was,
No Order Made

The Meeting adjourned to 6th January 1920.

J Murphy

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